

SHIPLEY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

VISION STATEMENT:

The aim of this document is to provide a strategic and long-term plan for Shipley Parish - which is in accordance with the wishes of those living and working here.

The vision and objectives are based on issues raised through community engagement and consultation activities and form the heart of Shipley's Neighbourhood Plan.

Our vision for Shipley Parish in 2031 is:

- Shipley will have remained an attractive Parish in its Low Weald area in West Sussex and preserved its unique rural character.
- Conservation areas will be protected and local green spaces preserved, with low density development, tranquillity, gardens, wildlife and our relationship to the surrounding countryside maintained.
- There will have been a modest growth in housing numbers through the provision of new homes, purpose designed to meet local needs. Any future development will not have detracted from the character, design principles and setting of the parish and there will be respect for road safety.
- Our Neighbourhood Plan will look to the future by encouraging proposals to enhance telecommunications and broadband, and the parish will have continued to support local employment business.

OBJECTIVES:

To achieve this Vision, several key objectives have been identified as follows:

Environment & Countryside

- To maintain and protect the rural nature, character and uniqueness of the Parish and its landscape, promoting mobility and caring for the countryside.
- To maintain, protect and enhance the heritage, conservation areas, open and local green spaces, public footpaths and bridleways, benefitting the Community in relation to business and recreation.

Housing & Development

- To direct future development to previously developed land within existing settlement boundaries, as opposed to agricultural, within the built-up area and filling in gaps between existing houses.
- To support sustainable development that is in line with the Design Principles and defined needs and wishes of the community.
- To ensure any new development relates sympathetically in mass and design to its immediate surroundings.
- To seek to preserve the existing parish boundary.

Transport & Traffic

- To encourage traffic calming measures that ensure the safety of all road users whether walkers, cyclists, horse riders or motorised road users.
- To encourage improved public transport provision and promote improved cycle access
- To secure improvements in the policies and practices of the relevant authorities to protect the attractive nature and character of the parish from damage by poor traffic management, rat-running, speeding and poor road maintenance.

- To improve safety at key junctions (Buck Barn, Shipley Paygate and Coolham Crossroads), maximising road safety within the parish.

Community, Infrastructure and Local Business

- To enhance our communication infrastructure through improved mobile and landline reception and broadband, equipping the community with effective provisions to satisfy the needs of households and businesses
- To support small business development and employment opportunities for the parish.
- To protect and improve the existing community, leisure and sport facilities for all age groups