

BALDOCK, BYGRAVE AND CLOTHALL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The plan on a page: a summary of the proposed policies

The neighbourhood plan aims to fill gaps in the policies contained in the North Hertfordshire Local Plan, to get a better deal for Baldock, Bygrave and Clothall from the development being proposed by the district and county councils. Because it's filling gaps, the plan doesn't attempt to cover everything, and will need to be read alongside North Hertfordshire's Local Plan once it's complete.

The emerging neighbourhood plan contains policies to:

Improve parking and access at Baldock station and Knights Templar school

Protect and improve key areas of open space at Walls Field (next to Hartsfield School) and north of Clothall Common

Promote buildings with high energy efficiency and that use resources sustainably

Conserve and enhance Baldock's conservation area and historic buildings

For the new developments proposed in the local plan it requires:

Sustainable travel options, including walking and cycling routes, and bus services

New open spaces and recreational facilities

A high quality of design (Design Guidelines are set out in an annex to the plan)

Measures to minimise the impact of construction work on existing residents

New services to be provided early, and opportunities for existing and new residents to be involved in decisions about new development and how it's managed

It also contains specific policies for individual sites, so that:

If there's major development north of the railway, it keeps existing features (like Bygrave Road) and keeps a clear gap between Baldock and Bygrave

Any development either side of Royston Road is coordinated and the impact on existing properties is minimised

Development on the eastern side of Baldock (next to Clothall Common and at Cambrai Farm) is suitably screened and supported by new community facilities

For the villages themselves it has policies to:

Safeguard their particular characters

Minimise the risk of urbanising features (like new lighting) being introduced

Secure a new village hall to serve Bygrave