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Section 13, supplementary information for an application to designate a Neighbourhood Plan by Great Barton Parish Council

Background

Great Barton is not a typical rural village as it is situated on the door step of the cathedral town of Bury St Edmunds and is dissected by the north bound A143. The Parish has a central core but also comprises of many small communities. This section provides the opportunity to express developments and aspirations.

The Vision:

- To promote a vibrant, interconnecting community which enhances the wellbeing of residents within the parish.
- To ensure the current and proposed developments are sustainable and harmonize within the original build and character of the village.
- Further growth of housing types to enable broader demographic populations within the parish especially the disabled, elderly and infirm residents.
- To ensure integration of the various settlements within the parish through new and enhanced pedestrian and cycle links
- To develop further the ethos of the village, through the main characteristics as shown on the graph below.
- To promote the services of: retail shops, business developments to meet local employment needs, health provision, sport, leisure and amenities facilities whilst enhancing the natural (open and green) environment within the parish.
- To provide borough and county authorities and other utility services the important opinions of residents which will help shape correct decision making.

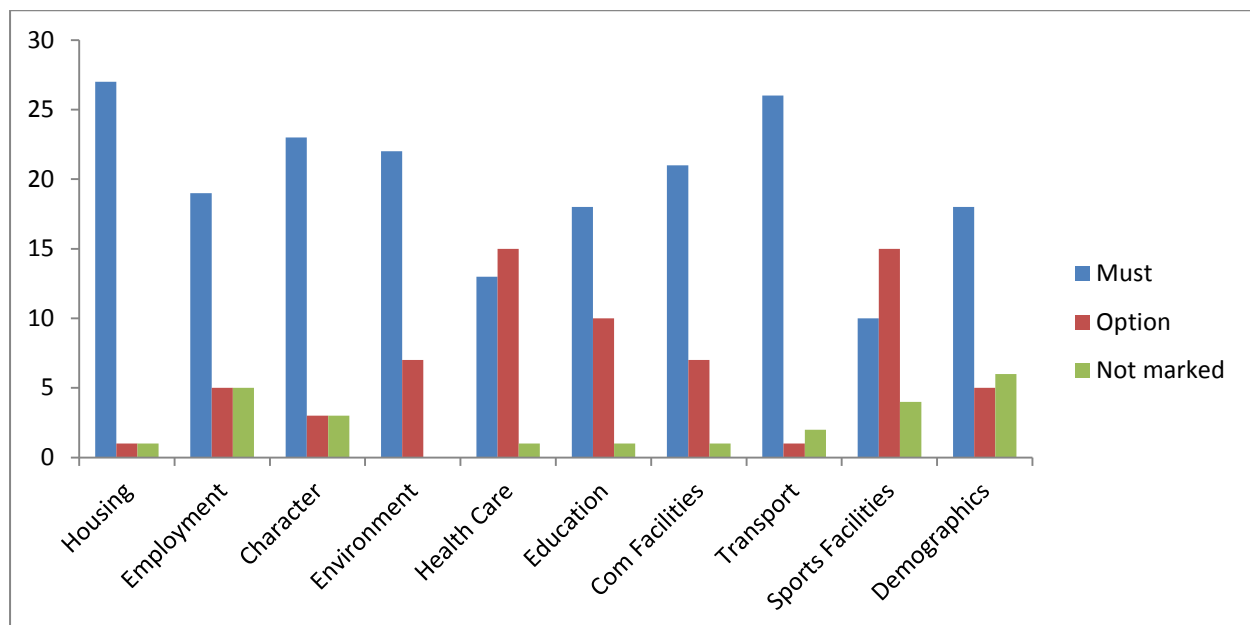
The envisaged micro analysis under the Neighbourhood Plan will provide a direction for the local community and guide the processes at borough and county level.

The Vision for Great Barton will come from the Neighbourhood Plan but at this outset it will be:
To provide a rural environment which safeguards and enhances the village ethos for the continuing wellbeing of its residents.



The initial objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan will be a task for the main working group once setup.

Several main characteristics have been surveyed previously and these will provide the initial referencing for the working group. These are shown in the graph below but the ranking shown cannot be seen as a priority direction of work for the NP group.



GT BARTON 2015 – An indication of priorities for Neighbourhood Plan - Questionnaire results

The main areas for consideration:

Transport: Traffic and safety: The A143 and the rural network of roads, cycle ways, footpaths serving the community within and beyond.
The provision of public transport services

Village Character and Culture: The heritage and spatial arrangements of communities, their interconnections, the local architecture and the ability to have synergies with development.

The Environment: The rural architecture defined, supported and enhanced. The agricultural landscape and the values this contributes to the Great Barton community. The street scene in the rural and urban areas.

Employment, Homes and Welfare: Assess the possibility to further the provision of:
The housing range, design and affordability to the community,
Sporting, leisure and amenities facilities.
Health and education.
Employment through cluster industrial units and working from home