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### Blisland Neighbourhood Development Plan

Work continues apace to develop the Plan. The Steering Group meet weekly to discuss progress and we have some more volunteers involved in researching a few specific topics.

Several volunteers will also be helping to undertake a landscape character assessment. This is basically an exercise to map the different types of landscape such

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as moorland, farmland, wooded valleys etc which will provide background information to feed into future planning decisions where this might be a relevant factor. So far, we have distilled the Draft Plan down to these five main areas:

**Housing** - To have a mixed housing stock that meets the needs of the community whilst also ensuring good design in keeping with the traditional moorland character of the area.

**Heritage** - To conserve the character and integrity of the historical features of the village and surrounding areas within the Parish.

**Landscape & Environment** - To ensure any permitted development in the countryside respects the beautiful moorland landscape and the natural environment.

**Services and Infrastructure** - To support improvements to services, facilities and infrastructure for the local community.

**Local Economy** - To support small business development including farming and tourism.

A number of policies will need to be developed under these headings and we will consult as widely as possible to make sure these represent your views. If you would like to get more involved, please contact [clerk@blislandparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@blislandparishcouncil.co.uk). Further information is available on our webpage: [www.blislandparishcouncil.co.uk/blisland-neighbourhood-development-plan](http://www.blislandparishcouncil.co.uk/blisland-neighbourhood-development-plan).

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