

# Box Parish Neighbourhood Plan

## Vision and Objectives – Adopted May 2023



### Introduction

Following several successful community engagement events, including most recently those in Box and Rudloe in March and April 2023 respectively, the Steering Group is suggesting that the draft Vision and Objectives be taken forward as:

### Vision

We envisage that in 2038 our Parish, with its rich and varied heritage, its outstanding natural landscape and built environment, and its several distinctive and discrete settlements will continue to be a great place in which to live.

Box Parish will retain its unique character and identity and the strong, resilient communities will remain at its heart, working together to meet the challenges and opportunities of the next decades.

### Objectives

We will work towards meeting this vision through:

#### A. Development

Facilitating early and positive pre-application community engagement on any development proposals. For housing developments, in particular, provide small scale and sympathetic development that reflects local need - for all generations - for housing and employment.

#### Sense of Place, Local Character and Heritage

Ensuring that where new development is introduced, it is of high quality and sympathetic to its context maintaining a sense of place and enhancing identified positive local character and cherished identity of the Parish.

#### B. Community Well-being

Protecting, retaining or improving social facilities, infrastructure, services and key spaces where possible so that everyone in the parish is able to meet their most important day-to-day needs in our local area.

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### **C. Economy**

Supporting local employers and promote measures for a local robust and resilient economy and provide jobs for our community and beyond.

### **D. Getting Around**

Focusing on getting about in our Parish in ways which are safer and more convenient for pedestrians and cyclists on our busy thoroughways (such as the London, Devizes and Bradford roads) and our local roads network together with plentiful public transport that could be the first choice for people to make longer local journeys or to connect with the national public transport network.

### **E. Open Spaces, Landscape and wildlife**

Identifying the key features of our natural environment that we must protect and enhance. Maintaining and improving the quality of landscape and the various habitats to the benefit of biodiversity, as well as people's access to the countryside and greenspaces.

### **F. Sustainability & Climate Change**

Encouraging and promoting positive action to ensure that the challenges of addressing and mitigating the effects of climate change are creatively met at the local level.

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