



Providing leadership in planning for the future of the community.

Bollington Town Council (BTC) has a Planning & Town Development Committee which meets every month with its own Terms of Reference to ensure it investigates and replies to all planning applications and tree consultations. Each application is referred back to the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) which was adopted by referendum in 2018. The document is also now going through a review with a NP Working Group allocated to the task which not only includes Councillors but also members of the public.

BTC consulted with residents and key stakeholders throughout the last Neighbourhood Plan process, and many involved have joined us again in the review process.

Our town is overdeveloped, and green space is very precious and needs to be retained. We are a linear settlement with a main road running through the centre which encounters 3000/4000 movements each day. The town is an old working mill town, and many houses were not built for cars, so parking is a premium in the town, and we have to consider this as a paramount issue with every application. The town is classed as one of the top three places to live in the Northwest which encourages newcomers but also brings new traffic concerns and raises the prices of the house values, and reduces the affordability.

The Town Council has worked closely with the housing allocation in the Cheshire East Local Plan and is always conscious on how we deliver these figures whilst controlling the traffic flow and managing parking within the town restraints. The review of our NP is of paramount importance and must now consider the Town Council's declared Climate Emergency and accommodate our knowledge of the traffic numbers we have in the community and associated parking issues. We have part purchased part grant funded one 4 bay EVC charging site and are planning two more sites next year.

We advertise all our planning meeting on social media and encourage the public to attend to hear their views. Our committee are all trained or in the process of being trained on the Neighbourhood Plan and planning regulations.

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