

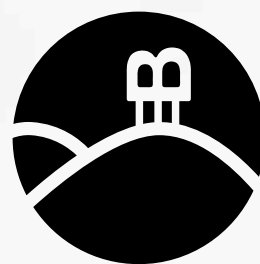
THE BRIDPORT AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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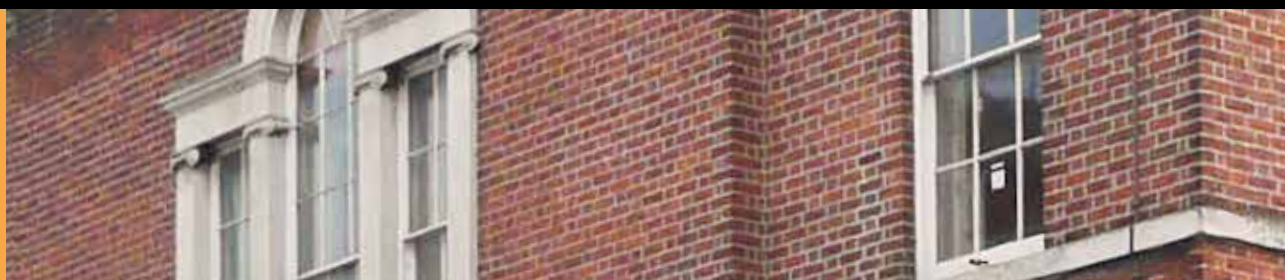
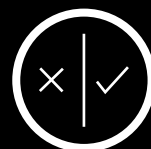
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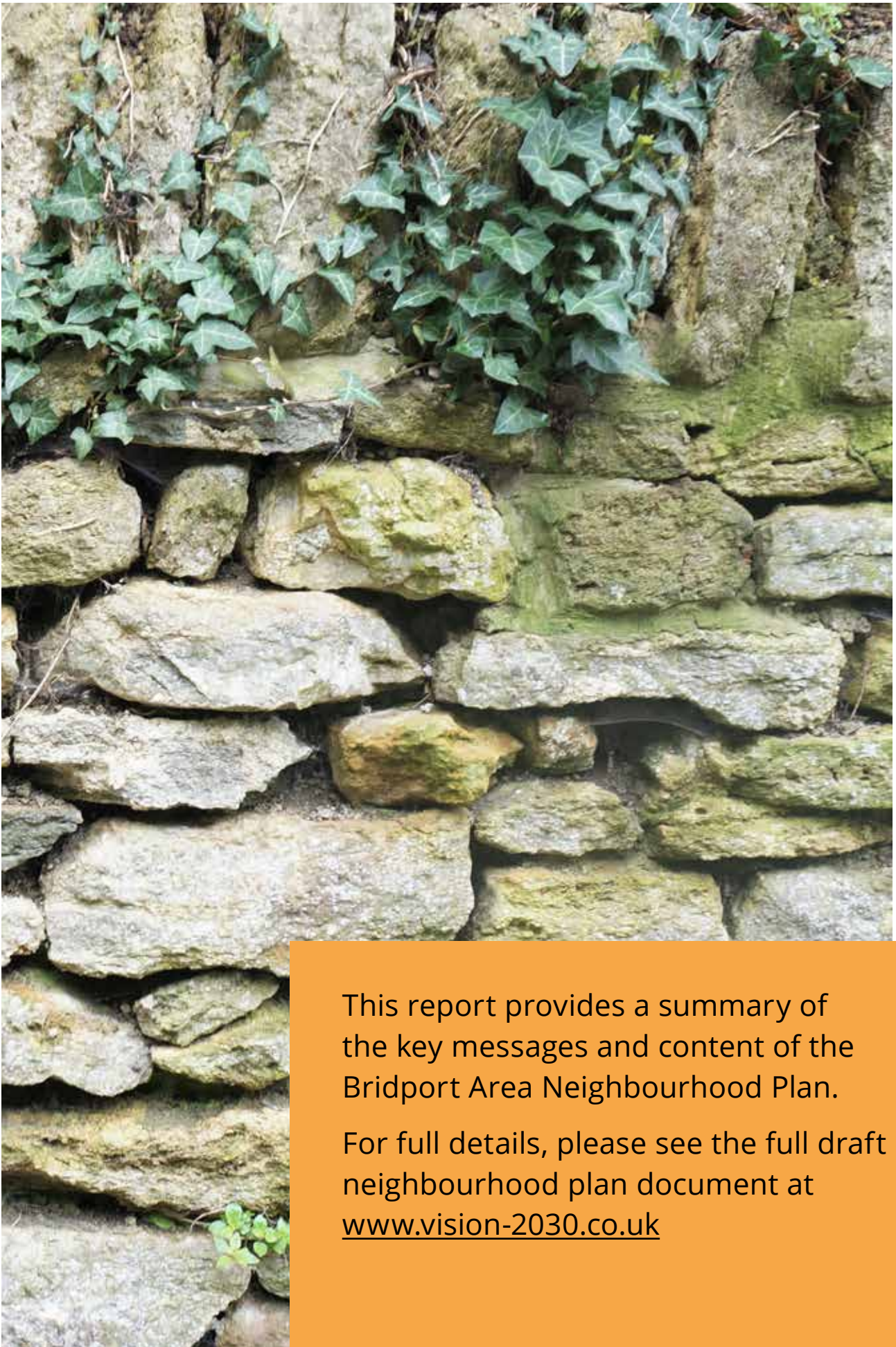
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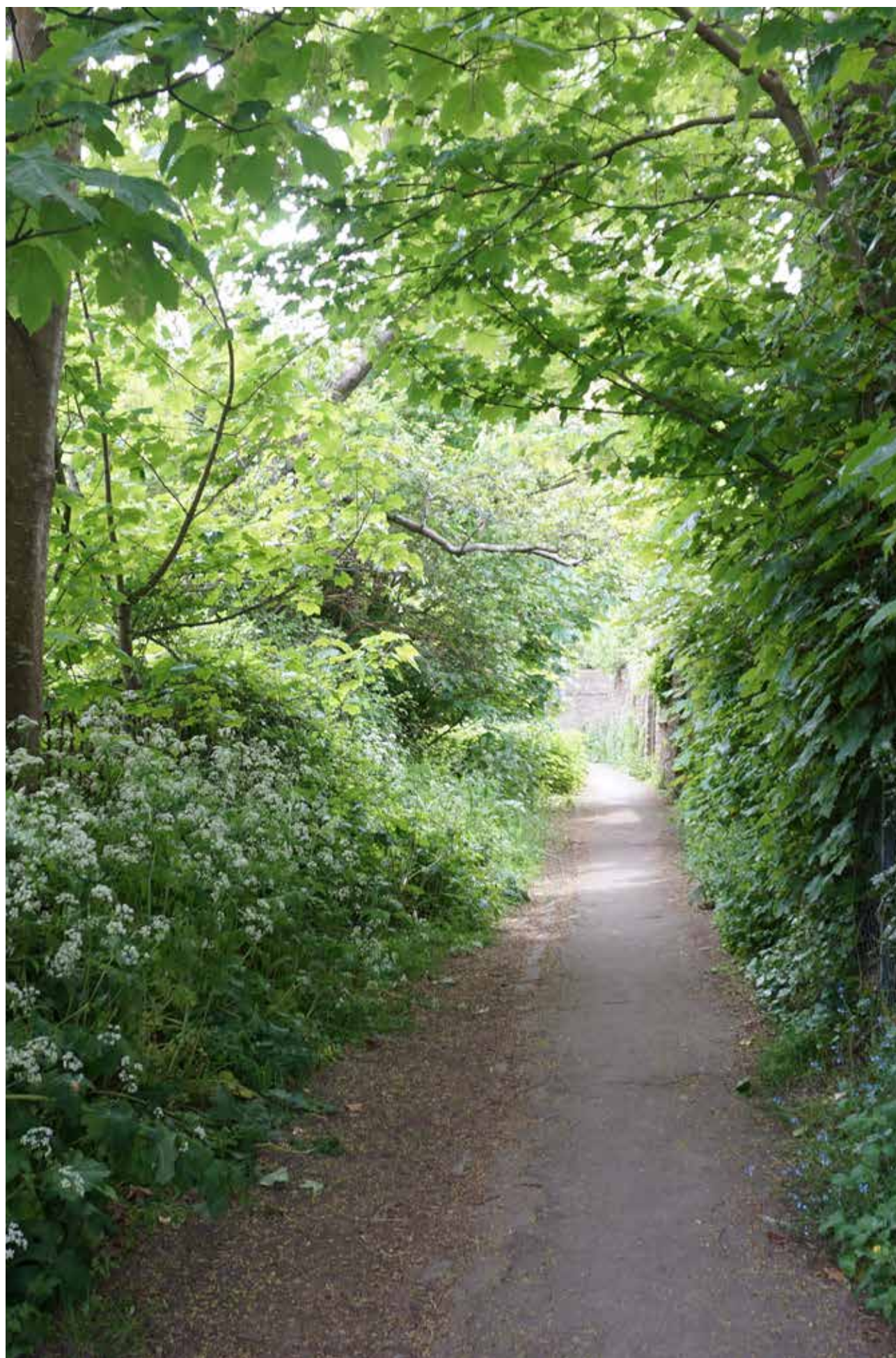
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This report provides a summary of the key messages and content of the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan.

For full details, please see the full draft neighbourhood plan document at www.vision-2030.co.uk



Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan

The Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan has been developed with input from over 100 local people and covers the communities of Allington, Bothenhampton & Walditch, Bradpole, Bridport, Symondsburry and West Bay.

The full draft of the neighbourhood plan is out for consultation until Friday 7th September 2018.

During the consultation period, we are asking local people to decide whether the objectives, policies and projects set out in the plan will ensure that the Bridport area remains a place we are proud of, with an improved supply of homes for local people, public facilities to match, and employment opportunities, and with a reduced carbon footprint.

For example, does the plan safeguard our rural setting, the individual characters of our town and parishes, and ease of moving about within it? Tell us what you think.

Print copies of the document and questionnaire are available from Bridport Library, the Tourist Information Centre, Bridport Town Council offices and from the parish clerks of the participating parishes.

The Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan, once approved at referendum will influence decisions about planning, design and future development across the wider Bridport area.

Thank you.



Background to the Neighbourhood Plan

Bridport Town Council, working with its four parish council partners of Allington, Bradpole, Bothenhampton & Walditch and Symondsburry, has prepared the pre-submission version of the plan on behalf of those who live and work within the town of Bridport and the surrounding area. The plan has been developed with input from over 100 local people and sets out a vision for the town through to 2036 and is supported by a set of planning policies and a series of specific projects.

Neighbourhood plans are produced by community forum groups or parish or town councils. Neighbourhood plans can influence or allocate new housing; produce design policies for allocated sites and general design policies; protect or identify new community facilities; and identify green spaces to be protected from any future development proposals and more.

Is the neighbourhood plan vision the right one? How could it be improved? What else should it cover?

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The Vision for the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan

The vision and objectives in the plan have been derived from the consultation work undertaken while the plan was being prepared. All future development proposals will be assessed against the vision and objectives.

Only those proposals that clearly conform should be supported. This is particularly important at the planning application stage, which will remain the means of delivering changes on the ground. All planning applications will be assessed against the vision and objectives of the plan, together with the provisions of the planning policies.

“The Bridport area will remain a place we are proud of, with an improved supply of homes for local people, public facilities to match, employment opportunities, and with a reduced carbon footprint. We will preserve our rural setting, the individual characters of our town and parishes, and ease of moving about within them”

Separate yet coordinated vision statements for each of the individual parishes are contained within the full draft of the neighbourhood plan. Please see the full draft for details.

Neighbourhood Plan Objectives

The public consultations revealed a series of issues that are of concern to residents and businesses. This same process also identified the features and characteristics of the area of which people are proud and wish to see protected or enhanced.

Together, these results have been used to generate the 18 objectives of the plan. These are the guiding principles and are designed to strike the right balance between protection and enhancement. All 18 objectives are of equal importance and apply across all parishes that are partners in the plan. The range of planning policies are written in such a way as to help the plan meet these objectives. The 18 objectives will also serve as useful monitoring of the plan moving forward.

Climate Change

01. To ensure that development in the plan area is explicit as to the contribution it will make to the national carbon target, and that any increase is minimised.
02. To enable the community in and around Bridport to make their contribution to the national carbon target.

Heritage & Landscape

03. To maintain, protect and enhance the unique nature of the area, its heritage, important features, character, and its environmental assets.

- 04. To enhance and protect the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty designation, the Conservation Areas, and the Jurassic Coast UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Housing

- 05. To maximize the provision of housing that is genuinely affordable for those in need and of the right mix of house types and tenure.
- 06. To support socially balanced communities through measures that encourage younger people to live here, enable older people to downsize, and cater for a broad spectrum of financial means.
- 07. To ensure that the design of housing developments and the homes within them are responsive to local context and conditions, are energy efficient, adaptable to different residents' abilities, and accessible to public services.

Social & Community Infrastructure

- 08. To protect the excellent community facilities that exist today, including education, health, cultural, sport and leisure facilities.
- 09. To increase the range and availability of community facilities, sports, and leisure provisions where these bring benefits to the community.

Economy & Employment

- 10. To expand the local economy, improve opportunities to start up new businesses and to grow existing businesses

- 11. To ensure that the local economy is robust and diverse with emphasis on creating skilled, well paid jobs.
- 12. To encourage tourism which uses local services, facilities, and locally produced goods, creating an accessible and attractive destination for visitors and local people alike.

Access & Movement

- 13. To make it easier to walk, cycle and use public transport, with the aims of shifting to less polluting forms of transport and improving safety and well-being.
- 14. To safeguard and improve pedestrian movements in the neighbourhood plan area.
- 15. To safeguard and revitalise use of the bus station as a transport hub.

Bridport Town Centre

- 16. To maintain, protect and enhance the thriving, independent nature of the town centre, its businesses, and its attractions.
- 17. In the short to medium term, to protect car parking capacity in the centre of Bridport and explore options for temporary peak-time/overflow car parking on the Bridport town edge.
- 18. Over the medium to longer term, move towards a town centre less dependent on private vehicle movements.

Neighbourhood Plan Policies

The plan contains seven key policy chapters that address the following issues:

Climate Change

Climate change and the broader concerns of ecological sustainability are rapidly becoming an integral part of all aspects of policy and are the aims and objectives of addressing this issue cut across each section of the plan.

Bridport Town Centre

The success of Bridport town centre is of critical importance to the prosperity of its surrounding area. This has been the case since medieval times and will continue to be so. Bridport town centre offers a rich mix of cultural and retail activities. Preserving Bridport's unique character and vitality is paramount and a key aim of the plan.

Access & Movement

The objective here is to enhance opportunities for non-car travel through better walking, cycling and public transport and thus reduce reliance on the private motor car. The plan encourages a modal shift, encouraging the presence of pedestrians, cyclists, horse-riders, and public transport use.

Community Facilities

This section aims to protect the excellent community facilities including education, health, cultural, sport and leisure facilities across the neighbourhood area. The policies seek to increase the range and availability of these services that benefit the community.

Economy & Employment

This section aims to facilitate the expansion of the local economy, extending opportunities for established local and for new businesses, ensuring that the economy is robust with high quality jobs and skills.

Landscape & Heritage

The landscape setting of Bridport and the parishes within the neighbourhood plan area, is special and worthy of protection. This landscape setting helps to connect local residential settlements and supports wildlife.

Housing & Design Policies

What the area needs most is housing which local people can afford, both to buy and for secure rent. Therefore, the priorities of the housing policies in the plan are clear: to improve the supply of homes both to rent and to buy which the young and less affluent can access. The plan also contains policy sections on quality of design for housing and other developments and advice on shop front design policy for Bridport town centre.

Are these planning policies the right ones? Is there anything missing?

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Neighbourhood Plan Projects

The plan has also identified a series of 36 projects that can be funded through contributions from new developments built in the area during the plan period. These include:

- Provide new storage space for local community and voluntary groups
- Set up a local design review panel comprising local architects, artists, designers, and planners
- Review of traffic speeds and signage in the area to help improve convenience for pedestrians and cyclists
- Develop a new indoor skate park
- Develop a strategy to improve information about the civic quarters and the links between them
- Promote the rope and net making heritage.
- Create trails linking the civic quarters promoting tourism, health, and well-being
- Make town centre movement easier and more pleasant through better paving and decluttering of redundant street furniture
- Develop the local wood fuel sector
- Introduce more electric vehicle charging points
- Support initiatives that encourage the community to reduce, reuse, repair
- Support the Youth & Community Centre
- Support new and growing businesses

For the full list of projects, please see the full neighbourhood plan document.

Neighbourhood Plan Timetable

- 2017 — Local people expressed their concerns and how they wanted to see the area develop in future.
- 2017/2018 — The joint committee drafted a Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan in response to those concerns and wishes.
- Summer 2018 — “Time to Decide”. This is the pre-submission consultation period. Is the plan good enough? What do you like about the plan? What could be improved?
- September/October 2018 (estimated)
 - The joint committee will respond to feedback received on the draft plan, making revisions where appropriate.
- November 2018 (estimated) — The revised plan will be submitted to West Dorset District Council and the plan will be published for a further six-week consultation period.
- Early 2019 (estimated) — An independent planning examiner appointed to examine the plan. Should the examiner find the plan to be in conformity with the basic conditions, it will then go forward to be the subject of a referendum.
- Mid 2019 (estimated) — Local Referendum. If supported by more than 50% of the vote, the plan will become the statutory planning document for the wider Bridport area.



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