

BECCLES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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OBJECTIVES

Housing

1. To contribute to the Waveney Local Plan housing strategy and provide a range of attractive housing types and tenures to meet all needs.
2. To ensure that the new housing proposed to the south of Beccles incorporates the highest standards of green architecture and urban design; reflects local styles; is phased to ensure that all new infrastructure is secured before housing is occupied, and is integrated with the existing town.

Employment

3. To increase the number and range of employment opportunities in order to reflect the pace of technological change, including Artificial intelligence, and to encourage provision of green goods and services.
4. To expand and develop schools to meet these needs.

Community facilities

5. To provide new community facilities especially for parents with young children, and teenagers, plus a new leisure centre and/or indoor pool.
6. To enhance existing open spaces, play areas and other facilities including the library and the Waveney Centre.
7. To develop Beccles Quay as an asset for residents and visitors.

Traffic

8. To promote junction improvements where there is existing or anticipated pressure from new residential or industrial development.
9. To enhance pedestrian safety by speed restrictions, widening pavements and routing lorry traffic away from the town centre.
10. To support safe cycle routes, maintain and enhance public transport routes and community transport services, wherever possible.

Environment

11. To maintain and enhance the character and heritage of our built environment, promote development of brownfield sites and maintain a clean, litter-free and attractive townscape.
12. Encourage the appropriate care and management of our wider green environment.
13. To co-operate with the relevant bodies in improving the water quality of the River Waveney.

Town Centre

14. To maintain a thriving town centre and minimise vacancies.

Health

15. To improve and expand the existing Beccles Medical Centre so that it fully meets the needs of existing and new residents, and to explore other opportunities for providing medical facilities.
16. To encourage a physically and mentally healthy community.

