

Vision and Objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan

Introduction

In partnership with the Parish Council, a dedicated group of local residents is developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Tytherington and Itchington. As the most local tier of the planning system, the Neighbourhood Plan will set out policies to guide and influence planning decisions affecting our community.

While the Plan must align with national and South Gloucestershire planning policies, it is also a valuable opportunity for our community to shape the future of our area. Importantly, having a Neighbourhood Plan in place also means that the Parish Council will receive a greater share of funding from major developments, which can then be used to support local priorities.

Vision for Tytherington and Itchington

Drawing on insights from our survey, our vision is for our community to remain vibrant and inclusive – to be an area where people of all ages and backgrounds feel welcome, with the village of Tytherington the heart of a well-connected, sustainable and peaceful rural community.

We want to protect and celebrate the natural beauty that surrounds us, while ensuring that future development enhances rather than detracts from the unique character of our area.

We envision a neighbourhood where:

- Good health and wellbeing are supported by high-quality infrastructure and a clean, sustainable environment.
- Residents feel part of a caring, connected, and resilient community.
- People can enjoy the benefits of rural living without being disadvantaged by a lack of transport or basic services.

While not all concerns raised in the community survey can be addressed directly through planning policies—such as traffic volumes and the lack of public transport—these issues will be acknowledged and considered in the Plan's overall approach and context.

This Neighbourhood Plan represents an opportunity to shape a sustainable and inclusive future for Tytherington and Itchington—protecting what we value while guiding thoughtful, community-led change.

Key Objectives

1. Housing and Development

- To support small-scale, well-designed developments that are in keeping with the village/rural character and meet local needs.
- To ensure that new housing is supported by timely and appropriate infrastructure.

2. Transport and Accessibility

- To acknowledge the lack of public transport options and the resulting reliance on private vehicles and effects of increased traffic.
- To highlight that any significant new development must consider the limitations of current transport infrastructure, as this affects sustainability and accessibility for many residents.

3. Local Economy and Employment

- To recognise the limited employment opportunities within the Parish and the likelihood that this will not significantly change in the near future.
- To support opportunities for home-based working and small-scale local enterprises, where appropriate.

4. Environment and Green Spaces

- To protect existing green spaces and natural features valued by the community.
- To explore opportunities to enhance or expand accessible green areas for recreation and wellbeing.

5. Community Facilities

- To support the development of community spaces that promote social interaction, inclusion, and participation in village life.
- While the Plan cannot guarantee new amenities such as a GP surgery or café, it can support such proposals if planning applications are submitted by relevant providers.

6. Heritage and Culture

- To ensure that new development respects and enhances the historic character and cultural identity of Tytherington and Itchington.
- To preserve heritage assets and features that contribute to the area's distinctive rural charm.

7. Health and Wellbeing

- To foster a healthy and active community through access to green spaces, walking and cycling routes, and supportive infrastructure.
- To promote social cohesion and mutual care among residents, reinforcing a sense of belonging and shared responsibility.