

## **RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STRATEGIC VISION**

Radcliffe on Trent is a self-contained dormitory village in south Nottinghamshire, with a population of around 8,500. It has the benefits of being close to Nottingham, but still retains its village character.

***The strategic vision is to allow a small amount of sustainable development, but to keep the character of Radcliffe as a place with a strong sense of identity, community and history, with a wide range of facilities and services.***

This “Strategic Vision” sets out 5 key strategies of how the Radcliffe Community would like its village to develop over the next 15 to 20 years. These strategies will be converted into planning policies which will be incorporated into the Rushcliffe Local Development Plan.

### **THE FIVE STRATEGIES:**

#### **1. NEW HOUSING:**

The Rushcliffe Local Development Plan requires a minimum of 400 new homes in Radcliffe from 2011 to 2018.

***“The vision is to provide a balanced supply of housing types to try to maintain the existing age diversity of the village population. There should be opportunities for residents to down size, move up the housing ladder, or purchase/rent their first property. There must also be a supply of affordable housing to allow young people and lower income families to stay in the village. Ideally any new housing sites should not be on a flood plain and be within walking distance of the village centre. All new housing must be energy efficient and built to an agreed building design and materials policy, and energy improvements should be encouraged for older housing.”***

#### **2. CONSERVING THE GREEN BELT & VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT.**

Radcliffe is designated as a “key settlement” that has been “inset” within the Green Belt for over 60 years and this has maintained the green undeveloped land around the village that gives it its rural character. The Community acknowledges that some change to the green belt boundary will be required to accommodate the minimum of 400 new homes, but the Community needs to be involved in this process.

***“The vision is to essentially retain the green belt around Radcliffe to conserve and enhance its rural character, and to try to develop a network of informal green spaces within the village, to provide corridors for wildlife and attractive pedestrian and cycle routes throughout the village and into the surrounding countryside.”***

#### **3. IMPROVED VILLAGE CENTRE:**

The centre of the village is dominated by traffic, has significant car parking issues and has no particular architectural style. It is the economic base of the village, which is essentially small businesses and shops.

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***“The vision is to make the village centre more pedestrian friendly by introducing a new traffic management scheme, resolving current on-street parking issues, improving the management of the car parks and generally enhancing the quality of the hard landscape and street furniture. As the economic base of the village, the shops and businesses will be supported and residents encouraged to shop locally. New buildings and alterations should be sympathetic to the existing architecture of the village centre.”***

### **4. HEALTH, EDUCATION , TRANSPORT AND SERVICES:**

The existing health centre, infant, junior and secondary schools, library and public transport services within Radcliffe should be maintained and enhanced.

***“The vision is that the quality and capacity of existing essential services such as health, education and shopping, should be kept within the centre of the village and increased in line with any new developments within Radcliffe. Road and rail infrastructure and associated public services also need to be improved to reflect any new developments. Small scale start-up businesses to provide local employment should be encouraged.”***

### **5. IMPROVED LEISURE, SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES:**

Whilst there are many thriving clubs and organisations within the village, there has never been a purpose built leisure or sports centre and residents have to travel to Bingham, Cotgrave, West Bridgford and further, to access many sports and recreational facilities. The community swimming pool has recently been demolished and will not be replaced and although many of the sports facilities such as football pitches are heavily used, some of their future provision is uncertain.

***“The vision is to provide a small leisure or sports facility for the use of residents, partly financed from the new housing developer contributions, and to futureproof existing sports facilities. There must be more activities provided for teenagers, irrespective of any new developments, and the Community Plan identifies the need for somewhere undercover for young people to meet in the evening and at weekends, and to provide a youth base/internet cafe. It also recommends the provision of a community cafe for all the residents.”***

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