



Community Infrastructure Survey results

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Traffic and Connectivity

“Ever growing traffic, quantity, speeding and noise”

- Volume and speed of traffic on the Risborough Road (A4010) and Haw Lane.
- Lack of footpaths along Chinnor Road and Haw Lane.
- No traffic calming measures in place.
- Poor highway maintenance.
- Flooding under the railway bridges.
- Parking/safety issues on Chinnor Road during school drop-off/pick-up and around The Boot and the church at busy times.
- Safety issues on the Phoenix Trail cycle way where it crosses Sandpit Lane.

Vital Services

“the internet speed is terrible”

- Poor mobile phone reception.
- Lack of facilities in relation to older residents and young people/teenagers.
- Lack of a community hub in Saunderton.
- No village shop in Bledlow or Saunderton.
- Lack of regular public or community transport, particularly at weekends.

Community Assets

You told us that you valued:

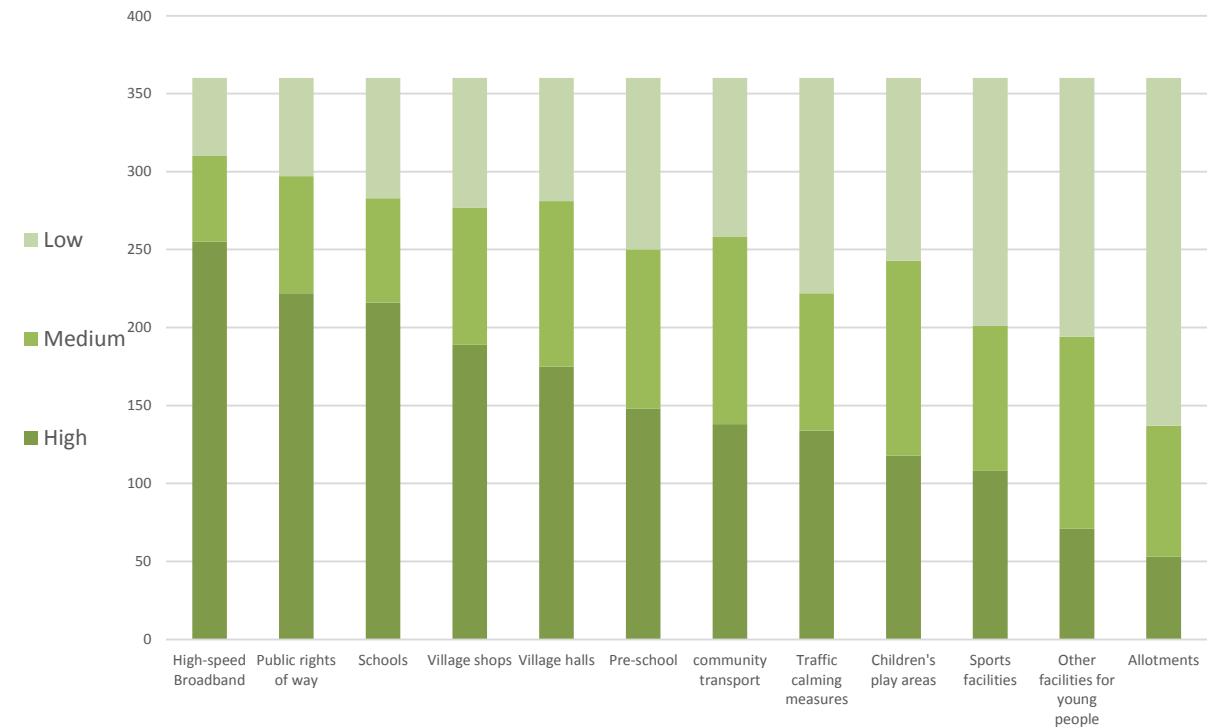
- Our local pubs: The Boot, the Golden Cross and the Lions of Bledlow.
- Local shops e.g. the Country Store.
- The village halls.
- Sports facilities including the cricket and tennis clubs and the Meadow Styles playground.
- Green spaces including those at Saunderton Station and The Crest/Haw Lane.
- The allotments.
- Also: Local bus service, GPs, schools, churches, local clubs and societies, footpaths, the Clare Foundation, the Molins ballroom, the golf club and local historical sites.

Assets people listed as missing included a swimming pool and health centre, football/rugby pitches and a pub for Saunderton.

Other Identified Issues

- Limited space in Saunderton Churchyard.
- Need to protect and improve community bus services.
- Misuse of public footpaths.

Which of the following facilities do you think are priorities for the community?



Possible Objectives of the Plan

- Protect vital community facilities and green spaces.
- Encourage intelligent safety measures on our local road network.
- Promote sustainable methods of transport.
- Encourage improvements to the local footpath and bridleway network.
- Encourage the delivery of super-fast broadband to new developments.



Community Infrastructure Policy Proposals

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

What issues can the Neighbourhood Plan address?

- Neighbourhood Plans can only deliver policies within the context of development control policies. While many of the community issues highlighted are very real concerns for residents it will be hard to address some of them through the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Any policies that would commit Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds need to have a realistic chance of being funded. The quantum of development on the former Molins factory site is, as yet, unknown so we cannot be sure what level of CIL monies we will have available to the parish.

Protection of Community Assets.

Proposals to redevelop or change the use of an existing community facility or land or buildings last used as a community asset will only be permitted where one of the following conditions is met:

1. A replacement facility of sufficient size, layout and quality to compensate for the loss of the existing facility is to be provided on an alternative site within or immediately adjacent to the same settlement. Or
2. It has been satisfactorily demonstrated that it would not be economically viable or feasible to retain the existing community facility and there is no reasonable prospect of securing an alternative community use of the land or building.

Preserving our public green spaces.

Meadow Styles will be designated as an asset of community value.

The green space in Saunderton Vale opposite the entrance to Saunderton Station is already in the process of being nominated as a village green by Saunderton Vale Management Company under a separate process from a neighbourhood Plan.

Provision of broadband.

All new residential development in the Plan area should be served by super-fast fibre Broadband connection installed on an open access basis. Elsewhere in the Plan area all other new buildings shall also be served with this standard of connection when available unless it can be demonstrated through consultation with the service provider that this would not be either possible, practical or economically viable

Promoting safe roads in the parish.

Addressing our busiest roads. Through funds available to the Parish Council new traffic calming measures should be introduced on the A4010 and/or Haw Lane. These should be designed to encourage road users to recognise our roads as a shared space and suitable for an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Promoting Quiet Lanes. The Parish Council will be encouraged to work with the relevant local authorities and other bodies to have our quietest roads designated as Quiet Lanes for the benefit of those wishing to enjoy the tranquillity of our rural Parish be it on foot, horse-back or bicycle.

Improving local rights of way.

The Parish Council shall be encouraged to use available funds to provide new crossing arrangements where the **Phoenix Trail** crosses Sandpit Lane.

Working with local partners the Parish Council will consider providing funds to undertake selected maintenance or improvements where such work might otherwise be prohibitive.

Provision of Burial Grounds.

The Parish Council will negotiate with the relevant landowner an extension to the burial ground at Saunderton Church.

Quiet Lanes?

Quiet Lanes are minor rural roads, which have been designated by local highway authorities to pay special attention to the needs of walkers, cyclists, horse riders and other vulnerable road users, and to offer protection from speeding traffic. Cars are not banned from Quiet Lanes and the use of Quiet Lanes is shared. Measures such as lower speed limits and discrete road signs or features encourage drivers to slow down and be considerate to other users who can in turn enjoy country lanes in greater safety, with less threat from speeding traffic.

- Are there roads in the Parish that you think could be designated as Quiet Lanes?

Rights of Way

Our rural network of footpaths and bridleways is largely managed and maintained by the local landowners and farming community. However the Chilterns Society and other bodies also play a part in helping improve this value part of our Parish.

- Are there specific parts of the network that you think need improvement or are in need of maintenance work?
- Are there any “missing links” in the network where a new footpath or bridleway would address a significant shortcoming?

Community Transport

In the Survey many people commented on the lack of public transport options, particularly at weekends.

Bledlow is the only part of the Parish that has any weekend bus services (Thame – Princes Risborough). **Bledlow Ridge** has only 3 buses on weekdays (High Wycombe to Oxford via Chinnor).

Bledlow and **Bledlow Ridge** are linked with Princes Risborough on Wednesdays and Fridays by the Risborough Area Community Bus.

- Are there specific timetabling issues/changes you would like addressed?