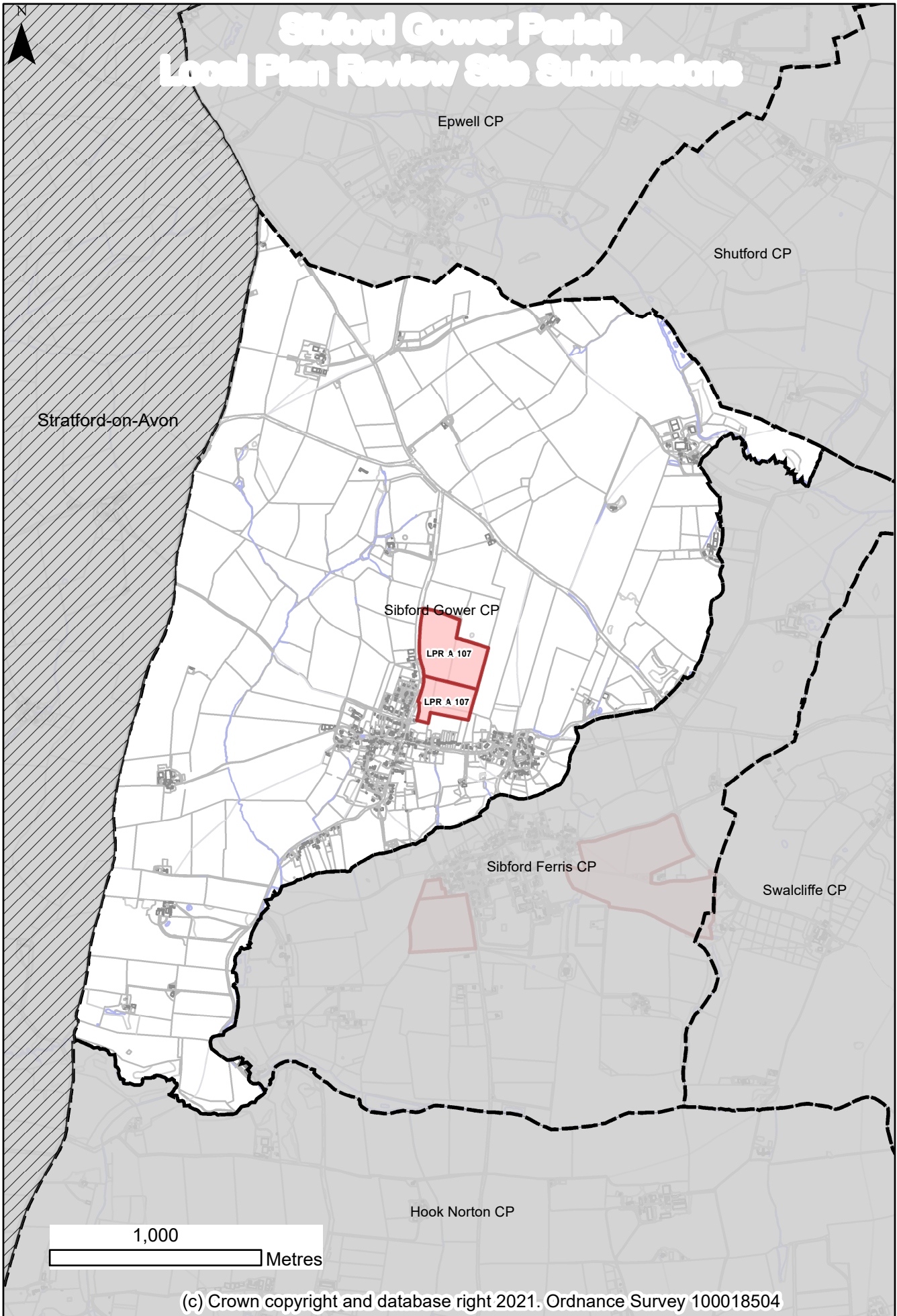


Sibford Gower Parish Profile

Sibford Gower Parish Local Plan Review Site Submissions



Rep No.	Site Name	Parish	Area Size (ha)	Promoter	Promoted Use(s)
LPR-A-107	Land at Mawles Farm, Pound Lane, Sibford Gower	Sibford Gower	8.06	Tom Birks - Brown & Co / Mr and Mrs N Morris	Housing
LPR-A-107	Land South of Mawles Farm, Pound Lane, Sibford Gower	Sibford Gower	4.2	Tom Birks - Brown & Co / Mr and Mrs Morris	Housing

Demographic Information

Population (ONS 2019 mid-year estimate): 533

Housing completions and commitments Between 2015-2021, there have been 4 housing completions in the parish. At 31 March 2021, there were 3 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 Sibford Gower	43	20	10	11	1	0

Census 2011 figures

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)

4% were not born in the UK

Age structure (2011)

Age group	Parish	Cherwell district	England & Wales
Young people (age 0-17)	20%	23%	21%
Working age (age 18-64)	57%	62%	62%
Older people (age 65+)	23%	15%	16%

House type (2011)

Dwelling type	Parish	Cherwell district	England & Wales
Detached	58%	30%	23%
Semi-detached	31%	35%	31%
Terraced	8%	23%	25%
Flat or bedsit	3%	11%	22%
Other	0%	0%	0%

Housing Tenure (2011)

Tenure	Parish	Cherwell district	England & Wales
Owned	74%	70%	64%
Social rented	10%	12%	18%
Private rented	14%	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

Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower, including Burdrop, are focused around the main streets passing through them with the historic cores focusing on these routes. The historic and often

listed buildings located along the main roads are intermixed with infill development of new residential properties however the historic cohesion of the villages remain. Both villages are located on ridge lines providing connecting views between the villages and west along the valley towards the Cotswolds AONB. There are no designated ecological sites within the villages and the closest DWS is Lamb's Pool woodland located 800m to the south east; there are also a number of NERC Act S41 Habitats of Potential Importance within the study area. There are Conservation Areas associated with Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower which also cover the intervening agricultural land within the Sib Brook Valley. The valley also forms an integral part of the local character for the character areas reinforcing the rural character and separation of the villages. Whilst the listed buildings make an important contribution to the Conservation Area, there are numerous unlisted buildings which also contribute; all of these are important elements in contributing towards the historic character and its historic sensitivity which should be protected.

Services & Facilities (2021)

Village Store /shop	0
Post Office	0
Petrol station	0
Bank /Building Society	0
Doctor's Surgery /Health Centre	Sibford Surgery - Sibford Gower
Dentist	0
Pharmacy	Sibford Surgery - Sibford Gower
Optician	0
Primary School	Sibford Gower Endowed - Main Street
Secondary School	0
Library	0
Place of worship	Holy Trinity Church - Acre Ditch Quaker Meeting House - Temple Mill Road

Recreation ground / playing field	Sibford Village Hall Field - Acre Ditch
Indoor sports centre / leisure centre	0
Equipped play area	Sibford Gower Children's Park - Acre Ditch
Village / community hall	Sibford Village Hall - Acre Ditch
Public house /restaurant /takeaway	Wykham Arms - Temple Mill Road The Blaze Inn Saddles - Burdrop
Employment sites	0
Bus services	Johnson's Excelbus - 50A: Stratford to Banbury. Mon-Sat, 2 hourly
Day nursery	0
Residential care home	0
Access to high speed broadband	Standard Superfast 80 mbps DL / 20 mbps UL
Other	0

Neighbourhood Plan: NO

Feedback from Parish Councils & Meetings

Constraints

- Much of the village is located within the Sibford Gower and Burdrop Conservation Area.
- The surrounding countryside comprises valuable high grade farm land which supports a significant farming and tourism local economy.
- Many areas of the village have no pedestrian footpath provision.
- Extremely limited public transport, severely restricts employment, recreational and hospitality opportunities geographically.

Opportunities

(none received)

Comments

- Residents wish to retain the historical context, character and integrity of this historic Quaker settlement, avoiding the overwhelming development seen at Hook Norton and Bloxham.
- The village is located centrally within a triangle of Banbury, Chipping Norton and Shipston-on-Stour. The local roads are very narrow with dangerous bends, severely restricting all vehicle movements particularly larger vehicles such as agricultural machinery, coaches, etc. There are no A roads in the area.
- No covered passenger refuge facilities at the bus stops.
- Continued viability of the school depends on families with young children being able to settle in the area.
- No streetlighting in the village.

Other Considerations

- Villages of Sibford Gower/Burdrop and Sibford Ferris have been separate entities for hundreds of years, separated by the Sib Valley, and strive to retain their separate character and identities.
- Sibford Gower borders the Cotswold AONB and seeks to retain its unspoilt location for the continued and sustained benefit of the broader society.
- This area of North Oxfordshire contains much good quality agricultural land, providing employment through farming and tourism, supporting environmental diversity, and making an invaluable contribution to general well-being.