

SHAPE THE FUTURE OF BISHOP'S STORTFORD

YOUR TOWN – YOUR PLAN

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BISHOP'S STORTFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



The Neighbourhood Plans were adopted following referendums in 2015 and 2017 and contain policies on all aspects of the Town's Development. Bishop's Stortford Town Council are now undertaking a limited revision. Notable changes in this revision include the following:

Transport

Transport continues to be a major challenge and concern for residents. Changes to the Transport policies therefore include:

- A new approach to assessing the impact of development on traffic congestion, with greater community participation
- A new policy to resist or mitigate development which has severe traffic or air-quality impacts on residents
- Strengthening sustainable transport policies for walking and cycling, bus travel and electric vehicle charging
- Policies to finance these transport improvements through developer contributions

Climate Change

This completely new section aims both to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and plan for the unavoidable local impacts of climate change. It will:

- Require most new developments to be carbon-neutral
- Promote small-scale, individual and community green energy schemes such as solar panels, biomass digesters, and wood fuel systems
- Make it easier to get permission to improve the carbon footprint of existing buildings
- Require designs to consider climate impact during the building lifetime

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood Planning is the way for the local community to have a direct say in development. Neighbourhood Plans and the District Plan contain the policies against which planning applications are assessed. Two Neighbourhood Plans cover all of Bishop's Stortford & part of Thorley Parish.

Town Centre

This new section requires development to follow the Town Centre Planning Framework by:

- Creating an attractive riverside environment between the Millennium Bridge and Sworders Field
- Promoting a holistic parking strategy balancing the needs of all users and the environment
- Promoting a mix of national chains and independent shops
- Identifying adaptable and flexible employment opportunities to support the town's economy
- Providing a balanced mix of residential cultural, leisure and business in the Town Centre and in particular at Old River Lane

Green Infrastructure

The Green Infrastructure policies include the following:

- Major new development to provide additional/improved green infrastructure and improve biodiversity
- New 'Local Green Spaces' will be designated. Development within these must be consistent with their current use
- Improvement to green spaces must balance the different uses such as for recreation, peace and quiet and space for nature.
- Access and connection between green spaces and to surrounding countryside to be enhanced

The Neighbourhood Plans also contain policies on Housing and Design, Education, Business, Health, Sports, Leisure and Community Facilities. Minor changes to policies in these areas to bring them up to date are included in the revision.

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

- Download the draft Neighbourhood Plan and other information from our website at www.stortfordplan.org
- Sign up to our newsletter at www.stortfordplan.org
- Join our online consultation on Zoom between 10am and 4pm on 18th or 20th February 2021.
Go to <http://zoom.us/j> and enter:
Meeting ID: 882 6174 3391, Passcode: 444940
or follow the link at www.stortfordplan.org
- Call us on 01279 715000 if you would like a member of the team call you back to answer your questions.



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The plan is being put together by Bishop's Stortford Town Council assisted by volunteer representatives from a variety of community groups.

The consultation runs from early February 2021 until 22nd March 2021.