

# Barton-le-Clay Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Document



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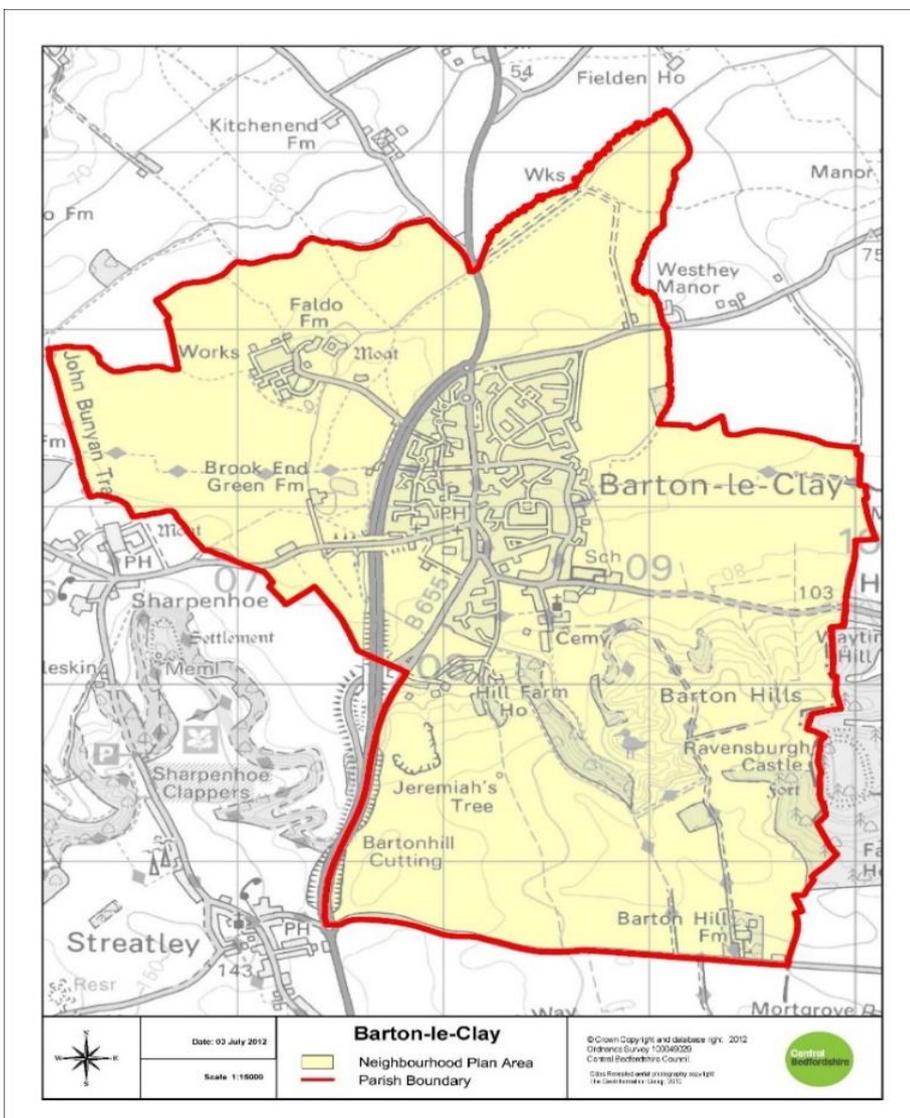
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# 1 Barton le Clay Neighbourhood Plan

1.1 This Consultation Statement demonstrates how the Barton-le-Clay Neighbourhood Plan meets the requirements of Regulation 14 and 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and is submitted in support of the Plan's progression to Regulation 17 examination.

1.2 Work on BLCNP began in 2012, but its completion was delayed until CBC had completed their Local Plan. The CBLP 2015-2035 was adopted in July 2021 and work to complete the BLCNP restarted in January 2022.

1.3 The development of the BLCNP has been informed by an extensive evidence/information gathering, the results of external and public consultations, mapping, and data from public records.



**Map 1 Barton le Clay Neighbourhood Plan Area**

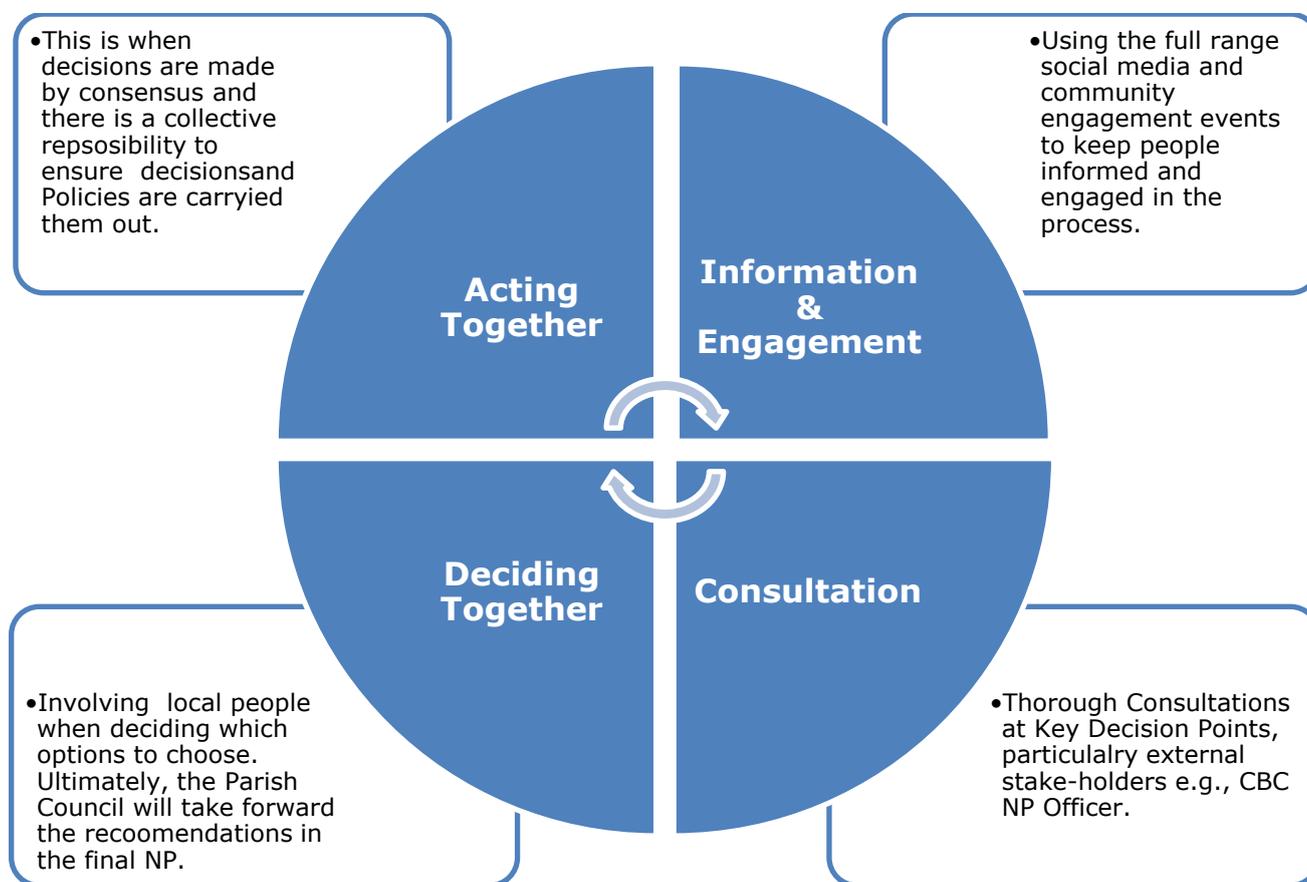
## 2 Barton-le-Clay Neighbourhood Plan Engagement and Communications Strategy

2.1 In early 2022 the inaugural Barton le Clay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee (BLCNPSC) met to examine and discuss the work of the previous Barton le Clay Neighbourhood Plan committee and determine what outstanding works would be required to complete the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) process.

2.2 As part of the BLCNPSC early work, a set of Terms of Reference<sup>1</sup> were agreed by the committee and Parish Council which put a responsibility of the committee to:

*Engage as many members of the community and key stakeholders as possible in the process, by encouraging participation and the submission of views and ideas. Public participation will be primarily via a programme of events and consultation exercises.*

2.3 To achieve this the BLCNPSC produced a Neighbourhood Plan Engagement and Communications Strategy:



**Figure 1 – BLCNP Communications Strategy.**

<sup>1</sup> See Annex A to Barton le Clay Neighbourhood Plan.

## 3 Communication Channels

3.1 There are a wide range of media formats/channels that are available and that will appeal to different demographics, and it was particularly important to take account that the village has a high proportion of elderly residents who may not have access to e.g., social media. The communication channels that were utilised included:

- 3.1.1 Talking to community groups and individuals – Focus Groups.
- 3.1.2 Interactive workshops and 'drop-in' sessions.
- 3.1.3 Exhibitions & Presentations.
- 3.1.4 Putting up posters and banners.
- 3.1.5 Delivering leaflets.
- 3.1.6 Magazine articles and newsletters.
- 3.1.7 Use of I.T. – Parish Websites, social media (e.g. Facebook or Twitter/X).
- 3.1.8 Email groups using our contact database.

3.2 The key communication channel was the Parish Council website and NP webpage [Neighbourhood Plan – Barton-le-Clay Parish Council](#) – see Annex A, where villagers have easy access to copies of previous minutes, documents etc.

3.3 In support of the Parish Council NP webpage, and to ensure villagers who do not use or have access to the internet, a periodic Newsheet, to all villagers, was included in the Parish Council leaflet drop - see Annex B.

3.4 Direct/face-to-face consultation with villagers is an essential part of the communication strategy and details of events and feedback is discussed below.

## 4 Community Aspirations

4.1 At the start of the current BLCNP journey, a General Questionnaire (Annex C) was hand delivered to all residents within the parish, identified stakeholders (see Annex D) and local businesses on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, with a completion date of 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The questionnaire was also made available online and advertised on both the Parish Council Facebook page and website. An Information/Q&A Stand was also set up outside of the Village Co-op store on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022. At the end of the consultation period, we received 62 responses.



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30 March 2022 · 🌐



Barton-le-Clay Parish Council

30 March 2022 · 🌐

Thank you to all those residents who spoke to us on Saturday outside the Co-op and gave us vital feedback on how they would like to see the Village develop over the com... [See more](#)

### Photo 1 - Q&A Stand at Village Co-op store.

4.2 The answers the Questionnaire questions are grouped into four Key Areas – Environment, Facilities, Traffic and Getting Around and Housing – see Annex C.

4.3 Based on the earlier work of the original BLCNPSC and the results the above survey, a series of draft Aims and Objectives were agreed.

4.3.1 To safeguard the rural character and compact form of the Village, conserving and enhancing the attractiveness of the countryside, landscape, and biodiversity, and to ensure that any new development is sympathetic to the distinctive character of the Village.

4.3.2 To ensure sustainable growth in line with the development principles and maintain the important countryside gaps between them.

4.3.3 To protect, conserve and enhance local distinctiveness/landscape, including nationally protected AONB landscapes by retaining hedgerows, trees, and key views.

4.3.4 To preserve the special historic character of the Village, including the Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings and their settings and the historic landscape.

4.3.5 To support a mix of housing, in accordance with the Housing Needs Survey, based on current and future demographic trends, market trends and the needs of diverse groups in the community.

4.3.6 To ensure any developments are small scale, of the highest quality, positively contribute to or improve the local infrastructure, and have minimal impact on the character of the Parish.

4.3.7 To reduce the reliance on cars by improving walking and cycling access within and between the Village and local services and to improve both road and pedestrian safety throughout the Village.

4.3.8 To support proposals for reducing the speed, volume of traffic and congestion through improvements such as better parking.

## 5 Consultation on Draft Aims Objectives & Plan

5.1 Throughout 2022-2023, the BLCNP continued to work hard to develop evidence-based Policies and supporting narrative, including engaging third-party experts/specialists to carry out:

5.1.1 **Housing Needs Survey.** Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (BRCC) was commissioned to conduct a housing needs survey in March/April 2022 to identify the housing needs of local people over the next 10 years. We received 316 responses from around 2200 distributed. The final report from BRCC was published on the website.

5.1.2 **Barton-le-Clay Parish-wide Design Guidelines and Codes.** AECOM was commissioned in June 2023 to provide design support to BLCNP and Parish Council. The support is intended to provide design guidance and codes based on the character and local qualities of the parish to help ensure future development, particularly forthcoming housing, coheres with and enhances the village.

5.1.3 **Green Infrastructure Plan.** The Greensand Trust was commissioned to prepare a Green Infrastructure (GI) Plan during late 2022/early 2023. The preparation of the Green Infrastructure Plan followed a tried and tested methodology, including several consultation events. Attendance at the consultation events was very good. The methodology is described further in the Green Infrastructure section and the Green Infrastructure Plan document itself.

5.2 By early 2023, the draft BLCNP was sufficiently developed to present to the villagers for comment, and a wide range events and social media campaigns were carried out. A representative from the Greensand Trust attended several events in 2022/2023 to engage with the community to ensure the views of local people were considered when drafting the GI Plan.

Method of community involvement	Date	Details	Attendance/ Response
GI Plan Survey	2013*	Specific questionnaire to local residents based on GI	76 completions
Stakeholder Workshop	Sept 2013*	Attended by representatives of key groups and organisations. Reviewed community input and made own input.	16 attendees
Landowners/ Farmers' Workshop	July 2014*	Attended by main local landowners/farmers. Introduction to GI Plan. Opportunity to understand their operations and aspirations.	3 landowners, BLCPC, GST
St Nicholas Church Fete	June 2022	Stall with maps and opportunities to comment	Attendance = 200+ (overall fete – good level of engagement on stall)
Christmas Lights Switch-on 2022	27 Nov 2022	Stand alongside NP information. Engagement on what people value, issues and problems, projects, and aspirations.	Attendance of event = several hundred. 35 visited stall. 26 directly engaged
Community Event	8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Stand as part of large community event. Engagement on proposed policies and projects.	Attendance of event = several hundred. 37 directly engaged.

\* From earlier BLCNPSC Consultations.

### Table 1 – Consultation on BLCNP Version 1.

5.3 On 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the BLCNPSC manned an information stall at the Coronation 'Big Help Out' Event, held in the Barton-le-Clay Village Hall. Over 100+ people attended the event. The event provided the opportunity to:

5.3.1 Update people on the progress of the BLCNP.

5.3.2 Share the draft GI Plan,

5.3.3 Share the results of the questionnaires, and,

5.3.4 To consult on the draft Policies which had been formulated based upon the evidence gathered during earlier consultations.

5.4 The draft Policies were very well supported with 100% of respondents either agreeing or strongly agreeing with the draft Policies. A few improvements were suggested which resulted in some minor changes to the text of the final set of Policies which were subsequently approved by the Steering Committee.



St Nicholas Church Fete, Jun 2022



Christmas Lights Switch-on – Nov 2022



Desk Christmas Lights Switch-on – Nov 2022

**Photos 2 – Engagements Events in 2022.**



Desk Community Garden Launch/Coronation Event – May 2023



Community Garden Launch/Coronation Event – May 2023

**Photos 3 – Engagements Events in 2023.**

5.5 At the Coronation 'Big Help Out' Event, held in the Barton-le-Clay Village Hall held in May 2023, the BLCNPSC manned an information/Q&A stall and over 100 people attended the event. The event provided the opportunity to:

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5.7 The demographic at the May event was notably the older population of the Village and it was decided to hold another information stand event, targeted specifically at the younger population, at the village Firework Display on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023. To incentivise completion of a short questionnaire, there was the chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher. A copy of the questionnaire and breakdown of responses is at Annex E.



**Photo 4 – Engagements Event Village Bonfire Night.**

## 6 Road to Regulation 15 Submission

6.1 In accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the draft Barton-le-Clay Neighbourhood Plan was subject to formal public consultation. The consultation process was widely publicised and provided opportunities for residents, stakeholders, and statutory bodies (see Annex F) to comment on the draft policies. All representations received during the consultation period were carefully reviewed and considered by the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Where appropriate, amendments have been made to the Plan to reflect the feedback received, ensuring that the document is robust, evidence-based, and aligned with both local priorities and statutory requirements.

6.2 A spreadsheet of the comments received and BLCNPSC responses are detailed in a separate document [insert link]

### 6.3 Our Regulation 14 Communications Plan included increasing awareness through:

6.3.1 Social media e.g., the parish Facebook page, parish newsletter, Parish noticeboards, and a door-to-door leaflet drop that gave details of the proposed plan, where and when it could be viewed, how to make comments and by what date.



**Figure 2 – Examples of Information Notices/Flyers and Social Media Posts.**

6.3.2 Several successful drop-in/Q&A sessions were also organised, e.g., an information desk at the Village Co-op where members of the BLCNPSC had the opportunity to engage with villagers to promote the BLCNP and answer any questions.



Q&A Stand at Village Co-op store - 7 May 24



Q&A Stand at Village Co-op store - 11 May 24



BLCNP Banner - May 24

## Photos 5 – Engagements Events 2024.



Photo 6 – Parish Council Office Open Day 2024.

6.4 A summary of the engagement events held is detailed in Table 2 below.

Method of Community Involvement	Date
Parish Newsletter Survey	Feb 2024
Leaflet Drop	Apr 2024
Parish Newsletter Survey	May 2024
Co-op Drop in/Q&A stand	7 May 2024
Co-op Drop in/Q&A stand	11 May 2024
Stall/Q&A stall at Annual Parish Council meeting	13 May 2024
Co-op Drop in/Q&A stand	16 May 2024
Stall/Q&A stall at Coronation Community Garden preview day	19 May 2024
Stall/Q&A stand outside Parish Council Office.	4 -7 June 2024

**Table 2 – Summary of Reg 14 Events.**

## 7 Summary of Regulation 14 Representations and Responses

7.1 The following table summarises the main themes raised during the Regulation 14 consultation and how the Barton-le-Clay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee responded. A full record of representations and detailed responses is held separately.

Theme / Policy Area	Summary of Representations	Response / Amendment
<b>Environment &amp; Green Spaces</b>	Requests to protect Arnold Recreation Ground, verges, and trees; concerns about loss of green space.	Policies strengthened to emphasise protection of key green spaces and biodiversity corridors.
<b>Facilities &amp; Services</b>	Calls for improved GP provision, retention of Post Office, and safeguarding of library/community halls.	Supporting text amended to highlight importance of local facilities; cross-referenced to CBC Local Plan policies.
<b>Traffic &amp; Movement</b>	Concerns about speeding, need for crossings, cycle tracks, and better bus services.	Transport policies clarified; references added to support traffic calming, pedestrian safety, and sustainable transport.
<b>Housing</b>	Mixed views: support for smaller homes and bungalows for elderly/young people;	Housing policies refined to prioritise small-scale, high-quality development and diverse housing

<b>Theme / Policy Area</b>	<b>Summary of Representations</b>	<b>Response / Amendment</b>
	opposition to large-scale expansion.	types; wording tightened to resist inappropriate expansion.
<b>General Comments</b>	Some felt the Plan was too long/detailed; requests for clearer presentation.	Document streamlined; background material moved to annexes; formatting improved for readability.

7.2 This summary demonstrates how community and statutory feedback has directly shaped the final Barton-le-Clay Neighbourhood Plan.

7.3 This Consultation Statement should be read alongside the Basic Conditions Statement, which demonstrates compliance with national policy, sustainable development, and conformity with the Local Plan.

## 8 Formal Sign-Off by Barton-le-Clay Parish Council

8.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared by the Barton le Clay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee on behalf of Barton le Clay Parish Council. It records the engagement activities undertaken, the statutory Regulation 14 consultation, and the consideration of all representations received. The Parish Council confirms that the requirements of Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) have been met, and that the Barton le Clay Neighbourhood Plan has been met, and that the Barton le Clay Neighbourhood Plan has been amended where appropriate in response to consultation feedback.

8.2 The Parish Council approved this Consultation Statement and authorised its submission to Central Bedfordshire Council under Regulation 15 at its meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

## 9 Lessons Learnt

9.1 Throughout this process, the importance of using a wide range of communication channels was critical to communicate with the diverse demographic in the village. Some innovative techniques such as, the use of QR Codes, were not successful, others, such as Q&A Stands at the entrance of the local Co-op, proved to be very successful.

9.2 Disappointingly, and despite having over 2000+ followers on the Barton Today Facebook group site, views and comments on posted NP information etc, were limited.

9.3 One notable criticism of the BLCNP was that the document was too long and difficult the read, particularly online. The length and level of detail of the Plan was also noted during the Reg 15 review. The prompted a review of the Plan to remove detailed background material, sections not relevant to a 'Land Based' document, e.g., OFSTED gradings and community health data, and material already covered in the Plan Annexes.

# Barton Le Clay Parish Neighbourhood Plan Webpage



## Neighbourhood Plan

### Barton-le-Clay Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Plan

Regulation 14

Welcome to the Barton-le-Clay Neighbourhood Plan pages. Here you will find up to date information about the Plan and the progress towards it being adopted.

#### What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Put simply, a neighbourhood plan is a set of planning policies, determined and adopted by local people, that add detail to the planning policies set at national, regional and district level. It has mandatory status and must be followed when planning applications are considered by the planning authority – Central Bedfordshire Council is the planning authority for Barton-le-Clay.

#### What is Neighbourhood Planning?

The 2011 Localism Act gave local communities the opportunity to have a say in how they would like their local environment to look in the future. By creating a Neighbourhood Plan, a community can ensure that their views will be listened to.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework for guiding the future development, regeneration and conservation of an area. A neighbourhood plan is about the use and development of land and may contain a vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities, or allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development. It may deal with a wide range of social, economic and environmental issues (such as housing, employment, heritage and transport) or it may focus on one or two issues only.

A Neighbourhood Plan will be part of the statutory development plan for the area, if successful at referendum. This statutory status gives Neighbourhood Plans far more weight than some other local documents, such as parish plans, community plans and village design statements.

A Neighbourhood Plan must comply with national legislation and must have appropriate regard to national policy and be in general conformity with existing strategic local planning policy. It should not promote less development than that identified in the development plan for the local area (such as new housing allocations). It can allow greater growth levels. Also, it can specify policies and guidance on how new development should be designed, orientated and located. Neighbourhood Plans can be a powerful tool in shaping the development of a neighbourhood. The timeframe for the Neighbourhood Plan is for communities to decide, for example whether it is a 5, 10, 15 or 20-year plan

Once a Neighbourhood plan has been completed, it will have to be submitted to the local authority and then be subjected to an independent examination. This will make sure that the proper legal process has been followed and that the plan meets the basic conditions, including general conformity with strategic local policy.

Neighbourhood Plans are subject to a public referendum. Once plans have been subjected to an independent examination and any necessary modifications made to ensure they meet important legal requirements, it is necessary to gain a more than 50% 'yes' vote of those voting in a public referendum in order to bring them into force.

Neighbourhood Plans carry legal weight in the planning system and once adopted, they form part of the Local Plan.

#### Who draws up a Neighbourhood Plan?

Usually a Neighbourhood Plan Committee is established with representation from the area covered by the plan.

Barton-le-Clay Parish has been designated a Neighbourhood Plan Area; a Neighbourhood Plan Committee, comprising volunteers and parish councillors, was set up in 2012 and started to gather all the necessary evidence and to test thoughts and ideas in the wider community. The Plan was put on hold in 2014/15, pending the completion of the Central Bedfordshire Council Local Plan. Now that this has been adopted, the Barton-le-Clay Neighbourhood Plan Committee are re-launching in 2022 to develop the plan for the Village future.





**Neighbourhood Plan  
Steering Group  
Newsletter March 2022**



**Background**

Neighbourhood planning is a way for communities like ours to have a say in the future of the places where we live, work and socialise. It gives us the power to produce a plan: the 'Neighbourhood Plan', that has real legal weight to direct development(s) in our local area. It helps us:

- choose where we want new homes, shops and offices to be built;
- have our say on what those new buildings should look like, and;
- have greater control on planning permission applications for the new buildings/developments we want to see go ahead.

Work on the 'Barton-le-Clay Neighbourhood Plan' (The Plan) started back in 2011. Unfortunately, it was halted due to the launch of Central Bedfordshire Council's Local Plan, which was finally adopted in 2021. We have now restarted work on 'The Plan' and it is important that everyone has the opportunity to contribute. We are, therefore, consulting you to ensure we reflect your views and build on the work carried out previously.

**The Environment**

The key message from a survey in 2014 was that you wanted Barton to remain a village, in size and feel, with Bedford Road, the historic Village centre, remaining at its heart.

You said Green Spaces were important to you, with Lime Close being singled out. We believe there are other green spaces that should be preserved, like Arnold Recreation Ground, and various greens around the Village, e.g., Nicholls Close, Arnold Close, Franklin Avenue, Simpkins Drive, Burr Close and Windsor Parade.

Throughout the Village, there are pieces of land/grass verges that are Amenity Land. Some of these areas are maintained by the householder(s) who adjoin it, but it is not for their sole use, and should not be misappropriated. The misappropriation of Amenity Land should be challenged so it remains available for everyone to enjoy.

We live in an area of outstanding natural beauty, full of wonderful fauna and flora, e.g., the Pasque Flower, and wildlife like the Red Kite and chalk-down Blue Butterfly. The Springs have proved particularly popular over the Covid Pandemic and walking around the Village, via its many footpaths, has been an important part of maintaining personal wellbeing.

Trees and hedgerows are important, and we are pleased to say that more have been planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy to mark the Platinum Jubilee and the Local Authority Treescapes Fund Projects.

'Garden Grabbing', where houses and other buildings are squeezed into gardens, needs to be discouraged.

It is vital we maintain these habitats and green spaces and, in addition, ensure that the Greenbelt surrounding our Village, including the allotments, school playing fields and football pitches, are not further eroded.

Flooding was identified as an area of concern and parts of the Village are identified on the 'Local Flood Map for Planning'. It is important that water can drain away naturally so, for example, front gardens should not be concreted over for parking, and water courses should be maintained.

**HAVE YOUR SAY - WE WILL BE OUTSIDE THE CO-OP ON  
SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH – COME AND TALK TO US**

**Getting around and Transport links**

The previous work on the Plan highlighted that public transport links are extremely poor – bus services are infrequent and do not go to Harlington Railway Station. The service only goes North/South to Bedford and Luton and once a week to Hitchin.

The Village is currently well served by footpaths, linking to the village centre and it's important that any new developments incorporate similar connections.

The need for additional crossing points on Bedford Road and Hexton Road were identified, and a safer crossing to the Water Mill and Faldo Road Estate.

The need for better access to the railway station and Harlington Upper School, via footpaths/cycleways, was identified, but it is recognised this would not be easy to achieve.

**Housing**

The previous surveys suggested that there was a need for more affordable and social housing, together with a need for more retirement bungalows, and smaller properties for local people wishing to downsize, which would in turn release larger properties back onto the market. Please help us by completing a new Housing Needs Survey which will be delivered to every household in the coming weeks. This will help us understand if these needs have changed significantly.

**Shops / Amenities**

The Village has a good selection of shops and restaurants. Since the previous survey, we have also had the introduction of several cafes – something highlighted as a need – but we have lost the Bank (and its ATM), and the Post Office has been under threat. The previous survey highlighted the importance of these facilities and emphasised the need for them to be retained.

**Doctors and Dentists**

It is important that any future development recognises that we already have a stretched service, and any plans must take this into account.

**Schools**

Village schools form Part of the Harlington Pyramid. Any increase in housing would need to be supported by an increase in local school places, either through expansion of existing schools, or the development of new ones.

**Leisure facilities**

The Parish Council's new Leisure Strategy (link: <https://bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk/barton-le-clay-leisure-strategy-2021-2026/>) covers this in detail. 'The Plan' would support this.

**YOUR POSTCODE:**

**DO YOU AGREE WITH THE VIEWS THAT HAVE BEEN HIGHLIGHTED?      YES/NO**

**IS THERE ANYTHING / ANYWHERE WE HAVE MISSED, SHOULD WE TAKE ANYTHING OUT AND IF SO, WHY?**

**You can drop this back to the Parish Office at 1 Windsor Parade, respond via email to: [np@bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk](mailto:np@bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk) or pop and see us when we are outside the Co-op on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 2pm**

## Community Group Stakeholders

### **Sports:**

Football Clubs  
Tennis Club

Badminton Club  
Bowls Club

### **Leisure:**

Conservation Group  
Women's Institute  
Scouts  
Over 60's Club  
Whiskey Club

Rambling Group  
Rotary Club  
Guides  
Wine Guild  
Photographic Club

### **Faith Groups:**

St Nicholas Church  
Baptist Church  
Sunday School

Methodist Church  
Noah's Ark

### **Environmental:**

Green Waste Recycling  
English Nature  
Greening Group

Farmers  
Conservation Group

### **Educational:**

Ramsey Manor  
Harlington Upper  
Playgroup

Arnold Academy  
Orchard School

### **Medical:**

Doctors  
Pharmacy  
Vets

Dentists  
Opticians

### **Businesses:**

Industrial Estate  
High Street Retail

The Mill  
Home Workers

# Newsletter Questionnaire Data

## 1 Results

1.2 To better understand the Community Aspirations, Ideas and Actions the Comments received have been grouped into:

## 2 Environment.

- 2.1 Keep Village a village/do not let Barton get any bigger.
- 2.2 More trees, particularly on verges, and ensure existing trees are maintained.
- 2.3 Green spaces need to be protected, particularly including Arnold Recreation Ground, Norman Road play space, football pitches, etc.
- 2.4 Improve pavement surfaces, many uneven and dangerous.
- 2.5 Improve road drainage (clear more often to reduce flooding).
- 2.6 Need more litter bins.
- 2.7 Maintain amenity land and verges. Discourage parking on these areas with flowers and trees.
- 2.8 Discourage dog fouling on verges.
- 2.9 Stop people turning front gardens into car parking spaces.
- 2.10 Improve the availability of parking in the Village, e.g., behind library.
- 2.11 Do not develop Baileys Piece (Franklin Avenue).

## 3 Facilities.

- 3.1 Need a bigger GP Practice (more GP's) so can get access to doctors' surgery / appointments.
- 3.2 Need to maintain Village hub.
- 3.3 More indoor sports facilities (a leisure centre).
- 3.4 Do not let shops and businesses (The Bull) be turned into housing.
- 3.5 Need to keep Post Office/need more cash machines.
- 3.6 Library facility particularly important and needs to be preserved.
- 3.7 Maintain all the community halls.
- 3.8 Need more carparks in centre of Village and for people using the hills.
- 3.9 More benches.
- 3.10 Preserve Green belt.
- 3.11 Need for charging points for electric vehicles.

## 4 Traffic and Getting Around.

- 4.1 Issues with speeding on Bedford and Luton Road flagged - suggestions re making max 20mph/make all village roads 20mph limit at school times.
- 4.2 More pedestrian crossings needed in Bedford Road and Hexton Road – Church Road and across Bypass to Faldo Road and Watermill.
- 4.3 Need more cycle tracks – Hitchin to Harlington.
- 4.4 More parking needed for people visiting the 'Barton Springs.'

- 4.5 Speed humps needed on Windsor Road.
- 4.6 Bus service needs improving. More frequent buses to Hitchin.
- 4.7 Traffic / parking issues Manor Road. Suggest sign e.g., Dangerous Bend.
- 4.8 Speed calming Grange Road (Road Hump by bend).

## 5 Housing.

- 5.1 More facilities for elderly (assisted living).
- 5.2 If we must have development, then should be Retirement village so elderly residents can stay in Village.
- 5.3 More 2 bed bungalows.
- 5.4 More luxury bungalows for retired people to move to.
- 5.5 Smaller social Housing (not elderly).
- 5.6 Need to stop bungalows being converted to houses.
- 5.7 Housing for 18–24year-olds.
- 5.8 Parking outside houses needs to be enough for current needs as most people have more cars and visitors.
- 5.9 If new school built to replace Ramsey Manor, should use this site exclusively to build 2 bed bungalows.
- 5.10 Expansion of Village inappropriate!

## BLCNP Questionnaire and Analysis – Bonfire Night 2023



1. Do you have any intentions to move away from Barton for work or any other purpose?

YES / NO

If so, is Barton a village you would like to return to someday?

YES / NO

2. Would you like to see more rental options in the village?

YES / NO

3. How often do you use our 'Green Spaces' in or around Barton?

4. What Community Amenity is your favourite?

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Contact Mobile/Email:</b>
<b>Please provide an indication of your Age:</b> Under 18 18 – 30 years 31 – 45 years 46 – 60 years 61+ years	Male / Female



1. Do you have any intentions to move away from Barton for work or any other purpose?

YES 7  
NO 77

If so, is Barton a village you would like to return to someday?

YES 45  
NO 5

2. Would you like to see more rental options in the village?

YES 51  
NO 30

3. How often do you use our green spaces in or around Barton?

Daily 28  
Weekly 22  
Fortnightly 2  
Monthly 4  
Lots 6  
Occasionally 12  
Never 7

4. What Community Amenity is your favourite?

Parks/Rec 35  
Restaurants 3  
Library 6  
Hills/Springs 11  
Village Hall 4  
Football Pitches 7  
Barton Rovers Club 10  
Shops 5  
Tennis/Table Tennis 3  
Pubs 7  
Doctors 1  
Sunday Market 1  
Community 1

<b>Age:</b> Under 18 17 18 – 30 years 21 31 – 45 years 24 46 – 60 years 9 61+ years 7 Undisclosed 7	Male 28 Female 51 Undisclosed 6
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## Statutory Consultees and Relevant Organisations for BLCNP

### Local Planning Authority

Organisation	Postal Address	Email
<b>Central Bedfordshire Council – Planning Policy Team</b>	Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Bedfordshire SG17 5TQ	customers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

### Neighbouring Local Authorities

Organisation	Postal Address	Email
<b>Bedford Borough Council</b>	Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP	planningpolicy@bedford.gov.uk
<b>Luton Borough Council</b>	Town Hall, George Street, Luton, LU1 2BQ	localplan@luton.gov.uk
<b>North Hertfordshire District Council</b>	Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3JF	localplans@north-herts.gov.uk

### Statutory Consultees

Organisation	Postal Address	Email
<b>Environment Agency</b>	Bromholme Lane, Brampton, Huntingdon, PE28 4NE	enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk
<b>Historic England (East of England Office)</b>	Brooklands, 24 Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge, CB2 8BU	eastofengland@historicengland.org.uk
<b>Natural England</b>	Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge, CB2 8DR	consultations@naturalengland.org.uk
<b>National Highways</b>	Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW	info@nationalhighways.co.uk
<b>Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service</b>	Southfields Road, Kempston, Bedford, MK42 7NR	enquiries@bedsfire.gov.uk
<b>Anglian Water Services Ltd</b>	Lancaster House, Lancaster Way, Ermine Business Park, Huntingdon, PE29 6XU	planningapplications@anglianwater.co.uk

## Utilities

Organisation	Postal Address	Email
<b>UK Power Networks</b>	Fore Hamlet, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP3 8AA	ukpnplanning@ukpowernetworks.co.uk
<b>National Grid (Gas Transmission)</b>	National Grid House, Warwick Technology Park, Gallows Hill, Warwick, CV34 6DA	box.landandacquisitions@nationalgrid.com
<b>British Telecommunications (BT)</b>	BT Centre, 81 Newgate Street, London, EC1A 7AJ	planning.enquiries@bt.com

## Bordering Parish Councils

Organisation	Postal Address	Email
<b>Pulloxhill Parish Council</b>	Pulloxhill Village Hall, High Street, Pulloxhill, MK45 5HB	clerk@pulloxhillparishcouncil.gov.uk
<b>Shillington Parish Council</b>	Shillington Village Hall, Church Street, Shillington, SG5 3LH	clerk@shillington-pc.gov.uk
<b>Silsoe Parish Council</b>	Silsoe Village Hall, High Street, Silsoe, MK45 4EP	clerk@silsoeparishcouncil.org
<b>Streatley Parish Council</b>	Streatley Village Hall, Sharpenhoe Road, Streatley, LU3 3PS	streatley.p.c@hotmail.com