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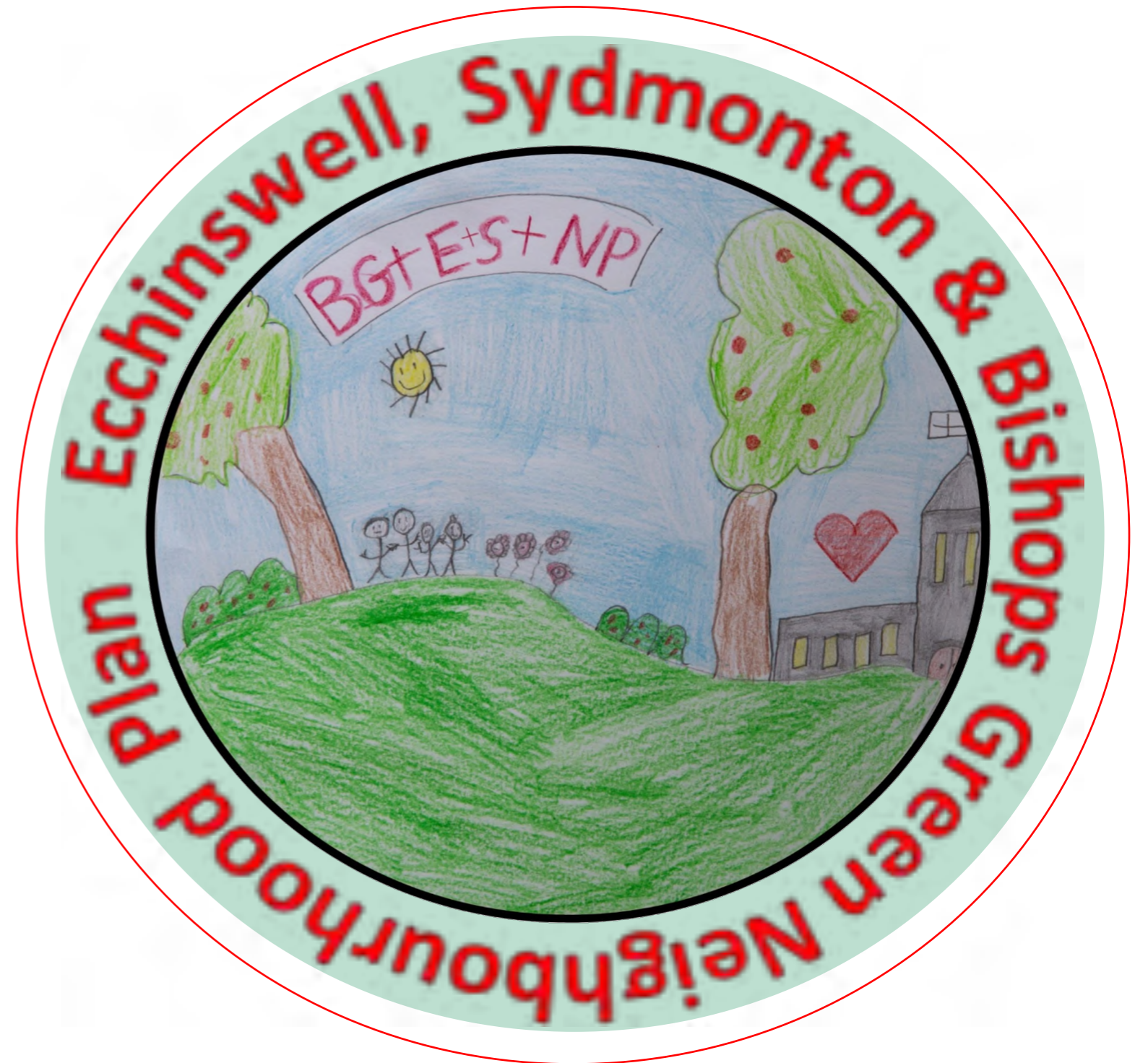
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John Dain

From: clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk
Sent: 13 May 2022 09:30
To: clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk
Subject: Neighbourhood Plan consultations May 26th, 27th, 28th

Dear Resident,

Apologies if you receive this multiple times BUT we do need to reach everyone we can to enable you to make YOUR input to OUR Neighbourhood Plan – we hope one of the dates works for you.

If you are unable to make any of the dates please email n.plan.esbg@gmail.com and we will find a way to collect your thoughts.

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From: clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk
Sent: 25 May 2022 13:31
To: clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk
Subject: Neighbourhood Plan consultations start TOMORROW - hope to see you there

Dear Resident,

Apologies if you receive this multiple times but just a reminder that the Neighbourhood Plan consultations start tomorrow.

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Ecchinswell, Sydmonton & Bishops Green Neighbourhood Plan

Community Consultation May 2022





Welcome!

Thank you for coming – today is a follow-up to the consultation last September

We have been using your inputs to make a first draft plan – we need your reactions to ensure you are on-board

There is a lot here (sorry) – take your time – ask questions

No wrong answers – there will be different opinions

Everyone's view important – Have YOUR say!



What we are showing you and what we want you to do today...

- Please ensure you have **a feedback form** to complete as you go round.
- On display is material that is the skeleton of our plan.
- The **key material** for you to read is **on the tables** – please focus on this.
- On the walls, there is supporting detail – read as much of this as you wish.
- Any questions ... please ask members of the team.
- Where **indicated**, record **your opinion** in the appropriate section of the feedback form.



Where are we so far?

September 2021 – you gave us your opinions

We took these inputs to create basis for our plan

- objectives and policies
- options for limited housing development

Today – we are testing these with you

Next steps

- Full draft plan, more testing, refine to Final Plan (Q2/Q3 2022)
- Formal “Examination” by B&D BC (Q3/Q4 2022)
- B&D BC “approved” Plan late 2022/early 2023 – now has teeth
- May 2023 Referendum for final approval



More detailed Road Map

September 2021 Consultation – we asked you for your thoughts & opinions

- Way forward for parish including need for modest number of extra homes.
- Components for policies.

What have we been doing since then?

- Consolidated your input and fed back a draft vision for the parish.
- Drafted objectives and policies with expert advice from independent consultants.
- Worked with B&D BC Planning on Settlement Boundaries, housing targets and draft policies.
- “Call for Sites” and assessment process to identify sites for modest housing development.

Today’s objective – testing the work to date with you

What Follows?

- Create draft plan document & test with community and statutory consultees (Regulation 14)
- Review inputs and refine into Final Plan
- Formal Examination by B&D BC Planning during Q3/Q4 2022 (Regulation 16)
- Secure B&D BC “Approved” Plan by late 2022/early 2023 – Plan then has “power”
- Final Approval in May 2023 Referendum



Heart of the Neighbourhood Plan for Ecchinswell, Sydmonton & Bishops Green

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Why do we need a Plan?

Creates a community-led vision for our parish

- We can respond to Planning Proposals
- We recognise and act on un-met needs
- National/Local Government now expects a plan

**Your Parish Council is creating our Neighbourhood Plan
via a small team of volunteers**



What is in the Plan?

- Vision and Objectives for the parish
- Policies for Housing
- Other policies
 - Sustainability
 - Environment
 - Facilities & services



Creating a Vision for 2040 – what you told us last September

You value highly the rural environment of the parish, the perceived safe and friendly environment and the opportunities this all provides for enjoying the countryside, wildlife and walks.

You value the proximity of our rural location to facilities, services, employment and leisure/social activity in Newbury & Basingstoke.

You want/expect to see some **but not a lot** of housing development (10-30 homes) with a focus on homes that are **a)** affordable suited to young families, the elderly/less mobile and **b)** in keeping with the rural environment.

You also want homes that are “built well for the future” not ones that are cheap and unsustainable.

You want to see maintenance and enhancement of the rural feel, the countryside and environment and also the sense of community.

You also want more local opportunities for sport, leisure, social activity and basic food shopping as well as the potential for some employment suited and scaled to our rural environment.

You are concerned about the level of traffic and speeding on our narrow rural roads.

You are concerned about the impact of any significant housing development on already stretched infrastructure and services.



How the **Neighbourhood Plan**, the **Vision**, **Objectives** and **Policies** fit in with Borough and National Plans

<p>Our 15+ year Vision and Objectives for the Parish and a pathway and actions to deliver</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan (focuses on land usage)</p>	<p>Other projects required to complete the vision</p>
	<p>A set of 7 land-use related Policies</p>	
<p>Existing Basingstoke & Deane Local Plan “made” in 2016 for development out to 2029</p> <p>Local Plan Update (LPU) now being worked, due in 2023 for development out to 2035+</p>	<p>Parish Council action.</p> <p>B&D BC and HCC infrastructure, facilities and services plans.</p>	
<p>Central Government Policies/Plans esp National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)</p>		



The 2040 Vision for the Parish of Ecchinswell, Sydmonton & Bishops Green

A small rural parish located near prosperous towns that nurtures modest organic growth and continues to evolve towards a more sustainable lower-carbon future.

Peaceful settlements with a rural character where residents prosper and enjoy both their communities and the surrounding countryside as well as having easy access to employment, vital services and leisure activities. Confidence that the highly-valued natural environment, biodiversity and landscape are continuously improving and that important heritage assets and views are maintained for future generations.

Housing development is limited, in keeping with the rural environment, governed by local growth, the need for affordability and with more options for young families, the elderly and less mobile.



Objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan ...

(aligned with current and emerging Borough and National Policies)

... We will:

1. Retain and enhance the rural character of the parish and its settlements (Policies 2, 4, 5, 6);
2. Ensure the inherently limited sustainability of our small village settlements is not damaged by inappropriate development and is nurtured with improvements to community facilities and internet access (Policies 1, 2, 3, 6);
3. Accommodate and encourage organic growth of the parish and the evolving needs of residents by encouraging the development of a modest* number of extra homes that are affordable and suited to different stages of individual and family life. (Policy 2);
4. Ensure the parish is fit for a low/zero-carbon future via:
 - Adopting advanced standards for insulation, renewable power generation/heating and internet access for both new homes and significant alterations and extensions (Policies 2, 6),
 - Enabling and encouraging widespread usage of zero emission vehicles by easy access to charging points (Policy 6);
5. Enhance the environment, biodiversity, landscape, and access to the countryside and green spaces via clear policies and an alliance between parish residents and landowners. (Policies 4, 5). Specifically address shortfall of accessible Green Space in Bishops Green (Policy 2) ;
6. Ensure our heritage assets, key views and the rural character of settlements are retained and enhanced by good stewardship and that design policies ensure new development and refurbishments are in keeping with existing housing character. (Policies 5, 6)
7. Strengthen the community and reduce the need for travel outside the parish by development of employment opportunities and community facilities suited and scaled not only to our rural environment but also the needs/wishes of residents. (Policy 3);
8. Reduce concerns over road safety and help community health and well-being by improvements to road layout, parking and traffic management hardware and by actions to encourage more walking and cycling. (Policies 4,7)
9. Underpin delivery of the Vision and Objectives by establishing and progressing community-led programmes in Transport, Socio-Economic Development and Facilities/Services.



Land-Use Policies for our Neighbourhood Plan

Policy Areas	Specific Policies
1 Settlement Boundaries	Settlement Boundaries for Bishops Green & Ecchinswell
2 Housing and Development	Small sustainable settlements that are rural in character. Limited number of new homes to meet local needs:
3 Employment & Community Facilities	Development of businesses suited and scaled to our rural environment that create local employment opportunities and rural workspace. Enhancement of local facilities for leisure
4 Environment and Nature Recovery	Preserving the peaceful & natural environment. Defining a Nature Recovery and Green/Blue Infrastructure Network Protecting and enhancing our rural environment, habitats and biodiversity – woods, rivers, wildlife, etc – to support ‘minimum 10% biodiversity net gain’ per new Environment Act. Enhancing Countryside Access – footpaths & cycleways
5 Valued Landscape	Preserving landscape/key views. (aligned with B&DBC Landscape Character Assessment) Retaining/enhancing green spaces. Enhancing dark skies
6 Climate Change & Design	New housing development is to be ready for a zero carbon future. Upgrades/extensions to existing homes of a scale to need planning permission required to make them fit for a zero carbon future. New developments designed with an appearance in keeping with existing housing. Retain/enhance heritage assets. “Ultra-fast” internet access required for all new developments and targeted for all existing homes/facilities in the parish. Facilities for electric cars in homes, settlements & public spaces Develop renewable energy opportunities in keeping with rural environment
7 Travel & Active Travel	Safer roads – improved physical layout & traffic management hardware More walking/cycling – safe paths/cycleways Right-sized parking capacity in settlement centres which have parking bays in open/shared areas.

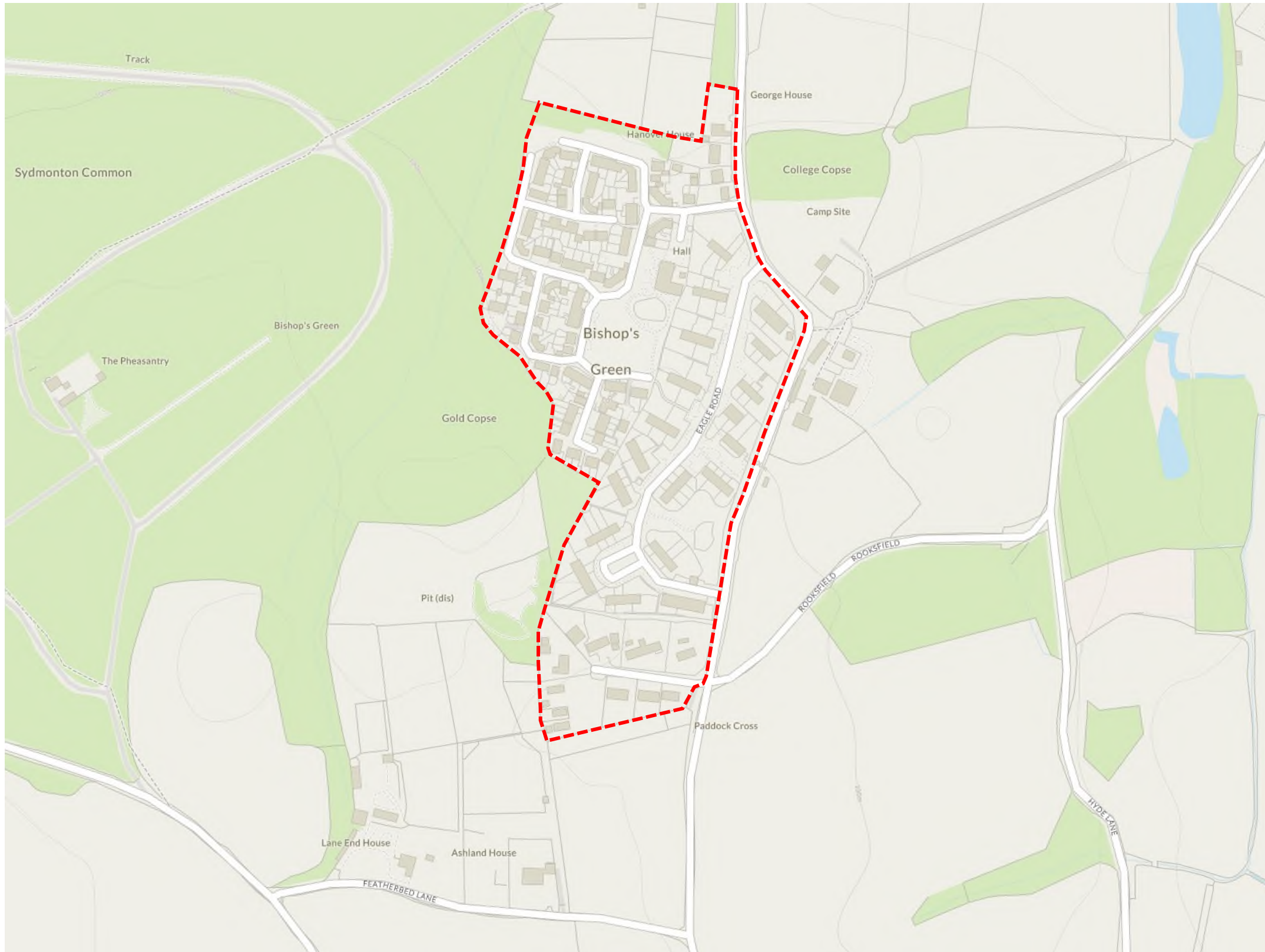


Settlement Boundaries now* required for Bishops Green and Ecchinswell – see maps

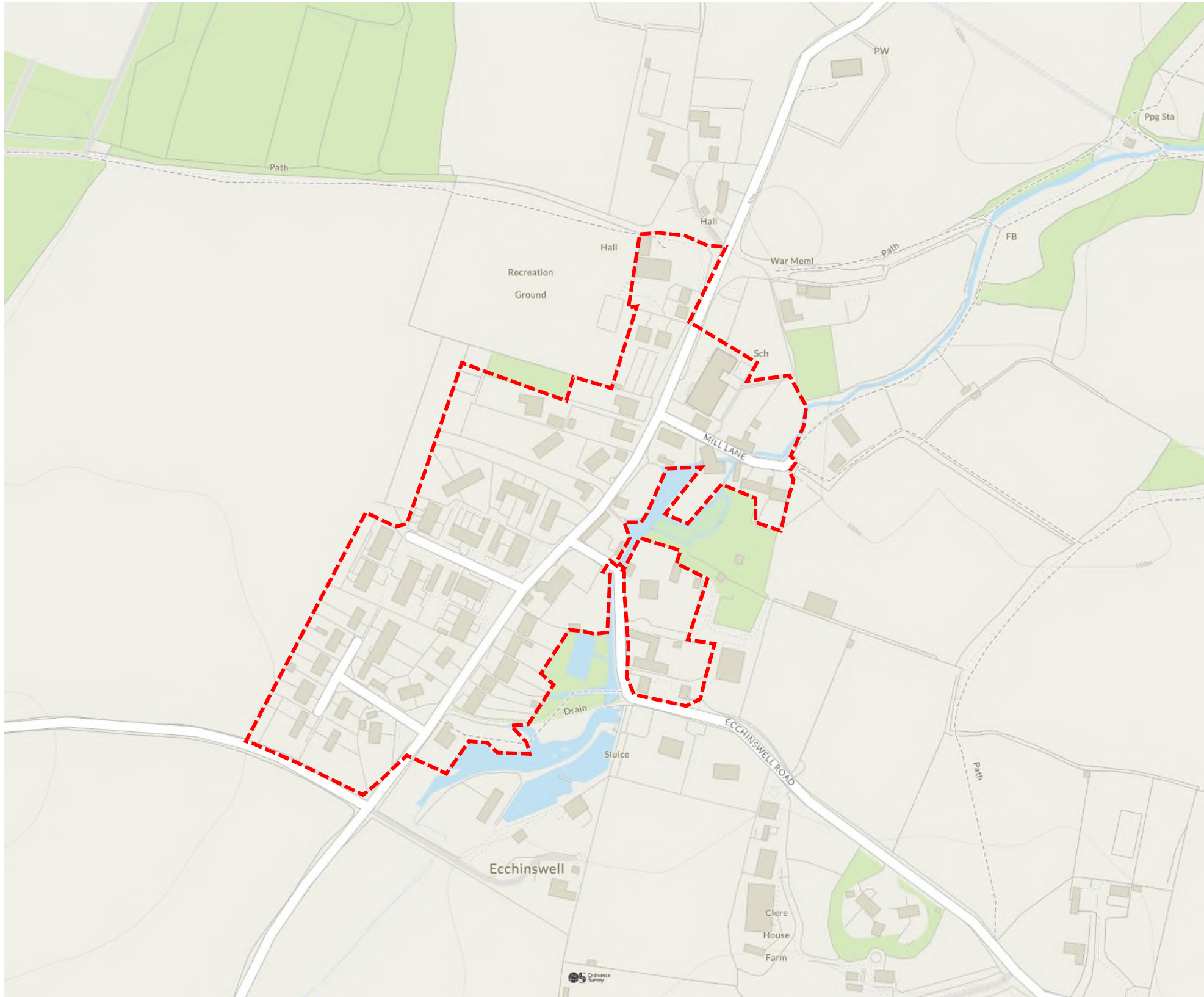
What are they?

- A line on a map around the core or “built form” of a settlement.
- Important for planning decisions especially in rural areas – different policies inside/outside
- Ideally based on clear, permanent features – roads/streams/woodland/etc
- May not cover the full extent of the settlement or Conservation Area
- Within the boundary, in-fill & redevelopment generally supported provided other policies (design etc) are met.
- Development outside the boundary constrained to preserve rural character

Bishops Green Settlement Boundary – as proposed by B&D BC Planning for Local Plan Update



Ecchinswell Settlement Boundary – as proposed by B&D BC Planning for Local Plan Update

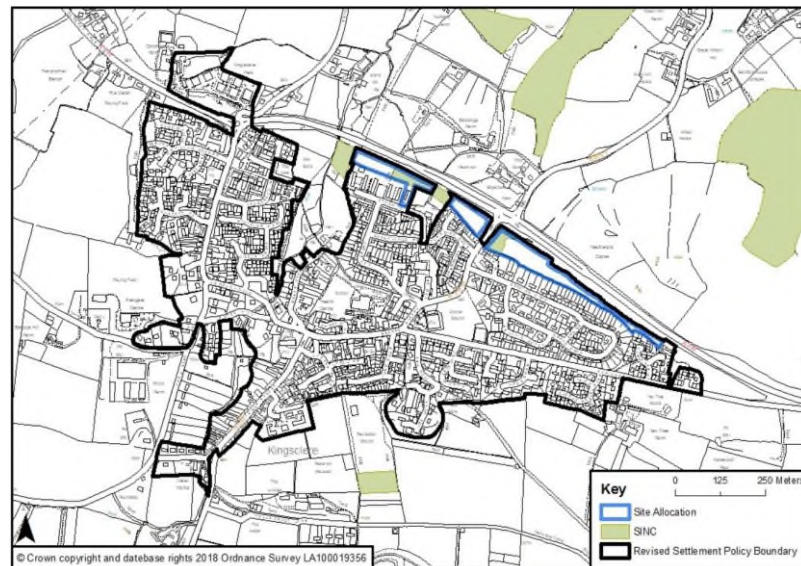


Ecchinswell Settlement Boundary – proposed additional northern satellite area



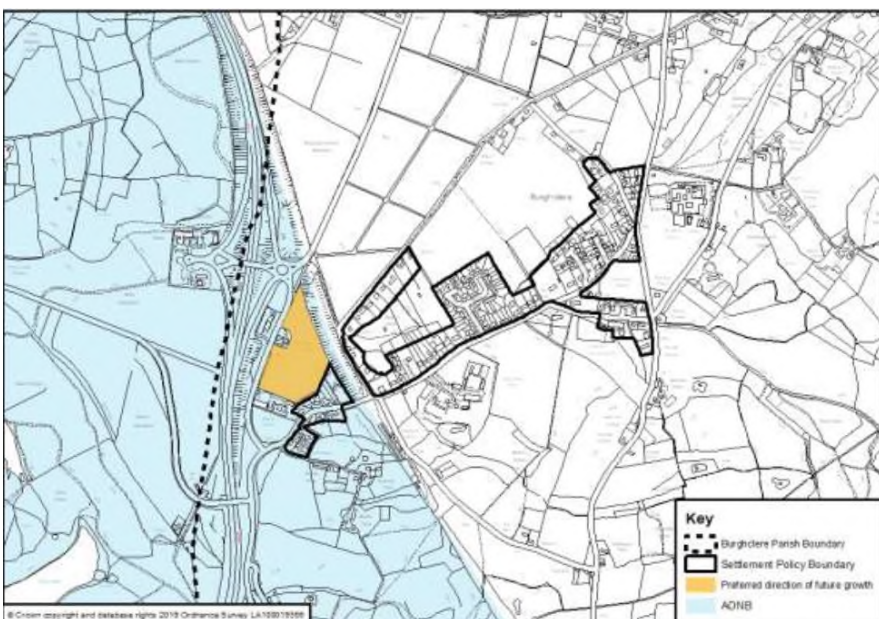


Settlement Boundaries in Neighbouring Parishes and overview of proposals for EG&BG

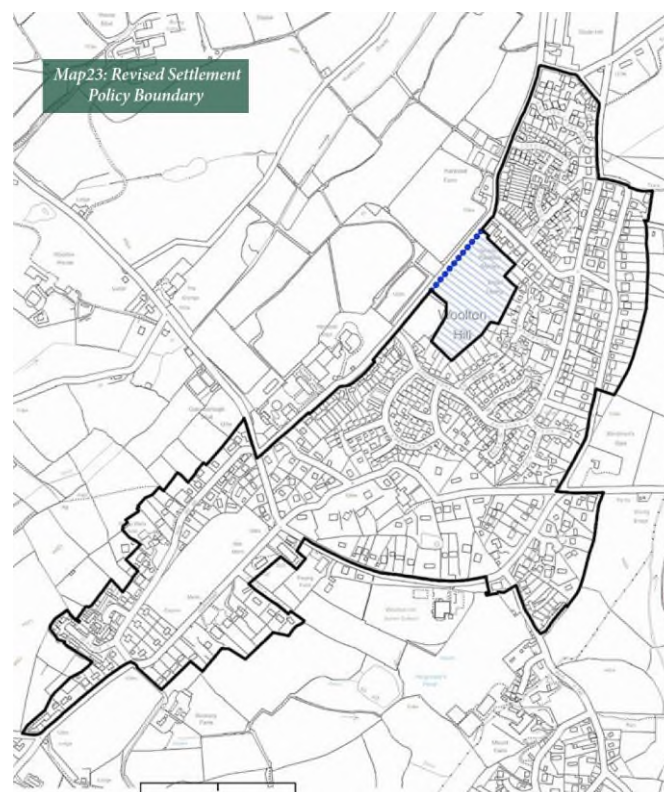


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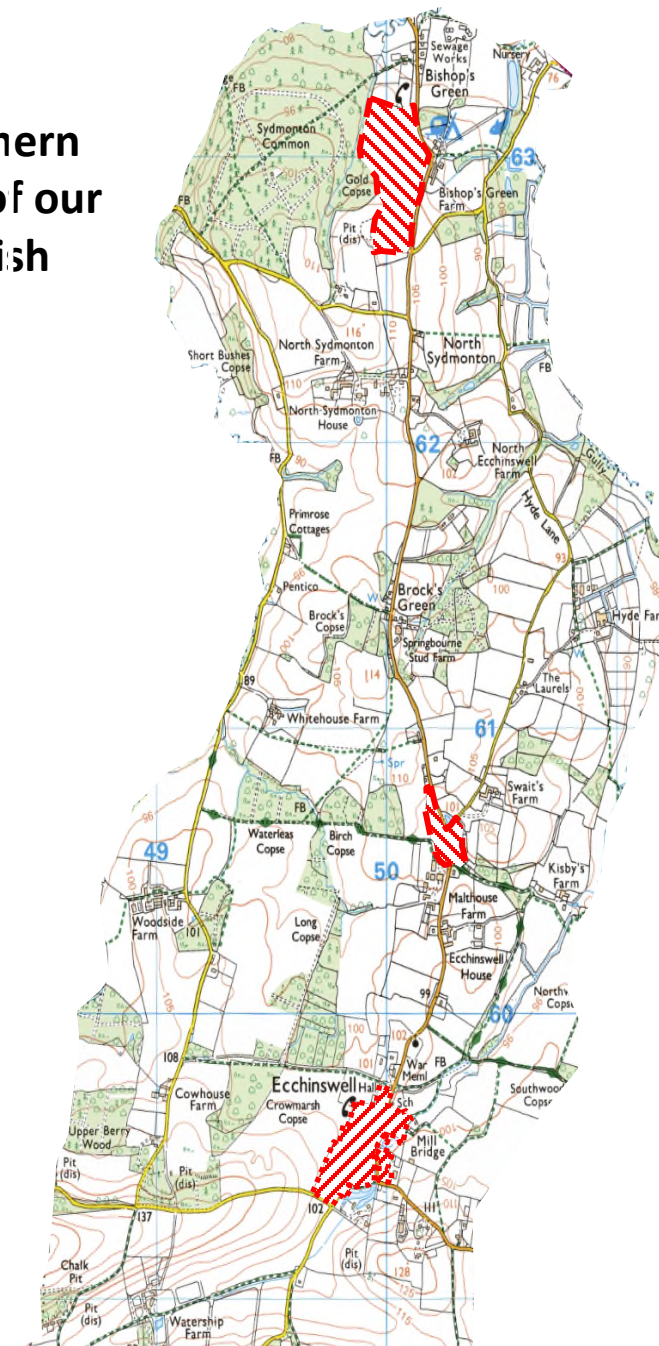
Burghclere



Woolton Hill



Northern third of our parish





Housing Policy: “Small sustainable settlements that are rural in character.”

“Only modest scale development in our small settlements will be supported. Furthermore such development must not only demonstrably improve the sustainability of the settlements but also maintain or enhance their rural character and the availability of Green Space.”

Please Complete Q3
on Feedback Form



“Small sustainable settlements that are rural in character.” What could it mean in practice?

Only small scale development especially of affordable homes with a rural feel that enable more people/families with strong connection to the parish to stay local.

Encourage the development not only of facilities that enable more local in-parish shopping, leisure, sporting, social activity but also for employment with premises and activity appropriately scaled to the rural environment.

Design codes that

- enhance the rural feel of the parish and ensure new building is in harmony with existing buildings, the conservation area and heritage assets.

- encourage low-carbon footprint buildings that anticipate future standards.

Development that

- reduces dependence on private cars. Encourage service providers (e.g. health, sports etc) to deliver in-parish with suitable (shared/community) premises

- supports greater level of home-working.

- supports the availability of renewable energy and the use of electric cars.

- enhances the rural feel and character of the parish notably the natural environment, green spaces and our valued landscape including the AONB bio-diversity/habitats.

Bishops Green is a settlement with a population of ~700 in a compact layout largely surrounded by private land. It should have accessible Green Space of ~22ha to meet the B&D BC standard for rural areas. Current space is far less so any new development must provide not only the target green space of 32m² per person but also significant extra green space to raise the total available to the settlement.

No dense large scale development that reduces sustainability by increased reliance on external facilities and services, adds to traffic movements and suburbanises the environment.



What extra housing is needed in ES&BG over next 15 years?

You told us that you wanted/expected to see **some but not a lot** of extra homes in **both** settlements that:

- a) support modest organic growth of our community,
- b) are affordable and/or suited to young families, the elderly, ...and...
- c) are in keeping with the rural environment.

The B&D BC social housing waiting list has up to ~20 people with connections to the parish (mainly with Bishops Green) looking for homes suited for one or two people.

The parish is basically two “Small Village” settlements of **limited sustainability**.

B&D BC policy is to allocate only a small target for extra homes to ES&BG from the Borough total. Larger more sustainable settlements (e.g. Kingsclere) are getting bigger targets.

The emerging B&D BC Local Plan Update currently looks like allocating a target of **~15** extra homes for Bishops Green. (But...this number may change)

Current **and** emerging B&D BC Policy **does not support** big development proposals.



Only limited extra housing will be supported in the ES&BG Neighbourhood Plan

Identified need for a small number of new homes to support modest local growth.

- Bishops Green ~15 homes plus extra accessible Green Space
- Ecchinswell 5 to 10 homes
- All affordable with options for young families, the elderly and less mobile

Only limited space available within proposed Settlement Boundaries...so...

- We need to identify one new site in each village adjacent to the Settlement Boundary
- Once developed, new site then absorbed into revised Settlement Boundary
- Call for Sites process has identified options for the Plan

Development within Settlement Boundaries will be supported provided rural character retained and design policies met

Outside Settlement Boundaries, Rural/AONB development policies apply. Any “Rural Exception” proposals need to deliver appropriate rural employment. Rural character of the parish will keep numbers low.

Please Complete Q4 on Feedback Form



Our housing allocation comes from Government targets and the B&D BC Local Plan Update (LPU)

Current UK total target: ~300,000 extra new homes per year



Current B&D BC allocated target: ~18,000 extra new homes for the LPU period (~880/yr)



B&D BC LPU distributes target between settlements based on sustainability



Bishops Green & Ecchinswell are Tier 4 settlements – lowest sustainability



Initial formula allocates 28 to Bishops Green & 9 to Ecchinswell **for the LPU period**



Extra sustainability factor results in **current** target of 15 for Bishops Green and 0 for Ecchinswell

BUT... numbers *not yet final* ... the LPU not due for 18-24 months ... our plan needs to be resilient



Policy detail for “unplanned” housing proposals.

Within the Settlement Boundaries, there is very limited space for new homes by in-fill or splitting of existing plots – proposals will be supported if they meet:

- Local and National Planning Policies
- Rural Character, Climate Change and Design policies in the ES&BG NP
- Policies applicable to the established Conservation Area for Ecchinswell.

Outside the Settlement Boundaries, Local and National Countryside policies will apply alongside the policies in this plan related to Environment & Nature Recovery and Valued Landscape and in the southern half of the parish, the provisions of the North Wessex AONB.

We will encourage any development under “Rural Exception” provisions to deliver some appropriate long-term rural employment. Numbers will be low to retain the rural character of the parish.

No dense large scale development that reduces sustainability by increased reliance on external facilities and services, adds significantly to traffic movements and suburbanises the environment.

Where will extra homes be located? “Call for Sites” establishes options for our Plan.



Settlement Boundaries are compact by design – very limited space available.

Extra homes need to be sited **adjacent** to the Settlement Boundary.

We are using structured “Call for Sites” process to identify and select specific sites in both Bishops Green and Ecchinswell.

Once developed the new site is absorbed into revised settlement boundary.

This process only happens as part of a Neighbourhood Plan



Selection of Sites – how is this being done?

“Call for Sites” – invitation to all landowners with potential sites adjacent to Settlement Boundaries and wider publicity that the process was underway.



“Long List” – offers received for land in suitable locations and “available” for development



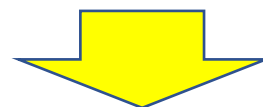
Selection of first “Short-List” based on sizing/layout appropriate for the number of homes



Candidates then reviewed for potential integration with existing settlements, delivery of Green Space, availability of safe access



Short list of 9 sites for **TODAY’S** Community Comments and formal Sustainability Assessment

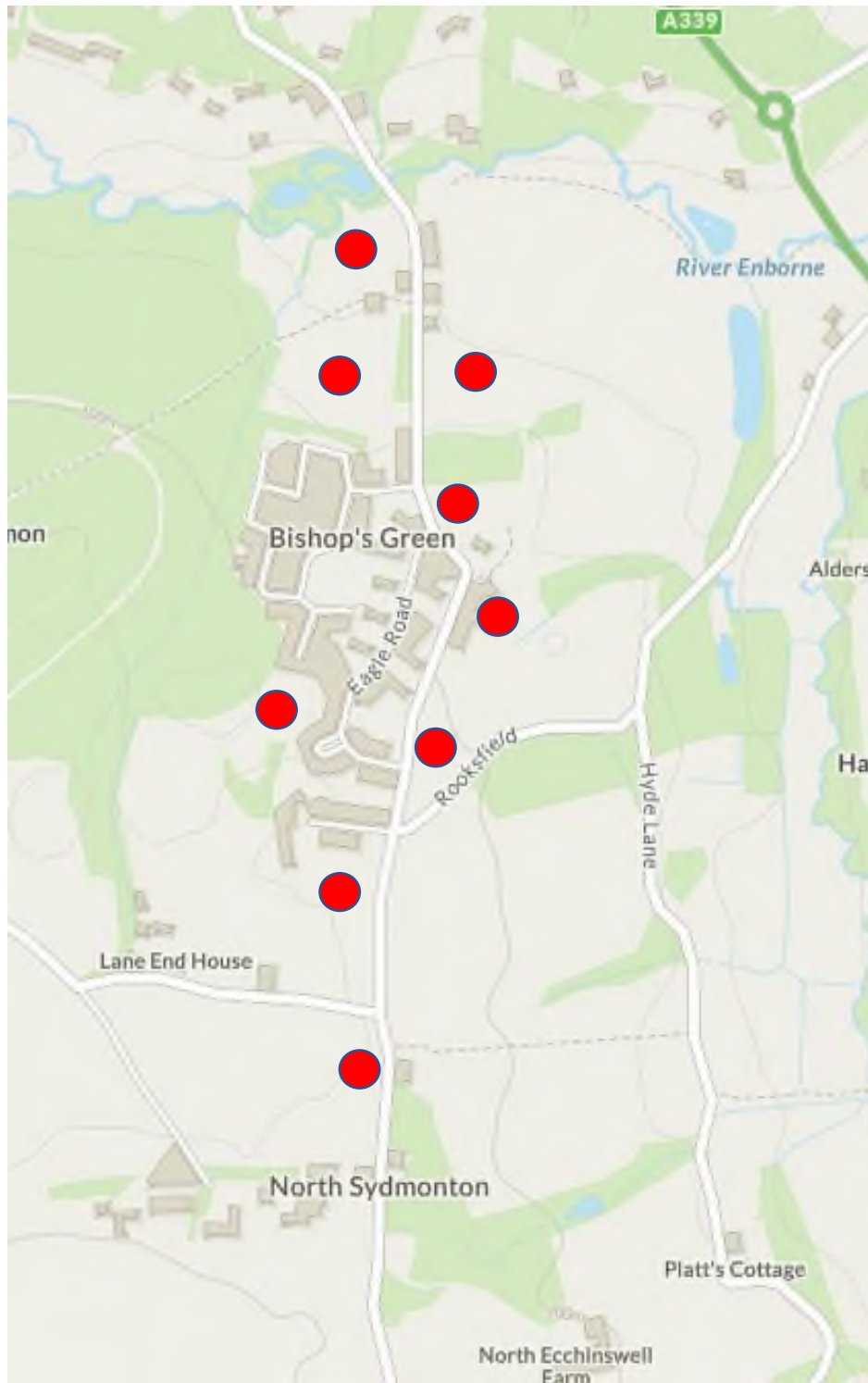


Final Site Selection for our Neighbourhood Plan

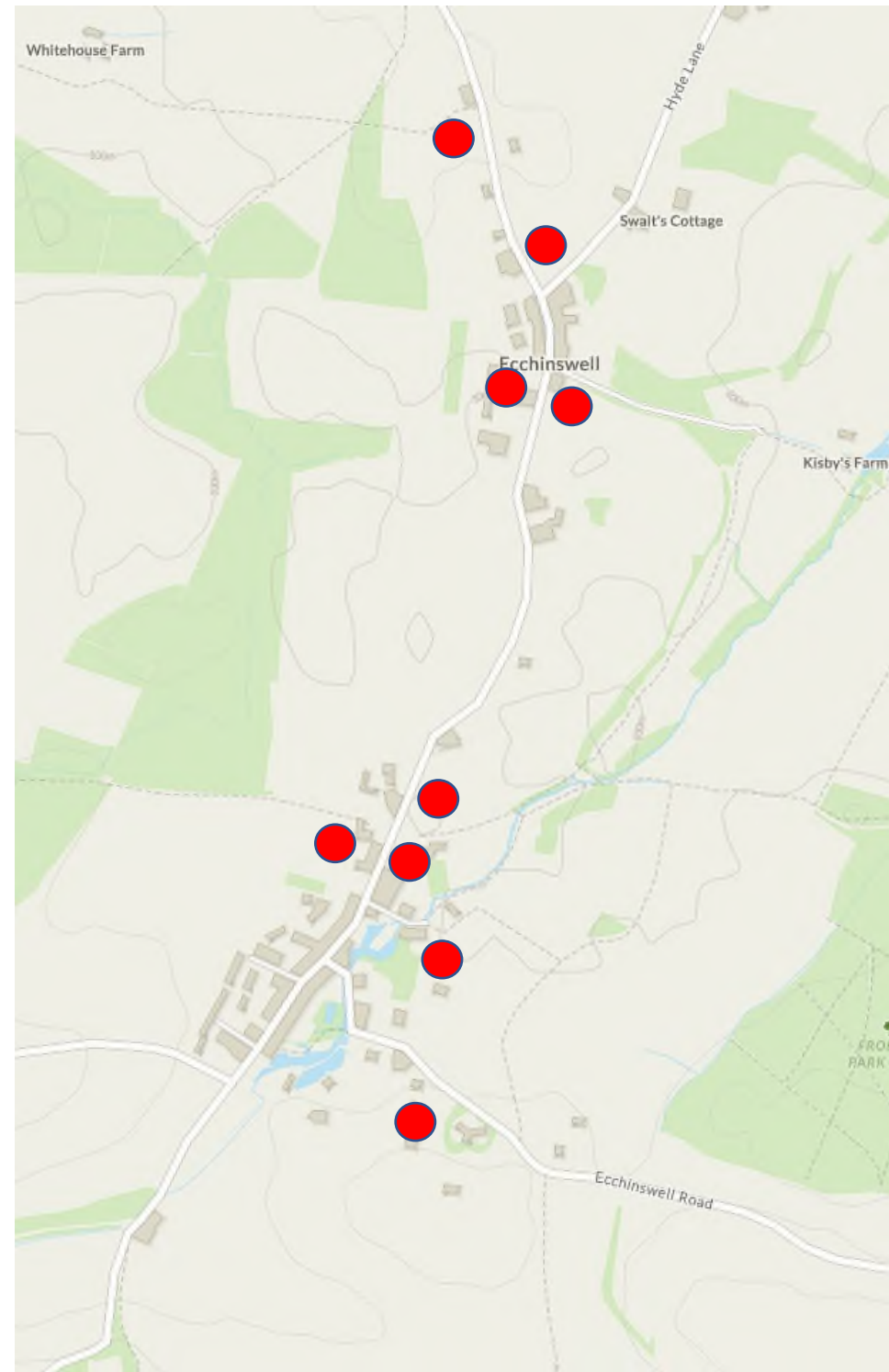


18 locations were initially identified or offered as potential options in “Call for Sites”

Bishops Green



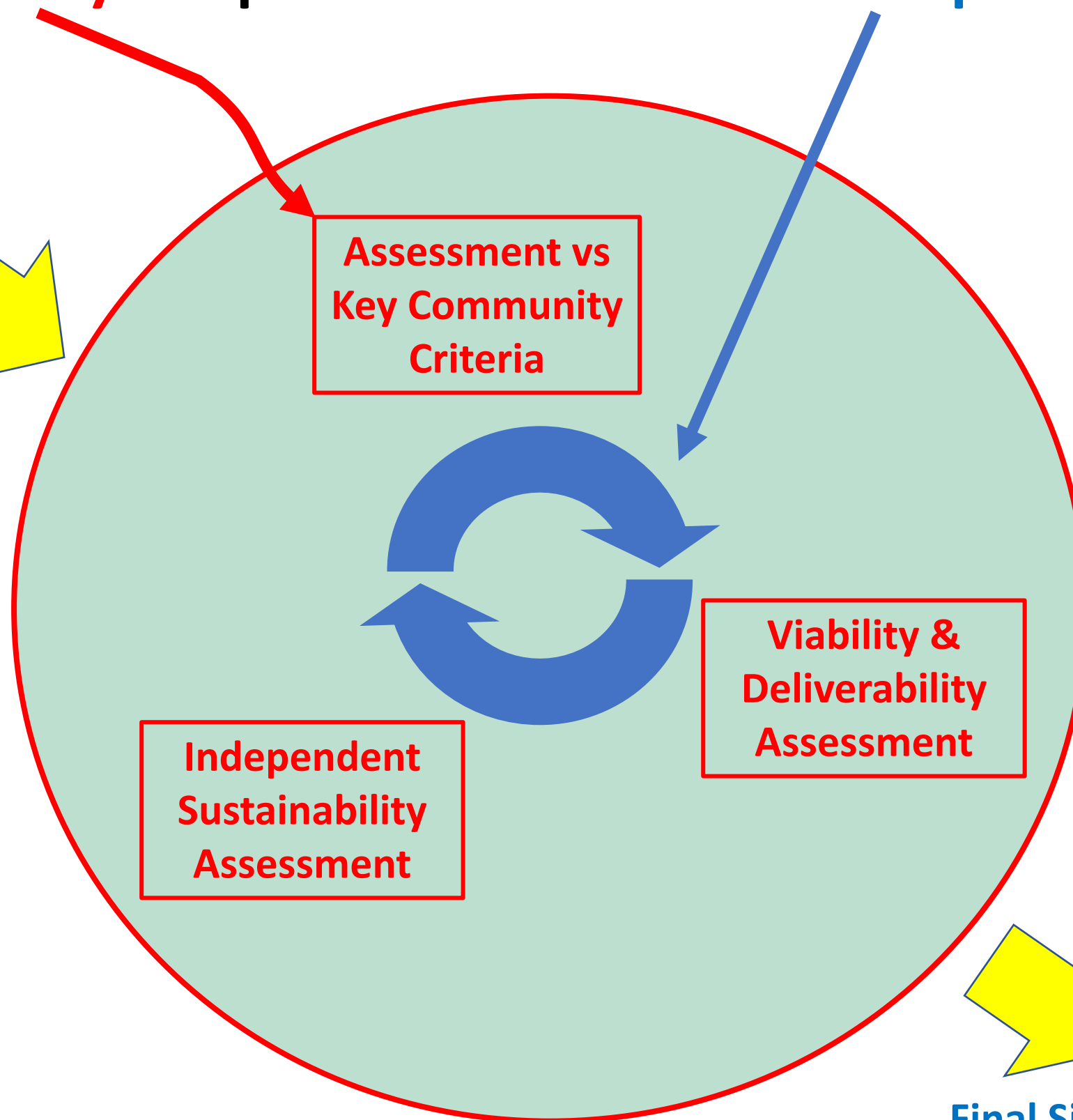
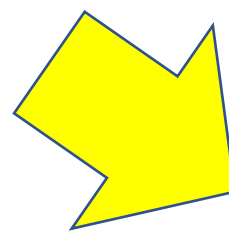
Ecchinswell





Your inputs today are part of the final selection process

Short list of 9 sites meeting basic requirements from Call for Sites



Final Site Selection for our Neighbourhood Plan



Key community criteria proposed for site selection

A Low Environmental Impact

- Minimum impact on rural landscape
- No damage to important areas/species
- Includes buffers to sensitive areas
- Can deliver net bio-diversity gain

B Well Integrated with Existing Settlement

- Close to Community facilities
- Safe foot access – not in/across busy road
- Close to bus stop (Bishops Green)

C Safe Access to Site

- Direct access to “good” road
- Room for safe junction with good sight-lines
- Enough space for larger deliveries

D Maintains Strong Settlement Boundary

- Does not cross “hard” boundary
- Does not create exploitable gaps
- Does not create “ribbon” effect

E Ready Access to Green Space

- Provides sufficient/extra Green Space
and/or
- Ready access to existing Green space

Please Complete Q5 on
Feedback Form



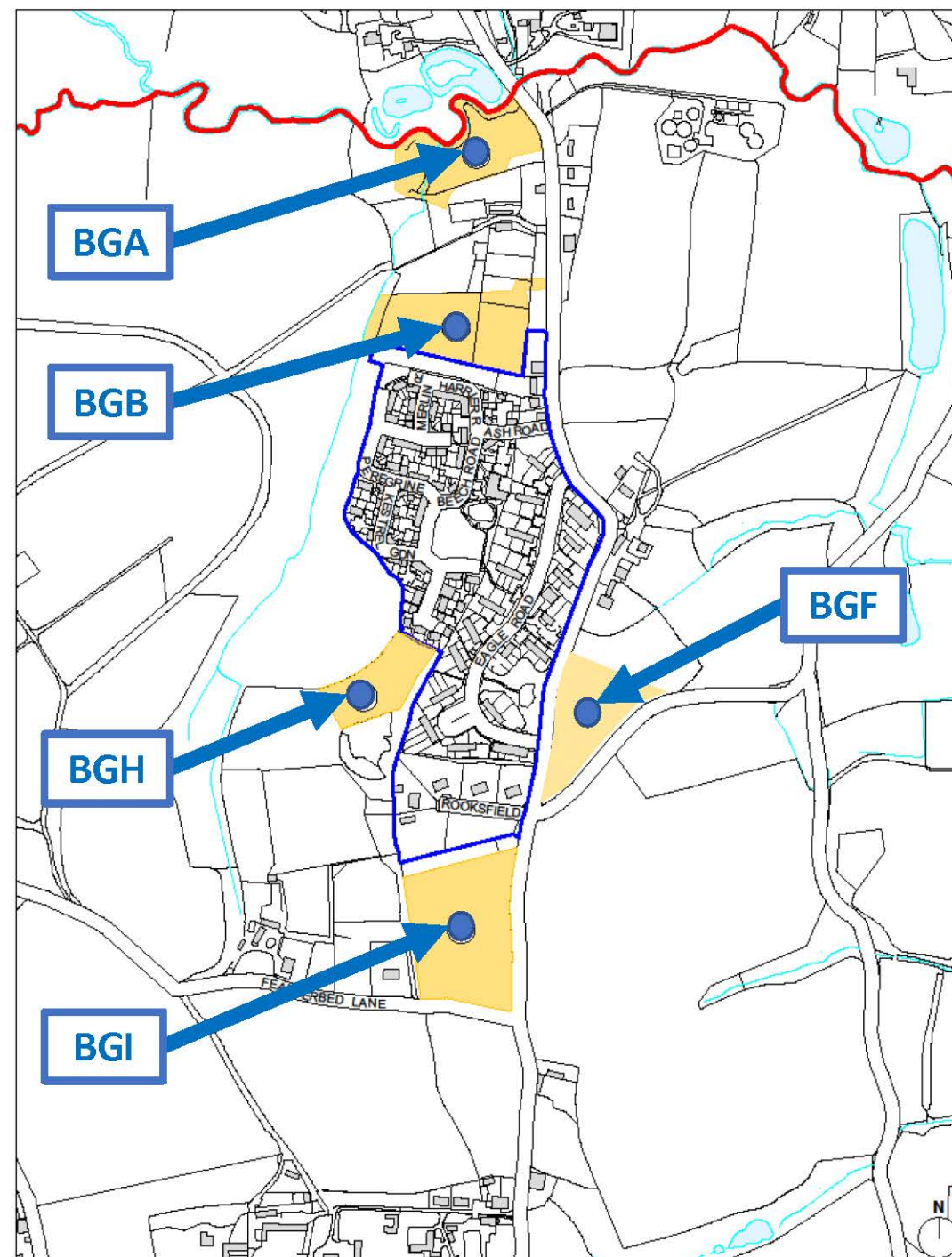
For Bishops Green there are 5 shortlisted sites.

Settlement Boundary —

Each site can deliver the targeted 15 homes.

Most offer extra Green Space.

Details on next poster.



Reminder: Community Selection Criteria

A Low Environmental Impact

B Well Integrated with existing settlements

C Safe Access to Site

D Maintains Strong Settlement Boundary

E Ready Access to Green Space

Please Complete Q6 on Feedback Form

Short list of 5 potential sites for ~15 extra homes in Bishops Green.

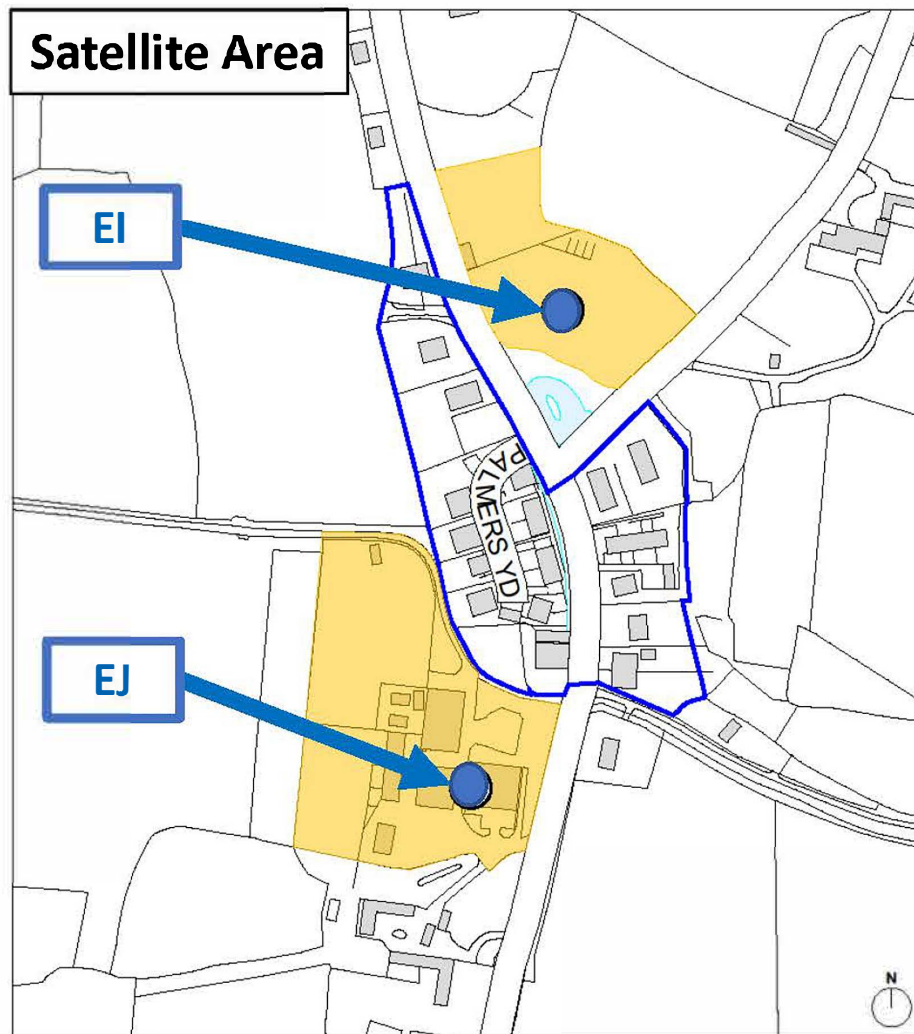
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Site Offered		Description	Pros	Cons
BGA	~1.5 ha on land behind Bishops Green Cottage	Part of a 2.6ha semi-brownfield site promoted to B&D BC for development of up to 72 homes. Another part already has permission for 4 houses and a new road access.	Offer includes ~0.5ha of Green Space.	Poor integration with rest of Bishops Green. Not joined to Settlement Boundary so creates exploitable gap (site BGB). Future for retained part of site?
BGB	~1.4ha on land north of Harrier Road (Woodside View)	Part of a 2.3ha semi-brownfield site promoted to B&DBC for development of up to 70 homes. Planning application for 50 homes in a dense/urban layout is underway.	Offer includes ~0.8ha of Green Space. Location offers good integration with rest of Bishops Green.	Current planning application conflicts with our plan. Future for retained part of site?
BGF	~1ha on land south of Bishops Green Farmhouse	Part of a 1.8ha greenfield site promoted to B&D BC for development of up to 30 homes. Land currently used as pasture.	Offer includes ~0.3ha of Green Space. Subject to a road crossing, reasonable integration with rest of Bishops Green.	Breaches Eastern boundary of the Settlement (main road) setting precedent for further extension onto farmland there. Future for retained part of site? Access to rest of BG requires road crossing.
BGH	~0.6ha on land west of Eagle Road	Currently used as pasture. For development, access requires collaboration with Sovereign Housing.	Reasonable integration with rest of Bishops Green via Eagle Road.	Difficult access from Eagle Road Size may limit extra Green Space.
BGI	Land south of Rooksfield	Currently used as pasture. Whole field (~2ha) offered for 15 homes plus accessible Green Space.	Owner offering significant extra Green Space.	Poor integration potential and limited pedestrian access to rest of Bishops Green.



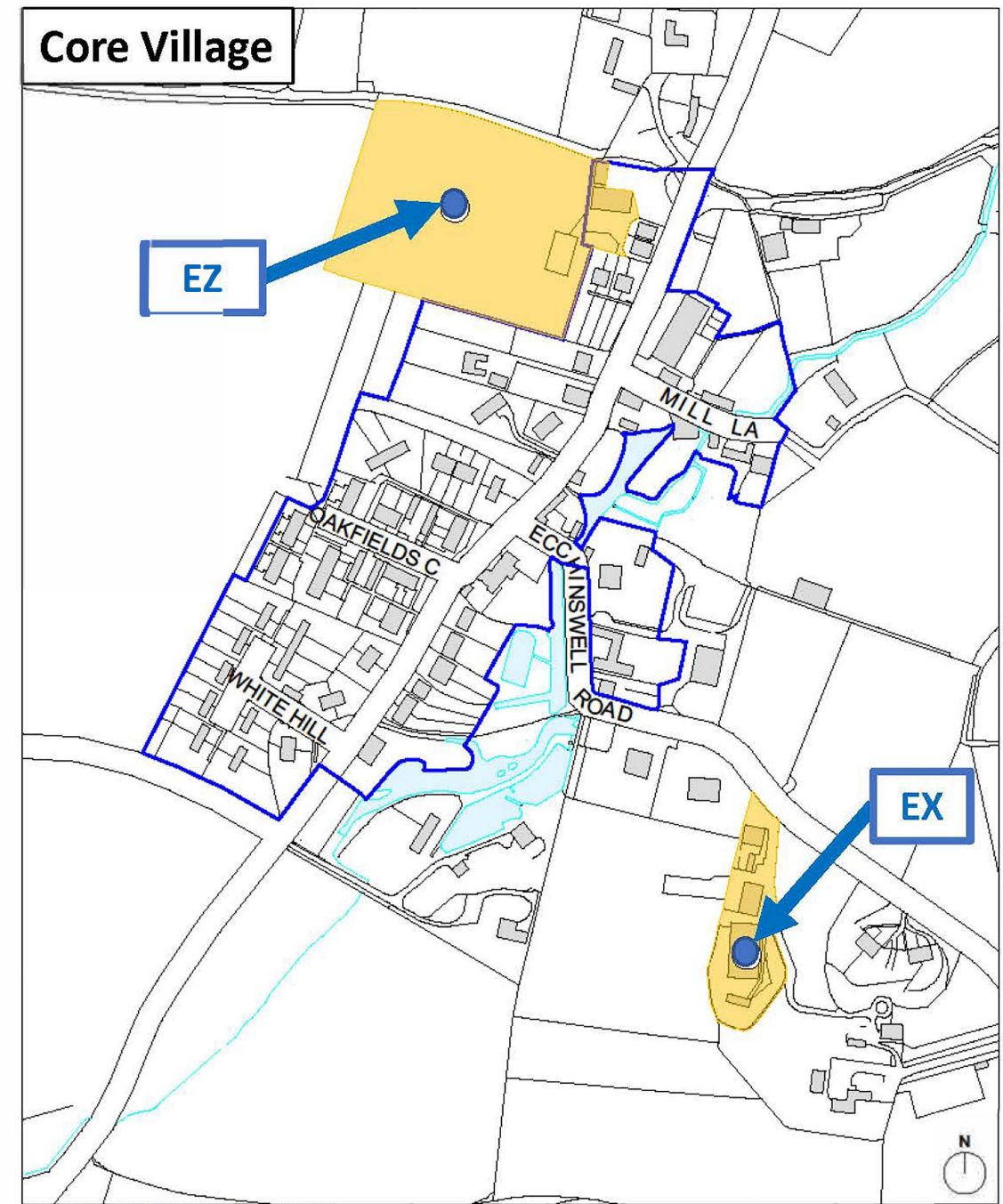
For Ecchinswell, there are 3 shortlisted sites (EI/EJ/EX) **and/or** a proposal for a community-led development (EZ)



The community is only looking for a small number of extra homes in Ecchinswell.

First we are asking you to consider sites EI/EJ/EX; details of these are on next poster.

We then want your reaction to the idea of a community-led development (EZ) laid out on the next table.



Settlement Boundary ———

Please Complete Q7 on Feedback Form

Short list of 3 potential sites for a small number of extra homes in Ecchinswell



Site Offered		Description	Pros	Cons
EI	Field of ~2ha on land north of the Pond.	Field historically used as pasture.	Potential Green Space.	Remote from and has no pavement to main village centre. Large site vs modest number of homes anticipated in the plan.
EJ	Malthouse Farm buildings and surrounding land.	Full area (~4ha) of farm buildings and surrounding land offered for development with expectation that project can fund relocation of equipment/activity.	Potential Green Space. Brownfield site.	Relatively remote from and has no pavement to main village centre. Very large site vs modest number of homes anticipated in the plan.
EX	Land containing Clere Livery Stables.	A small brownfield site in an old quarry with several old, partially derelict buildings.	Opportunity for ~5 extra homes in a compact space replacing buildings in poor state of repair.	Safety of pedestrian access to rest of village. Located just inside AONB What green space available?

Reminder:
Community
Selection
Criteria

A Low Environmental
Impact

B Well Integrated with
existing settlements

C Safe Access to Site

D Maintains Strong
Settlement Boundary

E Ready Access to Green
Space

Please Complete Q7 on Feedback Form

Proposal for a Community-led Development Project to create 21st Century Village Hub in Ecchinswell



Concept is the creation of a...

“Village Hall and Community Hub ... A modern multi-functional centre for Ecchinswell”

Based around the existing Village Hall & Playing Field

Maintains existing multi-purpose hall for village events, regular & one-off hirings and an extensive recreation/sports area.

Includes +/- 5 affordable homes prioritised for people with local connections plus **new/upgraded** facilities that could enable a broader range of activities desired by local residents... *for example*

- community shop with café etc
- opportunity for pop-up markets etc
- office/meeting space, premises for small businesses
- space for medical/other care service delivery
- new sports/recreation options desired by local residents (e.g. tennis, 5-a-side football....)
- upgraded play area, social space for teens
- shared “work near home” facilities
- electric car charging points for public use taking power from PV panels on Village Hall/other roof space

Modern, efficient, low-carbon buildings with ground source heat pumps, high grade insulation etc



“Ecchinswell Village Hall and Community Hub”

Outline concept to gauge community interest

Many of the needs/suggestions came from residents at September meetings.

Concept based around the existing Village Hall/Recreation Field which is owned by Parish Council for use by the Community and operated by a charity (“Ecchinswell Village Hall and Recreation Ground”).

Idea tested with Parish Council and Chair of the charity who are supportive.

If supported by the community, basic concept can be included in the Neighbourhood Plan to be taken forward as “Neighbourhood Development Order”.

Turning **concept into reality** requires formation of a **dedicated Community Team**.

Complex project requiring sustained community support and leadership.

What do you think?

Please Complete Q8 on Feedback Form



We will have Design Standards (Codes) suited to our rural Parish

- New housing development ready for a zero carbon future.
- Upgrades/extensions to existing homes (of a scale to need planning permission) to be fitter for a zero carbon future.
- New developments in keeping with rural setting and existing housing – specific codes for Bishops Green & Ecchinswell.
- Retain/enhance heritage assets – especially the Conservation Area and listed/significant buildings.
- Facilities for electric cars in homes, settlements & public spaces
- “Ultra-fast” internet access required for all new developments and targeted for all existing homes/facilities in the parish.
- Develop renewable energy opportunities in keeping with rural environment

Please Complete Q9 on
Feedback Form



Why do we need Design Standards?

- We live in a rural environment that we value highly – new developments should be in keeping. We already have some inappropriately urban buildings and more have been proposed by developers.
- A large part of Ecchinswell is a Conservation Area – we want to protect this heritage.
- New buildings must anticipate need for a low-carbon future and not require near term retro-fit.

Overall, we want our parish to evolve as a great location for mid-21st Century life with all the right connections and facilities while maintaining our rural and natural heritage.



We live in a rural parish – we value it – BUT – do we do enough to protect it?

- Our Landscapes, Habitats & Species – did you know we live in such a rich environment?
- Our Key Views:
 - How many of these have you visited?
 - Which is your favourite?
- Green Spaces & Rights of Way:
 - Do we have enough?
 - How could they get more use?

Please Complete Q10 on
Feedback Form



**We live in a rural parish – we value it – BUT –
do we do enough to protect it?**

*Mike Norman's poster 1 – Environment – What do
we have?*



**We live in a rural parish – we value it – BUT –
do we do enough to protect it?**

*Mike Norman's poster 2 – Environment – what can
we do?*



We live in a rural parish – we value it – BUT – do we do enough to protect it?

Mike Norman's poster 3 – Views – what we have



Traffic & Transport in our Rural Settlements

Objective	What could be delivered
<p>“Slow the pace” of traffic on our narrow roads.</p>	<p>Change the “drivers view of the road” to slow traffic without damaging “sense of place”.</p> <p>Focus on perceived narrowing of roads and enhanced visibility of resident activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 30 mph limit & “Slow the Pace” measures through Bishops Green ➤ “Slow the Pace” projects in Ecchinswell & Sydmonton ➤ All repair and improvement of roads must include “slow the pace” action ➤ All developments must include “slow the pace” at point of access and on roads within. <p>Back Lane, Featherbed Lane & Hyde Lane to be designated “Quiet Lanes”</p>
<p>Minimise transit traffic especially HGVs</p>	<p>Work with HCC to eliminate/minimise HGV traffic in inappropriate locations</p> <p>Ensure signage preventing transit traffic correctly sited and highly visible</p> <p>Ensure roads are suitable for local agricultural activity</p> <p>Any new rural business activity must be scaled and appropriate to the road network</p>
<p>Safer footpaths & cycle ways for key routes.</p>	<p>New developments should have safe foot access to settlement facilities</p> <p>“Slow the Pace” & “Quiet Lane” projects to focus on pedestrians/cyclists/riders</p>
<p>Improving access to Public Rights of Way</p>	<p>Work with Landowners to optimise year-round accessibility</p>
<p>Parking capacity matches demand</p>	<p>Design Standards to set minimum parking capacity for all developments</p> <p>Work with Sovereign/Vivid to optimise capacity in Bishops Green/Ecchinswell</p>

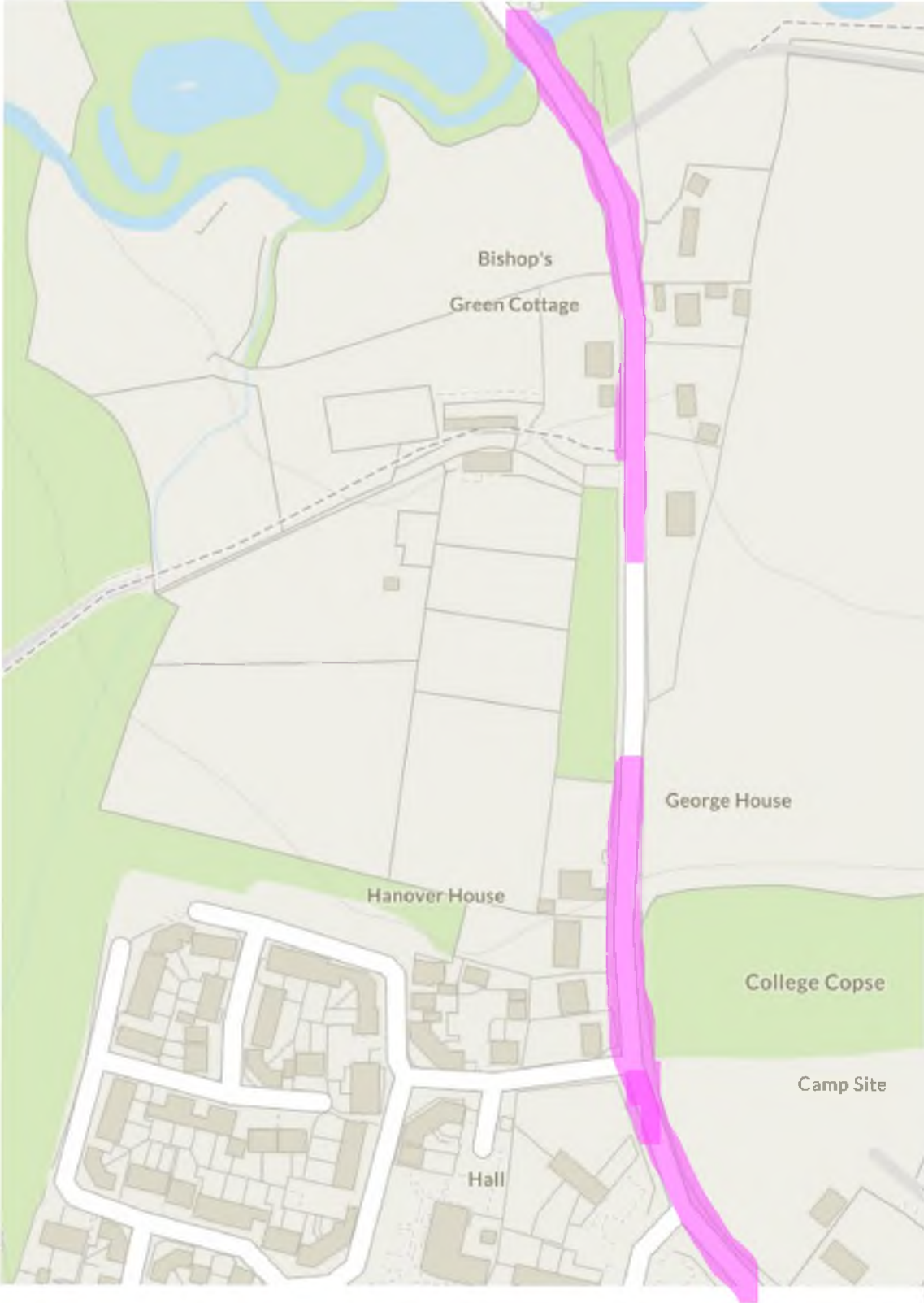
Please Complete Q11 on Feedback Form



Examples of “Slow the Pace” action – we need ideas appropriate to each of our locations

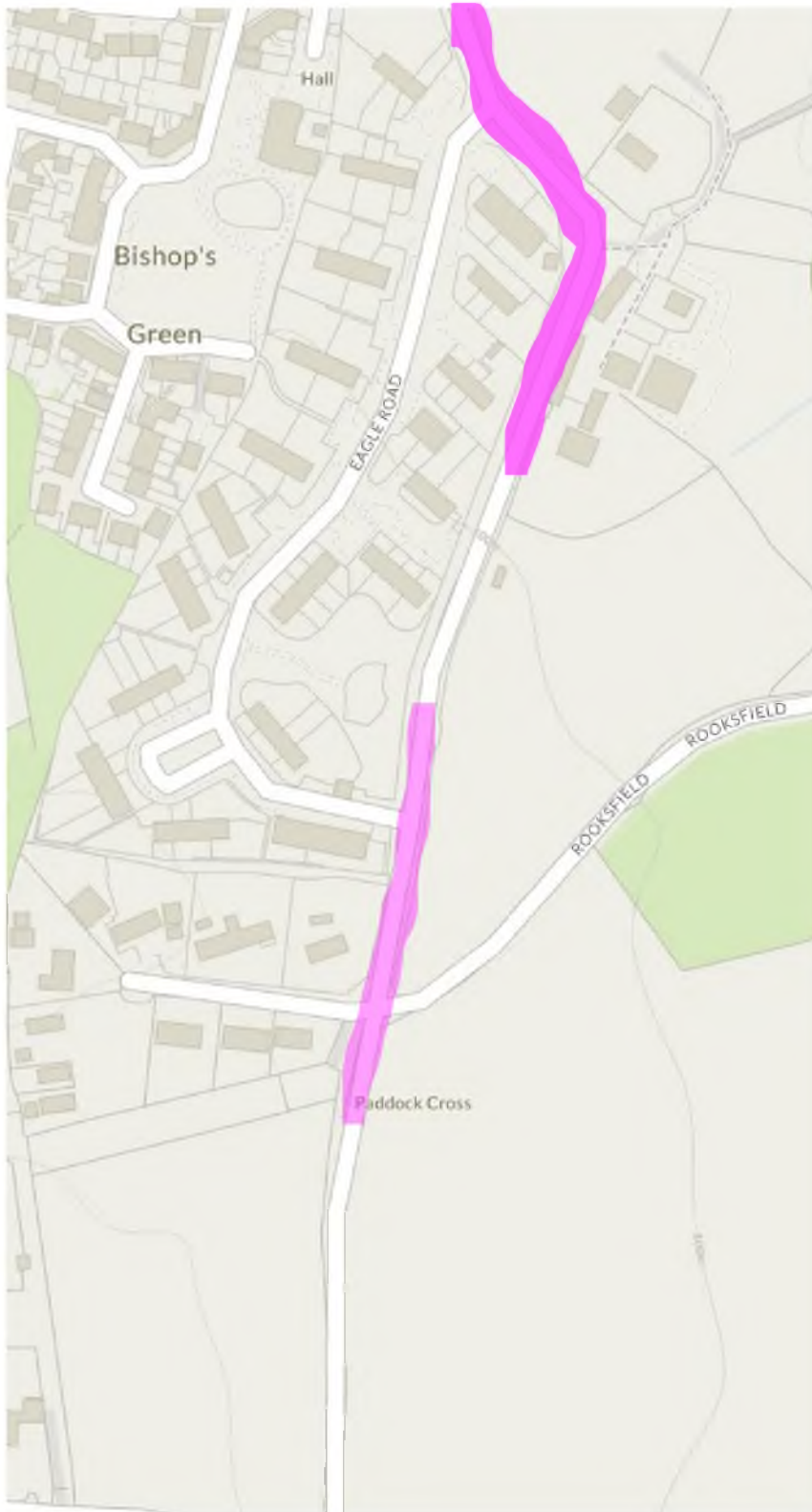


Proposed "Slow the Pace"

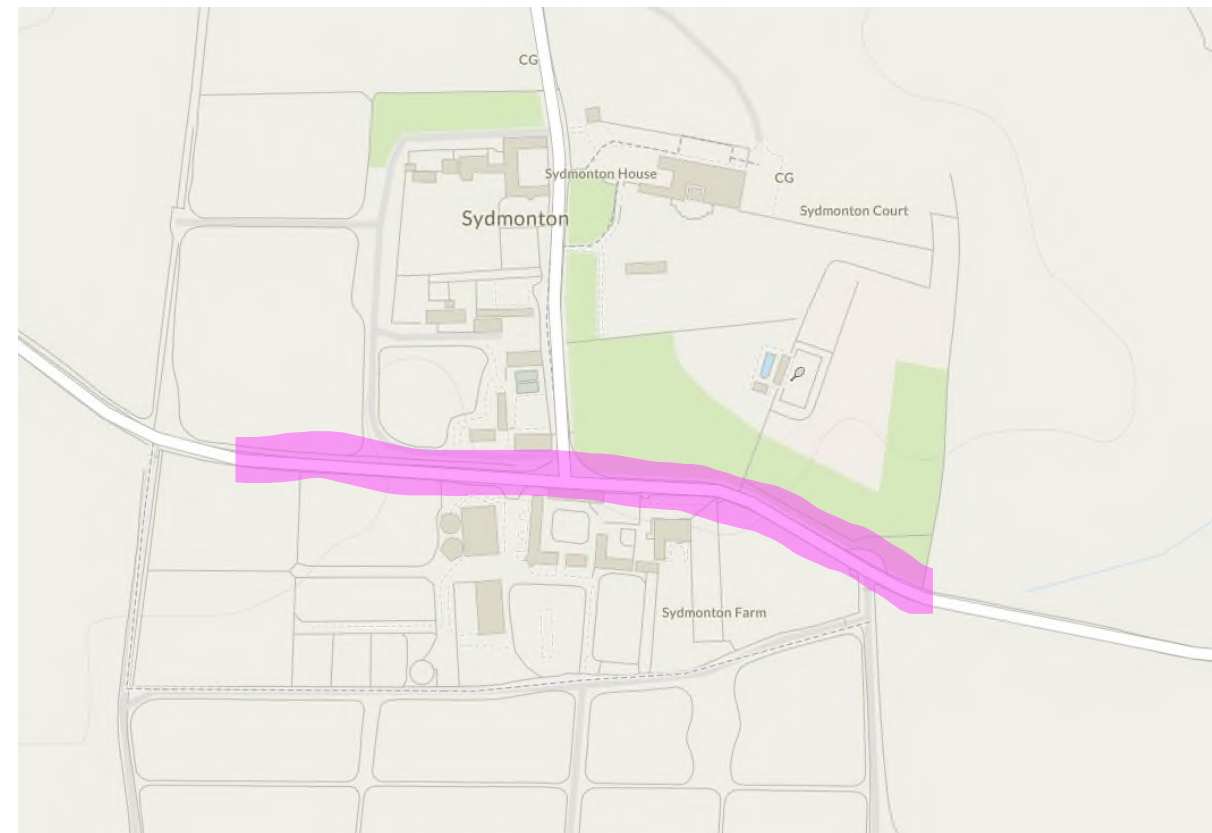




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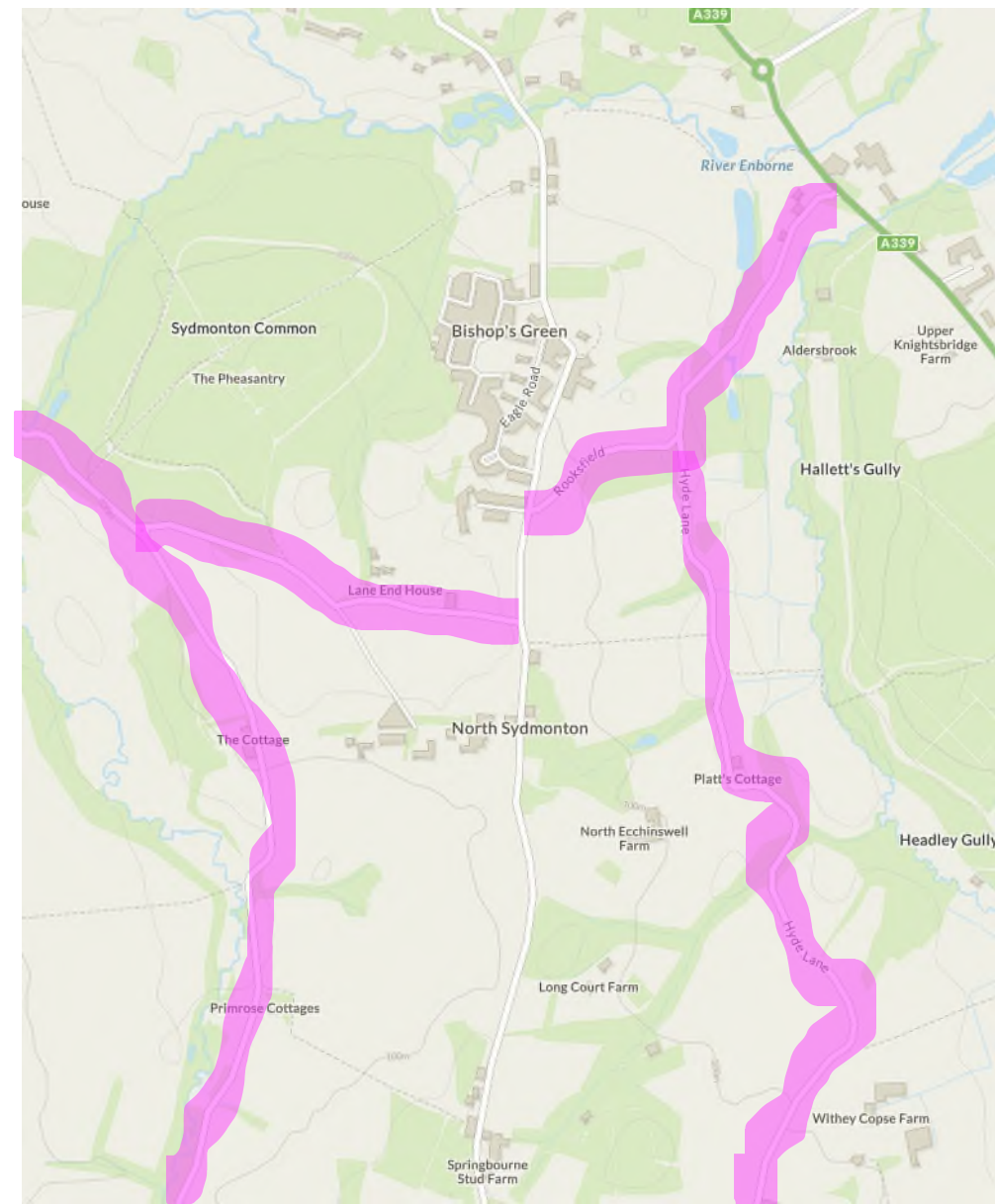


Proposed “Slow the Pace” areas – Ecchinswell and Sydmonton





Quiet Lanes – examples & proposals for the north part of the Parish

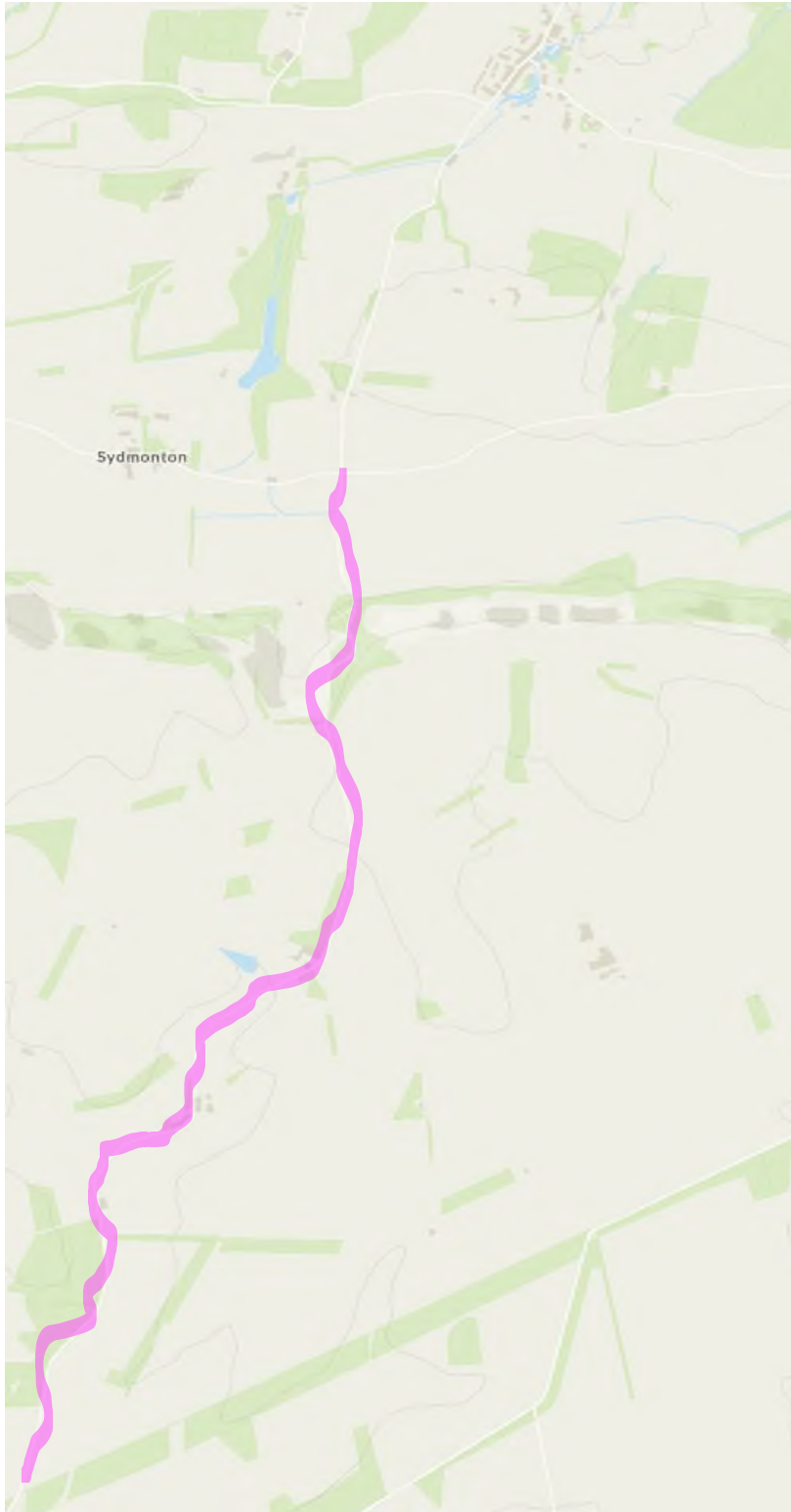
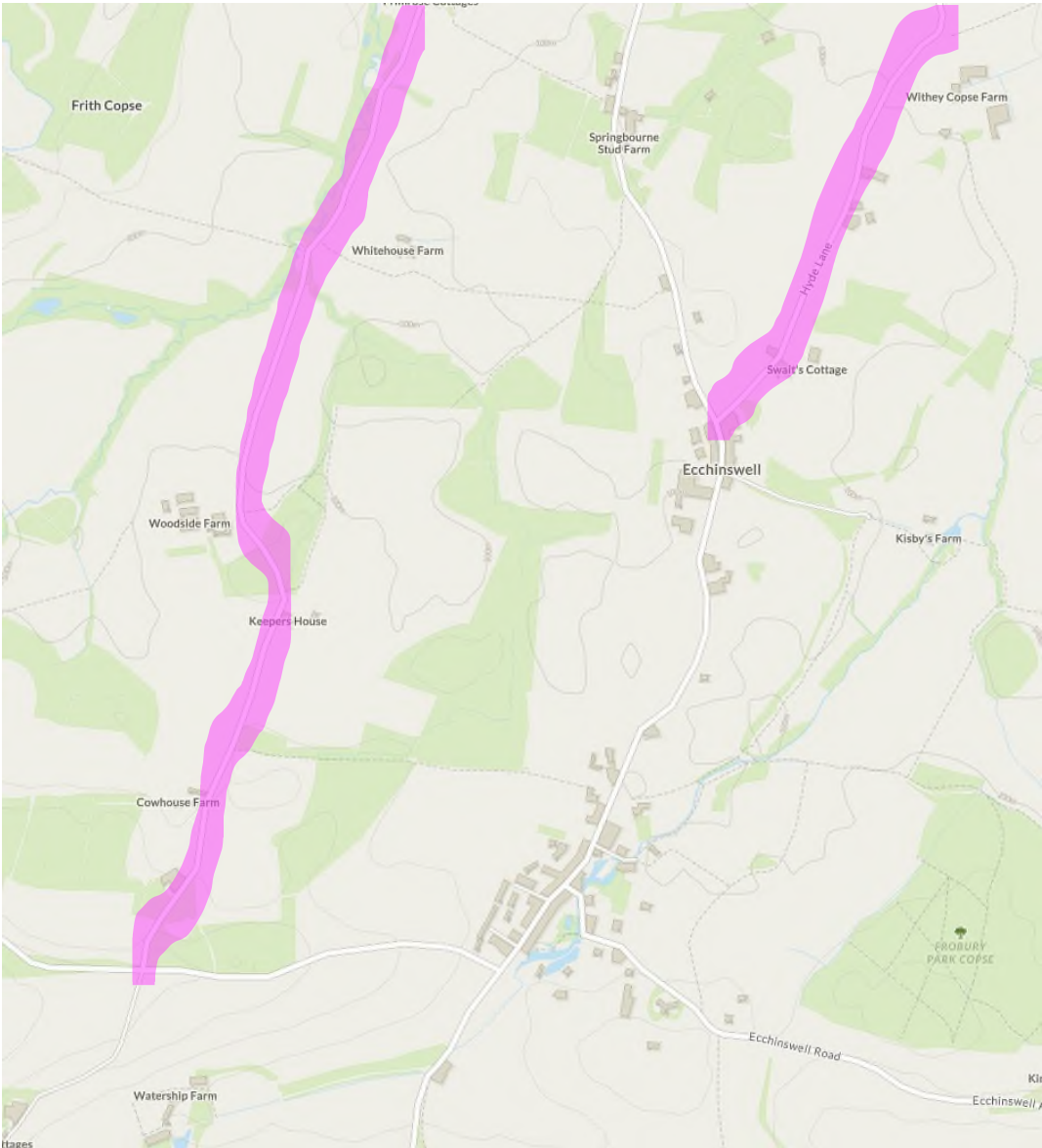


Example from Bucklebury





Quiet Lanes proposed for centre and south parts of the Parish





Re-cap and close – in your view, are we on the right track?

<p>What we value:</p>	<p>Our rural setting, Access to green spaces, Our heritage assets.</p>	<p><i>This is the heart of the proposed Plan.</i></p> <p><i>You have now seen more detail of what this could mean for the parish.</i></p> <p><i>It is all based on what you have told us over the last year.</i></p> <p><i>What do you think?</i></p>
<p>What we want to do</p>	<p>Protect our rural environment & heritage assets, Improve sustainability, Improve biodiversity.</p>	
<p>Any more homes should be:</p>	<p>In limited numbers based on modest local growth, Affordable, In keeping with rural setting, Providing more options for young families, the elderly & less mobile.</p>	

Please Complete Q12 on Feedback Form

Ecchinswell, Sydmonton & Bishops Green Parish.

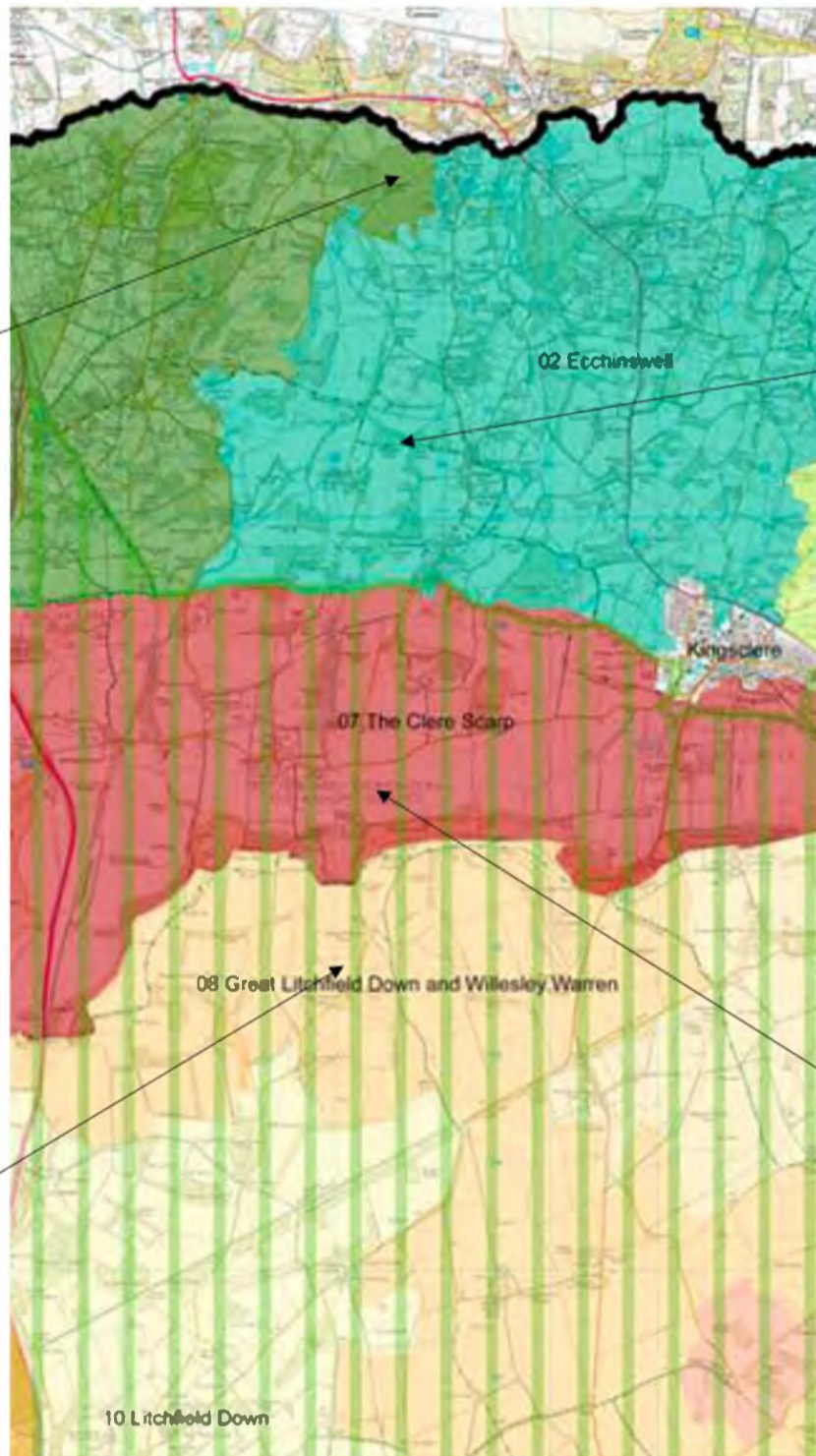
Environment – what have we got?

Landscapes:

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council has defined areas with distinctive landscape characters that should be preserved. Five of these fall into our parish.



Landscape Character Area 01 - Highclere & Burghclere:
Poor gravelly soils, heathland, woodland, e.g. Sydmonton Common



Landscape Character Area 02 – Ecchinswell:
Heavy clay soils, mixture of pasture, arable and woodland, notably oak/hazel coppice e.g. Birch Copse



Landscape Character Area 08 – Great Lichfield & Willesley Down: Open landscape, arable farming with scattered copses e.g. Ashley Warren. LCA 10 – Litchfield Down is similar.



Landscape Character Area 07 – The Clere Scarp: Steep chalk slopes with pasture for sheep or planted with Beech. Also the greensand ridge of Nuthanger Hill with mixed farming

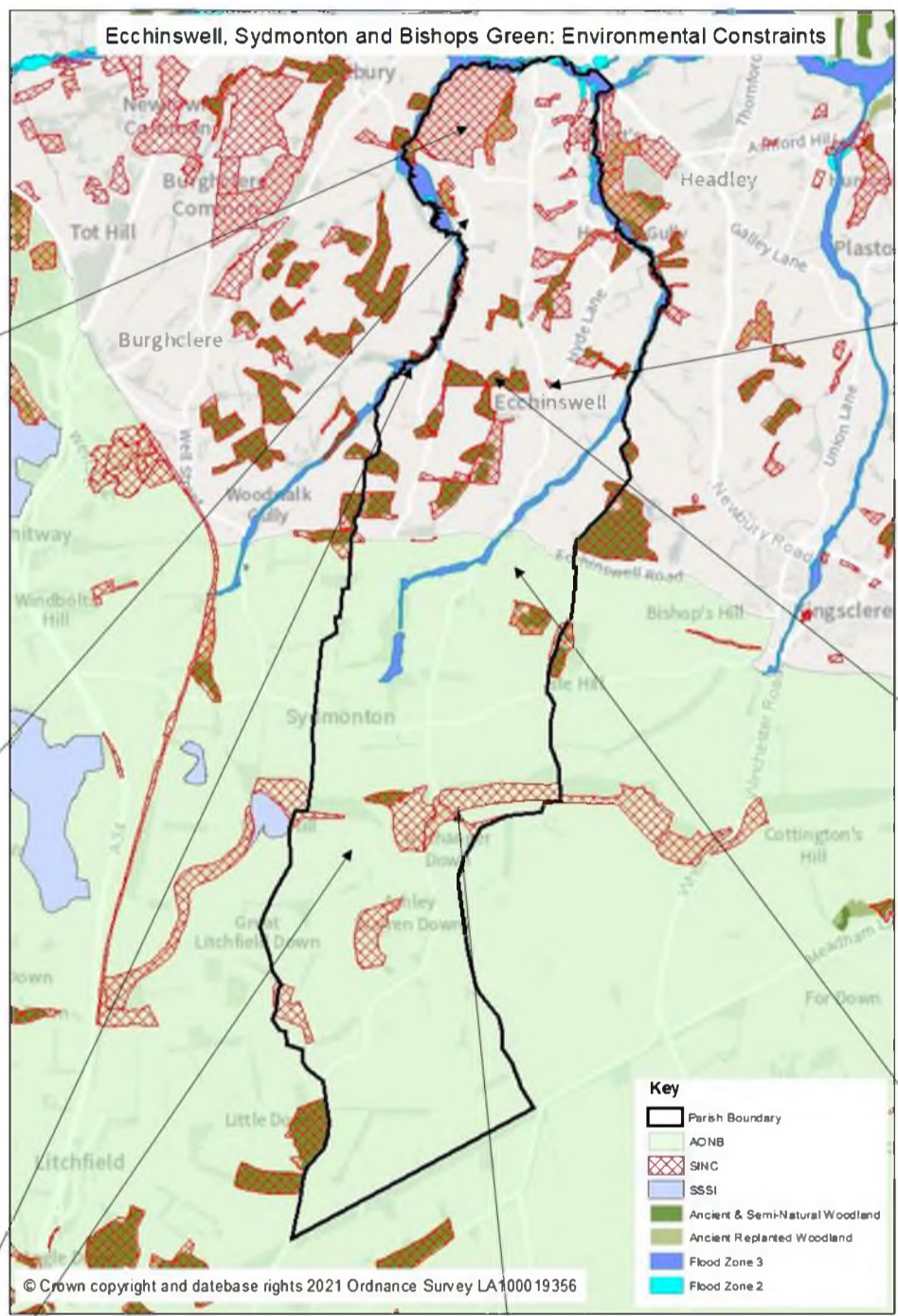


Habitats:

The landscapes of ES & BG Parish support a diverse range of habitat types, for instance :-



Conifer Plantations



Ponds



Road Verges



Coppiced Deciduous Woodland



Streams & Alder Woodland



Grazed Farmland



Arable Farmland



Chalk Downland

Species:

Lots of different types of wildlife can be found around our parish. Here are some examples:

Wildflowers



Meadow Saxifrage



Nettle-leaved Bellflower



Yellow Archangel



Grisette

Fungi



Boletus calopus

Mammals



Brown Hare



Roe Deer



Common Darter

Dragonflies



Broad-bodied Chaser



Merveille du Jour

Moths



Privet Hawk Moth

Birds



Skylark



Goldfinch &
Lesser Redpoll



Newts



Grass Snake

Reptiles & Amphibians



Comma



Painted Lady

Butterflies



Tawny Mining Bee

Bees



Red Admiral

Ecchinswell, Sydmonton & Bishops Green Parish.

Environment – what can we do?

Local Green Spaces:

Designating an area as a Local Green Space (LGS) allows communities to identify and protect areas of particular importance to them. LGSs are chosen according to a number of criteria: e.g. not already offered protection at a national or local level, not subject to existing planning consent, close to local communities and of demonstrable local significance (historic, natural, recreational, tranquil/contemplative).

A number of areas around the parish have been identified as potential Local Green Spaces.

Some are places where nature can thrive, others are “quiet” places for reflection while others are amenities for more active pursuits. For all, there is the potential to do more to accommodate nature, and so could be part of a Nature Recovery Plan for ES & BG Parish.

Bishops Green

Harrier Road Open Space



Eagle Road Recreation Area



Beech Road Recreation Area



- J.** Eagle Road Recreation Area
- K.** Beech road Recreation Area
- L.** Harrier Road Open Space

Ecchinswell

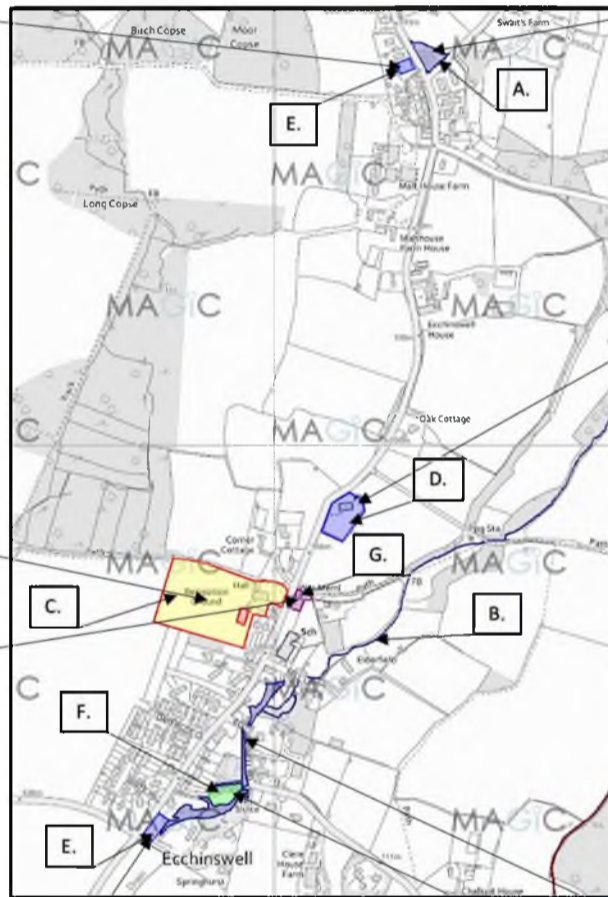
“Methodist” Churchyard



Ecchinswell Pond



Ecchinswell Recreation Ground



St Lawrence Churchyard



- A. Ecchinswell Pond
- B. Ecchinswell Stream
- C. Recreation Ground
- D. Current Churchyard
- E. Old Churchyards
- F. Digweeds
- G. War Memorial

The War Memorial



Ecchinswell Stream



“Old” Churchyard



Digweeds

Nature Recovery

Nature Recovery is about making a demonstrable and enduring improvement to the abundance and diversity of wildlife in an area. Ultimately this can take the form of a multi-year plan of activities targeted at specific goals within the designated area. The means to achieve this is set out in the following five-step process.



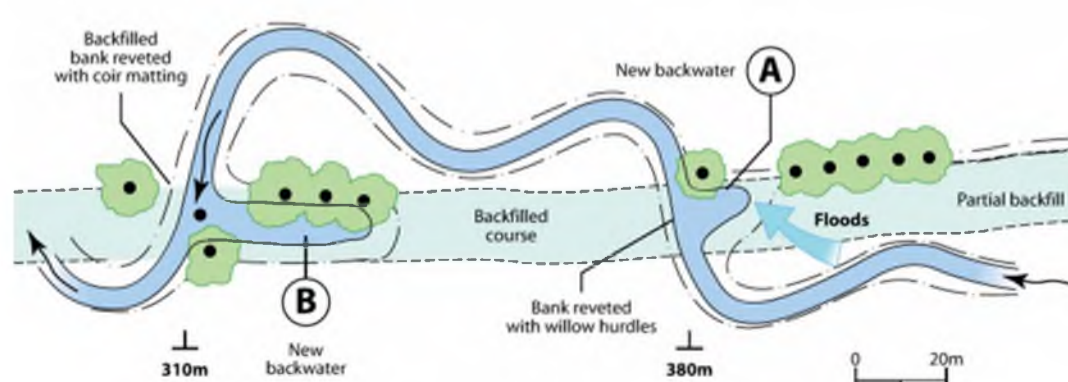
- 1. What do we already have?** – we do know a certain amount (see other board), but not all that much about the sites above, so the first step of any plan would involve surveying . Guidance suggests making a wildlife map of the parish.
- 2. What do we want to create?** – for this we need to know two things. First what is possible on a site? This may involve consulting with specialist organisations – Hampshire Wildlife Trust, Butterfly Conservation, Plantlife etc. Second, what do YOU want? An essential step is to consult the community to find out what is important, of interest, would be supported. That’s partly what today is about. See opposite for some ideas on what we *could* do.
- 3. Where do we want create something?** – again this comes from consultation, but also involves some idea of cost, resources required, permissions to be sought etc, versus the expected benefits.
- 4. When do we want to create it?** – this involves a greater degree of planning to establish costs, resources needed, specialist help required, access requirements, appropriate time of year etc.
- 5. How will we maintain it?** - Having undertaken a project there are two ongoing requirements. First, monitoring to ensure that the project is having the desired benefits, and second, any regular management that is necessary to ensure the scheme continues to do what we hoped it would.

It’s important to point out that the amount of effort required in most of these steps can vary widely depending on the scale of the project involved. It could be something as simple as putting up some bird or insect nest boxes, or establishing a log-pile. See opposite for a few more ideas

Projects – things we might do...

There are lots of different things we could do to help wildlife. Some of them are quite simple and others could be very complicated. Some of them might be done by anyone (everyone?) in the community in their own garden, while others would be aimed at one specific place. Here are some ideas ...

1. Install nest boxes for birds/bats and/or “bug hotels” for insects. Pretty much anyone could take part in this, and any site would benefit.
2. Provide advice on making your garden or local green space more wildlife- friendly (less chemicals, right kinds of plants). A local expert could run some workshops at the village hall. Again, anyone could take part.
3. Demonstration allotment – subject to availability, a plot in the allotments could be managed to both produce food and be beneficial to wildlife. Information on progress might be posted on-line, including information on methods being used.
4. Wildlife-friendly planting at Local Green Spaces (see above) – enhance local areas with additional trees, shrubs or flowers that benefit wildlife. Maybe a community orchard?
5. Run some school-based events to engage our young people with nature. Maybe something involving the pond? Hampshire Wildlife Trust can help with this.
6. At the most complex end of the scale, one could consider the potential to apply river restoration techniques to the course of the Echinswell stream. This could include reducing shading, providing dedicated seasonally-flooded areas, or even re-profiling the stream bed. Clearly this is a major undertaking.



What are Key Views?

Key views help to protect....

Open countryside



Special habitats



Village views



Iconic tree groups



May 2022 Community Consultation Plan/Layout

Area	Material	Slide #	Area specifics
Entrance	3 posters on 1 Boards	1-3	Welcome, handout clipboards
0 – Start	1 poster on table 1 poster on 1 board	4 5	Where are we so far? Info – no question
1 – Heart of the Plan	1 poster on table 7 posters on 2 boards	6 7-13	Need for Plan, Vision in detail Q1 – support key themes?
2 – Settlement Boundaries	4 posters on table 1 poster on 1 board	14-17 18	Explain/show boundaries Q2 – boundaries look right?
3 – Housing policy – overall	1 poster on table 1 poster on 1 board	19 20	Core principle Q3 – support overall housing policy?
4 – Housing policy – detail	2 posters on table 2 posters on 1 board	21-22 23-24	How many, what Q4 – support details?
5 – Call for sites & selection criteria	5 posters on table	25-29	Call for sites – selection process Q5a – criteria appropriate? Q5b - your top 3?
6 – Bishops Green shortlist	2 posters on table	30-31	Map, description, pros/cons Q6 – which best fits your top criteria?
7 – Ecchinswell shortlist	2 posters on table	32-33	Map, description, pros/cons Q7 – which best fits your top criteria?
8 – Ecchinswell hub	2 posters on table	34-35	Concept outline + limited detail to test interest Q8a – do you support concept? Q8b – is this top choice for Ecchinswell?
9 – Design standards (codes)	1 poster on table 1 poster on 1 board	36 37	List of areas proposed for design standards Q9a – support principle? Q9b – areas appropriate?
10 – Rural/natural environment	1 poster on table 3 boards (Mike N)	38 39-41	Do we understand/value what we have? Q10 – support protection proposals?
11 – Traffic & transport	1 poster on table 5 posters on 2 boards	42 43-47	What we can (cannot?) go for Q11 – support key objectives?
12 - Close	1 poster on table	48	Recap Q12 – right track?
<p>Entrance (board & pull ups)</p> <p>13 stations/tables – boards leaning against walls</p> <p>9 short boards (900 mm) – Entrance + 0/1a/1b/2/3/4/9/11a/11b</p> <p>4 full boards for Stations 1a/10a/10b/10c</p> <p>Big map on table in middle?</p>			

ES&BG Neighbourhood Plan

Board/Station	Slides	Board #/mm
Entrance	1, 2, 3	A/900
0 – Start	5	B/900
1a – Heart of the Plan – Why/What, Creating, How fits together	7, 8, 9, 10	C/1220
1b – Heart of the Plan – Vision, Objectives, Policies	11, 12, 13	D/900
2 – Settlement Boundaries – Examples	18	E/900
3 – Housing policy – overall – Small Sustainable...	20	F/900
4 – Housing policy – detail – Allocation – Unplanned	23, 24	G/900
5 – Call for sites & selection criteria – no board		
6 – Bishops Green shortlist – no board		
7 – Ecchinswell shortlist – no board		
8 – Ecchinswell hub – no board		
9 – Design standards (codes) – Why needed	37	H/900
10a – Rural/natural environment	Board – done	I/1220
10b – Green Spaces, Projects	Board – done	J/1220
10c – Key Views	Board + Slide show	K/1220
11a – Traffic & Transport – Slow the Pace	43, 44, 45	L/900
11b – Traffic & Transport – Quiet Lanes	46, 47	M/900
12 – Close – no board		

Thank you for completing this – your input is important

ES&BG Neighbourhood Plan

Your name:

Your Post Code:

Our Questions		Your Answers	Your Comments
Q1	Do you support these as the key themes for our Plan?	Yes No	
Q2	Do the Settlement Boundaries look right?	Yes No	
Q3	Do you support the overall Housing Policy?	Yes No	
Q4	Do you agree the outline plans?	Yes No	
Q5	a) Are the criteria for final site selection appropriate?	Yes No	
	b) For you, which criteria would be the top 3?	Circle 3 of: A B C D E	
Q6	Which of the 5 sites in Bishops Green best fits your top criteria?	Circle 1 of: BGA BGB BGF BGH BGI	
Q7	Which of the 3 sites in Ecchinswell best fits your top criteria?	Circle 1 of: EI EJ EX	
Please turn over for remaining questions			

Our Questions		Your Answers		Your Comments
Q8	a) Do you support the concept of an “Ecchinswell Community Hub”?	Yes	No	
	b) Is this your top choice option for Ecchinswell?	Yes	No	
Q9	Do you support the idea of mandatory design standards?	Yes	No	
	Do the proposed areas look appropriate?	Yes	No	
Q10	Do you support the proposals to protect/enhance our Natural Environment and access to Green Space?	Yes	No	
Q11	Do you support the key objectives for Traffic & Transport	Yes	No	
Q12	In your opinion, are we on the right track?	Yes	No	
<p>Any other comments?</p>				

Feedback to ES&BG Community from May 2022 Consultation

Thank you to the large number of residents who came to the Community Consultation events on the 26th, 27th and 28th May. Our objective was to share with you the main elements of the plan we have been developing building on the inputs you gave us at the first big consultation we held last September. Many people spent quite some time going over the material we presented and everyone was giving serious thought to the questions we were posing in the feedback forms.

The main messages for our plan are:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---|
| What we value: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Our rural setting,➤ Access to green spaces,➤ Our heritage assets. |
| What we want to do: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Protect our rural environment & heritage assets,➤ Improve sustainability,➤ Improve biodiversity. |
| Any more homes should be: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ In limited numbers based on modest local growth,➤ Affordable,➤ In keeping with rural setting,➤ Providing more options for young families, the elderly & less mobile. |

We are pleased to report that there is very strong (85-99%) support not only for the basic direction of the plan but also for all the main components that were presented. The discussions you had with members of the team and the wide range of comments recorded on feedback forms have been fully taken on board and will be very helpful to us in getting the detail of the plan right.

The consultation also gave us useful input to help us complete the selection of sites for the extra homes in Bishops Green and Ecchinswell that are part of the plan. We will be progressing this final selection in the next few weeks.

The next stage is to produce a first full draft of the plan and supporting documents. We hope to have this ready towards the end of July so we can start the formal consultation and examination processes. At that point, we will be sharing this set of documents with the community for further feedback.