

Blofield parish Neighbourhood Plan

POLICY IDEAS

For public consultation on 30th May and 6th June 2015

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL – active inclusive and safe

Objective 1: To provide opportunities for cultural, leisure, community, sport and other activities

- a. Play equipment for young children
- b. Outdoor youth space e.g. Skate park, Football kickabout area (winter weather tolerant)
- c. Indoor youth space for meeting
- d. Improvements to Heathlands Community Centre
- e. Improvements to Margaret Harker Hall
- f. New sports/social facility, e.g. astroturf and badminton facilities
- g. New meeting space/hall
- h. Others

Objective 2: To foster social interaction and good life chances for all in Blofield

- a. Integration of new comers into the parish, e.g. welcome pack
- b. Creation of informal meeting spaces in the parish
 - i. Public seating
 - ii. Thriving village shops and services in the centre of the villages
 - iii. Public gardens
- c. Enhance the village centres
- d. Others?

ENVIRONMENTAL – providing places for people to live that are considerate of the environment

Objective 3: To protect and enhance the countryside, including wildlife habitats and open spaces

- a. Enhance green areas and wildlife corridors to protect wildlife
 - i. Witton Run
 - ii. Braydeston Hill
 - iii. Howes Meadow
 - iv. Millennium Orchard
- b. Create new community green areas, like Burlingham Woods or Buckenham Woods
- c. Protect green field sites, woodland and trees

- i. Braydeston fields
 - ii. Margaret Harker Hall playing fields
 - iii. Heathlands playing fields
 - iv. Howes Meadow
 - v. Blofield Heath woodlands
- d. Others?

Objective 4: To create cleaner, safer and greener neighbourhoods and maintain pleasant public spaces

- a. Improved signage to welcome into Blofield and Blofield Heath
- b. Create more allotments
- c. Others?

HOUSING AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT – featuring a quality built and natural environment

Objective 5: To provide a sufficient and appropriate high quality housing, including affordable housing within a balanced housing market

- a. Provision of affordable housing
- b. Provision of lifetime homes (adaptable housing)
- c. Provision of supported housing (housing with care)
- d. Provision of starter homes
- e. Provision of small houses with parking spaces (for young couples, single and older people already living in the parish)
- f. Others?

Objective 6: Mixed use development that complements the character of the rural villages of Blofield and Blofield Heath

- a. Retain and preserve parish assets
 - i. Blofield Library
 - ii. Kinds Head pub
 - iii. Blofield School building
 - iv. The Courthouse
 - v. Margaret Harker Hall
 - vi. Other buildings of interest?
- b. Maintain and enhance the village image as rural, using local materials
- c. Keep new developments low density
- d. Ensure off road parking
- e. Retain village visas and skylines, e.g. the approach to Blofield
- f. Others?

TRANSPORT AND CONNECTIVITY – with good transport services and communication linking people to jobs, health and other services

Objective 7: To achieve the best possible road infrastructure for the parish

- a. Better access onto and from the A47 from the east end of Blofield
- b. Better access onto and from the A47 from the west end of Blofield
- c. Others?

Objective 8: To improve car parking, public transport and traffic management, enabling better travel within Blofield and between communities

- a. More car parking on The Street for school drop offs and shoppers
 - i. Behind the Doctor's Surgery
 - ii. Others?
- b. Improve congestion on The Street
 - i. One way system
 - ii. Car parking free zone
 - iii. Shared surface to slow traffic down and give priority to pedestrians
 - iv. Double yellow lines on The Street
- c. Weekend bus service
- d. Others?

Objective 9: To create facilities to encourage safe local walking and cycling, between and within Blofield and Blofield Heath

- a. Shared footpath/cycle route to link the two villages (similar to between Little Plumstead and Brick Kiln Pub)
- b. Improved walking routes
 - v. The Street
 - vi. Route to McDonalds
 - vii. From the east of Blofield to the Doctor's surgery and Blofield Primary School
 - viii. Better maintained pavements and roads for those with mobility issues and mobility scooters
- c. Safer pedestrian movement. Crossing points at
 - i. Doctor's Surgery
 - ii. Garden Road
 - iii. Blofield Primary School
 - iv. Yarmouth Road from Garden Farm development
 - v. Yarmouth Road near Brewster Court
- d. Lollipop lady at schools
- e. Dedicated cycle lanes
- f. Reduce speed
 - i. Woodbastwick Road
 - ii. Danesbower Lane
 - iii. Hall Road
 - iv. Through Blofield Heath
 - v. Yarmouth Road, entering both ends of Blofield

- g. Others?

ECONOMY – with a flourishing and diverse local economy

Objective 10: To encourage and support local businesses, in order to retain them within the parish

- a. Support new and existing businesses that fit the village environment and provide employment
- b. Address parking issues and congestion on The Streets

Objective 11: To retain and enhance the village centres of Blofield and Blofield Heath

- a. Retain services, especially Post Office in both village centres for easy access for residents and keep the village vibrant
- b. Maintain two distinct villages in the parish

SERVICES – with public, private, community and voluntary services that are appropriate to people’s needs and accessible to all

Objective 12: To ensure sufficient school places and facilities to meet the needs of the local community

- a. Work with the Local Education Authority, schools and other interested parties to meet the needs of a growing population
- b. Explore school expansion or relocation
- c. Further facilities to meet the needs of playgroup/preschool provision
- d. Others?

Objective 13: To ensure sufficient primary health care provision to meet the needs of the community

- a. Work with the Clinical Commissioning Group and providers of Primary Health Care to meet the needs of a growing population
- b. Maintain an accessible dispensary service at the Doctors Surgery
- c. Investigate the potential for a new Doctors Surgery in Blofield Heath
- d. Others?

Objective 14: To provide sufficient utilities suitable for a growing population

- a. Work with appropriate agencies to resolve flooding and drainage issues
 - i. End of Francis Lane
 - ii. Borton Road
 - iii. Yarmouth Road
 - iv. The Chase
- b. Retain and enhance Library services
- c. Others?