

Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan - Projects for Section 106 Funding

In the course of the development of the draft Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan, a number of suggestions for improving the infrastructure, environmental and social amenities of the village have been identified, and these are listed below.

Some of these could form the basis of proposals for Section 106 agreement funding by developers in support of their planning applications. To be appropriate for this type of funding, projects must be scoped, defined and costed in detail, and some of the items in the list are too general to meet this criterion.

For example, item 6, 'improved facilities for youth, sport and other interest groups', is inadequate in itself, whereas specific proposals in this category, such as that for the refurbishment of the skateboard park by the developers of the Normanton Lane site, would be totally appropriate.

This topic is on the agenda for the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on 21st November 2017. In preparation for this discussion could you please review the list and:

- Assign a priority/importance (high, medium or low) to each item.
- Suggest further projects which could be added to the list
- Suggest any specific projects within the more general categories.

Please e-mail your replies to robertianlockey@btinternet.com by 14th November, and I will consolidate your responses prior to the meeting.

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1. Make improvements to the east-west road through the centre of Bottesford to 'soften' the profiles of this road by, for example, narrowing certain stretches, and varying the road surfaces at principal pedestrian crossing areas. This road is excessively wide for village needs (it was the original A52 trunk road) and its 'hard' character invites fast driving and danger to pedestrians.
2. A bridge for pedestrians, horses and cyclists across the A52 connecting Easthorpe Lane and Muston Lane to link Muston and the remainder of the Parish. It was understood that this project would be delivered by Sustrans, but no new information on the project has been received for some time.
3. Bottesford's Old School is currently used for a variety of activities including the Community Library and the office of the Parish Council. There is scope to improve its community use.
4. The provision of landscaped public amenity areas along the River Devon and the 'softening' and greening other areas of the Parish by planting trees, shrubs and flowers.
5. Provide attractive name signs and possibly roadside 'gates' to clearly indicate entrances to the villages and associated speed restrictions.
6. Encourage and support improved facilities for youth, sport and other interest groups within the community.

7. Provide additional footpaths and pavements within Bottesford to enable residents to reach the village centre safely without the need to use a car.
8. Provide footpath and cycle access to the football club grounds on Nottingham Road.
9. Provide secure cycle parking at the station and other locations in the Parish.
10. Encourage the availability of high speed internet across the Parish as requested by local businesses, schools and residents.
11. Improve the air quality in the centre of Bottesford by re-routing the school buses from the centre of the village.
12. Investigate the need for a care home in Bottesford to enable infirm residents to remain in the Parish.
13. Support the provision of adequate premises for the doctors' surgeries.
14. Encourage improved public transport provision – notably residents' priority for more frequent train services on the Nottingham – Grantham line and buses to Bingham and Nottingham.
15. Provide additional car parking for the station.
16. Give a high priority to projects that improve ease of access for the less able.
17. Demolish the old railway bridge to the west of the village to improve the sightlines between Nottingham Road and Longhedge lane.