

# Neighbourhood Development Plan



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## The story so far.....

In 2011 the Localism Act enabled the devolution of decision making powers from central government to individuals and communities. This created the right for residents to shape development in their communities through the production of Neighbourhood Development Plans. Some areas have completed their plans and have had their validity tested and confirmed by judicial review. The St Ives plan, which prohibits further development of second homes, has made the national news.

Our journey started in April of this year when the Parish Council called a general meeting to determine if there was any interest in producing our own plan. More than fifty people attended and expressed overwhelming support. Twelve residents expressed an interest in helping with the process and these attended a subsequent meeting when the steering committee was formed. This has undergone a few changes over the past few months but we now have a stable group which has been working hard on your behalf. Initially there was a need to become acquainted with the enabling legislation, the National Planning Policy Framework and the emerging Cornwall Local Plan as all of these define and limit what can and cannot be included in our plan. So there has been a great deal of unseen work in preparation for our launch in November with the delivery of our Flyer to every household .

## The next steps.....

Now it's your turn. We really need you to consider how you would like to see the parish develop over the next 20 years. At this stage we are not looking for specific ideas, rather we would like to create a vision of what it will be like to live in the parish in the future. Which aspects need to be protected, what development is required, what changes will be required in terms of housing to ensure that the needs of the community will be met. Look beyond your garden and your road. Think generally about our roads, transport links, local amenities and services, facilities for sport and leisure and a place for young people. Think about jobs, cottage industries, broadband to facilitate working from home, allotments, renewable energy. And, if you can stretch your imagination, think about how we are going to manage future social change and technological advances and even climate change. Once we have a vision we can then look at the steps needed to achieve it and that will form the next round of consultation.



## Open day, Saturday 10th December, Botus Church Hall Meet the team and share your thoughts.



Members of the committee will be available to discuss issues, answer questions and, most importantly, to record your views. The event will run from 10.00 till 18.00 and a big incentive to attend will be a large supply of mince pies and refreshments. The more people who contribute, the more robust will be the evidence that we gather. We hope to obtain the views of a broad cross section of our community—reflecting the wisdom and experience of the older generations and the hopes and aspirations of the younger ones, including those in the 11-17 age bracket.

If you've not already done so, please send your email address to [Botusflemingandhattndp@gmail.com](mailto:Botusflemingandhattndp@gmail.com) so we can keep you informed of developments

Want to become more involved? Then come and join the committee. Especially if you can lower the average age of the members.

# Are there any risks? We can think of three

1. When we started this process we knew that the plan would fail if we did not engage fully with the residents. Compared with other designated areas we are quite small with a population of 650 and 215 dwellings. Areas like Saltash can claim that a large sample of the population can provide a representative view. But this does not work for small communities. So please make the effort to become involved so that we can satisfy the Inspectors on this count.
2. It is not a question of "will there be development", it's about the scale and nature of development that will be welcomed or accepted by the residents. Early feedback includes comments to the effect that there should be no

change in the built and natural environment and this is an understandable view. However, it cannot form the basis of our plan as it would be rejected by the inspectors. Fortunately we are likely to get away with small scale, sensitive development.

3. The A388 bisects the parish and forms a clear physical divide between the two main settlements. We feel that it is very important that this planning process does not cause rifts or disputes between the two communities. On the contrary, we hope that the legacy of this process will be a more integrated community reflecting our mission statement.

## Mission statement

To promote a stronger and closer community by empowering individuals and families living in and around Botus Fleming and Hatt to have a say in the future development of the area.

## Meet the team

**Trevor Aughey**. Lived in the parish for seven years. Retired following long career working for the NHS



**Dave Edwards** is a Private Investigator/Security Consultant having served 32 years with the Metropolitan Police/National Crime Squad and Serious Organised Crime Agency. He has lived in Hatt for 6 ½ years.



**Finlay Linford** has interests in local commercial property and is Director/owner of Codfathers the fish and chip business in Saltash, living in Botus for 18 months



**Steve Malcolm** A former Royal Navy Captain, has lived in Hatt and Botus Fleming since 1987 and has yet to find a better place to live in the world. A Parish Councillor and the link between Botus Fleming PC and the Neighbourhood Planning Committee. Most enthusiastic about the opportunity to support and influence the future of this wonderful community

**Denis Morgan**. Semi-retired after 43 years "experience" in corporate business! Has lived in Hatt for 6 years and loves the area as much today as the day he moved in.



**Claire Pethick**



**Ian Pethick**



**John Robinson**. I spent 22 years in the military and then 20 years with a security company before retiring in 2005. I have lived in Cornwall since 1982, 23 years in Hatt.

**Helena Vallis** has lived in the parish for seven years. Previously worked in schools with SEN children, now enjoying life being a part-time potter.

