

A Vision Statement for North Hinksey Parish.

The North Hinksey Parish Neighbourhood Plan aims to provide a long term vision for the community to develop in ways that result in:

1. Attractive housing that meets the needs of the whole community:

Low-rise developments featuring architectural design in harmony with the surroundings, and avoiding over densification, plus housing levels and affordability that meet the requirements of parishioners at all stages of their lives and reflect demographic changes.

2. A good place to work and do business in, and for shoppers:

A redeveloped Central Botley Area that meets community needs and desires with a diverse range of shops and eating places including independent local outlets. Foster diverse employment and economy with a mixture of services / retail / professions / self-employment and sufficient offices and units for start-ups. Make North Hinksey Parish *the* place for smart businesses looking to work with Oxfordshire's knowledge-based economy, and an attractive, more easily accessible alternative to central Oxford.

3. A fully integrated and effective transport system that copes fully with local demands:

Improved infrastructure and encouragement for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport to reduce reliance on private car journeys and reduce congestion, particularly on local roads, despite the pressures of a growing population. Make the Parish a safer place for all public highway users through effective management of parking and associated issues.

4. Appropriate levels of social infrastructure for a community of our size and mix of demographics:

Along with a good mix of community facilities (including medical services, education, leisure facilities and library provision) introduced in a timely manner, North Hinksey Parish should remain a safe environment for all residents and workers at any time of night and day, with a cohesive, caring and diverse community and low levels of crime and anti-social behaviour.

5. Affordable and sustainable access to water, electricity and gas meets the needs of current residents in a way that secures their provision for the future:

Warm, comfortable and energy efficient households, commercial and social buildings ensure that North Hinksey Parish is an enjoyable place to live and work while also reducing carbon emissions. Energy provision and water supply and management are designed into development to ensure a good, affordable, reliable and sustainable supply. The benefits of new low carbon and energy efficient technologies will be secured in a way that enhances our environment and well-being while reducing less desirable aspects such as flooding which is currently an issue in some parts of the designated area.

6. Retention of the current semi-rural feel to the area, with good public access to green spaces and the local countryside:

Protection of current Green Belt land and recreational green spaces within the Parish combined with new green spaces designed into all major new developments providing opportunities for enjoyment by all locals. Encouragement of biodiversity and protection of wildlife corridors and habitats ensuring continued healthy populations of flora and fauna.