

“Our aspiration is to develop Bletchingdon as a thriving, inclusive, sustainable, rural community”

Bletchingdon is a small village in rural Oxfordshire and we wish it to remain so. There are many fine and historic buildings and a good number of community organisations including a school and village hall which we would wish to see maintained and flourish. However we recognise that in order to achieve our aspirations a measure of growth and change are required that will encourage a balance of population within the village and to develop the institutions and organisations that it supports whilst at the same time preserving the essential character of Bletchingdon.

Aim 1. A thriving community. We wish to see Bletchingdon grow in a balanced manner reflecting a mix of ages and social groups. We wish to encourage appropriate housing development to support this aim.

Aim 2. An inclusive community. We wish to see Bletchingdon develop as a village where there are facilities and opportunities for all residents to participate in the life of their community.

Aim 3. A sustainable community. We wish to encourage services and facilities that enable people to live and work at home or within the village or to travel to work in an environmentally sustainable way.

Aim 4. A rural community. We wish to maintain the rural nature of Bletchingdon by discouraging inappropriate development and by conserving the natural habitat around us.

Objectives.

1. A thriving community.
 - a. To promote the development of appropriate affordable housing schemes
 - b. To support the development of market housing where this is appropriate and does not conflict with any other aims and objectives.
 - c. To support a mix of housing that enables both the young and old people of the village to remain within their community.

2. An inclusive community.
 - a. To support the operation, high standards and development of the village school, so that all those who wish their children to attend are able to do so.
 - b. To support the development and operation of a hall as a central part of the community facility thereby enabling local organisations to flourish within the village.
 - c. To support as appropriate those organisations that encourage participation by members of the village community.
 - d. To encourage the further development of recreational and leisure facilities for all ages within the village.
 - e. To support local democracy.

3. A sustainable community.
 - a. To encourage public transport serving the village so that dependence upon private transport is reduced.
 - b. To encourage technical developments and usage e.g high speed broadband that would enable people who wished to work at home to more readily be able to do so and to assist in communication between residents and institutions.
 - c. To encourage the appropriate development of local employment facilities.
 - d. To encourage the establishment of a local shop.

4. A rural community.
 - a. To support those developments that maintain the rural environment and preserve the historic nature of the village.
 - b. To oppose developments that threaten either the historic nature of the village and/or the rural surroundings.
 - c. To support the local conservation plan to sustain the local natural environment and to encourage those developments that will improve local habitats.
 - d. To support moves to control the volume and nature of traffic within the parish.