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HURN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM Thursday 24<sup>TH</sup> October 2024

We hope you will turn out to vote at  
Hurn Bridge Sports Club  
7am to 10pm  
*(Don't forget your photo ID)*

The Question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

*“Do you want BCP Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Hurn to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”*

A copy of the final Hurn Parish Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on our website at [www.hurnparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.hurnparishcouncil.org.uk) and a hard copy can be viewed at Hurn Bridge Sports Club.

This is a referendum just for Hurn Parish residents and a simple majority vote to accept the Plan will give the Parish more control over planning decision making, which is not available at present. BCP Council will have to take account of the policies within the Plan when making any decisions in Hurn. It is our very best chance of protecting the historic and rural nature of the Parish.

A brief summary of each of the 7 Policies in the Plan is overleaf. If there are any queries, please contact the Parish Chairman – [hurnparish@fillybrookfarm.co.uk](mailto:hurnparish@fillybrookfarm.co.uk)

## **BRIEF SUMMARY OF HURN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN POLICIES**

### **Policy 1. Conserving and Enhancing Hurn's Historic Character**

This policy seeks to ensure the conservation of the area's heritage assets, together with recognition of the setting of the Hurn Conservation Area. It seeks to conserve and enhance the character of the area which includes historic buildings, narrow lanes, open spaces, green fields and the Moors River Valley.

### **Policy 2. Local Landscape Character**

This policy is to conserve and enhance the character of the local landscape, and in particular avoid significant harm to key characteristics, such as, lanes, tracks, mature hedgerows, woodland, riverside, rural open fields, parkland within Hurn Court and remote areas away from main transport corridors.

### **Policy 3. Important Local Gap**

This policy identifies an important local landscape gap, being the fields between Hurn Village and the Airport.

### **Policy 4. Access to the Countryside**

This policy relates to access to, and enjoyment of the countryside through the provision of footpaths and bridleways which must be compatible with the rural character of the area and conservation interests. It also aims to minimise adverse impacts on the safe use of the rural lanes and trails by pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.

### **Policy 5. Woodland, Heathland and Farmland**

The policy states that any development proposals should protect and, where appropriate, enhance the biodiversity of the varied habitats within the parish, including the water meadows and floodplains of the River Stour, River Avon and Moors River with their willows, oaks and birch trees, the distinct heathland landscapes and the pine forests.

### **Policy 6. Supporting Community Facilities and Local Services**

This policy specifically supports the community facilities of the Village Store/Post Office; Hurn Bridge Sports/Social Club; and the Moors Close Play Areas.

### **Policy 7. Creating safer roads and pedestrian / cycle routes**

Measures to improve road safety, including specific crossing points identified on Map 7 of the Neighbourhood Plan, will be supported where they are designed in a manner appropriate to the rural character of the area.

## **HURN PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS**

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