



Bramshott and Liphook Parish is Healthy, Sustainable and Thriving

Why this policy is important	Policy aim	Key policy points	Indicators of success (annual)
<p>Chapter 1: Sustainable development and housing The Vision: Our Plan will deliver well designed affordable community focused homes of the right size and tenure within 10-minute walk, wheel chair or bike ride to the main village facilities. Houses allow growth and adaptation to serve all phases of life, promoting health & wellbeing. The architecture uses passive energy and low carbon building materials and there is increased biodiversity and reduced carbon emissions.</p>			
<p>BL1: Location of Developments The BLNDP is not allocating sites for development in the plan, however policy BL1 seeks to ensure that any development within the Parish is directed to the most appropriate, sustainable locations, where there is easy access to the main village services and facilities. This will help to protect the wider landscape of the Parish and safeguards against the coalescence of the individual Parish settlements. The policy supports the re-use of previously developed brownfield sites in preference to greenfield. It also supports a compact and walkable neighbourhood to address the potential additional strain of development in the parish on road systems – particularly for developments that are furthest away from the centres facilities.</p>	<p>To ensure that development is directed to most appropriate sustainable locations and that any new major developments are well connected to existing settlements and provide strategic links as required.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimise impact on natural and historic environment • Retain rural nature of parishes villages and hamlets – avoiding coalescence • Develop sustainable growth & vitality – meeting housing and employment need • Provide required additional community facilities • Enable travel within the village to be mainly by foot or bike • Prioritise the use of brownfield in preference to greenfield 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of brownfield sites developed (inside/outside settlement boundary) • Number of greenfield sites developed (inside/outside settlement boundary) • Distance between individual settlements • Strategic links provided as part of major development – number / location
<p>BL2: Meeting local housing needs Housing currently available in the parish is primarily detached and semi-detached. There are fewer terraced homes and flats with lack of affordable housing and waiting lists. Estimates suggest 50 affordable houses are required per annum of the NDP period (950 in total) which is above the overall indicative housing number for the area. The aging population estimates B&L Parish will have a higher than average population of over 75s and those with long term health problems or disabilities by 2036 and this, together securing a reasonable supply of homes for those on average incomes, as well as affordable housing, are key drivers for this policy.</p>	<p>To meet local housing needs within the Parish</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New dwellings delivered in the Parish contribute to local housing needs: focus on smaller homes (in terms of bedroom size); 75%:25% rental v market • At least 25% affordable homes delivered as First Homes as required by legislation • Affordable homes are well integrated with market homes • Provide support for specialist housing • Support self/custom build 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of new homes delivered • % of affordable homes on eligible sites • % split of affordable homes delivered • Number of custom build plots delivered

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<p>BL3: Character and design of development Research shows that social wellbeing and quality of life is enhanced by improving the built environment where we live and spend our time. The NDP builds on the diverse and unique characteristics and design features of the existing housing in the parish. It is developing a series of design codes specifically for the parish that adheres to South Downs Design Codes and National Design Code to ensure the best possible quality and consistency of design across the Parish.</p>	<p>To ensure that all development is of a high quality and contributes positively to local character</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development is designed to integrate with local surroundings, changing need and natural environment, deliver to design codes and guidance, tree planting, soft landscaping, promote sustainable transport, protected views • Development at the edge of settlements is designed to be less dense so as to enable a more natural blend into the wider countryside 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of proposals quoting the BL Design Guidance and Codes and other guidance • Number of trees planted as part of new developments • Number of proposals that impact negatively on local amenity • Number of proposals that make provision for improvements to main highway approaches • Density of development proposals
<p>BL4: Climate change and design Climate change is the biggest threat mankind has faced and governments at all levels all over the world are declaring climate emergencies: the rate of climate change is one of the fastest, if not the fastest, its likely the planet has ever faced and has been driven by human initiatives. The UK has committed to net zero by 2050. Bramshott and Liphook Parish has commissioned the Centre for Sustainable Energy to prepare a study of emissions. It found that, compared to the East Hants and the national level, we have higher than average emissions per household on all estimates of consumption of goods and services, housing, travel, food and diet. The purpose of this policy is to seek to address this by supporting development that is designed to reduce energy consumption and incorporate more sustainable forms of energy generation on site.</p>	<p>To support measures that will help to mitigate climate change</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development incorporates features that reduce energy consumption, specifically: site orientation to maximise solar gain, thermal efficient features, water efficiency, low carbon sustainable design, EV charging points • Existing historic buildings are retrofit to improve energy efficiency • Community-scale renewable energy schemes are supported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of community energy schemes developed • Number of historic buildings retrofit • Comparison of BL emissions compared to 2022 baseline report • Number of new homes incorporating sustainable features • Number of EV charging points installed

Chapter 2: Biodiverse environment and green spaces

The Vision: Natural environments, open spaces, biodiversity and wildlife are restored, enhanced, protected and accessible for all. There is a network of ecological corridors that connect through the villages and to the wider countryside. Space for a wide range of active and passive recreation, for all ages. Air & water quality is good, it is quieter with dark skies and tranquility.

<p>BL5: Green and blue infrastructure and delivering biodiversity net Gain The abundance of natural green and blue spaces in and surrounding the parish are vital in protecting wildlife, habitats, biodiversity and geodiversity and off-setting the effects of air pollution. Developments are required to deliver biodiversity net gain of 10% and this is encouraged to be delivered within the development. However, this is not always possible and Biodiversity Opportunity Areas (BOA) are identified. BOAs in B&L Parish include Wealden Heaths, the River Wey, Radford Park, Bohunt Manor Estate, Community Supported Agriculture.</p>	<p>To protect and enhance the biodiversity of the Parish</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development delivers a minimum 10% net gain in biodiversity • The network of green and blue (land and water) infrastructure is maintained, enhanced, and better connected • Areas identified for improvements are achieved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of developments meeting / exceeding 10% BNG • % developments delivering BNG onsite/ offsite (within / external to the parish) • % of developments guided by the Building with Nature standards • Number of locations where green / blue infrastructure network has been extended/ improved
<p>BL6: Managing the environmental impact of development There are many natural areas in the parish designated as important and are protected including areas of the SDNP, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) - Weavers Down & Woolmer Forest, Bramshott and Ludshott Commons; Ancient Woodland - Gentle’s Copse, Griggs Green Copse and Croaker’s Patch. Other important natural features that are important but not protected include mature trees, established woodland, hedgerows, ponds, mature planted gardens, agriculture and grazing land, wide green verges, sunken roads and banks of River Wey.</p>	<p>To protect and enhance the natural features of the Parish and ensure that development contributes positively to these</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-designated natural features of the Parish are retained and where possible incorporated into development. Additional features provided to reflect the natural character of the Parish. • Open space within development is provided. • Wildlife friendly features incorporated into development Ancient and notable trees protected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % developments incorporating natural features and nature of these • % proposals incorporating at least 1 fruit tree in each residential garden • % tree cover/ hedgerows compared to baseline • % proposals utilizing native species v non-native species • % developments incorporating hedgerows v fencing • % developments incorporating wildlife friendly features and the nature of these • % additional accessible green space provided

<p>BL7: Local Green Spaces The community values small green spaces that are special because of their close proximity to where they live. These spaces have a particular beauty, historic value, recreational value, are spaces of tranquillity or have a richness in wildlife.</p>	<p>To designate Local Green Spaces - to protect demonstrably special green spaces from inappropriate development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valued green spaces within the Parish are designated as Local Green Spaces. The spaces are protected against inappropriate development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of LGS protected from inappropriate development
<p>BL8 Protection of locally significant views As a whole, a major attraction of the Parish is that there is easy visibility of as well as access to the surrounding natural landscape and this visual as well as much as physical access provides mental and physical health benefits to residents, workers and students as well as providing natural carbon sinks. This policy seeks to maximise as well as protect from development the visual attraction of the natural landscape .</p>	<p>To safeguard sightlines to the surrounding natural landscape around the Parish from the negative impacts of development hindering or preventing the current ease of visibility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sight lines to the surrounding natural landscape around the Parish are protected against the negative impacts of development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of views protected from significant detrimental impact
<p>BL9 Dark skies Dark skies are important for both nocturnal and diurnal wildlife and are predominantly unspoilt in rural parts of the parish, particularly Woolmer forest and Bramshott and Ludshott Common. Dark skies are also part of the connection of residents to their natural local landscape.</p>	<p>To minimise light pollution in order to retain the dark skies that the Parish benefits from</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development that takes place does not detrimentally impact the darkness of skies mapped within the Parish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual monitoring of dark sky data (see CPRE site) compared to baseline data

Chapter 3: Safe and active travel

The vision: A place where walking and cycling are the first choice for local journeys. There is the infrastructure to support electric cars with fewer miles travelled by vehicle. Car and bike sharing and repair. Safe routes to access amenities and the station. Welcoming streets where people connect on their journeys.

BL10: Improving walking, cycling and equestrian opportunities

Residents report road congestion particularly in the Square at peak times and feel unsafe to walk and cycle due to busy narrow paths and roads. Concerns continue to increase regarding poor air quality that electrical vehicles will not be able to address for some considerable time. Further development in the Parish is likely to lead to a worsening situation without action. Hampshire County Council transport policy encourages walking, cycling and public transport & does not support new road infrastructure. Walking and cycling as part of achieving our daily tasks is good for our health and the planet. Evidence shows that such moves have worked to improve traffic issues in other similar areas. The NDP Safer streets workshop Autumn 2022 noted that residents are prepared to walk for journeys of one mile/20 minutes if it is felt safe to do so.

To encourage more people to walk and cycle, particularly for shorter (intra Parish) journeys

- Development is joined up to the primary movement network
- Areas for improvements are identified, which might be funded through developer contributions
- Movement routes are designed to be safe, accessible, pleasant and, where possible, segregated

- % of developments incorporating connections to the existing movement route network
- % developments providing new/enhanced pedestrian / cycle connectivity
- % of proposals contributing to traffic calming measures
- Average traffic speeds (in key roads?)
- % loss of bridleways (in m)
- Number of cycle racks
- Number of pavements widened

BL11: Mitigating vehicular impacts at junctions and pinch points

Proactively encouraging walking and cycling for shorter journeys through the required physical changes to facilitate this shift will have an impact on traffic. However new developments will inevitably bring additional cars to the roads. When planning for developments it will be important to fully assess development impact on key roads and junctions in the parish, particularly the Square that already experience congestion problems at peak times and actively seek ways to mitigate this.

To minimise the impact of development on particular junctions and pinch points on the road network that already experience problems

- All development proposals that are required to prepare a Transport Statement/ Assessment have proactively considered their impact (including cumulatively) on the specific problem areas identified in the Parish and seek way to mitigate these

- Number of traffic-related accidents at key locations (Square/ school areas)
- % proposals considering traffic impacts on The Square / schools

BL12: Publicly available electric vehicle charging With a shift towards electric vehicles, including the end to the sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2030 it is important that we develop the required supporting infrastructure in the Parish both for private housing and through community provision.

To provide a network of EV charging points across the Parish

- Additional charging points supported at publicly accessible locations in the Parish

- Number of EV charging points in the Parish

<p>Chapter 4: Preserved Heritage The vision: The parish’s unique historic buildings are protected and enhanced. They are appreciated alongside contemporary architecture as part of our daily activities.</p>			
<p>BL13: Conserving the heritage of the parish The parish has a rich heritage some of which is already protected through planning policy. This includes Riverway and Liphook Centre Conservation areas, heritage assets such as Bramshott Manor & Church of St. Marys. The NDP process also enables heritage assets that are non-designated to be afforded recognition and conservation and this policy will enable that process with 23 sites identified.</p>	<p>To conserve heritage assets so that they can be enjoyed for their contribution to the quality of life of existing and future generation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage assets – designated and non-designated, above and below ground – are recognised and conserved • Enabled greater appreciation of the history and heritage of the Parish • Opportunities to bring heritage at risk back to its former glory are pursued • Development taking place in the Conservation Areas makes a positive contribution to the Conservation Area and preserves special qualities of the setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of applications received relating to a heritage asset • % heritage assets / settings lost • Number proposals within the Conservation Area and nature of these • Number of assets considered ‘at risk’
<p>BL14: Sunken lanes The parish has a network of historic sunken lanes that are widely valued for their contribution to heritage, wildlife and biodiversity and their quiet nature for walking, cycling and horse riding as well as for their historic contribution. Developments can risk damage or removal of all or part of lanes to accommodate access to development or by the proximity of development. Developments themselves many also change the volume of traffic in and around the area of a sunken lane and hence the overall nature of the lanes.</p>	<p>To identify and protect the network of historic sunken lanes within the parish, which provide a valuable movement network through the parish, particularly for horse riders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network of existing sunken lanes is retained • The character of the sunken lanes is retained – e.g. road not elevated or the width changed, hedges not lowered, no road markings introduced. • Opportunities to reduce speed limits on sunken lanes is explored with partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of sunken lanes retained • % proposals impacting sunken lanes and nature of this • Speed limits along sunken lanes
<p>BL15: Enhancing Liphook’s shop frontages and design Shops/retail are important places that people regularly visit for goods and provisions and are places for social interaction and community facilitation. They are central to any village in helping to create the character of the place. Many of Bramshott and Liphook Parish’s shops are part of conservation areas and at the heart of the area that visitors and tourists connect with upon arrival and the presentation of retail frontages and signages are critical.</p>	<p>To ensure that Liphook’s shop frontages and signage is designed to contribute to local character</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shops frontages and signage adhere to specific criteria so that they are in-keeping with local character 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of proposals relating to new/replacement shop fronts adhering to guidance

<p>Chapter 5: Connected and supported communities The vision: There are facilities for all needs – for health, social & wellbeing, local food produce, education, employment, culture, retail, sport and recreation. They are inclusive spaces that connect and bring people together linked to active travel and green spaces, carparking and electric vehicle charging.</p>			
<p>BL16: Allotments and community growing space The parish is fortunate to have a number of allotments which are treasured by residents for their opportunities of home-grown fruit and veg, self-sufficiency, spending time with nature and connection and friendships with fellow gardeners. Demand for allotments is high and there are waiting lists for them with a move towards plot sharing.</p>	<p>To protect existing allotment space and support the provision of new space, including smaller community growing spaces</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing allotment space is retained. Major development proposals provide additional growing spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of allotment spaces in the parish
<p>BL17: Enhancing cultural sporting and recreational facilities Community facilities such as the library, churches, Millennium Centre social club, open spaces do already provide important places for residents to connect, giving a sense of ‘community’ and belonging as well as their primary purpose. Over the period of the B&L NDP the levels of growth is expected to be significant and it will be important for any development to come with the required additional community facilities: in particular this community has limited sport facilities. As a result of the NDP process, residents are helping to shape these facilities (through the consultation process) for the benefit of the whole parish. For example, residents have particularly commented on need for more recreation facilities such as a football pitch that meets requirements of governing bodies.</p>	<p>To safeguard against the loss / change of use of existing facilities and to support the provision of new/expanded facilities to meet the needs of a growing population</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing facilities are safeguarded New/ expanded facilities provided – to be identified. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities safeguarded (recorded against baseline list of ‘key’ facilities). Number of new facilities provided – monitor nature, location, delivery against EHDC quantity and quality parameters (as they apply) and Sport England criteria (re: sports provision)
<p>BL18: Providing adequate health and education services Health and education is outside the remit of the B&L NDP. However, as these areas are such a fundamental requirement for the community ensuring adequate provision must be considered as part of planning for new developments: particularly where current services were designed for lower levels of demand.</p>	<p>To safeguard against the loss of existing provision and support additional provision as required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing facilities are safeguarded New/ expanded facilities provided – as required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of health / education facilities in the Parish compared to baseline

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<p>Chapter 6: Enhanced and circular economy The vision: Established local businesses are doing well and new businesses emerging. There is an increase in tourism and with more people working closer to or at home, using the local facilities and networks. The local economy is circular and thriving.</p>			
<p>BL19: Enhancing opportunities for local employment Supporting current business and encouraging new provides opportunities for local people and boosts the local economy enabling better self-reliance. Home working has become `` common since Covid-19 restrictions stimulating the demand for work-spaces, lunch time cafes, and other service providers. Knock on benefits of less commuting is reduced traffic. Feedback from the community emphasises the desire to establish stronger links between local students and local employers: although this is not within NDP remit.</p>	<p>To safeguard existing employment space in the parish, while also supporting additional provision</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing employment is safeguarded against change of use • Criteria against which new employment uses should be considered are adhered to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of employment sites (measured against baseline)
<p>BL20: Enhancing the role and setting of Liphook village centre There has been passionate feedback from residents about measures to enable an economically vibrant, mixed-use centre in Liphook to attract additional footfall to the village centre. This policy aims is to enhance the historic village square, which could house a flexible space / covered market and improve the look and feel of the public realm.</p>	<p>To support a vibrant village centre with a mix of uses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing uses safeguarded against change of use • Public realm improvements are undertaken including enhancing the village square, identifying a suitable site for a covered market, providing new and improved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on uses in the village centre (benchmarking report?) • % units providing upper floor residential • % loss of retail floorspace to other uses • % historic buildings in use • Number proposals incorporating public realm improvements • Site for covered market identified
<p>BL21: Promoting and sustaining rural tourism The attractive location of the parish, regarded as the gateway to the South Downs National Park, coupled with its proximity to a great number of regionally and nationally significant visitor attractions, presents and opportunity for the parish to develop itself as both a destination and base for sustainable rural tourism.</p>	<p>To become a gateway to the South Downs National Park for visitors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate visitor infrastructure is provided in the Parish • Additional staying visitors are attracted • Improved connectivity between the Parish transport hubs and the SDNP and local attractions/ facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor survey – number of staying daytrips • Visitor satisfaction survey • Value of tourism to local economy • Number of facilities available to support tourism • Signage audit