Trowbridge Neighbourhood Plan Public Consultation

15th September - 13th October 2026

This survey is designed to be anonymous, and you are not required to provide your name or contact details. We ask for your road name only so that we can understand which areas of Trowbridge respondents live in. Please do not provide your house number, postcode, or full address. Your responses will be used by Trowbridge Town Council to inform the neighbourhood plan. Please do not include any other information that could identify you or another person. Any identifying personal information may be excluded from the survey results. For further information about how the Council handles personal data, please see our Privacy Notice - https://trowbridge.gov.uk/privacy/

Introduction

Trowbridge Town Council are commencing work on the Trowbridge Neighbourhood Plan. A neighbourhood plan empowers local communities to shape their areas by setting out policies for development and growth. It focuses on the use and development of land and may contain a vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for improving the area, or the provision of new facilities. It can address a wide range of social, economic, and environmental issues.

A neighbourhood plan is shaped by community visions and aspirations through public consultation and engagement that help guide the policies within it, drawing on local knowledge where appropriate, and also ensuring conformity with national planning policy and guidance.

Our neighbourhood plan will focus on heritage, views, local green spaces, our green and blue infrastructure network, and how we get around Trowbridge. This is our first consultation and we are seeking your input on:

- **Local heritage assets that should be protected.**
- **Identifying important views of buildings, streetscapes, monuments, spaces and landscapes so these can be protected.**
- **Designating our most important local green spaces to ensure these are protected against development.**
- **The value of our green and blue infrastructure network and how this should be improved**
- **How we move around Trowbridge using walking, cycling or wheeling and ways these routes can be improved.**

How to get involved

This consultation is the important first stage in understanding the views from local residents, businesses, community groups and other stakeholders on these topics to understanding which assets are valuable and how these should be protected and managed.

All consultation material, including our Engagement Strategy and Privacy Notice are available on the Trowbridge Town Council website - https://trowbridge.gov.uk/your-council/neighbourhood-plan/

This consultation is open from 15th September to 11:59pm on 13th October 2026.

For further information or support please contact Trowbridge Town Council at info@trowbridge.gov.uk

You can respond to this consultation online by using the below link or scanning the QR Code.

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Gm3s37VkCJ

If you would prefer to fill out this paper copy, please do by 11:59pm on 13th October and return to the Civic Centre, or hand to a member of the Working Group during one of the in-person consultation events.

1. **What is your connection to Trowbridge? Please select all that apply**

   I am a Resident

   I work in the area

   I am a Student

   I use the local services and facilities

   I have family/friends living in the area

   I visit for recreation use/leisure

   Other, please specify

2. **If you live in Trowbridge, what road do you live on?**
   Please provide the road name only. Do not include your house name, house number, postcode or full address.

Local Heritage Asset (Non-Designated Heritage Assets)

Local heritage plays an essential role in building and reinforcing a sense of local character and distinctiveness in the historic environment. The neighbourhood area already contains several designated heritage assets including 224 statutory listed buildings, including 205 Grade II, 13 Grade II*, and 6 Grade I Listed Buildings, as well as our 3 conservation areas.

As part of the neighbourhood plan, it is possible to define further assets as 'non-designated' heritage assets (NDHA). This NDHA designation recognises that the building has some historic significance, which can positively influence the character of the local area, be it through its historical associations, age, or appearance. The designation does not apply any formal statutory listing however does mean that the significance of the asset should be valued and taken into account as a material consideration within planning applications that may affect the site or surrounding environment.

We are seeking nominations of locally valued buildings, monuments, site, places, areas or landscapes with heritage value within the Trowbridge Town Council area. Nominations can be made by answering Questions 3 to 5 below, or using the Placecheck interactive map and selecting 'Add something I like' - https://www.placecheck.info/maps/Trowbridge-Consultation

There is more information about NDHAs and how these nominations will be assessed on the consultation website.

3. **Please provide the name and address of any asset(s) you wish to be designated within the neighbourhood plan.**

4. **Why do you think the asset(s) you have identified should be designated?**

5. **Is there any particular history of the asset(s) that contributes to its significance, including any relevant local knowledge?**

Key Views

A key view is one that is taken from publicly accessible spaces that are reflective of what makes our county town distinct and memorable, and needs to be protected for future generations. The townscape character and landscape setting of Trowbridge, in conjunction with the well-used rights of way network, will be a priority for protection and management by the neighbourhood plan.

We are looking for nominations for key views from within the Trowbridge Town Council area that should merit at least one of the following values: aesthetic, biodiversity, cultural heritage, functional, recreational, or tranquility. Nominations can be made by answering Questions 6 and 7 below, or using the Placecheck interactive map and selecting 'Add something I like' - https://www.placecheck.info/maps/Trowbridge-Consultation. If you have any photographs that you wish to share of the view/s, please send this to the Trowbridge Town Council email address, making sure you add a description of the view.

There is more information about key views and how these nominations will be assessed on the consultation website.

6. **Please provide the name and/or address of any viewpoint location(s) you wish to be protected within the neighbourhood plan.**

7. **Can you provide a description of this viewpoint(s), the direction and why you think it is important for protection?**

Section 3 - Local Green Space

National Planning Policy allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them by designating them as Local Green Space (LGS). This power has the effect of imposing similar controls to those that apply within the Green Belt, effectively protecting the site from most development. The criteria for LGS is set out in National Policy, which states the designation should only be used where the green space is:

a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
c) is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

We are seeking your nominations of green spaces to protect within the Trowbridge Town Council Area. Nominations can be made by answering Questions 8 to 10 below, or using the Placecheck interactive map and selecting 'Add something I like' - https://www.placecheck.info/maps/Trowbridge-Consultation

There is more information about LGS and how these nominations will be assessed on the consultation website.

8. **Please provide the name and address of any green space(s) you wish to be designated within the neighbourhood plan.**

9. **Why do you think the asset(s) you have identified should be designated?**

10. **Is there any particular history or use of the space(s) that contributes to its significance, including any relevant local knowledge?**

Section 4 - Green and Blue Infrastructure

Green and blue infrastructure (GBI) is a network or corridor of natural features than run through an area. GBI provides benefits including supporting wildlife, managing flood risks, adapting to climate change, and contributing towards the character and appearance of an area. Unlike Local Green Spaces, GBI is a wider and more varied network of land and natural features that connects different green and blue spaces together, rather than being a single designation. A GBI can include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Trees and hedgerows
- Grasslands
- Woodland
- Wildlife habitats
- Parks
- Streams
- Rivers
- Ponds
- Sustainable Drainage

We are seeking your views on the value of our GBI within the Trowbridge Town Council area, and how this network could be improved. Responses can be made by answering Questions 11 to 13 below, or using the Placecheck interactive map and selecting 'Add something I like', 'Add something I don't like' or 'Add something to work on' - https://www.placecheck.info/maps/Trowbridge-Consultation

There is more information about GBI on the consultation website.

11. **Are there any particular area(s) you wish to be part of the GBI network within the neighbourhood plan? Please include a location, address and/or description.**

12. **Why do you think the area(s) are important to be included as part of the GBI?**

13. **Do you feel there are any opportunities to improve or enhance the GBI network within Trowbridge?**

Section 5 - Active Travel

Active travel means travelling from one place to another through active movement, such as walking, wheeling or cycling. The neighbourhood plan can identify routes throughout the Town that are well used and important to the community, as well as opportunities to improve existing routes and create new connections.

Wiltshire Council's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) has already identified opportunities for improving walking, cycling, and wheeling infrastructure within Trowbridge. However, the neighbourhood plan consultation will build on this work by seeking local knowledge about how routes are currently used, which are most important to the community, and where people experience difficulties or see opportunity for improvement. This could include routes along the existing Public Rights of Way network, as well as other routes that you use regularly.

We are seeking your views on the existing active travel networks in the Trowbridge Town Council area and how this network could be improved. Responses can be made by answering Questions 14 to 17 below, or using the Placecheck interactive map and selecting 'Add something I like', 'Add something I don't like' or 'Add something to work on' - https://www.placecheck.info/maps/Trowbridge-Consultation

There is more information about active travel on the consultation website.

14. **Which routes are most important to you for walking, cycling, or wheeling in and/or around Trowbridge?**

15. **Why is the route(s) important to you?**

16. **Do you experience any problems or difficulties walking, cycling, or wheeling along these routes? If so, how can these be improved?**

17. **Are there any areas where you would like to see new walking, cycling, or wheeling routes, including any routes to nearby settlements? If so, why?**