

Vision and Objectives

The Vision

The vision sets out what the Longhoughton, Boulmer and Howick Neighbourhood Plan intends to achieve over the plan period to 2036. It informs all the plan objectives and draft planning policies. The vision and objectives were informed by the issues identified through early engagement and there was a separate consultation on the draft vision and objectives in January 2020.

In 2036 the Parish of Longhoughton which includes the unique and distinctive villages of Boulmer, Howick and Longhoughton, will be an attractive place to live and grow with a community that is sustainable, cohesive and thriving. The diverse need and wellbeing of the existing and future residents will be provided for and the community will be sustainable in relation to the facilities and infrastructure available to residents. Residents will have good access to facilities and be well connected

The natural, historic and environmental character of the area will be maintained and enhanced for future generations by ensuring that new developments are of an appropriate quality, scale and design and embed important habitats for wildlife.

New development will minimize environmental harm by ensuring the prudent use of natural resources in both construction and occupation. It will be designed to be resistant to the effects of climate change.

All people who live in the parish will have the opportunity to participate in shaping their surroundings and feel proud of where they live.

The Objectives

To deliver the vision, seven objectives have been developed. These clearly relate to the issues identified through early engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, as well as the evidence base supporting the plan. **The draft planning policies and community actions contained within the plan, should deliver the objectives.**

1 Sustainable Development. Ensuring new development makes a positive contribution to social, environmental or economic needs and that any negative impacts, particularly those contributing to climate change, are adequately mitigated.

2 Housing. The location, quantity and type of housing built in the Parish, is appropriate to its sustainability and reflects the distinct character and needs of the villages of Boulmer, Howick and Longhoughton.

3 Business. Supporting and encouraging appropriate and sustainable levels of business growth and development across the Parish.

4 Environment. Protecting and improving the natural environment of the parish by: conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the Northumberland Coast Area of Natural Beauty; protecting the integrity of the internationally designated coastal sites; and supporting the creation, protection and enhancement of biodiversity and green infrastructure networks.

5 Heritage. Protecting and enhancing the distinctive character of the villages and the built heritage of the Parish.

6 Community. Protecting and supporting the development of key community facilities and infrastructure to ensure that the community is inclusive and sustainable.

7 Transport and Access. Promoting access to facilities and services for all the residents and creating safe and high-quality roads, pavements and green routes including footpaths, cycle routes and bridleways.