

Bitteswell Neighbourhood Plan Vision Statement: Revised Version April 2019

Our vision is:

'To maintain the integrity of Bitteswell as a small rural village, keep its visual amenity and retain its existing strong community spirit, charm and character as an asset to all existing and future residents.'

This will be achieved by:

- Supporting small-scale sustainable developments that do not detract from the character of the village, maintain a variety of housing stock and which have the greatest level of community support.
- Ensuring that the style and design of developments maintain or enhance the character and charm of the village.
- Ensuring that future developments do not cause any significant loss of amenity to existing residents including erosion of privacy, loss of daylight, overlooking, visual intrusion, noise disturbance, reduced space around buildings, loss of car parking or mature vegetation.
- Strongly enforcing the proposed 'areas of separation' and policies included in the neighbourhood plan to prevent any new buildings in these locations.
- Ensuring the bund and present boundaries in and around Magna Park are maintained.
- Supporting and protecting our village amenities, including the school, public houses, village greens and the church.
- Retaining and enhancing the character and appeal of the existing conservation area.
- Ensuring that traffic and parking issues are managed to ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists and other road users, also that any future development provides adequate parking within the boundary of the site, avoiding the need for additional street parking.
- Supporting the continued viability of local farming and other endeavours that help maintain a rural economy.
- Ensuring the elderly are valued and continue to be active participants in village life, with accommodation appropriate to their needs.
- Supporting residents that want or need to work from home to continue to do so.
- Protecting and preserving the open countryside and rural character of the area.
- Working with Harborough Council and Historic England to ensure that any development will be in line with our vision, which in turn will allow full and comprehensive community support.