

BINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The statement given below was adopted unanimously by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee on 29th April 2019. It provides the practical and philosophical basis for the Neighbourhood Plan for Bingham that is now under development.

STRATEGIC STATEMENT

Any further major development in Bingham should be confined to the areas north of the railway line and east of Carnarvon Primary School. All green spaces within the built-up area, whether currently protected or not, should be preserved for public benefit.

All future development should facilitate the transition for Bingham from being a dormitory town towards being a more self-sufficient community that can serve as a commercial, employment and recreational hub for itself and the wider area around the town. It should be designed to ensure that the two halves of Bingham, north and south of the railway line, form a single entity.

The infrastructure (shops, industrial and other commercial areas, recreational facilities, schools, health service, transport links, broadband provision, charging points etc.) should be an integral part of the overall plan and developed at the same time as the housing. In addition, an employment strategy should be drawn up alongside the housing plan that reflects local needs and provides for all levels of ability.

The balance within the new housing provision must reflect the current and projected demographic structure of the community with accommodation for the retired and low waged integral to the plan.

All elements of the plan should be designed with the flexibility to adapt to predicted needs 30 to 50 years in the future. This should take into account the need to improve energy efficiency, anticipated changes arising from global warming, changes in the way power is generated and delivered to homes and businesses and in the provisions for personal transport.

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