

BECCLES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

SECOND DRAFT VISION STATEMENT

'By 2036 the Beccles Southern Relief Road will have been long completed. Attractive new housing in the Beccles and Worlingham Garden Suburb, and to the west of London Road will provide a range of dwelling sizes and tenure that has allowed young people to stay and raise families in Beccles, and provided the elderly with sheltered housing. The new primary school, open space, sports facilities and shops in the Garden Suburb will be easily accessible to the existing town via pedestrian, cycle and bus routes routes and will be fully integrated into existing infrastructure.

Light employment units accommodating hi-tech business will have been developed within the Garden Suburb and on brownfield sites. Our schools will have expanded to equip our younger people with the versatile skills required for the future and there will be more links between businesses and the wider community.

Heavy goods vehicles will no longer come into the town centre other than for deliveries, and this together with smart systems to reduce speeding and widened pavements will have improved pedestrian safety. Electric vehicles will have reduced air pollution and there will be re-charging points in the town, plus better access for wheelchairs and mobility scooters. Well-maintained heritage buildings and a well-managed green environment, together with a good range of shops and services will have helped maintain the town's character. Elsewhere in the town road improvements have eased pressure at critical locations.

Beccles Medical Centre and other health services will have expanded to meet increased demand for both physical and mental care. There will be new and enhanced community spaces for parents, children and teenagers, including a Skate Park and inclusive play areas. The town will have a new leisure centre and/or indoor swimming pool. The environment of the town will encourage active lifestyles for residents and visitors, and provide a range of leisure activities to suit all ages.

Open spaces at Waveney Meadow, the Common and especially Beccles Quay will have been much improved to provide an enhanced attraction to residents and visitors. Visitor accommodation will have increased and tourism will be thriving.

The water quality of the River Waveney will have improved and flood risk will have been mitigated.

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