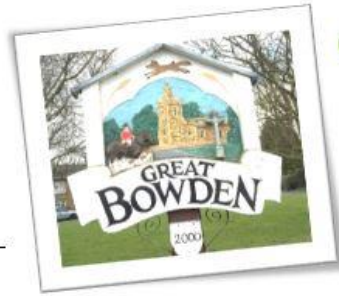


Dear Resident/Stakeholder,

March 2017



**Great Bowden's
Neighbourhood Plan**
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I have been asked by several people as to what the timing is for completing Great Bowden's Neighbourhood Plan. This has, undoubtedly, been motivated by the unprecedented number of housing development applications that Great Bowden has had to endure over the last 18 months. 125 Homes passed in the last 12 months, an increase for the village of over 30%.

It is recognised that having a neighbourhood plan in place is the best way to stop the onslaught of inappropriate housing development applications in our village.

Obviously, it would have been preferable to have had a neighbourhood plan in place several years ago which would have prevented this onslaught but we cannot reverse the clock and we must look forward and press ahead as fast as we can to complete our plan.

I have previously given timings for the completion and progress benchmarks of our plan. These were estimates using the best information that I had at the time. Here are my latest estimates:

WB 17/04 Draft Plan to HDC to ensure that it meets HDC's strategic policies

WB 01/05 Draft Plan review by HDC complete

WB 08/05 Advisory Committee notes HDC comments and modifies the draft plan.

Saturday 13th May Open event at the Village Hall

WB 22/05 Start of 6 weeks' resident/stakeholder consultation (pre-submission) public draft 1

WB 03/07 Consultation complete

WB 17/07 Completion of review of comments, amendment of plan, approval by Great Bowden Parish Council and submitted to HDC.

WB 28/08 HDC complete review. Plan now has a degree of statutory status

WB 09/10 HDC 6 weeks' publicity complete.

WB 06/11 Independent Inspector appointed

WB 27/11 Examination complete

WB 06/02/18 Referendum and the plan is 'made'

I'd hoped that the draft plan would have been submitted to HDC before now. This, now, won't be possible as the Community & Amenities section and the Housing section are taking longer to complete than originally predicted.

I'm aware that any delay in completing our plan is regrettable as it offers a further window for a developer to submit yet another housing application but it's more important to get it right!

To make sure that we meet the above timings, we do need more volunteers to help.

There are a whole range of jobs that we need help with. If you would like to help then do contact Natalie on MH 432658 or at nt500@aol.com

As you can see from the above listed timings, it is intended to hold an open event in the Village Hall on Saturday 13th May when residents will have the opportunity to be informed and ask questions about our draft plan prior to a 6 weeks' consultation period. I intend to be present at this meeting.

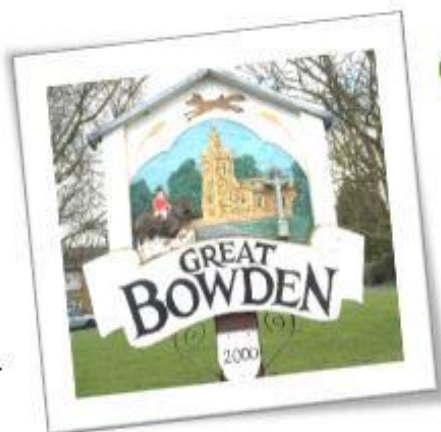
At the present time, the Parish Council does not have a live website, it has commissioned a new one to be built. This will hopefully be visible shortly. For any Parish Council information or an update on the Parish Council website, please contact the Parish Council clerk,
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Best wishes,

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