

Buckden Parish Council
Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group
Report to Council 06.05.2026

1. The group met on 05.05.2026 to discuss a timetable for reviewing and revising the existing NP.
2. It was agreed there are numerous variables which will affect when this should be done. These include the development off Silver Street, the making of the new Huntingdonshire Local Plan and the local government re-organisation.
3. Subject to these variables, it was agreed that we should start making an action plan in late 2026, after the draft new Local Plan is published. We should then gather evidence and start writing a draft new plan in early 2027. The next stage will be finishing a draft plan and we think we should aim for early autumn 2027 to do this.

We will need to have local consultations of residents about the draft and await the “making” of the new Local Plan, anticipated for February/March 2028, to ensure there are no conflicts with the Local Plan.

The revised plan will have to go to Inspection, which we think should be possible by early summer 2028. Depending on how quickly that inspection is concluded, we may be able to hold a referendum on the plan in autumn 2028, so that it could be made by the end of that year.

4. We anticipate budgetary requirements in financial years 2027/28 and 2028/29, but it is too early to predict what these will be.
5. Tentatively, we considered that the main areas for revision will be:
 - Housing
 - Highways and roads
 - Flooding and sewage
 - Green infrastructure
 - Business.
6. We then discussed how the work should be done. Last time it was largely written by a small group of individuals. The Group feels that drafting of the various parts of the new plan should be done by the committees and advisory groups of the Council that have the relevant responsibilities.
7. The NPA should however review the new draft Local Plan when it comes out and report to the full Council on it.