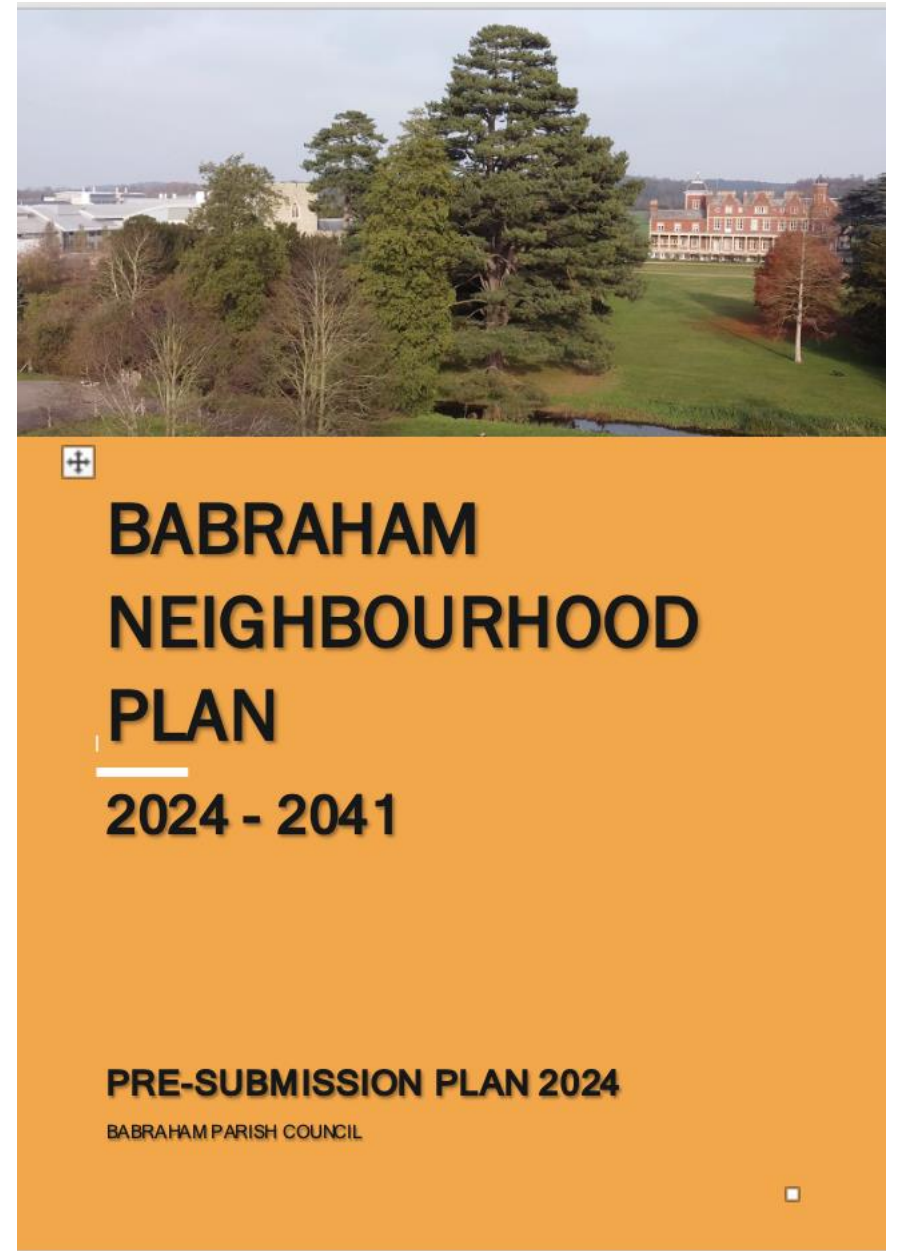


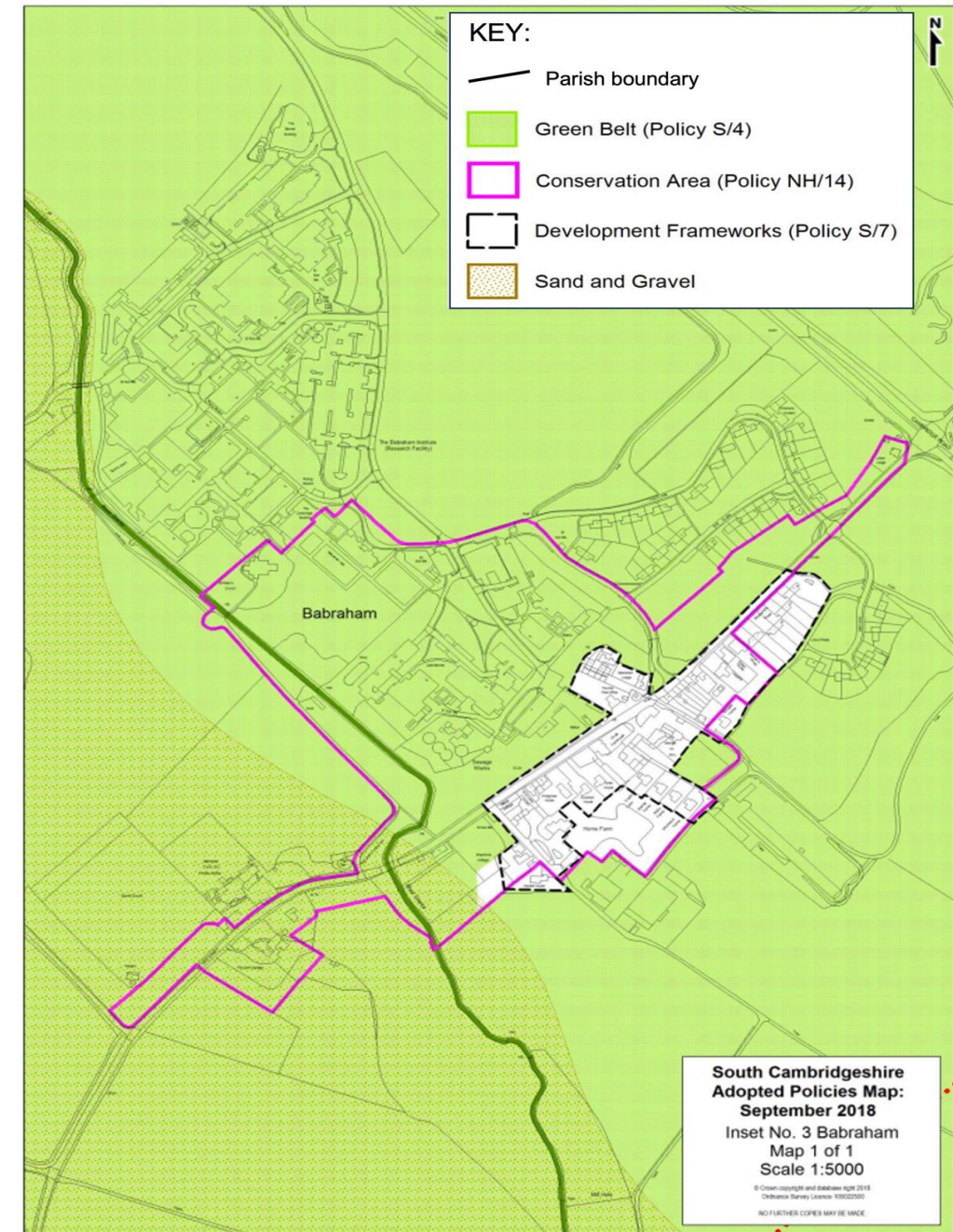
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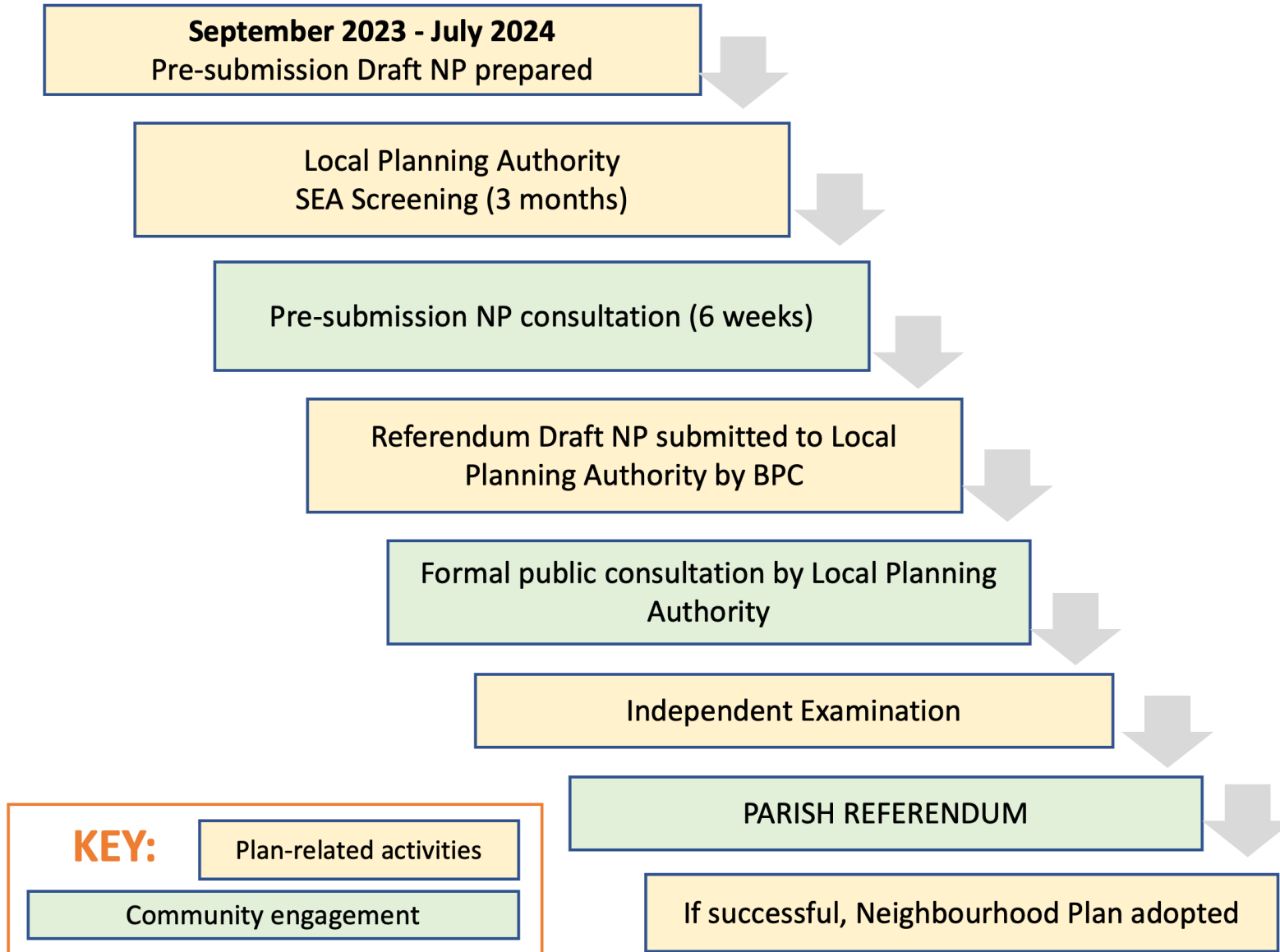


UPDATE

- Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan Draft completed (April)
- Informal consultation with Local Planning Authority (2 May)
- We have been informed there are very significant delays to the emerging Local Plan which means:
 - Proposal for taking Babraham Research Campus out of the Green Belt not yet adopted
 - All of Babraham Parish still remains in the Green Belt
 - Any housing allocations in the NP are likely to be rejected due to impact on Green Belt
- Timeline for NP means we will be ready before the emerging Local Plan is adopted
- Housing allocation and masterplanning for The Close will need to be taken out of the NP
- Potential to resubmit as an amendment to NP once Local Plan adopted



Final NP Stages



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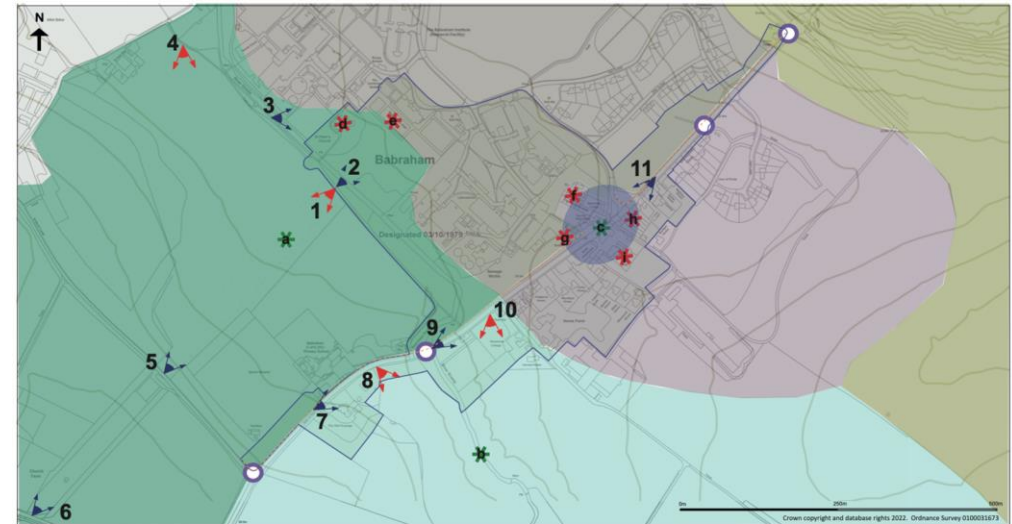
Policies:

- **Valued Landscape** – Development proposals in the Valued Landscape would only be permitted where they protected and enhanced the special landscape qualities and any impact mitigation measures where necessary
- **Important Views** – Development proposals must demonstrate there is no detrimental impact on the 11 memorable vistas of Babraham's character and setting.



Community Actions:

- **Avenue of Lime Trees** – BPC, BRC and Cheveley Park Farms will establish communications to ensure appropriate management and regenerative planting along the entire Avenue and support a public access path along it.



NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Policies:

- **Protecting the Granta River Chalk Stream Ecosystem** – aims to manage impact of watercourse runoff into the river and encourages landowners and conservation agencies to work collectively to restore river condition, floodplain meadows and reduce pollution, contamination and abstractions.
- **Biodiversity** - Development proposals must not harm existing features of landscape and biodiversity value (trees, woodland, hedgerows, open meadowland, waterways, waterbodies and verges) and should provide new habitat, plant trees and restore degraded habitats.

Community Actions:

- **Identifying important trees** – BPC to have a parish-wide tree survey undertaken to identify important trees and woodlands for protection and to ensure appropriate succession planting.
- **Verge management** – BPC to encourage local landowners and South Cambridgeshire District Council (Highways) to create and promote wildflower rich verges through their mowing regime and planting.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Policies:

- **Local Green Spaces** – Four local green spaces to be designated as particularly important areas for the village. Development permissions consistent with Green Belt policies.
- **Dark Skies** - Any future outdoor lighting systems should have a minimum impact on the environment to minimise light pollution and adverse effects on wildlife (subject to highway safety and security).



- Area 1: Grass verges and 'green' in core of village**
Area 2: Community edible forest
Area 3: Pocket park
Area 4: Oak Lane green



BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND DESIGN

Policies:

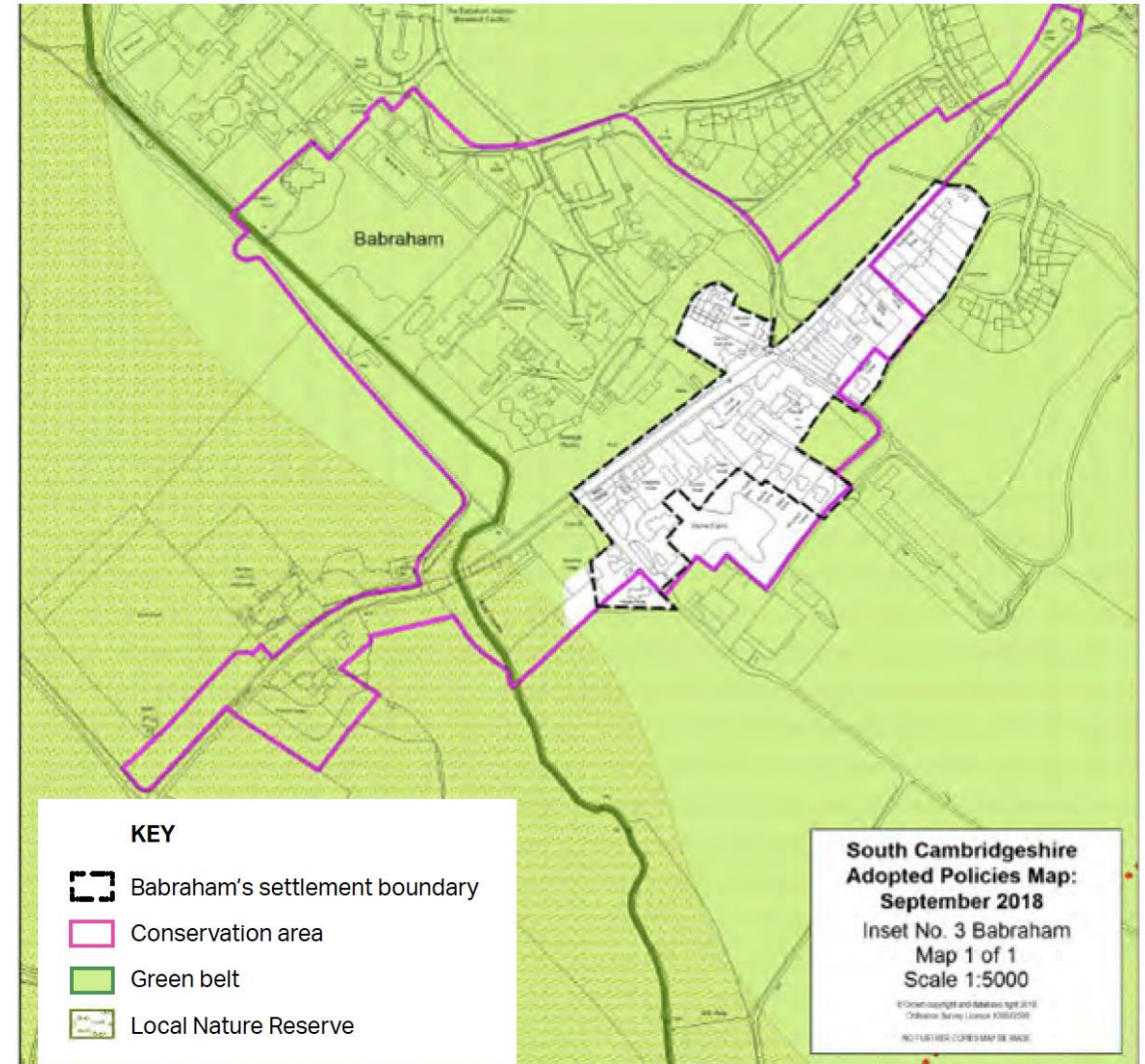
- **Design in the Babraham Conservation Area** – Development must preserve and enhance the character, views and setting of the conservation area.
- **Design Guidelines** - Proposals for new development must reflect the local character in the Neighbourhood Plan area by following the Babraham Design Guide.
- **Sustainable Building Practices** - Proposals that incorporate current best practice in energy conservation will be supported

Community Actions:

- **Conservation Area Appraisal** – BPC will request an appraisal of the Babraham Conservation Area to identify any non-designated heritage assets that contribute significantly to the character, vernacular and heritage of Babraham

HOUSING

- No policies
- Current housing requirement is 2 houses in Babraham
- Indication of what potential development in The Close should look like to support community needs and wishes
 - Careful design in keeping with the village materials, heights and massing
 - Low density housing
 - Careful layout to preserve views of parkland
 - Shop
 - Playground
 - Sustainable drainage system and building



SERVICES, FACILITIES AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Policies:

- **Retaining important community amenities** – ensuring that policies support the preservation and enhancement of
 - the Church
 - the School
 - the George Inn



Community Actions:

- **Community-led initiatives for using land in Babraham**– BPC will work with the Babraham Research Campus and the community to continue to encourage using and managing land for community benefit.

TRANSPORT, ROADS AND PATHS

- The Neighbourhood Plan has limited influence over things that do not need planning permission.
- This chapter therefore contains ways to work with County Council Highways

Community Actions:

- **CSET Scheme** – BPC will continue to communicate the views of Babraham Residents with regard to the impacts of the proposed CSET Scheme on Babraham Parish and to encourage better and more transparent consultation.
- **Traffic Calming** – BPC will work with the County Council / Highways to reduce HGV traffic along the High Street.
- **Traffic and Parking around the School** – BPC and School will consider ways to decrease traffic and parking issues associated with school pick-up and drop-off

TRANSPORT, ROADS AND PATHS

Policies:

- **Public Rights of Way** – proposals extending Public Rights of Way will be supported if they don't damage the landscape. Suggested PROW to be created (turquoise lines on map)

Community Actions (continued):

- **Public Rights of Way** – involve the community in the identification of new PROW

