



BOTTISHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

INTERIM RESIDENTS' ENGAGEMENT

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What is the Neighbourhood Plan

A Neighbourhood plan is a document that outlines how a local area should develop and grow. It is created by the community and gives them the power to influence how their neighbourhood looks and functions.

What's in a Neighbourhood plan?

Vision: A shared vision for the neighbourhood

Development: Where new homes, shops, and offices should be built

Appearance: What new buildings should look like, what the character of Bottisham should be

Infrastructure: What infrastructure should be provided, including facilities, paths, roads

Green spaces: How to protect local green spaces

Sustainability: How to contribute to sustainable development

How long will it last?

- This first Neighbourhood plan will cover from 2025 – 2031
- It will need to be renewed to align with the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan in 2031

How is a Neighbourhood plan created?

- Communities form a neighbourhood planning group
- Groups can receive advice, support, and grants
- Groups can work with town or parish councils



What are the benefits?

- Neighbourhood plans help ensure the right types of development in the right place
- They help meet the needs of the local community
- They give communities a say in the future of their area

Neighbourhood Plan Vision

This Bottisham Neighbourhood Plan reflects the desire of our community for future development that, as far as possible, meets the needs and aspirations of those who live and work here now, and in the decades to come.

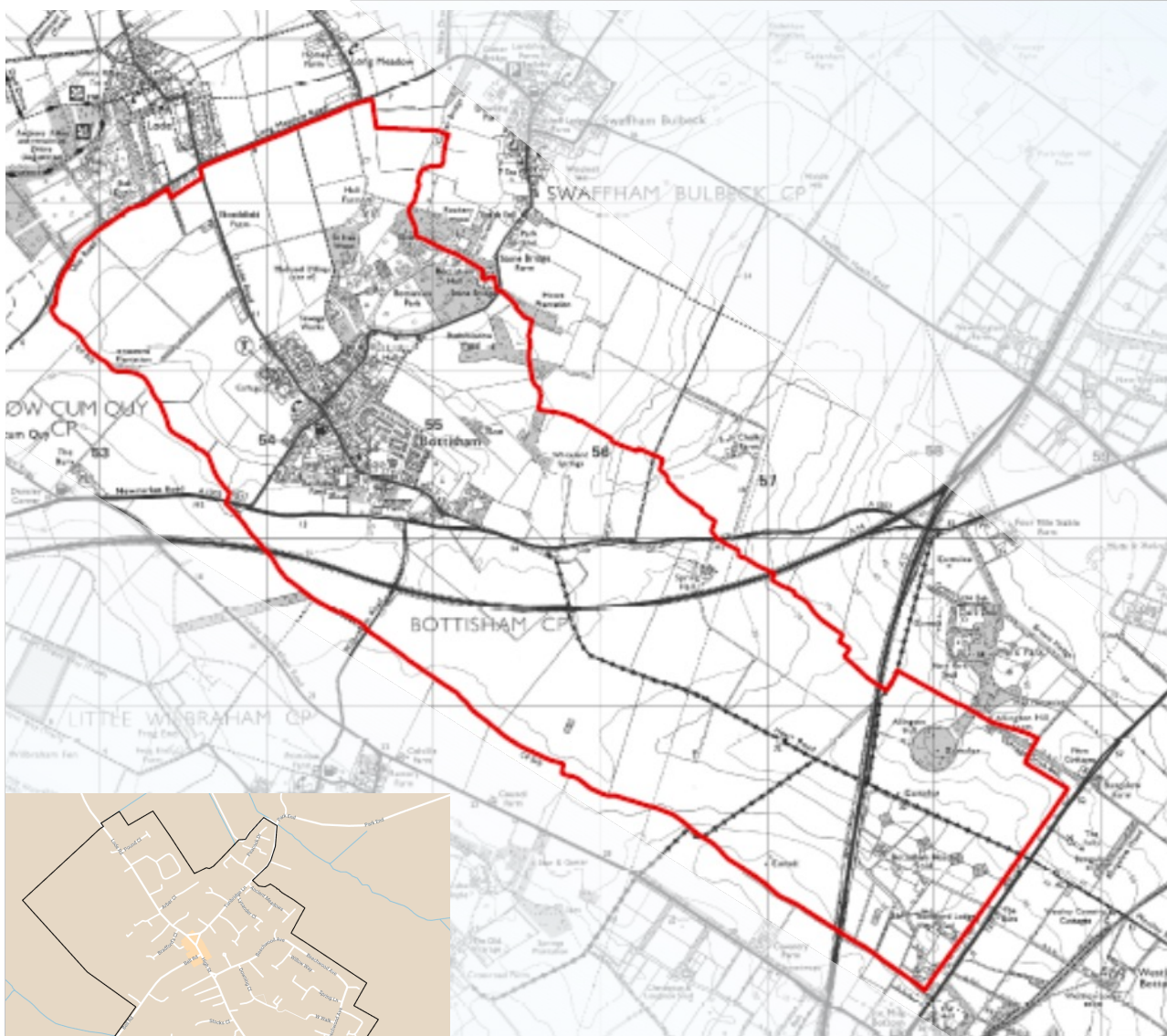
Vision Objectives

- Protect and enrich the character and identity of the village
- Ensure developments are proportionate
- Developments respect heritage, community agricultural and rural aesthetics while being sustainable and appropriate
- Keep Bottisham as an attractive and desirable place to live
 - Build strong community cohesion
 - Residents feel valued and connected
- Protect and Enhance
 - Community facilities and services
 - Existing open and green spaces
- Future growth is sustainable to existing services
- Future growth minimises climate impact


Supporting Objectives

- **Spatial Strategy**
 - Supporting sustainable growth in line with Bottisham's village character
- **Climate Change**
 - Ensure that Bottisham is resilient against the future impacts of Climate Change
- **Housing**
 - Ensure the amount, size and tenure of housing meets local needs
- **Village Settlement Character**
 - Safeguard Bottisham's rural aesthetic
- **Natural Environment**
 - Improve people's access and ability to enjoy our natural environment
- **Village Facilities**
 - Support a vibrant village with shopping, leisure, business, cultural and community activities

The area covered by the NP!



Development Envelope

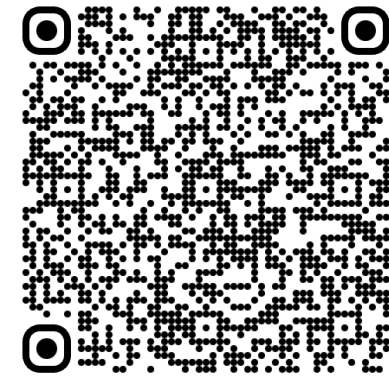

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The Neighbourhood Plan covers the area outlined in red on the map.

Development envelopes are areas which have supportable development outlined in black

We have provided an approximate electronic version which can be found as an overlay on google maps

You can access this by scanning the QR code below with your mobile phone



Link to a google maps overlay with this map [here](#)

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1h5D-eeq4S-tOv3NdNrxUI7Jp0vwlyMU&ll=52.21543337500087%2C0.2782629499999967&z=12>

Housing

The intent of the policy is twofold; a) to provide details against which planning applications will be assessed and b) to address growth in the Parish of Bottisham in line with village Consultations and past and present Surveys

- As per the Local Plan Bottisham housing needs have already been met with the development of BOT1 (new development finished in 2024 in Bottisham)
- Within Bottisham's Development Envelopes, proposals for limited development including infill and small clusters of development of up to 8 dwellings will be supported
- Development proposals should be sympathetic to and reflect the local characteristics and qualities of Bottisham
- New proposals should contribute to the identified housing mix needed with emphasis on smaller dwellings with less than 3 bedrooms
- Development proposals will only be supported if there is, or will be, sufficient infrastructure capacity
- Developments in Bottisham will be required to demonstrate that the Bottisham sewage treatment works has capacity
- Development within brownfield, previously developed land, and underused sites within the existing village is preferred
- Any new developments above 15 dwellings will be required to include 40% affordable housing allocation
- Green and open spaces should be protected where possible

Identified Brownfield sites



Old telephone exchange



Vacant Plot – Lysander Close



Rear of Bell public house



Rear of Ranks Garage



Garages behind Jenyns Close

Note: These areas may be included in other strategies which would discourage development and does not mean development will take place in these locations

Identified Green spaces



Identified within the built-up area of the village

Services and Facilities

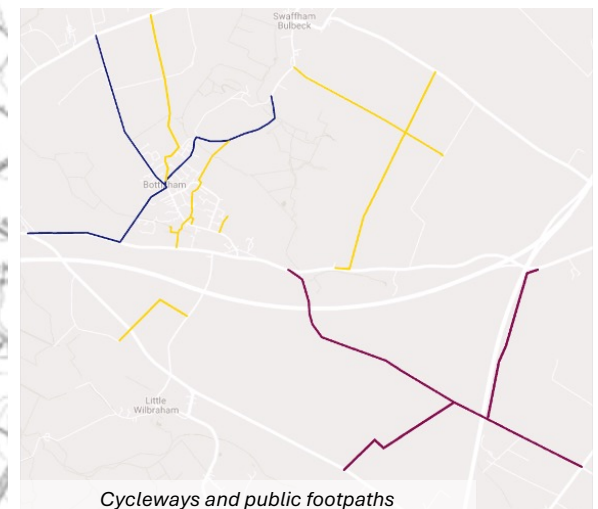
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Identified infrastructure and facilities

- Retail
 - Co-op/Post office
 - Morgan's Hairdressers
 - Village Pharmacy
 - Elite Fish and Chips
 - Classic Spice Indian Restaurant
 - Jasmine Chinese Takeaway
 - Bottisham Vehicle Service
 - EC Autocare
- Specialist Services (examples)
 - First Copy
 - Cam Storage
 - OKO pod
 - Peter Fisher
 - Colour Fence
 - Brown and Ralph Stone
 - Adcock Refrigeration
 - Workman
 - Cambridge Cognition
 - Petals Stillbirth Charity
 - Newmans Farm
- Care
 - Bottisham Medical practice
 - Queens Court/MHA
 - Bottisham locality children's service
 - Barchester Park care home
 - Red to Green
- Hospitality and Recreation
 - Bottisham Sports Centre
 - The Bell public house
 - Sports and Social club
 - Bowls club
 - Bottisham Airfield Museum
 - Allotments
 - The Barn Gym
 - Scout Hall – for hire
 - Primary school field (non-school hours)
 - BVC field (non-school hours)
 - Playground
 - Scouts/Guides/Cubs/Brownies
 - Bottisham Cricket Club
 - Bottisham Football Club
- Education
 - Bottisham Village College
 - Bottisham Primary School
 - Bottisham Village College – Adult Learning
 - Village Library
- Transport
 - Stephenson's Bus services
 - Cycle ways and cycle paths
 - Roadside footpaths
 - Public access footpaths
- Anglian Water Sewage works
- Bottisham Church

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NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The purpose of the plan is to outline and create guidance to provide appropriate consistency to maintain and improve both the natural and built environments that Bottisham village and it's surrounding consist of

- Improve people's access and ability to enjoy our natural environment
- Protecting important views and links to the wider countryside
- Protecting important green spaces both those designated as local green spaces and other non- designated spaces which contribute to the character of the area.
- Protecting and enhancing Bottisham's Parish's rights of way
- Protect Historic buildings, Conservation Area while the high street dominates the street scene
- The plan has focused on areas that are within or adjacent to the development envelopes and those of particular importance highlighted through community consultations
- Outside of the Conservation Area; Bottisham is characterised by residential development along three of the four main access routes – Bell Road, Tunbridge Lane, and Lode Road with surrounding greenbelt and arable farmland

Views of the village



Landscape Character

Development proposals should respond positively to the distinctive landscape and settlement character appropriate to their scale, nature, and location

- Across Bottisham Parish there are many locally important features that play a significant role in providing habitats for flora and fauna
- Included are individual trees and tree belts, grassland, streams, ditches and arable farmland
- One area comprising 56 Hectares of parkland being part of Bottisham Hall or Manor that provides one such valued habitat
- Protecting habitats and enhancing them should be given the highest priority when proposing new development. Environment Act will require new developments to deliver a minimum 10 per cent biodiversity net gain
- Local Green Spaces have been identified

Current list of sites:

Ancient Meadows, Triangle at The Green, Cemetery, Bowls Lawn, Dirt Hills, Churchyard
Memorial Garden, The Spinney, Ancient Monument, Bendish Play Area, Copse Close Play Area, *Allotments (if currently in use)* Development on these sites will not be supported unless they are consistent with national policy for Green Belts



Green Belt land and proposed biodiversity and habitat corridor



Examples of green space

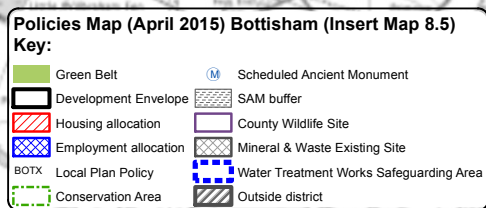


Important local views



Green Belt vs Green Space

What are the differences between designated Green Belt and Green Space land



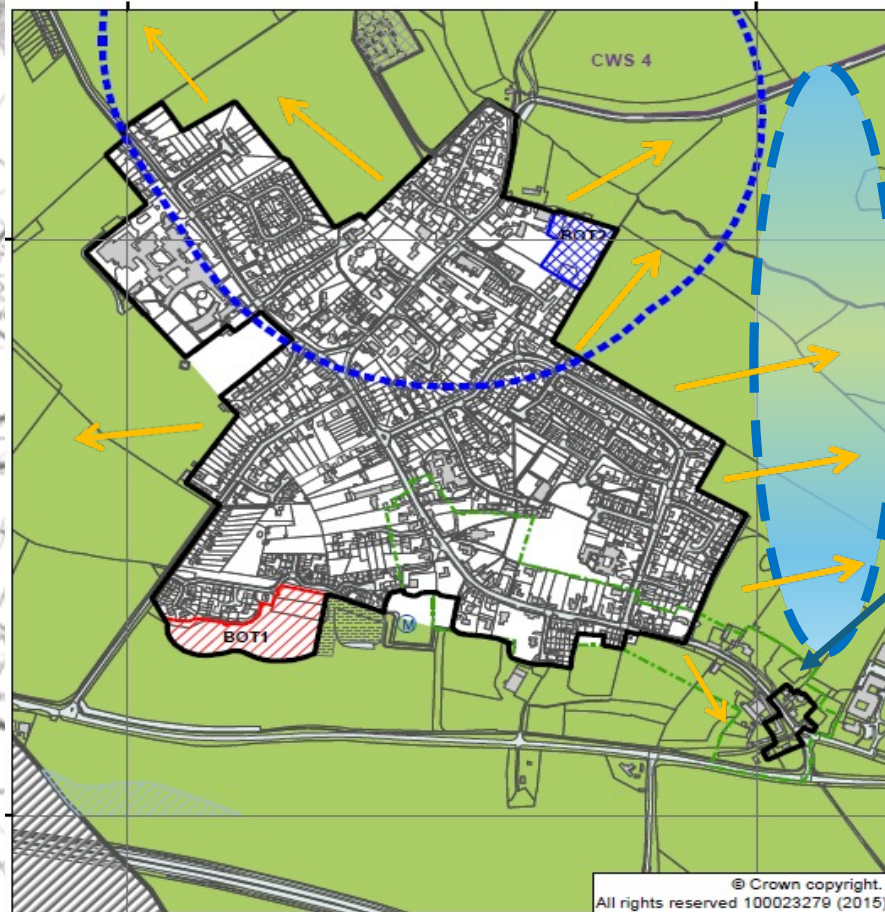
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Examples of green space

- Green belt land is designated within the Local Plan and are applied to the fringe of urban areas. They do not preclude all development and have the following stated purposes:
 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas
 - To prevent neighbouring towns merging
 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment
 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic areas
 - Assist in urban regeneration
- Local Green Spaces are designated by the Neighbourhood plan and are used to recognise land which is of value to the community.
 - Can be used within Urban settlements
 - Provides similar protections as Green belt designation

Visually Sensitive Views and Dark Skies



→ Visually sensitive view

Visually sensitive view

- Outside of the Development Envelopes/Settlement Areas are vistas that are visually sensitive also extending to Dark Skies at night.
- The larger settlement area to the east provides a biodiversity gateway and corridor. These areas must be protected from harmful development and light pollution mitigated.
- The eastern end of the Conservation Area is mainly farm buildings, some converted and some operational. This area is also dominated by large trees, open countryside (considered by ECDC as 'visually sensitive'), a biodiversity corridor and centuries old trees with TPO's and hedgerows which add to an aesthetic value and charm.

Dark Skies

- There is increasing awareness of the impact that light pollution can have on wildlife
 - Man-made light is known to cause confusion to migrating birds
 - Diurnal species are impacted by loss of night transition (twilight)
 - Nocturnal pollinators reduction by up-to 62%
- There is currently minimal street and external lighting on the outer edges of the settlement area and any change could have a significant detrimental impact on the rural character of the village and add to light pollution with resulting impact

Heritage Assets

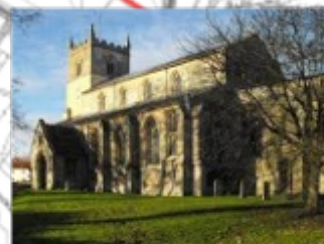
Bottisham has many characterful old buildings ranging from small thatched timber-frame cottages to substantial period houses, some of which are 'listed' others to be identified important to the visual character of the village

- 25 Grade II listed buildings/structures
- 1 Grade I listed Parish Church
- 7 scheduled ancient monuments
- Many 16th and 17th Century walls and buildings
- Bottisham Neighbourhood Plan has had the opportunity to review the ECDC register of buildings of local interest: Based upon
 - age and condition
 - historical association
 - architectural interest
 - local characteristics
 - townscape significance
- Local Plan Policy ENV13: Local Register of Buildings and Structures states that proposals that affect a building or structure on the Local Register will not be permitted where it would have a detrimental impact on the visual, architectural or historic significance of the asset.



Ancient Monuments Listed building

Listed buildings and ancient monuments
source: www.historicengland.org.uk



Listed buildings and buildings of local interest



Bottisham's Conservation Area

- A conservation area is an area of notable environmental or historical interest or importance which is protected by law against undesirable changes
- This area provides a style and design that is intrinsic to the village character and sets the scene on the entrance to Bottisham from the east
- The conservation area covers the majority of the heritage assets found within Bottisham



Entrance views of Bottisham



Community Groups and Facilities

Wednesday Nights



Book Group
1st Weds of every month



Bake Club
2nd Weds of every month



Wool and Wine
3rd Weds of every month



Board Games
4th Weds of every month

Further Information:

All events, once a month at 7:30pm in The Bell function room or BCSSC Poppy room if The Bell is not available, keep up to date via the

[Bottisham Events Facebook Page](#)

Village Litter Picks

Fresh air, friendship and looking after our wildlife

Bring your gloves and join us for refreshments afterwards

Further Information:

All events, once a month on a Saturday, starting at 10:00am at either BVC Sports Centre, BCSSC or Queens Court – check The Cresset or Facebook/WhatsApp group for which location

Taking place at BVC

WI - 3rd Tuesday each month at BVC

Peacock Archery – peacock-archery.co.uk

Newmarket Divers – Every Friday in the Pool

Bottisham Football Clubs – Many Clubs



Bottisham Swimming Club

Much more happening here check Facebook

Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club



Rooms available for hire
Regular Monthly Open Mic Nights
Sunday Family Games
Snooker and Pool tables
Indoor Bowls, Darts and much more
Many additional events are scheduled



Regular Food vans now visiting
Speed Quizzing
Many events scheduled



THE BELL
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BOTTISHAM



Swimming pool,
Fitness suite,
Gym, Courts, Halls and
Pitches available



WWII Museum
Regular events
The Flying Tractor Café



Taking place at the Church

Handbell Ringers

Bell Ringing

Peaceful Prayer Art group

Regular services

Various Toddler Groups held at BVC, Church, Primary school and Hilton Care Home

On the High Street

Co-op

Elite Fish

Classic Spice

Jasmine Chinese

Morgans Hair-dressers

Steak and Honor at The Bell

Ways to stay informed



Bottisham Events Page

Bottisham Community group

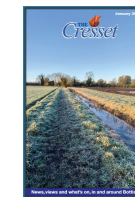


Bottisham Village Litter Pick group



Parish Council Events webpage

Parish Council Local Amenities



Keep up to date with the village magazine The Cresset

Red2Green



Bottisham Village College Adult Learning



Bottisham Village College Community Library

This is just a small sample and does not represent everything that is going on in the village. Check out the ways to stay informed



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