

A Neighbourhood Plan for Bletchington, Hampton Gay and Hampton Poyle

Community Survey findings

- 156 survey responses received - a 31% response rate
- Of the responses -
 - Bletchington – 79%
 - Hampton Gay – 17.5%
 - Hampton Poyle – 3.5%





Vision

How would you like Bletchington and Hampton Gay and Poyle to be described in 15 years?

Top 3 answers:

- Friendly – **86%**
- Safe – **85%**
- Haven for wildlife – **78%**

How much does your household value these village characteristics?

Top 3 answers:

- Access to the countryside **4.7**
- Open green spaces **4.7**
- Setting in a rural landscape **4.6**

(1 = not at all, 5 = very valuable)

Housing

37% would not like to see new development, 34% would like to see new development (29% unsure)

Of those who would like to see new development:

43% think 21-30 new homes should be built (19% think 11-20, 19% think 1-10)

70.5% support the principle of providing affordable housing for those in need who have local connections (10% don't)

60.5% support a small development of affordable homes for those in need with local connections (16% don't)

The top 3 preferred type and size of accommodation are:

2-3 bedroom homes
Social housing for rent / shared ownership
Cheaper open market housing

The top 3 considerations regarding landscape and community setting are:

Minimising environmental impact
Limiting the potential for flooding
Minimising impact on landscape and views

The top 3 considerations regarding new housing design & layout are:

Communal green and open spaces
Good quality build materials
Sufficient off road parking

Making new development sustainable

Ways in which new development can minimise climate change, top 3 answers:

- Energy efficient / carbon neutral buildings
- Wildlife corridors and connections between green spaces
- Maximise green spaces

Top 3 forms of renewable energy supported in principle

- Roof based solar panels
- Ground source heat pumps
- Energy from waste





The Environment

89% think the Neighbourhood Plan should do more to conserve and enhance nature and wildlife

51% are concerned about air and light pollution. Top 3 areas of concern

- Outdoor security lights on houses

- Streetlights

- Traffic through the villages

54% think green spaces need improvement. The top suggestions to achieve this:

- More planting of native trees

- More bee friendly planting

- More planting of native flowers and plants

65% think access to the countryside should be improved. The top 3 ways to achieve this:

- Improve and repair existing rights of way

- Develop the public rights network

- Improve signage & information boards

The Environment

Do you think the following green spaces should be protected and how?

Hodgeman's Spinney – Yes 87%

The Slipe – Yes 79%

Ancient Hedgerow (Islip Road) – Yes 82%

Popular ways to do this:

More planting of native trees and plants

More bee friendly planting

Suggestions for other green or open spaces to protect:

Village green

Allotments

Weston Road green verge

Transport

Most frequent modes of transport are car (97%), walking (68%), bus (41%). But people would like to use the bus more often (70%), walk (56%) or use a bike (42%)

What prevents people from using transport:

Car	Bus	Train	Cycling	Walking
Parking at destination	Frequency	Cost	Feeling unsafe	Poor lighting
Cost of parking	Reliability	Location of station	Poor cycle paths	Poor footpaths
Ecological reasons				

Transport initiatives to explore

- Electric car club (68%)
- Cycle parking (32%)
- Shared bike scheme (17%)

49% think electric vehicle charging points should be introduced at public locations in Bletchington and Hampton Gay and Poyle



Roads



Road maintenance issues:

Potholes

Poor state of repair in general

Pavements too narrow / non existent



Main traffic issues

Speeding on B4027

Levels of HGV traffic in villages

Congestion levels



Congestion hotspots

Bletchington shop

Road from Hampton Poyle to Bletchington when problems on A34

Islip Road bends





Local economy, services and infrastructure

How satisfied are you with local services?

Average response **3.4** (1 not satisfied, 5 very satisfied)

- Concerns about provision and availability of health services
 - Difficulty getting an appointment:
yes or sometimes 49%
 - Difficulty getting to appointments :
yes or sometimes 32%
 - Difficulty accessing services by phone:
yes or sometimes 32%
- 43% of people work outside the village plus home based work, 35% work exclusively outside the villages, 12% work exclusively at home
- 35% of commutes are to Oxford, 28% to other locations, 14% to London

