

THE TOWN COUNCIL'S AMBITIONS FOR A BETTER BERKHAMSTED



The Council's Aims

To promote and represent the community's views and aspirations at local, Borough, County, Regional and National level.

To serve those who live in the Town, work in the Town and visit the Town.

To promote the area as a place to live, a place to work, a place to visit.

To secure investment that will increase the number of jobs locally.

To promote the Town Council as a deliverer of services, where these can be delivered most effectively and efficiently at the local level.

To deliver the best possible Town Council services for the lowest possible cost.

To strive to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Town.

To facilitate community participation in actions on local issues

To improve the town's resilience and response to the impacts of the climate and ecological emergency

To achieve these aims the Council's objectives are:

To engage and consult with the community to establish its aspirations for the future and to provide support for good ideas and encourage local initiatives.

Acknowledging the Climate Emergency¹, to promote policies that sustain or improve the environment to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

To help to create a socially inclusive and caring community which embraces all its residents irrespective of age, culture, wealth, race or religion and which seeks to develop their well-being, knowledge, understanding and mutual co-operation.

To promote the vitality and viability of the Town Centre while safeguarding the Town's Castle and Canal Heritage.

To work for a cleaner, greener Berkhamsted including better bus services in the town that will help to reduce congestion and improve air quality in the Town.

To strive for a safer environment for the community.

To continue to preserve and enhance the character of the Town, oppose inappropriate development, defend the green belt and critically analyse the proposed Draft Revised Dacorum Local Plan to ensure the best possible outcome for Berkhamsted.

¹ Town Council adopted Climate Emergency Motion June 2019

Partnership working

To encourage and participate in partnership and agency working with the public, private and voluntary sectors for the betterment of our community.

Our aim is seamless local government delivering better, cost-effective services to residents.

To ensure improved access for residents to all Council Services by working in close partnership with County and Borough Councils.

To continue to lobby Hertfordshire County Council for improved roads and pavement maintenance.

Provide services for Young people in partnership with the County and Borough Councils, with support for The Swan project and through other voluntary bodies.

Support for local groups

To work with the History Society to find a permanent home.

Work with local sports groups, clubs and resident groups to improve the mix and quality of facilities wanted by local residents and their families.