

# **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Many of you know, the Boughton and Dunkirk Neighbourhood Plan (B&DNP) Team put together the current Plan after many years of community consultation, research and hard work. The Plan was 'made' in February 2023 and has full and real legal weight until 2028, directing development in our local area. Every planning application submitted to Swale Borough Council must adhere to the policies in the Plan before a final decision is made.

Fortunately, we do not believe that the current NPPF 2024 consultation will change anything, and the B&DNP will continue to have full planning weight.

The B&DNP team has submitted a robust objection to the Winterbourne Fields application. We believe the Plan has sufficient weight for the application to be refused, but one never knows with planning (and appeals).

But soon, we will need help to review the Plan. If you are willing to commit some time on a regular basis, working as part of a team, you are most welcome to join.

In early 2025, the B&DNP Team will begin to look at updating and amending the Plan as required by law. This is to ensure by 2028 it is again ready to be put forward as a legal planning document to support our community and our historic parishes.

There is a lot of work ahead and the team would greatly appreciate your input. This will include updating policies, compiling new surveys on housing needs, traffic, transport and parking, environmental matters etc, all of which are currently contained in the 2023 Neighbourhood Plan which can be found at:

<http://www.boughtonanddunkirkneighbourhoodplan.org.uk>

We are a group of local volunteers, with representation by councillors from both parishes, with different interests and strengths, who care deeply about where we live. We hope to attract those of like minds who are willing and able to commit to working in a team for the good of our community. Whatever your expertise or interest, you will be welcomed.

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