

# news letter

## BRANTHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Brantham Neighbourhood Plan Steering group is now formed and has held two meetings and agreed its Terms of Reference.

### About the Steering Group

The Steering Group helps shape the overall vision and direction of the Neighbourhood Plan. They're responsible for engaging with the community, gathering evidence, and developing ideas and policies, while making sure the plan stays on track and meets all the legal requirements. The group is made up of Parish Councillors, local residents, and other community stakeholders who all have an interest in Brantham's future.

We still need more members;

**To get involved, please contact the Parish Clerk on [clerk@branthamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@branthamparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

"The Neighbourhood Plan isn't just about what happens today - it's about preparing for tomorrow.

As Brantham grows we want to make sure that any development is sustainable, well-designed and meets the needs of all generations.

Whether that's with affordable homes, protecting green spaces or supporting local businesses this plan will lay the foundation for a thriving and inclusive village going forward"

-Rob Chamberlain,  
NP Steering Group Chair.

### THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING PROCESS -

- Decide to prepare a plan
- Designate the area
- Determine the scope
- **Gather evidence** (we're here!)
- Consult on findings
- Draft the plan
- Consult on the draft plan
- Agree changes
- Submit to Babergh DC
- BDC run consultation for examiner
- Independent examination
- Referendum
- Adoption

Creating a Neighbourhood Plan usually takes around 2 years, as it involves several important stages.

**Community input is vital** — the plan can only reflect what matters to Brantham if people get involved.

Since the last newsletter, the Brantham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has begun work on draft questions for our first consultation. These questions will help gather local views and priorities, ensuring the Neighbourhood Plan reflects what matters most to the community. **Further updates will be shared as this work progresses.**

You can help inform the plan by attending events, responding to consultations, or even joining the Steering Group.

