

## Your views

Do you have any comments on the vision?

Are there any gaps in the objectives?

Do you have any experience or an interest in joining one of the working groups?

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# BURWASH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Burwash Parish Council is producing a Neighbourhood Plan to:

- Create clear guidance and planning policies for Burwash, Burwash Weald and Burwash Common which developers need to follow
- Protect against inappropriate scale of development
- Conserve and enhance the built, historic and natural environment
- Identify and promote facilities and improvements needed in the area
- Create a sustainable community

## Vision for Burwash

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has drawn up its vision and objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan and is now seeking your views.

**‘Our vision is for Burwash Parish to be a friendly, welcoming community of three villages.**

**We will enhance and protect our rich area of outstanding natural beauty and heritage whilst being sympathetic to appropriate development which meets the needs of our community.**

**To promote and support our existing and new businesses and encourage tourism, we will seek the appropriate infrastructure to ensure a sustainable future for Burwash.’**

## The Working Groups

The Steering Group has set up working groups on four themes with the following objectives:

### Environment

Protect and enhance our open and local green spaces including Swan Meadow and the Nature Reserve in Burwash Common.

Conserve and protect our distinctive landscape including natural features such as hedges, ditches, verges, trees and green spaces

Improve the safety and quality of footpaths and bridleways.

Protect farm land in our three villages.

Conserve and enhance the ecosystem and biodiversity.

Minimise light pollution and air pollution.

Safeguard the views and vistas across the AONB rural environment.

### Leisure, Economy and Tourism

Promote and encourage tourism through active marketing initiatives.

Sustain the local economy and help local businesses network including through a local business directory.

Identify opportunities for business development whilst safeguarding existing employment in the community.

Drive improvements in the provision of WiFi and communications infrastructure whilst ensuring that the siting and appearance of any equipment has a minimal impact on the surrounding area.

Encourage the provision of a wide range of appropriate activities which promote Burwash as a tourist destination including trails.

## Infrastructure

Provide appropriate car parking to meet the needs of residents and support the viability of shops, businesses and tourism

Maintain and seek to improve bus services through the villages

Promote and encourage car-pooling to manage both existing traffic and future growth

Maintain pavements and ensure they are suitable and safe for pedestrians

Encourage more sustainable means of travel including cycling

Promote speed limits to ensure that our roads are suitable and safe for the villagers

Ensure that all financial contributions received by the Parish Council from developments (S106 and/or CIL) are used on projects that meet the identified needs of the community.

## Housing and Development

Plan for and support the delivery of the Government target of a minimum of 52 homes which meet the current and future needs of the local community.

Ensure that new housing and development is designed and built to a high standard and respects the existing character of a rural area

Provide a mix of housing including affordable housing which meets the needs of the community and shared ownership flats.

Maintain and enhance the wooded and rural character of the area by encouraging the integration of soft landscaping in new developments and where appropriate screening from any adjacent AONB.

Protect and enhance listed buildings and heritage assets.

Conserve and enhance the historic environment in relation to buildings, landscapes and places of local cultural value.