

BECCLLES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

SECOND DRAFT CHALLENGES

The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to address the challenges facing Beccles which have been identified through public consultation, and which arise from the large-scale residential development proposed in the emerging Waveney District Local Plan:

Housing & inequality

- A shortage of affordable and rented housing for young people and families, and of sheltered accommodation for the elderly,
- Pockets of severe inequality in Beccles South, identified in the 2016 Hidden Needs Report,

Development south of Beccles

- Potential pressure from the large-scale residential development proposed in the Waveney Local Plan on the environment, physical and social infrastructure and existing character of the town.

Employment

- Lack of local job opportunities which reflect the full range of technological advances, and the green economy.

Infrastructure

- Lack of community facilities, especially for the parents with young children, and teenagers.
- Poorly maintained outdoor play facilities and open spaces, especially at Beccles Quay.
- Pressure on Beccles Medical Centre and lack of facilities for mental health.

Traffic

- Regular town centre congestion, air pollution and speeding, poor pedestrian safety and lack of provision for technological advances such as electric and driverless cars,

Environment

- Inconsistently maintained heritage buildings, unsightly brownfield sites and pet fouling.
- Pollution of the River Waveney.
- Flooding.

Tourism

- Lack of visitor accommodation.
- Threats to the character and environment of the town which undermine attractiveness to tourists.

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