

Bolton by Bowland and Gisburn Forest Neighbourhood Plan¹

Neighbourhood planning is an initiative of the government to give local communities real influence on how the area in which they live is planned.

At the Parish Council meeting on 3rd October 2016, **The Neighbourhood Plan for Bolton by Bowland and Gisburn Forest²** was accepted by the Parish Council to go forward to **Ribble Valley Borough Council (RVBC)**. A six-week statutory consultation period and scrutiny by an independent examiner will now take place.

The examiner will then either:

- Accept the plan
- Suggest modifications to the plan
- Reject the plan

The consultation period will be from 23rd November until 4th January 2017.

This consultation will be your chance to make a formal representation. You can do this by responding directly to RVBC who will then forward your response to the examiner. Details will be available on the RVBC website.

If accepted by the examiner, **The Neighbourhood Plan** will then be subject to a referendum, where a simple majority of those voting in favour will be sufficient for RVBC to adopt the plan and for it to be part of the statutory development of the area.

Details of the referendum, expected to be in the first half of 2017, will be made available to all those declared eligible.

It is most important that you are aware of the details of **The Neighbourhood Plan**. This will enable you to make informed decisions as to whether you wish to **contribute your views in the consultation process and also for you to make your decision in the referendum.**

Overleaf are the Aims and Objectives of the plan and the important Policies.

These and all details can be found in the complete Submission Version of **The Neighbourhood Plan** available on the parish website. **tsbparish.org.uk**

Here you will also find all information of procedures and consultations involved in the preparation of the plan.

Hard copies of The Plan will be available for you to view from any Parish Councillor and in Bolton by Bowland village shop, St Peter and St Paul's Church and the Village Halls in Bolton by Bowland, Tosside and Sawley.

In Summary. The consultation and the referendum may be the last chances to have your say. If you wish to ensure your view is considered:

- Please read the Plan
- If you wish, contribute to the consultation by responding directly to RVBC
- Decide if you are in favour or against the Plan
- Ensure you vote in the referendum in 2017
- We will provide you with further details of the referendum nearer the time

¹ This leaflet has been produced by the Bolton by Bowland, Gisburn Forest and Sawley Parish Council.

² At a meeting on 20th January 2014 Sawley residents chose not to be part of the designated area covered by this plan.

The Aims, Objectives and Policies of The Neighbourhood Plan

<p>Our aim for the Bolton by Bowland and Gisburn Forest Neighbourhood Plan is that:</p> <p>We will provide for sustainable growth which enhances the traditional character and lifestyles of our communities.</p> <p>To achieve this the following 6 objectives have been identified:</p>	<p>For each of these objectives, there are policies in the plan to achieve them:</p>
<p>OBJECTIVE 1</p> <p>To support a level of housing growth that is proportionate to the size and function of the designated area, its villages and hamlets and to ensure that new housing in the area is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in the area in a suitable home, families are attracted to the area, and local housing needs are met.</p>	<p>BBGF1 New Housing Developments in Bolton by Bowland (8 properties) and Tosside (12 properties)</p> <p>BBGF2 Housing in Existing Hamlets and Farmsteads</p>
<p>OBJECTIVE 2</p> <p>To maintain the existing character and building styles of the area whilst allowing appropriate limited development.</p>	<p>BBGF3 Protecting Heritage Assets</p> <p>BBGF4 Design Principles</p>
<p>OBJECTIVE 3</p> <p>To protect and improve existing transport facilities, infrastructure and services.</p>	<p>BBGF5 Transport Improvements</p> <p>BBGF7 Footpaths/Connectivity</p>
<p>OBJECTIVE 4</p> <p>To promote local employment and ensure future development supports existing strengths of the area to enhance the rural economy and improve tourism facilities.</p>	<p>BBGF8/9/10 Support Local Employment</p> <p>BBGF11 Tourism Development</p>
<p>OBJECTIVE 5</p> <p>To protect and enhance existing community facilities.</p>	<p>BBGF12 Protection of Local Green Spaces</p> <p>BBGF13 Protection of local community facilities</p>
<p>OBJECTIVE 6</p> <p>To ensure that the Bolton by Bowland and Gisburn Forest Neighbourhood Plan promotes sustainable development for this and future generations by protecting key environmental assets (e.g. AONB, greenspaces and natural landscapes) and taking account of constraints (e.g. flooding).</p>	<p>BBGF14 Protecting and Enhancing Local Landscape Character</p> <p>BBGF15 Water Management</p> <p>BBGF16 Renewable Energy</p>