



BETCHWORTH PARISH

Betchworth Village Plan Kick Off

A community-led plan for the future of our village

Why a village plan?

Betchworth sits in very special local environmental landscape which we wish to protect. With the NPFF and the upcoming Surrey Strategic plan, change is inevitable — in housing, traffic, services and climate. A village plan is how residents set out, in their own words, what matters here and what should happen next.

● A shared voice

One agreed statement of local priorities, backed by evidence.

● Real influence

Carries weight with the parish and county on planning and funding.

● A practical to-do list

Projects the village can deliver / apply for grants to deliver.



Our starting vision

Improving Betchworth as a place to live and visit.

“Betchworth remains a living, working, historic, rural village — beautiful, welcoming and well connected — where new development is modest and in keeping with our history, the wildlife, landscape and nature are protected, and neighbours of every age can take part in village life.”

Rural character

Landscape, lanes and dark skies come first.

Modest growth

The right homes, at the right scale, with the right design, in the right places.

Everyday life

Local amenities and assets remain viable at the heart of village life.

A greener parish

Nature recovery, river health and lower emissions.

The themes we expect to cover

Housing & development

Scale, design, affordability and environmental protection.

Traffic & transport

Speeds and safety on our roads, parking, buses, safe walking routes.

Landscape & environment

Enhancing biodiversity, flooding/drought tolerance, reducing pollution.

Community & facilities

Providing the amenities and assets our village needs.

Heritage & character

Historic buildings repair, views, lanes and the conservation area.

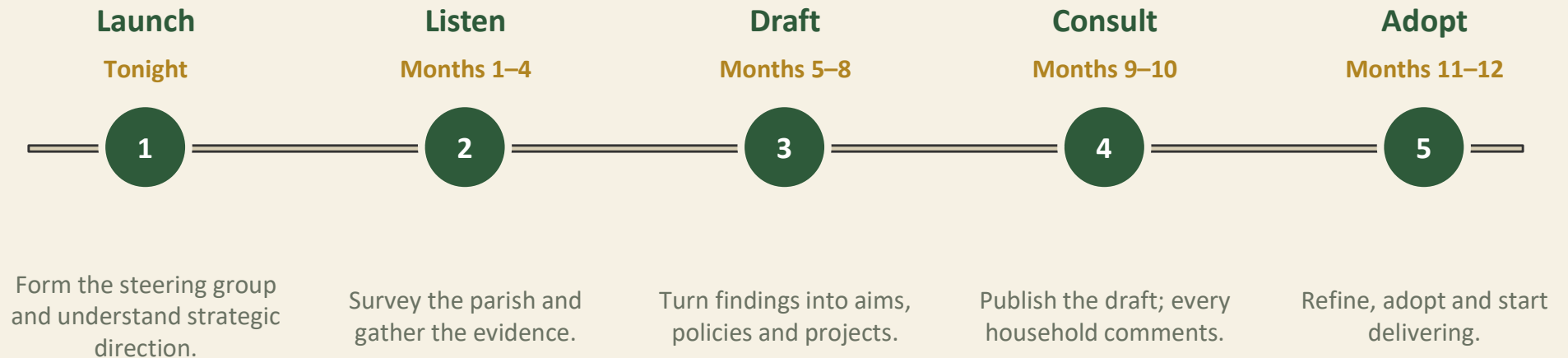
Evidence: what the plan will be built on

Every priority we adopt will be backed by community evidence and consultation.

Source	What it tells us
Village-wide survey	Every household, online and on paper
Census & local statistics	Population, age profile, housing, travel to work
Planning & policy review	Planning constraints, Environmental designations, review previous surveys/historic local plan
Site & facility walkabouts	Traffic, footpaths, drainage, buildings in use
Consultation sessions	Capturing our community feedback

How we get there

An indicative twelve-month programme, from launch to an adopted plan.



Dates are indicative and depend on volunteer capacity.

Who does what



Steering group

8–12 residents who keep the plan moving, hold the timetable and pull the drafts together. Communication via WhatsApp group.

Theme working groups

Small open groups, one per theme, doing the digging and writing on their topic.

Parish council

Sponsors the plan, provides limited funding and formally adopts the final document.

Every resident

Inputs to the survey, comes to sessions and tells us your feedback.

Get involved

The plan only works if it is genuinely the village's. Here is how to take part.

1 Sign up

If you haven't already, please add your name to the steering group.

2 Have your say

Pick a theme to start contributing to. Start forming the survey questions to ask our community.

3 Spread the word

Share the word with your network of neighbours to expect a survey soon.

4 Watch for the survey

Survey letter posted to every household this autumn. One reply per resident online (prefer) or paper return.

Next steps

This evening

Allocate themes across representatives.

Within two weeks

First draft of theme questions ready for steering team review.

Within 4-6 weeks

The household survey drafted and sent to Community Action for delivery.

This autumn

Survey delivered to every home in the parish by Community Action.

Thank you — the plan starts today...