



OUR PARISH – OUR PLAN – OUR FUTURE

THE ENVIRONMENT

NON-POLICY ACTION (REF: NPA3)

Protection of the Village Entrance

The Parish Council will seek to resist proposals for new development on the land at the village entrance to the west identified on the Proposals Maps as NPA2. As part of the Bletsoe Neighbourhood Plan this land is not allocated as Local Green Space however it is considered to be an important landscape gap between the built form of the village and the A6. The Parish Council will not support proposals that would result in the loss of the openness of these important gaps and will endeavour to work with relevant land owners to ensure these areas remain clear of clutter.

NON-POLICY ACTION (REF: NPA4)

Identifying Potential Allotments

The Parish Council will identify whether there is suitable demand for community allotments. Should an appropriate level of demand exist the Parish Council will seek to establish the Bletsoe Allotment Association in order to identify suitable locations for allotments. This could also include joint discussions with neighbouring parishes.

NON-POLICY ACTION (REF: NPA5)

Improvement to Local Rights of Way

In conjunction with Bedford Borough Council, the Parish Council will encourage improved links to the public rights of way connecting to neighbouring parishes in order to support and enhance health and wellbeing beyond Bletsoe Parish. Further work is needed to assess these and to prioritise areas for improvement, such as seating and drop kerbs to assist with accessibility. Where steps are the only option, signage could be improved to advise users that there are steps ahead and to suggest alternative routes where available. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and other sources of funding will be required to assist with financial support for the promotion and improvement of the Parish Walks.