

## Neighbourhood Plan Vision

Benson will accommodate the level of growth required to meet our local housing needs, while respecting its history and protecting its rural setting beneath the Chiltern Hills and alongside the River Thames. Our Neighbourhood Plan will encourage a modern, thriving and self-confident village centre, together with the facilities and infrastructure necessary to meet the economic, social and environmental needs of the community. As part of this, the planning process will promote sensitive development that integrates well with the rest of the village and design standards that ensure Benson retains its distinctive character.

## Objectives

1. To provide sufficient housing to meet local needs.
2. To cater for growth in a manner which maintains the distinct and separate character of the village.
3. To cater for growth in a manner which respects Benson's setting in the rural landscape and its close association with the River Thames.
4. To ensure that Benson has a modern, vibrant village centre.
5. To ensure there are adequate facilities to serve our growing local population.
6. To ensure the sustainability of economic activity in the neighbourhood plan area.
7. To safeguard and enhance existing green infrastructure and secure provision of additional green space connected to the wider countryside.
8. To ensure that new development is sited, planned and executed in a way that takes account of the needs and challenges of the local environment.
9. To ensure that new development contributes towards the free and safe flow of traffic and has a minimum impact on the existing roads system and parking in the village.
10. To ensure that new development encourages the sustainable forms of transport and specifically includes adequate walking and cycling routes to access the village centre.