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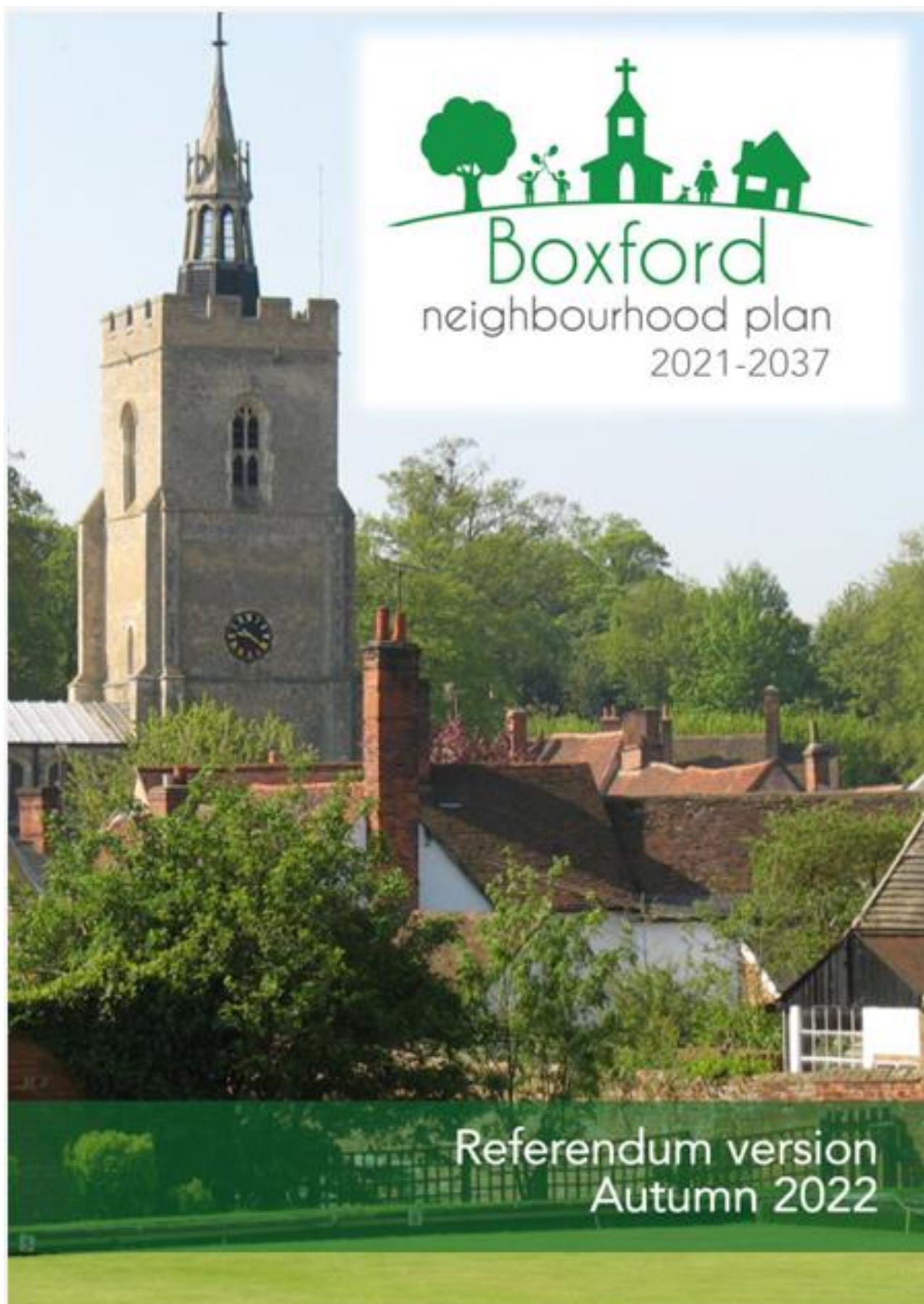
**Local Impact Report Appendix 11: Boxford  
Neighbourhood Plan**

**Bramford to Twinstead (EN020002)**

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## **11 Boxford Neighbourhood Plan**



Boxford  
neighbourhood plan  
2021-2037

Referendum version  
Autumn 2022

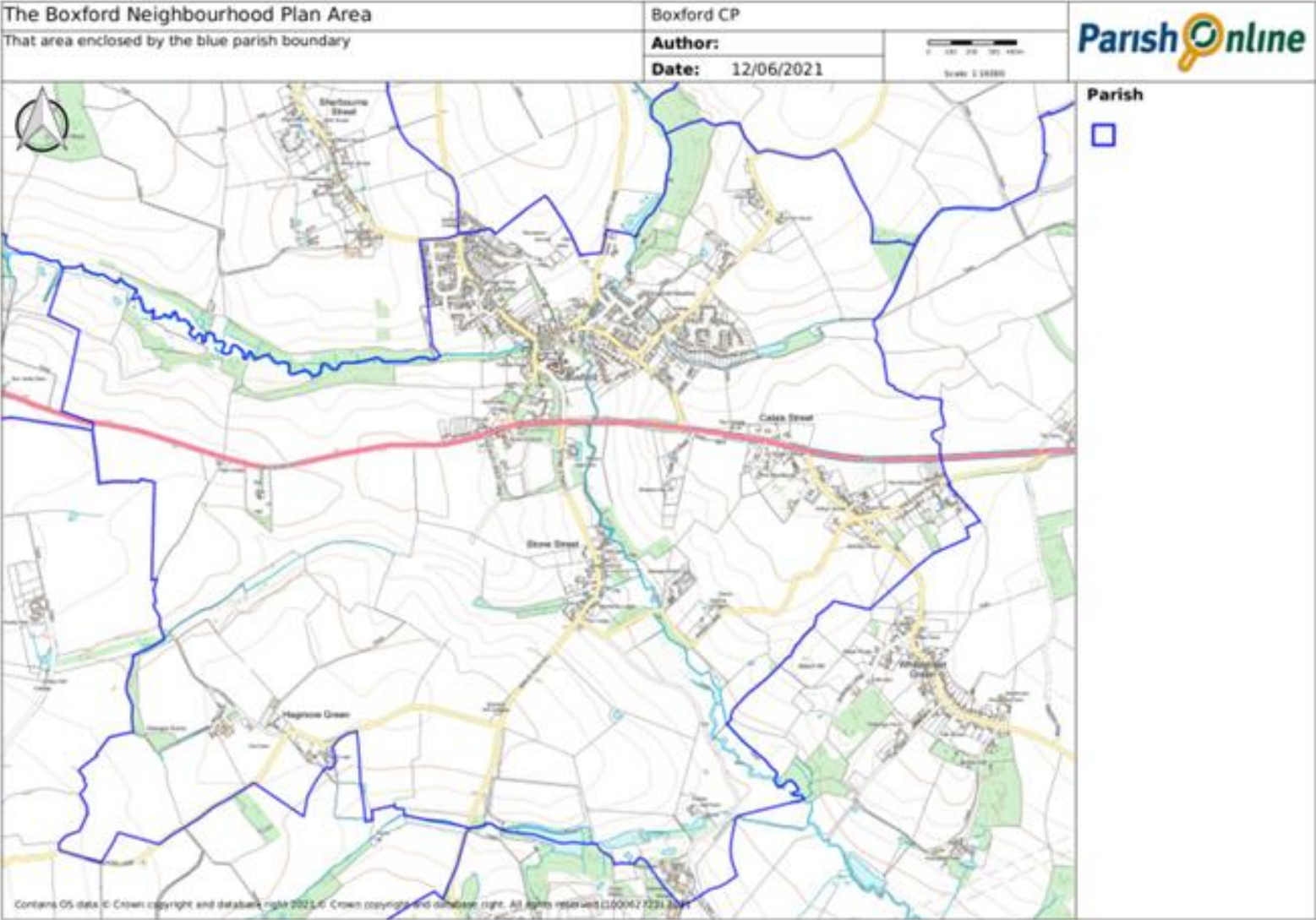


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**Map 1 –  
Neighbourhood  
Area**



## Local Impact Report Extract

Boxford Neighbourhood Plan Policy BOX11: The River Box Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity (ALLS) states that Development within the River Box Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity will only be supported provided that the proposal:

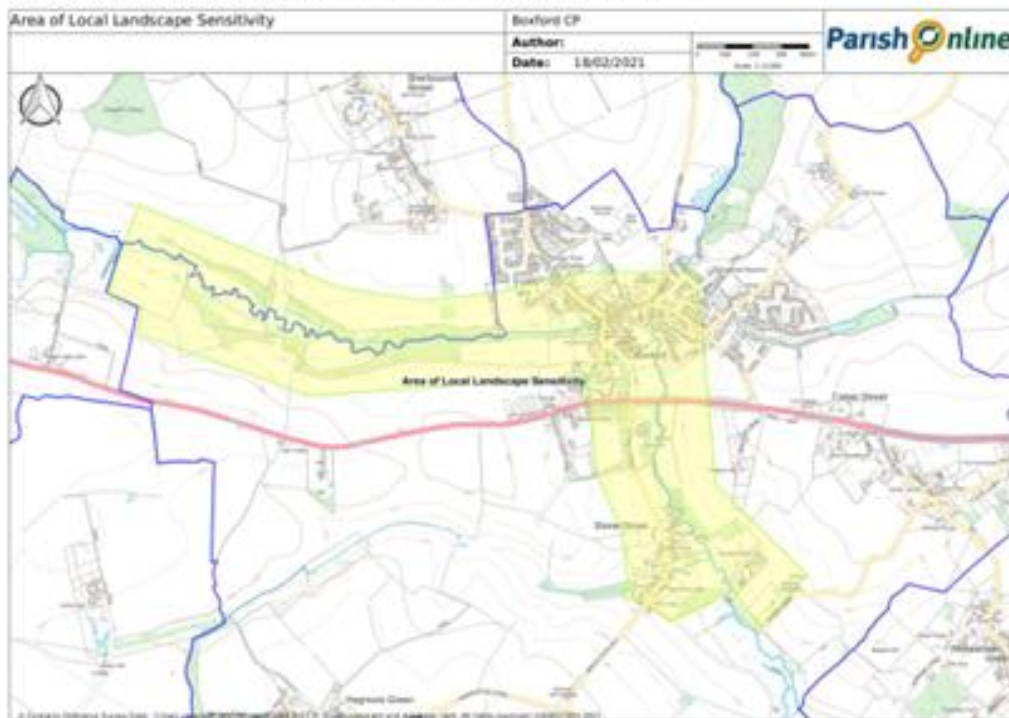
- 1.1.a a) Conserves or enhances the special qualities of the landscape,
- 1.1.b b) is designed and sited to be sympathetic to the scenic beauty of the landscape setting and
- 1.1.c c) is in accordance with other relevant policies in this Plan.

Boxford Neighbourhood Plan Policy BOX12: Important Public Scenic Views states that Development proposals within or which would affect an identified public scenic view should take account of the view concerned and that developments which would have an unacceptable adverse impact on the landscape or character of the view concerned, will not be supported.



<b>POLICY</b>	<p><b>BOX 11: The River Box Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity (ALLS)</b></p> <p>The visual, scenic, and undeveloped character of the River Box Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity (shown on <b>Map 12</b> below and on the Policies Map) will be protected from development that may adversely affect its landscape character, its function as an important piece of green infrastructure and its contribution to the wider network of green spaces in the area.</p> <p>Development within the River Box Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity will only be supported provided that the proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Conserves or enhances the special qualities of the landscape<sup>13</sup>,</li> <li>b) is designed and sited to be sympathetic to the scenic beauty of the landscape setting and</li> <li>c) is in accordance with other relevant policies in this Plan.</li> </ul>
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**Map 12 - River Box Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity**



**Important Public Scenic Views**

10.10 Opinions have also been sought on important views into and out of the village. These have been mapped and are shown on **Map 13** below.

<sup>13</sup> As set out in the Joint Babergh Mid Suffolk Landscape Character Assessment August 2015.





10.11 The Steering Group were mindful that any policy which sought to protect these views should focus on those that are 'important' to the overall landscape character of Bramford and which can be enjoyed from publicly accessible locations, e.g., footpaths, public highway, an existing open space, or through a gap between buildings. Important 'historic views' within the historic core of the village are identified in **Policy BOX 10** above.

10.12 Taking this into account, the following views have been identified as Important Public Scenic Views:

<p><b>1. View from the A1071 approaching from Sudbury looking north-east</b> down into the historic centre of the village on the River Box, with the church tower prominent. From here the whole village appears largely enclosed by trees with only the occasional roof visible in summer. This shows why the Box valley is designated an Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity.</p>	
<p><b>2. View from a similar location on the A1071 looking north-north-east</b> across the well-wooded valley of the River Box and Primrose Wood. Beyond are the housing estates of Daking Avenue, Homefield and Goodlands built north of the village core with open rolling farmland and Groton church beyond. Right of centre a jumble of roofs line Swan Street in the historic centre.</p>	





**3. View from the seat in the "new" meadow at Primrose Wood.**

Probably the finest view of Boxford. This 2019 photo was taken before it was planted out with native species. We are looking east along the Box Valley (Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity) towards the church and the centre of the village, most of which is again, obscured by trees. A wide "ride" through the planting now ensures this view is retained.



**4. View from the public footpath (FP23) at the end of Roylands Lane looking south-west into the tree-lined valley of the River Box (Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity) obscuring Stone Street hamlet. Beyond is rolling farmland and the medieval hamlet of Hagmore Green on the horizon (centre). The northern boundary of the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is to the left.**





**5. View from Hockley Hole public footpath (FP2) looking across the valley from the opposite side of the previous photo. This view northeast across rolling farmland in springtime includes the Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity and Stone Street hamlet in the valley, and Roylands Lane and Calais Street hamlet on the right horizon. Calais Street, at the top of the valley slope, sits on the edge of the AONB.**



**BOX 12: Important Public Scenic Views**

The following views and vistas (as shown on **Map 13** below and the Policies Map) are identified as Important Public Scenic Views. Development proposals within or which would affect an identified public scenic view should take account of the view concerned. Developments which would have an unacceptable adverse impact on the landscape or character of the view concerned, will not be supported.

**POLICY**

1. From the A1071 looking north-east towards the church tower,
2. From the A1071 north-north-east across the river valley towards Daking Avenue and Goodlands, with open countryside and Groton church beyond
3. From the meadow at Primrose Wood along the river valley towards the church.
4. From the public footpath at the end of Roylands looking south- west across the river valley to Stone Street hamlet, with Hagmore Green and the AONB beyond.
5. From Hockley Hole public footpath looking east across the river valley and Stone Street to Roylands and Calais Street Hamlet



Map 13 – Important Public Scenic Views

