

# Neighbourhood Plan



## Consultation Main Statement

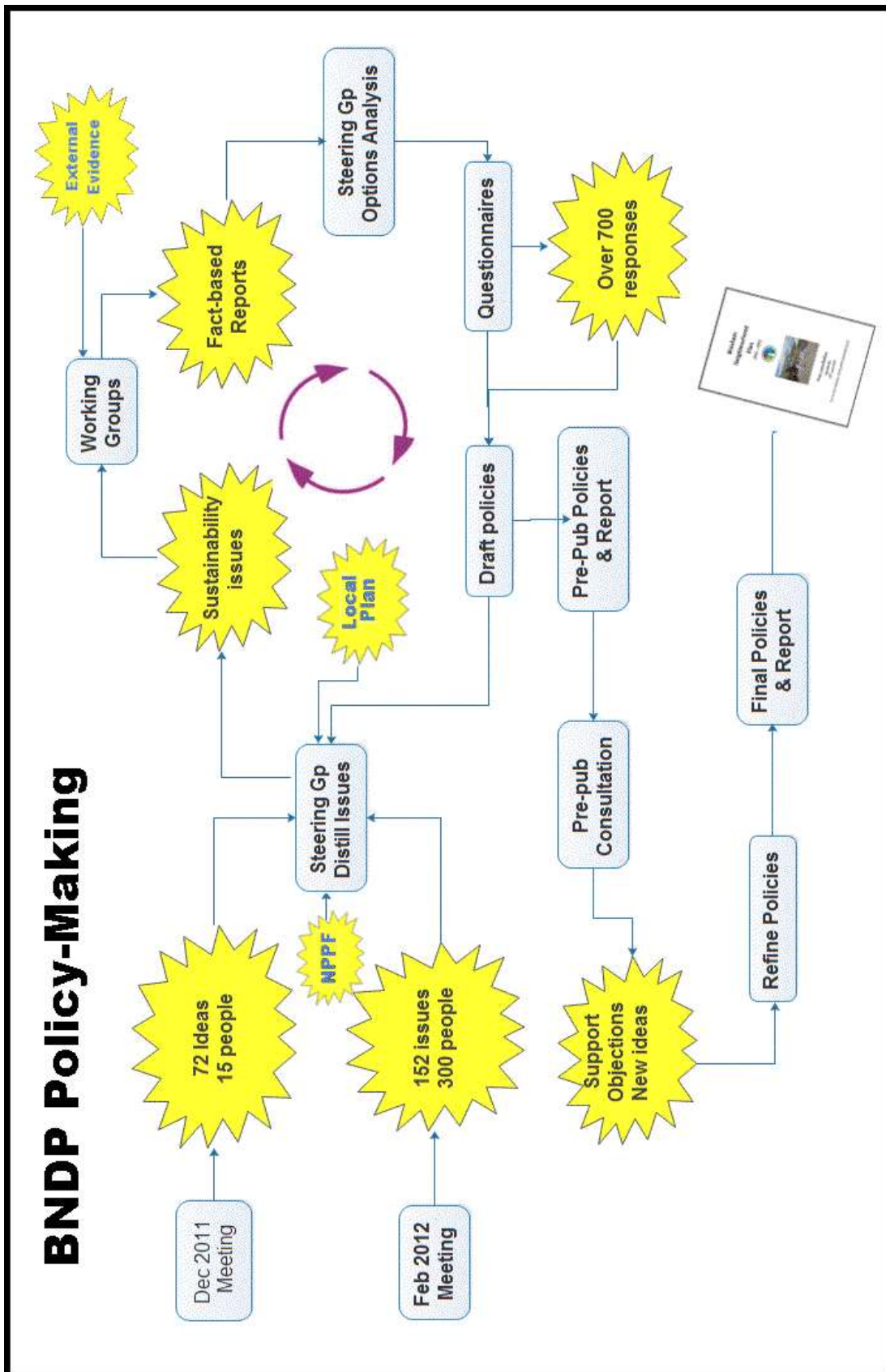


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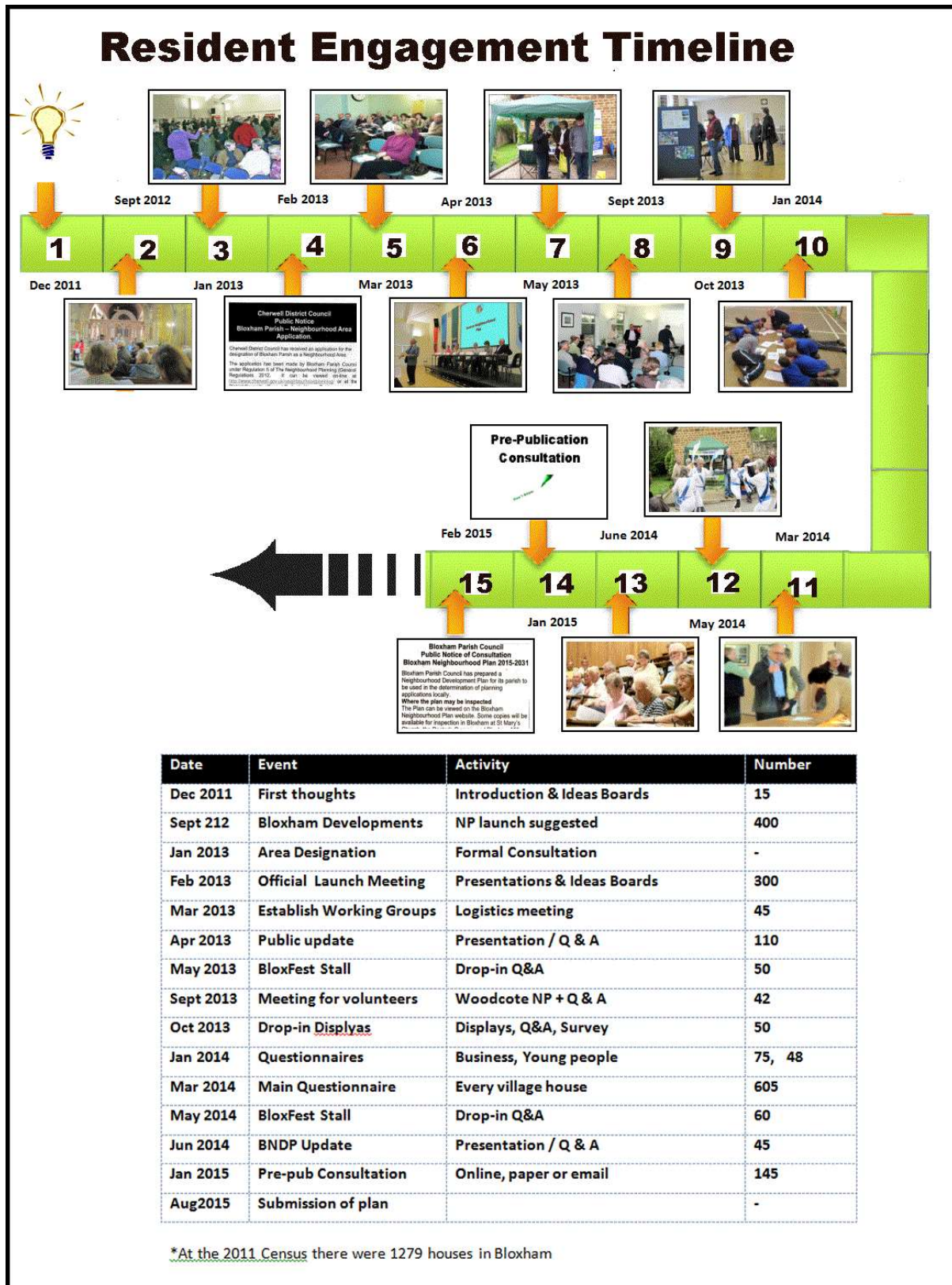
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# 1. Summary of Plan-making Process



## 2. Summary of Public Engagement



### 3. Introduction

The Plan, which covers the period to 2031, builds upon the Parish Plan and has been prepared by the accountable body – Bloxham Parish Council. They have been assisted by the Bloxham Neighbourhood Development Plan Group (BNDPG), comprising volunteers drawn from the residents of the Parish. It is based upon extensive research and robust engagement with the local community.<sup>1</sup>

#### a. The consultation process

This plan has been the subject of extensive consultation. Broadly via four types of activity:

1. Meetings open to all stakeholders;
2. Meetings of working groups and steering group;
3. Questionnaires;
4. Media coverage via the village magazine, websites, and the local newspaper.

#### 1. Meetings open to all

These events are set out in more detail in the N.P. Consultation diary<sup>2</sup>. They ranged from formal meetings through to an informal presence at events such as BloxFest or Parish Council' drop-ins'. The degree of formality with which views were gathered tended to parallel the nature of the event. What remained remarkably constant were the issues residents wished to talk about. Bloxham consists almost entirely of people of UK origin. We did not collect demographic data but photographs of many events show a wide range of ages present. We also know that at the larger meetings just about every geographical area of the village was well represented.

#### 2. Working groups and steering group

The Steering Group set the agenda for working groups and monitored the progress of the plan. There were also three Working Groups:

- i. Housing and landscape;
- ii. Infrastructure and business;
- iii. Recreation and leisure.

The Working Groups were tasked with contributing to identifying issues and concerns and then developing a factual evidence base pertinent to them. They also, to varying extents, offered suggestions intended to inform policy-making by the Steering Group.

The resulting reports run to almost 500 pages of fully referenced data. You can access these from the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan website.<sup>3</sup>

Given the rate of ongoing development in Bloxham, it was always understood that these reports would be "living documents" updated as new evidence became available and that this would continue to be the case up to the point that the Plan was formally submitted.

#### 3. Questionnaires

These offer the hard-edged evidence of resident engagement.

We draw upon the findings of four separate questionnaires listed below.

Statistical analysis of the NP Main Questionnaire indicates we can have a very high degree of confidence in its findings.



NP Main Questionnaire	March – April 2014	601	45%
NP Business Questionnaire	Jan – April 2014	76	31%
NP Young person's Questionnaire	Jan – April 2014	57	unknown
Parish Plan Questionnaire	July 2010	909	71%

<sup>1</sup> We also acknowledge Tony Burton's consultancy advice and Clare B Wright's NPIERS Health-check.

<sup>2</sup> [BNDP Website – Key Documents](#)

<sup>3</sup> [BNDP Reports](#)

A number of additional small-scale questionnaires were used at ‘drop-in’ events. They showed a high degree of consistency with the findings of the main questionnaire.

#### 4. Media

- A special website was set up called Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan to provide access to shared documents. Total usage at the time of writing is around 19,000 page-loads.
- Updates were also regularly posted on the Bloxham Broadsheet website which gets around 40,000 page-loads per annum.
- Paper-based – information appeared in the Banbury Guardian villages column and in the paper edition of the Bloxham Broadsheet
- Occasionally leaflets were delivered to all houses in the village as the only reliable way to get the information to everybody.



#### 4. Diary of stakeholder engagement

There is a Consultation Diary on the BNDP website that includes the nature, content and outcomes of the many opportunities residents and others have had to engage with the neighbourhood planning process. It has much more detail along with photographs. Here we simply tabulate the dates and nature of events. The Table does not include working group or steering group meetings which are too numerous to list here.

Date	Activity	~ Nos	% *
2-12-2011	Whole Village Meeting – first thoughts on a N.P.	15	0.6%
24-09-2012	Whole Village Meeting – unplanned development and NP	~400	16.0%
10-01-2013	Public consultation upon intention to have a NP	-	-
12-02-2013	Public meeting explaining BNDP	~300	12.0%
5-03-2013	Meeting of Volunteers for Working Groups	45	1.8%
3-04-2013	Public meeting BNDP Q&A session	110	4.5%
11-5-2013	Drop-in Stall at BloxFest (Music Festival)	~50	2.0%
10-09-2013	Training & Development by Woodcote NP	42	1.7%
12-10-2013	Pop-up Exhibition	~50	2.0%
01-01-2014	Online Questionnaire for young people	48	-
01-01-2014	Online Questionnaire for local businesses	75	30.0%
01-03-2014	Questionnaire and Housing Need Survey	605	45.0%
10-05-2014	Drop-in Stall at BloxFest (Music Festival)	~60	2.4%
12-06-2014	Public meeting BNDP Q&A session	45	1.8%
10-01-2015	Pre-publication consultation	143	5.9%
10-01-2015	Pop-up Exhibition	45	1.8%
14-02-2015	Pop-up Exhibition	38	1.5%

~Despite sign-in requests, for larger meetings exact numbers were difficult to collect but the rounded numbers are realistic estimates. Likewise, some of the more informal drop-ins are best estimates. We have used the Age 16-74 population to calculate meetings percentages.

The Plan has taken place against a background of extensive development activity and, throughout almost every engagement, the same concerns echoed and re-echoed:

- a. Traffic and parking making the already poor connectivity ever more dangerous;
- b. Progressively increasing concern over school (and to some extent health services) capacity;
- c. Concern over escalating infrastructure problems especially water supply, drainage and resilience of the electricity supply;
- d. The erosion of distinctive village character by use of inappropriate designs and materials;
- e. Failure of developers to respond to the need for open-market down-size properties;
- f. The capacity of recreational facilities – indoor and out – to keep pace.

Failure to provide commensurate infrastructure regularly featured but of even greater concern was what people perceived as the cumulative urbanisation of Bloxham by permitting off-the-peg estates that were entirely inconsistent with preserving and enhancing our distinctive historic rural heritage.

## 5. Summary of the Questionnaire Results

These can be found in full on the BNDP website. The return rate was such as to afford a very high degree of confidence in the results. Here we simply draw upon examples of the results that relate to some of the final policies within the submitted version of the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan

Theme	Question	Result		
		Yes	No	Don't know
<b>Delivering the houses the village needs</b>	The adopted CDC Local Plan (2015) indicates that additional village developments should be in the form of infill and minor development. Do you agree with this?	87%	8%	5%
	Are you or a member of your family on the Cherwell District Council Housing Register?	0.5%	99.5%	0
	Should all new homes be built to high water efficiency standards as recommended in the government's Code for Sustainable Homes?	94.2	2.3	3.5
	We have an ageing population. Should new homes be readily adaptable to accommodate older people and those with limited mobility?	80.3	9.8	9.8
	To reduce the traffic impact of on-street parking do you think that plans for new family homes in Bloxham should include at least two off-street parking spaces?	88.6	6.9	4.5
	Is it important that the number of new houses does not increase so rapidly that the capacity of the primary school is exceeded meaning children have to be transported by car or bus to schools outside of Bloxham?	96.2	2.0	1.8
	<b>Protecting and enhancing our rural heritage</b>	Bloxham conservation area document identifies views important to the landscape of Bloxham such as the church, views along High Street and Church Street and of Bloxham School etc. Should such important views be permanently protected?	97.3	1.5
Do you think new developments should seek to preserve the existing rural character?		98.3	1.2	0.5

	Tall 3-storey town-house dwellings are increasingly popular with developers. Are these an appropriate design for the village of Bloxham?	9.8	82.7	7.5
	Housing density is about how close together houses are built. Should new developments avoid abrupt changes of density between new and existing housing?	89.3	4.8	5.9
	Where a new development is in an area that already has houses with a mix of styles and materials should new dwellings 'lean towards' using rural materials and styles wherever appropriate?	91.3	4.2	4.5
<b>Promoting economic vitality</b>	Is the internet important to your business's success	94	6	0
	Should the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan include policies that promote working from home?	70	3	27
	Does internet speed / reliability affect your business	74	26	0
	Does mobile phone coverage affect your business	77	23	0
<b>Ensure a safe, healthy cohesive community</b>	Is it important to preserve rights of way and bridle paths in and around Bloxham?	97.8	0.9	1.4
	Which of these green-spaces should be protected from housing or business development:			
	– The recreation ground	95	5	-
	– The Jubilee Park	98	2	-
	– The Slade	96	4	-
	– The Red Lion Gardens	90	10	-
	– The green area fronting Bloxham School	81	19	
	– The rugby fields running up onto Hobb Hill	78	22	
		Yes	No	D.Know

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Many other questionnaire responses support the policies but do not fit into the simple 3-category format of the above.



## 6. The Pre-publication Consultation

### a. National Consultees

The Table lists some of the national organisations that we consulted during plan making.

Consultee	Mode of Contact
Canal & River Trust	Email
Cherwell District Council	Phone, email, face-2-face
CPRE	Email
English Heritage	Email
Highways Agency	Email
Homes and Communities Agency	Phone, email
Natural England	Email
Network Rail Infrastructure	Email
NHS- Oxfordshire CCG	Email
Oxfordshire County Council	Phone, email
Scotia Gas Networks	Phone, email
Thames Water	Email, face-2-face
The Environment Agency	Email
Western Power Distribution	Phone, email, face-2-face

### b. Local councils etc.

The Table lists some of the 'political' organisations or individuals consulted during plan making.

Organisation or person contacted	Mode of contact
Adderbury Parish Council	Email, face-2-face
Barford Parish Council	Email, face-2-face
Christine Heath (District Councillor for Bloxham)	Email, Face-2-face
Hook Norton Parish Council	Phone, email
Kieron Mallon (County Councillor for Bloxham)	Face-2-face
South Newington Parish Council	Email, face-2-face
Tony Baldry (MP recently retired MP for Bloxham)	Email, face-2-face
Victoria Prentis (new MP for Bloxham)	Face-2-face

### c. Local Services

The Table lists some of the 'village based organisations that were consulted during plan-making.

Consultee	Mode of Contact
Bloxham Baptist Church	Email, face-2-face
Bloxham Dental Practice	Phone, email, face-2-face
Bloxham Pharmacy	Phone, email, face-2-face
Bloxham Primary School	Phone, email, face-2-face
Bloxham School	Phone, email, face-2-face
Bloxham St Mary's Church	Phone, email, face-2-face
Bloxham Surgery	Phone, email, face-2-face
Bloxham Veterinary Practice	Phone, email, face-2-face
The Warriner School	Phone, email, face-2-face

### d. Developers

Consultee	Mode of Contact
David Wilson Homes	Email
Taylor Wimpey Homes	Email
Mark Rose / William Davis	Email

### e. Individuals

Consultee	Mode of Contact
Residents	Leaflet drops, meetings, social media
Young people	Online questionnaire, visits to clubs.

### f. Local Voluntary Organisations

- The majority of village organisations had committee members at whole village meetings.
- All will have received information from village leaflet drops.
- There was extensive coverage in the Bloxham Broadsheet which the N.P. questionnaire indicated 95% of residents use as their main source of village information.

### g. Local Businesses

- Around 200 businesses were emailed or leafleted to inform them of opportunities to give their views upon the plan.
- A collection of businesses in different geographically locations (E.g. Bloxham Pharmacy, Bloxham Post-office, The Doctors surgery , Bloxham Mill) made copies of the plan and pre-publication consultation forms available from their premises.
- Over 70 businesses participated in the BNDP Business questionnaire.

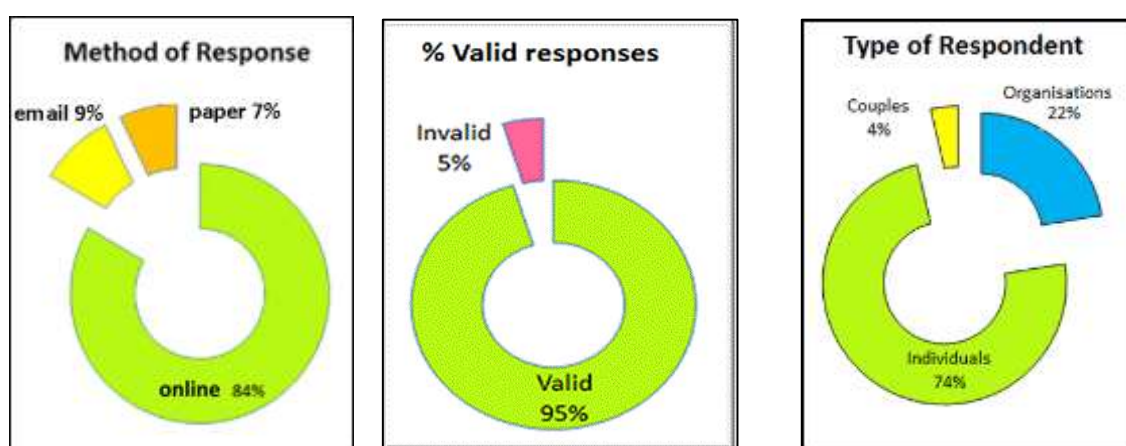
## 7. Outline of the pre-publication consultation

### a. The Forms

Stakeholders were offered the opportunity to express their opinions and around 150 took that opportunity. The online form provided a 'free-response' text-box. Local Green Space (LGS) status should only be conferred upon land of particular importance to the local community. As a further check on this we also offered consultees the opportunity to give a 'yes-no' opinion as to whether or not proposed LGS areas emanating from earlier meetings and consultations should or should not be permanently protected from development.

### b. The response method

The majority provided their response by some form of digital communication: online forms (84%) and email (9%) Only 7% chose paper.



- The consultation ran for a fixed period from 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015 to 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2015
- To discourage false responses respondents were told forename, surname and postcode were required but only the name and comment would be published. A small number failed to provide the required information or responded slightly beyond the final deadline and so are theoretically invalid.
- Most responses were from individuals, many simply commending the plan. Some were clearly marked as representing the views of organisations. Yet others were clearly marked as representing the views of two people (normally Mr. & Mrs.)
- We have looked at the implications of including or excluding data from "invalid" responses and of whether we should 'double-count' responses from two people. The reality is that it makes little difference to the overall outcomes.

## 8. Comments from the pre-publication consultation

### a. Comments supporting the Plan

The overwhelming message from residents was a positive one of general support for the draft BNDP. People did this either by stating general agreement or by re-iterating concerns that the Plan sought to address.

The free-response nature of the consultation makes any statistical treatment impossible. E.g., does the following indicate support for all policies? I am in agreement with this vision for Bloxham and wish to thank the Bloxham Neighbourhood Development Plan Group and Bloxham Parish Council.”

#### Their message

Frequently mentioned concerns (in approximate rank order) include:

1. Strengthen protection of village or rural character or no large estates
2. Traffic, parking, road-safety, connectivity
3. Capacity of schools – especially the primary school
4. Capacity and condition of the Jubilee Hall
5. Need to protect the green open spaces that were left in the village



#### Our response

- We restructured the Plan creating a section dedicated to protection and enhancement of the rural historical character of the village (Theme 2).
- We created a Sustainability Report to summarize the factual basis of resident concerns on traffic, connectivity, schools, access to services etc.
- We have added or amended policies to ensure all of the above are covered.

### b. Comments adding to the Plan

#### Their message:

1. More protection of the conservation area and heritage assets;
2. The rural ambiance of public rights of way (PROW) needed stronger protection with Hobb Hill being particularly mentioned;
3. More protection for views of the church across the village
4. Protection of the Slade nature reserve.
5. Encourage appropriate expansion of Bloxham Mill Business Park;
6. That all developments should employ SuDS;
7. That there should be greater emphasis on whether water and drainage can cope;
8. Garden development should be discouraged or the circumstances under which it might be acceptable made clear;
9. Protection for green areas that were created as a condition of recent developments;
10. Avoid loss of parking from existing dwellings;
11. More contextual information on housing numbers to clarify compliance with Local Plan;
12. A solution to improved parking at the shops or alternative shopping facilities;
13. The increasing Milton Rd traffic should be documented;
14. Consider policies on local power generation; and
15. That the minimum percentage of homes for older people should be specified.



## Our Response

- ✓ **Comments 1-4** are all things we have heard many times at consultation events and that the Steering Group were certain would carry public approval. They have been incorporated.
- **Comment 5** (Bloxham Mill Business Park) was consistent with efforts to boost local start-up and microbusinesses and expansion of an appropriate scale was supported - however, this has been overtaken by events as permission for such expansion was granted on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2015 and so the policy statement supporting this has been removed again.
- ✓ **Comment 6** (Oxon CC) and 7 (Thames water) simply strengthened existing policies on water and drainage and have been incorporated.
- ✓ **Comment 8** on gardens and 9 on protection of recently allocated green areas are totally consistent with concerns to preserve a “rural openness” and have been incorporated.
- ✓ **Comment 10** on parking at existing buildings is consistent with the policy for new dwellings and this has been incorporated.
- ✓ **Comment 11** on more contextual information regarding recent and planned development has been added to the plan and (in more detail) to the Sustainability Report.
- **Comment 12** on High Street parking - we understand the problem but in the absence of available land have no solution to offer. It may be necessary to consider additional retail locations during the period of this plan.
- **Comment 13** is demonstrably correct but at present levels would probably need to be a component of cumulative concerns to influence planning decisions. No action taken.
- **Comment 14**. Given the proposed scale of new developments, Local power generation is probably best left to compliance with the Local Plan. No action taken.
- ✓ **Comment 15** regrading specifying the percentage of open-market homes for older residents: we have opted for 20%.

### c. Comments asserting the BNDP policies are invalid

#### Their message

1. Designating Bloxham School Areas as Local Green Space was unduly constraining.
2. As a highly sustainable village the proposed housing numbers did not comply with the adopted Local Plan(2015) or NPPF
3. The BNDP should wait for the Local Plan to be finalised.
4. Deferring development to post-2025 was unenforceable
5. Linking tenure of affordable housing to those with a connection to the village in-perpetuity was not practicable.



#### Our Response

- ✓ **Comment 1** about Bloxham School Local Green Space. We have considered our discussions with the school and the content of the comments from them and those who supported them. We reiterate that the visual impact of the areas, especially the cricket area fronting the main buildings is without doubt demonstrably special to the local community and, judging by its use in school marketing, is equally so to the school itself. We remain committed to preserving the stunning visual impact but have no desire to impose unreasonable constraints on future development. This LGS policy has been removed despite support for it from 80% of the community. It is replaced with a policy that will not inhibit further development so long as the visual impact is

development.

Consequently, we have sought to protect the views via a less draconian Policy on “the importance of space and key street-scenes and views.”

We accept that most past expansion has involved development of appropriate scale, design and materials – and this policy should do nothing to inhibit similarly appropriate future development.

We met again with the school prior to the final version of the revised plan. They accepted we had sought to address their concerns but said they were not yet in a position to endorse the plan or make any definitive statement and that they would, “provide a formal response to the Cherwell District Council consultation when the plan is submitted up.”

properly preserved.

We consider this addresses the objections raised by Bloxham School and its supporters whilst also recognising the genuine concerns of the majority of the village to protect key views.

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<p>– <b>Comment 2</b> on sustainability and compliance with adopted Local Plan (2015) Policy Villages 1. We do not accept the broad-brush assessments regarding sustainability contained in various Cherwell DC documents. We set out our case in detail in the Sustainability Report. We note the Cherwell Plan was also said to require more work in this respect by the Local Plan Inspector. We are clear that we do comply with Policy Villages 1 but the fact that in the pre-publication version of the plan we did not explicitly mention the 85 extant house permissions for Milton Road – which legitimately count towards the total may have misled those who made these comments to deduce otherwise.</p>	<p>We have added a Sustainability Report that sets out in more detail the sustainability of Bloxham.  We have added a policy explicitly accepting the 85 Milton Rd dwellings.</p>
<p>– <b>Comment 3</b> is about waiting for the adoption of the Local Plan. This is not a requirement but may well happen anyway.</p>	<p>No action taken.</p>
<p>✓ <b>Comment 4</b> on deferring development to 2025 remains desirable (See Oxon C.C. education comments about school capacity) but we accept that, given the number of additional dwellings being discussed it would be hard to implement. We have removed it.</p>	<p>We have removed this policy.</p>
<p>✓ <b>Comment 5</b> on in-perpetuity affordable housing. Given the direction of travel of the new government regarding affordable housing there seems little point in persisting with this policy.</p>	<p>We have removed this policy.</p>

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Following the consultation the plan was amended and we engaged with various stakeholders once we were nearing the final version. Most were happy with the changes we had made.

We met with Bloxham School who, whilst appreciating the changes we had made, fell short of making any definitive comment either endorsing or objecting to the plan. See email below dated 6<sup>th</sup> July which followed a meeting with them on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015

You replied to this message on 07/07/2015 21:20.

From: Neil Urquhart <bursar@bloxhamschool.com>  
To: John Groves  
Cc: Paul W. Sanderson  
Subject: Bloxham Revised Plan

Sent: Mon 06/07/2015 16:37

Dear John

I am sorry that it has taken to late this afternoon to provide you with some formal comment from Bloxham School in time for the Parish Council meeting this evening. Thank you also for coming with Jenny to brief Paul and me on the 25th June.

As we discussed at the meeting, we note the changes that you have made to the plan and, in particular, the reconsideration of which areas of the village will be recommended for designation as local green spaces. We also note that the revised draft plan places greater emphasis on protecting and enhancing rural heritage and, in particular, of preserving specific views. Appendix 4 includes views across our playing field to the main school buildings and from Hobb Hill across our Courtington Lane playing fields.

The School's position remains unchanged. We support the establishment of a neighbourhood plan but we will not support any undue restrictions on the ability of the School to carry out its business, now or in the future. Any future developments that we make will need to take account of the Grade 2 Listed Buildings status of parts of our site and the fact that much of our site is within the village conservation area. As shown by other recent projects, we have no wish to undermine this.

I cannot give the draft plan the unreserved endorsement from Bloxham School that you are probably seeking for tonight's meeting. Having taken informal advice, we are now in the process of engaging a planning consultant in order to provide a formal response to the Cherwell District Council consultation when the plan is submitted up.

I am sorry if you are disappointed by this reply but I hope that you understand that I have a duty to consider the potential needs of the School over the 15+ years of this proposed plan. Good luck with this evening's meeting and please do call me if you want to discuss this in advance. My mobile number is 07867 695550.

Kind regards

Neil

From: John Groves <finchamgroves@totalise.co.uk>  
To: 'Neil Urquhart'

Sent: Tue 07/07/2015 21:21

Dear Neil

Thank you for keeping us in the picture.

We look forward to reading your final response in the next consultation.

John

## **9. Other issues arising from public consultations**

Consultation extended well beyond what is contained in the written responses with residents and members of working groups voicing opinions on many issues highly pertinent to village well-being but which do not easily sit within the neighbourhood planning framework.

We list some of these here so that they are not entirely lost to the Parish Council and others who may seek to address them as part of their priorities for action.

1. There appears to be<sup>4</sup> greater demand from those with a connection to the village for shared equity housing than for social rented housing. Whilst not entirely consistent with the policies of the adopted Local Plan (2015) we do not believe some small variation on the mix for Bloxham could be considered as putting at risk the CDC strategic policies.
2. Cherwell D.C. seems to adopt a default position of using developer funding for recreation for highly equipped play areas on each new development. Only 4% of residents think community cohesion best served by this approach. They would prefer investing more into the two whole-village recreation areas.
3. Cherwell D.C. correctly prioritises spending some developer funding for district level sports projects. However, given the rapid expansion of Bloxham we would argue that finding strategies to rectify the emerging shortage of pitches at parish level should be the top priority until such deficits are remedied.
4. A submission was made (July 2014) to gain 'designated heritage status' for the Red Lion Gardens: an area of that has long provided villagers with what is essentially a replacement village green. We urge Cherwell D.C. to progress this bid.
5. Oxfordshire Better Broadband plans for superfast broadband are happening with many residents having already signed up - but it is not at all clear what the roll-out schedule is for the significant number of properties that are close to the exchange but served by 'exchange only lines.'. We urge early connection.
6. An Inspector Appeal for the Barford Road development (which is currently under-way) provided Oxfordshire Highways with S106 funds to provide a strategy for solving capacity issues at the mini-roundabout. We eagerly await the solution.
7. We encourage Oxfordshire C.C. / Cherwell D.C. to seek improved mobile coverage in Bloxham in such dealings as it may have with network operators. Mobile operators have been the most difficult of the utilities to engage in dialogue with despite our having hard survey evidence of the extent of coverage issues in Bloxham.

## **10. Appendices:**

### **Appendix1: Detailed pre-submission consultation comments**

The Detailed comments can be found in the separate Appendix 1. Comments that prompted some response by us are highlighted although some amendments will be in response to the cumulative weight of several comments rather than any one.

### **Appendix 2: Detailed diary of engagement**

This also exists as a separate document. It is little more than a "scrap-book" gathered as the whole process progressed but does provide more detail about the events, the advertising and the outcomes. There are also quite a few photos illustrating the extent and range of engagement.

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<sup>4</sup> See BNDP Questionnaire results



# Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan



## Consultation Statement Appendix 1

Pre-Publication Consultation Comments



**This is regarded as an Appendix to the formal consultation Statement.  
It contains details of the comments received in the pre-publication  
consultation**

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Yellow highlighting indicate comments that are reflected in changes made following consultation on the pre-publication version of the plan.

**(Please – Note –** The Local Plan had not been adopted at the time we carried out and responded to this consultation. What was the emerging plan is now the adopted Local Plan (2015).

No.	Name	Your comments	Our Response
1	Abigail Porter	<p>HR1, 2,3,4,5,6 - this is a historical, rural village and houses should be built with that design in mind - not the cheap-looking red brick, devoid of any character. The village also has a great sense of community spirit - with people always greeting each other and taking an avid interest in social events. With (almost gated) communities being set up in the new builds, can this be guaranteed to continue? And if we are expected to accommodate these new builds, are we, in turn, going to be given the funds required, to extend our current facilities i.e. schools, dentist, doctors etc.</p> <p>ERF - Bloxham High Street needs to be organised and now! I am surprised we have not a fatality on that road with people pulling in and out of a very over-stretched parking lot, on to a very, busy main road - we need more off road parking - or (sorry for sarcasm!) as we are only a small village - people could just walk!</p> <p>CR1 - Yes, Yes and Yes!</p> <p>CR2 - Yes, Yes and Yes!</p> <p>CS1 - Yes, Yes and Yes!</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>See Policies Theme 2 Protecting and enhancing our rural heritage</p>
2	Andrew Whiffin	All policies except HN2 and HN3 strongly supported, especially those conserving green spaces and requiring that housing development conform to the neighbourhood plan.	<p>Noted</p> <p>See Policies Theme 2 on spaces</p>
3	David Goode	I agree to all the 31 policy statements	Noted
4	Rodney Kane	Page 17 Provision for safe low - carbon travel. section c the road footpaths are not safe in parts of the village I feel that this should be reviewed as traffic levels increase and kept under review. The preservation of green spaces should be agreed subject to Villagers having access to such places.	<p>Noted</p> <p>See Policies Theme 1 on connectivity</p>
5	Torquil McLusky	Bloxham School has shown itself to be a responsible guardian of the village for more than 100 years. They should be trusted to make decisions in the interest of the school and the village and not be constrained by inflexible land designations on their playing fields which would limit their flexibility to ensure the continuing success of the school and the jobs they provide.	<p>Noted &amp; amended</p> <p>- See also response to comment No. 40 from Bloxham School</p>
6	Henry Jervis	We have been made aware that the neighbourhood plan has designated two areas of land belonging to Bloxham School being Main Field off Strawberry Terrace and Second Field on Courtington Lane as Local Green Spaces. I must stress that we, in our village of Tysoe, are going through the same process to protect ourselves from overzealous developers spoiling our villages	<p>Noted &amp; amended</p> <p>- See also response to comment No. 40 from Bloxham School</p>

		but we must be careful that we protect the areas of land for the correct reasons without harming our local businesses and economy. It is fine to say you do not wish the school to sell the land for housing but to have it designated as Local Green Spaces a totally different scenario which I don't think you have considered properly. I would ask that you consider if this where to happen the school would not be able to expand its facilities if required on its main campus which could damage the business. How would pupils move around if class rooms where built elsewhere, there is an issue of safety and long term business strategy to consider if where to happen and ultimately businesses which are held back by geography always move in the end.	
7	John Groves	Bloxham has seen frenetic growth in recent years and still has 225 extant housing permissions that will be fulfilled during the period of this policy. Elements of the physical infrastructure are "creaking" with water, electricity, traffic and especially primary school capacity all creating real issues that local planners seem either not to know or care about. By providing a breathing space for consolidation of recent and extant developments this plan represents a sensible way forward that will still see Bloxham one of the fastest growing villages in the district.	Noted See especially Theme 1 policies on connectivity and on primary school capacity
8	Jonathan Haines	In principle I have no objection to the expansion of house building in Bloxham. However, I am concerned that the amenities supporting a growing population are increased or put in place before such expansion - in particular the surgery, schools, footpaths and roads. The village already often becomes grid locked with traffic and many pavements and roads are not sufficient or wide enough to safely accommodate current pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. There need to be additional pedestrian crossings and traffic calming measures, particularly on the Milton and Barford Roads, as I fear greatly for children and parents currently (let alone additional numbers in the future) walking to school and shops from these areas. Who will bear responsibility for future deaths occurring on these roads? Has a bye-pass been considered? Surely a Health & Safety review would have to freeze all future development until appropriate remedial action was taken.	Noted – see especially Theme 1 Policies on connectivity
9	Colin Challenger	HN HA HT - Agreed. The village has often been treated as 'open plan' by developers over the pasrt several years. and is hopelessly over-developed for its facilities. Also little if any of the 225 houses for which permission has been given are compliant with local requirements. HC - Agreed. Current developments and the 225 outstanding permissions are not compliant with these requirements. CR CS - Compliance with these is essential. Existing and planned developmemnts are extraordinarily dense by rural standards, have or will overbuild large tracts of former rural landscape surrounding the village meaning that the remaining open areas must be preserved.	Noted – see especially Theme 2 Policies on the importance of space in a rural setting.
10	Alan Mole	I fully support the themes and objectives of this plan. In particular ensuring that the housing needs of the community are delivered in accordance with the evidential data obtained from the consultations and residents opinions expressed in the questionnaires. We must ensure that Policy HN is fully complied with in every respect.	Noted –and contained in Theme 1 policies

11	Phill Slater	<p>I strongly support the main thrust of the plan - I think it captures the major needs of Bloxham and the preferences of the community. It also recognises the part we have to play in the wider Cherwell plan and most importantly acknowledges the contributions Bloxham has already made. However we need greater support from Cherwell and Oxfordshire to address the ongoing challenges of traffic, school numbers &amp; infrastructure.</p>	<p>Noted – See especially Theme 1 policies</p>
12	Darryl Everitt	<p>The thing I am hearing time and time again is - "It's such a shame about Bloxham". Or "what they are doing to Bloxham is terrible....".</p> <p>I used to believe you have to have tolerance for change. Yes a reasonable amount of new housing in every village and town area, but Bloxham does appear to be shouldering the brunt in this area along with Hook Norton to a degree.</p> <p>I spoke to the headmaster at the local Primary School and he has told me they are at capacity already - let alone the 2025 as you speculate in your plan. The traffic has already considerably increased in the 9 years since we have lived here and how someone hasn't been mowed down near the Co op is a miracle.</p> <p>I recently met one of the planners at Taylor Wimpy by pure accident. This is what he said. "Ahh Bloxham, I don't feel good about this one, what they are doing to Bloxham is terrible, the reason why; because Cherwell Council are ineffective and have not got the will-power, or resources to stop developers applications. Especially as government are strong arming every council to accept new housing or be fined.</p> <p>I think the current housing estates on the Milton road are good - they did them well and yes Bloxham can take this expansion. However isn't it true that Bloxham is a village and should stay a village rather than go supersize or town?</p> <p>I understand a new development application has gone in behind the church? How is the center of this village going to cope I wonder.</p> <p>Has anyone looked into how many houses are being built in Chadlington where Mr Cameron lives. You guessed it zero!</p>	<p>Noted See especially Theme 1 and 2 policies.</p>
13	Patrick Moore	<p>It is vital that we protect the rural nature of the village and ensure that residents, current and future, continue to enjoy the features that make us want to live here and which will be threatened unless expansion is controlled. Potential 40% growth between 2005-20131 is massive by anyone's standards.</p> <p>I fully support the policies outlined in the plan and congratulate the team for undertaking such a mammoth task.</p> <p>Patrick Moore</p>	<p>Noted – See especially new Theme 2 policies on the conservation area the rural character of the village.</p>
14	Jonathan Haines	<p>Further to the Health &amp; Safety issues already raised, it must be assumed that the four imminent/pending sites will inject multiple hundreds, if not thousands, of additional daily vehicle movements within the village, with the resultant detrimental impact on pollution levels - even</p>	<p>Noted – Theme 1 policies on low-carbon connectivity and parking The government is mid-consultation on</p>

		<p>more so with the prospect of increased grid-lock. Have pollution levels been measured/estimated? Furthermore, recent press reports of EU directives specifying that the use of gas as a domestic fuel must be phased out over the next 20 years or so, appear to have been ignored by the developers. Agents for the new Bovis site on the Barford road have advised that these houses will still feature gas as a fuel for central heating and cooking whereas surely they, and all the other new Bloxham developments should now only be marketed as 'all electric'? - particularly given that this is the usual fueling specification within the many rural communities denied access to mains gas supply. EU proposals also specify that all new cars must soon create zero emissions - i.e. be electric or fuel cell powered within an even shorter time scale - so, given the current availability of such vehicles, surely all new homes should be specified now to offer easily accessible charging facilities for at least two of them? I'm prompted to suggest that sooner or later, from a marketing perspective, builders will have to include at least one, perhaps two, new electric vehicles within the price of every home. Certainly this, together with the removal of gas in the home, would help alleviate increased pollution levels, but I have to question why, in light of these plans for the near future, all new homes are not now compulsorily specified as such? It must also be emphasised that the switch to very quiet running electric vehicles gives even greater urgency to the need for the additional pedestrian/cycling safety measures requested in my earlier feedback - indeed more so, given a populace of increasing age and hearing deficiency. Finally, I would submit a plea on behalf of my new neighbours, for greater space being allocated to vehicles within the designs for the new estates. If it wasn't for many cars being parked on the pavements of my estate, it would be almost impossible to navigate a safe path through - large Refuse and Delivery vehicles already struggle. Again, there have been press reports advising of bans on such parking, but given the inflexibility of alternative modes of transport it is difficult to see a future with anything other than an ever increasing number of vehicles on the road, and thus to be safely parked. Ultimately I have to question whether all those responsible for signing off these new developments have really taken into account their full impact. The rush to build without at least a parallel growth in the infrastructure is surely a case of putting the cart before the horse?</p>	<p>zero-carbon homes policies and we have avoided policy making on this as there is likely to be central regulation of what is and is not permitted.</p>
15	Maureen Moore	Well done. Happy to support plan that keeps us as a rural village.	Noted – see especially Theme 2 policies on preserving rural character
16	Harriet Sansom (Centre for Sustainable Energy)	Policy HC: It is great to see a neighbourhood plan policy that proactively engages with climate change mitigation - this is quite rare amongst those that have been adopted. The plan also notes in the 'contextual information' against this policy that it recommends SuDS even for minor developments - this is a forward-thinking approach as accounts for the cumulative effect on flooding of multiple small-scale developments.	Noted – see especially Theme 1 policy regarding SuDS
17	John Webb	I strongly agree that all of the green spaces below should be protected from any housing or	Noted: see especially Theme 2 policies

		business development. (Noted all the green spaces mentioned in the N.P.)	on views and Theme 4 policies on recreation spaces .
18	Greg Shawyer	<p>I have read through the plan and agree with everything that has been included. I can't think of anything else to add but as a Bloxham resident would like to say thank you for the obvious time and effort that you have put in to this. I read an article in the Banbury guardian this week with regards to a member of the parish council resigning due to his efforts being ignored with the "bourne " development and the change of use to the Bell public house. Let's hope that your plan has more success and get's listened to.</p> <p>I will say that the development at salt lane is also going to make Bloxham even worse for traffic as cars will only have 2 directions to go, Banbury or Bloxham.</p>	Noted – with regard to traffic see Theme 1 policies on connectivity
19	Raymond Everitt	<p>HN - That the 30 dwellings ensure the use of the control of the ponds is clearly defined on the part of the developer.</p> <p>HA - On-site car-parking cannot be reduced by subsequent building permissions to the owner. The CofE Building division has backed a plan to fit all of the CoE's 16,000 churches with WiFi internet access. Is this of use in any way as part of EOC 2c</p> <p>The primary school also accepts children from Milcombe, South Newington and increases in these villages makes the situation worse and changes must be noted when considering primary school numbers.</p> <p>I totally accept all of your plan. My remarks are of a minor type to try and help in promoting the policies.</p>	We have taken on your point about not reducing car parking at existing dwellings. See Theme 1 policies
20	Sam Brassington	<p>I would like to communicate my concern about imposition of green space on the ability of Bloxham School to develop its facilities.</p> <p>I am concerned that there is no mention in the report of Bloxham school's support to the community, for example, in my role as Director of Drama, I have been very pleased to continue to make the Wesley Theatre available for village use for Bloxfest.</p> <p>Furthermore, we have enjoyed welcoming Bloxham primary for regular workshops, alongside having much of the local community attend our most recent school production. Engagement with the local community is very important to us, and we hope the community will also see the benefit of allowing Bloxham School to have the opportunity to develop its facilities appropriately as the school require.</p>	See response to comment 40 by Bloxham School.
21	Malcolm Timms	I fully support the findings and recommendations of the Plan.	Noted
22	Naomi Kanetsuka	As developments are highly likely to increase traffic in the village I believe that for the developments already given the green light, and as a stipulation for any future developments, the developers should be responsible for financing pedestrian crossings for example on the	Noted - see especially Theme 1 policies on connectivity.

		Tadmarton Road near the Primary school. Furthermore, the play areas provided by the developers ought to be more in keeping with a rural setting i.e. nature trails in leafy enclosures with sympathetic wooden play equipment similar to Hook Norton playground, Charlbury etc, as opposed to the token poorly thought out examples at Crabtree close, Aldous Drive etc. Lastly each developer should provide an allotment area with enough allotments to go with each property built. If these are not required by the new owners the allotments can be taken over by locals.	We are unlikely to have developments big enough to trigger a developer requirement to provide allotments. (It's all set out in a CDC document on planning obligations.)
23	Lawrence & Pamela SIMS	Don't build behind other peoples back garden	Noted – see especially Theme 2 policies on regard for amenity of existing residents.
24	Les Worthington	I wholeheartedly approve of the plan in its entirety.	Noted
25	Richard Farmer	A vote of thanks must be given to the group for producing such a thorough and well written report. It sets down a structure for the village to support and fight for in the years to come. We may have to accept the arrival of a further 225 homes but it is critical we investigate how our infrastructure can support and gain from the increased population. The range of services offered within the village need to gain from this increased base. It may be that in future children from other villages will be directed to other local primary schools so easing pressure on Bloxham based children. But with much of the increased building taking place on the opposite side of the village to the school I fear car journeys at peak time will increase in the village. As the village expands there is a continuing risk that a village identity will shrink. Even before the recent growth the village lost both its adult football and cricket teams. Such losses erode the feel of community in the village. Consideration needs to be given as to how new communities are brought into the village community. Bloxfest is a good example of a new initiative that strives to do this. Does the village have the drive to recreate that village spirit? I hope so! If not the village will continue to splinter and become increasingly anonymous.	Noted See Theme 1 policies on primary school capacity.  Theme 4 policies look to improve recreation facilities. (The PC is working with the relevant trusts)  Theme 2 policies aim to protect the village character.
26	Brian S. Smith	Thank you for giving us the opportunity to discuss the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan 2015-2031 on Saturday. I have now read the public consultation draft, dated 28th November 2014, and wish to compliment you on an excellent paper. Your conclusions and recommendations are intelligent, practical and balanced. I understand from our discussions that the overall need for additional houses has been set at 1500 to be shared between 23 Oxfordshire villages. This 1500 requirement is in addition to approved but yet unbuilt houses. The consultation draft under 6. Our Policies, tells me that Bloxham could grow by 275 houses over the period on the basis of your proposed 20 new dwellings, the 30 in current application and	Noted

the 225 already approved.

2011 Census 1279

Extant Permissions 225

Plan & Applications 50

Total 1554

Total growth 21.5%

I believe it would be helpful for future discussions and communications if a full 23 village analysis was created to compare future proposals as they effect Bloxham compared with the other villages.

This could cover

- Village Name
- Current population
- Population as a percentage of the total of all the villages
- Current house numbers
- Extant permission numbers
- Plan and application numbers
- Total current + extant + plan + application
- Total as a percentage as an increase per village
- Total as a percentage of total increase for all villages
- I understand that decisions will be made taking into account current village services and amenities, but also that some villages will wish to grow significantly to support their case for services and amenity investment. This form of analysis would allow a simple, easy to understand approach to the challenge and could help get a fair decision for Bloxham. It could allow a clear "call to action" which may help unite people and gain supportive media coverage, especially on social media.

It is in the character of the British people to wish to see fairness.

Wishing you well in your continued consultations and discussions.

Much of this data is already present in the BNDP Housing and landscape report or the Sustainability Report. We simply do not have the capacity to gather all the permission data for every village

The key issue is sustainability rather than "fair shares" and unfortunately the CDC assessment doesn't dig deep enough to find the problems that these comments show residents experience every day.

**27** Tony Baldry

I think it is an extremely good piece of work and I think that the Parish Council and everyone who has been involved with compiling the Neighbourhood Plan deserves to be congratulated. I think the Plan is extremely well laid out and extremely readable.

I have the following observations.

Firstly, the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan under planning law is of course sequential to and dependent on Cherwell District Council's Local Plan being adopted.

If I understand the situation correctly, there has already been given planning permission for considerably more houses to be built in Bloxham between 2011 and 2031 than were ever

Noted – We don't have to wait for approval of the CDC Local Plan but we will relate the NP to both the current and emerging Local Plans.

The area we cover in the NP is already



	<p>envisaged in Cherwell’s Local Plan and I think that needs to be made clear “in terms” in the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Secondly, Bloxham Parish is a square, with a sizeable chunk taken out to the south east by the Parish of Milton and I wonder whether it is possible and desirable to include Milton within the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan because if Milton don’t get round to doing a Neighbourhood Plan of their own, it runs the risk that land on the Milton Road within the Borough of Milton may become vulnerable to planning applications, and although not within the Parish of Bloxham, any further development within the Parish of Milton, will obviously have an impact on Bloxham. Those are my only two substantive points concerning the Plan which I think is an excellent document.</p> <p>I do, however, have another couple of second order points, whilst considering the future of the village.</p> <p>Firstly, the table on page 25 demonstrates how little green space there is in the village. I think given the size now of the village, it would be always worth exploring whether there is other land around the village which could be purchased for open space.</p> <p>Secondly, separately, the village has a number of small halls (ex-Servicemen’s Club, Jubilee Hall, Helen Hind Hall, etc.), but the only public space of any significant size is the Parish Church and I know that the Parish Church is seeking to re-order St. Mary’s to make the space within St. Mary’s much more flexible and usable for the village as a whole and hopefully the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council can work closely on that project to ensure that St. Mary’s can be as useful an amenity to the community as a whole.</p>	<p>agreed and cannot be altered.</p> <p>It’s unlikely the P.C. will acquire enough money to purchase any significant sized piece of land.</p> <p>The Parish Council is aware of the proposals to convert the Church into a more multi-functional space. Given the rate of expansion of the village an additional large space will be a welcome addition but this clearly isn’t going to make much progress until a vicar is in post.</p>
<p><b>28</b> Therese Janes</p>	<p>First thanks to the whole team for this well compiled document, hope your hard work will be rewarded.</p> <p>Because we have become so big, we need to be told officially what Bloxham is, rural or urban. This ambiguous situation seems to benefit everybody else except us. It looks to me that the developers are at an advantage because they use the 'urban' rules so they do not have to provide so much parking, because as 'urban' we are supposed to have good public transport. On the other hands we are treated as rural by the other services, which means when we ask for extra traffic light (in front of Church) this has been denied in the past, Old Bridge Road cannot be repaired because lack of budgets. The electricity, water service and mobile phone are poor because we are not recognised as "big enough". Same with drains which are not cleaned regularly, the village becomes more and more dirty (especially dog mess).</p> <p>The new developments proposed are not in keeping with the rest of the village. They should been in harmony with the old dwellings.</p> <p>Enough new houses.....we cannot cope any longer with the amount of traffic.</p>	<p>Noted - see especially Theme 1 policies BL3 – 5 on traffic and walking and Theme 2 policies on rural character. See also the recent Sustrans report on connectivity.</p> <p>We have now additionally distilled material from the working group reports into a Sustainability Report that picks up many of the points that you make about infrastructure.</p>

29	Janis Sorrell	I agree with the contents of the Plan and if we have to have more homes built, I would prefer there to be more smaller houses rather than large family homes.	Noted – see especially Theme 1 policies regarding downsizers.
30	Martin Winterbottom	HN, HR, HC, - agree HT1 - Consider additional zebra crossing west side of shops and 20mph limit between. No speed humps but solar 20mph measurement sign each end. CT - need consideration of how to improve off main road footpaths and routes around village. Tarmac through Gogs and to Tadmarton road to make wheelchair and pushchair accessible. Gives a school route and a walkway. Consider tarmac footpath from Milton Road through to Ridgeway - gives a round Bloxham walk with little A361 contact ELW2 - no mention of proposals for local power generation as part of any development. Should this not be part of the village wants for future not just communication technology? CT1 - any new development should be conditional upon funding a community project - links to village or Jubilee enhancements or Joint use rec. centre	Noted - see especially Theme 1 policies on connectivity.  Regarding paths and power generation - we agree some of this may be desirable but we are not seeking enough new dwellings to produce the money that would be required to fund it. See, however, the circular walk in the Appendices.  See Theme Policy on the Jubilee Hall
31	Rachel Nutt	I am in agreement with this vision for Bloxham and wish to thank the Bloxham Neighbourhood Development Plan Group and Bloxham Parish Council.	Noted
32	Mike Glazer	The shopping centre on th A361 has no long term viability because of the difficulty of access. It can only get worse and one day there will be a very serious accident there. The increase in developments and hence car traffic does no bode well. It seems to me that consideration should be given to having a different shopping area created in another place away from this road. Why can't one of the developers seeking permission to build be made to include this?	Noted – see especially Theme 1 policies on connectivity. An additional retail location is an issue that may need to be reviewed during the plan period.
33	Mrs Diana Plumb	I feel the options I have chosen are the most important to the village but in an ideal world all 6 areas of green-space should be saved. (This refers to Local Green Space status)	Noted – especially Theme 2 on the importance of space and Theme 4 on recreation spaces.
34	Gloria Lester-Stevens	I feel the plan reflects the village as we are now respecting our heritage and how we live in the 21st century. I feel it is very important to keep our green areas and vistas as well as our views of our lovely church. Thank you to all who have worked so hard and I do hope that CDC will adopt it into their plan and allow our village to consolidate with all its new developments which are on the way. Also by being guided by the plan future developments will hopefully be aimed at what our community needs and wants so we can be an inclusive community.	Noted –especially policies on space and protection of views in Theme 2.
35	Chris Heath  (district councillor)	HN - Housing Need Totally agree with proposal of only a further 20 dwellings - preferably after 2025 HR - Rural Heritage and Landscape a and b - We must stick to this policy and have no more "little boxes" edging our village. d - We have already had a few of these inappropriate garden infills and we must resist any more	Noted -  Noted - see especially policies on rural character, space and views in Theme 2

	<p>which are taking away lovely open views.  f - Definitely agree with this - we must protect our residents quality of life, after all. this is probably why they live in Bloxham in the first place.  HA - Appropriate Housing  Parking on site is a necessity! Parking courts are universally disliked and they are not helpful to on-street parking as residents want to park outside their houses to unload etc., and also to have their car visible from their property.  HT - Traffic Containment  It is vital that we get some answers to Bloxham's traffic problems - especially at the mini-roundabout which OCC said they could sort out with appropriate 106 contributions.  EEL - Employment Land  We must protect any employment land in the village as there is so little of it - we have plenty of houses scheduled but very little employment land and any applications to build on employment land should be strongly opposed.  ERF - Retail Facilities  The High Street has become a nightmare for parking and I really don't know the answer to it but as Bloxham lines the A361 for much of its length I cannot see where minor retail provision, off this road could be accommodated.</p> <p>CR - Recreational Facilities  Bloxham definately lacks a suitable 'village hall' and I would support the idea of upgrading and expansion of the Jubilee Hall but I am not sure what is meant by "moderate expansion" in this context - this would need further clarification.</p>	<p>See also Theme 1 policies about on-site parking.</p> <p>See Theme 3 policies on protecting employment Land</p> <p>You are correct on High St parking but no-one has come up with any answers! Will need to review as the impact of new developments becomes clear.</p> <p>See Theme 4 policy on the Jubilee Hall  The term moderate has been removed</p>	
36	PRICE	<p>The village must be allowed to be a living and developing community, We do not have the right to try to limit our successors to what we might think is best at present - circumstances change and each generation must be allowed to respond as they think best.</p> <p>* We include this entry but it did not comply with the requirement for a forename and surname*</p>	Noted
37	Mark	<p>Designation to School facilities could endure beyond the 2031 timeframe of the current plan. There is no intention of selling off the land for housing but those running the School in future may want to build on parts of these areas, whilst maintaining their attractive character, to improve the facilities and remain competitive in a difficult market – just as predecessors have done over the last 150 years.</p> <p>* We include this entry but it did not comply with the requirement for a forename and surname*</p>	<p>See response to comment 40.  We accept the schools good intentions and what you suggest will be possible within the re-written policies.</p>

38	Keith Bennrtt	Bloxham is rural village which with any further development beyond that proposed by this plan would simply morph into an urban messy sprawl. This is a balanced well thought out document that all future plans must abide by.	Noted – see especially Theme 2 policies on rural character.
39	David Quinney	I agree that most of them should be protected but I don't think it's fair to prevent the 150 year old school from building better facilities on their own land. (Assume this refers to the proposed green spaces.	- See response to 40.
40	Neil Urquhart  On behalf of Bloxham School	<p>This submission is made jointly by Nigel Bankes, Chairman of the Council of Governors, and Paul Sanderson, Headmaster of Bloxham School. It is made on behalf of Bloxham School.</p> <p>Whilst we applaud the efforts made by the village of Bloxham to establish a Neighbourhood Plan to reflect community wide aspirations, we have significant reservations about the content of the draft plan. It makes very little reference to Bloxham School – the main employer in the village and a provider of significant economic benefit; it makes no mention of the support that the school offers to the community; and it attempts to impose Local Green Space planning restrictions on school property that would restrict our ability to develop our facilities and, potentially, our future viability. Section 5.2 of the plan sets out a number of Objectives. The second seeks to promote economic viability. Bloxham School employs 250 staff, over 80 of whom live in the village. In addition to providing direct employment opportunities for people with a great range of skills, the school offers other benefits to the economic viability of the village: pupils, staff and parents use the local shops on the High Street; and a significant number of retired Bloxham School teachers have chosen to remain in the village, many of whom are active in the community.</p> <p>Bloxham School also helps to ensure a safe, healthy cohesive community, the third Objective. With many of our employed staff living in the village, we support safe low-carbon travel as many do walk to work. Within the limitations of school use, we offer recreational facilities to the wider community: our re-furbished swimming pool is open 6 mornings a week for public use; members of the public can use our fitness suite and squash courts most evenings; and we make our other sports facilities available to local clubs when not in use by the school.</p> <p>We note the implied support in the Plan to the Warriner School establishing an all-weather pitch with flood lights and hope that a future application for appropriate lighting to our pitches would also be supported. As an example, the Bloxham junior football team play football in our Dewey Sports Hall; we would be pleased to let them use our outside all weather pitches in winter months too if these were lit.</p>	<p>The economic aspects of the school appears in the Infrastructure and Business Report of the NP evidence base but not the Plan itself. Bloxham School is one of three large village workplaces and is clearly of importance to the village economy</p> <p>We have added mention to the revised plan itself.</p> <p>The school contribution to recreation is recognised in the Recreation Report</p> <p>I would expect whether or not floodlights are permitted to be primarily dependent upon the extent of impact upon residents. They are not explicitly mentioned in the draft Plan.</p>

Developing the community theme, Bloxham School prides itself on its close links with the village. We offer support to the primary school, both with teaching and enabling their pupils to use our facilities. We are Friends of St Mary's, who on occasion use the school's music rooms, and we are delighted to be able to hold school services at St Mary's Church at least three times a year. On a smaller scale, our co-operation ranges from storing grit and grit spreaders to building links with the village historical society.

Noted

Bloxham School has been an important part of the village for 160 years and this should, perhaps, be mentioned in the Our Bloxham section of the Neighbourhood Plan. The original school building, which among others is Grade II Listed, dates from the mid-1850s. Subsequent buildings facing out towards the main approaches have been sympathetic to this original architecture making extensive use of the local ironstone. Bloxham School also brings wider national recognition of the village name from the Bloxham Project started in the 1960s to the Bloxham Faith & Literature Festival, which is now into its third year.

Mention of the School wrongly disappeared from the historical section between Plan edits.

Mention has now been reinstated.

Our main concern is the proposal to designate two areas of our school property as Local Green Spaces. These are mentioned in passing at the end of the document (Page 18 and map at Page 25) but the potential impact on the school is immense.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) designates Local Green Spaces (at Paragraphs 76 to 78) as areas for special protection being of particular importance to the local communities. 'By designating land as Local Green Space local communities will be able to rule out new development other than in very special circumstances. ... Local Green Spaces should be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.'

We note the concern re. green-space status. We are familiar with the NPPF and are assured that its application to such a space is in no way inappropriate

We appreciate the importance of green spaces to the village, which have equal priority to us as a school, but we strongly feel that this proposed designation is not appropriate and is an unnecessary imposition upon Bloxham School as a business as well as an educational establishment.

The NPPF states that the Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open spaces and that the designation should only be used:

- where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
- where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

These two school areas are close to the centre of the village but we question whether they are

demonstrably special to the local community. The playing fields on Courtington Lane, in particular, are surrounded by ribbon development, with possible housing development areas on either side. We therefore strongly oppose this proposed nomenclature as inappropriate use of the Local Green Space designation.

Additionally, we are concerned at this attempt at planning control. The two school sites are the largest of the five proposed Local Green space areas. Of the other three, two are the Jubilee Park and the Recreation Ground, both whole village facilities, and the third is the Red Lion area, which some members of the village have aspirations to purchase as a community project.

Both these school areas are core to our future. There is currently no plan to sell them off for housing development but we and our successors must have the flexibility to manage our estate for the educational development of the school well beyond the 2031 Plan period. In an increasingly competitive independent schools' market we need to improve our school facilities if we are to remain attractive to prospective pupils and parents. If we do not, we risk losing our appeal with the possibility that we, like many other independent schools, would close. We note the policy at Page 15 of the Plan to safeguard employment land and this requirement should be considered when designating commercial land as Local Green Spaces.

The Foreword to the Plan states that it is an 'opportunity to work alongside landowners/developers to shape a future that retains what is distinctive about our community with: housing matched to need, access to: local jobs, appropriate infrastructure, schools, recreational facilities and open spaces'. As one of the major landowners in the village, which provides most of these needs in some form, we aspire to working in tandem with the village to achieve sustainable development. Whilst we understand that many of the points we have raised above may not have been included in the draft Plan for reasons of brevity, we will be unable to support the plan if the designation of Bloxham School land as Local Green Spaces is retained in future iterations.

We look forward to working with the Neighbourhood Plan steering group in the preparation of subsequent drafts of the plan.

We appreciate that to date the buildings facing the main approach have been tastefully extended and we have responded positively to your concerns by removing green-space designation.

This in no way diminishes the importance we attach to the spaces but in seeking to protect visual impacts rather than the actual spaces it should no longer pose an impediment to sensitive and appropriate development by you or your successors.

41 Gary Simpson

As an employee of Bloxham School I believe they should have the freedom to improve their facilities as and when they see fit, without the constraints of this proposal.

See changes made in response to comment 40

42 Peter Turner

Whilst I sympathise with the desire to protect the village from large scale building on the School fields, I don't think it is right for the Plan to prevent a business from managing its own property portfolio. I believe the School to be one of the biggest employers in the village and the pupils/staff provide good business for the local shops. Why penalise them in this way?

Noted - See changes made in response to comment 40

		I don't see why the School would do anything other than enhance its own facilities on these green spaces, which would be to the benefit of the village. The School is very into sport and it is not going to compromise its ability to play games on these areas. We should trust it to behave responsibly with respect to the village that it has supported for 150 years.	
43	Julie Simpson	My opinions are below. (Not green-space for Bloxham School land.)	See changes made in response to comment 40
44	Alice Hickling	No comments but – protect all areas except the rugby field	See changes made in response to comment 40
45	Alison Garcia	I believe the school should retain developmental autonomy over the green areas in question.	See changes made in response to comment 40
46	David Yates	This is an excellent summary of the extensive material collected and assessed since the inaugural village meeting at the Jubilee Hall in 2011. The emerging/changing nature of NPPF guidance and slow gestation of Cherwell's Local Plan must have been frustrating for the authors, but I'm grateful they have stuck with the imposed process and produced such a readable document. The evidence base shared in the consultation sessions and online is impressive and has given me insights to many aspects of the village that I had not fully appreciated, despite having lived here for more than 30 years, I'll be happy to support the Plan in the forthcoming referendum.	We have also been urged to include more on habitats and we have taken the liberty of adding the swift survey, which I believe you were involved in, into the sustainability Report,
47	Richard Devesa	I do not wish to see development on any of the areas I have ticked below. (All green-space areas except the Red Lion Gardens)	Noted
48	Linda King	The protection of the Bloxham School Rugby ground portion of Hobb Hill to the right of the public footpath should be extended to the left of the public footpath to preserve the vista and amenity of Hobb Hill and preclude the possibility of future development of that land which could only serve to exacerbate the flooding problem and the traffic problem associated with the Primary School, on Courtington Lane.	Previous consultations have also prompted protection of the views and ambiance of Hobb Hill which the public do regularly access. We have added protection of the views from this PROW under Theme 2.
49	Jon Carlton	Generally, we are very supportive of both the direction and detail of the Plan. One specific comment regarding Policy EBA - we would support modest development of existing business facilities where there is space in the premises or land already owned. In particular we would support development of small business units of a suitable nature on the site owned by Bloxham Mill. We would very much support the proposed engagement with Oxfordshire CC and with CDC in the areas where, so far, they have been ineffectual or insufficiently supportive of appropriate development to Bloxham. This particularly relates to schooling, highways and the use of Section 106 funding. We strongly support development of superfast Broadband and are unsure of the logic behind Barford Road (and presumably Bloxham Mill) potentially receiving this facility some months after the core part of the village.	The Parish Council have recently supported appropriate expansion of Bloxham Mill.
50	Rosalind Carlton	Generally, we are very supportive of both the direction and detail of the Plan.	The Parish Council have recently

		One specific comment regarding Policy EBA - we would support modest development of existing business facilities where there is space in the premises or land already owned. In particular we would support development of small business units of a suitable nature on the site owned by Bloxham Mill. We would very much support the proposed engagement with Oxfordshire CC and with CDC in the areas where, so far, they have been ineffectual or insufficiently supportive of appropriate development to Bloxham. This particularly relates to schooling, highways and the use of Section 106 funding. We strongly support development of superfast Broadband and are unsure of the logic behind Barford Road (and presumably Bloxham Mill) potentially receiving this facility some months after the core part of the village.	supported appropriate expansion of Bloxham Mill.
51	David Hammond  (Natural England)	Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 08 January 2015 which was received by Natural England on 08 January 2015. Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development. The consultation draft identifies the issues and areas that affect Bloxham Neighbourhood Parish area. The Neighbourhood Forum has identified relevant legislation such as the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Cherwell Local Plan together with Oxfordshire County Council documents where appropriate, this is to be welcomed and encouraged. Section 3.2 refers to Issues and Challenges and identifies the Preservation of Green Buffers (ii) and Protection of valued green areas (x) which is also to be welcomed and encouraged. The provision of green infrastructure, as part of new development proposals, can provide opportunities to enhance and increase open/green space provision, provide links to and across existing facilities, through green chains, green corridors and potentially help towards promoting sustainable transport options such as walking and cycling. NPPF paragraphs 109 and 110 would help the Parish in this area, identifying policy to assist in preventing impacts on areas and enhancing ecology and biodiversity. Subject to the above, Natural England has no further substantive comments to make in respect of the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan public consultation draft consultation document. For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact David Hammond on 0300 060 1373. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.	Noted – see especially Theme 2 policies upon the importance of space in street-scenes and vistas. See also updated Theme 1 policies which seek to encourage better low-carbon connectivity.
52	Robert Aplin	Congratulations on such a comprehensive & well thought through document. We have one reservation regarding the need to liaise more closely with Bloxham School (viz their playing fields). Otherwise our comments are as follows; + Section 7 Bloxham Projects; under 7.2 if Oxfordshire CC continue to drag their heels over issues such as our "urban" classification, the mini roundabout & repairs to Old Bridge Road we should by-	See changes made in response to comment 40  See revised Theme 1 policy on parking. (Planning law has very



		<p>pass them &amp; enlist the help of Banbury's new MP.  + New development play areas at Collins &amp; Aldous Drives appear to be little used which should reinforce our case with CDC in focussing upgrades/extensions to play facilities at The Rec &amp; Jubilee Park.</p> <p>+ Section 8 We should press CDC to ensure that they monitor &amp; take action with developers who use inappropriate materials. Collins Drive is a classic example of their neglect. If Chipping Norton can do it (West Oxon DC) so should CDC.</p>	<p>recently changed on this topic.)  The Parish Council is working with CDC to seek the majority of funding be directed to these 2 main areas.</p> <p>See strengthened Theme 2 policies on protecting rural character.</p>
53	Sylvia Davy	<p>Lets keep Bloxham a village and not allow it to be turned into an urban sprawl. One of the reasons people choose to live in a village is that priceless ability to walk at the most 5 minutes from your door and be in the lovely countryside.  Therefore I fully support the policies as outlined in the plan.</p>	<p>Noted – See Theme 2 policies on protecting rural character. See also Theme 4.</p>
54	Michael Davy	<p>I fully recognise the need for additional housing being made available for a growing population but to impose it onto a rural community, which has already seen a high level of new developments on greenfield land, is totally unacceptable. We need to maintain the rural aspects, both within the village &amp; the outskirts, so that we retain our sense of close community. The large residential &amp; commercial developments will have a major impact on the traffic on the A361 &amp; any future developments in the village will only exacerbate the problem further. I totally endorse all aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan especially the need to limit new housing &amp; to retain the green spaces as identified in the Plan.</p>	<p>Noted – see especially Theme 2 policies on rural character  Also Theme 1 policies on housing numbers connectivity</p>
55	Jon Waite (Taylor Wimpey)	<p><b>Taylor Wimpey</b>  <b>1.0 Introduction</b>  1.1 This representation to Bloxham Parish Council's consultation on Bloxham's Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is made by Kemp &amp; Kemp on behalf of Taylor Wimpey Oxfordshire (Taylor Wimpey). Taylor Wimpey is land owner of a site to the south east of Bloxham, referred to as 'Land off Collins Drive'. A plan outlining the site in red can be found at Appendix 1 of this representation.  1.2The NDP area follows the boundary of Bloxham Parish. Bloxham is designated a 'Category A' village or 'Service Village' in Cherwell District Council's Submission Local Plan (SLP) October 2014. This means the Council considers Bloxham as one of the more sustainable settlements in the district.  1.3 Under Policy Villages 2 in the plan, the Council are allocating an additional 750 dwellings to 'Category A' villages over and above any committed development or windfall allowance. They would be delivered through the Council's Local Plan Part 2 or Neighbourhood Plans.  1.4 This representation demonstrates how the allocation of Land off Collins Drive in Bloxham's NDP would deliver a comprehensive housing scheme in a sustainable location and would help the NDP to</p>	<p>Please note – this has been scanned using OCR and so may contain errors not in the original. Please check the original online at the BNDP site.</p> <p>We consider our amended plan is in conformity with both the adopted and emerging Local Plan. We have provided more detail of this in the Sustainability Report available from the website.</p>

meet the 'Basic Conditions' at Examination.

## **2.0 Bloxham's Neighbourhood Development Plan – November 2014**

2.1 The Plan, which covers the period to 2031, builds upon the Parish Plan and has been prepared by the accountable body - Bloxham Parish Council. It has been assisted by the Bloxham Neighbourhood Development Plan comprising volunteers drawn from the residents of the Parish.

2.2 The Parish Council have published its 'Public Consultation Draft 1' for a six week consultation before submitting it officially to Cherwell District Council (CDC). CDC will then publish it for a further six week consultation before submitting it for independent examination.

2.3 During the Examination the Examiner will consider whether the NDP meets the 'Basic Conditions'. In this regard, the Plan must:

- have regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State;
- contribute to the achievement of sustainable development;
- be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan for the area.

2.4 Before the Council puts the NDP forward for Examination, it needs to be sure that the plan meets these conditions. The areas where Taylor Wimpey consider that the NDP does not meet the conditions are set out below.

### **3.0 The Level of Housing Allocated in the NDP**

3.1 Policy Villages 1: Village Categorisation in the CDC's SLP designates Bloxham as a 'Category A' village or 'Service Centre' meaning it is one of the most sustainable settlements in the district. The categorisation is based on the following criteria:

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- Population size.
- The number and range of services and facilities within the village (shops, pubs, etc.) »
- Whether there are any significant known issues in the village that could be materially assisted by an increase in housing (for example to maintain pupil numbers at a primary school)
- The accessibility (travel time and distance) of the village to an urban area by private car and public transport (including an assessment of any network constraints)
- Accessibility of the village in terms of walking and cycling,
- Local employment opportunities.

3.2 Due to the sustainable nature of Category A villages, Policy Villages 2: Distributing Growth across the Rural Areas in CDCs SLP states that:

- A total of 750 homes will be delivered at Category A villages. This will be in addition to the allowance for small site "windfalls" and planning permissions for 10 or more dwellings as at

The Village Categorisation is a high-level report that looks at whether a village has facilities without considering the capacity of those facilities.

The Local Plan Inspector also voices concern that more work be done before allocating housing based on the CRAITLUS classifications.

The Sustainability Report clearly shows Bloxham is already at a tipping point and that further large scale development will necessitate levels of infrastructure funding that are unlikely to be forthcoming.

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- Sites will be identified through the preparation of the Local Plan Part 2, through the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans where applicable, and through the determination of for planning permission.'

3.3 Policy HN Housing Need in Bloxham's NDP states that:

'Provision be made for a further 20 dwellings to be provided through infill, conversions and minor development of 10 or less dwellings. The majority of this provision shall be completed after 2025,'

3.4 This approach is clearly contrary to Policy Villages 2 shown above which allocates 750 homes to Category A villages In addition to small site windfalls and planning permissions for 10 or more dwellings as at 31 March 2014. Policy HN Housing Need only allows for windfall development in Bloxham.

3.5 As explained in paragraph 2.3 above, one of the 'Basic Conditions' the NDP will have to meet when examined is that it should be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan (Local Plan) for the area. In its current form the NDP is not.

3.6 Bloxham's NDP needs to make a housing allocation or remove/amend policy HN so it allows for a housing allocation in CDCs Local Plan Part 2 (as per Policy Villages 2 above).

3.7 Taylor Wimpy would suggest that as Bioxham residents want to have greater control over planning in their community, the allocation is made in their NDP.

3.8 The Local Plan Housing Trajectory 2011 - 2031 in CDC's SLP shows that in order for the Council to have a Five Year Housing Supply as required under paragraph 47 of the National Planning Policy Framework, it needs to deliver 650 housing completions on sites of 10 or more dwellings in the rural areas in the years 2014/15 - 2018/19.

3.9 As Bioxham is so advanced with its NDP (along with other Category A villages Adderbury, Deddington and Hook Norton) it is very likely that CDC will need to see housing completions in Bioxham in order to meet its housing targets. Therefore, the NDPs assertion in policy HN that development shall be completed after 2025 is unlikely to carry favour with CDC or an examiner.

3.10 In summary a housing allocation in Bloxham's NDP will:

- Help ensure the plan meets the 'Basic Conditions' when examined.
- Provide greater control to the local community over where the allocation is made (as opposed to waiting for CDC in make the allocation in its Local Plan Part 2).
- Help ensure support for the plan from CDC by helping the Council meet its Five Year Housing Land Supply target.

#### **4.0 Land off Collins Drive, Bloxham**

4.1 Land off Collins Drive, Bloxham lies to the south east of the village and measures some 3.2 hectares. To the east of the site are properties along Church Street and to the south properties along Milton Road. The north-western corner of the site is situated within the Bioxham Conservation Area.

Policy Villages 2 along with neighbourhood plans will deal with the distribution of dwellings between the villages.

We would point to recent CDC have cited overdevelopment of Bloxham and the resulting strains imposed upon infrastructure.

We have removed the policy relating to 2025 although Oxon CC Education would still welcome a pause in development in Bloxham

4.2 The site sits well with the existing built form of Bloxham and is close to existing services and facilities. There are a number of other benefits to the site which are set out below. This will help make the NDP 'contribute to the achievement of sustainable development' (another one of the 'Basic Conditions')

#### Arboriculture and Ecology

4.3 Taylor Wimpey commissioned The Environmental Dimension Partnership Ltd to carry out an Arboriculture! Assessment of the site. It states that there are no trees within or adjacent to the site that are subject to any Tree Preservation Orders. It also shows that across the site there are, in arboricultural and landscape terms, five category A items, 10 category B items, 21 category C items, and 6 category U items.

4.4 A Phase 1 Habitat Survey and Bat Habitat Suitability Assessment has been produced for the site by Ecosulis Ltd. It shows that there are three component habitats on the site, namely:

- Improved grassland - grazed by sheep;
- Hedgerows - along the north, south and east boundaries (the western boundary is made up of wooden fence, brick wall and laurel); and
- Parkland/Scattered trees - broad-leaved

4.5 The assessment recommends that mature trees and boundary habitats should be retained where possible. The report also identifies two trees having the potential to supported roosting bats however. In taking this advice, it would be the intention of Taylor Wimpey to retain these important natural assets wherever possible in the final design.

4.6 A badger set has been identified but any proposal can easily meet the required exclusion zone.

#### Landscaping and Open Space

4.7 A Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment for the stia has been prepared by The environmental Dimension Partnership II confirms that the site does not lie within or adjacent to any national landscape designations (although it is within an Area of High Landscape Value).

4,8 The- assessment concludes that the site is well contained and visibility of any development would be limited. It also states that the site would be able to accommodate- some change without significant effects on the local character or the wider landscape.

#### Transport and Access

4.8 A Transport Assessment and Travel plans been prepared for the site. It concludes that the site offers good access to the local highway network. It suggests that Milton Road would be a suitable point for vehicular access. It also slates that:

- There is no accident problem associated with the local highway network with just 2 accidents recorded within the past 5 years on Berry Hill Rd;
- The Site is accessible by sustainable modes of transport, with bus services providing connections to Banbury and Oxford, footways providing linkages to the village centre

Note- this is a VERY sensitive area of the village.

Probable cuts to the already limited bus service have recently been announced

The independent Sustrans report on cycling and walking in Bloxham paints a **VERY** different picture to the one that you present.

- end local roads being suitable for use by cyclists and Milton Road offers considerable reserve capacity and would be able to accommodate the additional traffic associated with a development.

Flood Risk and Drainage

4.10 A Flood Risk Assessment has been prepared for the site. It shows that the site is within Flood Zone 1 meaning that it has little or no risk of fluvial flooding. It also shows that development of the site would not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere.

4.11 Furthermore a Sustainable Drainage System (SUDs) could be implemented on the site.

Ground Contamination

4.12 A Land Contamination Preliminary Risk Assessment has been produced for the site. The assessment concludes that based on the historic use of the site, the information obtained on recorded pollution incidents and the geographical ground conditions, that the site does not present a risk of pollution to potential future residents.

**5.0 Policies in Bloxham’s Neighbourhood Development Plan - November 2014**

5.1 Development of Land off Collins Drive, Bloxham would satisfy the following NDP policies:

**HR2:** Be in keeping with neighbouring properties and the village in general in terms of materials, style, scale, separation and character - Every attempt would be made with the design to ensure that the new dwellings fit with the local vernacular by building to an appropriate scale and style with suitable materials,

**HR1** Lean Towards rural, not urban in respect of gardens, hedgerows, trees and soft-boundaries - Appropriate landscaping for the rural location would form part of any design. As stated above important trees and hedges would be retained

**HR6.** Avoid significant adverse effects upon existing residents re. privacy, noise and light pollution etc.- The preservation of local amenity would be a key aspect at the final design.

**HA2:** Encourage high-quality non-estate houses and bungalows sufficiently attractive to meet the needs of households who may wish to downsize - The site offers the potential to deliver a range of dwelling types. As an example, it could be possible to position bungalows towards the north of the site. This would both help protect views of the church and provide housing for a variety of needs.

**HA3-** New housing to offer adequate parking on the property not in distant parking courts or on-street - The development would be built using the appropriate parking standards to ensure the street scene is attractive to new and existing residents.

**HT1:** Development that can demonstrate its location and design will not significantly exacerbate traffic congestion at the village centre or other traffic hotspots - As stated in the Transport Assessment referred to above, access to the site would be from Milton Road. This area is not identified as a traffic hotspot in Appendix 1 of the NDP.

**CT1:** Design an environment that improves linkages between areas and services and facilities - There

Given the recent (March 2015) ministerial announcements upon parking standards the appropriate parking standards will be the one found in the new Theme 1 BNDP policies of the revised plan.

is a public right of way (PROW) to the south west of the site. There is potential to link the development to the PROW and on to the village services and facilities- This will help to sustain the services and facilities and ensure Bloxham remains a vibrant village.

**CT3:** Protect rights of way and take opportunities to improve general village connectivity - See above  
**CR2** Support the moderate upgrading / extension of the Jubilee Hall - Taylor Wimpey would make the appropriate developer contributions through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and or/a section 106 Agreement. This would provide funding for a range of services and facilities including potentially the Jubilee Hall

### **6.0 Summary and Conclusion.**

6.1 Summary . Taylor Wimpey wishes to make the following key points on the Bloxham NDP: Bloxham is a Category A village in CDC's SLP meaning. It is one of the most sustainable settlements in the district. Policy Villages 2- Distributing Growth across Rural Areas in CDC's SLP states that 750 so dwellings will be delivered in the A villages over and above small site windfalls and outstanding permissions as at 31 March 2014. Policy HN Housing Need for Bloxham's NDP however states that only 20 dwellings will be provided for through Infill and minor development of 10 or fewer dwellings This policy is therefore contrary to Policy Villages 2. When the plan goes to examination, the examiner will need to consider whether the plan is in conformity with the Development Plan (the Local Plan) or not. It is likely that the NDP will fail at examination in this respect To help get the plan through examination, the cap should be lifted in policy HN and a housing allocation provided or Bloxham Parish Council could wait for an allocation to be made CDC's forthcoming Local Plan Part 2 but for full community involvement Taylor Wimpey recommend that the allocation made in the NDP

Land off Collina Drive is an ideal site to allocate in the NDP for the following reasons:

- There are no arboriculture and ecology constraints on the site and any mature trees and boundary habitats can be retained in the design for the scheme,
- A Land and Visual Impact Assessment show the site can be developed without significant effects on the local character or the wider landscape.
- The site is in Flood Zone 1 meaning it is least likely to flood or cause flooding elsewhere.
- Vehicle access to and from the site can be obtained safely from Milton Road - The road is not identified as a Traffic Hotspot in the NDP.
- It is accessible by sustainable modes of transport including foot, cycle and public transport.
- The development would satisfy the majority of policies in the NDP including those which seek sympathetic design, appropriate parking provision, traffic management, improved linkages between residential areas and services and facilities and funding towards services and facilities.

We think BNDP is consistent with Villages Policy 1 and will sit alongside Villages Policy 2 in determining the distribution of dwellings.

56	Ian Cox	I agree in principle with the policy statements contained within the Neighbourhood Plan and particularly those relating to giving green belt status to specific areas. I believe that the village is currently at capacity given the infrastructure that already exists.	Noted – see especially Theme 2 policies on the importance of space in street-scenes and vistas and Theme 4 on recreation spaces.
57	Alan and Margaret Griffin	<p>We agree with all the stated policies. In particular:</p> <p>HA All new houses should have adequate on-site space for wheelie bins and car-parking -- at least two car-spaces per house.</p> <p>HC All the approved sites are liable to flood. Suitable drainage MUST be installed.</p> <p>HT The current approved housing estates have contributed money to ease the traffic problems. Nothing has been done. The new houses will make the traffic worse. What is being done about this?</p> <p>CR We support the upgrade of the Jubilee Hall and the all-weather pitch for the Warriner School.</p> <p>CS The Rec, Jubilee Park, Red Lion Gardens, Bloxham School Cricket Ground and Bloxham School Rugby Field on Hobb Hill. It is essential that all these spaces should be preserved so that they can NEVER be built upon.</p>	<p>Noted – see especially the <b>Theme 1 updated parking policies</b>.</p> <p>See Theme 1 policies on climate change and SuDS.</p> <p>See Sustainability Report. OCC do not seem to have any significant plans to improve the Bloxham traffic situation despite recent permissions being based upon understandings to the contrary.</p>
58	Matthew Buckland	<p>Having moved to the village less than a year ago I perceive one of the major issues to be traffic around the shops. Cars driving over and parking on the pavement in a haphazard fashion is an accident waiting to happen. This area needs to be redesigned to accommodate both pedestrians and customer parking safely. As the southern area of Bloxham expands this is likely to get worse.</p> <p>There are some contradictions in the plans. For example a stated desire to expand recreational facilities on the edge of town which is likely to directly oppose the desire not to increase light pollution on the village periphery. With modern lighting this should be manageable so it would be better to omit the statement regarding light pollution if it is agreed recreational facilities for a growing population is vital.</p> <p>Whilst maintaining green space is important I cannot see how this can be enforced or indeed should be on private landowners or local employers / businesses. Potentially adding long term constraints to local business would seem detrimental to their sustainability. I would prefer constraints put on urban sprawl at the village periphery whilst allowing sensible in-fill or indeed business and employment development.</p>	<p>Noted – see especially revised parking policies but no-one has come up with any solution for the village centre traffic chaos. (The parking areas are not in public ownership.)</p> <p>Lighting is only likely to be approved if it is of a modern low-leakage design.</p> <p><b>Also see response to 40. We have provided Bloxham School with the flexibility you suggest.</b></p>
59	Angela Morris	<p>HR1 &amp; HR2 I feel strongly that recent housing developments have not been sympathetic to the rural character of the village and any further developments must be.</p> <p>CT2 it is extremely important that there should only be future development if there are sufficient Primary school places for the children of the village. Bloxham children should not have to travel to other villages to go to school.</p>	<p>Noted – see especially Theme 2 on protecting rural character. School capacity issues which we address in Theme 1</p>

<p>60 Susan Myburgh</p>	<p>The authors of the Plan have identified the key features to retain the rural nature of Bloxham and are to be commended for this. As a former resident of Bloxham, now living 1.5 miles away, and still greatly involved in village activities there, I agree it is essential that Bloxham retains its rural nature otherwise it becomes a satellite of Banbury.</p> <p>HR- The type of housing to be built should be varied, reflecting traditional styles and catering for the needs of an ageing population who HA -wish to remain in the village but need to downsize to an appropriate property. The new developments seem to have been imposed upon the village with little thought of their impact, particularly to the amount and flow of traffic.</p> <p>CR -A condition of any new development should be for the developer to make a significant contribution to improving community facilities e.g .refurbishment of the Jubilee Hall.</p> <p>CS - The green spaces of the Rec, Jubilee Park and the Red Lion gardens should be preserved. I have reservations about the Bloxham School land as they may need to change its use in the future, although this seems unlikely as there is no other land for their sports in the vicinity.</p>	<p>Noted – especially downsize housing Theme 1 policies on demographic change and Theme 4 policy on the Jubilee Hall</p> <p>See also Response to 40. We have provided Bloxham School with this flexibility.</p>
<p>61 Alison Urwick</p>	<p>Traffic on Milton Rd should be listed as a hot spot</p> <p>Stronger emphasis on conservation area</p> <p>Otherwise - policies great!</p>	<p>Noted – You are right that already permitted developments along the Milton Rd in both Bloxham and Adderbury are exacerbating traffic problems.</p> <p>We have introduced a new Theme 2 policy on protection of the conservation area</p>
<p>62 Tony Bliss</p>	<p>CS1 Green belt suggests protecting land for all. Bloxham School Cricket / Rugby ground is NOT for all therefore some agreement for partial common use by the community rather than ring-fenced</p> <p>EDC Better mobile and internet connection very necessary</p> <p>HA1 Strongly agree - I do not want to live in a middle-class home-counties ghetto. We need diversity of backgrounds</p> <p>HN2 - Not large estates ....correct. Small estates probably OK. We need to take on our fair share of solving the housing shortage and avoid being NIMBYs.</p>	<p>Noted but what level of access Bloxham School gives to the public is not a planning matter.</p> <p>See Theme 4 policy on mobiles but the mobile operators are very hard to liaise with.</p> <p>The plan is positively disposed to appropriate sustainable levels of development</p>



63	Ian Eves	<p>CR1 (All-weather pitch) Yes - excellent idea  CR2 (Jubilee extension) - support this  CS1 (Green-space) - In favour  ELW (live-work) - support all -small scale.employment is life-blood.  ERF (Parking) Yes - parking is a REAL issue.  EDC (Mobiles) Support with concern re masts.  HC1 - 4 (Climate) Support  HT1 (Traffic) - Support  CT1 - 3 (Low carbon Travel) support  HA1 (affordable housing - preference to parish connection) - a must / absolute</p>	<p>Noted  We think these are all covered in the revised plan.  Access to “affordable” housing by villagers has not been a problem.  The problem is houses villagers can afford (to buy!)</p>
64	Kate and David Broughall	<p>No more traffic through the village or strained village facilities e.g. school.  Preserve green spaces so that future inevitable building does not result in a village 'concrete jungle.'</p>	<p>Noted  See Theme 2 and 4 on spaces</p>
65	Donna Duncombe	<p>I support all the recommendations in the plan and would like the finalised document to be made available to those larger developers who currently have planning permissions.</p>	<p>Noted  The document will be publically available – as will this one.</p>
66	Ann Dancer	<p>i was born in this village and have seen many changes not all was for the good of the village. the only thing this village needs is, no more buildings especially in the heart of the village a bigger primary school as well</p>	<p>Noted  See Theme 2 policy on garden development and Theme 1 policy on primary school capacity.</p>
67	Brendan Duffy	<p>The reason why i moved to Bloxham and invested in a property is because of its character which is slowly being eroded with indentikit housing developments. The village can't cope with more cars on the roads, children in the school or drainage and sewerage channels. As an aside, the Slade is in bad need of work done to make it more usable and accessible.</p>	<p>Noted  See Theme 1 policies on amenity of existing residents.  The Slade is about to become owned by the Parish and has now been designated a green-space</p>
68	Dan McInerney	<p>Particularly agree with:  HN: If the plan's proposals are unsuccessful, surely there has to be some developer limits placed... why can't it be limited to a certain number of dwellings over a certain period of time...? Is there any need for more than that?  CT2: There needs to be some sort of structure to how school places for Bloxham families are allocated - particularly in regards to residents housed in newer developments with children (already placed in schools elsewhere) compared to those with children born and raised in the village.  CT3: We are in need of a crossing by the church. The footpath ends on one side and the corner makes for dangerous crossing - especially for those less able. With the surgery, dentist and church right there, surely that's enough reason to get a pedestrian crossing built.</p>	<p>Noted  See Policy BL1 &amp; 2 on numbers  See Theme 1 policy on school capacity. This Plan cannot influence school entry policies.   See Sustrans report and Theme 1 policies on connectivity. OCC have the responsibility for road safety and would have to fund a crossing.</p>

69	Glyn Williams	<p>HR5/6 Will the all weather pitch and lights at the Warriner not have an adverse affect.  CR1 I seem to recall the Warriner swimming pool was meant to be joint-use facility.  EDC Most mobile companies now share aerials.  CR2 The Jubilee Hall needs more than moderate upgrading/extension. Whilst only 1:5 thought the village could support a larger facility it rather depends on the question asked. With a growing population better facilities are needed, improved play area and a trim trail for adults. Small play areas in developments separates communities.</p> <p>CS1 What is the ratio of persons using the Red Lion gardens as a village green?</p> <p>Could the copse and the ridge and furrow field behind Schofields Way be designated 'green belt.'</p>	<p>Noted  Permission for Warriner pitch lighting will insist on low-leakage lights – see policy BL34</p> <p>The PC is working with the Trust that owns the Rec to improve them. e.g. At BloxFest huge numbers use the red Lion Garden.  This is already designated as a wild life area in Cherwell’s info maps.</p>
70	Sophie Floate	I agree with the Neighbourhood plan.	Noted
71	Lsa Hammonds	<p>I totally agree with all the statements below but feel it will all be too late as the unique village of Bloxham has almost vanished and will never ever come back. Many of the fields which now have planning permission were once designated as 'green belt' areas, and it's only a matter of time before there's a serious accident on the Tadmarton Road or Courtington Lane at school time. Those with the power don't care and those that care no longer have any power over their environment.</p>	<p>Noted  See especially Theme 2 policies on rural character.  See also Theme 1 policies on connectivity and parking.</p>
72	Diane Clark	Network Rail has no comments	Noted
73	David Keable	<p>Generally I think the Neighbourhood Plan as presented reflects the opinions of most residents of Bloxham.</p> <p>I support the Themes and Objectives (para 5), and in particular the objective 1D regarding the needs of residents seeking to downsize.</p>	Noted – especially Theme 1 policies on the need for downsize housing.
74	Sian Morris	<p>The level of development in Bloxham has left the village already in a ridiculous state. There is a massive health and safety issue regarding access to school already with cars driving along pavement everyday where children are walking. School has no scope for further development (it's already been expanded so much you have situation when children are not allowed balls in the playground because it's so small for the number of children.</p>	<p>Noted – especially situation re school and traffic –  See Theme 1 policies on school and connectivity.</p>
75	Keith R Mitchell	<p>I have studied your draft neighbourhood plan and much of the related documentation. I am baffled that there is no mention of what I assume is Bloxham largest business - Bloxham School. It is a significant employer and has a substantial footprint in Bloxham. It contributes in many ways to the community as well as to the local economy.</p> <p>Despite the absence of this major employer in your evidence base, you are seeking to block potential development on the School's land holdings. The School is an important part of the village's economy</p>	<p>Information is in the supporting evidence base but some has now</p>

		and makes a valuable contribution to education. If it needs to build classes or dormitories in the future, it would be most regrettable if it was prevented by this plan.	been moved into the Plan itself.
		I find the omission of the School from the business evidence base puzzling unless authors of the plan have an inherent objection to private education?	We have responded positively to the Bloxham School comments.
76	Vincent, Alan & Carole	We support the Plan which covers all the significant points that we would like to see incorporated.	Noted
77	Geoff Mollard	<p>Community CR recreational facilities: CR b consideration needs to be given to the current refurbishment programme currently being undertaken by the New Management Committee and Project team for the Jubilee Hall and this together with the proposed expansion of the Facilities at the Hall means word Moderate is no longer appropriate and therefore should be removed from the wording in the plan.</p> <p>The use of the word moderate, by interpretation, could restrict the amount of work that clearly has to be done to not only take account of many years of neglect but to achieve a result that will reflect the considerable growth in village population.</p> <p>A great deal of work needs to take place to bring the hall up to modern standards, improve recreational facilities and in so doing capitalise on the effective use of green space for all users</p> <p>3B: I believe the reference that only 1 In 5 residents think Bloxham could support an additional venue is misleading and that this is as a direct consequence of the reference in the questionnaire to the Church becoming a community centre which now appears unlikely to happen and that this statistic should therefore be deleted from the plan.</p> <p>CS local green space: CS1 I appreciate the designation of the jubilee Park as a Designated green space but account needs to be taken of the fact that the whilst the playing field area is to be retained the Jubilee Hall will need to be expanded with new changing facilities to match the intensive use of the playing field.</p> <p>Traffic hotspots: Could you please make reference in your NDP return to the dramatic increase in traffic using the Milton Road into Bloxham and the effect on the congestion at the mini roundabout at the junction with the A361.</p> <p>I fully support the NDP and offer my congratulations to all concerned for their perseverance and commitment to the future of Bloxham village.</p>	<p>Noted – especially regarding unduly constraining The Jubilee Hall.</p> <p>See Theme 4 policies where we have responded to remove the term moderate.</p> <p>Noted – that the Milton Rd traffic levels is already becoming an issue.</p>
78	Anthony Marsh	I fully support the recommendations of the neighbourhood plan especially the protection of all green spaces.	Noted see Theme 2 and 4 policies

79	Dyls Marsh	I fully support the recommendations of the neighbourhood plan especially the protection of all green spaces	Noted see Theme 2 and 4 policies
80	Marina Brounger	C.S Local Green Space : I don't believe Bloxham's School's Rugby ground needs to be protected. If the school, at some stage, wanted to develop the land adjoining Courtington Lane they should be able to do so. I walk on hob hill most days and would prefer this to be protected. Hob Hill is of greater interest as it has ancient ridge and furrow.	See response to comment 40  Theme 2 policies now seek to protect views from the public footpath on Hobb Hill - which is of course adjacent to and in many parts overlooks the aforementioned rugby field
81	J Byrd	Bloxham is a village. We do not wish to live in a town. Otherwise I'd have bought a house in a town!	Noted - See Theme 2 policies to preserve rural character,.
82	Tracy Cuthbert	we no longer need or want any more houses in Bloxham. The Primary School & Drs are full to capacity and it is no longer fair to them or the villagers. How on earth will Tadmarton Road cope with all the floods, how is Barford Road field going to cope with the floods, how are the new children going to get to a different schools. More and more houses are being built and we have no sports facilities and the existing parks are dated and need renovation.	Noted. See especially: Theme 1 policies on housing numbers and primary school capacity and Theme 4 on recreation areas.
83	Jane Labuda	Please stop large scale development as we rush becoming suburb of Banbury, overfilling our schools and disproportionately increasing residents who are in Social Housing so that village and school lost their high class reputation and become isolated ghetto	Noted. See especially: Theme 1 policies on housing numbers and primary school capacity.
84	Mobile Operators Association	Received by email Thank you for your recent consultation on the above. We have considered the proposal relevant to the Mobile Operators Association and offer the following comments on their behalf. We would like to offer our support to the inclusion of Policy EDC - Digital Communication, within the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan. We welcome the inclusion of this policy within the Neighbourhood Plan to facilitate telecommunications development and support its provisions which we find to be generally in accordance with the guidance within National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) relating to both development planning and to support for communications infrastructure. We trust you find the above comments of assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries relating to the above matters. Yours faithfully Jacquelyn Fee BSc MSc Mono Consultants	Noted. See Theme 3 policies on mobile equipment. Note also public concerns voiced in this document about masts being as non-intrusive as possible.
85	Mike Tydeman on Pastor of Bloxham Baptist Church	Consultation feedback on behalf of Bloxham Baptist Church Our chapel in Hawke Lane is used daily by up to 200 people (members and non-members) every week but it is not of an adequate size for our Sunday morning worship, nor for some weddings and	Noted – and empathised with but in the absence of suggestions of land or funding for land then this scale

	<p>funerals. Ever since the Warriner School was built we have been hiring the school facilities each Sunday to accommodate our congregation of approximately 120 people. Although we are extremely grateful for the relationship we enjoy with the school, their facilities are not ideal for our needs, but manageable.</p> <p>For a number of years we have been very open to the potential of building a significantly larger community building in Bloxham if ever a suitable plot of land were available. This would not be 'a church' but would be a versatile resource owned and managed by Bloxham Baptist Church for the benefit of other community users as well as for its own purposes. An example of a similar project is at Finchampstead and can be seen at <a href="http://www.finchampstead.com/Groups/184845/Finchampstead_Baptist_Church/FBC_Centre/FBC_Centre.aspx">http://www.finchampstead.com/Groups/184845/Finchampstead_Baptist_Church/FBC_Centre/FBC_Centre.aspx</a></p> <p>We note the intention in the Neighbourhood Plan for a moderate extension to the Jubilee Hall. We are hesitant to support this for two reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A moderate extension to this existing facility will still not be large enough or versatile enough to meet the needs of the community, and</li> <li>2. Its location is poor in terms of visibility and the access roads to the Jubilee Hall are inadequate for existing, let alone potentially higher, levels of traffic.</li> </ol> <p>In the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire results, only 2 in 5 respondents felt that the village could not 'support' a larger community building. We would suggest that an attractive, versatile building with good access and parking would benefit our community but would also be supported by neighbouring village communities and Banbury.</p> <p>We would favour greater dialogue and some joined-up thinking between the trustees of the Ellen Hinde, Ex-Servicemens, Jubilee and Baptist Halls to find a solution that will really enhance our village.</p> <p>With regards to protecting green space from housing or business development we feel that it is important to protect them but would not want to prevent development if it would improve the access, function or community value of the overall space. We do not believe that we can protect space that is privately owned such as the school sites even if we might feel as in the case of the cricket pitch that it is an inherent part of the village's identity.</p>	<p>of Community Hall project is not something we can include as a planning policy.</p> <p>It is totally feasible to protect space that is privately owned space (Most existing green belt falls into this category.)  <b>We have however adopted less constraining policies w.r.t. Bloxham School land.</b></p>
<p>86 Jan Price</p>	<p>Policy CS1- Protecting the use of Red Lion Gardens, if privately owned, seems overly bossy and manipulative. As far as I am aware Bloxham School own the other two areas I have ticked as not being appropriate for 'protection' due to their private ownership.</p>	<p>Noted - Private ownership is no reason not to protect valued spaces. (Most existing green belt falls into this category.)</p>
<p>87 Ian Crawford</p>	<p>(Delivered to Drs Surgery)</p>	

		<p>With over 90% of residents against ANY developments, this survey is admirable in its desire to APPEAR to give the people of Bloxham a chance to control unwanted building. However there is not a snowballs chance those "Officials" will listen to or respect Residents" wishes.</p> <p>Why? In this country do NOT operate as a democracy i.e. government by the People OR their elected Representatives.</p> <p>But we DO HAVE a Democratic Centralism i.e. Policy decided centrally by "Officials" So these "Officials" WILL allow us to go through the motions of APPEARING to hold a democratic poll whilst all the time having NO INTENTION of allowing democracy to Rule. OK!</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>We realise you will not be alone in this view but are more optimistic that the views of the community will carry at least some weight via the BNDP</p>
88	Beryl Armstrong	<p>Overall a very confident and well thought out document especially on housing.</p> <p>Disappointed that no mention of public transport trying to be improved or perhaps encouraging a local mini bus to start up. As an older person with an ill husband I have not met many people and so life is very lonely – no associations or clubs that can visit or friendly meetings to join.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Regrettably it looks like even the present level of public transport is due to be cut. We hope the Sustainability Report offers information to influence planning but cannot influence this via Neighbourhood Plan policies</p>
89	Clive and Patricia Millward	<p>In general we support the policies. We retain concerns about the provision of primary school places for all Bloxham children of the appropriate age. We should strive to provide affordable housing for people born in Bloxham and wish to remain here. We have concerns that the long term house build will seek to provide far more houses than necessary. We have major concerns that the character of the village will be changed beyond recognition. We have concerns that the green areas beyond the “proposed” green spaces will be eaten up by housing leaving very little natural countryside. In the light of problems we already encounter with water and electricity supply, we are concerned that additional housing will add substantially to these problems.</p> <p>In terms of water surface flooding, we have evidence of floods to the depth of 2-3 feet over large areas near the recreation grounds and the fields behind Colesbourne Road (dated photos from 2006 – 2014).</p> <p>Our final concern is the increased risk to children and the elderly on the roads throughout Bloxham.</p>	<p>Noted – See especially:</p> <p>Theme 1 policy re. primary school</p> <p>Theme 2 policies on rural character</p> <p>Theme 1 policy on water capacity and SuDS</p> <p>Theme 1 policy on road safety.</p>
90	Terence Hollyoake	<p>I entirely agree with the policies set out in the Neighbourhood Plan and am particularly opposed to the urban sprawl of large estates recently or currently being built in the south of the village e.g Barford Road, Milton Road (2) and Tadmarton Road with little consideration for the village as a whole.</p>	<p>Noted. See especially:</p> <p>Theme 2 policies on rural character</p>
91	William Richardson	<p>I fully endorse the contents of this plan. It appears to be a thoroughly researched and well worded document, and I fully agree with all of the policies.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
92	Susanna Howard	<p>We need to protect our recreational areas</p>	<p>This is already designated as a wild</p>

			life area in Cherwell’s info maps.
93	<p>Mark Rose</p> <p>Re. Field on S Newington Rd</p>	<p>I write on behalf of my client William Davis Ltd with regard to the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan consultation. My clients are a house building company who have secured an interest in land to the east of South Newington Road to the south of Bloxham (SHLAA reference BL029).</p> <p>Bloxham has been the focus of developer interest in recent years, with speculative applications seeking to take advantage of the substantial 5 year land supply shortage in the District (that still remains). However, the community’s concerns in relation to the implications of ad-hoc development in the village is recognised. In that respect, my clients welcome the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan as a means of providing a local policy context to compliment the emerging Cherwell District Local Plan 2006-2031, both Part 1 which has recently been examined and we expect to be found to be “sound”, and Part 2 which will be progressed shortly.</p> <p><b>Housing Need</b></p> <p>My clients do not, however, accept the presumption in the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting papers that given the permissions that have been recently granted in and around the village, there should only now be very limited further development through to the end of the plan period. Policy Villages 1 in Part 1 of the Cherwell District Local Plan (as proposed to be modified) anticipates minor development, infilling and conversions at the Category A and Category B villages, recognising “that there is a need for Cherwell’s Villages to sustainably contribute towards meeting the housing requirements identified in Policy BSC1.”</p> <p>The requirements identified in Policy BSC1 relate to the housing need for the District identified in the most recent 2014 SHMA. However, the Local Plan explicitly recognises in the supporting text that Oxford may not be able to accommodate the whole of its housing requirement in the period to 2031. Consequently under the Duty-to-Cooperate, there may be a requirement for Cherwell District to accommodate a higher level of development than currently planned for, and that would be facilitated through a rapid partial review of the Local Plan. Indeed we would argue on the basis of the published figures and evidence that this is inevitable.</p> <p>Policy Villages 2, as proposed to be modified, refers to the delivery of 750 homes in the Category A villages. That level of provision is in addition to sites that already have planning permission (including those at Bloxham) and an allowance for small windfall sites. It does not yet take account of additional needs that have been identified in the wider Housing Market Area (notably Oxford). The policy states that sites to deliver these homes will be identified in Part 2 of the Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plans and through planning applications (the later of which is likely to continue in the absence of a demonstrable 5 year land supply in the District).</p> <p>Bloxham is the largest of the Category A Service Villages, the best served in terms of community</p>	<p>We note – recognition of extensive level of recent development.</p> <p>At the time of writing CDC have a 5-year supply of housing land.</p> <p>We believe this plan is consistent with Policy Villages 1</p> <p>The Cherwell categorisation is high-level and does not examine capacities. The BNDP Sustainability Report takes a far more detailed and realistic look at capacities and paints a very different picture. See also Local Plan Inspectors comments on this.</p> <p>There are published opinions in both directions regarding the latest SHMA. e.g. <a href="#">CPRE</a> are convinced it overstates demand.</p> <p>At the time of writing CDC have a 5 year supply of housing land.</p>

infrastructure and facilities, well related to Banbury and unconstrained by Green Belt. As such it is one of the villages in the District that is best able to accommodate future growth. Consequently whilst your concerns in regard to the number of planning permissions that have recently been granted in the village is acknowledged, it would be entirely unreasonable for the Neighbourhood Plan to presume that further development to contribute to meeting the identified needs in the District, let alone the wider Housing Market Area, is not required or appropriate. Indeed, it is apparent that my client's site would accord with the criteria set out in Policy Villages 2 for the selection of future development sites.

Given that the Neighbourhood Plan must generally comply with the provisions and requirements of the emerging Local Plan, you may receive representations from the development industry that suggest that the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan is put on hold or delayed until such time as the need for further allocations in the village is confirmed. My clients view however, is that the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan could continue as long as there is an explicit recognition within it that further residential development is likely to be required in the village to contribute to meeting the identified housing needs within the plan period.

William Davis Ltd do recognise the Parish Council's concerns in relation to the capacity of the facilities and infrastructure in the village. However, that is a common issue around the District and County, and the solution is not to restrict the housing development required to meet existing and identified future needs in otherwise sustainable locations, but to seek solutions to remedy those matters through securing investment in the forward planning and development management processes. That is a matter my clients would be very willing to address in discussions with the service providers, County and District Council and of course the Parish Council.

Therefore, Policy HN should be revised to accurately reflect the policy context established by the emerging Local Plan, that further development will be required in the village to meet the District's housing needs, and the potential that a further review of Local Plan to meet wider housing market area needs may result in a further increase in the development requirement. Furthermore, Policy CT (criterion b) should not seek to phase or delay development required to meet identified needs on the basis of infrastructure constraints that can be addressed through a replanning of provision and/or further investment.

Other Proposed Policies: The focus in the Neighbourhood Plan on ensuring good design in the future development of the village to respect the local character and historic and natural assets of the area is very much welcomed. Consequently the intent of Policy HR Rural Heritage and Landscape is supported. Indeed, it is suggested that the policy might be expended to include a reference to the provision of multi-functional green infrastructure that incorporates natural habitat enhancements, strategic landscaping, sustainable drainage features, recreation routes and opportunities for play.

The BNDP has to comply with the adopted not emerging plan – but we do take full note of the latter. There is certainly no reason to put BNDP on hold.

The NPPF and NPPG make clear that requisite infrastructure issues are not an optional extra and that where feasible, development should proceed accompanied by supporting infrastructure. Evidence from independent professionals (E.g. Oxfordshire C.C. on schools and Sustrans on connectivity) is that such supporting infrastructure is simply not currently practicable.

Despite infrastructure capacity issues, we still seek to be in accord with Cherwell Villages 1

We note support for respecting our rural character and heritage. we include more detail on character areas -policies BL16 – 21



Similarly the intent of Policy HA Appropriate Housing is also supported, although it should be recognised that future housing development would need to respond to established needs (in terms of type and size of dwellings) for the village and wider District, and that the allocation of affordable housing is often outwith the control of the developer. Furthermore, whilst design is to a degree a subjective matter, the phraseology used in criterion b is very much open to interpretation and, therefore, that aspect would be difficult to practically apply. We would instead suggest incorporating an aspiration for local distinctiveness to reflect the prevailing character of the village. Policy HC in relation to climate change mitigation has worthy aspirations, and for the main part is appropriate. However, you should take account of the Government's Housing Standards Review which is seeking to consolidate the current myriad of complex technical standards (including those relating to water and energy) into the Building Regulations. The Neighbourhood Plan policies should not, therefore, seek to repeat or expand upon standards that will be more properly dealt with through the Building Regulations process (e.g. through reference to the Code for Sustainable Homes).

The concerns that underpin Policy HT are recognised, but the policy should be expanded to also refer to the potential for the traffic impact of a development to be mitigated through investment in sustainable travel modes and off-site highway improvement works.

My clients also support the intent of Policy CT Provision for Safe Low-Carbon Travel (aside from criterion b as set out above), Policy CR Recreational Facilities and Policy CS Local Green Space. Site Reference BL029 The Neighbourhood Plan background papers note that the Parish Council do not necessarily agree with the site assessments set out in the most recent SHLAA. In respect of land to the east of South Newington Road, the SHLAA states that "in principle the site is unsuitable", because it was not known whether the site was available. My clients will now be writing to Cherwell District Council to confirm the site's availability.

William Davis Ltd's aspiration for the development of the site is to deliver a high quality housing development that respects its relationship with the surrounding urban form and sensitive environmental and cultural features. It is anticipated that in due course the development proposals for

the site will evolve through an iterative masterplanning exercise that has taken into account the requirements of the various technical and environmental assessments that will be required, and best urban and landscape design practice. This process will address the concerns raised in the SHLAA in relation to the implications for the landscape character of the area. A robust landscape and visual impact appraisal will be undertaken to directly inform a sensitive "landscape-led" design of the development scheme proposals. Whilst the development of the site would inevitably result in the loss of agricultural fields on the edge of the settlement (if approved), the intent of the assessment and design process will be to ensure that the proposals respond to the surrounding landscape

Noted - We understand that affordable housing is a CDC issue.

The plan references the evolving Building Regs. but as these are not yet in place we are nervous about having policies that use them. Quoting the Code for Sustainable Homes in planning documents is no longer seems to be acceptable.

Bloxham has been waiting 3 years for OCC to repair Old Bridge Rd – what was a main connection within the village. Such highway improvement seems VERY unlikely.

Noted – support for green-space and recreation policies.

Noted: It is not for the BNDP to comment upon specific sites but there are inevitable concerns at the prospect of development on good

	<p>character by retaining and enhancing boundary hedgerows and trees within the site wherever possible, and by providing new public open space with additional tree hedgerow planting to ensure a soft transition between the built development and open countryside.</p> <p>Conclusion: In conclusion William Davis are of the view that Bloxham could and should accommodate further growth within the plan period, and the land to the east of South Newington Road would be an entirely appropriate option for accommodating that growth. However, they would like to progress their proposals for the site in partnership with key stakeholders at the appropriate time taking account of the strategic planning context, local aspirations and identified needs in the Housing Market Area, District and village, preferably through the forward planning process My clients will be seeking to discuss their proposals in due course with the District Council, and would also welcome positive discussions with the Parish Council in the context of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>quality agricultural land and of a size and at a location that would likely exceed the capacity of the foreseeable village infrastructure.</p> <p>Noted – the commitment to sensitive design.</p> <p>Noted – although real improvements to connectivity from Bloxham –south are highly problematic.</p>
<p><b>94</b> Savills on behalf of Thames Water</p>	<p><b>BLOXHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – COMMENTS MADE ON BEHALF OF THAMES WATER UTILITIES LTD</b></p> <p>Thames Water Utilities Ltd (Thames Water) Property Services function is now being delivered by Savills (UK)Limited as Thames Water’s appointed supplier. Savills are therefore pleased to respond to the above consultation on behalf of Thames Water.</p> <p>Thames Water are the statutory water and sewerage undertaker for the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan area and the whole of the Cherwell District and is hence a “specific consultation body” in accordance with the Town &amp; Country Planning (Local Development) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>General Comments on Sewerage/Wastewater Infrastructure capacity:</p> <p>New development should be co-ordinated with the infrastructure it demands and to take into account the capacity of existing infrastructure. Paragraph 156 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), March 2012, states: “Local planning authorities should set out strategic policies for the area in the Local Plan. This should include strategic policies to deliver:.....the provision of infrastructure for water supply and wastewater....”</p> <p>Paragraph 162 of the NPPF relates to infrastructure and states: “Local planning authorities should work with other authorities to: assess the quality and capacity of infrastructure for water supply and wastewater and its treatment.....take account of the need for strategic infrastructure including nationally significant infrastructure within their areas.”</p> <p>The web based National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) published in March 2014 includes a section on ‘water supply, wastewater and water quality’ and sets out that Local Plans should be the focus for ensuring that investment plans of water and sewerage/wastewater companies align with</p>	<p>We will add such a Policy See amended Theme 1 policies on water and drainage</p>

development needs. The introduction to this section also sets out that “Adequate water and wastewater infrastructure is needed to support sustainable development” (Paragraph: 001, Reference ID: 34-001-20140306).

#### Specific Comments

Omission of a ‘Infrastructure and Utilities’ Policy: With the above points in mind it is important that developers demonstrate that at their development location adequate capacity exists both on and off the site to serve the development and that it would not lead to problems for existing users.

Given the possible scale of development in Bloxham Thames Water consider that there should be a section on ‘Infrastructure and Utilities’ in the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan which should make reference to the following: Developers need to consider the net increase in water and waste water demand to serve their developments and also any impact the development may have off site further down the network, if no/low water pressure and internal/external sewage flooding of property is to be avoided.

Developers will be required to demonstrate that there is adequate wastewater and water supply capacity both on and off the site to serve the development and that it would not lead to problems for existing or new users. In some circumstances it may be necessary for developers to fund studies to ascertain whether the proposed development will lead to overloading of existing wastewater and water infrastructure. We would therefore recommend that developers engage with Thames Water at the earliest opportunity to establish the following.

- The developments demand for water supply and network infrastructure both on and off site and can it be met
- The developments demand for sewage treatment and sewerage network infrastructure both on and off site and can it be met
- The surface water drainage requirements and flood risk of the area and down stream and can it be met.

Thames Water must also be consulted regarding proposals involving building over or close to a public sewer. If building over or close to a public sewer is agreed by Thames Water it will need to be regulated by an Agreement in order to protect the public sewer and/or apparatus in question. It may be possible for public sewers or water mains to be moved at a developer’s request so as to accommodate development in accordance with Section 185 of the Water Act 1989.

Further information for Developers on sewerage and water infrastructure can be found on Thames Water’s website at: <http://www.thameswater.co.uk/cps/rde/xchg/corp/hs.xsl/558.htm>  
Or contact can be made with Thames Water Developer Services: By post at: Thames Water Developer Services, Reading Mailroom, Rose Kiln Court, Rose Kiln Lane, Reading RG2 0BY;  
By telephone on: 0845 850 2777; Or by email: [developer.services@thameswater.co.uk](mailto:developer.services@thameswater.co.uk)

		<p>Example Policy: By way of an example of a strong policy, the Marsh Gibbon Neighbourhood Plan (located within the Local Authority of Aylesbury Vale) Section H on Infrastructure and Policy MG20 is the type of policy Thames Water would like to see adopted.</p> <p>Rationale: Developers need to consider the net increase in water and waste water demand to serve their developments and also any impact the development may have off site further down the network, if no/low water pressure and internal/external sewage flooding of property is to be avoided. Thames Water must also be consulted regarding proposals involving building over or close to a public sewer. Developers should engage with Thames Water at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>Policy MG 20: Water and Waste.: Developers will be required to demonstrate that there is adequate wastewater and water supply capacity both on and off the site to serve the development and that it would not lead to problems for existing or new users. It may be necessary for developers to fund studies to ascertain whether the proposed development will lead to overloading of existing wastewater and water infrastructure.</p>	
95	Susanna Howard	We need to protect our recreational areas	Noted See Theme 4 policies
96	OCC - Overall view	<p>Oxon CC Overall view A Vision for Bloxham Page 8, bullet 7 needs and 'Cherwell District Council' inserted after 'Oxfordshire County Council' as most of these services are provided by CDC. Policy HN Housing Need Draft policy HN seeks to limit housing provision to a further 20 dwellings in the plan period, to be achieved through infilling, conversions and minor development of 10 or less dwellings, mainly post 2025. This would be in addition to 225 extant permissions. The definition of minor development as '10 or less dwellings' overlaps with the national and local plan definition of major development which is 10 or more dwellings. This may lead to confusion on how any application for 10 dwellings is to be treated. The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) policy needs to be in general conformity with the adopted Cherwell Local Plan (CLP). The Inspector will decide whether:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-the total amount of housing allocated to the rural areas is sound;</li> <li>-there is sufficient guidance in the local plan on how the rural figure is to be distributed. The local plan proposes to leave identifying sites to the local plan part 2, neighbourhood plans or applications rather than an indicative distribution; and</li> <li>· whether village categorisation is right</li> </ul> <p>At the Cherwell Local Plan Examination in Public, Bloxham Parish Council submitted to the Inspector that Bloxham should be downgraded from a Category A to a Category C village where only infilling and conversions would be allowed. The draft NP policy HN does not propose to allocate additional</p>	<p>This section was repetitious and has been removed.</p> <p>Agreed minor is usually taken to mean &lt;10. We have removed this reference.</p> <p>We are not required to wait for the emerging Local Plan to be approved.</p>

sites but does allow for 'minor' development up to 20 homes.

There is no guarantee that the Inspector will accept CDC's approach in full so it is advisable not to finalise the submission version of the NP until the Inspector's report on the Cherwell Local Plan is available and it is clear how rural housing should be dealt with.

In the meantime there is reference to an application for 30 dwellings which would exceed the draft neighbourhood plan policy. Government has recently said that a neighbourhood plan should be a material consideration to which it gives weight, even at the draft stage.

#### Policy HA Appropriate Housing

OCC support the plan in principle in seeking to provide housing which would appeal to older people looking to downsize (HAb) and for developments over 5 dwellings to include some market lifetime homes (HAd) as both would provide choice in meeting the housing needs of the growing numbers of older people.

For developments where only outline permission has been granted, policy HA would provide some guidance to be taken into account at the detailed application stage.

Policy HAd would be more effective if it indicated a percentage of lifetime homes rather than 'some'.

#### Policy CT Provision for safe low-carbon travel

It is questionable whether it is realistic or sound for policy CTb to try to phase the additional 20 dwellings post 2025.

It is likely that some or all will be through applications for a single dwelling/conversion or a very small number of houses at a time.

This (TW) outline planning application was changed to 37 houses shortly after the pre-consultation but seems to have been withdrawn following an officers report recommending refusal.

Noted – support for downsize housing and dwellings meeting lifetime homes standards. Now contained in Theme 1 policies

We now indicate 20%.

We have removed the 2025 policy although note OCC education would welcome it!

Having an aspirational policy may have some influence on developer applications.

97 Ben Smith (OCC)  
Transport

#### Transport Strategy

Oxfordshire County Council note the Issues and Challenges relating to transport raised in paragraph 3.2, including:

- Avoid exacerbating traffic congestion by more effective off-street parking and safe cycle and walking routes.
- Encourage home working and micro and small businesses that avoid additional traffic problems and do not require large industrial style buildings.
- Should a need for additional retail provision arise during the course of this plan then sites away from existing traffic hot spots may be preferred.

· Strive to ensure additional development is matched by a proportionate improvement in our currently creaking infrastructure.

The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to ensure that Bloxham works with the County Council to “address challenges such as highways”; this is considered a positive statement.

Objectives relating to transport include:

1G. Build homes where they are less likely to exacerbate traffic congestion

2A. Encourage homes that facilitate home-working

2E. Address any emerging need for additional retail provision in High Street and Church Street in a manner that will minimise additional parking and traffic congestion problems and not detract from the historic and rural nature of our village

3A. Encourage safe low-carbon travel

These all appear to be reasonable objectives that would benefit the village.

Policies relating to transport include:

HAc – Appropriate Housing. Require new housing to offer adequate car-parking within the curtilage of the property and to meet the Lifetime Homes criteria (or its successor) with regard to width and access to the home.

Parking courts are not an acceptable alternative.

This policy is inconsistent with OCC’s adopted parking standards. Bloxham Parish Council will need to consider whether such requirements can be fully justified at the examination stage.

HT - Traffic Containment. Development that can demonstrate its location and design will not significantly exacerbate traffic congestion at the village centre or other traffic hot-spots (see map – Appendix 1) shall be encouraged.

This is considered a positive statement.

ELWa - Live-Work Accommodation. Proposals for new live-work development that combines living and small-scale employment space will be encouraged within the built up area, provided they:

- do not harm local residential amenity
- do not exacerbate traffic or parking impacts; and
- do not exacerbate flood risk.

EBA - Business Accommodation Proposals to develop B1 business uses of less than 150 square metres through new build, conversion or splitting up existing employment space shall be supported, provided they:

- do not lead to the loss of A1 shops or of community facilities;
- do not harm local residential amenity;
- do not exacerbate traffic or parking impacts; and
- do not exacerbate flood risk

We Note general support for transport objectives.

We note See also Pickles [planning update](#). See also the recent BNDP Sustainability Report. The amended plan under Theme 1 retains evidence based parking policies.

It is not clear what the aims of policies ELWa and EBA are in transport terms. If the aim is not to support proposals that exacerbate traffic or parking impacts, the Parish Council should consider whether this is compliant with National Planning Policy Framework para. 32, which states: “Development should only be prevented or refused on transport grounds where the residual cumulative impacts of development are severe.”

CT - Provision for safe low-carbon travel

All new development proposals shall be required to promote and improve new and existing networks of pedestrian paths and cycle routes by:

- a. Designing an environment that improves linkages between residential areas and services and facilities within the village
- b. Scheduling development after 2025 to reduce the likelihood of primary aged pupils having to travel to schools outside of the village
- c. Protecting and wherever possible extending public rights of way and where feasible taking opportunities to improve the footpath connectivity of the village as a whole.

Any mitigation contribution required of a development will need to be reasonable, but these appear to be positive aspirations from a transport perspective.

Bloxham Projects

Paragraph 7.2 raises some transport related issues. It states that:

“Bloxham is wrongly classified as urban by Oxfordshire County Council with regard to parking standards for new developments.”

The Parking Standards document was developed through an agreed methodology and confirmed by the Cabinet on the 19th of July 2011, at the conclusion of a lengthy public consultation and engagement process for common agreement across all districts (and the county). Amending this, even in a relatively ‘minor’ way would trigger a full revision and new public consultation. This would have a significant impact on resources and capacity. This work cannot be justified given that:

- The proposed change will not have a significant impact to the issue described above concerning planning applications. The key local policy document for determining planning applications is the district local plan.

The standards’ category (urban) for Bloxham is, in our professional opinion, appropriate to its character as a large village or ‘built-up’ area. This term should not be construed to indicate anything beyond a parking standard category which has been determined primarily through car ownership rates. It is not indicative of other traits for the village that may be associated with the word ‘urban’.

- The difference in the parking definitions between categories is marginal.
- Given the recent adoption of the standards, there has not been a significant change in circumstances warranting an early review.

It is important to note that the Parking Standards are not a binding document and are subject to

Noted. – The focus was upon roads in Bloxham that are demonstrably unsuitable for large vehicles and where their modification is impracticable.

We also note OCC have indicated that the mini roundabout on the A361 is at capacity at peak time now. Cumulative developments have *never* been assessed by OCC.

Note – we understand mitigation costs must be reasonable (and broadly in line with CDC Planning Obligations document.)

The OCC parking standards is a high-level document that would not be expected to apply universally. It doesn’t work for Bloxham and is exacerbated by the classification of Bloxham as urban - contrary to the DoT view which equally recently categorised us a rural.

On-street parking too often results

	<p>implementation by the district council as the planning authority. Ultimately, there are a number of influences that define the character of a new development of which this is only one.</p> <p>At bullet 3 on page 19 the inspector’s report needs to be fully referenced:  “A recent inspectors report stated it had granted housing permissions on the basis that OCC had said there was a solution for the issues relating to the Bloxham mini-roundabout.”</p> <p>At bullet 7 on page 19 the following should also be discussed with Oxfordshire County Council:</p> <p>“We will highlight to Cherwell D.C. that as a village we will if appropriate consider seeking developer contributions towards a proper cycle-path towards Banbury;”</p>	<p>in on-pavement driving which is a major source of stress and conflict especially but not exclusively on school routes where it promotes a “unsafe to walk anywhere” mentality.</p> <p>We note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the standards are not binding.</li> <li>- overwhelming resident support for deviating from them</li> <li>- Recent planning updates at central government level.</li> </ul> <p>We will add <a href="#">the reference to the inspector report</a>.</p>	
		Noted	
98	Michelle Charles	<p>Bloxham is a village and needs to stay that way. I can accept some minor development,(the odd single house here &amp; there),but too much will destroy this lovely village. I believe all green spaces should be left as just that, green space, where do families go to play if they become housing estates? The green space by us is used by families,dog walkers &amp; football teams regularly. More houses would mean more cars, more pollution, more accidents.</p>	<p>Noted:</p> <p>See Theme 2 policies on rural character.</p> <p>See Theme 4 policies on green-space</p> <p>See Theme 1 policies on housing numbers.</p>
99	Stephen Phipps	<p>Overall this is a good Plan for the future of the village. There has been too rapid an expansion of the village in recent years (far more than any other village in the north of the district) with housing. This Plan will enable the infrastructure to catch up. The traffic through the village A361 and Milton Road is now at over capacity and more housing would aggravate this. There is no capacity in or around the village for further housing above the 20 further dwellings incorporated in this plan. We already have a further 225 dwellings with current permissions and the suggested 20 will make this 245 dwellings in an already unsustainable village with flooding, traffic and infrastructure issues.</p> <p>HN, HA, HR and HC policies are particularly relative to Bloxham and need to be retained as part of the Plan to ensure the village is both protected in the future to retain its character and not have developments more associated with urban areas. Recent permissions have wrongly leaned towards urban rather than rural density which has /will put pressure on the infrastructure.</p> <p>Re HA (a) Bearing in mind the saturation of affordable housing in the village with recent developments or permission granted which has little local take up, consideration should be given to</p>	<p>Noted – especially mention of Milton Rd traffic, rural densities, general infrastructure capacity etc.</p> <p>Note Theme 2 policies on SuDS</p> <p>Building affordable housing elsewhere is contrary to CDC</p>



	<p>developers providing monies but not houses for affordable housing in other areas where there are good transport links and school spaces and where overall the locality is sustainable in real terms not a tick box.</p> <p>Re HC(b) Flooding is a key issue in Bloxham and the words "whenever appropriate" should be removed. This should be a standard in our village and across the country.</p> <p>CR(a)The words "In Principle" should be added as it is in the detail that this would ultimately be viable and acceptable e.g. finance,lighting.</p> <p>There should be an a condition that a joint-use agreement in perpetuity with the village be signed with preferential rates for the village groups and residents. The reason being that much of the monies for this would come from finance provided developments in the village past and future.</p> <p>CR(b) Bearing mind the new management committee and a new Project Committee for the Jubilee and the need to both expand and refurbish the hall the word "moderate" should be deleted as so not to restrict these committees to do the work needed to match the hall with the use of the park. Should the development of the church not take place the Jubilee hall will become more important to the village and expansion more important to accommodate the village needs.</p> <p>CSAll 5 areas represent recreational facilities or key areas of open space and unique areas which define the being and character of the village. The loss of these views or function would make the village indefinable. These are important areas to protect from housing developments at the heart of the village.</p>	<p>strategic policy</p> <p>This fits with advice from OCC drainage engineer. Will modify</p> <p>Note also support for Warriner pitch to be conditional.</p> <p>Note concern at "moderate" for the policy relating to the Jubilee Hall. It will be removed.</p> <p>Phase 1 of development of the church is still on track</p>	
100	Margaret Impey	<p>We need green spaces otherwise the village will be over run with concrete. We need areas where we can meet as a community. Also they must help a little with drainage..</p>	<p>Noted – especially need for open spaces IN the village. See Theme 2 and 4 policies.</p>
101	Kate Phipps	<p>There is nothing in the plan I can disagree with.</p> <p>There needs to be more provision in the Plan for dwellings suitable for older people wishing to downsize not wishing to go in to retirement homes/flats or first time buyer development houses. It is right we preserve all open spaces within the confines of the village and totally agree with the Local Green Spaces identified.</p>	<p>Noted – especially Theme 1 policies on downsize dwellings and Theme 2 and 4 policies on need for open spaces.</p>
102	Chris Cody	<p>The plan has been well thought out and explained and we agree with all recommendations. Bloxham has definitely had enough housing development and it can certainly take no more big estates. All new houses should be small and for first time buyers and of rural design.</p> <p>Improved mobile phone coverage should also be a priority.</p> <p>All the proposed green spaces should be kept and given 'green-belt' status as suggested.</p>	<p>Noted – see especially Theme 1 policies on size of developments. Theme 3 includes mobile coverage but in the last resort this is down to mobile operators and Ofcom. See Themes 2 and 4 on open spaces</p>
103	Emma Harris	<p>I think more houses in Bloxham is fab more and more younge families want Bloxham but can't</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

		afford the huge houses that are already there I myself are trying to get to Bloxham for the sake of my adhd son and so I can have my operation	See Theme 1 policies on housing numbers and Sustainability report for the background.
104	Dawn Petiss	OCC Economic Development No comment	Noted!
105	Nigel Holmes	OCC Extra Care Housing It is suggested that plans for new homes aim to meet the needs of older people wanting to down-size, and should construct 20% of new homes at level 3 wheelchair access standards. Plans to favour some of the above new homes to meet the needs of older people wanting to down-size are supported as is ambition to build 20% at level 3 wheelchair access standards.	Noted – especially the support for downsize homes with wheelchair access. See Theme 1 Policies
106	Richardram	OCC – Archaeology The submitted plan does not contain any reference to protecting the archaeological heritage of Bloxham. Section 6 highlights the need to protect the rural heritage and landscape in Housing policy HR, however this would appear to be concerned with protecting the rural character of the built environment. The introduction to this policy does state that ‘Housing development shall be encouraged to respect the local character and the historic and natural assets of the area’ but does not contain any detail policy to protect these historic assets of the area. We would therefore recommend that this section is amended to contain a policy for the protection and enhancement of the historic environment assets of the area both above ground and below ground in the form of archaeological sites and features as set out below. Policy HR – g – The Historic Environment: The parish’s designated historic heritage assets and their settings, both above and below ground including listed buildings, scheduled monuments and conservation areas will be conserved and enhanced for their historic significance and their important contribution to local distinctiveness, character and sense of place. Proposals for development that affect non-designated historic assets will be considered taking account of the scale of any harm or loss and the significance of the heritage asset as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2012)	Noted – especially the need for a policy to add a further layer of protection and enhancement of the historic environment assets of the area both above ground.  We have added a new Theme 2 policy on the conservation area and on preserving our rural, historic past. We have also published the BNDP summary of archaeological and Heritage data that has informed the plan.  Now included in Theme 1
107	Gordon Hunt	OCC Drainage All new housing and developments should be drained using sustainable methods.	We have amended the Theme 1 policy to ALL new housing should include SuDS
108	Barbara Chillman	OCC Education The County Council’s current position on primary school capacity in Bloxham is that Bloxham Primary School has been expanded to the full extent of its site capacity, and further population growth in the village is likely to mean that not all children who live within the catchment will be able to secure a	Noted – especially the short-medium term implications of further expansion upon primary

place at the school.

Housing already permitted is expected to mean that:

- Children moving in already of primary age are likely to have to travel to another school, with the consequent travel costs and inconvenience to parents;
- The school will have to turn away younger siblings of out-of-catchment children who were able to get in while local demand was lower, with the consequent loss of amenity to existing residents;
- In the smaller villages surrounding Bloxham, which have historically fed to Bloxham Primary School, it is likely that children will need to attend a different primary school, this being made possible by the expansion of that school. (In many cases these villages already lie within shared catchment areas for both schools.)

Further housing development in the short-medium term would bring a significant risk that even some children living within the village, applying on time for a school place, may not be able to secure a place at the school. This would be detrimental to community cohesion and sustainability.

On these grounds, the county council School Planning team would support the Neighbourhood Plan's policy on housing need, that only small scale further housing growth takes place in Bloxham in the short-medium term. This situation could change if a feasible and viable solution to expanding primary school capacity in the village could be provided. The school's current playing field is owned by the County Council, and should the school need to expand the County Council would work with the school and Diocese to identify options for growth, but such growth would be expected to require additional site area being provided for the school, adjacent to its current site. Moreover, to enable the school to grow in an increment that is supportive of effective and efficient provision of education, significant additional accommodation for the school would be required, and to fund this would require a substantial number of additional homes. It should also be noted that the school is already 2 form entry size, and there are no village schools larger than this in Oxfordshire.

The Neighbourhood Plan's objectives (section 5.2) include "3D. Secure primary school capacity which provides a place within the village for all children from Bloxham and our satellite neighbours". As Bloxham Primary School is not currently in a situation to expand in an acceptable manner, current plans for additional primary school capacity are focused on the surrounding schools at Hook Norton and Deddington and/or Adderbury. Due to the normal fluctuations in population, it is possible that in some years there may not be sufficient school places within Bloxham for all children from the satellite villages; it is also possible some Bloxham village children may not be able to secure a place, especially if they are late applicants. While the county council would endorse the objective, it notes that it may not be fully attainable, due to the constraints on school size.

As pressure on primary school places has increased in recent years, so can pressure on secondary school places be expected to increase in the next few years. The county council would welcome support in the Neighbourhood Plan for the expansion of The Warriner School in Bloxham

school places and the negative impact upon both sustainability and social cohesion.

See updated Theme 1 policy on school capacity.

Also noted – the primary school is already amongst the largest in Oxfordshire.

Also noted – lack of accommodation for children from satellite villages. I.e. Bloxham no longer has the capacity to be considered a service village at least in this respect.

We note the general request to support expansion of the Warriner School. There is a positive disposition to do so provided issues such as parking and traffic are addressed. We do not currently

			have enough detail to formulate a policy.
109	Nathan Travis	OCC Deputy Fire Chief - No Comment	Noted
110	Frankie Upton	OCC Waste Project Manager No comment	Noted
111	Tamsin Atley	<p>Key issues:  The Parish Council are advised to follow the advice on biodiversity in the Neighbourhood Planning Toolkit. The section on biodiversity starts on page 35 and can be found here.  The Parish Council may also find some useful information within the following publications:  – Communities &amp; Parish Guide to Biodiversity  – Biodiversity &amp; Planning Guide:  The District Council's ecologist may also have comments on the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>Noted  We have looked at these and feel much is already covered in the Local Plan. <b>Theme 2 now includes a policy on biodiversity and habitats.</b></p>
112	Raymond Guzenda	<p>In general I think the NP covers all areas that are of concern to residents, both at present and in the future, setting out a vision that will hopefully protect the 'rural heritage' of our village.  Some general points/comments:  RECREATION  1) Although we have both Jubilee and the Recreation ground as football pitches, in effect we only have Jubilee pitches during the Winter period due to flooding issues with the Recreation ground.   2) Is there a reason we don't highlight areas that could potentially be used for Sports or Recreation in the Plan?  THE SLADE  1) There is no mention of the Conservation area (The Slade) and how this could be improved for the village to use.  BUSINESS  1) Do we need to highlight the types of business we would like to attract to the village i.e a Bakers, another village shop etc? If congestion in the village centre is always going to be an issue, are there potentially other ends of the village where we could accommodate these new businesses?  TRAFFIC  1) Although the roundabout is mentioned as being 'not fit for purpose' and the school area is always congested with traffic at peak school run times, this hasn't seemed to deter developments so far. Are we able to add traffic figures to the plan to highlight how bad congestion is at peak times in these areas?  HOUSING  1) I feel it is extremely important to emphasise that any new developments must be in keeping with</p>	<p><u>Recreation</u>: We understand the problem. Unfortunately, investigation did not reveal any areas owned by the parish or likely to be affordable or gifted to it for recreation.  <u>The Slade</u> is in the process of transfer to the Parish and will become a designated green-space. under Theme 4 policies)  <u>Business</u>  This will be a commercial decision that will emerge once the impact of existing permissions is felt. See Theme 3 policies. There is reticence that new sites may make the High St unviable and urbanise the village edge.  <u>Traffic</u>  We have produced a Sustainability Report that attempts to explain this.</p>

	<p>Bloxham's 'Rural Heritage' and how much detail are we obliged to give in the NP in terms of the types of brick, window frames etc. Do we leave ourselves open to developers interpretations of what THEY feel is in-keeping with our 'Rural Heritage'?</p> <p>As mentioned in the beginning, this is a huge leap forward in allowing Bloxham residents to take more control of how their village grows in the future. The effort and time the Parish Council and Steering Committees have taken to get the NP to this stage - along with residents filling out questionnaires - shows just how committed we are in working together for Bloxham's future.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	<p><u>Housing</u></p> <p>The fact that the village already has a mix of building types makes detailed prescriptions difficult. Theme 2 policies seek to prevent cumulative urbanisation. The high level of community engagement is noted and appreciated.</p>	
113	Karen Hibbert	<p>I fully support the neighbourhood plan. The expansion over the last few years has been massive in proportion to the size of the village and risks destroying forever the character of the village. Amenities, schools and infrastructure cannot support continued expansion on such a large scale.</p>	<p>Noted. See especially Theme 2 policies on rural character and Theme 1 policy on primary school capacity</p>
114	Mary Groves	<p>I fully support the aims and objectives of the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan and have the following comments to make.</p> <p>1.Housing Need (HN2) Appropriate Housing (HA)</p> <p>Bloxham has been subject to a considerable amount of development as illustrated in the documents. Notwithstanding the large number of houses built, there has been a failure to supply good, high quality accommodation for people who wish to downsize and who wish to feel safe in their neighbourhood. I agree that in future there should only be minor developments in order to meet the above need, thus freeing larger existing properties for families.</p> <p>I agree that new homes should provide adequate parking as parking on pavements is commonplace on new estates where parking courts are far from homes. Vulnerable people of all ages undoubtedly feel unsafe if they are unable to park close to their homes.</p> <p>2.Traffic Containment (HT)</p> <p>Any proposals for new developments should take into account the traffic conditions. The A361 is already a busy and dangerous road, but due to significant development in Bloxham and Adderbury, the Milton Road is increasingly busy. The infrastructure in Bloxham needs to be improved considerably to support the growing population but developers seem to be able to get away with lip service with regard to their obligation to finance improvements to the road and transport network. Cycling is dangerous for young people in Bloxham and there is lack of connectivity from Milton Road/Barford Road to the centre of the village, with narrow pavements along the busy A361. Parts</p>	<p>Noted. See especially :</p> <p>Theme 1 policies – downsize housing</p> <p>Theme 1 policies on parking</p> <p>Noted – that the Milton Rd is increasingly busy as well as the A361</p> <p>Noted – poor low-carbon connectivity. See Theme 1 policy on this. See also Sustainability Report.</p>

of the village can certainly not be safely accessed by wheelchair. There are accidents waiting to happen.

#### 3.CT - Provision for Safe Low Carbon Travel

With current growth levels in the village there will not be enough places at the primary school for the coming 4-5 years. It is likely that a considerable number of children will need to be transported elsewhere for their education adding congestion to local roads at busy times. Further development in Bloxham should certainly not happen until this situation has resolved.

Noted – concern at no school places for young children. (In the questionnaire over 96% thought this should not be allowed to happen.) See Theme 1 policy on this.

#### 4. CR - Recreational facilities

I fully support the proposals for funding for projects allowing community joint use of the Warriner Sports facilities.

See Theme 4 policies on Warriner and on expansion of the Jubilee Hall.BL34

I also fully support the development of the Jubilee Hall and Park to match the growing recreational needs of the village. I note that all parts of the village have a park within a fifteen minute walk and I support the development of good common facilities, rather than ghetto like play areas on estates which could possibly discourage a sense of sharing and community within the village as a whole.

Noted – importance of communal play areas for community cohesion Included in projects section of plan

#### C5 - Local Green Space

I support the need to protect green spaces for the greater good of the village in collaboration with landowners. It is important that we maintain the major green spaces as part of the village heritage and for the common good.

Noted – see Themes 1 and 4 on protection of open spaces.

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I support the proposed document, but have some concerns that details are not thought out fully.

Bloxham should decide if it wants to be closer to Banbury with housing, or outer villages such as Milton, Milcombe and Lower Tadmerton, Barford StM. This question was not asked, but it may help shape decisions. My preference would be to extend away from Banbury, rather than closer to it.

Noted

After seeing many villages where gardens are in-filled by developers, I believe that having more properties built in existing plots does not work. It creates a town/city feel to a village and only helps line developers pockets, or residents who move on make some more money when they sell. Gardens should be protected unless there is a legitimate reason for development, e.g. garage or extension to existing building.

See new Theme 2 policy on gardens and Themes 2 and 4 on Open spaces

The main road between the Warriner school and Bloxham school is dangerous. Motorists speed along the road far too often and do not take into consideration 2 schools where pupils are of varying ages are often nearby. There needs to be some form of traffic control that reduces the speed of motorists and protects the children and makes the village a safer place to live.

Noted. This is more a matter for the PC and Oxon Highways than the BNDP.

The Warriner school needs improving too. There needs to be a better solution for children to be dropped off and picked up for school. The school should get permission to build better sporting facilities and buildings to educate our children.(Assuming it has the money, or perhaps the current developers can pay?)

If the Warriner seeks to expand then these are factors they will be expected to address under Theme 1 policies.

We should protect the farm land in the village from development, where it is used on a daily basis. The farms are what make a village, and without them, Bloxham will become a town very quickly. The plan should concentrate more on stopping farm land being sold to developers. The airfield or unused land is a better place to develop housing, rather than selling off farm fields for large housing development. Land should be categorised by the local council by its usage and then protected as much as possible.

Theme 2 See strengthened policies in Theme 1 on land and space. The MoD may have something to say about building on the "airfield" which would also exacerbate traffic issues at the mini-roundabout.

Infrastructure to support the current village should be understood before development is approved again. E.g. public transport, road safety, water & electricity supplies, capacity of schools and future growth. Having a developer build a small playground near some new houses will not improve the schools in the village or roads. It just makes money for developers who do not live in the area or have children in the schools or have to get the bus into Banbury.

Noted  
Transport seems likely to be cut. There are policies on all the rest of these infrastructure concerns.

Finally, this is the first village I have lived in where there appears to be an underdeveloped village hall (Jubilee park and near Co-Op) and central play area for children (Jubilee park) and teenagers. Most villages have invested in new playgrounds over the last 6 years, modern buildings with better facilities, land for recreation such as tennis clubs etc. Bloxham has a rundown play area and village hall in the park that appears to have had little investment in 50 years.

Noted See Theme 4 policy re Jubilee hall and projects on the recreational spaces.

116	Keith Janes	<p>HN1/2/3 Fully support  HR1-6 Fully support - all developments should respect the assets identified in CDC Bloxham Conservation Area Appraisal document - retention of views and open spaces.  HA - All family homes should have onsite parking for 2 cars as current expectations are that both parents will work and will require car transport for work as Bloxham has limited employment possibilities.  HC - Fully support  HT - Fully support  ELW/EBA/EEL - Fully support. Conversions of retail space to housing should be avoided. Population increase needs facilities; the converse has occurred in Bloxham, facilities lost with growth.  CT - a practical cycle route to Banbury is essential.  CR - Bloxham Football Club needs more pitches  CS - Fully support</p>	<p>Noted – see policies:  See Theme 2 new policy on conservation area.  See Theme 1 strengthened policy on parking spaces.</p> <p>See Theme 3 policy on employment land  See Theme 1 on connectivity and Theme 4 on sports areas</p>
117	David and Alison Stevens	<p>This is a very impressive document which covers, in our opinion, all the areas of concern to our village. We are concerned about the amount of building taking place and the pressure on the village and feel that this document will help to guard against any development that doesn't embrace the feeling of the village. It is a fair document. We would like to see plans for a larger village hall considering the increase in population but realise funding could be an issue.  Particular thanks to John Groves and the steering group for their hard work and clear vision in producing this plan.</p>	<p>Noted – see especially:  Theme 1 policies housing numbers  Theme 2 policies rural feel  Theme 4 policies Jubilee expansion</p>
118	COLIN ILOTT	Fully support the plan.	Noted
119	Anna Frazer	<p>Bloxham School needs the option to use it's own land for any necessary expansion. It is a lovely school with intentions to improve relationships with the local community. I can't imagine that any building in the future would be to the detriment of the village.  Any more development of the outskirts of the village should be frozen for at least five years to allow for any traffic improvements that might be possible.</p>	<p>We have amended the policies better to fit with the flexibility that the school has sought. See Comment 40</p>
120	Roy Townsend	<p>I completely support the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan . Produced by people people who know and care about our village.  Still greatly concerned that the government do not understand our local concerns and have the power to dismiss the things we care about.</p>	<p>Noted  Time will tell!</p>
121	Andrew McCallum (CPRE Banbury)	<p>As you know we discussed this at our committee meeting last night; thank you again for allowing us this short agreed extension to the closing date to allow this. Here is our response.  Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan Public Consultation: Response from CPRE Oxfordshire (Banbury District.)  Villages all have their defining characteristics; in Bloxham these are very clear and distinctive. Most</p>	



people arriving in Bloxham for the first time and indeed most arrivals would be from Banbury. Arriving this way the first feature that defines Bloxham is Bloxham School with its fine, prominent buildings ahead of you with the great open space of its playing fields on the left. Few other villages have such a “statement” of arrival.

Then, on descending the hill, the next distinctive set of features is the area around the bridge with the Red Lion, which would make an excellent community centre, on your left, with its garden area and the range of old properties beyond the bridge on the left, the bridge itself and concluding with the front elevation of Tony Baldry’s house facing you.

Above all of this dominates the superb spire of the parish church (along with Adderbury and Kings Sutton one of the finest in north Oxfordshire) which with its grace and height is a marker of the heart of Bloxham. These are the features which make Bloxham a distinctive village with its unique character area the essence of which is worthy of preservation. Another area of the village worth noting is the old main road that pre-dates the existing one with many distinctive cottages on what is now a quiet and pleasant lane.

We note a number of green spaces highlighted in the plan but are averse to attempting to “rank” these; suffice to say that all are important to the vibrancy and health of the community although we are of the view that the school playing fields should be regarded as sacrosanct. Put simply; future generations of children will need them.

We are only too well aware of the rate of recent housing developments in the village which has been considerable and are of the view that with the present schemes completed the time has come to ease off the rate of development and to take stock of the village’s growth for a while.

One subject which we feel should be incorporated in the plan is that of public transport which seems not to be covered. Even with the present growth, let alone any more, in order to ease traffic congestion on the Bloxham – Banbury road we feel a more frequent bus service is desired. When a service is only hourly as at present it deters potential users due to the inflexibility in planning their journey. A half hourly frequency is far more attractive and itself would encourage more use. In particular attracting passengers onto buses at the peak morning and evening times would reduce congestion. The growing number of young residents would benefit from better bus services including later evening services as they will, inevitably, wish to go out to Banbury for their evening entertainment. The present service does not allow youngsters who do not yet drive to enjoy an evening out in Banbury independently of a parent or other lift provider. A growing number of older residents would also benefit such as those who have given up driving or have given up driving after dark. We believe there is a precedent for this as we understand that plans are afoot to double the frequency of buses between Banbury and Deddington via Adderbury as a result of housing growth with developer funding for an additional bus which would operate hourly to those villages to give a half hourly service combined with the existing hourly Oxford route. By the same arrangement a

Note the importance of Bloxham School visual impact. See revised Theme 2 policies

Note importance of the Red Lion gardens and surrounding character area. See Theme 2 and 4 policies

See revised Theme 2 policies on importance of the church as a village marker

Note the importance of the Bloxham School area again

Noted – rate of recent development. See Sustainability Report for more detail

Note – inadequate bus service that it seems is about to get worse.

Banbury – Bloxham hourly service could be overlaid on the existing Chipping Norton service. This response is brief for the simple reason that we consider the plan to be a well executed and comprehensive document, well researched which we support and endorse. Clearly a lot of effort has gone into its preparation and it is hard to find fault with it!

122 Jenny Yates

Response to consultation on Bloxham Neighbourhood development Plan

The document provided for consultation is substantiated by robust evidence and this should be featured within the text of the Final Plan submitted for Examination. Below are issues that I would welcome being considered by the steering group:

Renaming of Policies to enable greater ease of use.

The following are some main points that I wish to raise:-

1. Village boundaries:

Cherwell District Council (CDC) in the Submitted Local Plan (SLP) have not submitted evidence of the establishment of settlement or built up boundaries for villages, it is therefore important for the BNDP to show areas where boundaries should be protected to prevent coalescence of villages; for example on the Milton Road, as developments continue to be proposed in both Adderbury and Bloxham then Milton risks losing its identity. There should be a statement to not support further ribbon development.

2. Policy HT Traffic Hotspots: Policy **The Milton Road** is not shown as a traffic hotspot, this should be remedied. Due to the recent developments on this road, the increase in minor traffic incidents has increased. The road is also subject to repeated traffic flow constraints arising from Thames Water remedial works, to repair the existing pipe work that is proving unable/unsuitable to cope with the additional strain imposed on the system by the need to maintain a supply to present developments.

3. Policy HC Sustainable Development: Bloxham's Neighbourhood Plan needs to build on Cherwell District Council's Submitted Local Plan part 1. Policy ESD 2; by only supporting developments if they comply with the Energy Hierarchy and seek to reduce energy use, by utilizing ground sourced heating, grey water reuse, low energy, timed street lighting. If pumped drainage solutions are required for any development then this should only be supported if it can be shown that there is resilience in this provision by the use of a backup generator. Agree that all developments should be supported by sustainable Drainage Strategies.

As waste water is a major issue in Bloxham possibly a Policy on Infrastructure covering waste water, could be added stating that

"Developers need to consider the net increase in water and waste water demand to serve their developments and also any impact the development may have off-site, further down the network. If no/low water pressure and internal/external sewage flooding of property is to be avoided, Thames Water must also be consulted regarding proposals involving building over or close to a public sewer. Developers should engage with Thames Water at the earliest opportunity".

Noted:

Noted – The Milton Rd junction is shown as traffic hotspot but others too have noted increasing traffic along the length.

Noted – ongoing problems with water main to Bloxham. See Theme 1 policy on this

Noted – but see [reduced energy obligations for small developments](#). Have left this to the Local Plan.

**Sustainable drainage policy strengthened as per OCC comment.**

**Water policy amended as per Thames Water comments.**

Possible Policy: Water and Waste.

“Developers will be required to demonstrate that there is adequate wastewater and Water supply capacity both on and off the site to serve the development and that it would not lead to problems for existing or new users. It may be necessary for developers to fund studies to ascertain whether the proposed development will lead to overloading of existing wastewater and water infrastructure, prior to approval of the development.”

4. Policy HN Sustainable Communities:

BNDP needs to build on CDC’s SLP Policy BSC1 B89b;

“Cherwell District Council recognises that there is a possibility that Oxford may not be able to accommodate the whole of its new housing requirement for the 2011-2031 period within its administrative boundary. The urban capacity of Oxford is as yet unknown and untested but is the subject of on-going work.” Taking this as a reference there is no proven evidence that of the 750 dwellings divided between Category A and B villages (i.e. 35 villages.), noted in the Submitted Local Plan, that Bloxham would be required to accommodate any additional development other than the figure of 20 additional dwellings shown in the BNDP. BNDP needs to show clearly the amount of development since 2005 both built and approved. The plan also needs to show the amount of windfall approvals granted for this period of time and the amount of development given approval since the cut off date of March 2014. It is time that the “open season” on Bloxham was shown as speculative development that cannot be supported by the present infrastructure.

Infill could greater emphasis be placed on infill housing e.g. New homes on infill sites will be permitted where the proposal respects their immediate environments and their design maintains and contributes to local distinctiveness. Where the development comprises more than three units the homes should be grouped to allow a small landscaped area for use by the development residents whilst maintaining the privacy of the houses.

5. Policy HR BNDP needs to build on the CDC SLP Policies for Our villages and Rural Areas; C214

- “- whether best and most versatile agricultural land could be avoided
- whether significant adverse landscape and impacts could be avoided”

The visual landmarks that create the identity of Bloxham should be protected, such as the open aspect in front of Bloxham School, designated in this plan as a green space.

The visual aspect of this area of land provides not only a showcase of a classical building that looks beautiful in its surroundings it also enhances this area of Bloxham, but as a cricket pitch used by Bloxham School it has a significance for many residents and I am sure both current and former pupils of Bloxham School are aware of its impact. Residents enjoy the view of the buildings when walking on the Public Right of Way that runs through this area. To retain this would be in line with both The National Planning Policy Guidance (the Guidance) states “that land could be considered for designation even if there is no public access (e.g. green areas which are valued because of their

Noted – In the pre-pub plan we didn’t mention the 85 already permitted houses that can be legitimately counted. Because of the confusion (real or otherwise!) we have included this as a Theme 1 policy. See revised policy See also the greater detail now contained in the Sustainability Report.

See new Theme 2 policy on garden development

We have revised policies to protect the visual impact whilst leaving the school flexibility for appropriate further development.

wildlife, historic significance and/or beauty)”, and with the NPPF.

Two recent approvals for developments in Bloxham have allocated tracts of green land for community use, as these areas were a major consideration in the granting of approval, these need to be shown as “Green spaces” to enable them to be retained as such.

Footpaths. The visual aspects from foot paths throughout the village and the surrounding fields need to be afforded protection and the BNDP needs to show only support for development that do not detract from such paths, or seek to change their outlook.

6. Policy HR BNDP needs to build on CDC SLP C214 and C227, especially the following points:

- if the necessary infrastructure could be provided locally.
- whether land considered for allocation is deliverable now or whether there is a reasonable prospect that it could be developed within the plan period or within the next five years. Recent applications have failed to meet the time scales set and yet have been renewed.
- Whether the development would have an adverse impact on the flood risk.
- Avoid significant environmental harm,
- Support the Neighbourhood Planning process.

7. Policy HAc that, there should only be support for developments that show adequate car parking within the curtilage of the dwelling. If this should prove to be a stumbling block then appropriate wording could be :-

New homes with one or two bedrooms should be provided with at least two car spaces on their plot. For new homes with three or more bedrooms each property should be provided with at least three car spaces on their plot. Where it is difficult to meet all the parking requirements on plot, for example proposals for terraced housing with narrow frontages, additional parking in bays or service roads in front of the properties will be considered acceptable to help meet the parking standards – providing they are built to "Secured by Design" standards and are clearly visible from the properties they serve.

The use of parking courts do not appear to be working in the village causing owners to park their vehicles on pavements, thereby blocking them for pushchair/wheelchair access, or parking on the road narrowing the width so as not allowing vehicle to pass safely. Minimum road widths on new developments are not suitable for the passage of refuse vehicles if vehicles are parked. This issue should be positively addressed/assessed for CDC Local Plan part 2.

8. Conservation Area: There needs to be an additional section and Policy covering the existing and future development in the Conservation Area of Bloxham.

9. Archaeology: There needs to be an additional section and policies covering the archaeology aspects of Bloxham together with protection of the surrounding Ridge and furrow fields.

10. Hedgerows: Would appreciate a section/ Policy for Greater definition given to the Enhancing, Protecting and Provision of new Natural Environment Habitats, Trees and Hedgerows;- Proposals

See pre-text to policy BL12

E.g. We will seek to include the country park and part of the Milton Rd site included in Policy BL1.

See new Theme 1 policy on space and views

See revised parking policies following recent pronouncements from SoS [Pickles](#)

See new Theme 2 policies on conservation area.

		<p>which are accompanied by a Tree and Hedgerow Survey will be supported when the designs demonstrate sympathetic development around trees of high or moderate quality in accordance with current BS5837 national best practice. Proposals will be supported that are landscaped and include planting trees that respect the local distinctive landscape character and the proposed development. Proposals will be supported that can demonstrate net gain in biodiversity in accordance with the DEFRA Biodiversity Impact Calculator.</p> <p>11. The Slade should the BNDP make reference to the Slade as a valuable Nature Reserve that the Parish Council are seeking to take responsibility for from OCC?</p>	<p>Much of this is already within the Local Plan and associated documents.</p> <p>See Theme 4 policy making the Slade a Local Green Space.</p>
123	sheila bailey	I support bloxham plan	Noted
124	david bailey	I support the bloxham plan	Noted
125	geoff Cox	I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to all of those people who have been involved in the preparation of this comprehensive document. A very considerable amount of work has been involved and the result, in my view, appears to properly reflect the way forward for our village.	Noted
126	Andrew Lester	I Fully support the plan	Noted
127	John Braithwaite	<p>South Newington Parish Council (SNPC) congratulates Bloxham on embarking on the neighbourhood planning process and producing a draft plan and wishes the village success with the remaining stages.</p> <p>SNPC trusts the notes below on the draft plan (Version 5.00) will be helpful. The paragraph numbers of the draft are used as reference.</p> <p>2.3. To Chipping Norton – The OCC ‘Oxfordshire Lorry Routes’ booklet published in February 2012 designates the A361 as a ‘Link to smaller towns’, it should not be used by long distance HGV traffic. Although the reference to the difficulties in South Newington is welcome it might be more advantageous to make a separate reference to the HGV issue and give the difficulties in Bloxham and South Newington as specific examples of the problems created by inappropriate use of the A361.</p> <p>There are as many bus services to Chipping Norton as to Banbury apart from one morning service terminating in Bloxham and a late evening service terminating at Milcombe. Having different comments in adjoining paragraphs about bus services to Banbury and to Chipping Norton therefore seems inappropriate.</p> <p>2.4. The Character of the Village – An important aspect of Bloxham is its role as a hub for services to the surrounding villages – primary and secondary schools, doctors and dentists, shops, post office, etc. Development within the village that overloads these services and makes them unavailable to the satellite villages will have an adverse effect on the sustainability of these villages as well as</p>	<p>This is now set out explicitly in the Sustainability Report</p> <p>This section has now been amended. (We note the level of this service is likely to be cut!)</p> <p>Noted – The negative impact of over-development of Bloxham on sustainability of satellite villages.</p>

Bloxham itself. South Newington would like to see more emphasis placed on the importance of Bloxham's hub role and the effects of unbalanced development upon it.

Whilst Bloxham is on the Cotswold-edge its character and the appearance of the older buildings has more in common with other ironstone villages than those commonly thought of as 'Cotswold'. Suggest this is made clear because it potentially has an important influence on the buildings design and building materials considered appropriate.

Noted – with thanks and we have now changed the description.

4.1, 6th bullet – SNPC would like to see a stronger statement about the problem of parking and road congestion by the shops in the centre of the village. (Compare with 5.2, Objective 2E and Policy ERF.)

See Theme 1 policies on parking and Theme 3 on retail – but no real solution!

#### 6. Our policies

HN Contextual information, last bullet – Please also mention lack of space for children of satellite villages.

Noted

HT – “shall be encouraged” seems to be in contradiction to policy HN to limit development to only 20 more dwellings in the plan period. Would it be more appropriate to say something like “will be more favourably considered”?

We have amended Theme 1 housing number policy wording.

This will be fact but is an Oxon CC decision rather than a BNDP one.

CTb – Could provision for children from satellite villages (South Newington, Milcombe and Milton), for which Bloxham provides the nearest primary school, also be mentioned?

#### 7. Bloxham projects

Oxfordshire CC and Cherwell DC, 1st bullet - Could provision for children from satellite villages (South Newington, Milcombe and Milton), for which Bloxham provides the nearest primary school, also be mentioned?

Projects no longer contains mention of schools.

Cherwell DC, 5th bullet – Should reinstatement of the bridge in Old Bridge Road (presumably an OCC responsibility) be mentioned in the context of Red Lion Gardens and it uses?

The reluctance of OCC to repair a key route in the heart of the conservation area over a period of 3 years is deeply felt – but cannot be incorporated into a planning policy.

128	Melanie Rayner	<p>I agree with the whole concept of the plan, particularly HN1-3, HR1-4, HA 1-4 and HC 1-3. Bloxham is a rural Village and any increase in housing should be designed to keep it as such, and not turn it into a small town. There are few villages in North Oxfordshire that are escaping development, but Bloxham has had way more than it's fair share already, and the village is being violated and abused by developers, who totally ignore the views of those living here, because they know it is a lovely place to live, and houses will sell at a high price. The village cannot support the large scale developments, and whilst we accept that we will have to have some development, it is time that the village should have a say in how this is implemented, and hopefully this Neighbourhood Plan will enable this to happen.</p>	Noted – support for BNDP policies.
129	Robert.Lloyd-Sweet (English Heritage)	<p>English Heritage: Thank you for your e-mail and letter of 8th January inviting English Heritage to comment on the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan Policies. Before we set out our detailed comments on the Report, we have a couple of general comments.</p> <p>The nature of the locally-led neighbourhood plan process is that the community itself should determine its own agenda based on the issues about which it is concerned. At the same time, as a national organisation able increasingly to draw upon our experiences of neighbourhood planning exercises across the country, our input can help communities reflect upon the special (heritage) qualities which define their area to best achieve aims and objectives for the historic environment. To this end information on our website might be of assistance <a href="http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/get-involved/improving-your-neighbourhood/">http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/get-involved/improving-your-neighbourhood/</a>. I have also appended a list of sources of guidance on considering the historic environment, including a number of self-help tools for communities, which you may find helpful to consult.</p> <p>We appreciate the level of detail that has been provided on the village's historical context and resultant townscape (or perhaps more accurately 'village-scape') character, including the identification of a number of key positive features of the conservation area. The Council's conservation area appraisal was prepared in 2007 and provides an important resource for understanding the character of the conservation area, which would be relevant evidence for the Parish Council to consider in preparing the plan. We recommend ensuring that the policy in the neighbourhood plan refers to the Council's conservation area appraisal as a material consideration in determining planning applications and to require proposals for new development to demonstrate how the area's positive character features identified in the appraisal have been protected in its design.</p> <p>The preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan also provides an opportunity for the community to review the conservation area appraisal to determine whether it continues to provide a suitable basis for decision-making in the conservation area. This might include reviewing whether the issues identified previously are still the most pressing, or whether these have been resolved or new issues have arisen. The community may also use the neighbourhood plan to identify any potential changes to the</p>	Noted – See new Theme 2 policies on conservation area
			Noted

area covered by the designation, which they wish the Council to consider. We note that the document presently expresses the community's dissatisfaction with the impact some recent development has had on the character of the village and the conservation area. It would be helpful as a guide to the suitability of future development proposals for the evidence base of the plan to include a critical review of these recent developments to identify specifically what features (e.g. the materials, massing, scale, placement or spacing of buildings, green environment, or mixture of hard and planted surfaces, etc.) detract from the character of the conservation area. This could also be used to develop guidelines for new development, including identifying design features that these should include in order to be considered suitable, which may then be expressed as part of the plan's policies.

We note a number of spaces identified as potential local green spaces. One of the criteria that may justify the designation of local green space is that it should have a local historic significance, we recommend clearly identifying any historic significance these spaces may have for the community in order to provide a robust justification for their designation?

Cherwell District Council has recently embarked on a programme of local listing of historic buildings and other heritage assets of local significance, including publishing criteria by which these will be chosen. Preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan provides an important opportunity to identify any features that the community consider meet these criteria, and indeed to provide policies to ensure they are given proper consideration in planning decisions. We would recommend considering local listing for key historic buildings and places that make an important contribution to the character of the Parish but have not met the criteria for national designations such as listed buildings and scheduled monuments in the past.

We have noted that many Neighbourhood Plans in their early preparation overlook the presence of archaeological remains of interest within the area covered. Exploring opportunities to reveal more of the area's past through projects such as development of Parish history trails can contribute to the sense of identify of the community as well as providing opportunities for local businesses, including public houses and village shops. The County Historic Environment Record (maintained by the County Council) provides an accessible resource of information about previously recorded archaeological finds and remains within the parish, which you may wish to consult.

I hope these points are of assistance in drafting the plan but would be pleased to answer any queries they may raise or to provide any further information that may be available from English Heritage.

We have strengthened Theme 2 policies on rural character.

Noted

Noted – We have updated and published the BNDP Archaeology and Heritage assets document using your recommended resource (amongst others.) An addition we would seek is the Red Lion Garden for which details have already been provided to CDC as a heritage asset.

Theme 2 does set out in more detail the importance of preserving out historic rural character.

130 Mr & Mrs C Simms

Policy HR 1b

Agree strongly with this statement. Bloxham is a lovely village with some beautiful homes. We need to make sure this generation leave its own legacy of homes that we can be proud of and not the bog standard red brick thin walled houses that are all over the country.

Noted: See especially Theme 2 policies on village character



Policy HRd

Take out 110 litres. Leave it as 'Housing shall be designed for maximum person/day water usage as set out in the Code for sustainable homes Level 3 or its successor' – This will leave it flexible to adapt to Central Gov Policy changes

CSH has bitten the dust I'm afraid but can quote the 2015 version of [Building Regs Doc G](#) on water efficiency or its successor

Policy CR

Why is this policy only seeking contribution towards 'pitch spaces'? Recreation is a lot more than just football. Football is only played by a very small proportion of the village and I would suggest the existing facilities are mainly used by residents from Banbury and the wider areas as well as Bloxham. The Community Policy should be widened to include all the recreation facilities the village needs to ensure a happy, healthy and cohesive community.

A NP focus has been on what residents have told us they want.

As well as pitches this policy should seek new developments to contribute to Play provision on 'whole village areas' rather than small on site play equipment. This provision should be for all ages of the community, from the very young, teenagers, and older community members

Noted  
This appears in the Projects section of the plan.

Allotments

The recreation and leisure facilities report from Nov 2014 shows a real deficit in play space and allotments and a growing shortage of cemetery provision. This really needs to be highlighted and addressed within the Neighbourhood Plan

There are agreed criteria (planning obligations) for the size of development that prompt developer funding and this plan does not advocate enough houses for some of the above. (e.g. allotments.)

Policy CRb

Please remove the word 'moderate' from this policy. This word can be interpreted in many different ways and is therefore not appropriate in this policy. The New Management Committee at the Jubilee are currently looking at the future of the hall and this word is too restrictive to any future plans. The hall has been overlooked in recent years and with all the development in the village, the hall and play space now needs to be looked at and improved to make it 'fit for purpose' facility for a village of this size.

Noted – moderate has been removed from the Theme 4 policy on recreation.

The evidence for 3B in relation to 1 in 5 think Bloxham can support an additional venue may need to be revisited as there was a reference in the original questionnaire to the church becoming a community space. This may be a cause of confusion, and if this doesn't happen many people may

Phase 1 of the church development is reportedly going ahead.

	<p>have responded differently.</p> <p>Policy Cs What are 'very special circumstances'? This should be clarified. Selling a piece of land for £1million for housing could be considered 'very special' by the landowner.</p> <p>Policy CS1 Please amend the boundary of green space at Jubilee Park. We support the pitches being designated as protected green space but any future plans of the Jubilee should not be restricted by designating the area around the pitches as Green space.</p> <p>Other areas. We would like to see a policy to look at the traffic/parking problems outside the shops including construction of a layby or similar. If this was to be addressed it would stop that road becoming a single carriageway at key times of the day when cars cannot pass quickly and would resolve overnight the traffic problems that occur in this area and have a knock on effect all the way to the Milton mini-roundabout.</p> <p>On your question below we have ticked no for protecting the Rec. This is because as the Rec currently stands, it is not a great facility for anyone. The play equipment is substandard and ancient, and the field is only really used by footballers and dog walkers.</p> <p>It could be a great facility for all the village, with football and cricket pitches, tennis courts, wildlife areas and a play space for all ages. If it had all these then it would be worth protecting.</p>	<p>See reworded Theme 3 policy on this.</p> <p>Public support was <b>not</b> just for the pitches but for the park in general but we will leave space around the Jubilee Hall.</p> <p>Noted. We agree with the aim but no practicable solution has been forthcoming in the absence of more land for parking.</p> <p>Noted and understood but attempts to identify any better alternative have failed. The PC and Rec Trustees are currently addressing the poor level and quality of equipment.</p>	
131	Roger & Susan ANowell	<p>An excellent plan; a skilful, distillation of a great many views. opinions and thousands of hours discussion.</p> <p>We are in total agreement with the plan and will support it in full</p>	Noted
132	Nick Rayner	<p>I have lived in this beautiful Oxfordshire village for over 25 years, and up until the last few years it had grown at appropriate levels and in line with what is sustainable. Over the last 3 years or so the level of speculative and wholly inappropriate developments has blighted our village. We are a rural community, but increasingly we are running the risk of becoming a suburb of Banbury not a separate village. I appreciate we need to develop local housing, but there are far more appropriate sites in the</p>	<p>Noted : We have produced a Sustainability Report that sets out much of this..</p>

	<p>region particularly some of the brown field locations. Bloxham is not a sustainable village on almost any front, our infrastructure and services are already stretched to breaking. The village has had more than its fair share of ad hoc speculative developments, and it needs to stop. Hopefully our NDP will help this process.</p> <p>Local development tends to be one of the main topics of concern in any local meetings or gatherings. Therefore I am fully supportive of the development and contents of our Bloxham NDP. Policies HN 1,2, and 3 are reasonable "rules" for any potential future small developments, particularly given the very high levels of recent years. Any developments should be strictly in line with the look and feel of a rural village environment (HR1), not outside any of the approved (planning consent given) development locations (as at Feb 2015), and supportive of our farming and rural heritage. All our green belt and farming lands should stay as that, Green Belt. It's what makes Bloxham different, and keeps us a village not a suburb.</p> <p>The BNDP has been a great catalyst for our village and the whole team led by John must be congratulated on an excellent piece of work. I really hope the local wishes, wants and needs that these locally developed plans were intended to convey and deliver within the national planning frameworks, are adhered to, and accorded appropriate gravitas by the Westminster politicians. We will see.</p>	<p>Noted – see especially policies BL3, BL13 etc on infrastructure.</p> <p>See new Theme 2 policies on rural character See Theme 2 and 4 policies on 1 on space, views and recreation.</p>	
133	Mr & Mrs Hill	<p>Firstly, we would like to thank all those involved for giving up their time to produce this important document.</p> <p>We agree with the policies in the plan.</p> <p>Whilst we understand that Bloxham should take on new dwellings, this shouldn't be to the detriment of existing residents of the village. We agree with policy HN1 in particular as we feel that the village could not sustain another large development.</p>	<p>Noted – See Theme 1 policy on regard for existing residents</p>
134	Estelle Cotton	Please see below. (Provided info about agreeing with LGS proposals)	Noted
135	Peter Piddock	<p>We strongly feel that Bloxham has reached its optimum in housing provision, and that any further development will endanger the nature of the village and put an undue strain on the infrastructure</p> <p><b>*We include this entry although it arrived beyond the published deadline*</b></p>	<p>Noted: See recent Sustainability Report on village infrastructure.</p>
136	Rupert Kipping	<p>The infrastructure of Bloxham will not support any additional housing especially the roads; if any is planned it is important that it is of a similar standard and character to adjacent properties.</p> <p>There is a need for a communal hall seating about 200 people similar to that of Kings Sutton. I would like to see the Ex-servicemens Hall, Ellen Hinde Hall, Jubilee Park and the Baptist Church join together to build a new facility incorporating the different needs of each Charity for the mutual benefit of each and also the community.</p> <p>The 'commercial centre' is too congested causing constant traffic problems and we need a long term vision for the future.</p> <p><b>*We include this entry although it arrived beyond the published deadline*</b></p>	<p>See Sustainability Report on infrastructure.</p> <p>Noted - but - In the absence of positive suggestions of sources of land or funding for this scale of Community Hall we are unable to formulate policies upon it.</p>

137	Peter James Philip Barwell	<p>You make no note about Bloxham School being the largest business in Bloxham. This is a great asset to the Village.</p> <p>I think that it is quite wrong to create a permanent open space on their fields. You are preventing them from even building a pavilion on their own land in the future. We should protect the other parts of the village from further businesses</p>	<p>We have amended policies to give Bloxham School more scope for development. Please see response to comment 40.</p>		
<p><b>*We include this entry although it arrived beyond the published deadline*</b></p>		138	H Sanderson	<p>New play grounds needed. What is the 106 money going to be used for.</p> <p>Why designate Bloxham School playing fields as green areas when the school may need them to expand. Trust them to do the right thing given that they provide so much for the village free of charge. Designate the footpath over hob hip a green area.</p>	<p>The PC and Recreation Ground Trust are working on a whole village strategy to upgrade the playgrounds - See projects section.</p>
<p><b>*We include this entry although it arrived beyond the published deadline*</b></p>		<p>Noted – Please see response to comment 40 on Bloxham School land.</p>	<p>We have sought to protect the views from the footpath to Hobb Hill</p>		
139	Environment Agency	<p>Apologies, if there was any missed communications. From looking at the Neighbourhood Plan it appears that the development being proposed through the plan period is minimal (20 Dwellings). As such we would not have any significant concerns with what is proposed. Any foul drainage capacity issues could be dealt with at the application phase through upgrades to existing mains drainage infrastructure or other foul drainage solutions such as package treatment plants. We would also expect any development allocation to follow the principles of the NPPF and Cherwell Local Plan. We would not support development in Flood Zone 2 or 3 and any development within 8m of the main rivers. Thanks,</p>	<p>Noted See Theme 1 policies on flooding and drainage.</p>		
140	Cherwell District Council	<p>Thank you for consulting the District Council on your pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan and for allowing a few extra days for this response. The Council supports collaborative working with Bloxham Parish Council in order to facilitate the progression of the Neighbourhood Plan (BNP). The progress being made by the Parish Council is welcomed.</p> <p>The following officer comments are provided further to the recent meetings held on 29 January and 12 February to assist the Parish Council in completing the Plan and securing its final approval. A number of general comments are provided followed by more specific observations. The comments are not intended to be critical but to help the Parish take the Plan forward. They are also made</p>			

without prejudice to other observations that may be made at the next stage of the Plan.

#### General Comments

1. Bloxham village has experienced significant growth in recent years. The aspiration of the Parish Council to seek to control and influence the development that takes place in the village is understood. Many of the Plan's overall objectives are supported.
2. It is evident from the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan website (<http://bloxhamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk>), and from recent meetings, that a great amount of time and work has been committed to preparing the Plan. The 'Working Group Reports' are particularly comprehensive and the significant efforts of Parish Council and others involved in producing the Plan are noted. The issues which the Parish Council is seeking to address in the Plan are clearly supported by a significant amount of research.
3. In the context of the amount of supporting information the Parish Council has gathered, the Plan's accessibility and brevity is to be commended.
4. It is considered that the Plan could be further improved through the use of clearer section breaks and the use of appendices for the presentation of contextual and other supporting information. This might include, for example, an appendix on the historic development of the village. In view of the amount of work that has been undertaken, a section on evidence gathering within the main body of the Plan may be helpful with cross-references to supporting documents.
5. To assist public understanding, it is suggested that explanation be provided of the current Development Plan context in Cherwell (current and emerging), specifically the relationship between the Neighbourhood Plan, the saved policies of the adopted Local Plan 1996 and the emerging Local Plan. A policy context section may help the lay-reader and could make brief reference to national policy and guidance.
6. It may be helpful to include some reference to the requirements of national policy in relation to neighbourhood plans as set out in paragraphs 183-185 of the NPPF. A neighbourhood plan should support the strategic development needs set out in the Local Plan, and plan positively to support local development. It is important to minimise any conflicts between policies in the Neighbourhood Plan and those in the emerging Local Plan.
7. In completing the Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council will I'm sure be mindful of the

Noted – we have tried to distil some of this content into a sustainability report.

We have revised the section layout. We have kept the historical section where it was as preserving and enhancing the rural historic character is a very major element of the plan

We have added boxes trying to clarify the relationship to the NPPF and the Local plan prior to each group of policies.

Noted: we have been constantly mindful of the need to try and keep up with the emerging Local Plan

We will proceed with a view to meeting the requirements of both

potential timetable for the completion and adoption of the new Local Plan. You will be aware that the Inspector's report is expected in Spring 2015 which would potentially enable the Plan to be adopted in the Summer, if found to be 'sound'. The Neighbourhood Plan would benefit from updating in places to reflect the latest position on the new Local Plan, the modifications and the examination hearings. It is of course a strategic decision for the Parish whether to proceed on the basis of the current adopted Local Plan or to wait for adoption of the new Plan.

the adopted plan but also the emerging plan

8. It is noted that the statutory 'Basic Conditions Statement' (version 1.02) is still in development. The completed statement should briefly explain how the vision, objectives and policies of the plan meet the prescribed Basic Conditions.

Noted

i) Using the NPPF's 12 core planning principles (NPPF, para' 17) to demonstrate that regard has been had to national planning policy is a sensible approach and one which was also taken by Hook Norton Parish Council. The use of cross reference to sections of the Plan may help expand on some of the examples given.

We have consulted the relevant statutory bodies who say, in their opinion, we do not need an SEA

ii) It is a legal requirement that, in the case of Neighbourhood Plans which will have a significant environmental impact, a strategic environmental assessment (SEA) must be made in which the effects of carrying out the plan, and the reasonable alternatives to it, are identified, described and evaluated. Regulation 2(4) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015, "...adds to the list of documents that a qualifying body must submit to a local planning authority with a proposal for a neighbourhood plan. The additional document which must be submitted is either an environmental report prepared in accordance with the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, or a statement of reasons why an environmental assessment is not required. The amendment is intended to ensure that the public can make informed representations and that independent examiners are confident that they have sufficient information before them to determine whether a neighbourhood plan is likely to have significant environmental effects. The amendment does not apply in relation to a plan proposal submitted to the local planning authority before these Regulations come into force" (Explanatory Memorandum, 2015 No. 20, para' 7.4). I would suggest giving further consideration to the advantages of undertaking SEA, both to plan-making and in using the outcome in completing the Basic Conditions Statement. Without an SEA, a statement of reasons why an environmental assessment is not required must be produced.

We have produced a sustainability report (not a Sustainability Appraisal.) This sets out why we do not need either an SEA or an HRA.

iii. The adopted strategic local policy which the Plan must in general conformity with comprises the saved policies of the adopted Cherwell Local Plan 1996.

We would still hope CDC will offer a formal SEA screening opinion

National Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) makes clear that a draft Neighbourhood Plan, "...is not

tested against the policies in an emerging Local Plan although the reasoning and evidence informing the Local Plan process may be relevant to the consideration of the basic conditions against which a neighbourhood plan is tested” (Paragraph: 009, Reference ID: 41-009-20140306). It adds, “...Where a neighbourhood plan is brought forward before an up-to-date Local Plan is in place the qualifying body and the local planning authority should discuss and aim to agree the relationship between policies in:

- the emerging neighbourhood plan
- the emerging Local Plan
- the adopted development plan...”.

I am sure that the Parish is conscious of this and it is therefore suggested that section 3 of the Basic Condition Statement be expanded to include consideration of saved Local Plan policies unless a decision is taken to complete the Neighbourhood Plan following adoption of the new Local Plan. Please note, however, that saved, non-strategic policies of the current, adopted Local Plan will remain part of the Development Plan upon adoption of the new Local Plan. A list of policies to be replaced and retained is provided at Appendix 7 of the Submission Local Plan (as Proposed to be Modified). Officers would be happy to assist further in the considering the compatibility of policies at our next meeting if required.

9. In the context of 8.iii above, it suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan would benefit from some additional commentary within the main body on the relationship between the Plan and the key strategic objectives and policies of the modified Submission Local Plan, particularly those relating to housing development in the rural areas. It should demonstrate how the policies are in general conformity with the overarching development strategy of the emerging local plan. The evidence base used in the preparation of the local plan may be helpful in this regard. For example, it is suggested that the level of housing need in the district, as highlighted by the Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2014 (SHMA) and the importance of maintaining a five year land supply should be emphasised.
10. In section 2 of the Plan, it is suggested that there should be differentiation between the factual context for the Plan and the issues and challenges which require interpretation. One approach would be to include a separate section on issues, challenges and opportunities after a contextual section but before the vision; for example the concern about over-development expressed in section 2.4. Section 3.2 could be expanded and used to achieve
11. A greater focus on recent built developments and the contribution to housing land supply since 2011 may also be helpful. A greater focus on planning appeals and other decisions in the

We have sought to be consistent with the strategic elements of both the adopted and emerging Local Plan

Noted and we have now included contextual information of the SHMA and the Local Plan Policy Villages 1

There is also more detail in the new Sustainability Report.

We have now provided a more detailed coverage of the issues in the Sustainability Report.

We understand that we have not made this clear and have amended accordingly. There is also additional information in the Sustainability Report.

We have added the fact that we will receive 85 houses on the Milton Rd

Parish may help illustrate some of the issues and challenges identified.

12. The Neighbourhood Plan will nonetheless need to consider how it will comply with Local Plan housing policies including Polices Villages 1 and 2 of the modified Submission Local Plan. Specific comments are provided below but it is suggest that local housing needs and the contribution of schemes approved since 1 April 2014 should be considered. In advance of the Inspector's report on the Local Plan, and in light of the housing need identified in the Oxfordshire SHMA 2014, it is important that the Neighbourhood Plan demonstrates that it accords with the general approach of these policies.
  13. The Plan includes a number of references to 'areas of high landscape value' as identified in the adopted Local Plan. The policy approach of these areas was not progressed in either the Non-Statutory Local Plan 2011 nor in the Submission Local Plan. Reference should be made to the more up to date position contained in paragraphs B.245 – B.252 of the submitted Local Plan. Policy C13 of the adopted Local Plan will be replaced by Policy ESD 13 of the new Local Plan upon adoption. The local community's view on locally important landscape may also be helpful.
  14. Whilst there are issues to examine regarding the appropriateness of further development and the short and longer term capacity of infrastructure / services and facilities, officers would emphasise that on a comparative basis, Bloxham is considered to be a more sustainable village than many with relatively good access to amenities and connectivity to Banbury. This was the general view held by Inspectors in recent planning appeal decisions. Some further reflection on this would be welcome without prejudice to the conclusions of the Local Plan Inspector.
- Specific Comments
15. There is duplication of paragraph numbering in section 2 but this appears to have been rectified on-line.
  16. Paragraph 2.2: a description of the locational context would be helpful.
  17. Paragraph 2.3: the reference to the lack of good connectivity here would benefit from some context / further explanation.
  18. Paragraph 2.3: where assertions are made, e.g. the level of HGV traffic, it is suggested that some cross reference be provided to the source (e.g. supporting document or consultation response).

as a Policy in order to clarify that the total number for the specified period is a minimum of 85

As the term is present in what is the adopted plan at the time of writing we still consider its inclusion is reasonable.

We note the CDC view which is based on a high-level report. We are of the view that more detailed consideration, especially of capacities, does not support that CDC view. We have produced a more detailed Sustainability report to evidence this.

We note the Local Plan inspector was also of the view the existing categorisation was not robust.

We will reference SUSTRANS report and BNDP Sustainability Report.

OCC HGV map has been included in Sustainability Report.

Noted

This section has now gone



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| 19. Section 3.1: some further explanation of the chronology of the consultation undertaken may be helpful.  | Noted   |
| 20. Section 3.2: there is perhaps here a mix of issues, challenges and objectives. Differentiating the objectives that emerge from the issues may be advantageous.  | Noted see Theme 1   |
| 21. Section 4: it is suggested that the vision should feature more prominently in the Plan. This is of course a matter for the Parish Council but presenting the vision and objectives up front may have more impact and could be followed by sections providing the supporting context and detail.   | We have revamped Plan accordingly   |
| 22. Sections 5.1 & 5.2: some further consideration of how theme 1 is taken forward and articulated is suggested in view of the fact that under the new Local Plan the villages are required to contribute in meeting wider housing needs.   | Noted<br>The housing policy is based upon trying to match development to sustainable growth.  |
| 23. Section 6: the contextual information column in the table of policies might be further supported by reasoned justifications for the individual policies which draws on available information including the consultation feedback. The policies might be more readily explained outside of a tabular format and could be numbered e.g. H1, H2...etc. for ease of referencing. The material provided in Section 7 of the Plan could be helpful. More detailed contextual information could be presented in an appendix.   | We are seeking to accept a proportionate share of the CDC emerging plan housing<br>The Sustainability Report makes clear – as do the many comments in this consultation feedback – that many elements of infrastructure are already very close to, at or beyond capacity. Note – the NPPF - |
| 24. Policy HN Housing Need:<br>i. the policy needs to be consistent with the strategy of the emerging local plan and how it contributes toward meeting the objectively assessed need. The policy could be seen as being too restrictive. It is assumed that the policy is intended to ‘cap’ development. If so, how would the policy deal with proposals for residential development likely to come forward from now until 2025 bearing in mind the NPPF’s presumption in favour of sustainable development unless any adverse impacts of doing so would demonstrably outweigh the benefits? Housing figures in themselves are not a ‘ceiling’ on development. Can it be demonstrated that more than 20 dwellings would lead to unacceptable harm? School capacity is cited but other reasons may be needed.<br>Overall, there is concern that this policy could be difficult to defend. An alternative might be to estimate the likely windfall potential across the Parish and to identify a criteria based approach for considering proposals. This would be similar to the approach taken at a district | It is important to ensure that there is a reasonable prospect that planned infrastructure is deliverable in a timely fashion.<br><br>Noted Policies BL1 and 2 (backed by the Sustainability Report) make  |

- level in Policy Villages 1 of the new Local Plan.
- ii. the 'majority' of the provision is somewhat vague and could be challenged.
  - iii. there is concern that the wording of the 'note' could undermine the rest of the Plan.
  - iv. there is a need for a clear base date to be specified for the housing figures. Officers are presently able to provide the Parish Council with completions and permissions data as at 31 March 2014 including a site by site list of extant residential permissions. The contextual information presented might benefit from a distinction between small (less than 10) and large sites.
  - v. It might be helpful would be useful if large sites with planning permission are shown on a map. Policy Villages 2, of the submitted Local Plan as modified proposes an allocation for Category A villages, which includes Bloxham, of 750 homes. This is in addition to the rural allowance for small site windfalls and planning permissions granted for 10 or more dwellings up to 31 March 2014. It is also in addition to housing completions from 2011-2014 (see the Housing Trajectory in the emerging Local Plan). It is assumed that the Parish Council and local community have considered whether or not to include new allocations for large sites (10 or more homes) and concluded this would not be appropriate.

Some commentary on the consideration of allocations generally could be helpful and the Parish should not overlook the contribution of new permissions granted since 1 April 2014.

25. Policy HR - Rural Heritage Landscape:

- i. Further consideration might be given to the relationship with policy HN discussed above. The two policies could, in principle, be merged.
- ii. Some specific reference to the important contribution of the Bloxham Conservation Area and the duty to protect or enhance its character and appearance should be considered.

26. Policy HA - Appropriate Housing:

- i. The wording of the policy might need to be reconsidered depending on the policy objective. At present the wording encourages housing but is open-ended. For example, does the policy relate to developments within or outside built-up limits?
- ii. Explanation as to whether this policy relates to housing over and above that provided for in policy HN would be helpful, particularly as criterion 'd' refers developments of 5 or more homes including 'open market homes'.
- iii. Criterion a: affordable housing: It should be recognized that there are limitations to the use of Section 106 agreements. Planning obligations entered into must be:
  - necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms;
  - directly related to the development; and

clear we are looking at a total of a minimum of 85 (Still almost 50% growth since 2004.)

We have now explicitly included the most recent Milton Rd permission as part of this plan.

We have now linked the policies on rural character with the importance of open space and vistas.

Note – new policy on the Conservation area.

Noted see amendment

Given the lack of people with a local connection on the Housing Register seeking affordable housing we have not felt moved to recommend a rural exception site.

We have removed the proposed "posterity link" between affordable

- fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.

A distinction needs to be made between Section 106 affordable housing provision (arising from market schemes) and affordable housing provision gained through the development of a Rural Exception Site. National policy allows for the exceptional release of small sites for affordable housing within or adjoining villages in circumstances where planning permission would not normally be given and where there is a demonstrable local need for affordable housing that cannot be met in any other way.

In every case the needs of the particular village are assessed by the Council in partnership with the parties involved before a scheme is progressed. Occupancy controls can be imposed through a Section 106 agreement to ensure that the benefits of affordability (usually gained by the low land value derived from the exceptional basis of the scheme) are preserved so that they continue to meet local need of applicants with a village connection in perpetuity.

S106 affordable housing will be secured for the use of those who bid for properties and are nominated through the Council's Housing Register, and not necessarily will have a local connection, although the Council will still endeavour to secure 50% of the nominations to the new homes for those with a local connection.

The advice of the Council's Rural Housing Enabler may be helpful. A Parish specific Rural Exception Site policy for affordable housing might go some way to meeting the objective of addressing local housing needs.

- iv. Criteria b & d: needs to be framed with reference to Policy BSC 4 of the new local plan on housing mix. It should also accord with Paragraph 50 of the NPPF which seeks the delivery of a wide choice of high quality homes, to widen opportunities for home ownership, and to create sustainable, inclusive and mixed communities through the provision of a mix of housing based on current and future demographic trends, market trends, and the needs of different groups in the community, such as older people.
- v. Criterion c: Parking requirements and provision of parking are important considerations at planning application stage and development proposals need to be in line with Oxfordshire County Council parking standards. In development where affordable flats are proposed parking courts may be an appropriate and acceptable option. These comments are also relevant to Policy ERF.

27. Policy CR - Recreational Facilities: It should be noted that because the Plan does not

homes and those with a village connection.

We note See also Pickles [planning update](#). See also the recent BNDP Sustainability Report. The amended plan under Theme 1 retains updated evidence based parking policies.

We understand that the proposed level of development will not bring major S106 contributions for recreation. It is unfortunate this was not better addressed at the time of recent large developments.

We have set out in more detail why the areas are special.

		<p>propose any housing development of a scale large enough it would not therefore be possible to extract contributions towards the cost of additional facilities including playing fields from developers during the Plan period. It would be helpful to illustrate any proposed allocations of land on a policies map.</p> <p>28. Policy CS – Local Green Space: the NPPF highlights (para’ 77) that Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. However, officers support the principle of seeking to protect playing pitches and other open space for recreational and amenity use (see NPPF, para’s 73 &amp; 74). In pursuing any Local Green Space designation regard should be had to paragraphs 76 to 78 of the NPPF including whether the land it holds particular local significance and is demonstrably special to the local community. PPG advice should also be considered (Paragraph: 005, Reference ID: 37-005-20140306 to Paragraph: 022, Reference ID: 37-022-20140306). The PPG makes clear that Local Green Space does not need to be in public ownership but that landowners should be contacted at an early stage about proposals to designate any part of their land as Local Green Space.</p> <p>29. Appendix 9 - the evidence base: this should be more specific in detailing which parts of the local plan evidence base were heavily relied on.</p> <p>30. The Plan could make reference to the NPPF requirement to maintain a 5 year housing land supply and the Annual Monitoring Report in the Implementation and Monitoring Section.</p> <p>I trust you will find the comments helpful in your consideration of amendments to the draft Plan. I would be happy to discuss these further at our next meeting.</p>	<p>We have adopted a more flexible approach re Bloxham School land that should not preclude appropriate development that respects the importance of the visual impact of key spaces. See policies Theme 2 policies.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted but viewed as a primary task for LPA</p> <p><b>Yes – very helpful – many thanks.</b></p>
141	Homes and Communities Agency	Thank you sending us a copy of your plan. I have forwarded it to our Rural and Communities officer who will contact you direct if we have any comments. Regards Peter	Noted
142	Highways Agency	Contacted Thank you for your email to Highways England. If your email does relate to an issue on Highways England's network it will be passed to the relevant team within Highways England and they will respond to you within a maximum of 15 working days.	Noted
143	Oxfordshire CCG	Contacted No response.	

Following the consultation the plan was amended and we engaged with various stakeholders once we were nearing the final version. Most were happy with the changes we had made.

We met with Bloxham School who, whilst appreciating the changes we had made, fell short of making any definitive comment either endorsing or objecting to the plan. See email below which followed the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**You replied to this message on 07/07/2015 21:20.**

**From:** Neil Urquhart <bursar@bloxhamschool.com> **Sent:** Mon 06/07/2015 16:37  
**To:** John Groves  
**Cc:** Paul W. Sanderson  
**Subject:** Bloxham Revised Plan

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Dear John

I am sorry that it has taken to late this afternoon to provide you with some formal comment from Bloxham School in time for the Parish Council meeting this evening. Thank you also for coming with Jenny to brief Paul and me on the 25th June.

As we discussed at the meeting, we note the changes that you have made to the plan and, in particular, the reconsideration of which areas of the village will be recommended for designation as local green spaces. We also note that the revised draft plan places greater emphasis on protecting and enhancing rural heritage and, in particular, of preserving specific views. Appendix 4 includes views across our playing field to the main school buildings and from Hobb Hill across our Courtington Lane playing fields.

The School's position remains unchanged. We support the establishment of a neighbourhood plan but we will not support any undue restrictions on the ability of the School to carry out its business, now or in the future. Any future developments that we make will need to take account of the Grade 2 Listed Buildings status of parts of our site and the fact that much of our site is within the village conservation area. As shown by other recent projects, we have no wish to undermine this.

I cannot give the draft plan the unreserved endorsement from Bloxham School that you are probably seeking for tonight's meeting. Having taken informal advice, we are now in the process of engaging a planning consultant in order to provide a formal response to the Cherwell District Council consultation when the plan is submitted up.

I am sorry if you are disappointed by this reply but I hope that you understand that I have a duty to consider the potential needs of the School over the 15+ years of this proposed plan. Good luck with this evening's meeting and please do call me if you want to discuss this in advance. My mobile number is 07867 695550.

Kind regards

Neil

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**From:** John Groves <finchamgroves@totalise.co.uk> **Sent:** Tue 07/07/2015 21:21  
**To:** 'Neil Urquhart'

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Dear Neil

Thank you for keeping us in the picture.

We look forward to reading your final response in the next consultation.

John

# Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan



## Consultation Statement

### Appendix 2

#### Consultation diary



**This is regarded as an Appendix to the formal consultation Statement.  
It is a simple diary of public and other engagement.**

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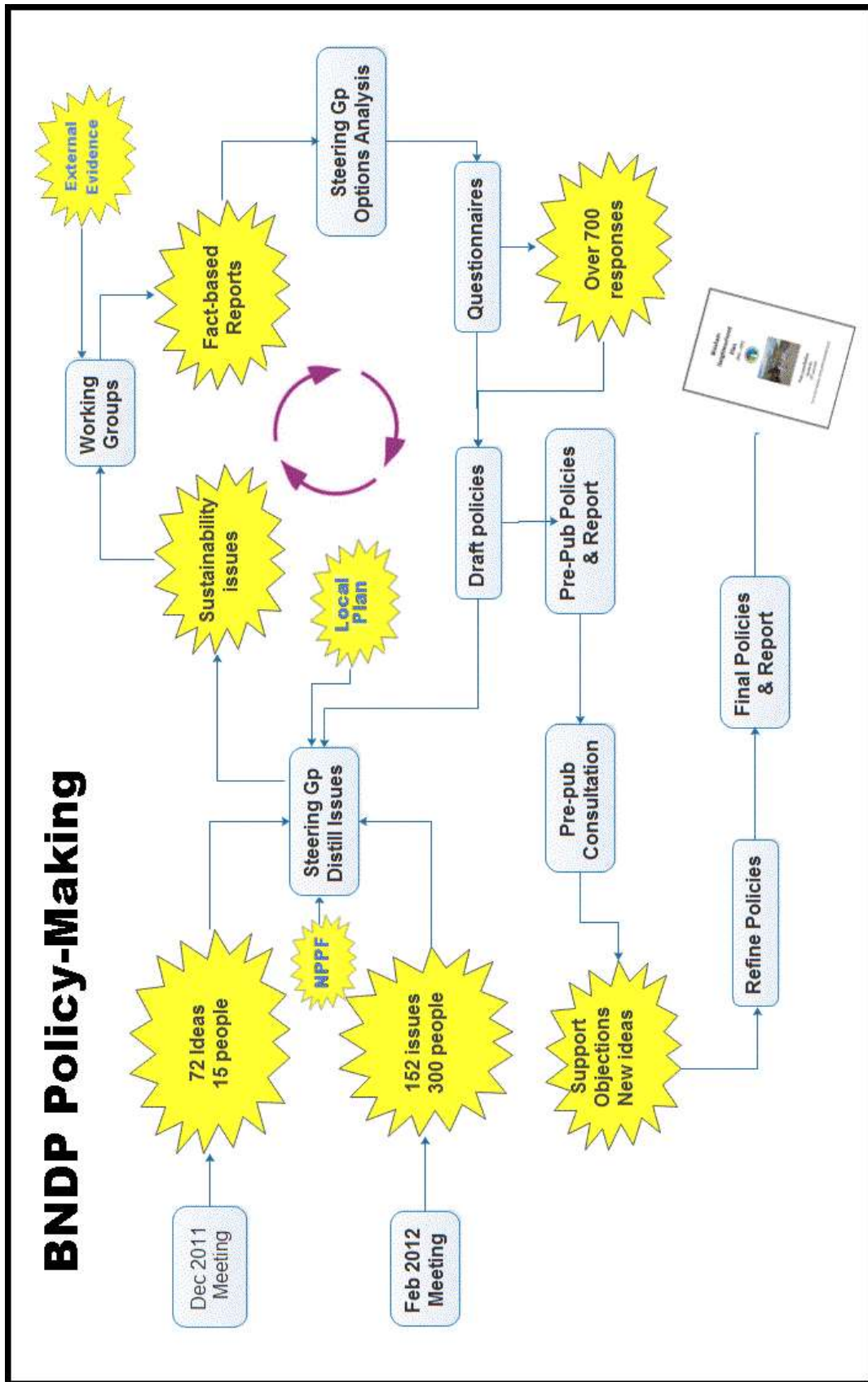
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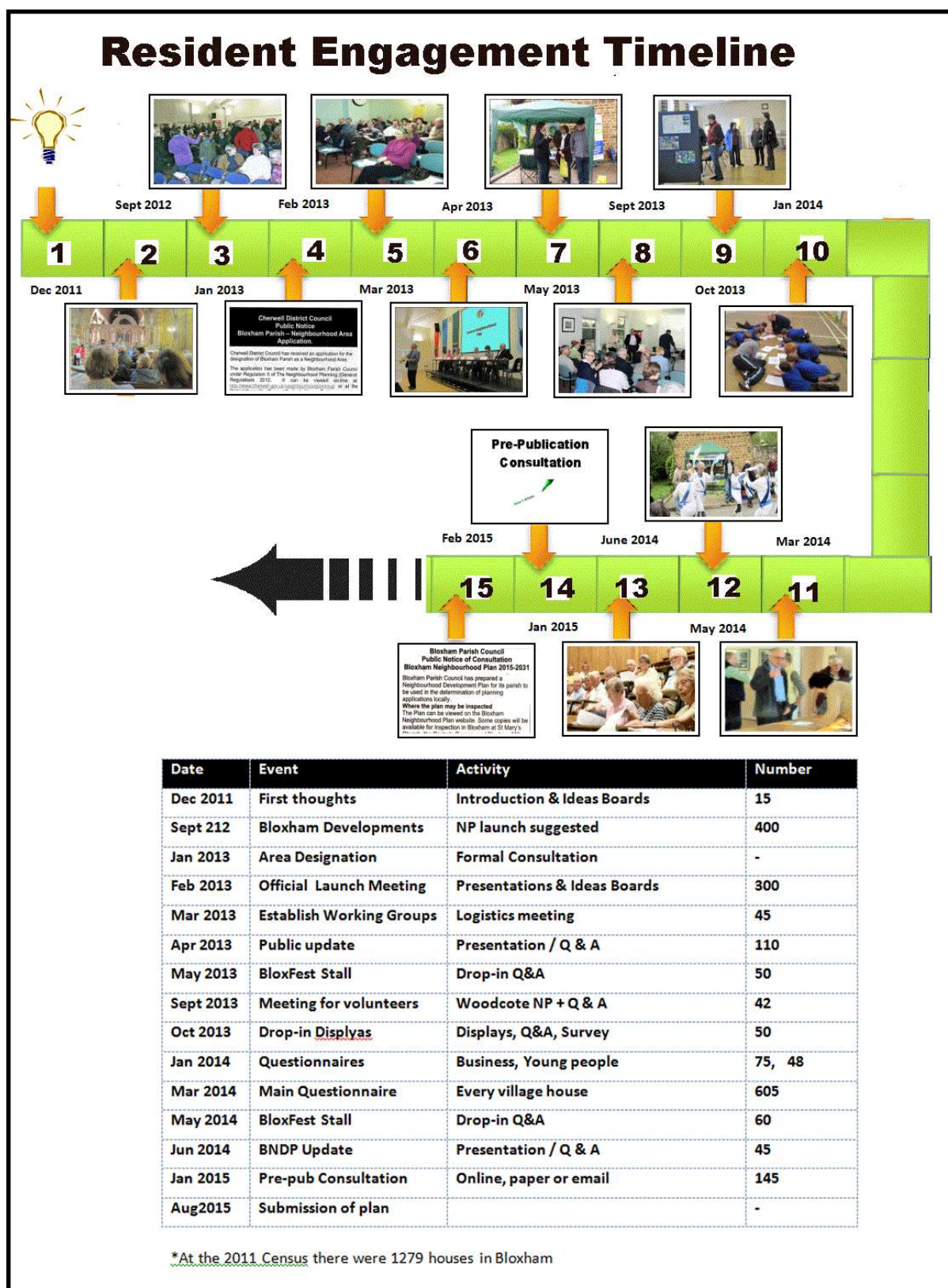
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## Summary of Policy-making Process



## Summary of public engagement



# 1. Very first thoughts about a plan – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2011

<b>Organiser</b>	The Parish Council	<b>Place</b>	Jubilee Hall Bloxham
<b>Date</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 2011	<b>Attendance</b>	Approx. 15

## a. Introduction

A meeting was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2011 at the Jubilee Hall to which all residents were invited to discuss the potential of Bloxham Village having a Neighbourhood Development Plan in line with the National Planning Framework (as proposed by the Government).

## b. Planning Process Explained

Those attending were told:

- Cherwell District Council (CDC) are preparing their Local Plan and should have it ready for public consultation by April 2012. It is hoped that the final Local Plan produced by CDC will reflect the concerns raised by Bloxham.
- In line with its responsibilities CDC is also producing guidelines for Parish Councils in formulating their own Neighbourhood Development Plans, these should be available in February 2012.

## c. What Next

- Once Bloxham Parish Council has had an opportunity to study the guidelines, it will host another meeting to gauge the interest and support for Bloxham's own Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- Neighbourhood Development Plans are important to residents of the village:- Such a plan should, at least, provide a means to assess/demonstrate the viability of any further housing development in the village, notably:
  - By showings the capacity for extra intake of pupils to either the primary or secondary school;
  - Having input to the design of new buildings, and material used;
  - Ensuring Local housing needs are met.
- This is an important issue. If Residents and Businesses operating in Bloxham wish to have a voice then there needs to be commitment towards the development of a robust Neighbourhood Development Plan to complement our existing
- Notice of a further meeting will be published in the Broadsheet (both paper and Website) the Parish Council's website and village notice Boards.
- Provisional dates are May/June 2012 this will allow for any views expressed to be fed back into the CDC Local Plan. Economy

## d. Resident Views

### i. How would you like the village to be improved?

- Shops to be built alongside the new housing developments to aid traffic by existing shops.
- Realisation that more housing without due regard to traffic problems would be a huge snarl up.
- Decentralise shopping away from the main road.
- Shops built alongside new developments, cuts carbon and eases congestion, reduces parking requirements.
- Weight restrictions on HGV are using A361.
- A shop near the Warriner with adequate parking.



**ii. What are the barriers to Growth and Sustainability for local business?**

- Space to develop & again parking, staff for current shops come in from outside so they also need to park
- Traffic flow & parking (not to mention the downturn in the economy and unavailability of £'s)

**iii. What type of jobs should be encouraged in the village?**

- Jobs for villagers, how about shops where staff proprietors live over the shop. Currently staff for the shops tend to come from outside the village.
- Jobs that generate gross national product- i.e. Make £ for the economy not services and money spending jobs.

**e. Environment**

**i. Type of Housing**

- High spec, large rooms, stone built, plenty of parking for 2-3 cars, green space & wide roads.
- Low cost housing, limited/no expensive housing.
- Social, small low cost, large high spec: all of these but sympathetically built, of local & traditional materials, with thought to people as well as profit.
- Sympathetically built in line with original conservation "look"
- Low cost housing built to fit rest of the village, Social Housing for local people, starter homes.
- Any new housing to be built in local stone with mixture of bedrooms from starter homes to four bedrooms.



**ii. What do you value most about our local natural environment?**

- Warriner 6th form to keep education consistency.
- Important to keep some green spaces in the village.
- Village circular walk including historical information.
- Green space, farming/Agriculture this village is still rural.
- The quiet and peace!

**iii. Green space, cycleway and local walks**

- That it is both physically & visibly accessible from within the village e.g. view of green fields & trees on Hobb Hill from A 361, Courtington Lane, Tadmarton Hill etc.;
- Do not build on Hobb Hill ever.

**iv. What do you value most about our local natural environment?**

- The rural environment is slowly being whittled away by housing.
- Not easy and I don't know how it can be achieved: - Bloxham is a popular village, finding ways of sustaining this is important. How do other villages achieve this?
- Used to have a bank!

**v. What problems could be created by Local businesses?**

- Traffic again
- Traffic
- More traffic, less parking for residents, greater pressure on A361 and current shops.
- More cars parked during the day preventing villagers parking.

## **f. Transport**

### **i. How should we improve our public transport?**

- More regular buses, smaller buses
- Perhaps smaller buses on a more regular basis.



### **ii. How should we improve our walking & cycling routes?**

- Have dedicated cycle routes & a code of conduct.
- Enforce cycling etiquette especially on the High Street, dismounting for pedestrians on the pavement etc.
- Cycle route lanes

### **iii. How can we improve the traffic in the village?**

- Traffic busy on the Barford road which is only a country lane - now joined with traffic from the Milton Road,
- Another busy route, not adequate for more traffic.
- Bus in morning between Chipping Norton and Banbury is full not even standing room for school kids.
- More speed limit signs within the main limit signs.
- Reduce speed limit to 20MPH, Restrict HGV access, improve public transport, (re-nationalise it for a start)
- Ban HGV's on the A361
- Reduce speed limit on the A361, ensure camera works.
- Build a by-pass for benefit for Bloxham and South Newington, forward thinking -20years!
- Build by-pass around the village.
- Cycle route lanes
- Reduce speed limit, traffic calming, possibly ban HGV's
- Buy the garden North of Red Lion for shops to ease parking.
- Better bus service (last bus from Banbury currently 6.10pm) to enable more people to leave cars at home.
- Pedestrian crossing/ lights at junction Courtington lane & A361, allow Chipperfield mums to cross in safety.
- Far more stringent measures re: - parking outside shops & village houses.
- Create more shops in areas of high density population within the village but away off A361, this would reduce need to use a vehicle and lower carbon footprint.
- Better parking by the shops, use green space opposite Bloxham school.

## **g. Community**

### **i. What health services are important locally?**

- Ability to pick up medicine from surgery rather than just prescription.
- GP's surgery for all residents.



**ii. What do we lack in our village?**

- New village hall/centre to accommodate local clubs, classes, theatre & parties.
- Build new village centre with parking that will house existing shops: Godswell Park, Driving range.
- A bank, a butcher & a baker
- Central community centre, shops, more small businesses.
- A single large versatile, good quality village hall and adequate parking.
- Bring back bank, hardware store and butcher.
- A large village hall.
- Flexible enough public transport, getting to Oxford, Witney, Deddington, requires tortuous route:- smaller buses
- Parking, decent village hall.

**iii. What are the main issues concerning education in our village.**

- All schools full, to grow with development.
- 6th Form college for Warriner, though' this would entail further traffic
- Need sixth form at the Warriner.
- No room in schools, which is only going to get worse.
- Roads accident waiting to happen, especially Courtington Lane due to overcrowded roads.
- Need sixth form for Warriner.

## **2. Meeting on 24th Sept 2012**

### **a. Introduction**

This meeting was scheduled for the Parish Rooms but around 400 people turned up and so it was moved into the Church.

The purpose of this meeting was not the Neighbourhood Plan. It was about how residents felt about the sudden avalanche of planning requests for three large estates.

We include it here because the content and discussion was very much focussed upon the need for appropriate, thoughtful development rather than the unplanned off-the-peg estates plonked into fields. To a significant extent, this is also what our neighbourhood plan is about.



### 3. Application and initial Consultation - 10 Jan 2013

Cherwell D.C. acknowledged receiving the Parish Council application to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013.

They published notice of the intention as shown.

The Council District Executive agreed, at a meeting on 3 June 2013, to designate the parish area as the 'Bloxham Neighbourhood Area' for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan by Bloxham Parish Council under section 61G(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended. It was decided not to designate the area as a business area under section 61H(1) of the Act as it is not primarily or wholly business in nature. The relevant designation information is set out below:

- a. Name of neighbourhood area: Bloxham
- b. Map of neighbourhood area: see below
- c. Relevant body: Bloxham Parish Council

Cherwell D.C. also informed statutory consultees of the intention.

Replies were obtained indicating no objections from

- English Heritage 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013
- Network rail (15 April 2013) 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013
- The Canal & River Trust 12 April 2013
- The Environment Agency 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015

The Council District Executive agreed, at a meeting on 3 June 2013, to approve the designation of the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan area.

**Cherwell District Council  
Public Notice  
Bloxham Parish – Neighbourhood Area  
Application.**

Cherwell District Council has received an application for the designation of Bloxham Parish as a Neighbourhood Area.

The application has been made by Bloxham Parish Council under Regulation 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. It can be viewed on-line at: <http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning/> or at the District Council's offices at Bodicote House, Banbury.

The application is advertised for representations as to whether there is any reason why the District Council should not make the area designation.

Representations can be made in writing to the Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Banbury, OX15 4AA, or by email to [planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk) no later than Thursday 7th March 2013.

The application is the first formal step in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Bloxham and seeks designation of the Parish boundary as the Neighbourhood Area.

A Neighbourhood Development Plan is a community-led framework for guiding the future development, regeneration and conservation of an area. In preparing the Plan, the Parish Council will be required to undertake community and stakeholder consultation.

The Plan must comply with European and national legislation and must have appropriate regard to national policy and be in general conformity with existing strategic local planning policy. The Plan will also be subject to an independent examination and a referendum. Upon completion, the Neighbourhood Development Plan will become part of the statutory development plan for the area.

Planning Policy  
Cherwell District Council  
Bodicote House  
Banbury, OX15 4AA  
Tel. 01295 227985VE



### 4. Meeting on 12th February 2013

<b>Organiser</b>	The Parish Council	<b>Place</b>	Warriner School Hall
<b>Date</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2012	<b>Attendance</b>	Approx. around 300

#### a. Introduction

This was effectively a re-launch of the idea of a Neighbourhood Plan, which had been first set out in December 2011.

It was held in the Warriner main hall and despite the snow and bitter cold around 300 people turned out.

#### b. Speakers

- Phil Cavill (resident and chair of the Parish Council)
- Sir Tony Baldry (resident and MP)
- John Groves (resident)

The audience were taken through what creating a plan would entail and were subsequently asked to share their priorities for plan content.

### c. Ideas Boards

There was also a team of people assigned “ideas boards” to collect resident views

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>LEAD</b>
Education	Roger Nowell
Flood & Sewage	Gloria Lester -Stevens
Medical & Health	John Groves
Traffic & Transport	Mike Morris
Recreation, Leisure including Mums & Tots	Ray Guzenda / Amanda Baxter
Business & Economy including Farming	Patrick Moore
Housing & Landscape	Mike Davey
Conservation & Architecture	Camilla Finley
Crime & Reduction	PCSO/Police
Faith	Vicar
Communication	

Although some of their suggestions were more suitable for as Parish Plan than a Neighbourhood Plan, this is not unusual and we note that many plans now include both Plans and projects. Projects tend to be things residents would like to do that do not strictly fall within the scope of the legal elements of a Neighbourhood Plan.

We list them below. Although some of the more cryptic comments have been “decoded”, they have not been evaluated or prioritised in any way.

#### **Utilities – including broadband**

- Faster broadband x 5
- Better water pressure x 2
- Electrical supply – reliability x 2
- Drainage at house level
- Mobile phone coverage x 4
- Mobile phone mast in village but where?
- Better village hall
- Street lights
- Reduce overhead cabling
- Alternative energy

#### **Business and economy – including farming**

- Hi-speed broadband
- Allotments
- Parking including at the schools
- Local food production – retain and encourage
  - Jobs
  - Grown local
- Access to grants for SME (small businesses)
- Electrical supply
- Location of shopping area – not on main road (Deddington) and not in housing area
- Small business zone on edge of village – encourage
- Support for small business – meetings, knowledge, etc.
- Farmers market – farmers involved in community and encouraging locally grown



## **Crime and reduction**

- Increase neighbourhood watch
- Visible increase in police teams
- Handling of local crime
- Street lighting – more / less / maintain current levels
- Village police office / post
- Village ‘bobby’
- Maintain the low level of crime
- Hidden cams and CCTV

## **Housing and landscape**

- More in keeping with village landscape / streetscape
- No more BRICK houses
- Really affordable – low earners and young
- Affordable housing and benefits from developers improving parking in and around Tadmarton Rd.
- Better design
- No ugly play areas
- What does affordable housing mean?
- 60% off very expensive is still expensive
- No more housing lumps on edge of village
- Eco housing
- Life time sheltered accommodation
- Stop expanding boundaries of village
- Specify in NDP exactly what we want and new houses to look like / density etc.
- NDP reflective of developing existing properties (extensions)

## **Faith**

- St Mary’s
- Develop all church for wider community use (Christian)
  - Concerts
  - Farmers market
- Parish council community office
- Baptist church needs new site
- Facilities similar to Kings Sutton
- Memorial hall
  - Mums and tots
  - Sports
  - Café
  - Library
  - Catering
- Start a village and community event. (BloxFest!)

## **Communication**

- For a village the size of Bloxham we should aspire to a public library / resource centre rather than relying on a library van
- All data regarding the plan should be stored in the cloud
- Faster broadband
- No mobile phone signal – Tadmarton Road
- A library with a warm welcome – opportunity to socialise

## **Traffic and transport**

- Introduce a toll road to push HGV around village
- Better bus service including Banbury and Oxford
- Cycle path to Banbury
- Circular footpath would be good – esp. Grove road to Milton road clearly marked
- Limit the size of lorries going through the village
- Inset parking by shops to aid the traffic flow
- High volume of traffic
- Footpath to Banbury
- Speed control on Tadmarton Road by primary school
- Develop an effective 'snow plan' for the village – local tractor?
- Deliveries outside of rush hour for shops
- Pedestrian crossing on A361 where really needed, church, surgeries, Godswell, nursery etc.
- Road humps or traffic calming on Barford Road to slow traffic before roundabout
- Please no speed humps!
- A bypass
- Cannot park in front of my home during school hours on Tadmarton Rd
- 20mph speed limits
- An island outside the church in middle of road
- Traffic calming for school
- Proper layby for parking outside shops
- Fix potholes.
- Identify drivers speeding and or using mobile phones
- More parking at Warriner to stop blocking driveway to Chipperfield Rd

## **Conservation and architecture**

- Establish a community orchard / market garden / School perhaps
- Houses with a sense of place
- Density of houses
- Conserve farmland in village
- Maintain our rural identity
- Use Cherwell's assessment of conservation areas -> Bloxham
- Help maintain historic homes and buildings in Bloxham
  - Support for those living in them
  - Respect for conservation area
  - Re-establish this conservation area and protect it
  - Stop parking on grass verges
- Develop Slade Reserve for community projects; Green Gym, New wildlife habitats, etc.
- Forest schools – primary school involvement
- Appropriate materials for any new build
- Not the hideous red / orange brick seen on estates
- Maintain the ambience and character of the village
- Play areas in new estates are not in keeping
- New appropriate designs
- Retain the pubs for the community
- Allotments and community parks

## **Medical and health**

- Dispensing from the surgery x 6
- Maintain current good provision
- Pharmacy should be maintained – what would go in its place
- Long walk from surgery to pharmacy esp. for elderly

- Difficult to get appointment – long waiting
- Emergency support (local) – should we lose the HGH

### **Education**

- Input from Bloxham (public) school – contribute to village and community
- Buy land to expand the primary school and provide more parking space
- Promote the ‘walking bus’
- Mini bus around Bloxham for the schools?
- Consider ways the school facilities can be used for the wider community – e.g. Library and farm at Warriner School
- Traffic – Courtington Lane and Tadmarton Rd
- Passing places to help
- Schools to operate Forest School
- Crossing for primary school on Tadmarton Lane
- Bigger school play grounds and car park
- More inter-school partnerships, and community
- More publicity for school events

### **Flood and sewage**

- What is current capacity
- Decent water pressure
- Do we need a new pumping station
- Upgrade ditches to prevent surface water flooding
- Keep the drains clear
- Danger of future flooding from known water holding areas
- Lower the depth of the stream – under bridges a priority
- Create balancing ponds also great for wildlife
- Surface water in foul water drainage, Tadmarton Rd did not flood after highways cleared the pipes under road

### **Recreation, Leisure including Mums & Tots**

- Develop Recreation Ground
- Tennis Courts
- Kissing gates to replace stiles
- More 'Slade' type nature reserves for the community
- Cycle routes to Banbury
- Skate Park
- Maintain Jubilee Park & Recreation Ground with improved drainage
- A decent community play area like the one at Steeple Aston. Not within a development but communal funded by grants & developments
- Completely re-develop Recreation Ground with picnic benches, new play equipment etc. (existing equipment been there for many years)
- Redevelopment of Re - we need a Steeple Aston type of Park
- Re-establish a village fete/event
- Start Farmers market
- Please, much better (more exciting) play areas
- Evening classes/weekend classes at the Warriner for adults or ask Bloxham School to contribute to the village in this way
- A Tennis Club on Jubilee field
- All weather pitch for use by football club/Warriner school
- Start a Cricket club for young children and adults
- Swimming pool at Warriner (repair?)

- County park
- Allotments for residents
- More clubs for other sports such as Rugby, Hockey, Netball etc. for children and adults

You will find that many of these appear in one form or another in the final neighbourhood Plan.

### Photos

The following are a few photos of the event.



## 5. Meeting on 5th March 2013

<b>Organiser</b>	The Neighbourhood Plan	<b>Place</b>	Bloxham Mill
<b>Date</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2013	<b>Attendance</b>	Approx. around 45

### a. Introduction

This was a meeting held in Bloxham Mill and aimed specifically at people who had shown a willingness to be actively involved in the creation of a plan.

It organised them into groups and set out a briefs to which they should work.

## b. The groups

What	Who	Purpose
Project coordinator	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintain an overview by regularly liaising with the representative of each working group to keep plan-creation on-course</li> <li>- Represent the exec group as may be agreed at external meetings.</li> </ul>
Steering group	1 Representatives from each working group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure the group meet according to an agreed calendar and work together as a team focusing upon the overall best interests of the village rather than on any personal or pressure group agendas.</li> <li>- identify necessary data-gathering activities needed to inform the plan and to formulate a public questionnaire</li> <li>- contribute to the framing of the questionnaire</li> <li>- contribute to the content of the draft plan</li> </ul>
Working group members	According to uptake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assist the working group representative with the above to ensure coverage of main areas.</li> </ul>
Working group consultants	According to uptake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be available to offer such specialist advice or contacts as they may feel confident to.</li> </ul>

We ended up with a steering group and the following three working groups:

- Housing and Landscape
- Infrastructure and Business
- Recreation and community

The Steering Group would set the initial agendas, keep track of progress and maintain a 'steer' on the overall project.

The working groups would gather together an evidence base and make recommendations that the Steering Group would then assemble into a Plan.

## c. Discussion

This was essentially about what is needed for a Neighbourhood Plan and how we would set about providing it.

## d. Photos

A few photos of the event



## 6. Meeting on 30th April 2013

<b>Organiser</b>	The Parish Council	<b>Place</b>	Warriner School Hall
<b>Date</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2013	<b>Attendance</b>	Approx. around 110

### a. Introduction

This was the Annual Meeting for the Parish and was held in the Warriner School Hall. Around 110 people attended and The Neighbourhood Plan was the main item.

### b. The content

In summary we:

- Set out the organisation that had been created.
- Told residents about the Local Plan and likely housing numbers for Bloxham
- Presented information about the SHLAA
- etc. etc.

There were some questions that were answered but no major attempt to get new opinions as we had yet work properly through those previously gathered.

### c. Photos - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013 Meeting



## 7. Meeting on 11th May 2013 (BloxFest 2013)

<b>Organiser</b>	The Neighbourhood Plan	<b>Place</b>	Bloxham
<b>Date</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	<b>Attendance</b>	Approx. around 50

### a. Introduction

The Neighbourhood Plan had a Gazebo at the Bloxham Festival. The presence was very informal.

### b. The content

Information sheets were available for residents and team members were available to answer such questions as arose. The atmosphere was highly supportive from the 50 or so people whom people engaged.

### c. Photos



(We were too busy to take photos except a brief period of rain – see above!)

## 8. Meeting on 10th September 2013

<b>Organiser</b>	The Neighbourhood Plan	<b>Place</b>	Bloxham Mill
<b>Date</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2013	<b>Attendance</b>	Approx. around 50

### a. Introduction

This was held at Bloxham Mill in a room of limited size. Some 42 people were accommodated with first call being given to members of the working groups although some other residents also attended.

The working groups had been underway for a few months and this was an opportunity for them to hear from someone who had progressed further down the road of creating a Plan.



### b. The speakers

The main speaker was Geoff Botting of Woodcote: a village with many similarities to Bloxham – but quite a few differences also.

### c. The content

Geoff took us through the struggle of having no prior model and offered some “distilled advice” that was subsequently circulated to all of the NP team.

There was a fairly extensive Q&A session at the end of the input.

#### d. Photos



### 9. Meeting on 12th October 2013

<b>Organiser</b>	<b>The Neighbourhood Plan</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Ex-Servicemen's Hall</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2013</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Approx. around 50 of whom 37 completed forms</b>

#### a. Introduction

This was a pop-up exhibition in the ex-Servicemen's Hall, which is sited centrally in the High Street Shopping area.

The intention was threefold:

- To display some of the work of the Housing and landscape Group – mostly maps and photos.
- To respond to questions from residents.
- To collect opinions from those who were also willing to complete a simple questionnaire.

#### b. The questionnaire

You can see a copy of the questionnaire at the Bloxham Neighbourhood plan website.

It checked the extent to which visitors agreed with the proposed design statements and asked what they would and wouldn't want to see in any new developments.



	<b>What do you like about where you live now?</b>	<b>What would you like to see incorporated into any new development?</b>	<b>What would you like to see avoided in any new development?</b>
100	Age and sense of 'village'	Access to footpaths	No cramped high-density housing.
100	Character and conservation status	Use of sympathetic building materials	Rows of identical houses
100	Character of streets in conservation area	Stone, styles in keeping	
100	Character, proper size gardens	Bigger gardens, energy efficient eco homes even if modern	Hideous mixes of materials, estates looking the same as every other, cul-de-sacs
100	Community feel, excellent doctors facility	In style with existing style of dwellings	High-density developments, more shops and businesses
100	Community feel, nearby services,	Plan how to get bins from garden to collection	Lack of off-street parking
100	Community feel, nearby services,	Plan how to get bins from garden to collection	Lack of off-street parking
100	Conservation area	More green space. Adequate parking space for working families	Ghetto style estates, unsympathetic design and materials especially in the conservation area
100	Conservation area and community events	Green areas, trees	No flats!
89	Country feel in conservation area	Keep it green	Don't make it urban
100	Country feel, open space	Green areas, small developments, trees	Big housing estates. Keep it small
100	Green areas & trees	Green areas	
100	Landscape views of church & village	More bungalows	No more high-density housing estates
100	Low density housing, community feel, green spaces, off-road parking	2 off-road parking spaces per house, green space	Anything the developers themselves wouldn't like next to them! Insulting lip-service play-areas, box-like high density estates that will become the slums of tomorrow.
78	Parking	Village feel	No more traffic
100	Quiet but easy access to main road	Keep within existing style of that area	Big developments, urban styles
100	Quiet friendly, close to services		Not serried ranks of identical houses
100	Quiet, near facilities	Green areas, play areas	Flats
100	Quietness, views of spire, recreation space, coherence of style, lack of traffic	Maintain and improve the rec and the Slade	No urban developments, no developments without pledge to improve existing infrastructure: roads, electricity etc.

100	Rural atmosphere of village centre		
100	Rural character		
100	Rural feel if I'd wanted to live in a town I'd have moved to one!	Space, sense of neighbourhood	Lack of parking, high density, buildings out of character
100	Sense of community, view of church, nearby park, front garden with off-street parking space.	Proper size gardens, safe walk to schools	Anything that requires attenuation ponds! Land that ruins the views of others, estates that exit onto busy roads where there are already traffic flow problems
100	Sufficient space, quiet		Protect Hobb Hill
100	The range of different house types		Brick boxes
100	Trees, access to countryside on foot	Views, access to countryside, general look and feel	No more commuter traffic – but with very few jobs in Bloxham how can this be achieved!
100	Unspoiled	No jarring contrasts	Inappropriate building materials
78	View of Bloxham school		
100	View of fields	Green spaces maintained wherever possible	
100	Views of Bloxham school	Use of stone and or matching brick	Little box' estates
100	Views of green fields	Buildings with character	Standard 'cad' boxes – just like those everywhere else.
100		3 bed spacious bungalows with proper gardens for empty-nesters and rural feel with off-road parking.	No more 2 bed terraced houses, no more houses with inadequate parking
100		Front and back gardens not overlooked	Should not be more than 2 storey high
89		Gardens	No more ugly houses
100		Slow down and reduce traffic	No more traffic on a361
100	Unspoiled, nice gardens front & back, off-road parking at the house	High quality infill, real not reconstituted stone, traditional roof materials	Embargo on: 'town-coloured' materials, inadequate parking, any more large scale developments – stick to local plan allocation.

This is not meant to be a statistically valid survey but it did tell the housing group that they were 'on the same wavelength' as at least this random sample of residents

**c. Photos**



**10. The views of young people (Jan – April 2014)**

<b>Organiser</b>	<b>The Neighbourhood Plan</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Various</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Jan – April 2014</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>48 responses</b>

**a. Introduction**

Attempts were made to gather the views of the younger residents of the village. Strategies included visits to the local secondary school and to young people’s organisations.

**b. The nature of the engagement**

Basically it was an attempt to get young people to complete a simple questionnaire either online or on-paper. We had a total of 48 responses. Ages ranged from 11 – 18.

**c. The questionnaire**

This was mostly done online via Google forms. It was largely multiple choice but also had a number of free-response questions regarding what they most liked and disliked about the village. You can see reports of the full results online but key issues with them were:

- The children in the survey got to school mostly by vehicle. This may not be typical as many of the respondents sixth formers. We’ll get better data from the main questionnaire.



- Cycling was recognised as being an unsafe means of getting around the village. Interestingly the older the student the more they rated it unsafe!
- Pathways to school were considered as of inappropriate width by a small majority. This likely depends whereabouts in the village the respondents live.
- About two-thirds thought more development would have a negative impact on the village. Around 11% thought it would make it better.
- There was a clear dislike of the urban nature of the housing that has been imposed upon the village with this attracting many comments in the “What do you most dislike” question.
- Likewise in the question about appropriate style of new housing only 6% wanted modern town style house designs. The majority clearly wanted a more rural ambience to be preserved.
- They favoured creation of more sustainable housing especially with regard to energy efficiency: less so for water.
- They also strongly thought houses should ‘design-in” adaptability for the old and disabled.
- They made surprisingly little use of the recreation grounds with the Jubilee being more highly used than the rec.
- In terms of spending money on the improved recreation a MUGA topped the list followed by improved play areas and an AstroTurf pitch. A skateboard park was low down the list and there was limited enthusiasm for a cricket pitch.
- They appreciated the rural / medieval aspects of the village and were actively hostile to the things that destroyed this: namely traffic and inappropriate developments.
- They also appreciated the fields and the availability of walks around the village.
- They glean their information from a mixture of paper media and online social networking.

## 11. The Business View (Jan – April 2014)

<b>Organiser</b>	<b>The Neighbourhood Plan</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Various</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Jan – April 2014</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>75 responses</b>

### a. Introduction

Members of the Infrastructure and Business group attempted gathering a list of local businesses but this was surprisingly difficult.

- There are a small number of retail businesses
- Some work out of Bloxham Mill
- There are three schools including a primary, a secondary and a public school
- The vast majority are low visibility businesses many working from home with minimal publicity.



### b. The nature of the engagement

On paper, online and by word of mouth we advertised the existence of an online business questionnaire created with Google Forms. It attracted 75 responses.

You can see the questionnaire and responses at the Bloxham NP website and also the Infrastructure and Business working group report.

### c. Key findings

1. Bloxham contains a lot of barely visible businesses.
2. Most are companies or sole traders
3. About a third have a business operated from home.
4. Most business operate in business premises owned or leased by the business.
5. Knowledge-based businesses (like consultancy and IT) are the most common in Bloxham.
6. There are also a significant number of property maintenance and construction businesses.
7. There are quite a few creative / artistic businesses.
8. Around 80% of businesses employ ten or less people
9. Around 67% of businesses employ 3 or less people.
10. Bloxham has a good spread of ages of business from recent start-ups to 25 years plus.
11. The geographical reach of Bloxham businesses is large 50% trading internationally.
12. The internet is important to 94% of Bloxham businesses and very important to 80%.
13. Lack of a resilient electricity supply poor internet speed and reliability and patchy mobile reception are all issues for Bloxham businesses.
14. Parking and congestion in the village is considered an issue by the majority of Bloxham Businesses.
15. There is a high level of support for NP policies aimed to make working from home more effective.
16. Businesses would seek the following to be improved in order to make Bloxham more attractive to start-ups / expansion: broadband, traffic and parking, more (cost-efficient) premises, better mobile reception.



## 12. Meeting on 10th May 2014 (BloxFest 2014)

<b>Organiser</b>	<b>The Neighbourhood Plan</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Bloxham</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> May 2014</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Around 60</b>

### a. Introduction

The Neighbourhood Plan Team had a gazebo in Old Bridge Road from 8.30 – 5:00 on the very windy day of the 2014 Bloxham Festival (BloxFest.) It was staffed by a rota of volunteers.

Time	Person 1	Person 2
8:30 - 10:00	Geoff Mollard	John Groves
10:00 - 11:00	Carmen Guard	Steve Phipps
11:00 - 12:00	Ian Holroyd	Mike Morris
12:00 - 13:00	Jenny Yates	John Groves
	Richard	Edward
13:00 - 14:00	Baggaley	Baggaley
14:00 - 15:00	Pat Moore	Robert Aplin
15:00 - 16:00	Pat Moore	John Groves



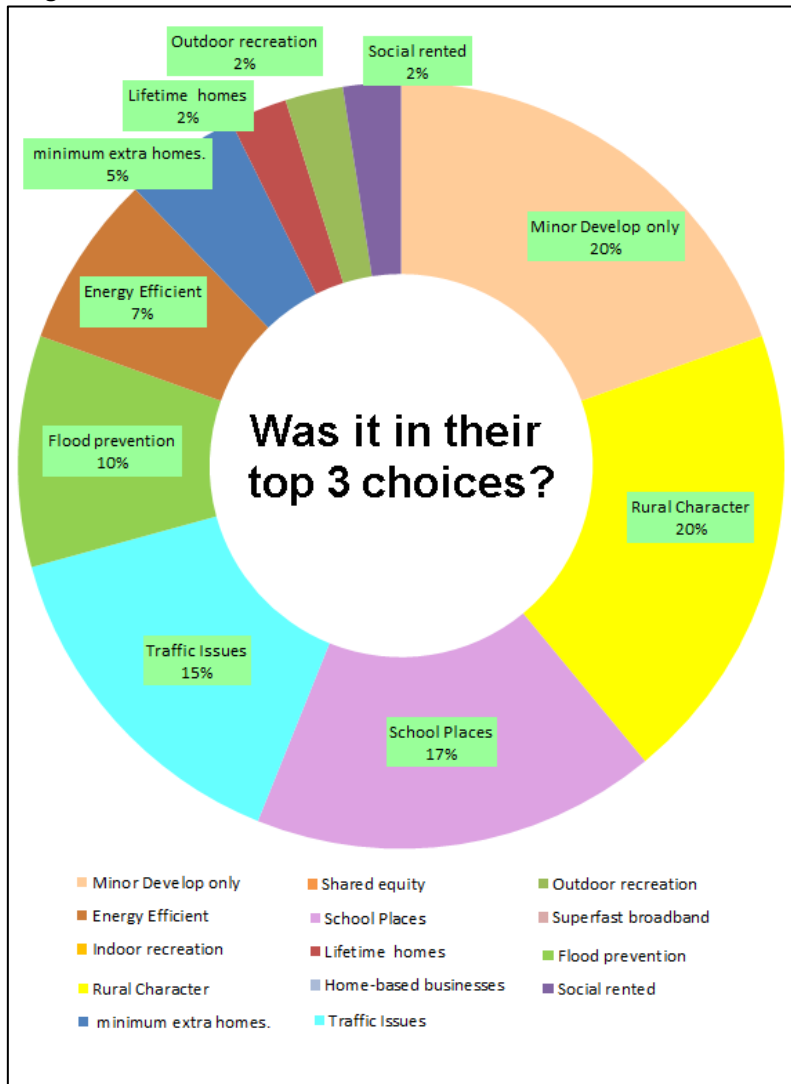
At this stage we were still awaiting the questionnaire outcomes from ORCC and there were no new emergent policies to seek opinions upon. Given this our prime aim was to be available to informally discuss any issues residents wished to talk about. Some did additionally engage in an activity of arranging 14 statements in priority order. The results are shown below but there is no pretence that this represents statistically useful data!

Unsurprisingly the outcomes reiterate the key concerns of residents:

- No more large estates
- Preserve the rural character of the village
- Match primary school capacity to

accommodate the children from new developments already agreed.

- Do something about traffic.



### 13. The Full Questionnaire (March – April 2014)

<b>Organiser</b>	<b>O.R.C.C. &amp; Neighbourhood Plan</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Bloxham</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>March – April 2014</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Around 605 (45%)</b>

#### a. Introduction

The questionnaire was agreed by the Steering Group and submitted to The Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (O. R .C.C.) for advice on style and checking that it did not contain leading questions.

#### b. The Logistics

The copies were distributed to all homes and businesses in the village (1340) using a team of volunteers. The importance was advertised via the village media.

We had explored collection via street captains but the nature of the village (mostly families with all adults out at work) along with the confidential nature of the content being sought made this seem likely to place a huge demands of multiple visits by volunteers tasked with collecting them.

Reluctantly we settled for a “Freepost” system despite the fact this is known to generate much lower returns.

#### c. The outcomes

- Our population size is 1340 (houses.)
- Our returns were 605
- Our response rate was 45.1%

As it happens O.R.C.C. were surprised by high return rate for a postal survey and had to request extra time to process all the questionnaire forms. Their view was that 35% would normally be considered good.

#### d. Reliability

There are two key measures<sup>1</sup> : Confidence Level and Margin of Error  
Surveys usually aim for a 95%+ confidence level and 5% margin of error.

- 95% confidence level means the whole population had responded there’s a 95% chance the result would be the same as obtained from your sample
- 5% margin of error means that if the whole population had responded the %age voting for any particular choice would be within +/- 5% of the %age obtained from your sample

The percentage of responses that you need for a 95% confidence level drops as the population size increases.<sup>2</sup> (Indeed a number of recent studies conclude that the expense of increasing the response rate frequently is not justified given the difference in survey accuracy<sup>3</sup>)

Population Size	Responses Needed	Population Size	Responses Needed
10	10	700	249
100	80	800	260
200	132	900	270
300	169	<b>1,000</b>	<b>278</b>
400	197	<b>2,000</b>	<b>323</b>
500	218	5,000	357
600	235	10,000	370

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.snapsurveys.com/blog/good-response-rate-random-survey-sample/>

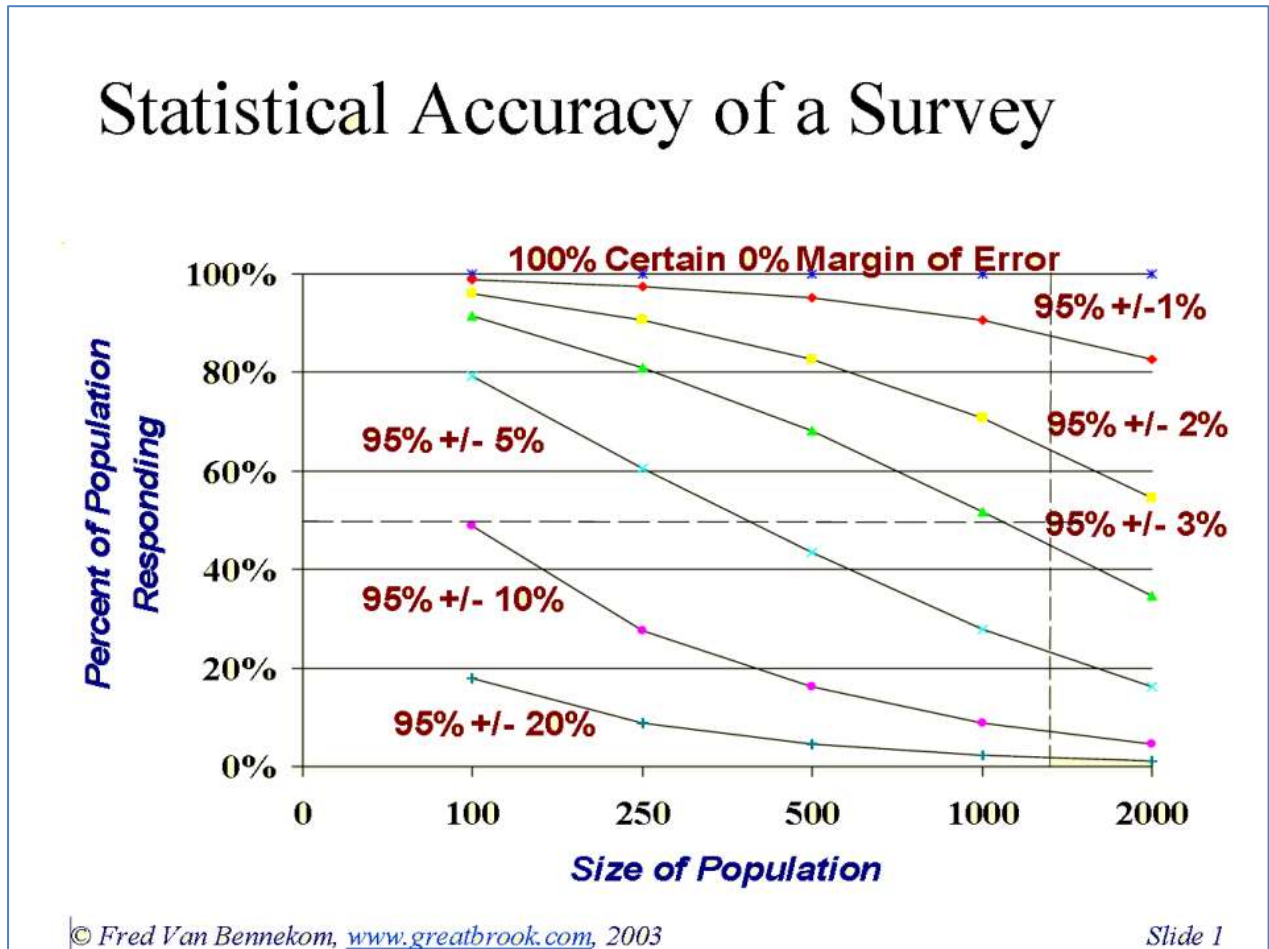
<sup>2</sup> [http://www.greatbrook.com/survey\\_accuracy.pdf](http://www.greatbrook.com/survey_accuracy.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Response\\_rate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Response_rate)

The Table indicates any question answered by more than 300 people is statistically going to meet the 95% confidence level.

The margin of error depends on both the sample size and the degree of variation between people's answers. (The more people agree the lower the margin of error as a result of low response rate!)

The graph that follows makes very conservative assumptions about the extent of agreement. It shows with our population (1340) and response rate (around 50%) the margin of error will be less than 3%. (Calculation gives an answer of 2.95%)<sup>4 5</sup>



We can have considerable confidence in the survey results. Indeed we would have met the normal criteria for survey reliability (95% confidence, 5% margin of error) with half the response rate we actually achieved.

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.comres.co.uk/poll-digest/11/margin-of-error-calculator.htm#>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.custominsight.com/articles/random-sample-calculator.asp>



### e. Photos

It's hard to photograph a survey! Here's a shot of some willing helpers engaged in the distribution arrangements!



### f. Outcomes

The detailed results of the questionnaire are available separately on the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan website.

The data has been heavily drawn upon to formulate the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan.

## 14. Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014

<b>Organiser</b>	<b>Bloxham Parish Council</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Bloxham</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> June 2014</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Around 45</b>



This was the Annual Meeting for the Parish which, as it turned out, coincided with the opening ceremony and first match of the World Football Cup!

The main input of the Annual Meeting was a presentation about the results of Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire. A simplified copy can be found upon the BNDP web-site.

This was followed by a Q&A session for parishioners a summary of which will be included in P.C. the minutes of the meeting.

## 15. Another chance for residents - 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014

<b>Organiser</b>	<b>Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Bloxham</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> December 2014</b>	<b>Responses</b>	

By now the working groups and steering group had achieved a high level of agreement as to the desired contents of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was decided to publish this to the village in December ahead of the official pre-submission consultation period in January so that any major local objections might be taken account of.

People were told that if they had any strong personal interest in the policies they should (also) make their comments in the official consultation period.

## 16. Pre-Publication Consultation 10<sup>th</sup> January 2015

### Media information on the consultation

a. Bloxham Broadsheet	Read by 95% of residents
b. Bloxham Broadsheet online website	Typically 5000 page-loads per month
c. Bloxham Broadsheet Facebook	Popular posts reach 1800 users
d. Bloxham Parish Council website	Usage unknown
e. Bloxham Parish Council Facebook	The page has over 400 'friends'
f. Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan website	Typically 500 page-loads per month
g. Banbury Guardian	Read by 47% of residents
h. email	To all those who have signed up
i. email	To all known Bloxham businesses
j. Letters	To businesses with unknown email
k. email	To statutory consultees
l. email	To developers with a known interest
m. Village noticeboards & village P.O.	Anyone reading them!

All media offered:

- Consultation dates;
- The address or hyperlink to online copies of the Plan and its summary;
- The address or hyperlink to an online response form;
- The address to send email responses to;
- The whereabouts of boxes to receive written replies;
- Social media posts linked to website pages with information and online forms.

### Availability of Neighbourhood Plan

Copies were available online 24/7. Paper copies were available to read at:

- |                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| • Parish Council Drop-ins | Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> and Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2015 |
| • The Post Office         | Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> and Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2015 |
| • The Church              | Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> – Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2015   |
| • The Doctors' surgery    | Jan 12 <sup>th</sup> – Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2015   |
| • Bloxham Mill            | Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> – Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2015   |
| • Bloxham Pharmacy        | Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> and Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2015 |

### Details of how to make representation

Three methods available

- 1) By online Form
- 2) By email
- 3) On paper

### Samples of the information used.

The pages that follow show just a few examples of the sort of information that went out to people.

## Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan consultation: 10 Jan - 22 Feb 2015

Please note - your full name is required and will appear alongside your comment in a consultation report.

\* Required

**Forename and surname \***

Required - WILL be published

**Address and postcode \***

Required - full address will NOT be published

**Organisation Name**

Optional: Use if commenting on behalf of an organisation - WILL be published

**email address**

Optional - will NOT be published

**Your comments \***

Comments can be general or specific. If commenting upon specific policies please include the policy numbers - see policies list below. WILL be published.

**Which of these green-spaces should be protected from housing or business development?**

Optional - You do not have to answer this but it would be helpful. Please tick one box per line.

	Yes	No	Don't know
The Recreation Ground ('The Rec')	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Jubilee Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Red Lion Gardens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The green area fronting Bloxham School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The rugby field running up onto Hobb Hill	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Slade Nature Reserve	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Submit**

**Online  
Form**

By email to [people\\_on\\_NP](mailto:people_on_NP) and PC email lists. (Apologies if you are on both and get 2 copies!)

## Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan

Completion of the Plan is getting nearer! Don't miss this chance to influence the changes. Tell us what you like and don't like about the policies. We'll listen carefully.

**When is the formal consultation period?**

This formal consultation period will last from  
**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2015**  
to  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2015.**

January 2015							February							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31									

**Can I comment before the formal consultation period?**

We have to document and take account of the comments received in the formal period consultation period but the NP Group will do this for ALL resident comments received from the start of December through to 22nd Feb 2015. If your comment is on an issue that could have major consequences for you as an individual then legally it will be best to submit it during the formal consultation period.

**Where can I see the Plan?**

### On computer

You can download copies to read on-screen or to print out from:



[Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan website](#)  
[Bloxham Parish Council website](#)  
[Bloxham Broadsheet online website](#)

### On paper

A summary is in the December Bloxham Broadsheet.



You can see (but not take away) a full copy of the plan at the Parish-Council drop-ins at the ex-SMH. We will also make copies available at other places such as: the mobile library, the doctors, the church etc.

**How can I comment?**

You must give your name, address and contact details. We'll have to publish your name and comment but not your contact details.



Online at the websites mentioned above.

Email Use the email address below.

[consult@bloxhamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk](mailto:consult@bloxhamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk)

**E-MAIL**

On paper in:

Collection boxes at the doctors, St Mary's church, Bloxham Pharmacy and elsewhere.

Thank you for helping shape your village.

Delivered to every house in the village mostly on Jan 10th

### Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group still have to finalise the legal detail of the plan but we are at a stage where we can once again share emerging policies with residents and other interested parties.

We set out below a simplified summary of what the policies seek to set in place.



1. Accommodate a further 20 dwellings between the start of this plan and 2031.
2. Accept only small developments and appropriate infill - not large estates.
3. Schedule most further development to take place after 2025
4. All developments should make a positive contribution to the rural character of the village. This to include size, style, materials, spacing and respect for trees, hedgerows and landscapes.
5. All development should avoid significant adverse effects upon existing properties.
6. Street lighting should be effective but not intrusive especially at the village edges.
7. The overall target number of dwellings should include high quality, non-estate houses and bungalows to accommodate those who may seek to downsize.
8. Developments of 5 or more dwellings should include some open-market dwellings designed for those with mobility problems.
9. All houses should have adequate parking on-site rather than on-street or in parking courts.
10. Flood hot-spots should be avoided and sustainable drainage systems adopted wherever appropriate.
11. Houses should be designed and built such that they do not flood in the event of temporary drainage failure.
12. Developments should have better water and energy efficiency ratings than those demanded by the basic building regulations.
13. Development applications should demonstrate they are located where they will not significantly exacerbate village traffic congestion.
14. Buildings designed or modified to facilitate home-working will be supported as long as there is no negative impact upon neighbours.
15. New dwellings should be pre-equipped to accommodate superfast broadband.
16. New mobile phone masts and equipment will be supported provided steps are taken to minimise impact upon the local character of the village.
17. Land currently generating employment will be safeguarded by insisting on attempts to sell for business use before permission for housing development is considered.
18. Applications for new or expanded retail facilities in High St / Church St will be considered only if accompanied by clear arrangements to mitigate additional on-street parking.

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**Paper  
Edition of  
Bloxham  
Broadsheet  
Dec 2014**

P13 Continues giving details of how to comment etc. similar to previous page.

**BLOXHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Goes out for public consultation on Saturday and ends on February 22.

Any individual or organisation can comment on any aspect of the plan.

All comments will become public and will be used to inform the final changes.

Please go to the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan website (<http://bloxhamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk>) where you can see a copy of the plan.

There is also a quick and easy on-line form where you can make your comment.

Paper copies of the plan and a response form will be available around the village (the church, doctors, Bloxham Mill etc) but doing it online will speed up getting the plan approved.

To learn more visit the Parish Council 'drop-in' event at the ex Servicemen's Hall on Saturday from 10.30am-3pm.

Villages Column  
of the Banbury  
Guardian

Thursday  
January 8<sup>th</sup>

## PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notices  
Section of  
Banbury  
Guardian

Thursday  
January 8<sup>th</sup>

### **Bloxham Parish Council Public Notice of Consultation Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan 2015-2031**

Bloxham Parish Council has prepared a Neighbourhood Development Plan for its parish to be used in the determination of planning applications locally.

#### **Where the plan may be inspected**

The Plan can be viewed on the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan website. Some copies will be available for inspection in Bloxham at St Mary's Church, the Doctor's Surgery and Bloxham Mill along with response forms and boxes for these when completed.

Alternatively visit us at the Parish Council "drop-in" at the ex-Servicemen's hall on Sat 10th Jan 2015 10:30-3:00 to see the plan and ask any questions about it.

#### **How to make representations**

Any person or organisation may comment on the Plan. Comments can be made by completing an online response form on the website above.

Alternatively you can email [consult@bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:consult@bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk). Paper forms are available as above. All comments will become publicly available. The consultation period runs from **Saturday 10th January 2015 until Sunday 22nd February 2015**. Changes that result from representations will appear in a post-consultation version of the Plan on the above website in due course.





**Drop-in Event  
Ex-SMH  
Jan 10<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 – 15:30**

**A second “drop-in”  
was organised for  
February 14th  
10:30 – 12:30**

43 people signed the visiting register. (Several didn't!)

## **Policies**

### **Visual Summary**

Here's a visual summary. Use the buttons at the bottom to step through it or make it bigger.



**For those unable to  
attend a slide-share  
version was made  
available [online](#).**

## How to respond on paper

- There are also paper reply forms in various places around the village.



**250 paper copies of the Plan + Response forms were made available at various village venues**

### Your Village – Your Choice

Would you like a say in things such as the number and size of new developments. Would you like developers to pay proper regard to the needs of residents on matters such as availability of school places for young families, houses for an ageing population, avoiding urbanisation, protection of our recreation spaces and provision of proper parking.

Make sure you have your say in the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation – even if it's just a single sentence. Do it at the [Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan website](#). It need only take a minute or two. Ends Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015

### Make the force be with us



**A reminder was delivered to every house in the village via the February 2015 edition of the Bloxham Broadsheet.**

# Village views sought for Bloxham's plan

## Development and protection of community is under spotlight

By STAFF REPORTER  
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**Bloxham's draft neighbourhood plan limits the number of new houses in the village to just 20 in the next 15 years.**

The relatively small amount of development aimed for has been calculated because of an unexpectedly high number of new homes given planning consent on appeal.

The new blueprint for Bloxham to 2031 demands that the village's rural character be preserved and that 'creeping urbanisation' is avoided.

Residents have until February 22 to comment on the draft plan and all are invited to a consultation meeting at the Ex-Servicemen's Hall on Saturday, February 14, from 10am-1pm where they can ask questions and find out more about the plan.

Parish council chairman Geoff Mollard said: "The village has seen huge growth in recent years and still has 255 permissions for houses in the coming few years.

"Because of this the plan is advocating only 20 extra dwellings over the next 15 years, but with the existing permissions this will still make Bloxham one of the fastest growing villages in the district."

Bloxham's planned growth will mean the village will expand by 41 per cent in just six



Neighbourhood plan coordinator John Groves with parish councillors Sue Slater, Jenny Yates and Stephen Phipps

years and the community is worried that infrastructure is not being improved and may not be able to cope.

**'There is concern that development is outpacing infrastructure'**

Mr Mollard said: "There is great concern at the way development is outpacing the supporting infrastructure. Loss of water and electricity are all too common. Traffic levels and narrow pavements discourage walking and cycling.

"The primary school, which the county council says it will not expand, will not be able to accommodate all Bloxham children from the coming developments and there are also

concerns with the capacity of Bloxham's health facilities.

"The village has seen a number of flooding incidents and the plan seeks to insist developers avoid building in flood-prone areas and design dwellings that can survive temporary drainage problems."

Mr Mollard said the plan wants developments to be actively designed to encourage 'micro businesses' where people can work from home.

"We also seek to avoid selling off land associated with employment for housing use," he said.

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Local Newspaper Coverage of the pre-consultation

Banbury Guardian 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2015

Village views sought for Bloxham's plan

Development and protection of community is under spotlight.

Bloxham's draft neighbourhood plan limits the number of new houses in the village to just 20 in the next 15 years.

The relatively small amount of development aimed for has been calculated because of an unexpectedly high number of new homes given planning consent on appeal.

The new blueprint for Bloxham to 2031 demands that the village's rural character be preserved and that 'repeining urbanisation' is avoided.

Residents have until February 22 to comment on the draft plan and are invited to a consultation meeting at the Ex-Servicemen's Hall on Saturday, where they can ask questions about the plan.

Parish council chairman Geoff Mollard said: "The village has seen huge growth in recent years and still has 225 permissions for housing in the coming few years.

Because of this the plan is advocating only a extra dwellings over the next 15 years, but with the existing permissions it will still make Bloxham one of the fastest-growing villages in the district."

Bloxham's planned growth will mean the village will expand by 41 per cent in just six years, worried that infrastructure is not being improved and may cope.

Mr Mollard said: "There is great concern at the way development is outpacing the supporting infrastructure. Loss of water and electricity are all too common. Traffic levels and narrow pavements discourage walking and cycling.

"The primary school, which the county council says it will not expand, will not be able to accommodate all Bloxham children from the coming developments and there are also concerns with the capacity of Bloxham's health facilities.

"The village has seen a number of flooding incidents and the plan seeks to insist developers avoid building in flood-prone areas and the plan seeks to insist developers avoid building on flood-prone land and design dwellings that can survive temporary drainage problems."

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**Banbury Guardian 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2015**

# Guardian Country

**BLOXHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Have you responded to the consultation yet? It closes on February 22.

There's another 'drop-in-and chat' session at the ex-Servicemen's Hall on Saturday, February 14, 10.30am-12.30pm when you can view an exhibition and ask questions as to what it's about.

● Around 250 copies of the full plan have been collected by people within the village.

● If you have finished with your copy please return it as we have now run out. You can pop your comment form into one of the boxes at the same time – or do it online at (<http://bloxhamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk>). At this site, as well as the copies of the plan, there are also summaries, slide-shows and a quick and easy on-line form for you to make your comments.

## BODDINGTONS

Rosemary Sheppy  
Sears Farmhouse, Hill Road, Lower End  
01237 291270; philip.rosemary.ag@bt.com

**PARISH CHURCH** – On Sunday there will not be a service at Boddington but everyone is invited to services at the Churches in the Five Villages Benefice. Tomorrow (Feb 8) the Rector will be saying Morning Prayer at Boddington at 9am and everyone is invited to this short service.

**METHODIST CHURCH** – On Sunday there will be a service at the School at 10.30am and Michael King will lead the service at 6pm.

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTION** – Women will meet for a Pot Luck Supper on Wednesday, February 11, at 7.30pm. Prospective members are invited to share in this popular event and should contact Simone Botham on 01237 291270 for more detail.

Villages Column of the Banbury Guardian

Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup> 2015 and Feb 12th



N. Plans were distributed and announcements made at the meeting at The Warriner School on Sunday 8th Feb 2015



Parish Drop-in event. Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015

**BANBURY GUARDIAN**

Thursday, February 19, 2015 [www.banburyguardian.co.uk](http://www.banburyguardian.co.uk)

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Gardeners meet up at village hall**

Boddington and District Gardeners' Association will meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm at the village hall. Sue McNally, gardener at Sulgrave Manor, will speak on herbs and medicinal uses. Members and visitors are both welcome.

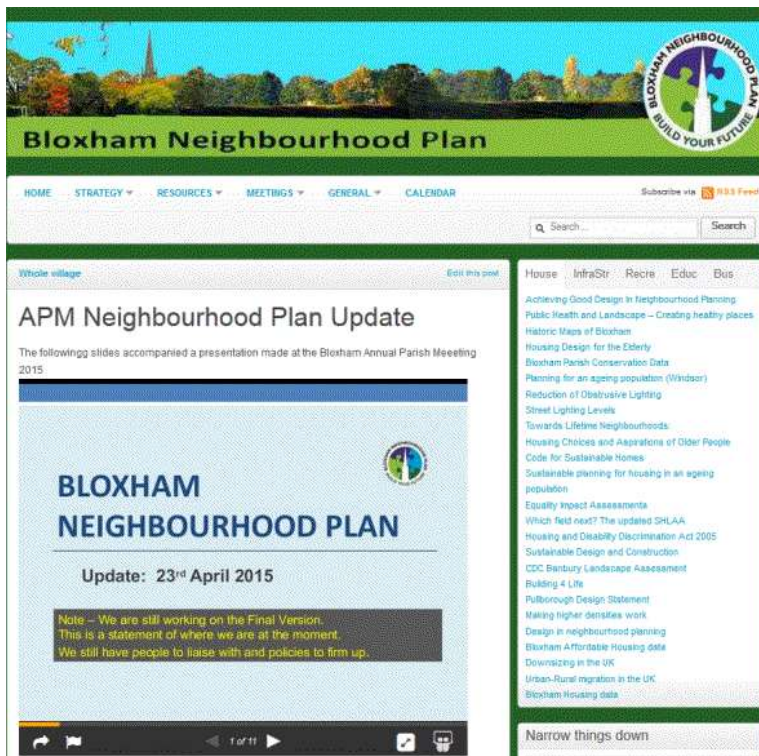
**Last chance to shape Bloxham**

People are urged to help shape Bloxham's next 15 years before the consultation period for the Neighbourhood Plan ends next Sunday. There are no more paper copies, so to read the full plan or a summary, see <http://bloxhamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk>

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Banbury Guardian  
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A presentation on the outcomes of the consultation and how this was influencing the revised policies was made at The Annual Meeting for the Parish on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015 at the Warriner Lecture Theatre.



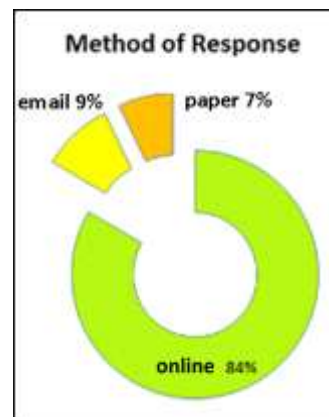
Copies of the above presentation were also available on a number of village websites

## Responses the Pre-publication Consultation

### Method of response

Three methods of responding were on offer.

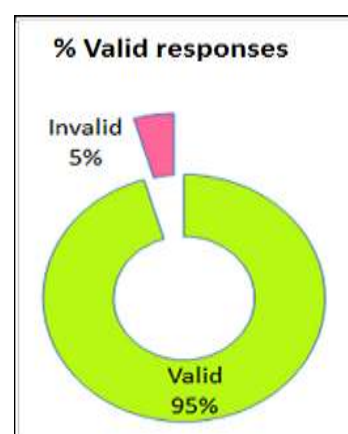
- on paper
- email
- online form



### Valid Responses

The consultation ran for a fixed period and to discourage false responses it was made clear that the following was required: forename, surname and address or postcode. Respondents were told only the name and comment would be published. Some failed to provide the required information or responded too late.

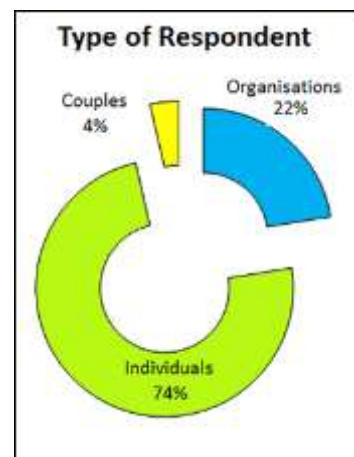
We have looked at the implications of including or excluding data from these “invalid” responses and actually, they make no real difference to the overall conclusions.



### Who were the responses was from?

Basically responses came from either individuals or organisations.

- Most responses were from individuals
- Some of the responses that we will class as being from ‘individuals’ were in fact clearly marked as representing the views of two people (normally Mr & Mrs.)
- Some responses were clearly marked as representing the views of organisations.



### Where were the responses from?

Many of the “organisational responses” were from addresses outside of the village.

Only three of the individual responses were clearly from outside of Bloxham. One was a former resident who lives nearby. Another was an employee of Bloxham School and the third from an individual who had represented Bloxham as a county councillor in the past.



### The general nature of the individual responses

Residents had previously been given the opportunity to engage in a detailed largely ‘closed question’ questionnaire upon which the plan had been based. This had received a very high response rate.

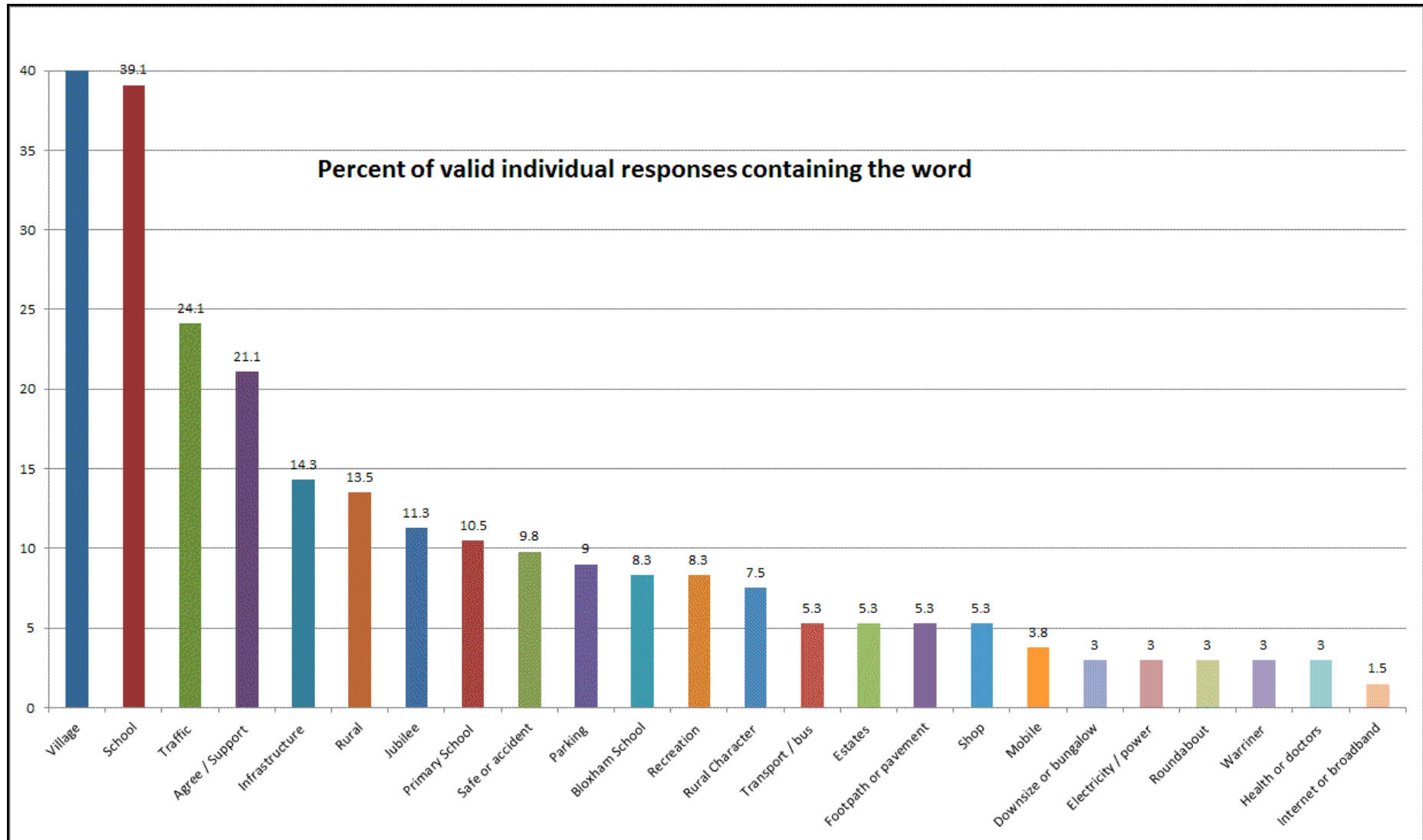
This consultation was of a very different nature. The emphasis was on a totally free-response text-box where people could be as general or specific as they wished.

The vast majority of responses from individuals were general simply confirming support or agreement for the plan. The only response containing the word “disagree” was, “There is nothing in the plan I can disagree with!”

#### Caution

Certain words seemed to recur through the responses. We show this in graphic form on the next page. Because of the open-ended nature of the consultation, along with statements of support for all policies, many clearly shared the concerns but will not appear in the Table or chart below. Nonetheless it is informative briefly to note the relative frequency of their occurrence: Something to be kept in mind when preparing the final version of the plan!

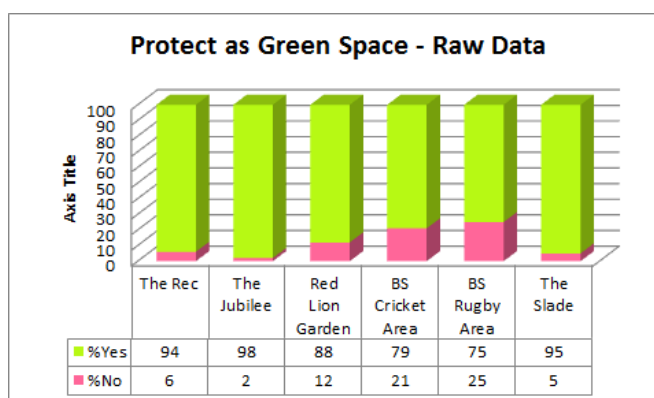
Word(s)	Context	Total %
Village or rural or estates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Village” appeared in 40% of responses usually with the emphasis village not town.</li> <li>• “Rural” featured in 15% of responses</li> <li>• “Estates” –always as in ‘no more large estates’ – a further 5%.</li> </ul>	60%
Traffic, safety, accident , parking or roundabout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic” appeared in 24% of responses and is ALWAYS an issue at all consultations.</li> <li>• Parking appeared in 9%</li> <li>• The words “safety or accident” in 10% of responses always within the context of traffic or parking</li> <li>• Roundabout featured in 3%</li> </ul>	46%
Schools Esp. Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “School” appears in almost 40% of responses.</li> <li>• 8% of which refer to Bloxham School (see below)</li> <li>• A few % with regard to sports pitches.</li> <li>• The remainder are concerned at the verified absence of school places for village families at the primary school.</li> </ul>	30%
Jubilee	“Jubilee appears in over 11% of responses either in the context of supporting expansion or of suggesting that, given the growth rate of the village, the term “moderate expansion” might be unduly constraining.	11%
Bloxham School	“Bloxham School” occurred in 8% of responses all of which were supporting the school in resisting green-space status upon areas that it owns. This ‘category’ also accounts for quite a few of the late or invalid responses. (E.g. where people did not provide their full name.)	8%



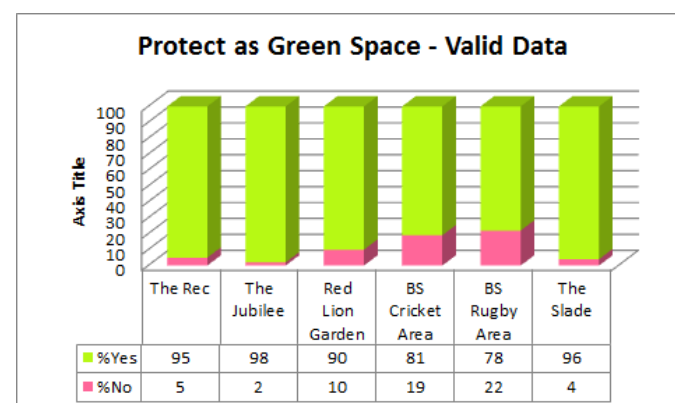
## Green Space Status

The main element of the consultation was free response but we did also ask for views upon conferring green-space status upon certain areas flagged up in previous consultations / discussions. This topic elicited concern from some with regard to the longer-term implications for Bloxham School. As this was the only truly quantitative question in the consultation whether one counts “invalid” responses or counts responses from couples as 1 or 2 responses might be raised. In actuality it makes little difference but we show all the results below:

Raw data includes all responses – including responses that are invalid by virtue of lacking a surname or being submitted late.

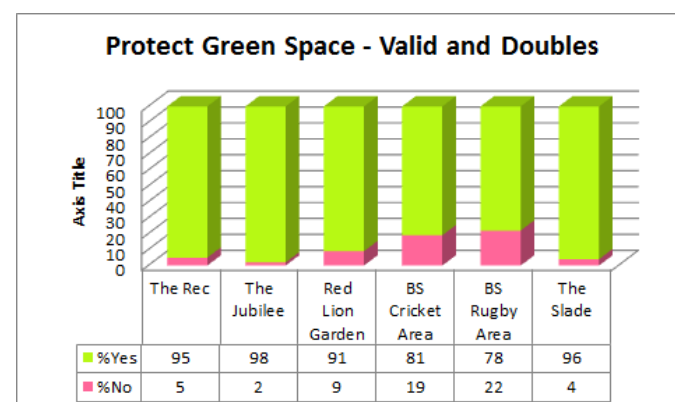


Valid data excludes late or badly completed responses.



Valid and doubles excludes invalid data and double counts responses that are specified to have come from two people.

Whilst it is clear that there is support for protecting all of these areas there are also some concerns to avoid inappropriate constraints upon the future development of Bloxham School. On other areas the NP receives over 90% support.



Our response to the pre-consultation comments are explained in the main consultation statement.

## 17. Neighbourhood Plan Health Check – July 2015

The Neighbourhood Plan was submitted via NPIERS for a health check. The resulting Report can be seen on the BNDP website.

This proved a very constructive procedure in flagging up possible improvements by removing ambiguity or providing additional evidence within the plan itself rather than just the evidence base..

As a result of this we have:

- Made clearer the rationale behind the SEA opinion (p16 -> in the Basic Conditions). At the time of writing we are still negotiating with CDC to provide a screening statement.
- Included a “flow-chart” of the policy-making process and an engagement timeline in both the Consultation Statement and the Plan;
- Included additional information on the situation regarding primary school capacity in the Plan rather than just the evidence base documents;
- Included a colour-coded map to “timeline” Bloxham developments;
- Added more data about local businesses;
- Added %ages to questionnaire and consultation data where possible;
- Added a chart on ageing population in Cherwell;
- Drew more attention to the level of detail contained in the the Working group reports in the BCS. Also added membership info in the appendix;
- Shifted most maps and other appendix info into the main body of the plan to create a better information flow;
- We tackled the “adopted or emerging Local Plan” question by adding a paragraph explaining we had been working at ensuring compliance with both. The Local plan has now been adopted and we have tried to update documents to reflect this.
- Added a summary to the Basic Conditions Statement;
- Tried to make clear via the plan-making flow-chart that issues emanated from the community. The Steering Group and Working Groups sought to address these within the context of the NPPF, the adopted and emerging Local Plan and the gradually assembled evidence base represented by the three main BNDP reports.  
In reality, of course, there was a constant cycle of publishing information and receiving feedback leading to progressive refining of questions and policies.
- Once again asked Cherwell DC for a screening opinion on the Strategic Environmental Assessment. This is now being taken forward.