



Bromham Neighbourhood Plan

WELCOME

Today's launch event is a key step in helping us share with you the defining issues and aims of the Plan. It is also the opportunity to give residents of Bromham an opportunity to contribute to the overall vision and to start to create a sense of community ownership of the Plan.

**YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT -
PLEASE HAVE YOUR SAY!**

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What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- Neighbourhood Planning was introduced by the Government in 2012 - its aim is to involve people in decisions about their own neighbourhood.
- A Neighbourhood Plan sets out how a community would like local land and buildings to be used – what kind of development there should be and where it should be located..
- But Neighbourhood Plans must fit within the wider planning framework – Bromham's Neighbourhood Plan would need to reflect Bedford Borough's assessments of housing and infrastructure needs.
- Although the Parish Council and other volunteers would develop the Neighbourhood Plan it would have to reflect the views of the community. The Plan will be developed during 2015 and 2016 and will cover development up to 2032.
- A draft Neighbourhood Plan would be endorsed or rejected by community referendum. If endorsed, the Plan would have statutory authority and Bedford Borough Council would be required to take account of it in planning decisions affecting Bromham.

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Why should we do it?

The whole of Bromham Parish was designated as a Neighbourhood Plan area in August 2014.

Developing a Neighbourhood Plan would –

- Give the people of Bromham a clear say in the village's future – about what kind of development there should be and where in the village it should be located.
- Give a clear sense of Bromham's future.
- Give Bromham more influence with Bedford Borough Council in discussing housing and other development issues.
- Enable us to better maintain the varied rural character of the village.
- Give the Parish Council a clear steer about views within the community on a range of important issues for the future – not just housing and land development.
- Enable the village to retain 25% (rather than 15%) of any funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy, a levy that local authorities can charge developers to provide funding for infrastructure needed as a result of development, such as safer road schemes, green spaces, leisure facilities etc.



OUR DRAFT THEMES



HOUSING



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HOUSING

- Bromham currently has over 2000 houses of varying ages, styles and sizes.
- Predicted housing growth in South East England makes additional housing development in North Bedfordshire inevitable.
- Bromham cannot be insulated from such change – ‘no development here’ is not a realistic option. But we can influence the type and location of new development so that we –
 - maintain the character of the village
 - try to meet the needs of local people; and
 - minimise the adverse impact of development on local roads and facilities
- What kind of housing you think would be most relevant to Bromham’s future?
 - Starter homes – to give local young people a chance to stay in the village?
 - Smaller homes for downsizers?
 - Sheltered accommodation – enabling older people to continue to live independently but with support where necessary?
 - More family homes?
 - A balanced mix of the housing types above?
 - Other types of housing?



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ENVIRONMENT

Bromham encompasses a number of different land types and uses which contribute to its rural character. These include –

- The river and flood meadows
- Bromham Park
- Woodland around the Scout and Guide Centres and at Salem Thrift
- Community Orchard
- Agricultural land
- Land used for equestrian purposes, as in Lower Farm Road
- Bromham Nature Reserve and the nature reserve at Bromham Mill.

The village has a number of public footpaths and bridleways that provide access to these areas as well as the surrounding countryside.

Further housing development will inevitably impact on some of these areas but it will be important to know as the Neighbourhood Plan develops, which areas we value most.

Do you use these areas for leisure and, if so, how?



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GETTING ABOUT

If Bromham takes a share of North Bedfordshire's housing growth there will be some increases in local traffic.

Like all rural villages we already hear complaints about parking, speeding traffic densities and bus services.

Bus services connect the village with Bedford, Milton Keynes and Northampton. The Villager and Road Runner services carry passengers to local supermarkets and St Ives and Peterborough.

Tell us about your views on the village's roads? For example –

- Do people park inconsiderately in your part of the village?
- Do you think many motorists speed in specific parts of the village?
- Do you have views or ideas on practical and enforceable ways that these issues could be addressed?
- Are Bus services sufficient, particularly if there are to be new housing developments? Are they frequent enough? Should there be regular services to other destinations? If so, where?
- Are there other roads or traffic issues that need to be taken into account in the Neighbourhood Plan?

Should there be other provisions within the village for cyclists, pedestrians and equestrians?



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SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL

Bromham has one school, Bromham C of E Lower School, Almonds Pre-School and Little Fishes Day Nursery.

If might we need to provide additionally in the future?

- Schools – New Middle School? New Lower School?
 - Current classrooms & facilities – the school is having new classrooms to replace the temporary ones what else needs to be done?
 - Getting to school & parking – the lower school is set on two sites. Both have limited on-site parking and Grange Lane can get congested at the start and end of the school day. Are the current arrangements satisfactory?
- Pre-school & nurseries
 - Will the existing nursery facilities be sufficient? If not what else needs to be done?



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VILLAGE FACILITIES

Bromham is a large village and is fortunate in having a number of facilities locally including shops, public houses, lower school, doctors surgeries, pharmacist, Osteopath and hairdresser.

- Do you consider the village has the right balance of facilities for a village of this size? Are they about right, too many or too few?
- What facilities may be required in the future leading up to 2032
- Are there any facilities missing or could be improved?



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HERITAGE SITES

From the historic bridge and Mill, to St Owens Church, and including the nucleus of thatched and period cottages in the village, Bromham has a wealth of historic sites. Heritage trails and walks have already been developed, as well as links to other historic sites in neighbouring Villages. e.g. The Two Mills Walk

We have to consider the conservation and sustainability of these assets, as these help form the character of the village.

In considering the future of the changing face of the village, we need to preserve our heritage.

- What should be done to enhance, and retain these sites?
- What more can be done to make these landmark attractions?
- What can be done to secure their continued future?



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YOUNG PEOPLE

Existing facilities and clubs, range from a thriving nature club, to Sea Cadets, Scouts, Football teams, Church Youth Club etc. There is also the outside gym equipment and the practice basketball court.

There are playgrounds for the younger children, and soon there will be our new natural adventure play equipment and a sculpture trail at the Mill

What is the village lacking for the youth?

- What else could be added for their involvement and enjoyment?



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EMPLOYMENT

Although Bromham is a large village it does not have a wealth of employment opportunities

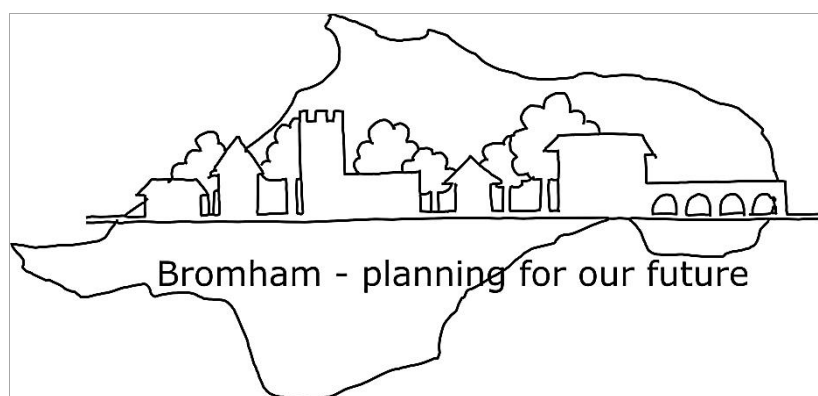
Most existing employment is in the retail, hospitality, education, motor industry and medical sectors. Some small businesses are also sited within the village.

To ensure the sustainability of the village, it may be important to consider other employment, or encouraging growth within the employment already here. It may need us to consider provision of facilities for small businesses. This growth in opportunity may be a natural progression in the long term development of the village.

- What other employment do we need if any?
- Should consideration be given to providing small business units for start up companies?
- What business should we attract to the village to aid employment?



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THANK YOU & KEEP IN TOUCH

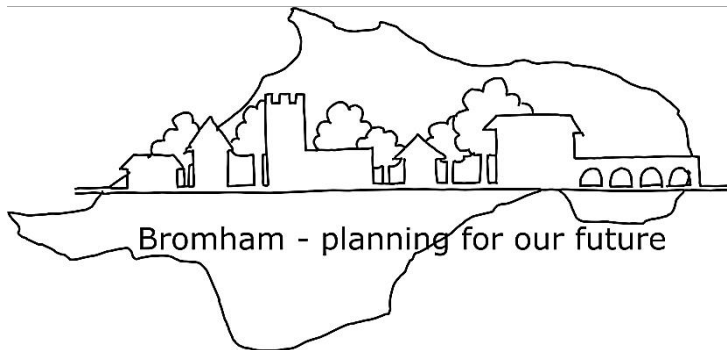
All of your comments and suggestions are immensely welcome at today's launch event and throughout the process.

If you think we have missed anything, or if there is an issue or objective of particular relevance to you and our community, do please let us know.

**YOU CAN ALSO DO THIS AFTER THE
LAUNCH EVENT.**

Our overall vision and objectives will be developed to reflect what you have said to us today, so your comments are important

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YOU CAN HELP!

Successful neighbourhood plans are by their very essence **COMMUNITY PREPARED AND LED.**

To ensure our plan succeeds we are keen to hear from anyone wishing to **VOLUNTEER** with us on the project.

Volunteers should be realistic about what they can give to the project, but if **YOU FEEL** you have the **SKILLS, ENTHUSIASM AND COMMITMENT** to help our community achieve its plan please get in touch, or **SPEAK** to one of the **STEERING GROUP TODAY.**

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