

# BLETSOE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN LAUNCH EVENT - CONSULTATION RESPONSE

## VISION STATEMENT

I am glad that the peaceful character of Bletsoe will be given a high priority.
The visions statement is full of contradictory generalities. You can't import housing and commercial infrastructures and maintain the character that makes it special!
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## OBJECTIVE 1 – HOUSING PROVISION

I feel the development of 36 and 32 would spoil the village. In particular the view of the church.
I feel the development of 32 & 36 would spoil the look and feel the village. 30, 34 & 37 would be my preferred sites.
Only allow for a few extra new houses in order to keep the village small.
Develop Rising for the Sun site.
You've got it all wrong. The NP is now primarily about housing shorting or London overspill. In saying so as your loading statement you have mislead the village and raised needless fears.
As the majority of the village has been designated a conservation area any development within it should be sympathetic and so should any development adjacent to it!
A small number of houses may bring back a bus service.
Affordable houses for families.
Retirement flats/homes.
Affordable housing to be included with any new buildings
No building behind the church (plot 32)
Building must be on a needs must basis keeping the village intact as much as possible.
Limited development of housing within the village only.
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Housing development on Waiting for the Sun with access over the 1 <sup>st</sup> Field on The Avenue
Development on site 30 will lessen the shock of 10 The Avenue when entering the village. It will also make the village look tidier when entering the village. I also believe there should be low cost affordable houses for families.
Suggest 35 houses on the edge of the village – this will lessen the impact on the heart of the village.

Additional housing is best placed on the outskirts of the village. Immediate access to the A6 would be a bonus to the “new” villagers.
Suggest housing development on the Waiting for the Sun site!
Possibility of affordable housing on land behind Captains Close?
Half of 34 and 37 as possible sites for further housing.
Suggest inexpensive houses on field behind Captains Close.
Why is plot 33 on the plan at North End Farm?
Houses on the gypsy site?
Expansion on a significant scale would surely be against BBC strategic plan. Remove no 33 from map since it was not submitted with the formal knowledge.
We need a strong local plan to stave off unwanted development being imposed on us
There is no certainty that any houses will be restricted to the village and local area. Presently there is no local need.
Bletsoe is a compact historic planned village reflected in the conservation area and any expansion would be against BBCs strategic plan. We wish to stay as a small community where residents know each other and give mutual support
30, 34 & 37 will have access onto the fast A6 already dangerous so any additional properties would be problematic
32 will blight the setting of the church and destroy the privacy of the Old Way Row and the garden of no 3 Old Way
We already have a large percentage of social housing.
30 will blight the setting of the church.
The site between the A6 and Coploue Lane may impinge on the Castle?

**OBJECTIVE 2 – INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS**

Develop parking in Memorial Lane and the Avenue to produce rental income for the PC.
Improve off road parking.
Transport infrastructure, schools, public transport???
Bletsoe is already a “rat run” for Thurleigh industry. Coploue lane will be a very dangerous road should there be an increase in traffic.
Off road parking for cottages along the Avenue.
Parking on the old allotments now the orchard.
Parking is a must for new housing but would not be happy to see the green areas in centre of the village turned into car parks.
Parking by cottages on the Avenue is a major problem. What to do but do not use green spaces in village centre.
Traffic calming in the Avenue with either chicane style barriers or average speed cameras. Whilst I see the need for off street parking I think it will speed up the traffic.
Any development must include off road parking – The Avenue is a nightmare.
Residents parking
Stop speeding through the village

### OBJECTIVE 3 – THE ENVIRONMENT

No new parking on current green land within the village.
Vital to protect green spaces within the village.
Parish owned land to remain undeveloped as green areas.
Parking on the old allotments now the orchard.
Safe bridleway join up from Coplowe Lane to Yarl's Wood to avoid the Milton Ernest to Sharnbrook road.
Existing open spaces to be protected.
Solar panels for the village hall.

### OBJECTIVE 4 – COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Would like better Public Transport.
Would like Village Shop if more houses.
Open a post office – its faster than email here!
Improve the play area.
Broad band that actually works!
Improved broadband – superfast would be great.
Most people moved to this village being fully aware of the limited facilities here. Improvement in public transport would be of benefit.
Expand and support the village hall as the centre of village activities.

### OBJECTIVE 5 – HERITAGE ASSETS

Ancient Monument to continue to be protected.
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### GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

If the red line shows the boundary of the Neighbourhood Area then the airfield development is within the area.
Are we having a Parish Plan or a SPA Plan?
I can't tell the difference between a neighbourhood plan, or a parish plan – not a good start in the local's future policies! The distinction is not made clearly on the Bletsoe plan when it is called a parish! This doesn't inspire confidence!
I frankly can't see what additional benefits the plan will bring – to whom? What benefits?
We must have a neighbourhood plan!
I am dismayed at the possibility of the plan including offices and shops. Commercial buildings would seriously interfere with community ethos.