

# DRAFT BASELINE REPORT – APRIL 2016 – PART 2

## VISION STATEMENTS AND OBJECTIVES

### **1.0 General**

From the Base Line position set out in Part 1 of this Report, the Steering Committee and Working Groups have developed Vision Statements and Objectives. These have been the subject of consultation with the community and in general strong support has been given. This will now lead on to the development of the associated Policies which will form the basis of the final Neighbourhood Plan

It has to be stressed that the final Neighbourhood Plan must be compatible with the National Planning Policy Framework and with the Cheshire East Local Plan. Although the community has been consulted for its views on a wide range of local issues, there will be some cases where wider planning issues will require a compromise between the views expressed by the community now and the longer term needs of the Town. The Objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan given in the following sections are based largely on the wishes of the community as expressed in the results of the Questionnaire. It may well be the case that some adjustments are necessary to develop policies compatible with the Cheshire East Local Plan. Whilst there is a very strong wish from the community to retain many of the present attributes of Bollington, the Town simply cannot stand still – the Neighbourhood Plan must allow for the predicted growth in the population and seek to maintain employment and retail facilities whilst retaining the overall character of the Town. The community was invited to express its views on the Vision Statements and Objectives before final versions have been adopted as a basis for developing the relevant Policies for the Plan.

### **2.0 Key Principles and Vision Statements**

#### **2.1 Our Community**

Bollington should continue to be a picturesque working Town with industrial heritage roots. Bollington must retain its vibrant community activities and events. Community support services provided in Bollington must keep pace with the size of the population.

#### **2.2 Our town's relationship with the environment**

Our Town's relationship with the environment, all open spaces (both official and Green Belt) are highly valued by Bollington residents. Our Neighbourhood Plan will ensure they remain a protected and vital part of the Town – 'an urban jewel in a rural setting'

#### **2.3 Our Heritage**

Bollington is a community that values its industrial heritage and wants to conserve it. People support our Conservation Areas strongly and wish to extend their protection to the Lowerhouse area. They also look forward to developing tourism based on the stories of our industrial and agricultural past.

#### **2.4 Our Homes**

Any development should build a variety of the correct type of housing to satisfy the needs of the first-time buyer, the family and the elderly to maintain Bollington as a comfortable, welcoming place to live.

#### **2.5 Our Economy**

Bollington should continue to provide employment opportunities for its residents and for persons from the surrounding neighbourhood.

#### **2.6 Our ability to move around the town**

Bollington is a linear town with considerable traffic and transport issues which require proactive management to create a safe and workable system for the whole community.

### **3.0 Green Environment Objectives**

GEO.1 Bollington's Neighbourhood Plan will ensure that Bollington will retain its structure of four communities (Kerridge, Bollington Town, Bollington Cross and Lowerhouse), protect and enhance where necessary its structure of open spaces and retain and protect its green belt in order to safeguard its pivotal position in the Peak Park Fringe and its valued wildlife habitats; thereby remaining 'an urban jewel in a rural setting' so beloved and valued by its residents in order to retain the balance between residential property, employment opportunities. and industrial heritage.

### **4.0 Built Environment Objectives**

BEO.1 Bollington Neighbourhood Plan will ensure that the land and buildings reflecting the town's industrial and agricultural heritage are conserved, enhanced and explained to the community through a variety of ways including urban furniture.

BEO. 2 The Neighbourhood Plan endorses the four existing Conservation Areas and will aim to extend the Bollington Cross Conservation Area to encompass Lowerhouse in order to protect and explain the contribution of the Greg family to the social and industrial history and fabric of the town.

BEO.3 The Neighbourhood Plan will encourage tourism, with its economic benefits to the town, through providing the explanatory infrastructure to describe our heritage, and working towards the provision of appropriate tourist facilities.

### **5.0 Housing Objectives**

HO.1 All developments should be in suitable locations to meet the local housing need in a sustainable manner within the constraints of retaining employment land and green belt.

HO.2 All development in Bollington should implement good design and quality of materials in keeping with the local area of the Town

HO.3 All new development will be expected to minimise energy consumption and minimise its carbon footprint

HO.4 Any future dwellings in Bollington should provide parking for the vehicles of all their residents off the streets.

### **6.0 Employment and Business Objectives**

EBO.1 Retain Bollington's character as a 'working town', encourage economic growth and support stable employment aligned to changes in the working age population of the Town.

### **7.0 Retail Objectives**

RO.1 Reserve land and premises for retail and hospitality use in locations that will assist the greatest range of outlets that the Town's residents, business employees and visitors can realistically support.

### **8.0 Tourism Objectives**

TALO.1 To support planning applications which promote retail and hospitality businesses of interest to tourists.

TALO.2 To support planning applications which take into consideration the provision and improvement of the infrastructure required to support tourism related development.

## **9.0 Getting Around Objectives**

- GAO.1 To improve the safety and efficiency of getting round the town for pedestrians and motorists. Traffic calming measures and alternative means of transport, such as walking and cycling will be considered.
  
- GAO.2 To explore and implement possible solutions to some of the public and private parking issues within Bollington with the intention of improving provision.