

Catshill & North Marlbrook Parish Neighbourhood Plan (NP)



We need your help in finalising the Plan



Our **Vision** and **NP Policies**



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Introduction

Work started on a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for our Parish in July 2016 when residents agreed at a public meeting that a NP could help guide the way in which the area should respond to the changes that would affect us in the next decade.

In order to develop a NP a Steering Group was formed. This has a mix of residents and parish councillors. A website was created to keep residents informed at all stages of the work being carried out: www.catshillandnorthmarlbrookplan.org.uk

A draft NP has been put together and your help is now required to help us to finalise it and to ensure it reflects the views of the community.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Government legislation allows communities to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan, to help shape the planning and the development of their area.

It puts you in control and sets out what you want regarding environment, housing, transport, parking and local economy.

You can:

- ✓ Influence where and what type of development takes place in the Parish and control ad hoc development.
- ✓ Include policies and design standards in the NP.
- ✓ Identify areas for protection, like green spaces valued by the community.
- ✓ Set out improvements or additions to facilities and services.

This is why the NP is so important to protect the long term interests of the Parish in the period to 2030.





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Key Issues

We consulted with you through workshops and questionnaires in 2017 and 2018 to ask what issues were important to you concerning the village.

- ✓ the impact of traffic on the local environment;
- ✓ the shortage of parking provision, particularly acute in the shopping area and for parents on school runs;
- ✓ the discrepancy in the number of shops and businesses in Catshill and North Marlbrook;
- ✓ a need for improvements to public transport, lighting and parking;
- ✓ the value of 'wildlife' and protection of the Green Belt as key features of the local environment;
- ✓ issues arising from anti-social behaviour and crime;
- ✓ the need for community and recreational facilities;
- ✓ fears associated with further housing provision in Bromsgrove and the Parish, both seen as likely to exacerbate existing traffic problems and locally impacting on services and facilities;
- ✓ the positive value placed on 'community spirit' which was the main reason why people liked living in the parish.





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Your Vision for the Parish

From our consultations with you and your responses we shaped a Vision Statement for the future of the village, which you approved in 2018.

“By 2030 the Parish will have sustained and strengthened its community feel through good quality development and community amenities whilst maintaining its distinctive character and environment.”

Using this Vision Statement we developed Objectives and Policy Options on which we asked for your views in a questionnaire we sent to each household in 2018, Since that date we have analysed your responses and conducted further studies covering:-

- ✓ Housing Sites Assessment
- ✓ Housing Needs Assessment
- ✓ Design Codes, covering houses, shop fronts and landscapes,
- ✓ Call for Sites Exercise, involving landowners and developers,
- ✓ Green Infrastructure Survey including green spaces, footpaths and cycle ways.

From these studies and your responses we have developed 22 policies covering housing, commerce, community and the environment.





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Bromsgrove Council's District Plan



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A plan for Bromsgrove District was adopted by the District Council (BDC) in January 2017.

It requires that 2,300 houses are built between 2023 and 2030 in the six larger settlements outside Bromsgrove Town.

This Parish includes one of those settlements.

As 90% of land in the District lies in the Green Belt, changes to its boundaries will have to be made to find land for these houses. A Green Belt Review is being undertaken by BDC and alterations will be included in a revised District Plan to be produced by 2022.

It is inevitable that houses will need to be built within the existing green belt of the village.

Therefore the NP must take account of this need within its housing policies.

Housing and Infrastructure Policies

There are five housing policies.

- ❖ Policy H1 sets out how major new residential schemes will only be acceptable on sites where the District Council has released Green Belt land or where suitable proposals come forward for the redevelopment of urban land in the Parish. The main aims of the policy are to ensure proposed schemes are not built on the most important areas of the Green Belt, minimise traffic-related issues and ensure there is appropriate integration of new development with its surroundings including the environment and the landscape.



Housing and Infrastructure Policies (Continued)

- ❖ The other policies promote a range of dwellings types and tenures (policy H2), the need for good design (H3) and support for small-scale developments (H4) and extensions (H5) where these do not adversely affect those living nearby.



Commerce and Community Policies

Seven policies cover community and commerce issues.



- ❖ Policy COM1 seeks to prevent any addition to the existing number of fast-food premises while policy COM2 encourages improvements to the appearance of the main shopping area in Golden Cross Lane.



- ❖ Existing businesses (COM3) and new ones (COM4) will be supported. Residents looking to work from home will also be encouraged where this does not adversely affect neighbours (COM5).



- ❖ Policy COM6 aims to retain existing community facilities and policy COM7 encourages provision of new and improved community facilities.



Environment Policies

There are ten policies covering environmental matters.

- ❖ A plan for all the green areas in the Parish has been produced (Green Infrastructure Plan). Development schemes will be expected to accord with this and, where possible, make improvements (policy ENV1).
- ❖ A number of other policies are closely associated with the environmental improvements behind the Green Infrastructure Plan. These includes the need for effective landscaping on new development (ENV2), enhancements being made to green routes or corridors (ENV3); protection of local green spaces (ENV4) and formal open areas and recreational land (ENV5). In addition, new housing schemes should include adequate open and recreational space (ENV6) and the properties should be well-designed to reduce energy needs (ENV8).
- ❖ There are some important views across and beyond the Parish which it is felt merit protecting as far as possible (ENV7).
- ❖ Two policies focus on the importance of minimising the risk of flooding from new development (ENV9) and avoiding the use of inappropriate hard surfacing materials at the front of dwellings (ENV10).



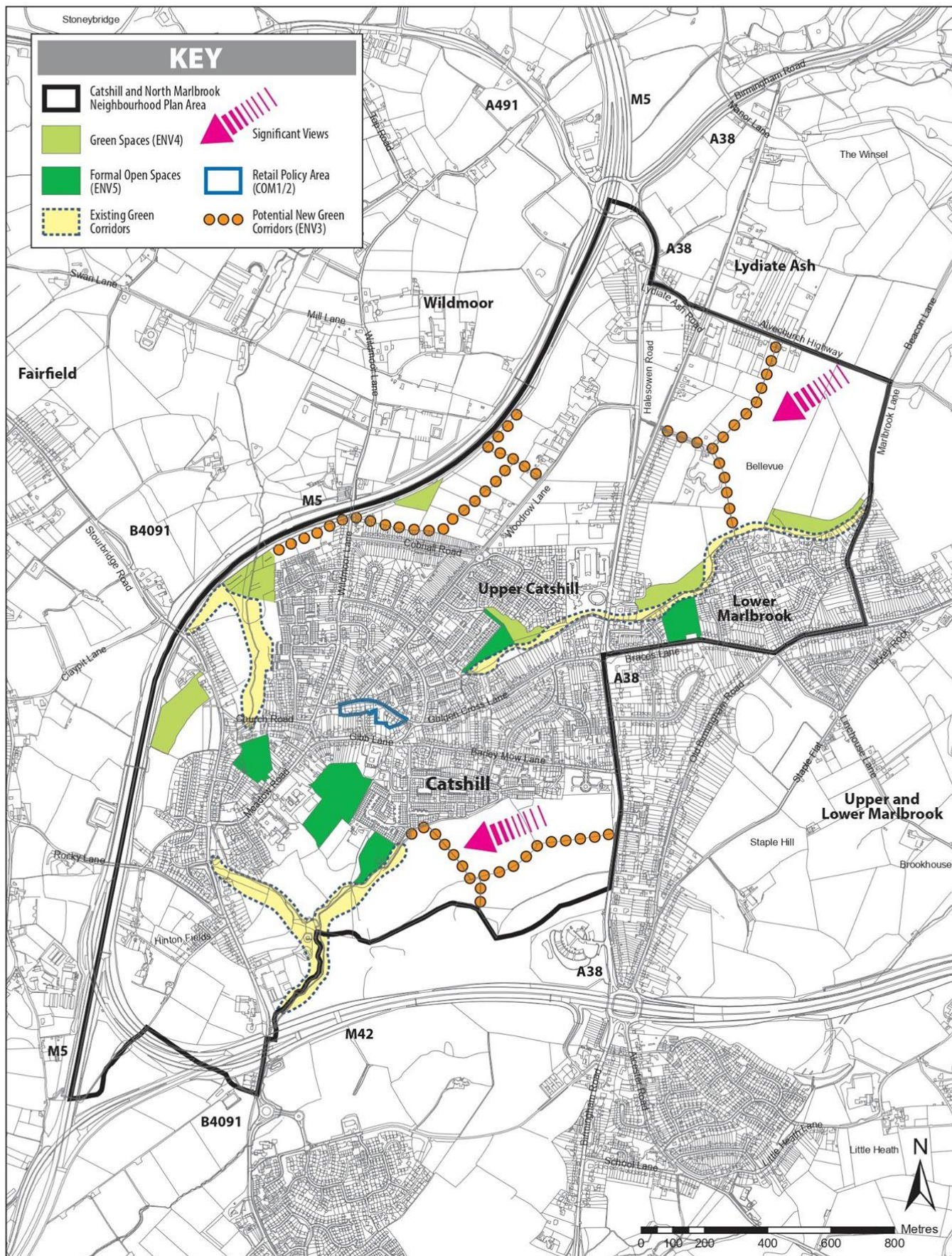
Policies Map

The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) includes a Policies Map. This shows the location of key elements of the Plan (where it is possible to do so).

On the following page the Policies Map shows the significant views that should be protected. Existing and proposed green corridors are also shown together with existing formal areas of open space, like the Meadow and local green spaces. These local green spaces are special to the community and the NP seeks to designate them so as to protect them from development.

The map also shows the area where relevant retail policies will apply.





Catshill and North Marlbrook Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map



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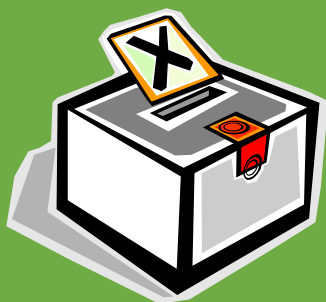
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What's Next?

We have produced a draft NP report to ensure the Vision you have supported is upheld and met. This brochure is a summary of the report and can only hint at the full detail contained within it. Copies of the full report and comments form can be downloaded from our website www.catshillandnorthmarlbrook-pc.gov.uk together with the studies that underpin the report. Hard copies of the report will be available to view at Catshill library, Bromsgrove library and Catshill village hall.



The next round of formal consultations will take place between 21st September and 1st November 2020. As part of this consultation we will be available to talk to you and explain the Neighbourhood Plan. To make this Plan a success we need your feedback and comments. We will respond to every submission and alter the final report as necessary.



The Parish Council will then submit this report together with other statutory documentation to BDC for their round of consultation and an examination by an external examiner. If the final report is approved by the examiner, a local referendum will take place for you to decide whether the NP becomes a statutory planning document.

If approved the NP will form part of the District Council's Plan and all planning applications in the Parish will be subject to the policies contained in the report. These will be monitored by the Parish Council. Community actions which residents have said they would like to see are also included in the NP and it is the Parish Council's intention that these will be implemented on your behalf.





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Your Comments (Please identify the policies by their codes)





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Thank You

Include your details here:

Name

Address

Postcode

Email

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