

BURFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Public Forum Launch Meeting
Warwick Hall, Monday 13 July 2026
Transcription & Community Synthesis

| Meeting Context

Democratic Framework

This presentation formally catalogs all qualitative post-it feedback and active sign-up sheets from the public engagement panels.

- **Audit-Grade Records:** Preserves verbatim suggestions from public consultation boards.
- **Transparency:** Connects local voices immediately with the official planning catalog.
- **Implementation Map:** Prepares teams to coordinate working groups seamlessly.

Active Engagement Strategy

We are capturing all 5 major themes of development planning to match community intent to statutory town limits.

- **Volunteers Tracked:** Cross-checked to leverage specific technical skills.
- **Focus Areas Map:** Structured under Housing, Economy, Well Being, Environment, and Connectivity.

| Cross-Sign-up Registry

The registry highlights active residents who volunteered across multiple theme sheets, securing seamless communication between action blocks.

Volunteer Name	Total Groups	Committed Focus Areas
Audri Schaay	3 Groups	Economy & Tourism · Well Being, Sport & Leisure · Environment
James Skinner	3 Groups	Planning & Heritage · Well Being, Sport & Leisure · Infrastructure & Connectivity
Roxanne Suratgar	3 Groups	Planning & Heritage · Environment · Infrastructure & Connectivity
Tom Williams	3 Groups	Well Being, Sport & Leisure · Environment · Infrastructure & Connectivity
Caroline August	2 Groups	Planning & Heritage · Infrastructure & Connectivity
Steve Farrage	2 Groups	Planning & Heritage · Environment
Corinne Hoge	2 Groups	Economy & Tourism · Environment
Sue Dear	2 Groups	Economy & Tourism · Infrastructure & Connectivity
Liz Deverson	2 Groups	Economy & Tourism · Environment

| Planning & Heritage

Development & Housing Sites

- **Warren on A40:** Nominating areas west of Westwell Rd as a potential housing site.
- **Cotswold Gate:** Developing land south of Cotswold Gate.
- **Existing Housing:** Creating a clear category of housing "as is" first.
- **Spatial Rules:** Demarcating clearly "Must Have", "Could/Like Have", and "Must Not" areas on Burford maps.

Character, Energy & School Link

- **Pedestrian Focus:** Establishing "Pedestrian Streets" within the historic centre.
- **Heritage Energy:** Sourcing clean, suitable energy and EV setups sympathetic to heritage.
- **Economic Connection:** Structuring future housing type/need to fit local business initiatives.
- **Burford School:** "Involve Burford School!" active engagement target.

 PLANNING & HERITAGE COHORT (11 VOLUNTEERS REGISTERED)

Caroline August, James Skinner, Julie Bond, Bert Clough, Sandy Howe-Johnston, Derek Dear, Roxanne Suratgar, Steve Farrage, Ben John, Ann Morris, Penny Barraclough.

| Economy & Sustainable Tourism

Business Support Priorities

- **Retail Preservation:** Protecting independent shops from town center conversions.
- **Synergy Focus:** Creating direct, actionable links to support other local initiatives.
- **Local Workforce Housing:** Aligning future development types with local staff availability.

Sustainable Tourism

- **Infrastructure Balance:** Protecting historic stone buildings from heavy visitor flow.
- **Local Engagement:** Forming a dedicated group of 9 residents to balance visitor needs with resident space.

 ECONOMY & SUSTAINABLE TOURISM COHORT (9 VOLUNTEERS REGISTERED)

Caroline Pope, Corinne Hoge, Sue Dear, Audri Schaay, John Kevich, Liz Deverson, Rod Ruston, Elaine Elliot, Nicholas Gay.

| Well Being, Sport & Leisure

Sports & Courts

- **Astro Pitch Dual Use:** Mark existing Burford School astro pitch for Tennis.
- **Target Court Types:** Reserve dedicated area for Padel, Tennis, and Pickleball courts.
- **Pool Restoration:** Establish community demand for restoring the public swimming pool.

Integrated Community Hub

- **Smart Working:** Modern hub for children, teens, and societies.
- **Combined Facilities:** House Scouts/Guides, pre-school, and social clubs together.
- **Bowls Site Plan:** Explored utilizing the current Bowls Club space.

Inter-Generational

- **Burford School Space:** Form shared agreements to use school facilities outside class hours.
- **Volunteer Linking:** Connecting teenage community networks to local social assistance.

WELL BEING, SPORT & LEISURE COHORT (12 VOLUNTEERS REGISTERED)

Tom Williams, Audri Schaay, Carina Sales, Juliet Cocks, Wendy Foster, Sara Goodfellow, James Skinner, Yolande Harrison, Judy Branston, Laing Rand, Drew Price, Steve Johnson, Desmond Lawton.

| Environment

Precursors & Environmental Flow

- **Hierarchy Plan:** "What comes first/pre-cursor" priority. Environment must lead development.
- **The Natural Cycle:** Mapping environmental dynamics through: River → Town Water Network → Town Heritage → Countryside → Reservoir.
- **Local Infrastructure:** Tackling sewage capacity, water standards, and river run-off protection.

Carbon Neutrality & Energy

- **Zero-Carbon Target:** Clear policy framework driving Burford towards Carbon Neutrality.
- **Floating Solar Proposal:** "Clean Energy - Floating Solar" options directly on the local reservoir.
- **Eco-Rules:** Local guidelines supporting panels, re-wilding corridors, and strict protection of hedgerows.

RELATIONSHIPS & ENVIRONMENT COHORT (8 VOLUNTEERS REGISTERED)

Steve Farrage, Christina Scherer, Audri Schaay, Roxann Suratgar, Paul Newman, Corinne Hoge, Tom Williams, Liz Deverson.

| Infrastructure & Connectivity

Traffic & One-Way Plans

- **Church Lane:** Convert to one-way from High Street heading down to the Car Park.
- **Priory Lane:** One-way routing under review (S-to-N or N-to-S).
- **Swinbrook Junction:** Introduce traffic light systems onto Swinbrook Rd exiting to A40.
- **Tanners Lane:** Improved physical safety features for pedestrians.

Parking & Coaches

- **Enforcement Target:** "Parking restrictions don't work well if not enforced! A key issue in Burford."
- **A40 Coach Terminals:** Proposed locations opposite Burford School or situated next to the local reservoir.

Telecoms & Signals

- **Mobile Coverage:** Resolving the major localized signal black spots ("Mobile phone coverage!!").
- **Public Wifi:** Secure public wireless connectivity points across the town's core.

INFRASTRUCTURE & CONNECTIVITY COHORT (12 VOLUNTEERS REGISTERED)

Mark Hoge, John Yeomans, Marjorie Scott-Goddard, John Jack, Sue Dear, James Skinner, Caroline August, Roxanne Suratgar, Nigel Barraclough, Tom Williams, Angela Campbell, Ann Newman, Mary Gay.