

WHAT ACTION IS PROPOSED

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Reduce energy consumption through energy efficiency.

EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMY

Actively support the local economy and encourage and promote local employment opportunities.

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Ensure improvement in public transport serving South Brent and a reduction in the need for car usage to encourage other means of travel. Secure much needed improvements to road safety, traffic flow and parking in the village.

SAFETY & WELLBEING

Support policing and crime prevention in the parish. Encourage Youth Work.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Support existing community and sporting facilities and help to ensure the provision of additional amenities, for which there is an identified need.

VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

Maintain, improve and conserve the built environment, heritage, gardens and green spaces.

RURAL & MOORLAND ENVIRONMENT

Maintain and improve the rural environment and heritage.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Support community and household renewable energy projects that complement the distinctive environment of South Brent.

WATER CONSERVATION

Reduce domestic and commercial water consumption.

CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Study impact of future extreme weather events on the parish and devise adaptation strategies.

HOW IT WILL BE ACHIEVED

Encourage domestic, agricultural and industrial energy efficiency by raising awareness of the benefits and promoting schemes that become available. Seek reduction or elimination of road lighting at Marley Head. Involve local schools in monitoring home use of energy.

Liaise with organisations which support employment opportunities. Promote the range of local shops and services to residents and visitors. Support the "South Brent Guide"

Reduce car use and travel costs by supporting and promoting car sharing, car pools, cycle use and public transport. Improve the availability and use of off street parking in Station Yard and Co-op car parks. Seek improvements in bus services and fare reductions through liaison with bus companies. Investigate possible reopening of the railway station and support feasibility study. Enforce the loading bay restrictions. Install cycle racks in the village centre and investigate the possibility of parking bays for mobility scooters.

Encourage police presence in the community. Reduce traffic crime through effective enforcement of speed and parking restrictions. Encourage further establishment of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. Investigate extended CCTV within the village. Install safe crossing points. Encourage and support youth workers in enhancing activities for young people. Support the School Travel Plan.

Support the provision of a variety of facilities for the community. Maintain the availability of viable lifelong learning opportunities. Ensuring that local needs can be met. Investigate possible sites and viability for a composting and reuse facility.

Improve the appearance of the public areas in the village centre in respect of planting, seating, lighting, signing and street furniture. Ensure effective and regular street cleaning. Encourage those dog owners who do not clear up dog mess to do so.

Maintain hedgerows, footpaths, bridleways and signposts. Encourage tree preservation. Support traditional upland farming methods, peat bog protection, broadleaf re-planting.

Encourage the installations of appropriate renewable systems, such as: wood fuel heating, passive solar design, solar thermal and photovoltaic. Support the creation of social enterprises to manage larger renewable energy projects in the parish. Identify unused local woodland areas that could, with sympathetic management, become sources of wood-fuel.

Encourage the provision of subsidised equipment to support the collection of rain and waste water for garden and grey water usage. Encourage the inclusion of such systems in new buildings.

Take part in climate change adaptation studies with other agencies.

WHY IT IS NEEDED

To provide significant help in reducing fuel poverty and the carbon footprint of the community.

To maximise opportunities for local employment close to where people live. To ensure that local shops and services flourish in order to minimise travel.

To minimise individual car use and reduce the community carbon footprint by making the most efficient use of increasingly costly fossil fuels.

To enhance the safety of all road users including pedestrians, particularly in the village centre. To assist in crime prevention and detection.

Use of local facilities reduces the need to travel outside the village. Continue to support the sense of community.

To maintain and improve the quality of life for residents, traders and visitors.

To enhance, adapt, and maintain public access to and understanding of the special qualities of rural and moorland Brent in the face of changing economic and climate conditions. Maintain the area's agricultural productivity and biodiversity.

Locally owned renewable energy schemes will support the local economy and provide job opportunities, reduce the reliance of fossil fuels and could cut carbon emissions.

To reduce water consumption, water bills and indirectly reduce carbon emissions.

To prepare for long term climate change.



WHO WILL HAVE AN INTEREST

South Brent Community including:
Businesses and Households
Car and Lorry drivers
Cycle users
Estate Agents
Farmers
Health Centre
Horse riders
Landowners
Mobility Scooter users
Public and Community building including Churches
South Brent Action Group
Sustainable South Brent
Traders Calendar

As well as:

Bus and Rail companies
Dartmoor Circle
Dartmoor National Park Authority
Devon and Cornwall Police
Devon Community Composting Network
Devon County Council
Devon County Council Highways
Devon Energy Efficiency Advice Council
Emergency Services
Energy Companies
Enterprise South Devon
Environment Agency
Forestry Commission
Moorcar
South Hams District Council
South West Regional Development Agency
South West Water Company



What do we want to achieve?
Village improvement for the benefit of residents and businesses and to strengthen already existing and emerging local initiatives for sustainability and self sufficiency.

Measuring Progress
The Parish Council will be monitoring progress and local residents always have the opportunity to attend Parish Council meetings to ask about projects which interest them.
Progress achieved will be reported at the Annual Parish Meeting.

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