

Draft Bretherton Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

RESIDENTS' FEEDBACK QUESTIONS

Please provide feedback by answering the following 27 questions, providing relevant comments and views. Please use additional pages as necessary and return hard copies at drop points at the Village Institute, Mill Café, Bretherton Endowed School or post to the Parish Clerk, 12 The Avenue, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 0SU or email to bretherton.np@btinternet.com. A digital version of the survey is available on the website.

THANK YOU – YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – AN OVERVIEW

The Neighbourhood Plan vision, objectives that will help realise the vision, and policies aligned to the objectives will guide the future planning and design of new development and decisions on whether applications should be consented or refused.

Question 1: Do you agree that the Parish Council should progress a **Neighbourhood Plan**?

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

PLANNING CONTEXT (pages 5 to 9 in the draft document)

Neighbourhood Plans were introduced by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act in 2011). Public consultations and an independent examination to test for soundness against stated planning policy at the national and local level are being used to progress this Neighbourhood Plan.

England's planning system has three levels of spatial planning policy: national, local and neighbourhood. The Parish Council wishes for Bretherton to benefit from neighbourhood plan policies to keep the best characteristics of the village in the future.

Question 2: Do you understand the **planning context** for the Neighbourhood Plan?

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

BREHERTON CHARACTERISTICS (pages 10 to 19 in the draft document)

Elements of local character, history, ecology, and local access make Bretherton distinctive.

Question 3: Does the Neighbourhood Plan reflect the Bretherton Parish Area **characteristics of importance** to you?

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

EVIDENCE BASE AND CONSULTATION

The Parish Council has commissioned evidence, including:

- A Residents' Survey;
- A Business/Not for profit Survey;
- A Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) and Design Code by AECOM; and,
- A public 'drop in' consultation event held in November 2022.

The feedback and consultants' reports have helped to inform the priorities for the vision, neighbourhood objectives and policies. All the relevant background documents are available on the Neighbourhood Plan website <https://www.brethertonneighbourhoodplan.com>

Question 4: Does the Neighbourhood Plan **evidence base** accord with your own experience of the area?

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

BREHERTON VISION (page 20 in the draft document)

'To ensure Bretherton is a safe, sustainable, and accessible place which supports healthy lifestyles and the environment'

Bretherton, as a place to live and work, is valued for its quiet, rural village character. This Neighbourhood Plan recognises the special character of the Parish and will take opportunities to sustain and improve the quality of its environment.

The importance of responding to the threats posed by the climate emergency and the need to support the recovery of biodiversity and wildlife are recognised.

Bretherton will be a safe, secure, and accessible place which supports healthy lifestyles and the environment.

Quality design should be sympathetic to the rural heritage and landscape.

Question 5: Do you agree with the draft Neighbourhood Plan **vision**?

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

NEIGHBOURHOOD OBJECTIVES (page 21 summary in the draft plan)

There are nine Neighbourhood Objectives identified to deliver the vision (*Page 20 - Neighbourhood Plan*).

Question 6: Do you agree with the draft Neighbourhood Plan **Objective 1 – Local Character:** *‘To protect and enhance the rural character of Bretherton, particularly in relation to its Conservation Area, Local Green Space, Lanes, Public Rights of Ways, bridleways, and the open countryside’?* (pages 23 and 24 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 7: Do you agree with the draft Neighbourhood Plan **Objective 2 – Rural Economy:** *‘To support and encourage new and existing businesses and local economic growth opportunities’?* (pages 25 to 27 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 8: Do you agree with the draft Neighbourhood Plan **Objective 3 – Housing:** *‘To support the provision of appropriate scale quality housing and a choice of tenure to respond to identified local needs, particularly affordable homes, and specialist accommodation?’* (pages 28 to 30 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 9: Do you agree with the draft Neighbourhood Plan **Objective 4 - Nature:** *'To ensure Biodiversity Net Gain to reverse the decline in Bretherton's wildlife by appropriate actions to minimise loss of species and maximise opportunities when open space is planned, such as new habitat, tree planting, protection of quality soils and, where appropriate, pond creation'*? (pages 31 to 33 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 10: Do you agree with the draft Neighbourhood Plan **Objective 5 - Sustainable Transport and Traffic Generation:** *'To work with the appropriate authorities to reduce the impact of traffic passing through the village in terms of noise, safety, and roadside parking. To promote sustainable modes of local transport that offer more choice and reduce car dependency'*? (pages 34 to 37 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 11: Do you agree with the draft Neighbourhood Plan **Objective 6 – Energy:** *'To identify and encourage sustainable energy options, including community assets, that support residents and businesses to transition to net zero carbon solutions'*? (pages 38 to 41 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 12: Do you agree with the draft Neighbourhood Plan **Objective 7 – Waste:** *'To identify waste management options that encourage recycling to reduce landfill dependency'*? (pages 42 and 43 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 13: Do you agree with the draft Neighbourhood Plan **Objective 8 – Water Management:** *‘To work with relevant stakeholders to build climate resilience in water management to reduce the impact of flooding’?* (pages 44 to 46 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 14: Do you agree with the draft Neighbourhood Plan **Objective 9 – Community Infrastructure:** *‘To identify and promote community facilities, amenities, and infrastructure that will ensure that Bretherton continues to thrive’?* (pages 47 to 49 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 15: Are there any **missing Neighbourhood objectives?**

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

THEMATIC POLICIES

The following thematic and area specific policies and proposals are intended to support the vision and objectives by delivering planning outcomes on the ground that respond to identified policy criteria (Page 22 - Neighbourhood Plan).

Question 16: Is **Policy LC1 – ‘Local Character’** supportive of the vision and identified neighbourhood objectives? (page 23 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 17: Is **Policy LE1 – ‘Rural Economy’** supportive of the vision and identified neighbourhood objectives? (Page 25 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 18: Is **Site Specific Policy LE2 – ‘Plocks Farm – GA Pet Food Partners – Large commercial enterprise’** supportive of the vision and identified neighbourhood objectives? (Page 27 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 19: Is **Policy HO3 – ‘Housing’** supportive of the vision and identified neighbourhood objectives? (Page 28 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 20: Is **Policy NA4 – ‘Nature: Trees, hedgerow, watercourses, water bodies and agricultural land’** supportive of the vision and identified neighbourhood objectives? (Page 31 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 21: Is **Policy TR5 – ‘Sustainable Transport and Traffic Generation’** supportive of the vision and identified neighbourhood objectives? (Page 34 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 22: Is **Policy EN6 – ‘Energy’** supportive of the vision and identified neighbourhood objectives? (Page 38 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 23: Is **Site Specific Proposal ENE-1 – ‘Asland Walks Energy Park – Green Energy’** supportive of the vision and identified neighbourhood objectives? (Page 40 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 24: Is **Policy WS7 – ‘Waste’** supportive of the vision and identified neighbourhood objectives? (Page 42 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 25: Is **Policy WM8 – ‘Water management’** supportive of the vision and identified neighbourhood objectives? (Page 44 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 26: Is Policy CI9 – ‘Community Infrastructure’ supportive of the vision and identified neighbourhood objectives? (Page 47 in the draft plan)

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

Question 27: Do you think the Neighbourhood Plan would benefit from **other policies** to support the vision and identified neighbourhood objectives?

Yes / No

Please provide any additional comment:

NEXT STEPS

Following this consultation the Neighbourhood Plan document will be refined as appropriate and progressed in accordance with the proposed schedule set out below:

- **Pre-submission draft** to seek final comments before submission (July 2024 to Sept 2024).
- **Submission Stage** the Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted for examination in December 2024.
- **Examination** by independent panel for soundness. If found sound, there will be a local referendum mid-2025.
- **Referendum** if 50% +1 of the votes approve the Submission version the Neighbourhood Plan will be ‘made’.

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- The Village Institute,
- Mill Café at the Corn Mill Antique Centre
- Bretherton Endowed Primary School

OR CAN BE POSTED TO:

- the Parish Clerk, 12 The Avenue, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 0SU

OR YOU CAN SCAN & EMAIL TO:

- bretherton.np@btinternet.com

A digital version of this survey, the full draft plan and all associated documents will also be available on the website www.brethertonneighbourhoodplan.com

There are also some hard copies of the draft plan lodged at the Institute and at the café. You may also request a copy by e mailing your details to bretherton.np@btinternet.com

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