

# Bratton Neighbourhood Plan

## DROP-IN EVENT FULL REPORT

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023



Report produced by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group with support and guidance from Neighbourhood Plan Consultants, Place Studio.



## INTRODUCTION

This is the full report of the Drop-in event held in Bratton on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The report will be posted on the Neighbourhood Plan pages of the Parish Council website and made available to anybody on request. It is a full record of the event. A short summary is at the front of this report and will also be placed on the website and sent to all who signed in and left email addresses for the purposes of being kept in touch with Plan progress on the day.

The contents of this report are largely comments left on the day, with some grouping of points and analysis. There are several sections as follows, each explained more fully at its start:

- Promotion, Format and Attendees
- Results from exercises/activities as follows:
  - Vision & Objectives
  - Local Green Spaces
  - Locally Valued Heritage Assets
  - Potential Development Sites
  - Getting Around
  - Thank You and Final Comments

Everything recorded at the Drop-in is included in this report. All text as here, is explanation and description, anything in italic text is as noted by participants themselves.

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<https://neighbourhoodplanning.org>

## PROMOTION, FORMAT & ATTENDEES

### Promotion

The event was promoted by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in the following ways:

- Articles in the Bratton Parish News (delivered to all households in the village)
- Posters placed around the village
- Through the Parish Council website
- Through contact with local groups, WI, History Association etc
- Through Facebook pages for Spotted Bratton

### Format

The aims of the event were to:

- To informally consult and share the NP preparation process with the community
- To share back draft vision and objectives for comment
- To gather more input from the community on specific issues / topic areas

The Drop-in was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June (a warm, humid day with a

little rain), from 2.30pm – 8pm

An 'A' Board with balloons was set up outside the building to remind people of the event and welcome them inside. Flowers and bunting, together with tea, coffee, cake and biscuits shaped a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for people at this community event.

On entering the hall, everybody was greeted by a member of the team and asked to sign in and if they wished provide email address to be added to a mailing list for updates as the Plan is prepared. This was to (a) to accurately capture numbers of people attending and (b) to provide those who shared an email address a copy of the Summary Report and details of how to access this full report.

Around the hall were then a series of boards:

1. A 'Welcome' board (all boards are A1) with basic information about the Plan, issues, how to contribute etc.
2. A Plan Process Board
3. A Vision and Objectives Board
4. A Local Green Space Board
5. A Local Heritage Assets Board
6. A Locally Valued Views Board
7. A Potential Development Sites Board
8. A Getting Around Board
9. A Thank You and Final Comments Board

All boards can be seen in appendix 1.

### **Attendance and Impressions**

110 people attended the event.

Many people took their time and lingered in the event (for an average of 30 minutes we estimate).

People took time to write comments, vote and discuss the various topics...

A Summary Report has been produced to share feedback in a quick and accessible way. This can be accessed on the Parish Council website.

This report includes the full feedback on each topic (part 2), brief overview of next steps (part 3) and a copy of all the boards presented (Appendix 1).

## Summary Feedback and Comments

Below we set out a summary of the feedback received and a full record of the comments left.

### 1. Draft Vision and Objectives Board

**Q: Have we identified your objectives?**

#### General Comments

- *We like the community spirit in village + 1*
- *We must not allow the village to spread beyond its boundaries. Must not merge with Westbury*
- *Do we want the village to Grow? Or do we just want to help existing residents?*
- *Achieve a balance – not just all about downsizers!*

#### Housing

- *Housing for all ages ‘young & old’ so whatever age or physical ability we can live here/remain here, sheltered accommodation. + Agree AT*
- *We already have affordable housing when site 321 is included. We should stop there.*
- *Ensuring the village continues to attract and be accessible to young families who will ensure the survival of the School*
- *Affordable Housing for young people*
- *A Care Home? More information re: visiting residents in Care Homes or solo elderly*
- *Important to have houses for families to keep School (unlike Edington)!*

#### Environmental Sustainability

- *Solar Panels & Water Butts in/on houses.*
- *We need to harvest energy POWER for village*
- *We really need to be thinking ‘greener’ – We could be a role model for other villages by looking at solar, wind, water, geothermal energies. + Agree KLS + Agree BJP*
- *What is a local emergency? Flood? Fire? Road Accident?*
- *How will these affect our responses?*

#### Green Spaces

- *Green spaces are very important. + Agree KLS*
- *Maintaining green spaces*

#### Traffic, Transport and Parking

- *Reduce traffic through village by having better transport – buses & cycle lane to train station to encourage workers*
- *Lots of lovely places to visit – many facilities*
- *No Parking*
- *Agree KLS + Agree AT + Agree BJP*

#### Good Design

Design code for Bratton which sets out materials etc. to be used in all new development

## 2. Local Green Space Board

**Q: Do you value these spaces?**

**Q: What makes them special for you?**

**Q: Have we missed places that matter to you?**

Generally people were very positive about the 11 LGS sites that have been identified as suitable for being put forward and an understanding of why sites that aren't able to be put forward aren't suitable.

There were a large number of responses given on the post-it notes. These responses can be broken down into the following sections:

### **General comments**

- People appreciate the green spaces in and around the village and feel that as many of these should be protected as possible
- The nominated areas are all well used by villagers for exercise and relaxation, with some noting that it helps their mental health
- The green spaces maintain the boundary and character of the village
- There were a number of comments on the lack of/poorly sited/unemptied dog poo bins

### **Site G5 – Reeves Community Orchard**

- The Community Orchard is considered an important local resource
- It is felt to be really relaxing and peaceful place
- The 'Apple Day' is considered an important event held in the orchard
- The orchard is also considered to be an educational resource to teach children about nature and the eco-system

### **Site G6 – Recreation Ground**

- A single response was received which considered the Recreation Ground to be important, but they felt more parking should be available adjacent to the ground

### **Site G8 – Stradbrook**

- One comment was received stating that site G8 is called the 'Square' by locals
- The stream at Stradbrook was also noted as useful for calling down hot dogs and being used for the annual village duck race
- A comment suggested that the stream is also good for children to play in

### **Site G11 – Pear Tree Orchard**

- A comment was made that Pear Tree Orchard must be kept and could be a quiet area for quiet sitting and short walking

### **Additional Nominations**

A couple of additional nominations were suggested:

- *Keep small green space on corner of Southay and Ethundun*
- *Green, tree'd area corner of Southay and Ethundun*

After the event comments were received from one villager referring to sites G25 and G26, and the fact that these two sites were not being considered for designation as Local Green Spaces. They

expressed concerns that the conclusions made during the Local Green Spaces site review should be challenged.

### 3. Local Valued Heritage Assets Board

**Q: Do YOU value the Locally Valued Heritage Assets identified so far?**

**Q: Do YOU have any further suggestions to add?**

NB: The following feedback was left in response to the draft list of nominated assets as a whole. Visitors were not invited to vote individually as with Local Green Spaces and Nominated Views.

\*These are in addition to the Listed Building already protected by Historic England.

#### SUPPORT THE NOMINATIONS IN GENERAL

**Summary:** The feedback was overwhelmingly in support of the Assets identified to date. Those building owners who attended were supportive and wanted to be included. A Heritage Trail to supplement the walks offered by the Bratton History Association was suggested by several.

- **General comments:**

- *Absolutely*
- *Yes I value these assets! + Me too!*
- *These historic buildings are very important and need to be kept as part of our village*
- *All very valuable. We are very lucky to have such rich culture (? – difficult to read) around us.*
- *It must evolve – and sympathetically*
- *Yes! If we are to retain the character of the village these must be protected.*
- *Yes! Must maintain character and history*

- **Support for a specific nominated asset**

- *Delighted to have Combe Cottage (#3) nominated as a locally valued asset. (Michael O'Donoghue – Owner)*

- **Additional nominations**

- *East Marsh Farm, Lower Road has a granary (?) up on staddle stones. + Agree*
- *Yes, new suggestion*
- *The Wilderness is also a Reeves House (Anne Curtis – Owner)*
- *Yes, omitted in error*
- *Is Scotts Farm missing from this list? + Agree + Agree*
- *Response: Yes, It is already protected by National Listing*
- *The 'lost' archaeology of Littlestoke + tick*
- *Response: Difficult to pinpoint anything specific to date, but keep under review as BHA 'Finding Littlestoke' Project develops.*

- **Comments relating to village character**

- *Modern buildings de-value and dilute the character of the places....*
- *Poo bins de-value the character of the place*
- *I moved to Bratton to get away from bricks, mortar and pollution*
- *Protecting the green spaces rather than building + I agree!*

- Refer to Historic England document: Conservation Principles, Policies and Guidance when compiling list of non-designated-heritage-assets

- **Suggestions for specific projects**

- Can we paint the railings in Stradbrook? + Yes!
- St Catherine's well needs caring for +4 ticks

- **Historic interpretation**

- Non-residential Heritage Assets eg St Catherine's Well – could have a written description of history to inform passers-by. + Good idea + tick +
- Perhaps we should develop a 'village trail' walk with plaques identifying features on this list! + Good idea.
- A signposted village trail? Brill. idea!
- Online guided trail would work well

#### 4. Locally Valued Views Board

**Q: Do you value the views identified so far?**

**Q: Are there any others you'd like to suggest?**

The locally valued views were on display and visitors were invited to vote for those they would like to see included in the Plan. See Appendix 2

Designation	Location	View	Score	Comments
LV1	Westbury White Horse	Looking south-east from Westbury Road viewing area	41	
LV2	Westbury White Horse	Looking north/north-east from White Horse towards Bath	38	
LV3 (a,b,c)	Bratton Camp	From Lower westbury Road	39	
LV3 (d)	Northern Village Boundary	Looking south towards Bratton Camp from Recreation Ground	39	
LV4	Bratton Camp	Looking east from top of Neolithic hill fort	44	
LV5	Bratton Camp	Looking up from Castle Road	49	
LV6	Combe Bottom	Looking east from Bratton Camp towards St James'	39	
LV7	St Jame's Church	Looking south	47	

		from Church Steps		
LV8	Church Spring Stream	Looking east from Church Road	43	
LV9	St James Church	Looking south from Reeves Community Orchard	45	
LV10	Reeves Community Orchard	Looking north from Parish Church	44	
LV11	The Ball		43	
LV13 (a)	Paradise Pool and Watercress Beds	Looking south towards Paradise Pool from Watercress Beds footpath	47	
LV14	Luccombe Mill Pond	Looking north-east at entrance gates from Imber Road	43	Shame about the hedge
LV15	Village War Memorial	Looking west along Melbourne Street	38	
LV16	Picquet Hill	Looking west from top of hill	46	
LV17 (a)	Picquet Hill	Looking east from top of Emms Lane	39	
LV17 (b)	Picquet Hill and Water Meadow	Looking east from bench at Stradbroke square	39	
LV17 (c)	Picquet Hill	Looking east from top of Imber Road	44	See this wonderful view every day from my window
New view	Westbury Road		6	(As you leave the village towards Westbury) view to the north

### General Comments

*Very useful - can be used in LVIA's to assess impact of dev. On important views/vistas for planning apps*

*"Bridleway accessed from Combe Lane looking south*

*Mike O'Donoghue to send suggestions"*

*Lovely views all easy walk from village*

*These views are one of the great attractions of the village*

*The view from Castle Road up towards the combe in a south east direction towards Combe Hill and a view North-West towards Heywood/Horse Croft Farm*



## 5. Potential Development Sites Board

### Q: What are your thoughts on the sites on the sites identified as potentially suitable?

37 written comments submitted and analysed. Broadly 78% were negative or concerned about some or all the sites, about 22% recognised the need for some development or favoured individual sites.

The comments can be arranged in themes from most negative to most positive for development.

**Theme A** - A strong no to some or all the proposals, especially to the Amber sites. (18 post-its)

- *No more building required. We are a VILLAGE*
- *Fantastic lets ruin Bratton & the green sites*
- *Why develop outside of Boundary when there are sites available inside?*
- *Cannot understand how there can be any recommendation without knowledge of size of development.*
- *We are already having 35 houses built in 321 site. F & G are not needed.*
- *321 + 3682 (adjacent field) = PANTS*
- *A – No*
- *Site A is outside of boundary*
- *A floods. Not suitable.*
- *Site A is a flood plain. Why is this even being considered?*
- *Definitely not A – it would ruin lower Bratton*
- *Absolutely no to sites A & G & F This is way outside the boundary*
- *I vote against development of A, G & F. For ever. Amen*
- *G&F – No*
- *No to A, G, F*
- *No to A – G – F E – D – B*
- *No to A, G, F, D, E*
- *Part of site G is under a covenant held by Danes Lye & cannot be built on.*

**Theme B** - A specific concern about traffic impacts of new homes (4 post-its)

- *G&F will cause traffic flow problems*
- *Sites G & F cannot be built on. The traffic on B3098 is far too heavy.*
- *No to area B! There is too much traffic on Lower Road already*
- *A – waterlogged & cars will jam all roads (+arrows up & down, side to side)*

**Theme C** - A specific concern about sprawl / merging into Westbury (4 post-its)

- *Concerned Bratton will become a suburb of Westbury*
- *I am worried that we will become just a suburb of Westbury*
- *On the basis that G takes us towards Westbury, NO!*
- *No to A: outside the SFB (Settlement Framework Boundary) Flood plain Potential to extend further N,E,W?! – Where will it stop!*

**Theme D** - A concern about infrastructure support for new homes (3 post-its)

- *321 is sadly going ahead. Where is the extra medical support for inhabitants of 321?? For example Doctors' surgeries?? Improve travel.*

- *I agree with site 321 as long as sufficient funds given to support Bratton's infrastructure, and houses are affordable to first-time buyers*
- *Important to consider provision for increase in population: school, doctor, even sewage! 321, G & F = traffic problems B3098 All new sites bring in a great many more cars, but I agree we need some more housing*

**Theme E** - An acceptance that some new development is needed / appropriate (8 post-its)

- *Yes to A, G & F"*
- *We need more starter homes suggest A 3682 D F 738*
- *Good to identify sufficient, suitable sites to meet NDP obligations. Small homes to ensure people can remain in Bratton*
- *I acknowledge the need for new housing. But please can they be eco-houses with sustainable sources of green power*
- *Need to allocate housing to meet need to take advantage of NPFF14. Otherwise can't stop speculative development – One allocation may suffice!*
- *We need starter homes*
- *Yes to A 3682 G 321 728 F. Some starter homes*

## 6. Getting Around Board

60 written comments were left and analysed, where people have agreed with the comment they have added a tick. The following three questions were set out on the board and the comments are arranged in themes under those questions.

### Q: Where are improvements required for getting around?

- **WESTBURY ROAD: SAFETY & TRAFFIC CALMING**
  - *Traffic calming humps etc on Westbury Road + 2 ticks*
  - *Paint road (Westbury Road) a different colour (like in Seend)?*
  - *Speed control on entry to village (speed controlled traffic lights) + 1 tick*
  - *Footpath needs extending both sides of Westbury Road – dangerous walking along road + 2 ticks*
  - *Traffic calming measures on entering village + 1 tick*
  - *How is 20MPH enforceable?!*
  - *Speed BUMPS*
  - *No to traffic humps – death to car suspension + 3 ticks*
  - *Crossing for the School across main road + tick*
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- **COURT LANE**
  - *Mirror opposite end of Court Lane to see down Westbury Road. Safety. + 2 ticks*
  - *Ask landowner to shorten fence at top of Court Lane (opposite the Toll House) to give better visibility*
  - *Court Lane is the only road open to HGVs between Westbury and Great Cheverell (N)*
  - *Access from Westbury Rd not suitable for HGV + 2 ticks*
  - *Divert HGVs at Westbury Cemetery so no need to go down Court Lane*
  - *Can we put speed/traffic control on Court Lane not Lower Road + Speed bumps*
  - *2 bad bends on Court Lane – turning into accident hotspot*

- **LOWER ROAD**
  - Lower Road would be safer as a one way system
  - Residents only sign for Lower Road!
- **STRADBROOK**
  - Parking on Stradbroom is appalling + & dangerous + 4 ticks

**Q: What would encourage you to walk around the village rather than using your car?**

- **FOOTPATH NETWORK and RIGHTS OF WAY**
  - Village footpath network makes getting around Bratton safely so much easier
  - We actually have a brilliant network of footpaths!
  - Keeping paths clear is a problem – in summer
  - Keeping all the footpaths clear (it's a big job)
  - Keep footpaths clear and wide enough for a pushchair + 6 ticks
  - Need more regular maintenance + 2 ticks
  - Footpaths are important and should be maintained not lost
  - The surfaces of the footpaths need attention
  - The footpath signs have seen better days – need refreshing
  - All footpaths need signage
  - Better lighting on footpaths so usable safely at night+ 1 tick
  - Link site 321 to existing footpath network to ensure that it becomes part of the village not out on a limb, like Court Orchard Development
  - Improve footpath from B3098 to Church parallel to Combe Lane before Church Steps
  - Current rights of way to be kept clear and sign posted so can be used easily
  - Bratton path Brat25 is rarely passable
  - Footpath Bratton 29: I recognise that there are issues surrounding the Public using this footpath. Why is it taking so long to resolve?
- **FOOTPATH TO FITZROY FARM**
  - Footpath to Fitzroy Farm + I agree! + I me too! + Ditto
  - Footpath to Fitzroy Farm needed + 2 ticks
  - Footpath to Pickleberry + agreed + 18
  - Footpath to Pickleberry – please + 6 ticks
  - Footpath to Pickleberry + Here here! + 6 ticks
  - Footpath to Pickleberry & Bratton Plan Centre
  - A pavement to the plant centre & Pickleberry's + 7 ticks
  - Pavement up Edington Bash to Plant Centre + Yes
  - Liking comments about footpath to Pickleberry
- **BENCHES**
  - More benches to rest on + 1 tick
  - Introduce 'Sit Stops' for elderly/disabled to have a rest during their journey – see National Campaign

**Q: Do we need cycleways, e.g. to Westbury?**

- **CYCLEWAY TO WESTBURY**
  - Cycle path to Westbury!!! + 4 ticks
  - Cycle path to Westbury great idea
  - Cycle paths (arrows East, West, South)

- *Cycleway to Westbury to avoid danger to cyclists using B3098*
- *We really need a cycleway (or regular shuttle) to the STATION so people can commute without using the car all the time.*
- *Well maintained footpaths & cycleway to Westbury + 1 tick*
- *Cycle path to Westbury esp Railway station + Already exists! + 7 ticks.*
- *The roads are DANGEROUS for cyclists – therefore cycle lanes needed.*
- *Westbury to Devizes takes too much traffic something needs to be done!*
- *Extend cycle route to Westbury station avoiding main roads + 3 ticks*
- *Need proper road surface if Lower Westbury Road chosen*

## **7. Thank You and Final Comments Board**

**Q: Please let us know what you think of what we have done so far, and anything we may have missed?**

- **GENERAL STATEMENT OF THANKS**

- *Thank you!*
- *Thank you for trying to give the village a voice!*
- *Great job well done*
- *WELL DONE +*
- *Ditto – can see the hard work*
- *Thank you for all the hard work you are doing on behalf of the village!*
- *Great work Team – thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment!*
- *This event was V. professionally done! Thank-you!*
- *Grateful to all of you for working so hard!*
- *Thank you for a very lucid piece of work.*
- *Keep Bratton Beautiful!*
- *Thanks for organising this*
- *Keep us all informed and we will support this plan + Ditto*
- *What a lot of hard work. A spectacular presentation. Thank you all.*
- *Amazing presentation!*
- *Keep the village feel & structure*
- *Well done.*
- *Excellent – has provided clarity to many issues.*
- *Don't forget an NP covers more than just planning! + But some great ideas emerging here!*

- **HOUSING**

**Summary:** Comments reflecting earlier consultations around the issue of an aging population and providing a good mix of housing to allow downsizers to release family sized homes.

- *Need to ensure that there is appropriate size & cost housing for people of all ages especially older people & young families, so that as their needs change they can still find an appropriate place to live in the village.*
- *Places have been provided in the past – Manor Fields, Clover Court but more are needed*

- *Need to ensure the village continues to thrive & grow, providing entry level housing as well as suitable retirement homes. We need a multi-generational community – not a Privileged enclave or affluent retirees*
- *Must provide for young families so the school remains. Loss of this would lead to gradual ‘ageing’ of the community*
- *Vote Who in Bratton wants more houses?*
- **TREES**
  - *Do ask land owners about planting trees etc*
- **DOGS AND POO BINS**
  - *It’s lovely to see so many dogs enjoying their walk – but....more poo bins please!*
  - *Angie the dog said can we have more poo bins - Woof!*

## **NEXT STEPS**

- The Plan needs to be based on evidence to be strong. The feedback and opinions of the community are a key part of the evidence base which this ‘drop-in’ event helped to gather. We also need to continue to build a technical evidence base. This will enable our community to reach an informed decision about how the Neighbourhood Plan can shape the future development of the village - what we want to see protected and how we want to shape development.
- A key part of this is information we are gathering on the potential development sites. As set out above, this is a key concern. Understanding as much as possible about these sites puts us in a strong position to decide if allocation would be appropriate, or if our Plan would seek to shape future development through policies that set out standards that any development proposals must meet.
- Allocation of a housing site in the Neighbourhood Plan will only take place if there is clear support from the community.
- There is no requirement for a Neighbourhood Plan to allocate – that will only happen if there is local support for the benefits that an allocation will bring. We will publish the Technical Site Assessment when the Steering Group have reviewed it and any errors or omissions addressed. A further consultation event will also be held in the Autumn to discuss the question of housing in more detail.

We’ll keep you updated regularly through the Bratton Parish News and the Parish Website as we progress this work. You can also sign up to an email list for updates, see below for email address.

[neighbourhoodplan@brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodplan@brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**And finally, thanks to those who were able to come along and to any taking the time to read this full report. We really appreciate your time and input in the Plan which we are hoping can play a strong and positive role in the future of our parish.**

**Bratton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

# APPENDIX 1

The following show the various display boards used on the day. These were at A1 size for easy reading.

## WELCOME

# Bratton Parish Council

## Neighbourhood Development Plan

Thank you for attending our consultation event. The Neighbourhood Development Plan captures the requirements of Bratton's residents...

- Focus on our community,
- Focus on the special character of our village that is worth protecting.

It therefore needs to reflect your views...

Please use post-it notes provided to respond to questions on the displays and make comments on what we have presented.

### BRATTON

PARISH COUNCIL

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## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW BRATTON?

### This is your Parish

## HOW IS BRATTON DEVELOPING ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)?

The purpose of the NDP is to express the views of the Community. The NDP...

- has real legal weight, equivalent to that of the Wiltshire Local Plan,
- will provide the planning strategy for Bratton Parish Council

Having a Plan results in an increased payment to the Parish by developers.

Not having a NDP would makes it more difficult to object to speculative Planning Applications or 'out of character' buildings in Bratton.

The NDP is therefore produced using a pre-defined, painstaking and lengthy process...

Neighbourhood Plan Development Process

## WHAT WILL BRATTON BE LIKE IN 15 YEAR'S TIME?

### A VISION FOR BRATTON

Bratton will continue to be a great place to live, grow-up and work, for all age groups with excellent facilities and services all set within beautiful landscape and historic village. Sensitive and responsive planning and development will ensure the future of our village whilst protecting its heritage. Our proposed objectives therefore are to...

- Maintain, and, where possible, enhance both the visual amenity and the infrastructure of the Parish;
- Improve the provision of accommodation for young and disadvantaged families;
- Improve the provision of accommodation for 'empty nesters' and those wishing to downsize;
- Improve facilities for the younger members of the Parish;
- Prepare the Parish to best manage required responses to Climate Change and be ready to respond to local emergencies.

The vision and objectives drive the plan.

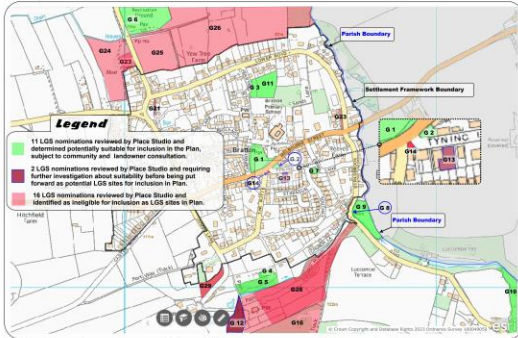
Have we identified your priorities?



**HOW DO WE PROTECT WHAT MAKES OUR VILLAGE SPECIAL?**

**IDENTIFIED POTENTIAL SITES FOR DESIGNATION AS LOCAL GREEN SPACES**

As part of our consultation exercises earlier this year 29 sites were proposed by 32 residents for designation as demonstrably special Local Green Spaces. All have been reviewed against a defined set of criteria by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and our consultants, place Studios



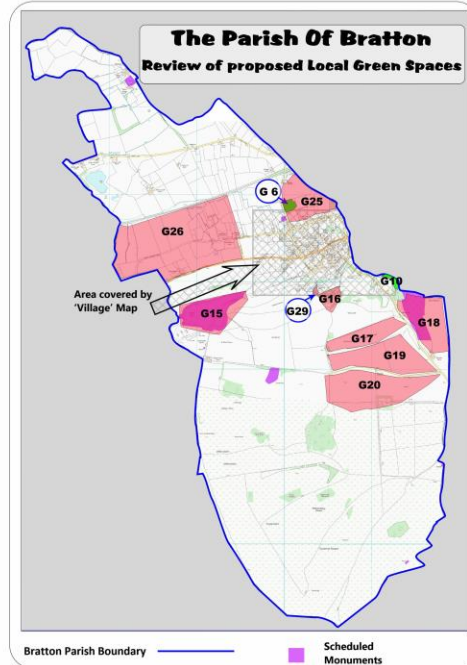
11 sites have been identified as potentially suitable to be designated as Local Green Spaces, 2 need further investigation, and 16 are ineligible for inclusion.

*Do you value these spaces?  
What makes them Special for you?  
Have we missed places that matter to you?*



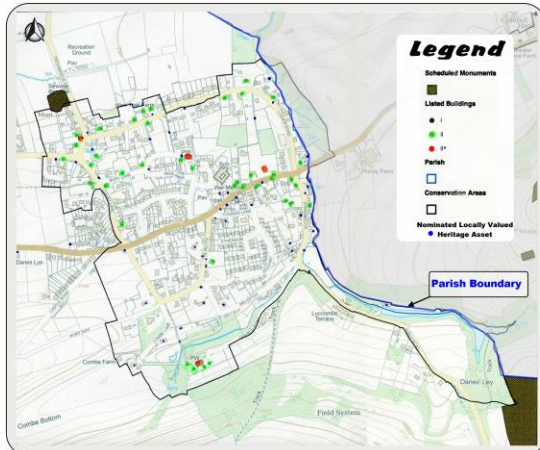
**WHAT AREAS SHOULD STAY AS GREEN SPACES?**

**IDENTIFIED POTENTIAL GREEN SPACES AROUND WIDER BRATTON PARISH**



**HOW DO WE PROTECT WHAT MAKES OUR VILLAGE SPECIAL?**

**IDENTIFIED LOCALLY VALUED HERITAGE ASSETS**



Bratton has an extensive Conservation Area with 45 nationally designated Listed Buildings, and 4 scheduled monuments. The Neighbourhood Plan gives us the opportunity to add to these by compiling a list of **Locally-Valued** Heritage Assets.

A number of potential buildings and other features have been identified for consideration (see list on table for more details).

*Do you value these assets identified so far?  
Do you have any further suggestions to add?*



**HOW DO WE PROTECT WHAT MAKES OUR VILLAGE SPECIAL?**

**CHERISHED VIEWS**

The Neighbourhood Development Plan gives us the opportunity to identify and protect specific, important and Locally-Valued Special Views.



The map above shows those that have been nominated by members of the community and meet defined criteria, including...

- Be visible from a publicly accessible location
- Be selected for a specific reason i.e. overreaching far view, view to an historical or public interest building/monument

*Do you value the views identified so far?  
(see Slide Show and List on table for more details)*

*Are there any others you'd like to suggest?*



## HOW CAN WE MEET THE NEED FOR MORE HOUSING?

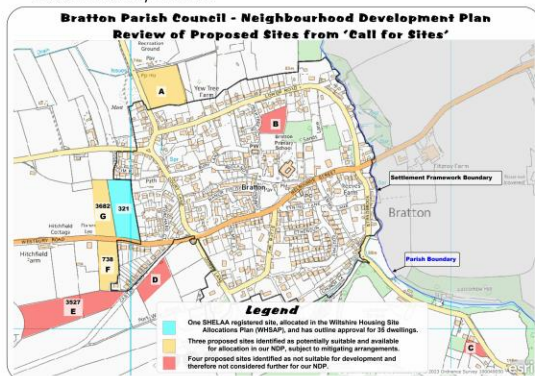
### IDENTIFIED POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITES

Several sites have been proposed by land-owners for consideration and sites already on the Wiltshire SHELAA list were automatically included for review.

Town Planning experts have reviewed these possible sites. Their (draft) conclusions are shown on the map below.

Note: Allocation of a housing site in the Neighbourhood Plan will only take place if there is clear support from the community. There is no requirement for a Neighbourhood Plan to make an allocation – that will only happen if there is a majority of local support.

When we know more about the potentially suitable sites, the steering group will ask the community if they could support a housing allocation on any of them.



What are YOUR thoughts on the sites identified as potentially suitable?

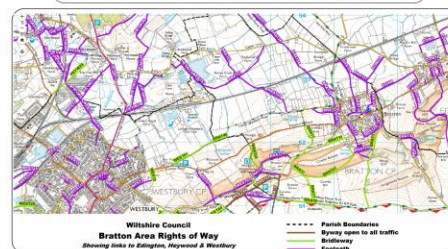


## HOW CAN WE MAKE IT EASIER TO GET AROUND - SAFELY?

### GETTING AROUND

Being a rural community, Bratton residents necessarily have a lot of vehicles.

Bratton has a comprehensive distribution of footpaths, as well as roads, to get around...



Where are improvements required?

What would encourage you to walk around village rather than using your car?

Do we need cycleways, e.g. to Westbury?



## CONCLUSION

Your comments are vital to the development of an effective Neighbourhood Development Plan for Bratton.

*Please let us know what you think about what we have done so far, and anything we may have missed.*

### NEXT STEPS

#### THIS YEAR

We will consult with the community on potential development sites which could be included in the plan and define the housing allocation that would be acceptable to the Community.

We will be Contacting land-owners to obtain their views.

We will be updating our findings in light of responses.

We will be organising further consultation sessions so that...

- we can capture responses to our further findings,
- we cover wider issues including impact of climate change, and opportunities for business.
- we can update the draft Bratton Neighbourhood Development Plan.

#### NEXT YEAR

Publish plan for consultation.

Public referendum of Bratton registered voters to adopt plan.

Keep up to date with developments on the Parish website...

<https://brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan-2/>



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# Potential Locally-Valued ‘Special Views’

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Earlier this year, the local community were invited to nominate ‘**Special Views**’ for inclusion in Bratton’s Neighbourhood Plan.



Those that met the criteria are shown here.

If they are widely-valued by the rest of the Community, they can be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

This would mean that any development proposals submitted for Planning Approval which have a significant adverse impact on them, which cannot be mitigated, would not be supported by the Parish Council.

## VOTE!



If you support the inclusion of any of these views, please add your mark to the five bar gate

## LV1: Westbury White Horse

*Looking South East from the Viewing area on the Westbury Road*

The Westbury White Horse, located in the Parish of Bratton, is a significant local landmark that can be seen from miles around. Thought to have originally been carved in to the chalk in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, it dominates the local landscape. There is a dedicated viewing area, car park and interpretation boards on the Westbury Road.

*\*NB: The White Horse is less visible than usual as it is currently very dirty. However the concrete is due to be cleaned in Summer 2023 so we may be able to get clearer photos then.*



The view to and from the White Horse is depicted in two famous paintings by the war artist, Eric Ravilious (1903-1942)

*The Westbury White Horse (1939)  
Train Landscape (1940)*



## LV2: Westbury White Horse

*Looking North/North East from the top of the White Horse towards Westbury, and Bath in the distance.*

This is typical of the far-reaching views of the countryside that are available from the top of the Westbury White Horse. There are benches and interpretation boards as well as a car park, to cater for the large number of visitors attracted to this beauty-spot. The area is also popular with para-gliders who take advantage of the thermals above the huge North escarpment of Salisbury Plain.



### **LV3 (a,b,c): Bratton Camp**

*Looking South towards Bratton Camp from the Lower Westbury Road*

This view is typical of those available of this neolithic landscape feature (a Scheduled Ancient Monument managed by English Heritage) from many points along the

- a) Westbury Road
- b) Lower Westbury Road
- c) Capps Lane



### **LV3 (d) The Northern Boundary of the Village**

*Looking South towards Bratton Camp from the Recreation Ground on Trowbridge Road*

This view is typical of the uninterrupted views of Bratton Camp from the Northern Boundary of the village, with the historic farm properties along Lower Road, including Yew Tree Farm (Listed Grade II), Grange Farm (Listed Grade II) and The Court House (Listed Grade II\*) in the middle distance.



## LV4: Bratton Camp

*Looking East from the top of the Neolithic Hill Fort,*

This view is typical of those towards the village from the top of this neolithic hill fort and the public footpaths down to the village.



## LV5: Bratton Camp

*Looking uphill from Castle Road towards Bratton Camp*

The views of Bratton Camp Iron Age Hill fort from the road to its top are very picturesque and enjoyed by walkers, riders and drivers of all kinds.





## **LV6: Coombe Bottom**

*Looking East from Bratton Camp across the Coombe toward St James'*

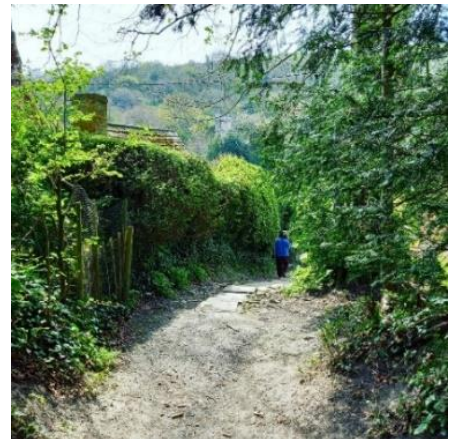
This is a highly prized view of St James' Church in part of the village known in Saxon times as Littlestoke. The whole of the Coombe and its surroundings is a designated SSSI and is widely used for recreational walking and riding.



## **LV7: St James' Church**

*Looking South from the Church Steps*

This is an exceptionally picturesque view of the tower of the 13<sup>th</sup> Century Parish Church of St James the Great through the trees at the top of Church Steps.



## **LV8: Church Spring Stream**

*Looking East from Church Road*

The stream running from Church Springs runs through a steep-sided wooded area. Viewed from Church Road it is exceptionally beautiful in spring when it is carpeted with snowdrops planted by the private land owner.



## **LV9: St James Church**

*Looking South from Reeves Community Orchard*

A picturesque view of the Parish Church of St James the Great from the South-facing slopes of Reeves Community Orchard, which is used widely by the community for walks around the village.



## LV10: Reeves Community Orchard

*Looking North from the Parish Church of St James the Great*

There are a number of exceptionally picturesque views of the Community Apple Orchard available across the coombe from Church Road, including a benches in the grounds of the Church. The Orchard is home to a wide variety of apple trees, some are dedicated to people who have made an exceptional contribution to the life of the village. There are information boards providing information about the flora and fauna to be found and its contribution to the Wiltshire Pollinator Project.



## LV11: The Ball

*Looking (a) North up The Ball from the Stradbrook end  
(b) South East from the top of the Ball down towards Stradbrook*

Exceptionally picturesque views of the steep, cobbled, pedestrian lane between the thatched cottages of this part of the village.



### **LV13 a: Paradise Pool and Watercress Beds**

*Looking south towards Paradise Pool from the public footpath through the Watercress Beds*

Located in a privately-owned wood, Paradise Pool is a crystal-clear pool fed by a spring in a local beauty spot enjoyed by walkers. Accessed by a public footpath through the former watercress beds of Luccombe Mill.



### **V14: Luccombe Mill Pond**

*Looking North-East at the entrance gates to Luccombe Mill from the Imber Road*

This picturesque mill pond, in front of the former mill owner's House, is fed by the Spring at Paradise Pool (see above)





## LV15: The Village War Memorial

*Looking West along Melbourne Street*

An attractive view of the Village War Memorial (Listed Grade II) with Melbourne House (Listed Grade II), and fine horse chestnut tree, behind. The wall of Bratton House (in the right of this view) is also listed.



## LV16: Picquet Hill

*Looking West from the top of the Hill*

Located in the Parish of Edington, this distinctive shaped hill provides glorious and far-reaching views over the village of Bratton and its surrounding coombs and wider landscape.

There is a dedicated marker/seat at the top pointing out the main features in the landscape.



### **LV17 (a): Picquet Hill**

*Looking East towards Piquet Hill from the top of Emms Lane*

This view is typical of those available of Picquet Hill from many points in East of the village. It provides the focus for many village events: The Parish Church of St James the Great undertake an annual pilgrimage to erect a cross at the top of the hill during Easter Week and a large poppy is displayed just below the brow of the hill as part of Annual Remembrance events. During HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee the village lit a beacon in the same location.



### **LV17 (b): Picquet Hill and Water Meadow**

*Looking East towards Picquet Hill from the bench at Stradbrook Square*

The picturesque view of Picquet Hill across the Water Meadow at Stradbrook Square can be enjoyed at leisure from the bench provided for the purpose.



## **LV17 (c): Picquet Hill**

*Looking East towards Picquet Hill from the top of Imber Road*

This view of Piquet Hill is typical of those available from the top Imber Road near the Imber Perimeter Path along the edge of the MOD Firing Ranges on Salisbury Plain Firing.



## **Other Suggestions**

Please use your post-it notes to highlight any other special views that you think we may have missed. If you are able to provide a photograph of the view after the event that would be helpful.