

Great Gransden 2020 Vision

Our vision for Great Gransden in 2036 is distilled from the comments, consultation and engagement of the residents and other stakeholders. It is consistent with the statutory requirements of the Huntingdonshire Local Plan and the NPPF.

Great Gransden will continue to thrive as a vibrant rural village, with a diverse population and a highly engaged community. The village will develop in a sustainable, evolutionary manner, such that the parish's rural nature and character are maintained.

New houses will provide a diversity of housing stock to support a broadly-based community. The focus will be small developments on brownfield and infill sites. Preservation of our built heritage, especially the conservation area, will continue to be of key importance. The design of new houses will be sympathetic to the rural character of the village.

Great Gransden enjoys a very strong sense of community, characterised by many diverse societies, social events and facilities. These societies will thrive, with new societies and events to reflect the developing interests of the community. Sports facilities will be upgraded to be more inclusive, with a particular focus on facilities for children and young adults.

Essential village facilities and social hubs, including Barnabas Oley Primary School, the shop, Crown and Cushion pub, St Bartholomew's church and Lighthouse Café, will be valued and supported, further strengthening their contribution to our community.

Conservation and managed development of the natural environment around the parish will result in even more abundant wildlife and higher biodiversity. Improvements to the network of footpaths will give better access to the countryside, including the SSSI Gransden Wood. A network of green corridors will contribute to the Cambridgeshire wildlife strategy. New public access areas will be sought in the village to provide opportunities for recreation.

All new developments in the village will be designed to facilitate pedestrian and cycling access around the village. Pavements will be upgraded to improve road safety.

Internet and phone communication systems will be upgraded to underpin and encourage local businesses and home-based workers.