Objectives

1. Cherish the Chilterns
   - Make the most of the areas Thames-side setting and encourage access to it;
   - Protect the area from flooding, both from the Thames and the Wye;
   - Protect the hillside setting of the Wye Valley;
   - Ensure new development is fully assessed to ensure it is not subject to flood risk nor creates additional flood risk elsewhere.

2. Improve strategic connectivity
   - Provide a strategic walking and cycling route to High Wycombe along the former railway line whilst investigating the case for the railway to be re-opened.

3. Facilitate local infrastructure
   - Provide additional school places and other community facilities;
   - Provide an “eastern link road” connecting Cores End Road/Town Lane to Ferry Lane and Cookham Bridge to reduce the traffic impact on existing roads;
   - Explore improvements to Cookham Bridge that do not result in additional through traffic through the villages.

4. Foster economic growth
   - Retain and strengthen the local employment base is important to the success of the local area and support growth. The blue areas shown on the map are therefore protected for employment purposes.

5. Deliver housing
   - Provide new housing and affordable housing including through the release of a strategic site from the green belt.

6. Champion town centres
   - Maintain and improve the vitality and viability of Bourne End and Woodburn village centre;
   - The Council has already adopted the Delivery and Site Allocations Plan which aims to ensure that a good proportion of retail units are retained to support the town centre’s main function as a local shopping centre.

Neighbourhood planning

- The Parish Council has started work on preparing a neighbourhood plan for Wooburn and Bourne End Parish.
- This means it can put forward local planning policies and proposals for the area, provided it is consistent with strategic policies in the Local Plan.

Credit: Ken Tate
Other small housing sites

- These other small sites could provide for a small amount of additional housing within the village.

Green Belt review

- As part of the Green Belt review, we have rejected a number of sites and said they should stay in the Green Belt.
- This includes two areas of land near the Thames recommended for further consideration by Green Belt consultants Arup because they are in the floodplain.

Hollands Farm (BE2)

- This site was assessed as part of the Green Belt review and performed relatively weakly against the purposes for which Green Belt is designated.
- This site is proposed to be taken out of the Green Belt and developed for housing.
- It could accommodate in the range 355 – 500 homes.
- Development of the site would need to:
  - Maintain a sense of separation between Bourne End and the Harvest Hill area;
  - Not have an adverse impact on the adjoining Hedsor Road Conservation Area;
  - Address any flood risk issues on the site/avoid areas of high flood risk;
  - Provide appropriate open space, access to the adjoining woodland and maintain rights of way through the site.
- One suggestion is to provide a link road through the site linking Cores End Road to Ferry Lane. We would like to know what you think about this and whether it would be of wider benefit to the village.

Slate Meadow (BE1)

- The Council agreed to release this reserve site for housing development in 2014.
- It could accommodate in the region of 150-190 homes.
- A liaison group has been set up with local community representatives to prepare a development brief for this site.
- Key issues include the retention of a recognisable break between Bourne End and Wooburn, retaining the village green on site, securing the right highway access and improvements.
- There are flood risk issues on the site and work is ongoing on a detailed flood risk assessment.

Land off Northern Heights (BE3)

- This site was assessed as part of the Green Belt review and performed relatively weakly against the purposes for which Green Belt is designated.
- This site is proposed to be taken out of the Green Belt and developed for housing.
- It could accommodate around 40 homes.
- We recognise that the site has access issues that need to be resolved before any development can take place.

Little Marlow Lakes Country Park (RUR6)

- This area between Bourne End and Marlow is identified as an area for outdoor recreation.
- We would like to see more environmental improvements and improved access to the area.