

A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR BLETCHINGDON, HAMPTON GAY AND HAMPTONPOYLE

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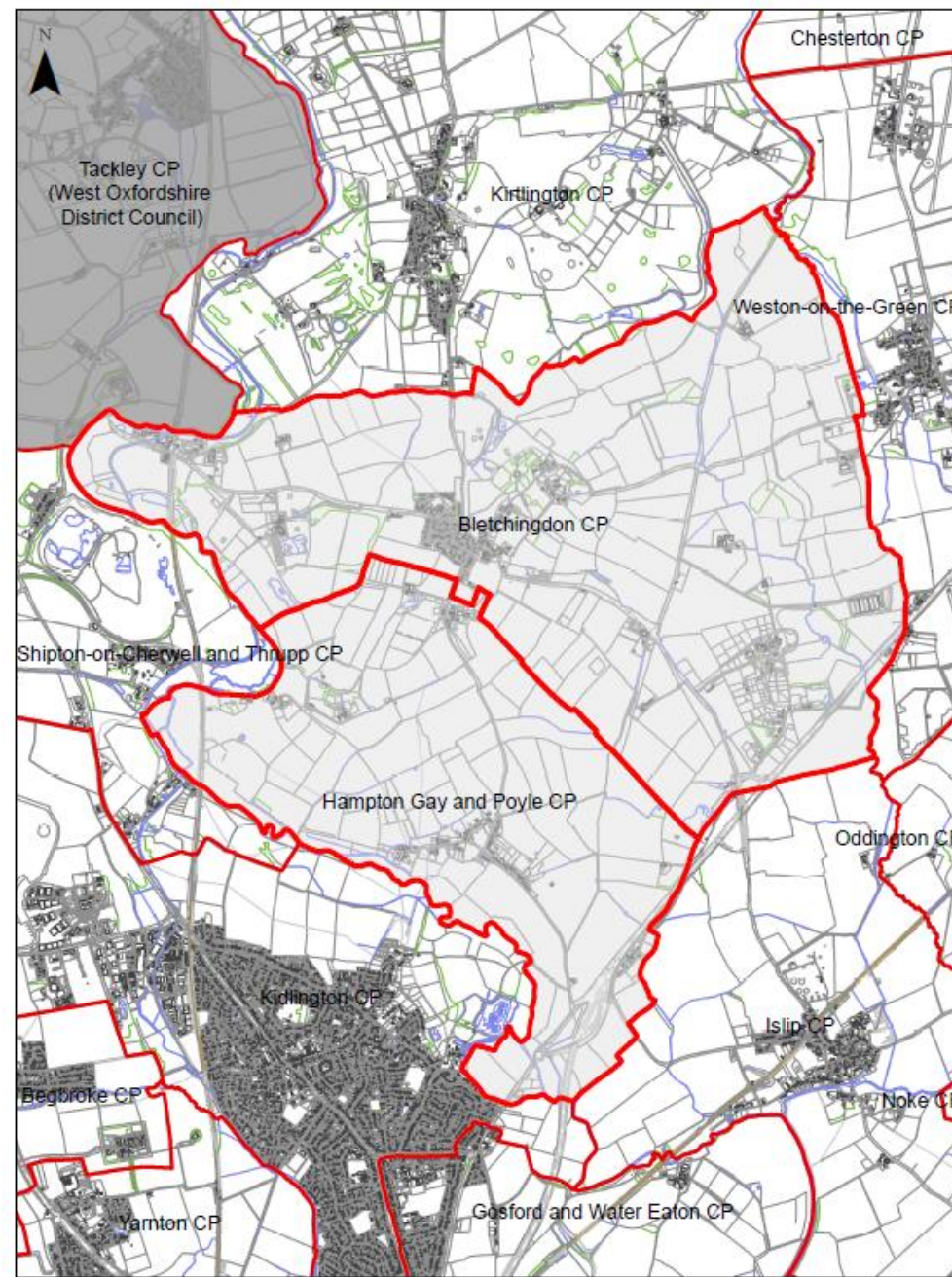
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PROGRESS TO DATE

- **2021.** BLETCHINGDON PC AGREED THAT IT WOULD BENEFIT THE VILLAGE TO HAVE A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
- **JAN 2022.** STEERING GROUP FORMED IN BLETCHINGDON
- **MARCH.** THE HAMPTONS APPROACHED TO JOIN BLETCHINGDON FOR A JOINT PLAN
- **JUNE.** JOINT APPROACH AGREED. SUBMISSION TO CDC.
- **OCTOBER.** AGREEMENT TO PROCEED FROM CDC.
- **NOVEMBER.** GRANT APPLIED FOR AND CONSULTANTS APPOINTED

WHY TWO PARISHES?

1. PART OF HGP IS WITHIN THE “ENVELOPE” OF BLETCHINGDON
2. DEVELOPMENT IN BLETCHINGDON WOULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON HGP
3. WE HAVE COMMON INTERESTS IN TERMS OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT



Bletchington, Hampton Gay and Poyle Proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area.

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THIS PLAN IS ABOUT THE FUTURE

- TODAY IS **NOT** A PARISH MEETING
- TODAY IS ABOUT THE NEXT 15 TO 20 YEARS
- TODAY IS **NOT ABOUT NOW**, IT IS ABOUT MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES BETTER FOR THE COMING GENERATIONS
- FINALLY – THE STEERING GROUP IS NOT A CLOSED SHOP. IF AT THE END OF THE MEETING YOU FEEL THAT YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER PLEASE LET US KNOW.



Bletchingdon and Hampton Gay and Poyle Neighbourhood Plan Launch Event

Tom McCulloch and Stephen McKenna – January 2023

About Community First Oxfordshire

**CFO is a community development
charity**

Mission

Supporting communities to find solutions to their planning, housing, social action, and service needs. Promoting positive change for all.

Aims of tonight's event

- Overview of Neighbourhood Planning
- Explain what a NP can and cannot
- Set out NP timetable and next steps
- **Most importantly....**

- **What are the challenges and opportunities facing your communities?**
- **What's important to you?**
- **What should the plan be looking at?**

GET INVOLVED!



What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- Introduced under Localism Act
- Legally binding planning document (part of the planning framework for Cherwell district)
- Have to comply with local and national planning policies
- Related to **land use**



What a Neighbourhood Plan Can Do

- Decide where and what type of development should happen
- Promote more development than is set out in the Local Plan
- Identify where housing development goes (and what type it should be)
- Identify additional land for housing, schools, employment or community facilities such a youth centre, village hall or allotments
- Make provision for businesses to set up or expand their premises.



What a Neighbourhood Plan Can Do

- Consider transport and access (including issues around roads, cycling, walking and access for disabled people).
- Restrict certain types of development and change of use, for example to avoid too much of one type of use.
- Set out policies about design of buildings
- Protect and create open space, nature reserves, sports pitches, play areas, parks and gardens, and the planting of trees
- Protect important buildings and historic assets such as archaeological remains.
- Promote renewable energy projects



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A Neighbourhood Plan cannot

- Conflict with the strategic policies in the Local Plan being prepared by local District council
- Prevent development that is included in the Local Plan
- Reduce the number of houses allocated to the area in a Local Plan
- Change “Permitted Development Rights”
- Introduce traffic calming measures or weight limits
- Alter the speed limit or traffic signage
- Tackle anti-social behaviours such as dog fouling or graffiti
- Set up training programmes or schemes
- Create rights of access to private land where it does not currently exist
- Change broadband speed

Neighbourhood Plan

Themes, policies, process and
timetable



Themes

- Themes will emerge from consultation. They may include village character, local infrastructure, biodiversity, environment and sustainability.
- Many NPs have been driven by a fear of development impacting communities through inappropriate scale. This might overload local infrastructure (eg where large housing schemes are proposed on the edge of a settlement).
- NPs cannot say no to development but they CAN provide a framework to help elected representatives make better decisions, taking into account matters of importance established by the NP process.



Policies

- Policies will address the issues raised by local people under the themes.
- They can deal with many points of concern and increasingly will consider resilience and climate change.
- They may also wish to consider things like social or affordable housing provision; design and density of local housing, local green spaces, and energy provision.
- Placemaking questions are growing in importance - matters such as stewardship may become more common place with new trusts being set up to negotiate with developers for example.



Process and Timelines

- Key stages in the NP process...
- Preparation of draft NP including consultation and feedback from the District Council on policies and Design Code
- Preparation of pre submission version of NP
- SEA screening decision from District Council
- Basic Condition Statement – demonstrates conformity with Local Plan, NPPF
- Independent Examination and Referendum
- Process can take 18-24 months typically

ANY QUESTIONS?

GETTING YOUR FEEDBACK...