

## Reviewing NNP

Notes from Zoom meeting Chris Bowden. 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Present Dave Crimmin. Paul Presland, Louise Evers, Harvey Bamford & Laura Smith

PPR confirmed with CB that a working party had been set up and had met for an introductory meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January.26. Members introduced themselves. PPR explained that three of the group had sat on the working party for the original NNP formally adopted in 2022. Terms of reference had been agreed with the working party and, importantly. it was to report to the NPC monthly.

A strategy for the next steps was discussed with CB and he was clear that the existing NNP was a robust document with strong policies that met the needs of the community. He agreed that we were right to start this review process now but we should be mindful that B/MS Local Plan is still under consultation and therefore we should be aware of any changes they might introduce.

It was important to look at existing policies but not make changes unnecessarily.

Consultation with the community remains vitally important and therefore our village meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup> is a good way to reengage with the village. Communication must be ongoing with our community through meetings minutes on noticeboard and on the Around the Green website.

With the newly published figures by Babergh of 86 additional dwellings between now and 2037 to be built in Newton, initially we need to focus on reviewing the existing Newt,1 policy Housing Development strategy. CB supported our view that we should respond to Babergh's most recent Call for Sites and work with our community to identify preferred locations for these new dwellings. It could cause confusion and unnecessary hard work for NPC if it called for possible development sites.