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# Let's plan

## Bayston Hill's Community Led Plan Newsletter

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### *Our Village, Our Plan*

**Spring 2017:**  
*shaping the discussion  
and identifying issues*

**Summer 2017:**  
*consultation events*

**Autumn 2017:**  
*the Big Survey*

**Spring 2018:**  
*Plan published and  
adopted*

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Developing a new plan for the village offers us (the people who live here) the opportunity to have a direct say in how planners, commissioners, developers and others shape *our* village over the next ten years. The final document will set out our collective, considered view on housing development, infrastructure, public services and more. It will be a reflection of the sort of community we want to be – and what needs to happen to make it a reality.

### **Don't leave it to someone else**

The plan will only have credibility if we can demonstrate that it represents a wide range of views. It's no good just moaning on social media about developers, the council and so on! Be more proactive and *help shape decisions before they are made!*



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*What can I do?*

*How can I get involved?*

A small group of residents has been meeting once a month to develop a structure for the plan and the sorts of areas that it needs to cover. We have settled on four key themes:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Built and natural environment
- Community
- Sustainability (planning/development/infrastructure etc)

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Don't be put off by the officious sounding names – this is about everything from sports facilities, health services, how the streets look, community policing through to how the village could (should?) expand.

We are working towards a large survey of all residents in the autumn but want to make sure that the questions we ask are relevant and meaningful. To that end, we are trying to encourage discussion amongst neighbours, formal and informal groups/societies, businesses and so on to inform the design and especially to identify topics/issues that we may not have thought of.

### **Could you lead or have a discussion and send us the results?**

We will be organizing some events over the next few months but the best ideas can come from informal discussion and debate. To help, there are some prompts and resources on our website and in the library. This is not about policy or anything complex...there are no rules. Just take a few minutes to think about the village, our community, your group or interest and their needs over the next few years. What should we all be thinking about to help sustain the village as the place and community in which we have chosen to live and/or work?

### **Could you spare a little time to lend your expertise, interest or skill to the steering group?**

If you would like to help more generally, even for a fixed time or specific piece of work or to give advice, please get in touch!

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