

**Bratton Parish
Neighbourhood Development Plan
2025 - 2038
Consultation Statement**

***Published for consultation
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Table of abbreviations used in this Neighbourhood Development Plan

Abbreviation	Reference
Annex 1	Annex 1 – Local Assessments (<i>document</i>)
BMV	Best and Most Versatile
BNG	Biodiversity Net Gain
BPC	Bratton Parish Council
Core Strategy	Wiltshire Core Strategy
HER	Wiltshire’s Historic Environment Record
HRA	Habitat Regulations Assessment
LCA	Landscape Character Assessments
LGS	Local Green Spaces
LPA	Local Planning Authority e.g. Wiltshire Council
LVNDHA	Locally Valued Non-designated Heritage Assets
MOD	Ministry of Defence
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
Part B	Part B – Bratton Character Assessment and Design Guide (<i>document</i>)
Plan	The Neighbourhood Development Plan for Bratton
PRoW	Public Rights of Way

Abbreviation	Reference
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SCI	Statement of Community Involvement
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SG or Steering Group	Bratton Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group
SHELAA	Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment
SPA	Special Protection Area (eg Salisbury Plain)
SPD	Supplementary Planning Document
SPSLA	Salisbury Plain Special Landscape Area
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
SuDS	Sustainable Urban Drainage System
TBMS	Trowbridge Bat Mitigation Strategy
WC	Wiltshire Council
WCRSHR	Wiltshire Council Rural Settlement Housing Requirements
WSHaP	Wiltshire Housing Sites and Allocations Plan



1. INTRODUCTION

The Consultation Statement is legally required to be submitted with the Neighbourhood Plan as part of the next formal round of consultation. As such, this working draft version is not complete, but is being shared at this stage to show the consultation process that has been undertaken to date. The next version of this document will be completed after formal Regulation 14 consultation, to include Part B which will provide detail on the formal Regulation 14 process and comments received from consultees during this process.

This Consultation Statement has therefore been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 in respect of the Bratton Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the Regulations requires that a Consultation Statement should:

- contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- explain how they were consulted;
- summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
- describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where
- relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan (Plan).

Part A Gives an overview of the consultation events and activities which have led to the production of the Draft Bratton Parish Plan and ultimately the planning policies contained within it that aim to control and promote sustainable development in Bratton Parish

Part B Gives an overview and description of the pre-submission consultation, known as Regulation 14, which will be undertaken on the *Draft* Bratton Parish Plan. The Regulation 14 Consultation is scheduled to take place over an eight-week period from 29th July 2024.

The purpose of Regulation 14 consultation is to ensure Parish residents, stakeholders and other interested parties had an opportunity to comment on a pre-submission draft of the Plan. Those comments and issues raised will be included in this report, together with the Steering Group's responses to those comments. Changes made to the plan following consideration of consultation responses will be outlined.



2. SECTION A

2.1. *OUR APPROACH TO CONSULTATION*

Throughout the preparation stages of the Bratton Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan, Bratton Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group have worked hard to engage local people on the progress of the Plan, and also ask for people's views on key topics.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group was formed in February 2018, after consultation meetings were held in the local community hall December 2017 to determine if there was local interest and appetite. The Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group is made up of councillors and residents. Members of the Group were allocated topic areas that they would be interested in. The following section sets out the consultation methods that have been employed (pre-Reg 14) in the preparation of the Plan.

The NP's Wiltshire Council Link Officer, Luke Francis, supported the Steering Group throughout the Plan preparation process.

2.2. *PLAN PREPARATION AND CONSULTATION*

2.2.1. *SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES*

This section sets out details of how the community and other stakeholders as a whole were engaged in the process of plan preparation.

2.2.2. *SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES*

The following chart provides a chronological sequence of events that involved members of the community or other stakeholders, in developing the Bratton Parish Neighbourhood Plan. A set of files is provided that provides a record of the communications with members of the Parish in the form of posters, questionnaires, presentations and progress reports. These can also be downloaded by selecting the associated file name links in the table.



Bratton Neighbourhood Development Plan – Public Consultations

	Event/Activity	Date(s)	Summary	Key Conclusions	Link to External Materials
A	Public Meetings	December 2017	Two public meetings were held in the Jubilee Hall to determine level of community support for a Neighbourhood Plan.	The Chair of BPC reported that there was some public enthusiasm for the project.	#1 Report to BPC Feb 2018
B	Initial Questionnaire and Information Pack	December 2017 to January 2018	A questionnaire was developed and distributed across the parish	27 responses were received, and these were circulated among BPC	#2 Initial Info pack & questionnaire Nov 2017
C	Housing Needs Survey – Wiltshire Council	October 2018	Wiltshire Council surveyed the village on their needs for affordable housing covering problems such as housing costs, size, location, layout, state of repair, or security of tenure	197 responses received (of 552 distributed surveys). Recommendation to add 5 subsidised rented properties	#3 Housing Needs Survey 2018
D	Detailed Questionnaire Launched	March 2019	The Steering Group developed and distributed a detailed questionnaire on housing needs to all houses	60% return rate achieved. To be completed	#4 NDP Survey Questionnaire March 2019
E	Public meeting to present Survey Results	September 2021	Feedback of the questionnaire response was delayed due to the pandemic. At a public meeting in the village hall, an overview of progress to date, the survey results and a number of questions were presented to canvass opinion whether the neighbourhood plan still had community support	37 people attended. Strong support for continuing with the Plan. New volunteers for the Steering Group came forward	#5 Survey feedback presentation Sept 2021
F	Queens Jubilee Celebrations	June 2022	A Neighbourhood Development Plan stall was manned as part of a drop in event at village hall as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Updates on the plan were provided and comments solicited	Approx 50 people expressed an interest and 80 comments were provided covering a range of hopes and fears	#6 Report from Jubilee event June 2022



Bratton Neighbourhood Development Plan – Public Consultations					
G	Call for Special Views	December 2022 to January 2023			#8 Residents update leaflet Nov 2022
	Call for Local Green Spaces	December 2022 to January 2023			
	Call for Sites	December 2022 to January 2023			#7 Call for sites poster Nov 2022
H	Drop In Event	June 2023	Daytime presentation in village hall of the draft vision and objectives for the plan, together with progress on site allocations Green Spaces, local heritage, views and getting around.	110 attendees in person. Positive comment on views, assets, green spaces. Serious concern re potential development sites.	#9 Residents results debrief for Consultation Event held June 2023 #10 Report for Consultation Event held June 2023
I	Meeting with Landowners of potential sites	October 2023	The Steering Group met with Landowners or their Agents for the three potential sites	Details were shared so that equivalent information on proposals could be shared with the community	
J	Site Allocation Consultation	Dec 2023	Daytime drop-in event at village hall. Information on housing surveys and shortfall of development in Bratton was shared, along with details on proposals for the 3 potential sites	120 residents voted broadly in favour to allocate a site, and in preference of SiteG/SHELAA 3682	#11a Pre event poster for Consultation Event held Dec 2023 #11b Post event poster for Consultation Event held Dec 2023.pdf #12 Residents' results debrief for Consultation Event held Dec 2023



2.2.3. ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Facebook

The Parish Council's Facebook account is relatively new, so the Bratton Village What's On Facebook page has also been used to keep residents up to date with progress of the Plan. We have also used this to share information about sub-consultations (such as on Local Green Spaces) and to flag up activities and events. The Parish Council Facebook page and Bratton Village What's On have 1,800 followers.

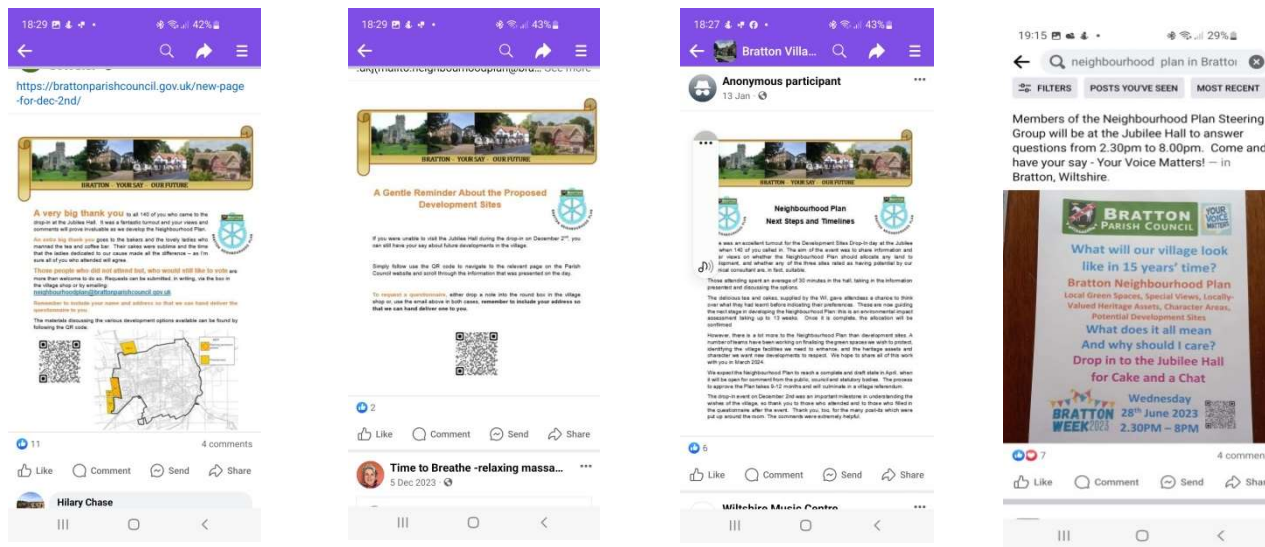


Figure 1 - Examples of Plan information provided on Facebook



Parish Website

The Bratton Parish Council website was used to promote the details of events and activities, and also hosted the Neighbourhood Development Plan webpages which contain consultation documents and evidence etc.

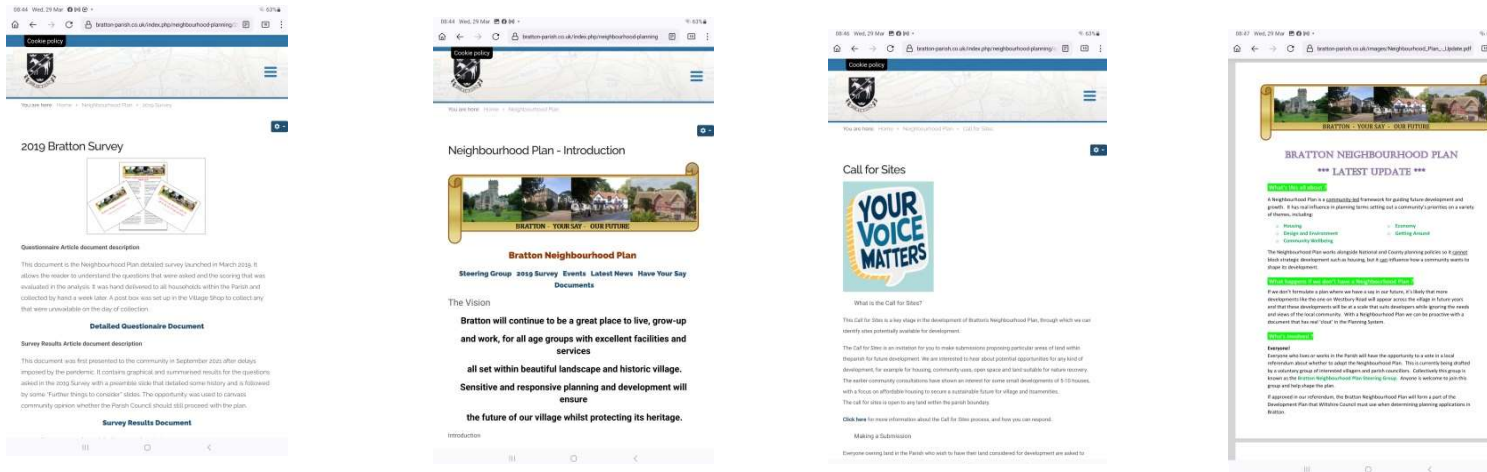


Figure 2 - Examples of Plan material displayed on Bratton Parish website

Parish Newsletter

Neighbourhood Plan updates were included in each monthly Parish Newsletter from 2020 to 2024.

Attending Local Events



Posters

Drop-in events and public meetings were advertised on posters that were placed across the village. These posters typically included some information on the objectives of the events and meetings, in order to entice people to attend.



**BRATTON PARISH COUNCIL
NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN
CALL FOR SITES**

As outlined in the December edition of the Bratton Parish Newsletter, a key stage in the development of Bratton's Neighbourhood Plan is to conduct a formal 'Call for Sites' to establish a list of possible development sites that local landowners wish to put forward for consideration.

This process will run from
15th DECEMBER 2022 – 31th JANUARY 2023

After which the next steps will be to conduct robust site assessments and community consultation to determine if any of the available sites are considered suitable for allocation by the Neighbourhood Plan.

More details about the process, and application forms for those wishing to put forward sites, are available from the Parish Website <https://bratton-parish.co.uk> (Neighbourhood Plan Section)

Paper copies are available from:

- Keith Rayward, Chair of the Parish Council, 2 Flowers Mead, Bratton, BA13 4SR
- Central Store (Village Shop), Melbourne Street

Email questions to the Chair of the Bratton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (Cllr Eddie Cole)



Figure 3 - Call for Sites poster - December 2023



SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, 2nd December

Drop-in at the Jubilee Hall between 10.00am & 4.00 pm



Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a piece of cake while you look at what your **Neighbourhood Plan** Steering Group has been doing on your behalf.

Chat to members of the team about developments and to talk about what proposals are being put forward for the three sites by the builders. Ask questions. Above all, give us your opinions! **Your opinions are important!**

It matters what you say and think about how we all develop and protect our village both now and in the future. Your views will inform Bratton's Neighbourhood Development plan.




Please pop in to have a chat and a discussion. For more information about the Plan, please use the QR code or click in the Bratton Parish web link address above.



Figure 4 - Sites consultation poster - December 2023



3. SECTION B REGULATION 14 PRE-SUBMISSION PUBLICITY AND CONSULTATION

This section will be developed in the light of the Regulation 14 consultation.

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 states that before submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority, a qualifying body (in this case Bratton Parish Council) must:

- publicise in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area
- details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan
- details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected
- details of how to make representations and
- the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised
- consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood plan and
- send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority

This section of the Consultation Statement will therefore outline the approach taken by the Planning Group to consult on the Draft Plan at the Regulation 14 stage of the process. Bratton's Regulation 14 consultation is scheduled to be held between 29th July 2024 and 23rd September 2024.

