Objective 1: Village Heart

The new plan will support efforts to improve the heart of Abbots Bromley. Efforts will be made to move away from a car culture and make the village centre more attractive, accessible and safer for residents, cyclists and visitors. A key part of this will be to improve Crown Bank with a greater focus on utilising the area as a community space and opening up a vista to the green.

Comments: (Please use the reverse of the sheet if needed)

Car parking around the Goat’s Head could be better organised perhaps by marking out spaces to ensure that access to Market Place (behind the Village Green) is preserved.

Support above objective - so do I.

Build “NORTHERN” BY PASS WHERE ELSE WILL CARS GO?

Heart of the village? There will be no village if affordable housing is not bought forward. The young are having to move away and their families will not know what village life is.
Objective 2: Traffic, Road Network and village gateways

The new plan should further develop traffic calming measures within the parish and provide improved parking. Reducing HGV traffic within the area is of importance whilst also creating an attractive public realm for pedestrians and cyclists by providing improved footpaths.

Opportunities will be taken when available to improve the public transport available in the parish. The plan will support measures to elevate the significant congestion on Schoolhouse Lane by providing opportunities for service providers in the area to relocate. Parking on the main road through the village is a problem in places and the place will aim to facilitate solutions.

The plan will support improvements to all the village gateways to make the approaches to the village more attractive whilst also helping to slow approaching traffic by creating more of a village feel rather than a sense of open highway thoroughfare. The improvement of footways and provision on new footpaths will be central to this aim.

Comments: (Please use the reverse of the sheet if needed)

The traffic problems in the village should resolved before new housing is agreed.

There should be electronic calming signals at each end of the village limiting speed to 20 or 30 mph + "mini" roundabout at bottom of Schoolhouse Lane.

The above should be an aspiration.
I agree.
I agree with objective.

As a rural area we have to acknowledge farming as a local 'industry' and our farmers need to be able to safely transport crops and livestock which includes access through the village.

Ban vehicle movements on School House Lane
8.30 AM - 9.00 AM  3.00 PM - 3.30 P.M. MAKE CHILDREN WALK TO SCHOOL
Objective 3: Flood risk measures

Reducing the risk of flooding for both existing and new development will be paramount to the plan. Sustainable urban drainage and other flood alleviation solutions should be sought as part of new development.

Comments: (Please use the reverse of the sheet if needed)

Providing green solutions and restricting hard standing will both provide flood risk measures and create a more inviting environment.

This must be looked at for all new developments as part of infrastructure planning.

WHERE DOES VILLAGE FLOOD?
Objective 4: Strengthening Community Facilities

The plan should preserve existing services (including the schools and churches) whilst equally supporting the creation of new viable, accessible, local services which will meet the needs of the whole community. Existing services such as the pubs, and other businesses should be retained and maintained whilst the churches and schools should aim to maintain their viability.

Comments: (Please use the reverse of the sheet if needed)

Agreed but sustainability of community facilities will require further development of the village in terms of expanding population to support existing + better services. This requires support for some controlled further housing development. Agree with above comment.

Build some commercial property to make up for lack of current facilities.
Objective 5: Housing

Housing should be of a high quality design and in keeping with the general area. New development should focus on delivering smaller dwellings that would be accessible to younger and older age groups as indicated in the housing needs survey.

Comments: (Please use the reverse of the sheet if needed)

Agree with above statement as a high priority for the village.
This is definitely what the village needs.
Housing also needs to be affordable.

We need more bungalows for elderly residents which will allow their house to be used by families who need them.

BUNGALOWS + 3 BED SEMI'S REQUIRED NOT 4/5 BED DETACHED
Objective 6: Employment

Conversion of underused buildings into employment use is supported and would aid in the creation of new jobs and attract new businesses into the parish. The plan should promote opportunities for increased small scale economic activity within the area.

Comments: (Please use the reverse of the sheet if needed)

Agree with this objective wholeheartedly.
Agree!
Agree.
Agree! Agree but how long will we have to wait?
Objective 7: Communication Infrastructure

The plan should endeavour to achieve the improvement of poor broadband provision and mobile phone signal in the local area. This can also link in with the provision of employment opportunities (including working from home) which can be hampered by poor connectivity.

Comments: (Please use the reverse of the sheet if needed)

Important
Agree!
THIS WILL ONLY HAPPEN IF COMMERCIALLY VIABLE
Objective 8: Celebrating Heritage

The plan should enhance and preserve local heritage. The local community has a great sense of pride in heritage and parish history. Abbots Bromley residents value the conservation area and are deeply passionate about the preservation in perpetuity of local traditions such as the annual Horn Dance.

Comments: (Please use the reverse of the sheet if needed)

Agreed. This ties in with Objective 2 (transport and parking). The volume of traffic through the historic main street threatens the preservation of its heritage and risks potential environmental damage to many of its historic buildings.

Local heritage is very important.

Local heritage is important but must be balanced against community needs for affordable and sustainable development to provide housing to meet local needs. See comment on Objective 4.
Objective 9: Countryside & Biodiversity

The traditional rural setting of Abbots Bromley village should be retained. Appropriate development is favoured but only so long as it is sensitive to the surrounding landscape and character of the area. Protection and enhancement of hedgerows, trees, flora and fauna, field pattern and watercourses is of prime importance.

The wider setting of areas such as Blithfield Reservoir which sits partly within the Parish and Bagots Wood are important local landmarks. The plan should look to improve the village connection to the reservoir to enhance the accessibility to this precious local resource with its habitats and leisure opportunities.

Comments: (Please use the reverse of the sheet if needed)

Any development under the Neighbourhood Plan should therefore contain policies that add to the biodiversity and community accessibility eg. planting of fruit trees as part of any development plan so that residents can enjoy a local amenity.
Objective 10: The Environment

Residents treasure the quiet, rural environment setting of Abbots Bromley. A peaceful quality of life will be protected and the overall scale of Abbots Bromley as a small, rural village will be maintained.

Comments: (Please use the reverse of the sheet if needed)

Agree with the 'quiet rural environment', but feel that AB could expand without losing that feeling – especially open to small businesses/start ups.

If the expansion is thoughtful, the village will be improved.

If the village is to maintain its strong community feel, some new development is essential to keep new flows into community organisations of new and energetic members. Villages that refuse to grow often end up losing precious community resource!

THE VILLAGE IS IN A RURAL AREA AND NEEDS TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL ECONOMY. IT WAS A MARKET TOWN ONCE.
Other Suggestions on draft Vision and Objectives

Have we missed something? Please let us know below.

Comments: (Please use the reverse of the sheet if needed)

Creation of a community orchard on Ballinore’s Field and perhaps provision of more allotments for village use or a community garden that all can get involved in.
VISION

"BY 2031 THE PLAN WILL ENSURE THAT ABBOTS BROMLEY CONTINUES TO BE A VIALBLE COMMUNITY"