

CHAPTER 3 – VISION AND OBJECTIVES

CREATING A SUSTAINABLE DISTRICT

- 3.1 The Local Plan for Bolsover District needs to provide a long term spatial Vision for the District. The starting point for this is the spatial portrait which describes the District as it is now. The Vision then sets out how the District will change, and how it will look and function at the end of the Plan period. The Objectives are the stepping stones that will move the District towards the Vision.
- 3.2 National policy underlines the importance of a Vision setting out what the Local Plan intends to facilitate and achieve. As far as possible the Vision should reflect the views of local organisations, businesses, and the wider community. The Vision and Objectives were the subject of earlier consultation (October / November 2015), and the views put forward, together with the findings of the Sustainability Appraisal have informed the development of the Vision and Objectives in this Plan as set out below.

Aerial image of the district/part of the district? if there are any? If not a recognisable vista in the district link to first two paragraphs

THE LOCAL PLAN VISION

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<p>By 2033, Bolsover will be a growing district, undergoing an economic and visual transformation.</p>
<p>Economic Role</p>
<p>By 2033, Bolsover District will be an attractive location for new and growing businesses. The economy of the District will have benefited from wider initiatives in the Sheffield City Region and D2N2, as well as more local initiatives to improve the quantity, range and quality of jobs in the District.</p>
<p>Employment opportunities will have expanded into growing sectors such as advanced manufacturing, logistics and knowledge based sectors. The increased employment opportunities in the District mean that people will have access to a greater number and range of jobs without having to commute outside the District.</p>
<p>Brownfield sites in the District will have been remediated and brought back into productive use providing regeneration benefits to the local community and improvements to the natural environment. Development will have taken place in the towns and larger villages and the town centres that serve local residents will be vibrant, attractive and distinctive places. Rural settlements will also have benefited from appropriate and sensitive development to meet the needs of their local communities.</p>

Social Role

A range of new housing will have met the needs of a growing and aging population. New infrastructure such as schools, roads, health facilities and open space provision will have been planned and delivered alongside new developments. Access to outdoor recreation space and a network of footpaths and other facilities will have all been improved, providing opportunities for people to enjoy the natural environment and value the biodiversity it supports; thereby contributing to the health, wellbeing and economic prosperity of people and communities in the District.

The need to travel will be reduced through the spatial strategy of focussing development on the more sustainable settlements, whilst also supporting regeneration needs and tackling deprivation.

Environmental Role

The District's rich variety of environmental and historic assets (including their settings) will have been protected, enhanced, and extended and will be enjoyed by more people through increased tourism.

Increased open spaces; new, enhanced and better integrated green infrastructure; and ecological and recreational networks will have improved settlements and their settings in the District. This will allow wildlife to thrive and contribute to a sense of place and well-being, whilst creating opportunities for outdoor recreation and improved health.

The high quality of design in new developments will have helped to address climate change and reduced the potential for anti-social behaviour. It will also have helped to create places where people want to live and reinforced the distinctive character of settlements in the District.

Overall, through the provisions of the Local Plan, by 2033 the District's valuable natural and built assets will have been retained and enhanced. Local people will have benefited from the opportunities for a healthier lifestyle, improved job opportunities, more housing, and the increase in facilities that this can help to deliver.

THE LOCAL PLAN OBJECTIVES

- 3.3 Whilst the Vision sets out the changes that we expect to see in the District, how we get there is shaped by the Objectives below. The Objectives are not ranked in any order of importance.

Objective A: Sustainable Growth

To support sustainable growth and the prudent use of resources through:

- a) sustainable patterns of development
- b) the sustainable use of resources and minimisation of waste
- c) the protection and enhancement of the quality of the District's water sources
- d) recognising the multiple benefits of blue and green infrastructure in new development
- e) maintaining the general integrity of the Green Belt
- f) a careful consideration of the impacts of proposed development
- g) provision of appropriate infrastructure to support development.

Objective B: Climate Change

To mitigate against and adapt to the impacts of climate change through:

- a) the increased use of renewable energy resources
- b) energy reduction to minimise pollution including greenhouse gas emissions
- c) minimising carbon emissions in new development
- d) promoting sustainable design that takes account of more extreme weather patterns and reduces the demands placed upon ecosystem services
- e) avoiding inappropriate development in flood risk areas
- f) promoting the efficient use of water resources, and water efficiency measures in new development to reduce the demand placed on water resources
- g) protecting and supporting the ability of wildlife to respond and adapt to change
- h) protecting, enhancing, extending, and the better integration of, green infrastructure and ecological networks.

Objective C: Countryside, Landscape Character & Wildlife

To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the countryside, its landscapes, and wildlife through:

- a) ensuring that development which takes place to meet identified rural development needs contributes positively to countryside character
- b) protecting and enhancing the character and quality of local landscapes, including sites designated for their geological interest, and local landscape character
- c) protecting, enhancing and extending habitats and ecological networks and the wildlife they support
- d) Protecting and improving the water quality of rivers and streams in the district
- e) Protecting ancient woodland and ancient/veteran trees.

Smaller image of countryside in the district link to Objective C

Smaller image of listed building in the district link to Objective D

Objective D: Historic Environment

- a) To conserve, enhance, and where possible regenerate the District's distinctive historic environment, and cultural heritage assets including the wider settings associated with the District's outstanding heritage assets
- b) To recognise the contribution made by the historic environment to the character of landscapes, townscapes and villages
- c) To recognise the value of non-designated heritage assets and protect these where possible, and to address heritage at risk issues.

Objective E: Regeneration

- a) To support the regeneration needs of urban and rural settlements
- b) To support suitable deliverable opportunities for the comprehensive redevelopment of brownfield sites.

Objective F: Tourism

To increase the appeal of Bolsover District as a tourist attraction through the protection of identified international and national assets, and supporting the growth of suitable tourist facilities.

Objective G: Infrastructure and New Facilities

- a) To ensure the timely delivery of any new physical infrastructure such as digital infrastructure, roads, sewers, waste and water facilities, and social infrastructure such as education, and health and social care facilities necessary to support new development
- b) To safeguard existing community facilities and services where possible.

Image of one of the schools in the district link to Objective G

Image of a bus in the district link to Objective H

Objective H: Sustainable Transport

To reduce the need for people to travel by car and reduce out-commuting through:

- a) directing growth towards the most sustainable settlements
- b) providing more employment in the District
- c) working with others to improve public transport (bus and rail) services in the District
- d) encouraging provision for walking and cycling to help develop walkable settlements.

Objective I: Green Spaces and Green Infrastructure

- a) To recognise the value of open space within communities and to safeguard, and where possible expand an integrated network of well managed green infrastructure assets within and beyond communities, as set out in the Council's Green Infrastructure Study
- b) To recognise the multiple benefits provided by green infrastructure and access to the natural environment on people, wildlife, health, wellbeing and economic prosperity
- c) To address identified deficiencies and gaps in Green Infrastructure, improving accessibility and encouraging multiple uses where appropriate
- d) To seek positive opportunities to include open space, natural greenspace, trees and woodland in new development.

Objective J: Rural Areas

To support rural areas by protecting the character of rural settlements, and ensuring that development outside the main settlements reflects the existing size of villages whilst sustaining local services; supporting the diversification of rural businesses; and making provision for affordable housing.

Objective K: Health and Wellbeing

To improve health outcomes and increase life expectancy of residents, by addressing the economic and environmental factors underpinning health and well being. This will be achieved by:

- a) working with healthcare partners to deliver new and improved health and social care facilities
- b) promoting healthy lifestyles and address obesity and levels of physical activity
- c) encouraging walking and cycling
- d) improving access to the countryside and recreational, leisure and cultural activities
- e) providing opportunities for people to enjoy the natural environment and value the biodiversity it supports.

Objective L: Economic Prosperity

- a) To promote economic prosperity by encouraging the growth of high value manufacturing businesses, business services, tourism, appropriate rural diversification initiatives and the cultural and creative industries
- b) Recognising that environmental quality can help to attract inward investment.

Objective M: Employment Opportunities

- a) To create employment opportunities within the District through supporting the development of new enterprises and the growth of existing businesses
- b) To increase local employment opportunities in order to reduce the gap between the number of households in the Districts' settlements and the availability of local jobs
- c) To support the provision of employment opportunities for people with disabilities
- d) To help to deliver a diverse range of sites that are attractive to new investors in the District and also to enable the growth of existing businesses.

Objective N: Meeting Housing Needs

- a) To provide housing that addresses the needs of all sectors of the community
- b) To improve existing housing stock and promote lifetime homes
- c) To help to build / expand communities rather than just providing new housing.

Objective O: Place Making

- a) To ensure that place making is at the heart of the delivery of high quality well designed neighbourhoods and developments
- b) To promote high quality design that respects local character and distinctiveness
- c) To promote inclusive design that meets the needs of all members of the community
- d) To ensure that development takes place in a way that protects local amenity and does not undermine environmental quality
- e) To protect and enhance existing open space and allotment provision across the District where possible.

Objective P: Town Centres

To sustain and improve retail, service and leisure provision in town and local centres. This will create distinctive places, and sustain and enhance the vitality and viability of the District's town centres and larger villages.

Image of a/part of a town centre (recognisable) in the district (Clowne/Bolsover/Shirebrook/South Normanton) link to Objective P

- 3.4 Whilst the Objectives are intended to support and help realise the Vision for the District, it is the Local Plan's spatial strategy which sets the basis for how the Vision can be realised. The allocations and policies of the Local Plan will then build on the strategy to show how we will focus, support and control development to implement the strategy in order to achieve the Objectives and realise the Vision.
- 3.5 In order to show the inter-relationships within the Plan, Appendix 1.1 'Development of the Local Plan', seeks to show the linkage between the Identified issues, and the references in the Portrait and Vision which have raised them. The table goes on to show how the issues are picked up through the Objectives and finally what policies have been developed to seek to ensure that new development helps to meet the Objectives.