

BING3 – Bingley Town Centre

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Much of the town centre discussion within the Plan focusses on buildings and retail.

I wish to state that in line with Bradford's enlightened view that city centres benefit from residents; people will ensure Bingley remains a vibrant community. Bingley needs to use brownfield sites and to repurpose redundant buildings to create homes which are within easy reach of transport links, shops, schools, recreation opportunities and health provision.

The Plan aims "to enhance Bingley's landscape and heritage". Green Belt must be cherished for future generations. Home building focus should be around the town centre and should not destroy the green spaces which make Bingley a special place to visit and live.

The Green Belt which surrounds Bingley satisfies National Planning Policy in its 5 purposes.

11. Walking, Cycling and Green Infrastructure

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I fully support the need to maintain the green corridors for wildlife. An important one is between Rombalds moor (SSSI), south through fields to The Prince of Wales Park and across to Gilstead Moor.

This passage is also featured in Para12 figure 10 as an important area for "distinctive local view and vista".

The area is Green Belt, and would be sensitive to any development. I agree it must be protected, not only because it is Green Belt, but because of its benefit to wildlife. I strongly agree the Plan must " minimise any loss to Green Belt".

The Green areas surrounding Bingley are what makes Bingley unique and special for so many reasons.

12. Enhancing Bingley's Landscape and Heritage

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Ref Fig 10 and "distinctive local views and vistas"

The views and open green vistas from Heights Lane are sensational. It is good that the Plan has recognised this, at least as far south as Tewitt.

I recommend however that the green hatchings on the map showing the west view from Heights lane in Fig 10 include the vistas below Tewitt, from the bottom of Heights Lane which are significant for their immediate open green aspects on leaving the built part of Eldwick.

The hatchings on Fig10 begin some way away from the road. If not protected, these fields between the road and the hatchings might be used for development, in spite of their protection in Green Belt, rendering the views and openness from the road totally ineffective.

I ask that for maximum protection, the hatchings begin at Heights Lane road side and extend westwards towards the Aire valley.