

## **Botley Neighbourhood Plan (NP) – for the Parish AGM 16 April 2019**

### A Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is about:

- A vision for Botley over the next 20 years
- It's based on the community's view influenced by the knowledge and experience of the Parish Council
- So, it's about what is good and should be preserved or bad and, if possible, improved or modified and developing policies to achieve this
- It's not simply about housing development, important though this is, but is also about the local economy, education facilities, history & heritage, health, leisure, infrastructure and transport
- It's not about preventing further development for no reason other than saying no to development
- But it does show the community's view of current and future development and the Parish Council can use this evidence in support of objection to, based on considerations allowed under planning regulations, or imposition of conditions, based on things the community wants or does not want, the development
- A made Botley NP is a statutory document and must be considered by Eastleigh Borough Council, as part of any planning application
- If there is no adopted Eastleigh Local Plan, currently a definite possibility, a made Botley NP becomes the EBC Local Plan for Botley and gives more protection against development than no Local Plan at all.

### Analysis of the 2016 and 2017 questionnaires and responses at exhibitions suggest the following might be the basis of a ***Vision for Botley***

- Protect and maintain the current character of Botley and its community
- Prevent the loss of countryside and maintain the gaps between settlements
- As a Parish put no potential development sites forward, irrespective of size
- Prevent, if possible, any further larger-scale developments, whilst considering on their merits any small-scale windfall sites but only for up to 10 dwellings
- Any new build should be weighted towards affordability, bungalows or up to 3 bedroom houses, have eco-friendly technology, off-street parking, have gardens and be of traditional design and limited to 2 storeys
- Reduce traffic volume, traffic speed, vehicle weight (except for deliveries) and air pollution generally and particularly through the Village
- Ensure that measures are in place to make through traffic use the Botley Bypass rather than rat-run through Botley Square, including considering pedestrianizing the Square with access only for buses and deliveries
- Reduce vehicle speeds and weight (except for deliveries) along the whole of Winchester Road, Winchester Street and Kings Copse Avenue
- Improve/develop recreation space, medical services, mobile phone reception and Broadband speed and reliability
- Improve or at least prevent worsening of the over-loaded sewerage system.

**So, we need your support and help to further develop the Botley Neighbourhood Plan both in working with us on the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and responding when we reflect our interpretation of *your Vision* back to you for *your comments*.**

David Weeden.

Chair Botley Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

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