

Our Future



For the first time we have the chance to decide how
Brixworth will evolve



Brixworth Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan – What is it for?

We aim to make Brixworth a better place for you to live. The Neighbourhood Plan will cover fifteen years and be reviewed every five years. It will build on the work of the existing Village Design Statement (VDS). It will allow us all to control and influence development to meet your needs. Without a Neighbourhood Plan we would continue to be at the mercy of developers and forced to accept their plans with little opportunity to make changes.

A Neighbourhood Plan will:

- Give **local** Brixworth people a say in where new development should go and the form it should take.
- Strengthen the rights of the local residents to decide our future. Developers will have to consult with local people and make changes to meet our requirements.
- Have to be approved by a majority in a Brixworth Local Referendum and will then be adopted by Daventry District Council.
- Have to be in line with Daventry District Council's Local Plan and National Planning Policies.

In Fifteen Years time we aim to have created a Brixworth that will:

- Be a sustainable, thriving and prosperous community.
- Have maintained its village atmosphere within its rural surroundings.
- Be a parish with a thriving natural environment with sustainable wildlife.
- Have seen changes that will have benefited the whole community

In the interests of economy one NUMBERED booklet has been delivered to each household.

If you require additional copies for other residents, please email info@brixworth-np.org.uk or ring 01604 881993

The next steps –

This booklet sets out the key issues which have been collected in the first round of consultation. Each heading sets out a number of proposals for you to consider. For each proposal please put a circle round the number which most reflects your view. Number 5 means you agree strongly with the proposal and Number 1 means that you disagree strongly.

We need to demonstrate that we have considered responses from all sections of the Community, if you want to add comments, just write on the page provided. It will be appreciated if you could give us your gender and age band on page 7. This is **confidential** and the information we receive will enable us to draft the Neighbourhood Plan which you can vote on in a referendum.

Please, return by APRIL 4.

When you have completed the four sections, please place in a Collection Box at:

- **The Library foyer**
- **Any of the Pubs**
- **Troops**
- **Blason's Garage**
- **Hamson's Garage**

OR if you cannot get to a box RING 881993 or 881574 and it will be collected! EASY!!

Housing to Meet the Needs of Local People

Our objective is to enable the provision of a choice of new homes to meet the needs of all sections of the community including:

- People who wish to live in a family home.
- First time buyers.
- People who wish to rent.
- Young families with a restricted income who need a larger property.
- Older people who wish to downsize.

Our proposals:

1. Developers should show how proposals for market and affordable housing contribute to a balanced thriving community.
2. New development should not be visually dominant. Its design should be sympathetic to others in the village and should reflect best practice in insulation and energy efficiency.
3. Developments should be a mix of housing sizes and tenures that are affordable to local people.
4. New development should be incremental allowing organic growth and evolution of facilities.
5. Proposals for any new housing must not harm the form and character of the village, especially in the Conservation area. Valued green spaces and valued views must be protected.
6. Some development is inevitable but it is important that the amount is supported by the community.



Please complete this HOUSING section and place booklet in Collection Box.

The issues you identified:

- Maintain mix of housing, including sheltered and affordable.
- No new major developments in Parish
- Any development must be phased so infrastructure can cope.
- Small scale housing development using brownfield or infill land acceptable.
- Must be in line with infrastructure.

HOUSING:

Please say whether you agree with the proposals by circling a number between 1 and 5 for each proposal; 5 being agree strongly and 1 being disagree strongly;

Proposal 1:

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Proposal 2:

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Proposal 3:

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Proposal 4:

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Proposal 5:

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Proposal 6:

Please circle the number of houses you would support in a 15 year period:

0-50 51-100 101-150 151-200 201+

Please circle your age range and give us your gender on page 7

Better Facilities for Local People

It is vitally important that local facilities and roads are maintained and protected wherever possible. Policies must ensure that the current level of services are not reduced.

The village surgery is extremely busy with patients commonly sent to the partner surgery in Guilsborough. The Primary school and nearby Secondary Schools are approaching or at capacity.

At certain times roads become extremely busy. There is currently a bus service throughout the day and early evening, but there are threats to services.

Improving accessibility to, and around the village, will be a consideration in all residential development applications.

Our proposals:

1. The Primary School and Surgery should be supported. Proposals must provide adequate mitigation for these Parish key services.
2. Developers must be able to explain the impact on facilities and how that can be mitigated. These include community and recreation facilities, footpaths and cycleways.
3. Developers should ensure safe and easy access for residents from their site to local facilities and services.
4. All applications for development should identify and demonstrate the additional level of traffic and parking, together with mitigation proposals.
5. Proposals that may impact on the Conservation area will need rigorous explanation on how that will be mitigated.
6. Encourage the retention and use of the bus services and community transport to Northampton and Market Harborough, Milton Keynes and Leicester.



Please complete this FACILITIES section and place booklet in Collection Box.

The issues you identified:

- Maintain and wherever possible extend community, recreation and social facilities.
- Parking is a real problem at the shops, surgery and the school. Too much parking on pavements and roads, rather than on own property.
- The Conservation area often becomes totally blocked.

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Protect Local Character, Landscape and Surrounding Environment

Local Distinctiveness contributes to a sense of place and community and all development proposals must embrace this concept.

The Parish contains areas of special landscape significance. Streams, trees, hedgerows, and valued views are features that distinguish the Parish and are highlighted in the Village Design Statement.

The Parish has important wild life areas corridors including a large part of Pitsford Reservoir.

Our proposals:

1. Identify and protect local green spaces of significant landscape value for agriculture, recreation and wildlife.
2. To protect our distinctive landscape, applications for development must include an assessment of potential impact on views identified in the VDS and on the trees, streams, hedgerows and other geographical features.
3. Applications must demonstrate how any negative landscape or visual impact will be addressed.
4. Developers must examine the potential of using brown field or previously used land.
5. All development proposals in the open countryside or outside the village confines must not harm or impact on those protected habitat areas and wildlife corridors surrounding Brixworth.



Please complete this LANDSCAPE section and place booklet in Collection Box.

The issues you identified:

- Maintain landscape views and vistas across open countryside.
- Retain the “village feel” and sense of place and community.
- Identify important local “green spaces” and enhance access to the countryside.
- Protect local wildlife sites and habitat.
- Enhance protection of Conservation Area.

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Supporting the Local Economy

Brixworth has a large number of businesses based in the locality who contribute significantly in terms of local employment and the provision of services. Brixworth is a world renowned engineering centre with Mercedes AMG and Ilmor Engineering.

Several small and medium size businesses are located in the industrial estates and the common reason for being in Brixworth is access to a rural setting and associated people who live here.

Maintaining a thriving local economy ensures that jobs and enterprise opportunities are available for local people of all ages. Our local economy is important to us, the policies proposed are designed to encourage it to thrive.

Our Proposals:

1. Support key services such as post office.
2. Engage with existing businesses where appropriate to improve service and aspect. Engage with local businesses on Parish issues.
3. The Saxon Church attracts many visitors and is described by the head of English Heritage as one of the top 40 historic buildings in England. Improvements should be sought in protecting the surrounding Conservation area.
4. Investigate ways to improve parking situation in the Parish.
5. Since more people are working from home, engage with internet providers to improve services.



Please complete this ECONOMY section and place booklet in Collection Box.

The issues you identified:

- Maintain and develop Local employment opportunities.
- Improve retail outlets.
- Maintain and protect key services such as post office, internet, ATM provision.

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Please write additional comments on this page.

Please circle your age range:

16-30 31-45 46-60 61-75 76+

male/female.....

IMPORTANT

This PDF version is available from the Brixworth Neighbourhood Plan and Brixworth Bulletin websites. You can choose to use it. If you do, then please print out and write your responses in the coloured boxes and place the completed booklet in the Collection Boxes. If you do choose this, we would appreciate if you could give us your name and address on this Page 7. This will remain confidential. We need to ask this as downloaded copies are not numbered. **Failure to comply with this request may invalidate your response and we do want your views to count!**

Brixworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is a group of concerned Brixworth residents and Brixworth Parish Councillors.