Local Plan Partial Update

Bathampton Parish Council – Lin King

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This is a general response from Bathampton Parish Council, rather than a specific response to individual items.

Transport

1. BPC fully support the need for more, better, more reliable and more affordable public transport which will reduce the dependence on cars and therefore improve traffic congestion and air quality.
2. We particularly would like to see a plan for transport to and from schools, as this is vital for education and forms a major part of the transport problem.
3. We also endorse active travel where possible, particularly for schools, and the provision of SAFE footpaths and cycleways to accommodate this.
4. We encourage the use of electric vehicles and would endorse the provision of sufficient charging points, located appropriately.

Home Energy

We welcome the encouragement of retro fitting of energy efficiency measures, particularly for buildings in the Conservation Area.

Environment

1. We welcome the proposals on Biodiversity Net Gain.
2. We also support proposals for ecological and Nature Recovery networks

Planning

We fully support proposals to use planning regulations to work towards Net Zero Carbon. We hope and expect BANES to include in any Planning permissions the following conditions –

1. Net Zero Carbon for any new builds, residential or non-residential.
2. Sustainable contruction.
3. Energy efficiency measures, whether new built or retro fitted
4. Solar panels or other renewable energy measures
5. Inclusion of electric charging points on any new or extended dwellings
6. Use of permeable surfaces for hardstanding areas
7. Replacements for any trees or hedging which need to be removed.

In addition, to support these and other measures, it is essential that inspection and enforcement is increased, and that officers are available to do this.

Funding

These measures will only be welcomed and adopted by the public if they are cost effective and in some cases will need to be funded by grants.