

Boughton & Dunkirk Neighbourhood Plan

Meeting Held 9 January 2025

We have had confirmation that the existing Neighbourhood Plan remains valid with full planning weight until 2028.

Discussion about the potential impact of changing local authority/unitary authority boundaries, may or may not impact the future of NP, but in the meantime, we will continue to review our NP as part of Swale.

Discussion with Swale will continue as the NP is part of the current local plan.

We will work towards 2028 but will need carry out a new Objectively Assessed Housing Need. This will take account of affordability criteria, and also include an audit of vacant properties.

We will review our existing Design Code, locally rather than Kent guidance.

Parking has continued to be a local issue, therefore developments should reflect this.

Affordable housing is a priority.

The Review will involve material modifications to the NP, which will probably require examination by an inspector, but may not necessarily require a referendum. If the nature of the plan changes significantly, a referendum would be required.

The Community Magazine and the websites of the NP and the hopefully the two parishes will be used to inform both communities.

We will continue to update both Parish Councils.