

what happens... next?

- ◆ Full assessment of all potential development sites
- ◆ Completion of draft Neighbourhood Plan
- ◆ Review of the Plan by Central Bedfordshire Council
- ◆ Further public consultation
- ◆ Recommended Plan is finalised
- ◆ Further opportunity for public comment
- ◆ Plan is independently examined
- ◆ Residents vote in a referendum
- ◆ If approved, the Plan is adopted by Central Bedfordshire Council

For more information
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Neighbourhood Plan for Caddington & Slip End



Heritage Greenway

Caddington & Slip End

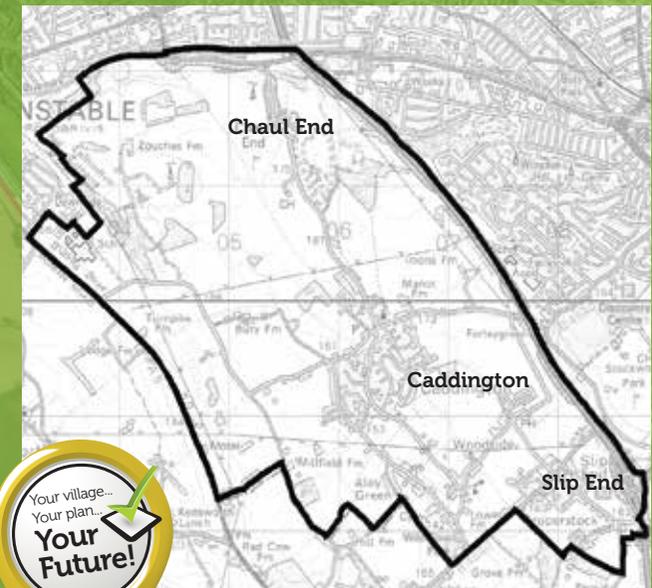
- The Caddington and Slip End Heritage Greenway will provide an 'easy access' route for pedestrians, cyclists, and where possible, horse riders.
- The Heritage Greenway will seek to celebrate and secure the rural setting of Caddington and Slip End, which has high heritage, wildlife and landscape value.

- The route will link the communities to each other and with surrounding areas of heritage and wildlife interest. Opportunities will be sought to protect and celebrate the area's rich heritage and to enhance and create habitats and landscape features.
- Much more than a linear access path, the Greenway will seek to be of corridor of great environmental value, with many links to adjacent destinations and features of interest.

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Neighbourhood Plan for Caddington & Slip End



The Neighbourhood Plan includes the villages and hamlets of Aley Green, Caddington, Chaul End, Pepperstock, Slip End and Woodside



what is a... Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan gives residents and local businesses power to help determine how their community will develop over the next 20 years.

Neighbourhood Plans are new – they were introduced under the 2011 Localism Act. The Parish Councils of Caddington and Slip End were among the first to recognise the benefits to our communities. The Government approved their bid to form a Neighbourhood Plan in August 2011.

The Plan is a formal planning process which can only come into force after it has gone through many stages, including a referendum where it must be supported by at least 50% of those who vote. After that, it has full legal status and must be taken into consideration for any planning application.

why do we need a... Neighbourhood Plan?

We see the Neighbourhood Plan as the best way to protect our communities from inappropriate development while ensuring we have the housing and facilities that we need.

Remember the proposals to build 5,000 new homes and concrete over 800 acres of Green Belt (the Bushwood plan)? We face a constant threat from opportunistic developers.

But this Plan is also a great opportunity to develop the right sort of housing. For example, our research has shown that we don't have enough housing for older people, and young people need help to get on the housing ladder.

This Plan is our great opportunity to say how our communities should look over the next 20 years.

what we have done so far?

There is a formal process for developing a Neighbourhood Plan and so far we have:

- Conducted interviews and gathered information about housing needs, local business, retail, sport and recreation facilities, leisure activities, natural and historic features, transport, highways, healthcare provision and broadband provision
- Completed a housing need survey
- Delivered a detailed questionnaire to every household in the Plan area (we had a very high response - 40%)
- Held public meetings and exhibitions
- Asked landowners to propose sites for development
- Profiled every site that has been put forward
- Consulted on the best way to assess the potential development sites
- Made proposals for new green spaces and nature areas
- Taken on board suggestions for new medical facilities and more sports facilities
- Considered proposals for new footpaths, bridlepaths and cycle ways
- Begun sustainability assessments
- Started work on writing a draft Neighbourhood Plan

the vision...

In 2031, Caddington and Slip End Parishes will maintain their rural feel, made up of a string of villages and hamlets. Villagers will be able to access local services and facilities and enjoy a safe and secure environment. New housing, businesses and employment will add to the existing strong sense of community. The Heritage Greenway will be a permanent legacy for future generations.

who is working on the... Neighbourhood Plan?

The Parish Councils of Caddington and Slip End are the sponsors and accountable bodies for the Plan. They formed a Steering Group which is made up of representatives from each Parish Council, volunteers from across the various villages and hamlets and the two elected Central Bedfordshire Councillors. The Steering Group is supported by Planning Officers from Central Bedfordshire Council and calls on expert advice if and when needed.

The Steering Group meets regularly and reports back to both Parish Councils.



“ We moved to a village because we wanted countryside and village life. Protect our villages. ”

