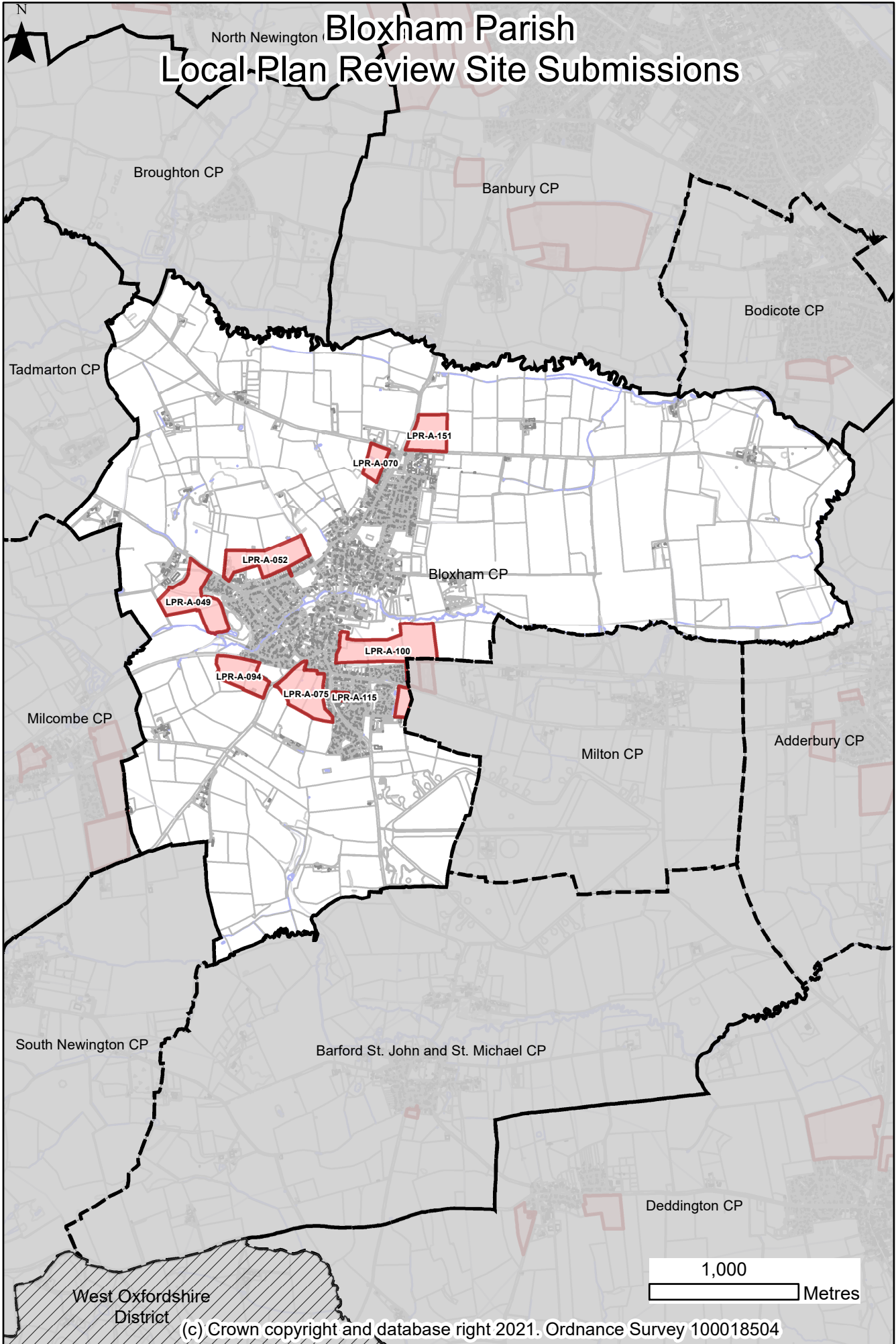


# Bloxham Parish Profile

## Bloxham Parish Local-Plan Review Site Submissions



Rep No.	Site Name	Parish	Area Size (ha)	Promoter	Promoted Use(s)
LPR-A-049	Land at Tadmarton Road, Bloxham	Bloxham	9.7	Chris Dodds - Planning Prospects	Housing
LPR-A-052	Land at Tadmarton Road, Bloxham	Bloxham	8.5	Hywel Morse - Sworders / Bertrand Facon	Housing
LPR-A-070	Land South of Ells Lane, Bloxham	Bloxham	2.58	Alistair Russell - Cala Homes Midlands Limited	Housing
LPR-A-075	Land East of South Newington Road, Bloxham	Bloxham	7.75	Mark Rose - Define Planning and Design Ltd / Mrs S Spencer, Mr C Spencer and Mrs S Gray; Mr A and Mrs P Shorter; Mrs E Hyde and Mrs M Hyde	Housing
LPR-A-094	Land at South Newington Road, Bloxham	Bloxham	6	Richard Agnew - Gladman	Housing
LPR-A-100	Land North and South of Milton Road, Bloxham	Bloxham	15.8	Sarah Moorhouse - Lichfields / Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd	Housing
LPR-A-115	Orchard House, Barford Road, Bloxham	Bloxham	0.4	Lois Partridge - Sworders / Mr Christopher Bell	Housing
LPR-A-151	Land North of Bloxham	Bloxham	5.58	Hywel Morse - Sworders / Mr D Stroud	Housing

## Demographic Information

**Population** (ONS 2019 mid-year estimate): 3,910

**Housing completions and commitments** Between 2015-2021, there have been 232 housing completions in the parish. At 31 March 2021, there were 5 dwellings with planning permission but not yet built. (Source: CDC monitoring data)

**Active applications on the Housing Register: 1,680** (Source: CDC Housing Register, 7 July 2021)

Bedroom Needs	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed	6 bed
No. of active applications	772	519	276	92	18	3
Preference of applications for Bloxham	106	93	43	25	4	0

## 2011 Census information

*NB There will have been changes since 2011; for example, these figures do not allow for the housing completions in the parish, nor recent changes in age structure.*

### Country of birth (2011)

6% of the Parish were not born in the UK

### Age structure (2011)

Age group	Parish	Cherwell district	England & Wales
Young people (age 0-17)	26%	23%	21%
Working age (age 18-64)	58%	62%	62%
Older people (age 65+)	17%	15%	16%

### House type (2011)

Dwelling type	Parish	Cherwell district	England & Wales
Detached	51%	30%	23%
Semi-detached	26%	35%	31%
Terraced	19%	23%	25%
Flat or bedsit	3%	11%	22%
Other	1%	0%	0%

### Housing Tenure (2011)

Tenure	Parish	Cherwell district	England & Wales
Owned	82%	70%	64%
Social rented	7%	12%	18%
Private rented	9%	16%	17%
Other tenure	2%	2%	1%

## Physical Characteristics

Conservation Areas	2
Flood Zone 2	yes
Flood Zone 3	yes
Green Belt	no

### Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment Village Analysis 2016

Bloxham is located to the south west of Banbury within a landscape of complex topography comprising local hills and convoluted narrow valley bottoms associated with water courses. The land use around the village comprises arable and pasture farmland. To the north of the village is Broughton Castle Registered Park and Garden. The village is nucleated and comprised predominantly residential properties constructed from ironstone extending along Banbury Road. The form and character of properties facing on to the main street creates a narrow, channeled appearance. Within the village core is St Mary's Church which is a prominent visual landmark along Banbury Road and in the surrounding landscape. To the south of the village is an area of newer development to the west of Bloxham Mill Business Centre. To the south of the village the landform begins to flatten enabling intervisibility with the village of Milcombe and its church tower. There are two District Wildlife sites adjoining the village boundary to the north east and south west, The Slade District Wildlife Site to the south west is also a Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust Reserve. The village contains a Conservation Area containing a significant number of listed buildings; the Conservation Area is centred on the core of the village along High Street with the areas to the north, west and south characterised by modern development. The village core is considered to have considerable heritage sensitivity which is demonstrated by the visual character and cohesion which is not present within the more modern areas to the north, south and west of the Conservation Area which are of lower sensitivity. On the northern extent of the village, Bloxham Grove Road and Ell's Lane form an existing defined extent of development which coincides with the extent of the valley side of Sor Brook. It is considered development beyond this would encroach on the characteristics of the Sor Brook Valley.

## Services & Facilities (2021)

Village Store /shop	Co-op - High Street Costcutter - South Newington Road Londis - High Street
Post Office	High Street
Petrol station	Esso - South Newington Road
Bank /Building Society	0
Doctor's Surgery /Health Centre	Bloxham Surgery - Godswell Lodge, Church Street
Dentist	Bloxham Dental Practice - Godswell Stables, Church Street
Pharmacy	Bloxham Pharmacy - High Street
Optician	0
Primary School	Bloxham Church of England - Tadmarton Road
Secondary School	The Warriner School - Bloxham Grove Road
Library	0
Place of worship	Bloxham Baptist Church - Hawke Lane St Mary: Our Lady of Bloxham - Church Street

Recreation ground / playing field	Jubilee Park - Barley Close Bloxham Recreation Ground - South Newington Road
Indoor sports centre / leisure centre	0
Equipped play area	Bridge Close Play Area South of Milton Road Play Area Jubilee Park, Barley Close Bloxham Recreation Ground - South Newington Road
Village / community hall	Ellen Hinde Memorial Hall - Chapel Street Bloxham Ex Serviceman's Hall - High Street Bloxham Jubilee Park Hall - Barley Close
Public house /restaurant /takeaway	Bloxham Fish Bar - 16 High Street The White Lion Café - High Street Elephant & Castle - Humber Street Red Lion - High Street Joiners Arms - Old Bridge Road
Employment sites	Bloxham Mill Business Centre - Barford Road Yew Tree Farm Industrial Estate - The Ridgeway
Bus services	Stagecoach - 488: Chipping Norton to Banbury. Daily, hourly (2 hourly Sun)
Day nursery	Rainbow Village Nursery School - The Old Court House, Church Street
Residential care home	Godswell Park Care Home - Church Street
Access to high speed broadband	Standard Superfast 173 mbps DL / 24 mbps UL
Other	Beauty salons - The Loft Beauty Rooms (15A Church Street); Cedar Therapy (High Street) Barber - ChipperChaps (High Street) Physiotherapy - Godswell Physiophery (Church Street) Plants - Bloxham Nursery (Ells Lane) Museum - Bloxham Village Museum (Church Street)

### Feedback from Parish Councils & Meetings

#### ***Constraints***

- New developments creating flooding issues from run-off in the village. The River Sor runs through the Slade and the Bloxham Brook it becomes, through the village. This has had 9 flood alerts in the past year and needs careful consideration.
- The Slade Nature Reserve to the south of the village has obtained status under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1948 in Feb 2018. The Slade is used as an Educational Resource and should not be jeopardised by future inappropriate development on or near its boundaries. The value of this resource is recognised and supported at local and national level.
- Bloxham is a prominent Swift nesting location.

#### ***Opportunities***

- Reduction of air pollution on the A361 but planting trees and hedgerows.
- New footpaths should conform to the maximum width to enable safe pedestrian passage and to include a grass verge to enable the planting of trees/hedgerows to further protect pedestrians.

#### ***Comments***

- Established hedgerows boundaries within the village should be maintained and not removed as it provides an established habitat for wildlife and provide useful barriers against flooding.
- Open areas should be managed by the Parish Council or the District Council and not by Management Companies.

#### ***Other Considerations***

- Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan (Dec 2016) - An update to include aspects of the Cherwell's Design SPD is needed but all other policies remain unchanged and there is no need for new policies.
- The Neighbourhood Plan includes the following policies which the Council should also consider introducing:
- Huff House standards for housing and business developments to include Covid measures such as effective air conditioning and green space.
- Housing development density should not exceed the 30 dph.
- Adequate off-road parking within the curtilage of the building. Electric vehicle charging points should be made available in both business and home locations. Need to assure that

the power grid will be able to support this. Connectivity in the village is important and must be safe to walk and cycle.

- Rural character of Bloxham should be preserved.