





BLETCHINGDON WITH HAMPTON GAY AND POYLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Consultation Statement

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Abbreviations

BPC	Bletchingdon Parish Council
BHGPNP	Bletchingdon and Hampton Gay and Poyle Neighbourhood Plan
HGP	Hampton Gay and Poyle
CDC	Cherwell District Council
CFO	Community First Oxfordshire
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council

Introduction

This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012, section 15 (2). These require that when a qualifying body submits a Neighbourhood Development Plan to the local planning authority it must be accompanied by a consultation statement.

Part 5 of the Regulations sets out that a consultation statement should contain:

- details of the people and bodies who were consulted about the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.
- an explanation of how they were consulted.
- a summary of the main issues and concerns raised by the people consulted.
- a description of how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

This document provides the information as required by Part 5, as well as providing:

- a background as to why we decided to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.
- the aims of consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan.
- details of how we initially consulted with the local community and published our intention to develop a plan.
- The stages of the consultation that we went through.
- Changes to the Plan following consultation to meet concerns, needs and objectives.

The extent of engagement is considered by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, HGP Parish Meeting and BPC to fulfil the obligations set out in the Regulations. The Consultation Statement supports and describes the process of consultation as envisaged through the Localism Act 2011 and the associated Regulations and sets out how it has been applied. This has improved the Plan and ensured that it best meets community expectations and the aspirations of HGP Parish Meeting and BPC.

Background to the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

First discussions about the creation of a neighbourhood plan took place at the October 2021 meeting of BPC, in light of the consultations taking place by CDC regarding their local plan. In January 2023, a Steering Group of parish councillors (3) and residents (3) was established.

Part of what is considered to be the natural area of Bletchingdon lies in the neighbouring parish of HGP and it was agreed to approach the HGP parish meeting to discuss the possibility of them being part of the neighbourhood plan. This would mean that the plan covered a more holistic area. HGP agreed to the proposal and provided two further members of the Steering Group.

Formal agreement to proceed was obtained from HGP Parish Meeting in May 2022 and from BPC in June 2022. An application to proceed was submitted to CDC in June 2022 and received their approval shortly after.

The main areas of consideration and consultation for the plan were agreed to be:

1. Desirability, or otherwise, for potential building development for both housing and businesses.
2. A design code for any new buildings or modifications or extensions to existing buildings.
3. The promotion of sustainable development.
4. Maintaining the rural character of the area and promoting green spaces.
5. The existing infrastructure of the area and any changes required for the future.

It was agreed to engage Community First Oxfordshire as consultants, and they began work in November 2022.

Aims of the Bletchingdon with HGP Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Process

The aims of the Neighbourhood Plan consultation process were:

- To involve as much of the community as possible throughout all consultation stages of the Plan development so that it is informed by the views of local people and other stakeholders from the start of the neighbourhood planning process.
- To ensure that the community was aware of the development of the Plan by way of use of the Parish Council web site, Parish Council notice boards, the Parish magazine which is distributed free of charge to every household in Bletchingdon, social media, by email in HGP and consultation events.
- To ensure that consultation events took place at critical points in the process where decisions needed to be taken.
- To encourage participation in the consultation process by way of engagement across different community groups and residents so that the views of all could be gathered from as wide a range of people as possible, using a variety of approaches, communication, and consultation techniques.
- Provide suitable means for the Steering Group to publish information and evidence data to the community throughout the process by way of a dedicated web site. This web site also has the ability for the community to correspond with the steering group.
- To update the community on progress at significant stages including through the Parish Council web site, Parish Magazine social media and email.
- To ensure that results of consultations were used to develop policies to address community and village needs, and thus enable a plan for the village, that would help shape the future of the village for the period of the plan.

Bletchingdon with HGP Consultation Strategy

The steering group engagement strategy and keeping the community informed.

- Once the Parish Council and Parish Meeting had given the go-ahead, the objective was to commence the formation of a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. A 'Terms of Reference' document which was agreed and signed by the Steering Group members which included a commitment to engage with the community.
- Create a dedicated web page to enable the steering group to publish information and evidence data to the community. This web site also has the ability for the community to correspond with the steering group. **https://www.bletchingdon-pc.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning/**
- Use the Bletchingdon Village News magazine, an established Facebook page, an established WhatsApp group, leaflets and emails to maintain contact with the community. The Village News has carried progress updates on a regular bi-monthly basis.
- To engage with CDC where appropriate for guidance and advice.

Calendar of consultation events

- Engaging with the Parishes communities. This commenced with a Community Consultation presentation in January 2023.
- The results from the initial consultation gave the Steering Group some guidelines which were incorporated along with other topics in a Community Questionnaire Survey which was distributed to every household with a pre-paid return envelope in April 2023.
- A follow up meeting in December 2023 presented the results of the survey together with the first draft of the policy statements and a review of the potential housing developments that had recently been proposed for Bletchingdon. Feedback forms were given out.
- Following the draft of the CDC local plan in December 2024 considerable concern was expressed in Bletchingdon about the proposed housing development contained in it. A set of FAQs was published on the website in early February 2025 explaining the process behind the proposal and the Parish Councils neutrality in the matter. Residents were encouraged to write to the BPC with comments on the proposals. The first part of the Parish Council meeting on 26 February was made available for public discussion of the matter.
- Conducting the Pre-Submission (Reg 14) Consultation from 15 December 2025 to 12 February 2026 as required by the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations. This process was advertised through the Parish notice boards, Parish Magazine, Parish Neighbourhood Plan website, social media platforms and email in HGP. Consultation letters were sent to statutory bodies and other interested parties.

Consultation on Developing the Neighbourhood Plan Vision, Aims, and Objectives

Initial Consultation



An initial consultation event took place in Bletchingdon Village Hall on 18 January 2023. This event aimed to:

1. explain the neighbourhood planning process,
2. the reasons for undertaking the exercise
3. the reasons for the two parishes working together
4. explain the main aims of the plan
5. To seek the views of the community on those aims.

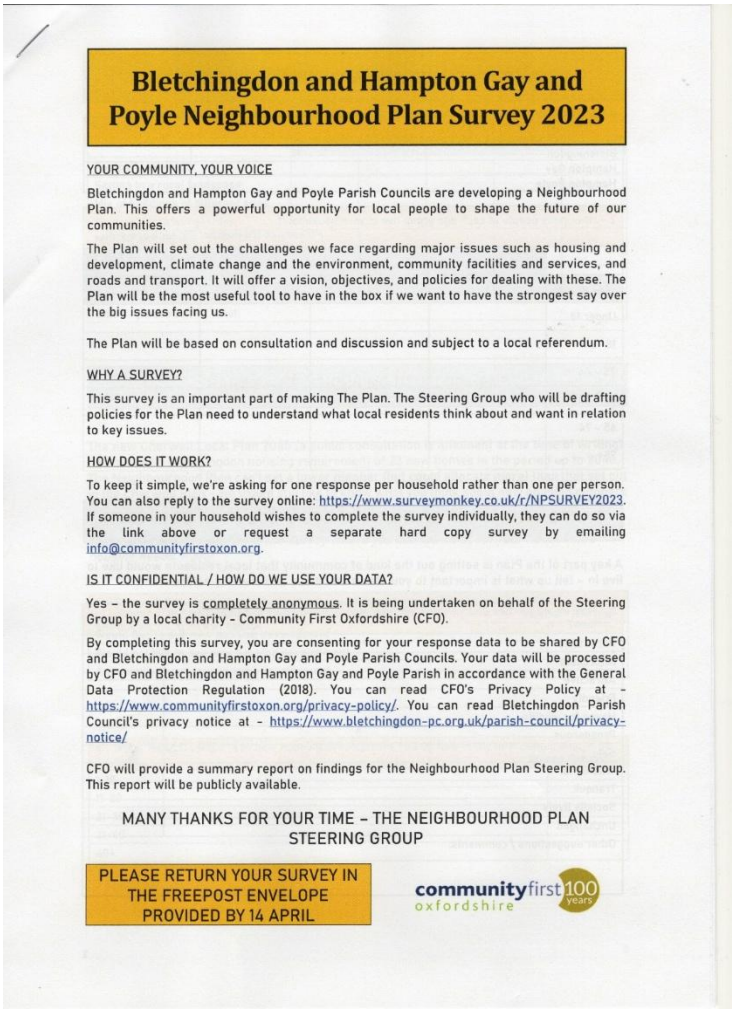
Approximately 50 residents attended. Questions were taken from the floor and an informal session allowed for individual comments and suggestions. The minutes of the meeting together with slides used for the presentation were made available on the website.



The main themes discussed by the meeting were:

1. Infrastructure including roads and traffic, public transport, drainage,water pressure, and footpaths.
2. Local village character, housing design and development: including making sure any new development would be in keeping with our villages, affordable housing, and protecting green spaces.
3. Environment, biodiversity and climate change: including local renewable energy sources and promotion of biodiversity

The Community Survey



Bletchingdon and Hampton Gay and Poyle Neighbourhood Plan Survey 2023

YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR VOICE

Bletchingdon and Hampton Gay and Poyle Parish Councils are developing a Neighbourhood Plan. This offers a powerful opportunity for local people to shape the future of our communities.

The Plan will set out the challenges we face regarding major issues such as housing and development, climate change and the environment, community facilities and services, and roads and transport. It will offer a vision, objectives, and policies for dealing with these. The Plan will be the most useful tool to have in the box if we want to have the strongest say over the big issues facing us.

The Plan will be based on consultation and discussion and subject to a local referendum.

WHY A SURVEY?

This survey is an important part of making The Plan. The Steering Group who will be drafting policies for the Plan need to understand what local residents think about and want in relation to key issues.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

To keep it simple, we're asking for one response per household rather than one per person. You can also reply to the survey online: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NPSURVEY2023. If someone in your household wishes to complete the survey individually, they can do so via the link above or request a separate hard copy survey by emailing info@communityfirstoxon.org.

IS IT CONFIDENTIAL / HOW DO WE USE YOUR DATA?

Yes – the survey is completely anonymous. It is being undertaken on behalf of the Steering Group by a local charity - Community First Oxfordshire (CFO).

By completing this survey, you are consenting for your response data to be shared by CFO and Bletchingdon and Hampton Gay and Poyle Parish Councils. Your data will be processed by CFO and Bletchingdon and Hampton Gay and Poyle Parish in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (2018). You can read CFO's Privacy Policy at - https://www.communityfirstoxon.org/privacy-policy/. You can read Bletchingdon Parish Council's privacy notice at - https://www.bletchingdon-pc.org.uk/parish-council/privacy-notice/

CFO will provide a summary report on findings for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. This report will be publicly available.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR TIME – THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

PLEASE RETURN YOUR SURVEY IN THE FREEPOST ENVELOPE PROVIDED BY 14 APRIL

communityfirst oxfordshire 100 years

The second stage of consultation took place in March and April 2023 when a community survey designed by CFO pack was delivered to approximately 450 households in the two parishes. This was accompanied by notifications using social media.

The results of the survey are contained in Appendix 2 of the submission documents. In summary the results were:

1. The villages both wanted to be seen as safe and friendly and valued the rural setting.
2. Housing. Views were quite evenly split between those wanting to see no new housing development (37%) and those who did (34%). (The remainder were unsure). Of those who did want further housing the view was that it should be on a small scale, 30 or less,

and with limited impact upon the environment and landscape. There was a clear preference for smaller and affordable houses.

3. Sustainability. There was a clear view that new development should be built to be as energy efficient as possible and should have a minimum impact upon the environment and existing green spaces. Renewable energy was well supported with a clear preference for roof based solar panels.
4. The environment. The majority of respondents wanted to improve nature conservation by planting more trees and wildflowers and encouraging bees. Green spaces should be encouraged and existing ones preserved. Half of the respondents were concerned with light and air pollution. A clear majority also favoured improved access to the countryside by well-maintained rights of way and their development.
5. Transport. The survey indicated that most transport was car based but with a clear indication that the frequency of bus services should be improved and that cycling would be more popular if safety and the state of the roads was improved. Potholes together with the general state of the roads were considered a problem by most people together with the speed of the traffic and the number of HGV's using them.

Second Community Consultation

The results of the survey provided a clear guide to the steering group in the framing of policies for the Neighbourhood Plan. These were then presented at a second consultation meeting held on 12 December 2023.


Bletchingdon with Hampton Gay and Poyle

Help to make your villages better places

You are invited to a meeting for an update on our Neighbourhood Plan at:

Bletchingdon Church on 12 December at 7pm

Come and join us and hear from the steering group and then share your views on how, together, we can shape the future of our community.

Refreshments provided!

Many thanks and we hope to see you there.

This meeting was attended by approximately 30 residents and presentations were given on the survey results and the policies that had been so far agreed by the steering group.

Housing. An overall policy on housing had not been agreed at this point. There had been the recent publication of two developer proposals for Bletchingdon, and it was considered that BPC discussion should precede any policy. A presentation of the two proposals was given to the meeting.

Feedback from the meeting was minimal with all those present accepting the policies put forward. Feedback forms were available at the meeting on the website, but none were submitted.

Discussion about housing continued within the BPC and the Steering Group throughout 2024. One problem was the that the CDC local plan was being developed and although it was clear that Bletchingdon would receive a housing

allocation, the size and nature of it were not officially known until December 2024. The BPC rejected the idea of undertaking a site allocation exercise of its own on the grounds of cost and, given that the location of one of the sites was in the Oxford Green Belt, the result was probably highly predictable.

The BPC agreed a policy of neutrality on the site selection and in conjunction with the Steering Group also agreed to go ahead with a design code intended to guide the type of development that would follow any planning application.

Once the size and location of the CDC housing allocation was known in December 2024 the Steering Group were able to write a policy that encompassed the views from the survey regarding the provision of affordable housing for local people.

Housing Consultation

The CDC allocation was made for one of the two sites put forward in the earlier call for sites. The one in the Oxford Green Belt was not included. Once this became more widely known in January 2025 a resident group began to campaign for the site that had NOT been included. It was agreed that an unplanned and ad-hoc consultation on housing needed to take place. The BPC encouraged residents to write expressing their views and put a full explanation of the issues on the parish website. (See the link on https://www.bletchingdon-pc.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning/).

The first part of the February 2025 BPC meeting was open to the public at which 5 members of the public attended, a full description of the planning process and the issues involved was given and the views of the residents expressed. It was clear from the correspondence received (20 letters and emails) and the discussion at the meeting that views were clearly split three ways; those in favour of one site or the other and those who did not want development. Ultimately BPC accepted the CDC allocation of 50 new units for Bletchingdon, though without endorsing any particular site.

Pre-submission Regulation 14 Consultation

The final phase of the consultation was the Pre-Submission (Reg 14) Consultation which ran from 15th December until 6th February 2026.

Having gained approval from BPC to proceed in November the consultation was advertised in the Bletchingdon Village News, the local WhatsApp group, the local Facebook page and by email in HGP, all containing links to the documents. Notice was also posted on the PC website with a link to the documents page. (See below for the documents page)

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP DOCUMENTS ON THE WEB SITE

NOVEMBER 2025 PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

What is this consultation about?

We are consulting on the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan and associated appendices. We want to gather the views of all stakeholders, particularly those who live, work, or do business in Bletchingdon and Hampton Gay and Poyle. The documents going forward are listed below. If accepted the Plan will give greater local control over development in our villages.

If, after reading the documents, you wish to make a comment a down-loadable form is available below. Your views may relate to the proposed policies, the content and wording of the Plan, whether the Plan is missing anything, or anything else you would like to bring to our attention. Once these views have been gathered, the Plan will be amended as necessary before being submitted to Cherwell District Council for examination.

The comment form explains how to submit your comments but please note that this should be done before midnight on 12 February 2026.

The documents are below, please click on the blue link to open each one.

Main Policy Document This is the core document of the plan and details its specific policies and objectives. It also covers the development of the plan, how it fits into the overall planning process and some brief background on the two villages.
Appendix 1 – Baseline Evidence This document gives expanded detail on the background in the two villages. It looks at their history and development, population structure, climate, biodiversity, environmental factors and a number of other factors that may influence thier future development
Appendix 2 – Community Survey Report This reports the findings of the community survey undertaken in March 2023. This survey detailed the views of the residents regarding current and future issues that could or should be addressed by the Neighbourhood Plan. These include housing, the environment and transport.
Appendix 3 – Character Assessment This is a survey that was undertaken to identify the key features within the built environment that contribute to the distinctive features in the various areas of the two villages. This survey was then used to inform the Design Code in appendix 5.
Appendix 4 – Key Concepts and Definitions These are the three main concepts behind the Design Code.
Appendix 5 – Design Code It is more than likely that Bletchingdon, in particular, will grow in the years that the plan covers. The code details what form the design of any new housing, or modifications, should take in order to maintain the existing character of the villages. This includes not only the design of housing but also the materials used and the layout and nature of the surrounding area.
Appendix 6 – Bletchingdon Conservation Plan (2013) This work undertaken by Bletchingdon Parish Council gives a detailed survey of the habitats within the Parish and the wildlife to be found there.
Appendix 7 – Local Green Spaces Assessment This document proposes the addition of Hodgeman's Spinney to the local list of green spaces.
Appendix 8 – Community Infrastructure Projects This document details a number of suggestions for improvements to the village infrastructure. Your suggestions for additional items would be welcome.

Consultation feedback form. Having looked at the documents you may feel that you wish to comment on specific aspects of them. You can download the form which contains specific instructions on how to fill it in and return it.

Letters were also sent to statutory and other consultees.

Notification of consultation on the Bletchingdon and Hampton Gay and Poyle Neighbourhood Development Plan: Regulation 14

Dear Consultee,

I am writing to you to invite your comments as a registered statutory consultee for our draft Neighbourhood Plan under The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

About the Neighbourhood Plan

This Neighbourhood Plan covers the parishes of Bletchingdon, Hampton Gay, and Hampton Poyle, located in the District of Cherwell, Oxfordshire. The designated Neighbourhood Area is consistent with the two parish boundaries.

Why your comments matter

Your consultation responses will be used to inform the final version of the Bletchingdon and Hampton Gay and Poyle Neighbourhood Plan. Consultation feedback will be included in the Consultation Statement presented to Cherwell District Council with our final Neighbourhood Plan submission.

The consultation

The formal consultation period will run until 12 February 2026

You can view all Neighbourhood Plan documents and appendices at: https://www.bletchingdon-pc.org.uk/neighbourhoood-planning-documents/ You can make comments by emailing the Parish Council clerk: clerk@bletchingdon-pc.org.uk or sending by post to Bletchingdon Parish Council, Neighbourhood Plan Consultation, The Village Hall, Whitemarsh Way, Bletchingdon, OX5 3FD.

If you have any queries about how to take part, please email the clerk/ call 01869 351967 and the clerk will be happy to assist you.

Please note it is not possible to accept anonymous representations.

Any comments received after midnight on 12 February 2026 cannot be accepted.

Bletchingdon parish Council will acknowledge receipt of representations but will not enter into individual correspondence.

Your data

Comments will be published with your name and organisation (where applicable). No other personal details will be made public.

By responding to the consultation, you are consenting for your response data to be held by Bletchingdon Parish Council. Your data will be processed by BPC in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (2018). You can read BPC's Privacy Policy at:

https://www.bletchingdon-pc.org.uk/parish-council/privacy-notice/

We look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Robins, Chair, Bletchingdon Parish Council

Consultees:

Councils			
	Cherwell		Kidlington Parish Council
	Oxford		Kirtlington Parish Council
	West Oxfordshire		Launton Parish Council
	Oxfordshire		Lower Heyford Parish Council
	Adderbury Parish Council		Merton Parish Council
	Ambrosden Parish Council		Middle Aston Parish Meeting
	Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council		Middleton Stoney Parish Council
	Arncott Parish Council		Noke Parish Meeting
	Begbroke Parish Council		Oddington Parish Meeting
	Bicester Town Council		Shipton-on-Cherwell and Thrupp Parish Council
	Bloxham Parish Council		Steeple Aston Parish Council
	Bodicote Parish Council		Upper Heyford Parish Council
	Bucknell Parish Council		Wendlebury Parish Council
	Caversfield Parish Council		Weston-on-the-Green Parish Council
	Charlton-on-Otmoor Parish Council		Yarnton Parish Council
	Chesterton Parish Council		Tackley Parish Council
	Deddington Parish Council		Bladon Parish Council
	Fencott and Murcott Parish Council		Cassington
	Fringford Parish Council		Hanborough Parish Council
	Fritwell Parish Council		Woodstock Town Council
	Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council		Wootton Parich Council
	Heyford Park Parish Council		
	Islip Parish Council		
Councillors & MP			
	Gemma Coton CDC		
	Julian Nedelcu CDC		
	Alisa Russell CDC		
	Laura Gordon OCC		
	Nigel Simpson CDC		
	Calum Miller MP		
Statutory and others			
	BT Group PLC		National Grid (electricity)
	Canal and River Trust		National Trust
	Civil Aviation Authority		Natural England
	Cotswold Conservation Board		Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd
	EE		NHS
	English Heritage		Oxfordshire LEP
	Environment Agency		Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Distribution
	Highways England		Sport England
	Historic England		Thames Valley Police
	Homes England		Thames Water
	London Oxford Airport		TVERC
	MOD - Defence Infrastructure Organisation		Michael Peagram
	National Gas		

Replies were received from:

Three land agents: Robinson and Hall, Savills on behalf of Spitfire Homes and the Duchy of Cornwall.

Four statutory bodies: CDC, Natural England, Thames Water, and OCC.

No other comments were received, including from residents.

Despite the absence of formal resident replies we were able to measure the traffic on the website using Google analytics for the period of the consultation. The graphic below shows the data from the website over the period of the consultation.

Page title and screen class +	↓ Views	Active users	Views per active user	Average engagement time per active user	↓ Event count file_download
Total	2,067 100% of total	907 100% of total	2.28 Avg 0%	35s Avg 0%	382 5.97% of total
Bletchingdon Village – Oxfordshire	303 (14.66%)	183 (20.18%)	1.66	18s	0 (0%)
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP DOCUMENTS	199 (9.63%)	106 (11.69%)	1.88	38s	162 (42.41%)
Page not found	176 (8.51%)	177 (19.51%)	0.99	1s	0 (0%)
The Village News	129 (6.24%)	80 (8.82%)	1.61	20s	68 (17.8%)
Sports and Social	96 (4.64%)	60 (6.62%)	1.60	31s	0 (0%)
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING HOME PAGE	80 (3.87%)	40 (4.41%)	2.00	54s	16 (4.19%)
Latest Agenda and this Year's Minutes and Finance Reports	68 (3.29%)	23 (2.54%)	2.96	50s	38 (9.95%)
Parish Council	65 (3.14%)	39 (4.3%)	1.67	24s	3 (0.79%)
Bus timetable	61 (2.95%)	49 (5.4%)	1.24	11s	34 (8.9%)
ABOUT BLETCHINGDON	54 (2.61%)	45 (4.96%)	1.20	36s	0 (0%)

From this data it is clear that, after the Home Page, the NP document page was the most visited page on the site and that there were 227 file downloads from the page. Although it would be naive to suggest that all this activity was generated by the consultation (some visits were clearly generated by data gathering sites recording new data on the website), there clearly was considerable interest. Indeed, in the period 1 March to 9 May 2026 there were only 44 visits to the page and only 8 downloads.

Following completion of the Regulation 14 pre-submission consultation all comments received were reviewed and – where applicable – changes were made to an updated version of the Plan. Amendments and updates have also been made – where applicable – to some of the appendices.

The issues raised during the Regulation 14 consultation and the follow up changes that were made to the Neighbourhood Plan are detailed in: APPENDIX A – LIST OF RESPONDENTS AND RESPONSES TO REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION

Conclusion

The various elements of the consultation process were all important in shaping the Neighbourhood Plan. Early dialogue with CDC was very valuable and had a major influence on the shape of the plan.

The level of response to the community survey was 31%, rather less than we might have hoped for but nonetheless showed the great feeling of community within the villages which had developed over many years. The reasonable turnout and positive responses enabled a clear picture of the concerns and needs of the villages. This meant that the key issues were clear from an early stage in the development of the Plan and were able to be refined at the various stages through the Neighbourhood Plan consultation process. It was felt the survey results gave a good overview of the community's views on future development.

The initial Community Presentation and Community Consultation feedback before the Community Questionnaire was issued attracted a high turnout. However, the various subsequent events which villagers were invited to attend did not attract such high turnouts.

The Character Assessment, which was undertaken by members of the Steering Group at an early stage, together with the Landscape Character Assessment, were also very informative, and helped support the development of policies, and matters such as requirements for design. This led to the writing of a Design Code and Guide by our consultant's, Community First Oxfordshire. This relates to the Character Assessment and is important for helping to address concerns relating to future development and the impact of any new development on village character.

Technical support and good feedback, direction from key stakeholders and interested parties such as the planning team at CDC, together with support from advisors, and ongoing feedback from residents throughout the process enabled development of the plan to ensure policies which both provide for the future needs of Bletchingdon and HGP, and address concerns where possible through local planning policy relevant to the Parishes.

Throughout the process the Steering Group has listened to the messages attained from each of the consultation events and wider resident and stakeholder feedback. The group has worked with professional advisors to address those areas where expertise has been needed and developed policy reflect the needs and requirements that were identified and evidenced through the consultive process. The details of the policies were developed with the assistance of our professional advisors Community First Oxfordshire and feedback and guidance received from CDC Planning team.

Our thanks go to all who participated.

Appendix – Regulation 14 Consultation Responses and Plan Changes

Bletchingdon HGP Neighbourhood Plan

Comments received from agents and third-party representations

Respondent ID	Name	NP section/ policy/ page being commented on	Summary of response	Change Plan?	Comments
Robinson and Hall – land agent **(Oct 2026. This company no longer has any interest in the NP)**		Whole-plan relevant comments	'Our request is for identification of land south of Station Road and west of Valentia Close, Bletchingdon for housing and associated development within the Neighbourhood Plan'.	No	The spatial strategy of the NP does not include a site allocation – reasons are set out in the Plan.
Savills – on behalf of Spitfire Homes **(jyeoman@savills.com)**		Whole-plan relevant comments	Absence of a site allocation.	No	The spatial strategy of the NP does not include a site allocation – reasons are set out in the Plan.
		Policy SD1	Reference to maximum housing number.	No	Cherwell DC pre-submission consultation

					comments support the current policy wording.
		Policy CE4	Figure 8 and supporting text should include reference to indicative routes.	Yes	Content amended.
		Policy CD2	Treatment of key local views should be applied proportionately.	No	Policy wording does not indicate treatment would be applied disproportionately
		Policy CE5	Amend policy so that buffers to trees and hedgerows are determined through site-specific assessment.		It is felt that policy as drafted is appropriate. Also, CE policies should be understood as a mutually informing suite of ecological policies. Thus, tree and hedgerow matters should also be considered in relation to other policies, which also include the requirement to undertake 'appropriate ecological surveys from a suitably qualified ecologist.'
Duchy of Cornwall **(andrew@copperfieldltd.co.uk)**		Policy SD1	Amend Plan to refer to a 'minimum' of 50 homes (not 'maximum').	No	Cherwell DC pre-submission consultation

					comments support the current policy wording.
		Policy SD2	Wording creates a risk that the PC would object to every planning application that anticipated connection to the national grid.	No	This policy seeks to *encourage* developers to be as ambitious as possible in relation to the measures set out.
		Policies CE1, CE3 and CE4	[Create] a simplified version of draft policy regarding green and blue infrastructure.	No	It is felt that the current wording offers necessary detail to address these important matters.
		Policy CE6	There is no explanation of why these are key views.	No	The policy rationale explains why these are key views and the criteria applied in their identification.

Comments received from statutory consultees and our response

Respondent ID	**Name**	**NP section/ policy/ page being commented on**	**Summary of response**	**Change Plan?**	**Comments**

STAT1	Cherwell District Council: Angela Newey, interim Principal Planning Officer	p.5	Suggest a clearer map provided of NP area.	No	The map is high quality.
		p.6	Prepare a Screening Opinion for Sustainability Appraisal.	No	This has been drafted and submitted as a final submission document.
		p.9	Provide a map showing the Green Belt and cross reference to relevant GB policies in emerging and adopted CDC Local Plans.	Yes	Map and policy references added.
		p. 13	Include a reference to 'heritage' in the character and design objectives.	Yes	Content added.
		Policy SD1	Identify a settlement boundary and associated policy wording.	Yes	Policy and rationale added
			Amend policy SD1 to reflect the types of development set out as suitable for Category A villages in emerging Local Plan policy SP1 – Settlement Hierarchy.	No	It was felt that including this would simply repeat Local Plan policy requirements.
		Policy SD1	Clarify section B of policy to ensure there is no conflict with requirements of emerging Local Plan Policy RUR H1.	No	It is considered that there is no conflict with Policy RUR H1. This policy seeks to encourage developers to voluntarily engage with the measures set out.
		Policy SD2	If the PC wishes to set higher standards than those in the Local Plan for it should provide evidence.	Yes	This policy does not seek to set/ impose higher standards as it is

					understood that a NP is unable to so do – this policy seeks to encourage developers to voluntarily seek to achieve higher standards. Additional reference to the latest scientific evidence regarding an acceleration in global warming has been added to the policy rationale.
		Policy SD3	Refer to emerging Local Plan Policy CSD8 Sustainable Drainage Systems in this section.	Yes	Content added to policy rationale.
		Policy SD3	Consider strengthening policy wording to reflect wording of emerging Local Plan Policy CSD8.	Yes	Policy bullet point C amended.
		Policy SD4	State that Parts A and B of the policy relate to the Local Plan allocation at land west of Springwell Hill.	Yes	Policy bullet point A amended to clarify the policy applies to all relevant developments, including the site allocated via RUR H1.
		Policy CE1	PC to provide an addendum as to the continued relevance of the Conservation Plan (appendix 6).	Yes	Content added to introductory section of Appendix 6.
		Policy CE1	No reference to the Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre (TVERC) Biodiversity Report for Hampton Gay and Poyle in the appendix.	Yes	The Plan initially included this report as an appendix – however, TVERC wished this report to be removed

					from public access. With TVERC's permission, key data from the report has been presented in the policy rationale.
		Policy CE6	Review wording to bring CE6 into line with emerging Local Plan COM25.	Yes	Policy rationale has been amended.
		Policy CE6	Figure 9 (map of the proposed LGS) only provides a broad indication of the area	Yes	A map showing the specific extent of the LGS has been added.
		Policy CE6	Recommend that all attempts to identify and notify the landowner are explored.	No	The Parish Council has sought for a number of years by multiple means to identify and contact the landowner, with no success.
		Policy CE6	Amed the checklist at Appendix 7 to refer to Oxfordshire-relevant organisations/ issues for clarity.	Yes	Appendix content has been amended.
		General comment	Provide a policies map.	No	It was felt that this would be cumbersome and problematic to provide – specific maps are available and presented with relevant, specific policies.
STAT2	Natural England: Sally Wintle, Consultations Team	General comment	Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft Neighbourhood Plan.	No	No comments to respond to.
STAT3	Thames Water: David	Policy SD2	Policy wording addition suggested in relation to water efficiency.	Yes	Additional bullet point (E) added.

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		Policy SD3	Policy rationale additional wording suggested regarding surface water drainage.	Yes	Recommended wording added.
STAT4	Oxfordshire County Council: Scarlet Desorgher *et al*	Policy CE4	Incorporate reference to green infrastructure corridors including walking, wheeling and cycling links.	Yes	Additional bullet point (V) added.
		Transport strategy	The Plan should include a comprehensive transport strategy.	No	It is felt that the measures set out in relation to active travel, improved infrastructure reasonably meet BHGP's requirements.
		General comment	Local Nature Strategy should be considered throughout.	No	LNRS material relevant to the NP area has been included in relevant policy rationale and policies.
		Policy CE1 & CE3	Useful to include a definition of habits considered of high conservation interest. Reference to application of the mitigation hierarchy to protected species.	No	It is felt that the biodiversity and nature policies include extensive evidencing.
		Policy CE1	Suggestion that best and most versatile agricultural land does not fit with the aims of the other points.	No	This policy incorporates considerations of landscape management - agricultural land is a

			Point X has the potential to conflict with nature recovery objectives		landscape management concern. It is felt that the use of the word 'seek' implies that other policy points will be considered 'in the round' regarding any discussion about best and most versatile agricultural land.
		Policy CE2	Point II has the potential to conflict with the aims of the other points in the policy.	Yes	Bullet point III removed.
		Policy CE5	Compensation should not be proposed for removal of veteran trees.	Yes	Relevant content deleted.
		General comment – waste reduction	Waste re-use, reduction and recycling appear to have not been considered within the NP.	No	It is felt that these matters were somewhat out of the scope of a NP, and were also not noted in community consultation.
		Policy SD3	Include reference to Section 19 Flood Investigation Reports.	Yes	Content added to policy rationale.
		Policy SD3	Other comments.	No	It is felt that the policy rationale and content provided reasonably incorporates key issues, mitigation etc. regarding local flooding.