

NOW IT'S UP TO YOU!



The first draft of the Blunsdon East Neighbourhood Plan is ready for your comments on its Policies and Plans for the Parish.

Blunsdon East Neighbourhood Plan (BENP) – Regulation 14 Public Consultation.

The first draft of the Plan document is available for consultation for a period of **6 weeks** to collect views from the **community and all stakeholders**. This is not a finished document, it is a **draft** designed to show the conclusions drawn from existing evidence including National and Local Planning Policy, Community Questionnaires and consultations. During the consultation period **4th May to 15th June 2019**:

- The plan document will be available as a download from the Parish Council and the BENP website (www.blunsdonparishcouncil.co.uk or www.blunsdon.info) and through the **Parish, BENP and Broadcast Blunsdon Facebook pages**.
- This leaflet, describing the plan and how to access it and engage in consultation will be delivered to every household in the BENP area as a 'pull out' within the Village Magazine.
- **Paper copies** of the plan document will be available at the Parish Office behind the Methodist Church and a number of paper copies will be available on request for those who cannot access the on-line version.
- There will be **two drop-in sessions in the Village Hall on Saturday May 4th 10am-4pm and Wednesday 8th May 4pm-9pm** for you to discuss the BENP in detail, or ask questions.
- The Steering Group will consult with other stakeholders e.g. businesses, landowners and service providers.

Following the consultation period, the comments submitted will be analysed and may be used to refine the content of the plan document. The revised document is then subject to a further review period by Swindon Borough Council (SBC), and then to review by an Independent Examiner. Each of these further reviews has a set timescale, and combined they will occupy the time to the autumn.

1 Referendum

On successful completion of the review stages the plan is subject to a community referendum. This is likely to take place later this year. Providing the referendum approves the plan, the Plan can then be formally declared as "made" by Swindon Borough Council.

2 Monitoring and Delivery

Each of the policies has to be delivered through the operation of an implementation plan, which details where responsibility rests for carrying out the several actions which are required to complete each policy. Progress in each of these implementation plans must be monitored by the Parish Council.

3 Periodic Updating of the Neighbourhood Plan

The completed plan is only useful if the policies within it are periodically reviewed and their results monitored. This process is the responsibility of the Parish Council. Periodic review is expected to take place at intervals of about 5 years or sooner with changes in planning policy.

Blunsdon East Neighbourhood Plan – Consultation Draft Response Form

YOUR COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Your thoughts and comments on any, or all, of the **Policies** and **Appendices** and **key associated documents** in the BENP will be welcomed. Please refer to the **Full Plan** at www.blunsdon.info or www.blunsdonparishcouncil.co.uk or from those sources listed above. Please return this completed consultation sheet to the address/locations at the end of this form and use additional pages if necessary. Thank you for your comments.

Policy 1 - Do you agree with this small-scale development policy?

 Y N

The housing policies plan for a maximum of 20 dwellings distributed over three sites all to the North of the B4019 (Broadbush). The policy proposes the construction of types of dwellings for families and more senior residents. (See full plan policy and Appendix J)

Comments:

Policy 2 - Do you agree with the non-allocated site policy?

 Y N

(See full plan policy)

Comments:

Policy 3 - Areas of non-coalescence – Do you agree with the draft plan proposals?

 Y N

The Policy on non-coalescence proposes non-developed areas surrounding the village core, extending the area of non-coalescence between Kingsdown NC5 and Broadbush. (See full plan policy)

Comments:

Policy 4 - Early Community Engagement with Developers –
Do you agree with the draft plan proposals?

 Y N

The Policy on early engagement plans to improve infrastructure with funds supplied by developers. (See full plan policy)

Comments:

Policy 5 - Village Design Statement - Do you agree with the draft proposals?

 Y N

A detailed Village Design Statement provides design principles for the layout of new developments and descriptions of construction details that all new builds and alterations should follow. (See full plan policy and Appendix C)

Comments:

Policy 6 - Road Safety, traffic congestion, pollution – Do you agree with the draft proposals? Y N

The Parish Council is already engaged in creating traffic schemes to help improve road safety and to deal with the significant impact the increase in traffic has on the Village. (See full plan policy)

Comments:

Policy 7 - Community Facilities and locally important assets –

Y N

Do you agree with the draft plan proposals?

Having already 'rescued' the Methodist Church and Hall, and registered the Heart in Hand as an Asset of Community Value, the Parish Council will continue to protect recognised Community Assets. (See full plan policy and appendices D and E)

Comments:

Policy 8 - Employment – Do you agree with the draft plan proposals

Y N

Support those that provide and are engaged in employment. (See full plan policy)

Comments:

Policy 9 - Funding for Community projects – Do you agree with the draft plan proposals? Y N

The Parish Council will continue to negotiate developer contributions to enhance the Parish. (See full plan policy)

Comments:

Policy 10 - Green Infrastructure, Open Space and Sports Facilities –

Y N

Do you agree with the draft plan proposals?

Enhancing biodiversity and improving green space for public use. (See full plan policy)

Comments:

Policy 11 - Preservation of Views of local importance–

Do you agree with the draft plan proposals?

Blunsdon’s position placed above the beautiful Thames Valley plain on the Midvale Ridge (NCA109) affords wonderful views in and out of the area which must be preserved for the benefit of future generations. (See full plan policy and appendix I)

Comments:

Policy 12 - Protection of Trees and Hedgerows– Do you agree with draft plan proposals?

Ensuring the well-establish vegetation, that is one of the key attributes of the area’s character, is always preserved and enhanced. (See full plan policy)

Comments:

Policy 13 - Dark Skies– Do you agree with the draft plan proposals?

Sustaining the low levels of light pollution that characterises the BENP area. (See full plan policy)

Comments:

Name (Optional) _____

Age Range 5-15 16-25 26-45 46-60 61-80 80+
(Please circle appropriate range)

Postcode

For any information and clarification please contact the Parish Clerk, Tracey Judd on 705617 and she will forward it to the Steering Group at parishplan@outlook.com

Thank you for contributing to the draft plan - now please: Scan or take a photo of your responses and send it to parishplan@outlook.com (The BENP will not use your e mail address for anything other than personal contact) Or alternatively post in either the collection box at the Village Shop or the Village Hall post box.