

'Blunsdon will continue to be a safe and tranquil rural area with a strong community spirit and a diverse population. It will value its unique rural setting on the Mid Vale ridge and its historic heritage while improving communication links with Swindon and the wider area.'

Theme 1

A place where people want to live

To maintain the village character of Blunsdon by managing development on the scale envisaged in the SBCLP through small scale developments over the plan period.

To maintain areas of separation to protect the unique identity of Blunsdon and prevent coalescence with adjacent existing and proposed urban areas.

To ensure the urban development of Kingsdown provides benefits to the parish of Blunsdon such as new sustainable links and rights of way and environmental enhancements.

To ensure the objectives above are achieved through collaborative solutions for infrastructure and road safety.

Policy 1: Allocation of sites for development
 Policy 2: Housing developments on non-allocated sites
 Policy 3: Areas of non-coalescence
 Policy 4: Early Community Engagement with Developers
 Policy 9: Funding for Community projects

Theme 2

Pride in our Heritage

To protect and enhance the heritage and historic sites within the BENP

To ensure developments and alterations are sympathetic and appropriate

To recognise and promote the area's heritage and history

To register and protect Assets of Community Value within the BENP area.

To protect valued views in and out of the village

Policy 5: Preserving the design and character of Blunsdon Village
 Policy 7: Community Facilities and locally important assets
 Policy 9: Funding for Community projects
 Policy 11: Preservation of Views of local importance

Theme 3

Supporting the Community

Ensure opportunities for employment and home working are supported

Maintain and improve existing open spaces

Protect and improve sports facilities and play areas

Encourage the addition of open space and green infrastructure

To encourage the provision of a high quality broadband network to support employment and leisure activities

Policy 5: Preserving the visual character of Blunsdon Village
 Policy 6: Road Safety, traffic congestion and pollution
 Policy 8: Employment
 Policy 9: Funding for community projects
 Policy 10: Green Infrastructure, Open Space and Sports Facilities

Theme 4

Conserving Nature and the Environment

To preserve, improve and enhance the green infrastructure within the BENP area

Provide habitats that support and improve the biodiversity of the area

To preserve special views from the hilltop village

To strengthen and improve the conservation areas by developing and fulfilling the Management Action Plans

Policy 9: Funding for community projects
 Policy 10: Green Infrastructure, Open Space and Sports Facilities
 Policy 11: Preservation of views of local importance
 Policy 12: Protection of Trees and Hedgerows
 Policy 13: Dark Skies