



Draft Bottisham Neighbourhood Plan

Regulation 14 Consultation

Consultation Period: Monday 2 November 2026 – Monday 14 December 2026

Bottisham is preparing a Neighbourhood Plan to help shape the future of our parish. If you are not familiar with Neighbourhood Plans, they give local communities an opportunity to develop a shared vision for their area and to influence how it develops.

What is Happening?

Bottisham Parish Council is consulting on the draft Bottisham Neighbourhood Plan for a six-week period in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

During this consultation, residents, businesses, community organisations and other interested parties are invited to comment on the draft Plan and its policies before it is submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council.

What is Neighbourhood Planning?

Local communities are given the opportunity to develop a shared vision for the future of their area and to influence how it develops. A Neighbourhood Plan can shape where new homes, businesses, community facilities and infrastructure are located, what they should look like, and how development can best meet local needs.

The draft Bottisham Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared for the community by a volunteer Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, appointed by Bottisham Parish Council. It reflects the views, aspirations and priorities of local people while supporting sustainable development. Following this consultation, the Plan will progress through the remaining statutory stages, including submission to East Cambridgeshire District Council, independent examination and a local referendum, before it can be formally made as part of the Development Plan.

About the Draft Plan

The draft Bottisham Neighbourhood Plan sets out a vision for the sustainable development of the parish through to 2040. It includes planning policies covering a range of issues that will influence Bottisham's future, including:

- Housing and the built environment
- The rural character of the village and surrounding countryside
- The historic environment and local heritage
- Green spaces and biodiversity



- Transport and movement
- Community facilities and services
- The local economy
- Climate change and environmental sustainability

This consultation is your opportunity to review the draft Plan and tell us whether you support its vision, objectives and policies, or to suggest improvements before it is submitted for the next stage of the process.

Where Can You View The Draft Plan?

Copies of the draft Neighbourhood Plan and consultation questionnaire will be available from 2nd November 2026 at www.bottisham-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan and;

- Bottisham Library, Bottisham Village College
- Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club
- Bottisham Holy Trinity Church
- Bottisham Medical Practice
- Queen's Court Residential Care Home – for residents and visitors
- Hilton Park Residential Care Home – for residents and visitors

During the consultation period, a community Drop-in Session will also be held at the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club in the Poppy Room, providing an opportunity to view the Plan, ask questions and discuss the proposals with members of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

Date: 21 November 2026

Time: 1.30pm until 4.30pm

What Happens Next?

Once the Regulation 14 consultation has closed, every comment received will be carefully considered by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group. Where appropriate, changes will be made to the draft Plan before it is submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council.

The District Council will then carry out a further period of public consultation before the Plan is independently examined. If the Plan successfully passes examination, it will proceed to a local referendum. If more than 50% of those voting support the Plan, East Cambridgeshire District Council will formally make (adopt) the Neighbourhood Plan, after which it will become part of the statutory Development Plan used to determine planning applications in Bottisham.

If you would like more information then please email: clerk@bottisham-pc.gov.uk