

Neighbourhood Development Plan



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Are we nearly there?

Well, it's been an interesting journey so far. We have engaged with many residents, we have become acquainted with the National Planning Policy Framework and the Cornwall Local Plan and we have been gathering evidence about our landscape, heritage, environment, amenities, businesses, our built environment and our housing need. We have even started to write some draft policies. Also, we have finally been set a development allocation, which tells us that we are expected to develop a minimum of 12 dwellings before 2030. We anticipate that by the end of August we will have completed our evidence gathering and will be able to publish

the first draft of the Plan for your comments.

Meanwhile we are putting the final touches to our evidence base. We will be contacting all households who expressed a need for affordable housing to obtain further details of the type of accommodation required. We will also be contacting all businesses to see what can be done to support them and to find out if there are any plans to expand, both buildings and employees. Finally, we are asking for individuals or organisations to come forward to identify sites that might be considered suitable for development in the future.

Call for Sites

There will be development in the parish but, given our allocation and the stated wishes of our residents, it will be small-scale. But where will it be? Given that we have been set a target of at least 12 new dwellings before 2030 it is possible that this target could be met or exceeded by sensitive development within and around existing settlements. Policy 3 of the Cornwall Local Plan¹ sets out the conditions for "infill" and "rounding off" of settlements and Policy 9 defines the conditions for "rural exception sites" adjacent to settlements. Policy 7 covers the use of redundant buildings in the countryside. So, we are asking for owners of any assets that might be covered by these policies, and who are considering developing them in the future, to respond to this call for sites by contacting us on the email address above. All sites will be assessed against our plan policies using the assessment tool "*Site Assessment for Neighbourhood Plans: A toolkit for neighbourhood planners*" available on our website www.botusflemingandhattndp.com

¹ www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/22936789/adopted-local-plan-strategic-policies-2016.pdf

The Big Lunch

What a day it was. The weather was wonderful, the venue was perfect and the organisation was flawless. The NDP committee members were happy to support our residents in the planning and execution of this event. And at the end of the day 350 people went home tired and happy and hopefully many of them made new friends and contacts throughout the parish. And the biggest feedback message was, "Lets do this every year". One of the main threads running through Neighbourhood Planning is sustainability. A shared view of the needs of a community and a willingness to work collectively to meet those needs are vital components of a sustainable neighbourhood.

Sustainable communities are places where people want to live and work, now and in the future. They meet the diverse needs of existing and future residents, are sensitive to their environment, and contribute to a high quality of life.
(Geographical Association)

The idea is that by starting simple, all sorts of friendships, ideas and projects can come out of a Big Lunch. It gets people together and talking — and with a few inspired folk, it can lead to people doing more within their community, and tackling the issues that matter to them most.
(Eden Project)

Neighbourhood Watch

The Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee has, as a result of views expressed by members of our community, formed the Botus Fleming & Hatt Neighbourhood Watch (NW). We intend that our Neighbourhood Watch is both interactive and proactive and to combat crime and anti social behaviour in our area. We want to ensure that all remain safe and that we maintain the peace and tranquillity of our community. We want to identify individuals in each street and enclave that will report any suspicions or concerns to the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. We have set up a Whatsapp Group where any information can be quickly disseminated throughout the parish and the volunteers will then inform their immediate neighbours and nearby residents. Please contact our NW Coordinator by email if you are willing to be responsible for your street or enclave and to join our Whatsapp Group. We would simply require your name, address and mobile phone number. You would require a Smartphone with the Whatsapp App installed. We are particularly short of volunteers for Sunnybanks, all of Botus Fleming and the outskirts of the parish in the Mutton Mill area. The email address for your Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Dave Edwards is – botusflemingandhattnw@gmail.com

Thank you

Without the contribution of ideas from our parishioners it would not be possible to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan. So a big "Thank You" to all who have come to our consultation events, written, emailed or stopped us in the street or the pub to share your views. And for those who have not used their voice and feel that they have something to say, then please email us with your thoughts. We would especially like to hear from young people as this plan will have an impact on their future if they stay in the parish. This is our sixth newsletter so we hope that everyone has been informed of our aims and progress and those who have not contacted us are content with what we are doing. You can follow our progress on our web site where we will be publishing our draft plan. Once the Inspectors have approved it, there will be a referendum when all residents will have a chance to vote on whether it is accepted.
