



Berkhamsted Town Council

Berkhamsted Town Council Strategic Plan and Priorities For 2007 – 2011

1. **ROADS , PAVEMENTS AND PARKING** (Environment & Transport)

TO IMPROVE THE TOWN'S TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND PAVEMENTS.

- To work with Hertfordshire Highways and other agencies in the production of the Berkhamsted Urban Transport Plan including initiatives to improve traffic flow.
- To review the Hertfordshire Highways Integrated Works Programme and comment on priorities.
- To consolidate the Help Point as a central channel for complaints about potholes, road surfaces, pavements and other highway related matters and to produce regular reports of the results of action taken.
- To agree a local plan for the maintenance of roads and pavements including time scales.
- To slow the speed of traffic entering the Town through the positioning of permanent Speed Indicator Devices.
- To investigate ways of increasing parking availability in the Town Centre.

2. **RECYCLING** (Environment & Transport)

TO SUPPORT THE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S RECYCLING SERVICE WHILST LOOKING AT WAYS TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF WASTE CREATED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES.

- To seek ways of enabling and supporting local businesses to recycle waste.
- To seek solutions to the problem of street clutter caused by wheelie bins in residential and commercial areas.

3. **LITTER AND NUISANCE** (Environment & Transport)

- To use the Help Point and town Warden to monitor and resolve issues
- To identify measures that will help to reduce the amount of litter in the Town including working in conjunction with Schools, the Youth Town Council and other community groups
- To organise periodic litter picking events involving as many local people as possible
- To investigate the need to introduce by-laws where they do not currently exist, to reduce nuisance and anti-social behaviour.
- To work in conjunction with the Borough Council to reduce the amount of clutter caused by temporary street signs and illegal fly posting.

4. **COMMUNITY SAFETY** (Finance & Policy)

TO SUPPORT POLICE OFFICERS, AND POLICE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS TO DEAL WITH CRIME AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR.

- To identify and assess the need for CCTV in Berkhamsted to be extended
- To identify and assess the need for a mobile CCTV camera to improve public safety
- To continue to fund a PCSO and to receive regular reports on their work in accordance with the Service Level Agreement.
- To appoint Town Councillors as members of the Berkhamsted Crime Prevention Panel and the Dacorum Police Community Partnership.
- To discuss with the Hertfordshire Constabulary any action that can be taken to improve public accessibility to and contact with local Police Officers and PCSO's, including the reporting of non emergency incidents.

**5. TOWN PLANNING (Town Planning)
TO LOBBY PLANNING AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE LOW COST HOUSING
BUT ONLY ALLOW DEVELOPMENT IN AND AROUND THE TOWN THAT
WILL PRESERVE OR ENHANCE THE TOWN'S HISTORIC QUALITIES.**

- To consider and comment on Local Development Framework consultation documents
- Through the Town Planning committee to continue to consider and objectively comment on all planning applications within the Parish of Berkhamsted.
- To suggest, through the local planning process, ways to improve planning policies to the benefit of Berkhamsted.

**6. THE GRAND UNION CANAL AND RIVER BULBOURNE (CARP)
TO WORK WITH BRITISH WATERWAYS AND OTHER AGENCIES TO
PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE CANAL AND IT'S IMPORTANT HERITAGE
SITES AND THE RIVER BULBOURNE**

- To re-instate the Canal and Riverside Partnership
- To promote the use of Castle Wharf as a heritage site
- To provide local people with information about on-going conservation work
- To support the River Bulbourne Restoration Project.

**7. YOUNG PEOPLE (Finance & Policy)
TO LISTEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE TOWN TO DISCOVER WHAT
THEY WANT FOR THE FUTURE OF THE TOWN AND WORK, TOGETHER
WITH PARTNERS, TO BRING IT ABOUT.**

- To support Berkhamsted Raiders Community Football club in their search for new pitches
- To consider the needs of existing clubs for young people
- To promote information on local sports, games and clubs
- To encourage local schools to allow community use of facilities
- To continue to provide support to the Swan Project including the appointment of a Town Councillor as a Trustee.
- To enable local sports awards recognising contribution, effort and achievements
- To install a swing for disabled children, e.g. in Canal Fields
- To improve the pathway to Canal Fields play area for wheelchair users
- To maintain existing links to Berkhamsted Youth Town Council and to provide support when appropriate

**8. BERKHAMSTED HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENT (Environment &
Transport)
TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE TOWN'S ENVIRONMENT AND TO
PROVIDE SUPPORT AND INFORMATION REGARDING ITS HERITAGE**

- To plant more native trees on roads without trees and open spaces
- To seek a concurrent services agreement to maintain all the open spaces in the Town.
- To maintain and improve the planting of public gardens and other open spaces, including roundabouts
- To maximise the community leisure use of amenity space in the Town
- To work with Berkhamsted & District Chamber of Commerce to provide tourist information facilities at a suitable location in the Town
- To audit literature currently available about the Town, including the Town Guide
- To identify and implement improvements required to increase awareness of literature, activities and facilities available
- Through the Castle Liaison Group to improve interpretation at the Castle
- To install brown tourism information signs with the aim of directing visitors to relevant places, bringing additional people into the town for local businesses and increasing pride amongst local residents. (e.g. board from the A41 by pass).
- To support the Graham Greene festival and to encourage and support its expansion into a town based literary festival