

DECIDING TO MODIFY THE BENTLEY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

3.1 Introduction

Bentley Parish Council (BPC) and the Bentley Parish Neighbourhood Plan (BPNP) Steering Group decided in 2018 to modify and update our Made Bentley Neighbourhood Plan.

3.2 Reasons for modifying the Plan

3.2.1 EHDC Local Plan being updated – EHDC decided to update their Local Plan and when the timetable for this was published, the plan was to modify the BPNP alongside the adoption of the new Local Plan;

3.2.2 To respond to speculative applications - The Parish Council is keen for the plan-led system to maintain its currency in managing a recent trend in speculative planning applications for housing development surrounding the main village., to ensure any further development is the right development for the village. It was therefore felt that changes could be made to the current BPNP to provide further clarity for applicants and decision makers when considering such applications.

3.2.3 BPNP policy update – In monitoring the Made Plan between 2016 and 2018, BPC recognised that there is a need to have a number of additional policies in the Bentley Neighbourhood Plan to help strengthen its effectiveness