

BREDFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN
A REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BREDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

30 MAY 2022

Bredfield NDP was ‘made’ in May 2021 – this means that it completed all consultation processes and subjected to an independent examination and was approved by referendum at this time. The plan is now part of the local development plan for the area and will be considered when planning decisions are made.

Section 9 of the plan gave detailed guidance on monitoring, with para 9.2.1 stating that ‘...it is important that the Parish Council keep the plan under review...’ and this is expanded in section 9.3 to require the Parish Council to report every two years at the Annual General Meeting on progress in implementation and that a full review be carried out every five years, and the PC should also regularly review the effectiveness of the plan policies.

Although the plan is only one year old, the Parish Council is aware that the referendum was delayed by restrictions imposed during the Covid-19 pandemic, and it was thought that although a Full Review was not yet necessary, it would be prudent to conduct a short review, in line with the requirements of Section 9, at this time.

POLICIES

Since being made, the Plan and Policies have been cited in planning applications, but no challenges have been made or difficulties experienced. All are considered to remain relevant.

STATEMENTS OF INTENT

These are intended as guidelines for future decisions by the Parish Council, and most remain relevant. One Statement was identified as having been resolved (Statement 4) but others remain relevant

CIRCUMSTANCES

Since made, there have been no substantial changes that would cause the plan to be challenged.

REFERENCES

It was noted that changes to two of the main documents on which the NDP was built –

- A new edition of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) issued in 2021. Most changes are edits to wording, and with some re-numbering of paragraphs, with minor expansions of existing policies, and do not introduce major changes which would affect the NDP. The differences between the documents are highlighted below, and it is not considered that they materially affect the NDP
- The NDP worked on the draft edition of the East Suffolk Local Plan. Since then, this has been implemented as the East Suffolk – Suffolk Coastal Local Plan 2020. It is essentially the same as the draft that we worked to.

CONCLUSION

This brief review has identified several minor points that the Parish Council should note, which are outlined below, but the Plan remains relevant and there is no need for a revision at this stage. The reviewers recommend that a Full Review should take place in two years, i.e., 2024.

PARTICULAR POINTS NOTED DURING THE REVIEW

para 1.5.1	The year 2018 may be inserted after 16 December
para 2.1.3	In 'Our village community' insert 'and' in front of 'if possible' to make it clear that this refers to the pub/restaurant
para 3.1.2	The opening sentence is overlong and somewhat confusing. Any future revision should make it clear that the Meadow and Orchard is one entity, and the other site of interest is Byng Brook.
para 5.2.1	To be noted that the Tennis Club has now been wound up, and the courts are administered by the Village Hall Committee
para 5.2.5	To be noted that this has now been largely resolved with the introduction of upgraded infrastructure
para 5.3.2	Also the associated Statement of Intent 4. Now largely resolved and could be deleted in any future updates of the Plan
para 6.2.1	The reference to slow broadband and poor mobile phone signal, although correct when the Plan was written, now essentially out of date. Paragraph to be noted for re-writing in a future edition
para 7.1.2	Reference to the frequency of buses now incorrect. The provision of future community transport should be a subject to be considered for inclusion on a revised Statement of Intent 5.
para 7.2.2	For consistency, remove the full stop from mentions of the A12 (A12 not A.12)
para 7.3	Future editions of the NDP should include consideration of the effect of increased use of electric vehicles - provision of charging points, potential problems of cables across pavements etc.
para 8.1.4 and 8.1.5	The relevant authority should be clarified; Suffolk Coastal District Council (now East Suffolk Council)
para 8.1.4	17 year to be corrected to 14 year
para 8.1.7	Some clarity needed – insert 'subsequently' between settlements and outlined
para 8.3.7	Although shown in the Glossary, future edition could carry an explanation that it was under a Government contract that AECOM conducted the work
para 8.3.9	For consistency and clarity, East Suffolk should be included ahead of Local Plan
page 43	Micro-business definition to be re-written with UK rather than EU definition
page 43	Abbreviation BDP - Bredfield Development Policy to be inserted
page 48	Photo caption to be corrected (additions repeated)
page 49	Link inserted no longer works: updated link –

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/design-and-conservation/non-designated-heritage-assets/>

page 74 Under St Andrews Churchyard; mention of a maintenance plan should be replaced with an indication that certain areas within the churchyard are set aside for wildlife

NOTE ON SUPPORTING REFERENCES

NPPF 2021

Most changes are edits to wording, and with some re-numbering of paragraphs, with minor expansions of existing policies, and do not introduce major changes which would affect the NDP. For example, paragraph 69 is now renumbered 70, with an amendment that now states that In when identifying land for homes, neighbourhood planning groups should give particular consideration to the opportunities for allocating small and medium-sized sites.

There is a greater emphasis on making ‘beautiful’ and ‘sustainable’ places, and the use of local design policy, guidance and codes is hugely encouraged.