



Bratton Neighbourhood Plan: A Call for Sites

What is the Bratton Neighbourhood Plan?

On behalf of Bratton Parish Council, Bratton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been making progress in the consultation and evidence gathering process needed to support a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Bratton.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a mechanism for helping communities, including both local residents and businesses, influence the planning of the area in which they live and work.

We have now reached a stage where there are a couple of formal procedures that we must use to take forward our Neighbourhood Plan, not just to ensure it proceeds and gets supported but also to avoid any challenges that could delay or complicate the Plan.

The first of these processes is the 'Call for Sites'.

What is the Call for Sites?

The Call for Sites is an invitation to make submissions proposing particular areas of land within the parish for future development. We are interested to hear about potential opportunities for any kind of development, for example for housing, community uses, open space and land suitable for nature recovery. The community consultations have shown an interest for some small developments of 5-10 houses, with a focus on affordable housing to secure a sustainable future for village and its amenities.

The call for sites is open to any land within the parish boundary.

The call for sites will not in itself decide whether a site would be supported or allocated for change of use or development by the Neighbourhood Plan. We are at an early, evidence gathering stage in the Neighbourhood Plan process. The next steps involve robust site assessment and community consultation to determine if any of the available sites are considered suitable for allocation by the Neighbourhood Plan.

What will happen next?

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, with support from professional consultants, will be using robust assessment criteria to assess each submission's suitability and capability to achieve

sustainable development. This will produce the evidence to inform whether any sites are suitable to be considered for potential allocation in the Neighbourhood Plan.

The results of the assessment process will be published on the Parish Council website. The community, including any individuals and landowners, will have the opportunity to make further representation on the results of the assessment, and on any potential allocations for development included in the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan will be informed by this process to ensure that it reflects the community's aspirations and needs.

How can I make a submission?

If you wish to put forward a submission for your land, please use the form attached or go to the Bratton Parish website bratton-parish.co.uk and download the 'Sites Submission form'. This submission form is a local adaptation of the form used by Wiltshire Council. The instructions for how to submit the proposal are on the form.

Please note, if you have already submitted land to Wiltshire Council's SHELAA 2017 exercise, there is no need to submit it to this process, unless you have extra detail or an update to add.

However if you have already submitted land to Wiltshire Council's SHELAA 2017 exercise and you wish to withdraw your submission, please let us know.

All submissions must be returned by 31st January 2023. This gives those who wish to make a submission 6 weeks to do so. Details on how to return submissions are included on the form.

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