

Bedford Borough Council Neighbourhood Plan support

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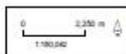
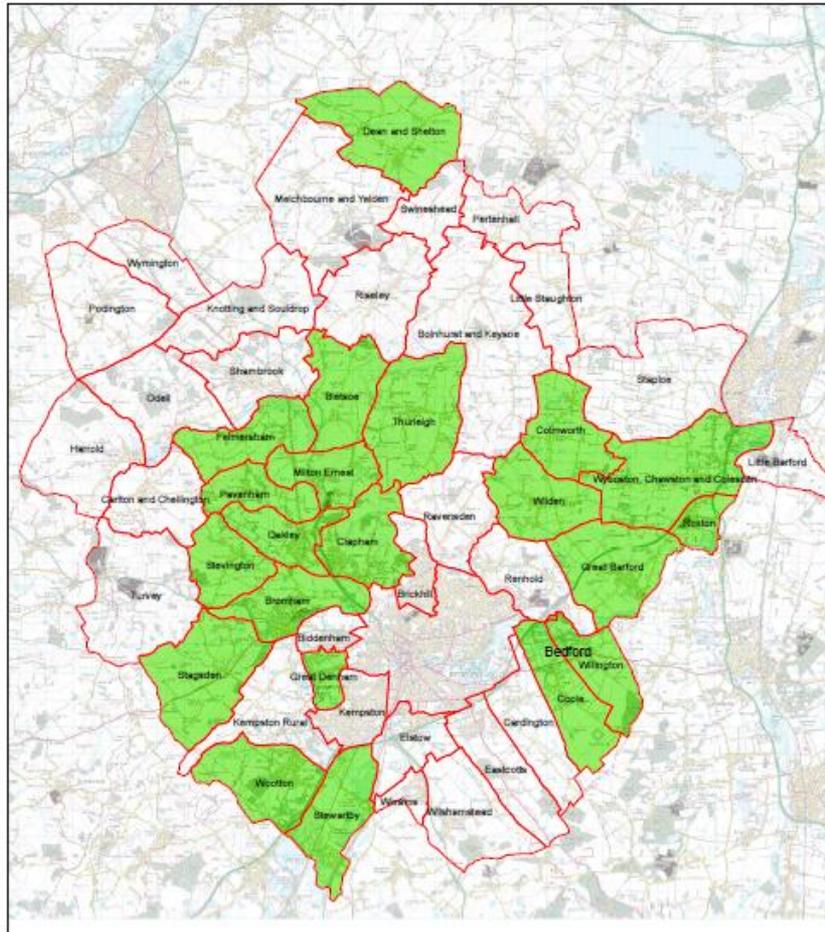
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Neighbourhood areas

- 21 areas designated
- Two areas under consultation (Carlton and Chellington and Brickhill)
- Each Neighbourhood Area has a key member of planning policy staff assigned



**Designated Neighbourhood Areas in Bedford Borough
as at 25 November 2015**



Support for Neighbourhood Planning

Bedford Borough Council and the Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (BRCC) have a service level agreement (SLA) to assist the Council in its duty to provide support for Neighbourhood Plan groups.

This includes:

- Assistance with questionnaire design
- Assistance with visioning and objective setting
- Assistance with consultation methods and activities
- Proof reading of documents
- This could also include attendance at Parish Council meetings or steering group meetings
- Attendance at public consultation events

This does not include writing policies, surveys or analysing results however BRCC can be commissioned directly and paid by the parish / neighbourhood plan group

If you require any assistance with your neighbourhood plan, please contact Sonia in the first instance. The main contact at BRCC is Jemma McLean.

Mapping information

Ordnance Survey (OS) Public Sector Mapping Agreement

<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/business-and-government/public-sector/mapping-agreements/public-sector-mapping-agreement.html>



The screenshot shows the top of the Ordnance Survey website. The header includes the Ordnance Survey logo, navigation links for LEISURE, BUSINESS & GOVERNMENT, PRODUCTS, Innovation, and Resources, and a Login button with a search icon. Below the header are social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, Google+, and LinkedIn. The main heading is "Public Sector Mapping Agreement". The introductory text states: "The Public Sector Mapping Agreement (PSMA) is a collective agreement between OS and the government. Its licence lets public sector organisations in England and Wales access and share OS digital mapping." Below this is a section titled "What are the benefits?" with three bullet points: "You save on administration. Your organisation needs to sign up to the PSMA Licence just once. Then you don't need a separate licence for each product you use.", "You get access to a range of high quality OS digital mapping products. Using our data can help save lives by showing emergency services the best routes to incidents. It enables managers make better informed decisions. And it lets customer service teams work smarter.", and "You can share data with other organisations that belong to the PSMA. Pooling intelligence helps police". On the right side of the page, there is an image of a man smiling while working on a laptop, and the text "Not yet a member?" below it.

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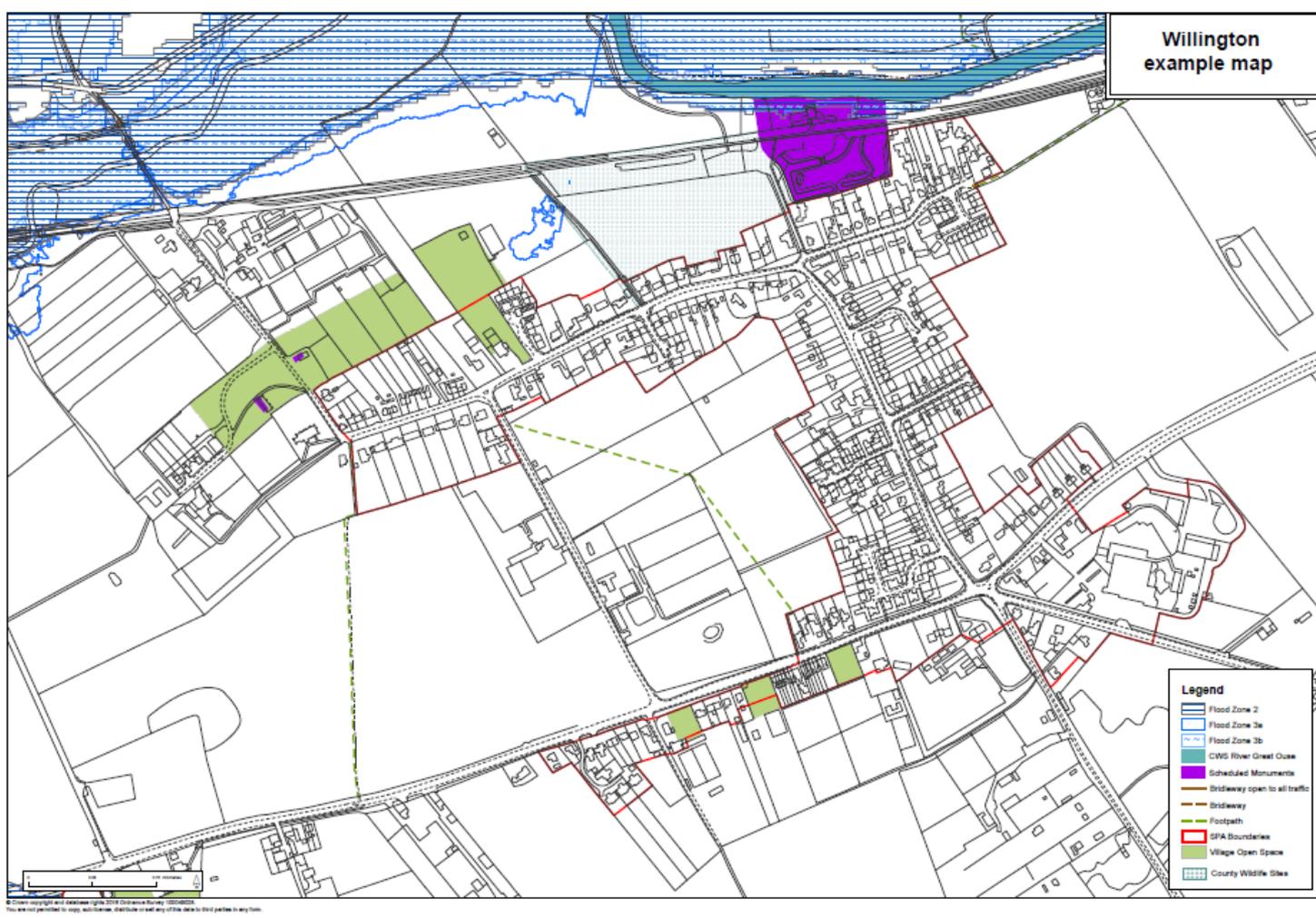
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Not yet a member?

- Being a member of the PSMA allows the sharing of information from the Council and other public bodies.
- Just sign up following the information at the weblink. It is free!
- Bedford Borough can supply layers from geographical information system (GIS) system to use to create maps. For example, rights of way, conservation areas, green space.
- Need to contact OS to download base maps and then use this to create your maps for your Neighbourhood Plan. You will need to use GIS software to import the maps from OS and the Council. Private companies or organisations can do this for you.



Example constraints map from Bedford Borough information using the OS basemap

Infrastructure in your Neighbourhood Plan

- Infrastructure requirements will need to be assessed if allocating sites for development in your Neighbourhood Plan.

For example, these include:

- Educational provision
 - Water and sewerage provision
 - Highway impacts
 - Broadband provision
- These issues can then form part of a plan of how the Community Infrastructure Levy will be spent in your parish.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

- CIL is a levy local authorities can charge on most new development
- If a Neighbourhood Plan has been made, the Parish will receive 25% of CIL from new development, otherwise 15% is passed on to Parishes.
- Bedford Borough CIL has been in place since April 2014.
- CIL can be used for the provision, replacement, operation and maintenance of infrastructure, or anything else that addresses the demands of development on an area.
- Further information is available on the webpage www.bedford.gov.uk/cil