

BARDSEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT

The Neighbourhood Plan will ensure that Bardsey continues to thrive as a distinct village community, proud of its long history and its tradition of offering the advantages of rural living in the heart of the countryside along with easy access to the amenities of the city, nearby market towns and the rich cultural heritage of West and North Yorkshire. The Neighbourhood Plan will preserve and improve the much cherished character and qualities of the village, both physical and social, and secure its long term identity, sustainability and vitality through planned and structured growth.

The Neighbourhood Plan will seek to achieve this by:

- Encouraging proportionate housing development which is appropriate to the needs and wishes of residents in terms of volume, size and architectural design. The priorities identified in the Housing Needs Survey are provision within the village for older residents wishing to downsize, and of affordable homes for younger residents wishing to establish independent households. A Community Land Trust project* is a noted ambition.
- Preserving the green belt, and the Village Conservation Area, consistent with the needs of the community and the environment.
- Maintaining and improving the quality and character of the built environment.
- Maintaining and improving the sustainability, quality and biodiversity of the natural environment.
- Improving public highway safety and amenity, through better traffic management.
- Identifying Assets of Community Value⁺ within the village, especially those which make major contributions to the character of Bardsey, with a view to ensuring their sustainability in the long term.
- Encouraging appropriate business and commercial activity. This includes not only sectors of traditional importance (notably agriculture), but also support for the increasing numbers who wish to work from home, and proportionate additional commercial and retail activity where it can add to both the economy and the social fabric of the village.
- Encouraging healthy and active lifestyles, and strengthening the social fabric of the community, by developing and improving sport and leisure provision. Ultimately a

single complex for sport might best allow facilities to be improved, and best allow the requirements of specific groups such as the young, the elderly and the disabled to be met.

- Improving pedestrian and cycle access throughout the Parish by maintaining, extending and further connecting the network of footpaths and bridleways, to enhance and secure its position as an ideal location for walking, cycling and equestrian activities.

NOTES

***Community Land Trusts**

A Community Land Trust is a non-profit organisation run by volunteer community based trustees, which allows a community to take control of providing mutual ownership homes to meet specific needs. Ownership is shared between the Trust and the occupant, who buys a proportion of the equity in the home. The price to the occupant can therefore be controlled and remain affordable. Eligibility to buy homes provided by the Trust can also be controlled, to ensure that they are always available to those from within the community who need them – for example young lower income families who otherwise couldn't afford a home of their own.

†Assets of Community Value

Part 5 Chapter 3 of the Localism Act 2011 provides for a scheme called 'assets of community value'. Part of the Government's community empowerment agenda, it requires a local council to maintain a list of 'community assets', which are features such as a village pub or village green which make significant contributions to the character of a locality. (N.B. residential property is specifically excluded from eligibility).

Once a nomination for a community asset (usually by a Parish Council) is accepted, the community will be given time and opportunity to come up with a community bid for the asset if its owner decides to sell. (N.B. the community only has the right to bid, and there is no guarantee that its bid will be the successful one).