



PARISH OF RENHOLD



[SURVEY FOR THE RENHOLD PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN VISION STATEMENT](#)

As you will be aware, Renhold is currently developing a Neighbourhood Plan the purpose of which is to ensure that the residents are able to have their say in shaping the future development of the Parish.

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has been working on the Vision Statement and has produced a draft to be shared with the community to invite your views and ideas on this section of the plan. The Statement is based upon the responses to the initial consultation that we undertook in 2021, when local residents shared their aspirations and priorities for Renhold.

This Vision Statement sets out the framework of objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan, defining the ways in which it will influence the Parish and the Community. The objectives of the Statement are proposed under three headings. These areas are defined and then the suggested objectives for each are listed.

This section is one of the defining elements of the Neighbourhood Plan so we are keen to ensure that the Vision Statement reflects the widest possible range of community feedback to ensure that it is a true and comprehensive reflection of local opinion.

Once we have refined the vision statement in the light of community responses, we will use it as a framework to inform subject-specific chapters in the neighbourhood plan, which will contain more detailed policies to guide the future development of the parish.

It is, therefore, vitally important that we receive feedback from **everyone** in the Parish with your views they wish to be taken into account. **This is your opportunity to be involved in shaping the future of our Parish.**

You can make your aspirations and wishes known by completing this document and popping it into the letter box at The Chapel (Woodfield Lane), one of the Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan boxes attached to the Parish Council Notice Boards at Green End, Top End, Ravensden Rd, Maskell Drive and Cranbourne Gardens, at the Dennis O'Meara Sports Pavilion, the School Gate, in the Post Office (Hookhams Lane), by returning it via email to Amanda at pace.quince@gmail.com or by completing the online survey (see p3).

Closing date for submissions is 8:00 pm on Tuesday May 3rd 2022.

Thank you in anticipation of receiving your response.

Renhold Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Please save this date: You will also have the opportunity to come along and meet the Neighbourhood Plan Team and to share your views on the Vision and Objectives at our Drop-in meeting at Renhold Village Hall on Tuesday May 3rd from 6:00 until 8:00pm.

The Working Group seeks all opinions and suggestions. Further comments may be attached on an additional sheet or emailed to pace.quince@gmail.com

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VISION:

COUNTRYSIDE – COMMUNITY – CONNECTIVITY

1) COUNTRYSIDE

To preserve the distinctive character of our Parish, in particular the agricultural and parkland landscape that comprises the green gaps between the historic Ends and our newer developments, whilst also maintaining our separation from the Bedford urban area.

2) COMMUNITY

To ensure that the needs and aspirations of residents of the Parish are reflected in the provision of appropriate community facilities and infrastructure that promote, sustain and enhance social cohesion.

3) CONNECTIVITY

To enhance the natural environment and biodiversity of the Parish and to amplify the benefits of this by connecting more people to nature through the creation of better, safer and more sustainable access to it.

OBJECTIVES:

1) COUNTRYSIDE

- a) To maintain the rural character and historic environment of the Parish.
- b) To preserve a separation between the Bedford urban area and Renhold to avoid coalescence.
- c) To protect and enhance existing views into, out of and across the Parish.

2) COMMUNITY

- a) To protect the character of the Parish with well-integrated, small-scale housing development to meet local needs, enhanced opportunity for biodiversity and net zero carbon whilst maintaining the gap between urban Bedford and the gaps between the individual Ends.
- b) To safeguard and enhance the long term future of existing community facilities for all ages.
- c) To promote the provision of new facilities to address the future needs of the Parish.

3) CONNECTIVITY

- a) To conserve and enhance countryside, biodiversity and wildlife habitats including Local Green Space designation and green space improvements.
- b) To upgrade and extend footpaths and bridleways to provide a multi-functional Green Infrastructure network which encourages non-vehicular travel.
- c) To deter through traffic and develop new, alternative traffic calming measures to encourage safe and sustainable movement within the Parish.

Please complete the survey on page 3 and return by one of the methods described on page 1.

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The Plan has 3 key areas, which are Countryside, Community and Connectivity. These areas are defined in the 'VISION' section of the plan.

- a) Do you support the Vision? Yes No Unsure
- b) Please provide your views and any suggestions on the Vision.

Countryside _____

Community _____

Connectivity _____

1) The draft Objectives are then set out in the 'OBJECTIVES' section under the areas previously described.

- a) Do you support the Objectives? Yes No Unsure
- b) Please provide your views and any suggestions on the Objectives as shown in this section.

Countryside _____

Community _____

Connectivity _____

Instructions for responding to this survey 'online'.

1. Go to the online survey at <https://renhold-pc.gov.uk/np-vision-survey>.
2. Indicate your agreement or otherwise with the Vision.
3. Type in your views and suggestions for each of the three VISION sections (a, b and c).
4. Indicate your agreement or otherwise with the Objectives.
5. Type in your views and suggestions for each of the three OBJECTIVES sections (a, b and c).
6. When you're content with your answers, press 'SUBMIT'.

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