

# Binfield Heath Parish Neighbourhood Plan

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**We're on track . . .**



**. . . but there's still some way to go**

Hello again everyone. This is the fourth of our newsletters to keep you up to date on where we are with the Binfield Heath Neighbourhood Plan. Once adopted by South Oxfordshire District Council, the Plan can help to influence planning matters and preserve the character of the parish.

We are making steady progress. A Landscape Character Assessment based on feedback from parishioners is expected to be completed soon. It aims to identify what gives Binfield Heath its unique identity and which aspects of the landscape we want to preserve and protect. One important feature is what remains of the ancient heath that gave the parish its name.



The parish Design Guide is also well under way. Following consultation with residents, this seeks to ensure that any new building fits in with its surroundings based on height, scale, design and materials used.



A history of the parish, which forms another part of the Neighbourhood Plan, is nearly finished. But we would still love to hear any stories, secrets and legends you may have about your house, the pubs, or the parish in general. You can contact us by email at:

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In addition to the above, the Neighbourhood Plan steering group is working to define settlement boundaries within the parish. These are crucial because they will help to preserve the green spaces between the settlements that give Binfield Heath its distinctive character.

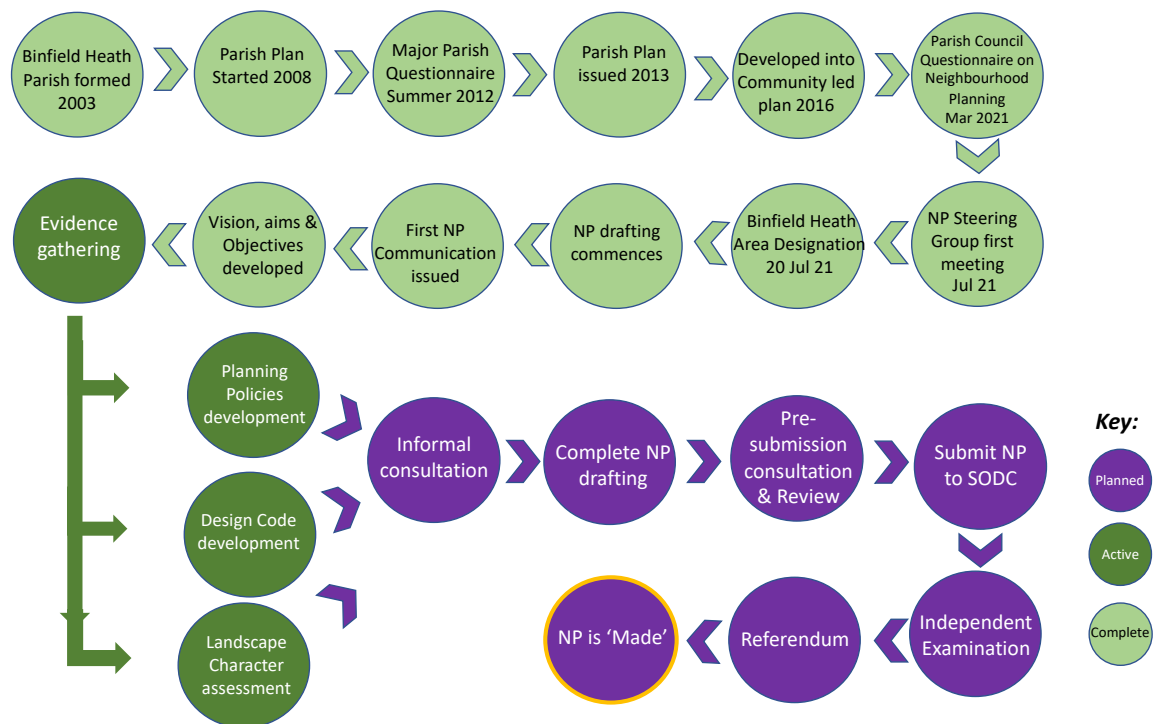


Comments and suggestions on all of the above are welcome. As each document is agreed by the steering group it will be placed in a dedicated dropbox folder where they can be accessed. Documents already posted include previous newsletters and status reports showing where we have reached with the Plan. Just follow this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/xglgqhtuqz0lod7/AABOBrZ3iaG0U4dl7eQNfyCha?dl=0>

Last but definitely not least, everyone is invited to a public meeting and presentation in May when steering group members will answer questions on the Neighbourhood Plan. A date and venue will be announced soon.

This chart shows how the Plan has progressed:



Best wishes, Binfield Heath Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group:

Rob Davis (Parish Council) Kim Eccles (Arch Hill) David Embley (Emmer Green Road) John Hughes (Common Lane) Norman Lane (Shiplake Row) Roger Murray Leach (Common Lane) Tom Martineau (Dunsden Way) Tony McArthur (King's Common Close) Fionnuala McCredie (Crowsley) Rob Packham (Kiln Lane) Sarah Powell (Heathfield Avenue) Lis Ransom (Parish Council) Rachel Richardson (Dunsden Way) Roger Roberts (Shiplake Row) Paul Rollason (Parish Council) Mary and Martin Swords (Dunsden Way) Andy Whitwell (Heathfield Close)