

## Bromley in 2025

**“Bromley is the cleanest and greenest borough in London with distinctive neighbourhoods and high quality open spaces. People enjoy a good quality of life in all Bromley’s places, from the low density suburbs to the vibrant town centres. Businesses thrive, growing and investing locally, responding to the challenges of a changing economy.”**

### Open space

The importance of all natural spaces, whether private gardens, rivers and lakes or Green Belt, is universally recognised and their quality and protection is a high priority. A wide range of different open spaces and habitats, with their distinctive animal and plant life, are well managed and accessible. As well as helping conserve and enhance biodiversity, Bromley’s natural environment helps improve the wellbeing of its communities, providing space for leisure and sport and supporting healthy lifestyles. Opportunities are taken to increase natural habitats, especially in areas with a deficiency, linking them together and improving their quality and accessibility.

**Objectives: Protect open spaces and natural environments.  
Encourage the protection and enhancement of biodiversity.  
Improve the provision of open space in areas of deficiency and in any new development.**

### Health and wellbeing

The quality of life in Bromley has improved in all its neighbourhoods with residents enjoying better health and wellbeing. There is less crime and anti-social behaviour and areas with a concentration of social and environmental problems are being improved. Residents are helped to improve their own places and local environments for the benefit of all the community.

**Objectives: To produce healthier environments and a health infrastructure to support people in living longer, healthier lives.  
Enable all communities to improve their own environments.  
Coordinate improvements to areas, in particular those with a concentration of deprivation.**

## Housing

A range of decent homes of different types and sizes are available and housing supply is tailored to local needs. Any new housing complements and respects the character of neighbourhoods and improves the choice of accommodation available.

**Objectives:** **Ensure there is an appropriate supply of local housing.**  
**Ensure any new housing is appropriate to local needs.**  
**Ensure any new housing complements and respects local character.**

## Community facilities

Local shopping parades, schools, healthcare, leisure and cultural facilities support our wide range of communities. New facilities are encouraged in accessible locations and may be combined with other uses to form flexible and efficient community hubs.

**Objectives:** **Support retention of locally valued community facilities.**  
**Ensure new community facilities are appropriately located and accessible.**

## Business and employment

Bromley is a prosperous, thriving and skilled borough where businesses choose to locate. New businesses start up and grow using local skills, supply chains and investment and Business Areas offer high quality flexible accommodation. There is an improved range of employment opportunities for residents and skills levels have been raised.

**Objectives:** **Ensure there are an appropriate range of premises across the borough.**  
**Encourage investment and development in the local economy.**  
**Encourage and support the provision of training across the borough.**  
**Business Areas adapt successfully to the changing needs of modern industry and commerce.**

## Town centres

Town centres provide a range of goods and services and are safe, clean and welcoming for all. Bromley Town Centre is a competitive Metropolitan Town Centre, complementing others in the region and attracting a wide range of visitors to its shopping, cinema, theatre and restaurant areas. The vision for Orpington recognises the town centre's role as a strong and vibrant local centre, offering a good range of shopping, leisure and public amenities. The improvement of its image and appearance and adding to its retail offer are vital to achieving this aim.

**Objectives:** **Ensure continued vitality of Bromley Town Centre, in particular, through implementation of the Area Action Plan.**  
**Promote and facilitate the continued improvement of Orpington Town Centre.**  
**Maintain and improve other local centres across the borough.**

## Climate change and environmental issues

The impacts of our changing climate on places and people are addressed through careful consideration of flood risk, water conservation, building design and use of “green infrastructure” – open spaces and living roofs or walls. Opportunities for appropriate low carbon, decentralised energy networks and renewable energy are considered in any new developments. Less waste is produced and more is managed and disposed of locally through new cleaner technologies.

**Objective:**     **Design and construct any new buildings to help reduce impacts of a changing climate.**  
                      **Ensure carbon reduction is a priority of any new development.**  
                      **Increase self-sufficiency in dealing with waste.**  
                      **Support the development of local energy networks and low-carbon and renewable energy facilities.**

## Design and the public realm

New development of all kinds is well designed, safe, energy efficient and complements its surroundings, respecting the existing scale and layout. Private or public open space, public art, and appropriate car parking are key considerations. Our roads and streets are clean but uncluttered, with street trees and verges improving their appearance. Public art and street furniture make places more attractive and comfortable for users.

**Objective:**     **Ensure any new development attains the highest design standards.**  
                      **Ensure any new development includes appropriate private or public open space.**

## Built heritage

Our man-made heritage assets – areas of distinctive character, listed buildings, conservation areas and monuments - are protected and enhanced for all to appreciate. There are fewer historic features on the “at risk” register and visitors are encouraged to enjoy the borough’s rich heritage.

**Objective:**     **Continue to identify and protect locally and nationally significant heritage assets.**  
                      **Ensure any new development complements and improves the setting of heritage assets.**  
                      **Encourage greater accessibility of heritage assets.**

## Transport

Moving around the borough is easier thanks to reduced road congestion and improved public transport networks. Commuting traffic has reduced as more people share car journeys and choose alternative ways of working and travelling. Reduced road traffic means less pollution and greenhouse gases are produced from transportation. Any new developments include electric vehicle charging points and there are more car clubs, increasing choices for local people. Walking and cycling to work, school and for leisure, has increased and the road

environment is safer for vulnerable users. Public transport is more accessible to those with mobility problems and is safer and more reliable.

**Objectives:** Reduce road congestion at peak times through better management of the network and encouraging alternative means of travel.  
Promote the use of public transport, walking and cycling.  
Ensure new developments include electric charging points, cycling facilities and car clubs where appropriate.  
Encourage patterns of development that reduce the need to travel.  
Ensure streets are safe, accessible and uncluttered, improve road safety and reduce air and noise pollution from traffic.