

# **Review of the Blewbury Conservation Area consultation**

## **CONSULTATION SUMMARY REPORT**

**A review of the feedback received to the Blewbury Conservation Area consultation.**

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**Note:** When stating percentages in the analysis, we are referring to the percentage of respondents that answered the specific question, rather than the total number of responses to the overall survey. Response percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding up over .5 and rounding down under .5. Words that appear in italics are quotes taken from comments received.

## SUMMARY

Vale of White Horse District Council invited residents to give their views from Wednesday 5 July until 11.59pm on Wednesday 2 August 2023, on the Blewbury Conservation Area Appraisal document that details proposed changes to the conservation area boundary in the following places (from section 7 of the appraisal document):

- Addition of important open space associated with Manor House and Mockbeggars Hall and Farm.
- Addition to add mature trees and seven properties around the junction of Church End and Westbrook Street.
- Adjustments to conform the boundary with the rear property lines of several properties on the east side of South Street.

In total, 19 responses were received during the public consultation period. This is made up of 9 responses via the online survey, 9 responses via email, and 1 response taken by telephone.

The majority of respondents (16) were from Individuals / members of the public. 3 respondents were representing a business / organisation.

Overall, there was general support for the appraisal document and mixed views towards the proposed conservation area boundary extensions, especially the larger one to the north encompassing Mockbeggars and Blewbury Manor land. Drayton has seen incremental change over the past decade which respondents are keen to manage with the aid of this new appraisal. Some responses include updates and additional detail which will help to ensure an adopted appraisal will be as current and comprehensive as possible.

It was discovered in the course of the initial round of public consultation that several key stakeholders were not specifically contacted for comment. An additional four weeks were added to the consultation period to enable these stakeholders to make comments.

Detailed comments on how the Conservation Team have responded to all the comments received can be found in this qualitative data section of this report.

## HOW WE WILL USE THE RESULTS

The Drayton Conservation Area Appraisal is currently undergoing review following the close of public consultation. Once a final draft is produced using the consultation feedback, it will be presented by a Cabinet member at a Cabinet committee meeting to be formally adopted as a supplementary planning document. Once adopted, the appraisal can be used to inform planning decisions and will be available to view on our [conservation areas webpage](#).

# BACKGROUND TO THE ENGAGEMENT

## Purpose of the Conservation Area Appraisal and Boundary Review

### What are conservation areas?

Areas of “special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance” – in other words, they exist to protect the features and the characteristics that make a historic place unique and distinctive.

Local Authorities have a statutory duty to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character and appearance of the conservation area. In addition to statutory controls, both National Policy and the Local Authority policies in the Local Plan help preserve the special character and appearance of conservation areas and their setting where it contributes to its significance.

### What is the purpose of a conservation area appraisal?

- Identify special architectural or historic interest and the changing needs of the conservation area;
- Define or redefine the conservation area boundaries;
- Increase public awareness and involvement in the preservation and enhancement of the area;
- Provide a framework for informed planning decisions;
- Guide controlled and positive management of change within the conservation area to minimise harm and encourage high quality, contextually responsive design.

## Summary of the Appraisal Document and Boundary Revisions

This document has been commissioned by Blewbury Parish Council and authored by a third-party heritage consultant. The conservation and design team have reviewed draft versions of the document and advised on changes necessary to ensure the content is appropriate and compliant with current good practice for the production of appraisal and management plans as well as being consistent with our in-house documents.

The document provides a summary of the history of Blewbury and its development, an assessment of its historic and architectural interest, a gazetteer of local interest buildings (non-listed structures) and illustrative maps showing various details of spatial and character analysis.

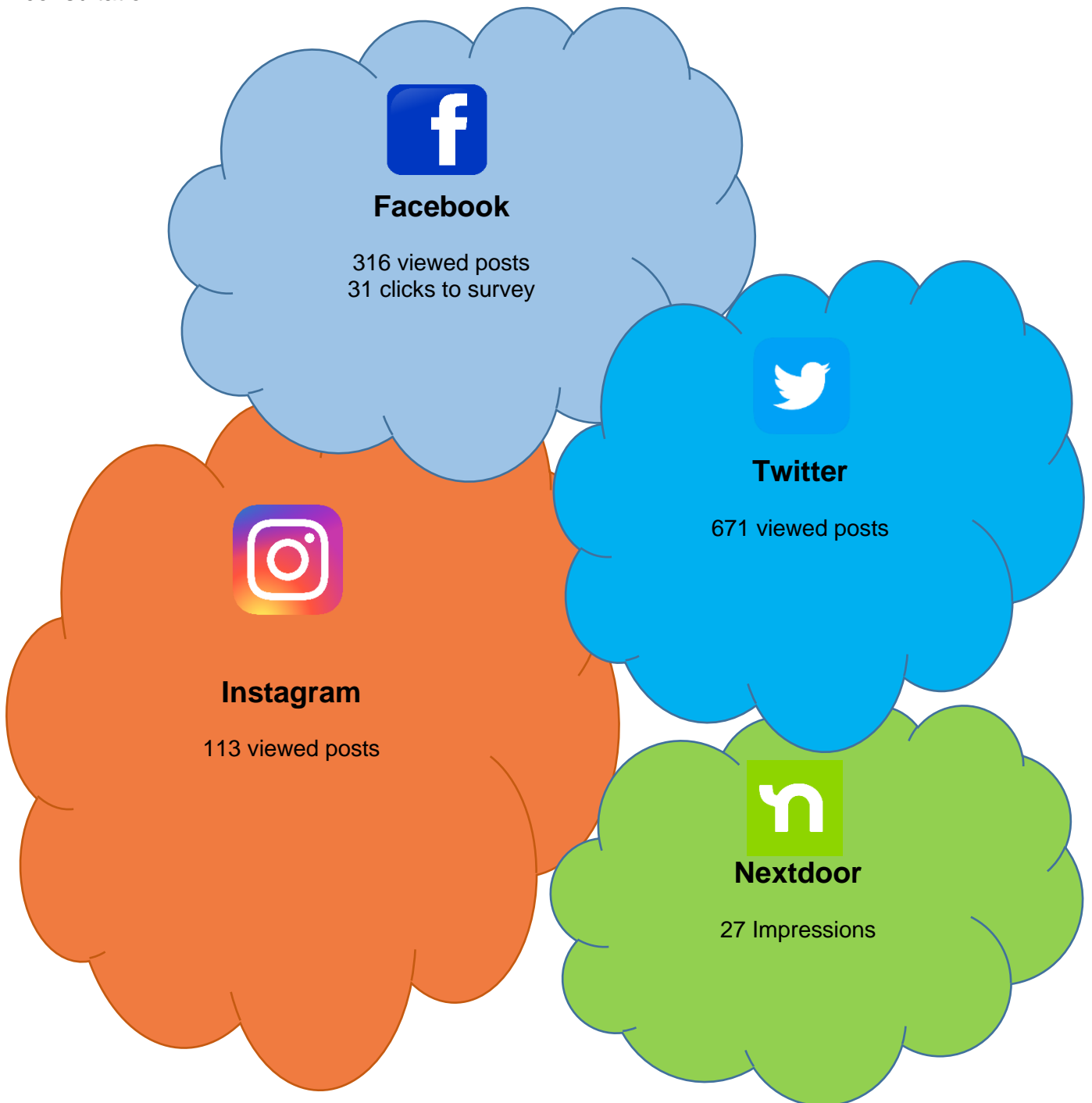
During a review of the existing Conservation Area boundary, the Parish Council identified areas that are of sufficient interest and significance to be considered for inclusion within the designated boundary. The Conservation Team also reviewed the proposed areas for inclusion and agreed that these proposed revisions were suitable for public comment.

These revisions included:

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- Addition to add mature trees and seven properties around the junction of Church End and Westbrook Street.
- Adjustments to conform the boundary with the rear property lines of several properties on the east side of South Street.

# SOCIAL MEDIA STATISTICS

The following information provides insight into the online social media engagement, which includes the number of times residents clicked through to view and/or take part in the Blewbury consultation.



# ENGAGEMENT METHODOLOGY

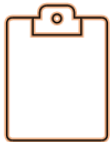
How we undertook the consultation.



The consultation ran from Wednesday 5 July until 11.59pm Wednesday 2 August, 2023.



96 notifications were issued to residents of Blewbury and important stakeholders, more specifically 87 emails and 9 letters. 70 emails were also issued to the council's consultation database filtered for consultees that live within Blewbury and may have an interest in the consultation.



An online survey was created to gather feedback on the Blewbury Conservation Area Appraisal document and the proposed changes to the conservation area boundary. The survey asked respondents to express their views in a free text comment box provided. A copy of the survey and comments received are available to view in this report.



Paper copies of the consultation materials were made available in Blewbury Post Office. Posters were also put on display around the village to help promote the consultation.



A link to the online survey was made available on the council's webpages.

## Reporting methodology

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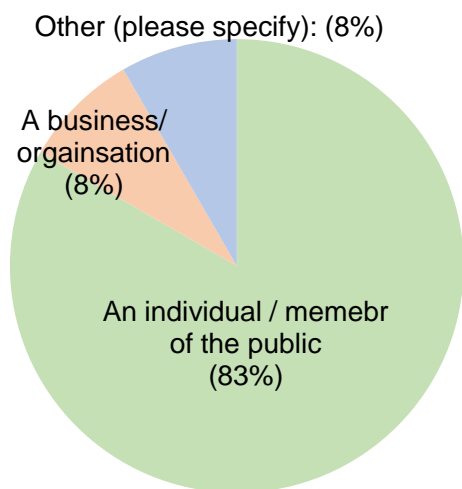
The council was made aware late in the consultation period that several landowners were not directly consulted about the Blewbury Conservation Area Appraisal consultation and have therefore been granted a four-week extension to provide comments if they wish. The comments received from landowners have been incorporated into the quantitative and qualitative results in this report.

The full results to the consultation are included in this report, alongside an officer response.

Any personal information supplied to us within the comments that could identify anyone has been redacted and will not be shared or published in the report. Further information on data protection is available in our [planning consultations privacy policy](#).

# QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DATA

A copy of the quantitative data received to the consultation is provided below.

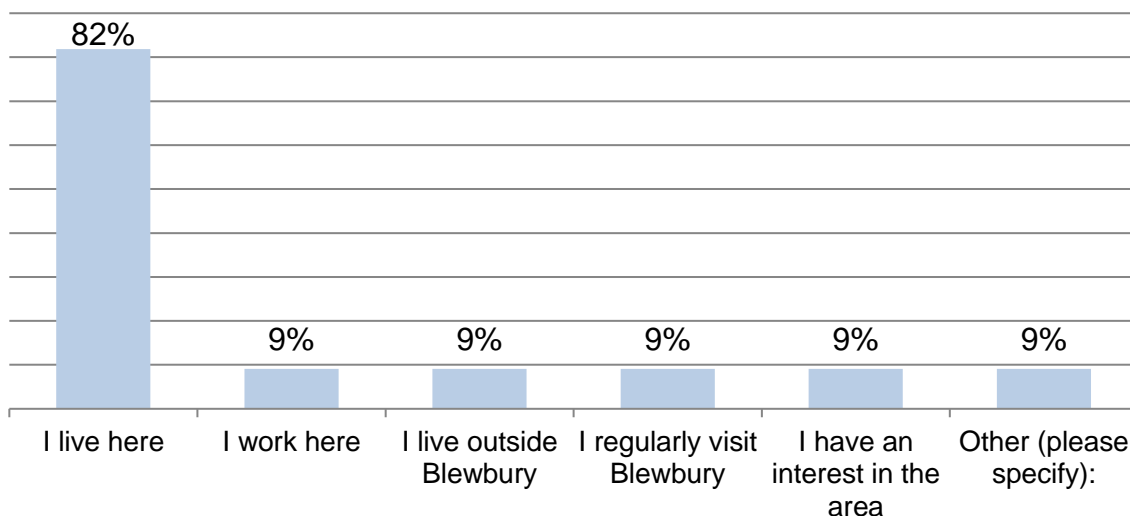


## Are you responding as:

Most respondents (83%) were received from members of the public / individuals. 8% responded on behalf of a business /organisation which are Mockbeggars Farm and Upton Parish Council. The remaining 8% (1 respondent) was from a *Farmer landowner*.

## What is your connection to Blewbury? Please tick all that apply.

Most respondents (82%) live in Blewbury. The other 36% work in Blewbury (9%), live outside of Blewbury (9%), regularly visit (9%) and has an interest in the area (9%). The remaining 9% ticked 'other' and is a Councillor for Upton.



**Please provide your comments on the appraisal document below.**

You can view the Blewbury appraisal document on our website. If you are particularly concerned with the proposed boundary revision, you can find more detail on these in section 7 of the appraisal.

If you would like to see this document amended or improved in any way, it would be helpful if you could please explain what changes you are seeking.

**You can upload any supporting documents using the button below.**

|   | <b>COMMENT RECEIVED</b>   | <b>CONSERVATION TEAM RESPONSE</b>  | <b>ACTION</b>   |
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| 1 | No comments on the changes - they are pretty minor and uncontentious[sic].  | Noted with thanks.   | N/A   |
| 2 | My comment is about not cutting the verge where the road from Didcot via East Hagbourne meets with the A417 by the garage. I was trying to turn left onto the main road and it was impossible to see if anything was coming down the hill towards Blewbury. I am not alone in this and hope that no accidents occurred as a result.<br><br>██████████   | Unfortunately this area lies outside the designated conservation area and outside the remit of an appraisal to manage. Concerns about management of verges where this may affect highway safety should be reported to County Highways. | Feedback will be provided to the PC to suggest residents raise concerns with OCC. |
| 3 | Please abandon the conservation area, no need to be stuck in the past   | Noted. As this has been led by the PC we will provide this feedback but there is no justification provided for why the designation should be removed in its entirety.  | N/A   |
| 4 | I was fascinated by what the document revealed and explained of Blewbury's existence and development.<br>Concerning Area 3:<br>Berry Lane has a distinct character and I believe that both sides of the lane should be included in the conservation area so that it will be more difficult for permission to be granted for the removal of trees and hedges.<br>██████████ Dipl Arch. Dip Town Planning<br>RIBA (ret) MRTPI (ret).  | Noted. Supportive of the proposed extension in this area.  | N/A   |
| 5 | I wholeheartedly support these changes<br><br>Addition of important open space associated with Manor House and Mockbeggars Hall and Farm. - these are important parts of the village that contribute to it's atmosphere.<br>Addition to add mature trees and seven properties around the junction of Church End and Westbrook Street. Likewise these trees and properties[sic]<br>Adjustments to conform the boundary with the rear | Noted with thanks.   | N/A   |



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|    | property lines of several properties on the east side of South Street. Seems very sensible.  |  |   |
| 6  | Please extend the boundary to include mock beggars and protect our inner village[sic] areas of space.  | Noted.   | N/A   |
| 7  | The appraisal document is a terrific piece of work: while almost all of its individual elements are familiar to this longtime resident, it's great to see it all in one place, and to have it set down in print what a unique and pleasing place we live in. I have no problem at all with the proposed changes to the Conservation Area boundary and very much hope that this document will strengthen the general status and awareness of the Area for many years to come.   | Noted with thanks.   | N/A   |
| 8  | I approve of the new Blewbury appraisal document.  | Noted.   | N/A   |
| 9  | As the owner of Mockbeggars Hall and Farm We are amazed that only now (31/7/23) We have been advised of this proposal and have received no notification of this. This would clearly have a negative impact on our farming practices.   | This was noted during consultation. The consultation period was extended to ensure that all affected properties were directly notified and additional time given to provide comment.   | Actioned during consultation process.   |
| 10 | <p>1. Cover is misleading - in relation to what the CA status is for in terms of protection</p> <p>2. Really important view up Westbrook St (towards A417) taking in Wayside Cottage and Pottingers/Bakers Cottage (aka Ashbrook Cottages) with Downs rising beyond needs to be added, shows curve in the road and the terrace of cottages to the left and setting of the CA. Happy to send a photo in if that helps. Subject of greetings cards etc! Please discuss with [REDACTED]</p> <p>3. Question inclusion of incongruous bellmouth to Grahame Close as important view on map, contrary to text</p> <p>4. Have always thought boundary treatments at top end of Westbrook Street on the western side are important and area should be extended to include these. They are subject to development pressures and creation of new accesses, loss of hedges/replacement of hedges with pd walls would erode rural character of the street which is very important at the entrance to the historic part of the village. CA status would provide controls otherwise not there. Desirable to include the LBs on this side which are protected differently: CA status would afford additional protection. We have suffered from some inappropriate development already here and there is a real danger of further harm. On street parking is a real issue at the top end of Westbrook</p> | <p>1. CA status is described in detail at the start of the document, not sure what this comments relates to.</p> <p>2. The document on page 20 noted the views all along Westbrook Street towards the Downs and the maps has two markers which reflect this. Additional detail not required as adequately covered.</p> <p>3. Noted, this does appear to conflict with the text and the viewpoint will be removed.</p> <p>4. The historic properties at the top of Westbrook Street are proposed for inclusion but it is not proposed to include the verges and boundaries of the modern developments along the western</p> | Confirm status of possible street trees along Berry Lane. Review proposed boundary changes with PC. |

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|    | <p>Street, which is narrow, and this has been exacerbated by development over the last 10 years or so, and it should be noted that this has a negative effect on the character and appearance of the conservation area.</p> <p>5. Question inclusion of 3 bungalows at bottom of Westbrook St adjacent to entrance to village hall and bright blue building at Mockbeggars but undertand desirability of avoiding 'cheeseplant' effect.</p> <p>6. Views 'of' the village as well as 'within' etc are important. P21. Historically the village has been hidden by trees with soft edges with the church tower and the hillfort as dominant features. Recent large dwellings to west of the village have seriously eroded the character of the village. Possibly since survey was undertaken. Adding 'to' here might help when assessing any further applications. This issue is discussed in the Neighbourhood Plan, to which reference could usefully be made in the text and this point expanded upon in the appraisal.</p> <p>7. Good to see that appropriate expertise has been used to undertake the appraisal and that it is to be updated. I know how much work is involved.</p> | <p>side of the street at this time.</p> <p>5. This point is agreed and recommendation not to include the modern bungalows will be made to the PC but the boundary may be included to add the verge with the historic trees which fall within the Highway boundary rather than individual private property ownership.</p> <p>6. This is adequately noted addressed in the neighbourhood plan and does not need to be detailed further in the CA.</p> <p>7. Noted with thanks.</p> |                            |
| 11 | <p>Hello.</p> <p>Im am commenting on that I would not be in support of Blewbury becoming a conservation area. As someone who owns an old property its already hard enough to carry our improvements on my home making it energy efficient and stooping the property from falling into disrepair.</p> <p>Having more restrictions in place will only hinder many people in Blewbury being able to make modifications to their homes to improve their quality of life.</p>   | <p>Blewbury is already covered by a large designated boundary. This may be an objection to the proposed boundary, which is noted. However, there is no proposal to remove the designation in its entirety as it has been in place since 1970. This consultation proposes to add to it.</p>   | N/A                        |
| 12 | <p>Further to comments made earlier today, I note the following clarifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The important view requested to be added up Westbrook Street of historic properties and of the Downs beyond is from close to Forge Cottage, taking in the terrace of cottages on the left hand side and Pottingers, with the ridegeline of the roof of the latter running parallel to the skyline - a rare clear view of the downland backdrop to the CA essential to the character of the village</li> <li>- The important view already shown on the map at the entrance to Grahame Close is to the Church, so</li> </ul>   | <p>Noted, as above there is adequate reference to the importance of views already in the body of the text. And the Grahame view marker will be removed.</p>  | Update markers on the maps |

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|    | perhaps the graphics could be improved to make it clear that the view of the modern development/access is not what matters here?<br><br>Thank you  |   |  |
| 13 | Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.<br><b>Natural England does not consider that this Conservation Area Appraisal poses any likely risk or opportunity in relation to our statutory purpose, and so does not wish to comment on this consultation.</b><br>The lack of comment from Natural England should not be interpreted as a statement that there are no impacts on the natural environment. Other bodies and individuals may wish to make comments that might help the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to fully take account of any environmental risks and opportunities relating to this document.<br>If you disagree with our assessment of this proposal as low risk, or should the proposal be amended in a way which significantly affects its impact on the natural environment, then in accordance with Section 4 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, please consult Natural England again. | Noted with thanks.  | N/A  |
| 14 | Thank you for consulting Historic England on the draft conservation area appraisal for Blewbury.<br><br>We welcome the review of the conservation area and the new appraisal statement. We have no comments to make.   | Noted with thanks.  | N/A  |
| 15 | It's a wonderful area – a find we/I discovered on a walk a while back, lovely to have thatched path wall and the work that has gone into the area is great. Please add to this area of interest, yet calm, the additional (some day mature) trees a great idea.<br><br>P.S. Will pop over this weekend for a “top up”!!  | Noted with thanks.  | N/A  |
| 16 | I am concerned that inclusion of my property within the conservation area will restrict my ability to maintain the trees in my garden. I have several old trees in my garden that I am concerned of how I will be able to continue to pollard them as necessary if I need to keep getting planning permission every year to do the work. Of particular concern is an Ancient Black Poplar that I want to retain but that is hollow and therefore I need to be able to reduce it  | These concerns are noted and we are grateful that the issues have been raised. We are going to recommend to the PC that the houses are not added to the CA.<br><br>However, the chestnut tree on the verge to the front | Ensure residents are aware who to report concerns about street trees to. |

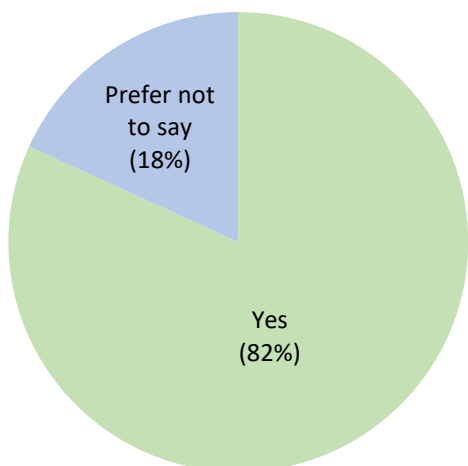
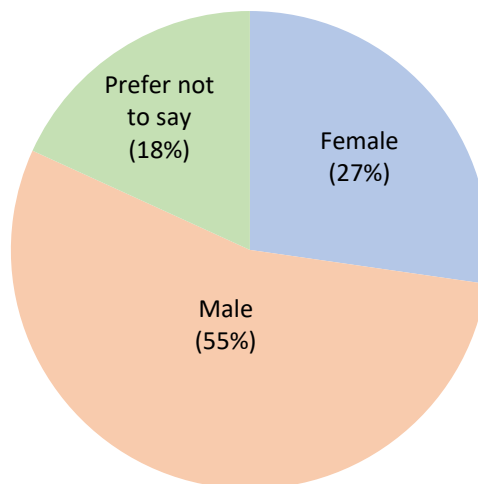
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|    | <p>where necessary to prevent it from becoming a danger. There are also Ash trees, and other trees at the back of the garden that have become straggly, that need to be reduced, but this will become more difficult to do if I need to get permission due to being in the conservation area. I am also concerned by the advertisement consent and planning consent requirements in conservation areas. I don't want these to prevent me from keeping the brass plaque outside the front of my house, or to prevent me from changing my windows in the future.</p> <p>The conservation area would also add protection to a problem Chestnut Tree outside the front of my house which is growing at a fast rate, and is likely to interfere with my water supply, cut out the light from my house and prevent me from getting solar panels.</p> <p>It doesn't seem right that this area is proposed to be in the conservation area but Corpses Field, which is of higher value and vulnerable to development that would spoil the conservation area, is not.</p> | would be added. It has separately been suggested to the respondent that they contact both the district and tree teams about concerns with the chestnut tree.   | Review proposed revisions with PC.  |
| 17 | <p>Blewbury Conservation Area. I own and live in one of the 7 properties in the area under consideration. I am not in favour of the proposal. There is no advantage to me and there would probably be many delays and expenses in carrying out future improvements</p>  | Noted. If this relates to one of the properties north of Berry Lane we are recommending that this will not be included.  | Review boundary revisions with PC.  |
| 18 | <p>The enlargement of the boundaries appear to make sense.</p> <p>6.0 Management Plan<br/>Item Bullet 3: is what proposals should require does not seem to have been fulfilled in recent development to the west of Westbrook street.</p> <p>Minor Works<br/>Bullet 3: As far as I am aware only the wall bounding the southern edge of the Grahame Close is not privately owned and repairs are carried out by public subscription to a fund run by a management group,</p> <p>Bullet 4: Overhead cables seem to be proliferating!</p>   | Noted. These comments appear to relate to the way in which works have already been done in the village.  | N/A   |
| 19 | <p>It seems that this is just going to be another layer of bureaucracy on a farm already beset with a plethora of rules and regulations.</p> <p>The owners of The Quakers Field and the three two storey houses, (described as 3 detached single storey houses) and us have all been residents in the village in excess of 50 years each and we have farmed the West side of the village for more than 60 years and still do so. We find it incredible that</p>   | Noted.<br>It was ascertained that consultation letters were not sent to all the land owners at the start of consultation. This was rectified and the consultation period extended so that all parties had the same amount of time to provide comments. | Review other options to protect trees and spaces rather than conservati on area |

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| <p>the Parish Council did not consult us, especially as [REDACTED] intended to gift to the village some of the effected land, which incidentally has restricted covenants... Why were we and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] not informed of this plan to include us all in the Blewbury Conservation Boundary Area. We only found out the day before the closing date and as we are the three landowners most effected, this is very worrying. Perhaps because the Parish Council seek with one hand to conserve one part of our farm whilst seeking to uproot some trees and lay a cinder track across another part of the farm.</p> <p>The glossy appraisal has little good to say about our end of the village, drawing attention to untidy storage. Are they referring to our large grain stores on Mockbeggars Farm? This is a farm and farm machinery have to be put somewhere when the grain stores are full.. It is a pity they didn't see the corner of Church End and Westbrook Street before we gave part of our cottage garden to be made into a pavement for the children to walk safely to school. When our family owned the Manor we never looked on the two bits of land, North of the sewage station as part of the curtilage, just as we never looked on the village hall and play close area, which were also in the Manors possession, as curtilage.</p> <p>The Manor and its gardens and the ancient barns, which have been restored, and Mockbeggars Hall and gardens you cannot see any of them from the road, However they are all already in the conservation area.</p> <p>The Farm and its fields are nothing to do with the Manor complex nor is the nearby pumping station which is very ugly, noisy and often smelly and will remain so. What is the point in including these? Thames Water some time ago filled in many of the water courses. In the appraisal of the area it states, 'these would make a neutral contribution to the conservation area', and we agree.</p> <p>The fine large trees mentioned near the village hall and along the road all belong to The Parish so are therefore protected. We treasure our trees and are happy to have a TPO on them.</p> <p>This whole exercise seems to us to be pointless and costly.</p> | <p>As above, it is recommended that the properties north of Berry Lane are not included and discussion will be held with the parish council about representations received pertaining to the other areas.</p> <p>It is a good suggestion to consider if there are other more appropriate mechanisms to protects trees and verdant areas instead of conservation area designation as built form in these areas may be less architecturally or historically significant.</p> | <p>designatio<br/>n and feed<br/>back to<br/>the PC.</p> |
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## Our commitment to equal access for all

### What is your sex?

Over half of respondents (55%) are males and 27% are females. 18% preferred not to answer this question.

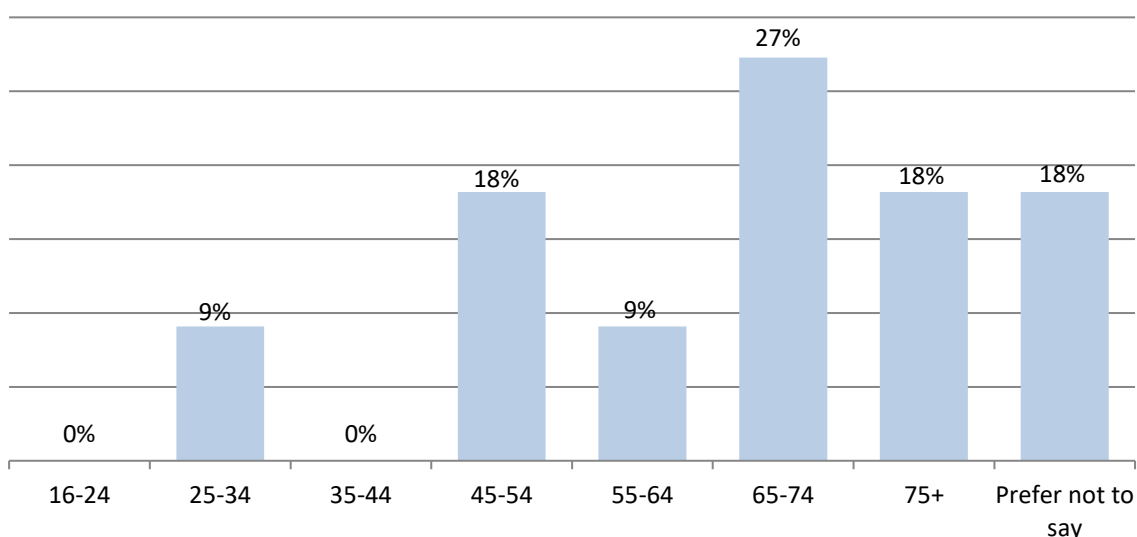


### Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

A majority (82%) said their gender is the same as their sex registered at birth. 18% preferred not to answer this question.

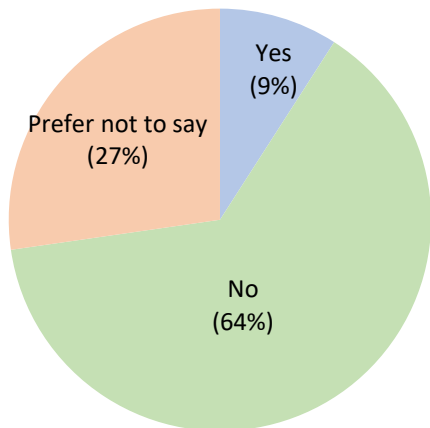
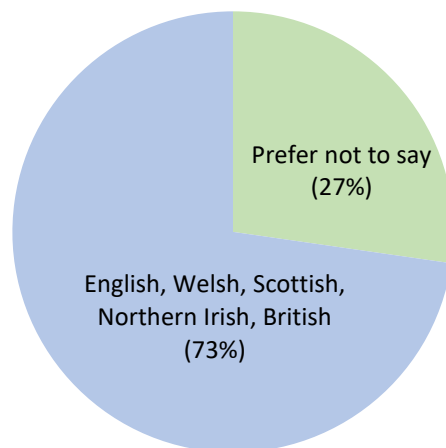
### How old are you?

Overall, most respondents are aged between 65 to 75+ (45%), whilst 18% are aged between 45 to 54 years old. Another 18% of respondent preferred not to answer this question. The remaining 18% are aged between 25 and 34 years old (9%) and 55- to 64 years old (9%).



## What is your ethnic group?

Most respondents (73%) are from a white ethnic group - English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish and British. The remaining 27% preferred not to answer this question.

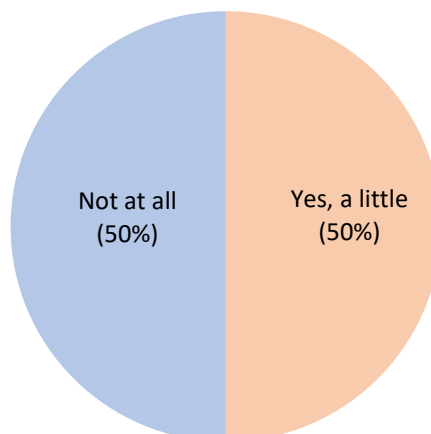


## Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illness lasting or expecting to last 12 months or more?

64% do not have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expecting to last 12 months or more, whilst 9% said they do. 27% preferred not to answer this question.

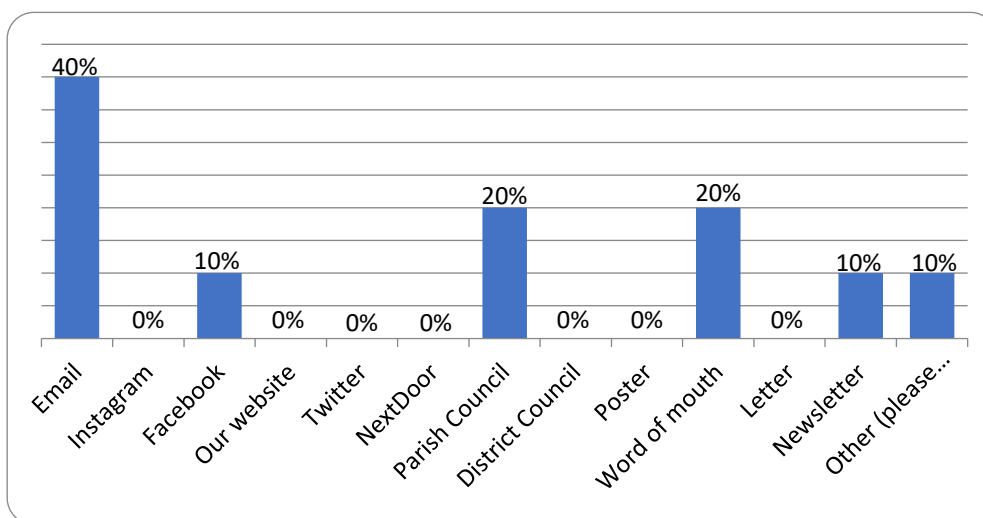
## Do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day to day activities?

Of the 9% of respondents that said they have a physical or mental health conditions or illness, 50% said that their conditions or illness has a little impact on their ability to carry out day to day activities, whilst 50% said not at all.



## How did you hear about the review of the Blewbury Conservation Area appraisal?

Most respondents heard about the Blewbury consultation via email (40%), followed by Parish Council (10%) and word of mouth (10%). The remaining 30% heard about the consultation via Facebook (10%), newsletter and via their 'post office'.



# SURVEY

A copy of the online survey is provided below.

## Review of the Blewbury Conservation Area

We are carrying out a review of the conservation area in Blewbury.

As part of the review process, we are now inviting comments on the Blewbury Conservation Area Appraisal document. This includes proposed changes to the conservation area boundary in the following places (from section 7 of the appraisal document):

- Addition of important open space associated with Manor House and Mockbeggars Hall and Farm.
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In some areas, the revision is intended to update any issues caused by past mapping and changes to property boundaries over time. In other areas, the boundary could be extended to areas that add to the architectural and historic interest of the area and are therefore worthy of including within the designated boundary.

You will have the opportunity to comment on the above proposed changes and Blewbury Conservation Area Appraisal document in this survey.

You can find out more information about the review and download the appraisal document on our website.

We are inviting your comments on the proposed changes during a four week consultation period which runs from **Wednesday 5 July until 11.59pm Wednesday 2 August, 2023.**



### Personal details

If you are responding as an individual, you are not required to provide your name or personal details. If you are responding on behalf of a business, organisation, or other we will ask for its name and this information may be published. Any personal information you provide to the council within your comments that could identify you will not be published. Further information on data protection is available on in our privacy statement.

### Queries?

If you have any questions on the draft appraisal, survey or require it in an alternative format (for example large print, Braille, audio, email, Easy Read and alternative languages) please contact our Conservation team at [conservationconsults@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:conservationconsults@southandvale.gov.uk) or call 01235 422600.



## What happens next

After the consultation period ends, we will consider your comments and make appropriate changes to the draft document and boundary revision before we proceed to adopt it via the council's cabinet process. Once adopted, we will publish the cabinet report, new Conservation Area Appraisal document and adopted revised boundary on our website.

## A bit about you

### 1. Are you responding as: \*

an individual / member of the public

a business / organisation

Other (please specify):

### 2. Please provide the name of the business / organisation, council or body you are representing:

### 3. What is your connection to Blewbury? Please tick all that apply.

I live here

I work here

I live outside Blewbury

I regularly visit Blewbury

I have an interest in the area

Other (please specify):

## Your comments

### 1. Please provide your comments on the appraisal document below.

You can view the Blewbury appraisal document on our website. If you are particularly concerned with the proposed boundary revision, you can find more detail on these in section 7 of the appraisal.

If you would like to see this document amended or improved in any way, it would be helpful if you could please explain what changes you are seeking. \*

**5. You can upload any supporting documents using the button below.**

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**Our commitment to equal access for all**

We are committed to making sure that residents have equal access to all council services. Please help us to keep track of how successfully we are achieving this by ticking the appropriate boxes below.

All questions are optional. All information is confidential and will only be used to help us monitor whether views differ across the community.

**6. What is your sex?**

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

**7. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?**

- Yes
- Prefer not to say
- No (please specify):

**8. How old are you?**

- 16-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75+
- Prefer not to say

**9. What is your ethnic group?**

- Prefer not to say

**White**

- English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish, British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Roma
- Any other white background

**Asian or Asian British**

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background

**Black, Black British, Caribbean or African**

- Caribbean
- African
- Any other Black, Black British, Caribbean or African background

**Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups**

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other mixed or multiple background

**Other Ethnic Group**

- Arab
- Other (please specify):

**10. Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illness lasting or expecting to last 12 months or more?**

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

**11. Do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day to day activities?**

- Yes, a lot
- Yes, a little
- Not at all

**12. How did you hear about the review of the Blewbury Conservation Area appraisal?**

- Email
- Instagram
- Facebook
- Our website
- Twitter

NextDoor

Parish Council

District Council

Poster

Word of mouth

Letter

Newsletter

Other (please specify):

# COMMUNICATION

A copy of the email notification issued to the council's consultation database is provided below.

**Subject:** Your comments are invited on the Review of Blewbury Conservation Area

Dear [NAME]

We are emailing to invite you to have your say on proposed changes to the conservation area in Blewbury as this may be of interest to you.

## **What is a conservation area?**

The village's conservation area is the designated area of special architectural or historic interest which exists to protect the features and characteristics that make Blewbury a historic, unique and distinctive place.

## **Why are we reviewing the conservation area?**

It is a requirement that all councils coordinate and publish appraisals for the preservation and enhancement of conservation areas and that these proposals are reviewed from time to time.

This is the first comprehensive Conservation Area Appraisal document that has been produced for Blewbury. The document has been authored by a third-party consultant appointed by Blewbury Parish Council and published by the Vale of White Horse Conservation and Design Team. We have a statutory duty to consult the public on this new document before it is adopted.

## **Have your say as part of our review process**

As part of the review process, we are now inviting comments on the Blewbury Conservation Area Appraisal document.

You can download the appraisal and find out more information about the review on our website. [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/blewburyconservation](http://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/blewburyconservation)

## **How to comment**

We are inviting your comments on the Blewbury Conservation Area Appraisal document during a four-week consultation period which runs from Wednesday 5 July until 11.59pm Wednesday 2 August.

The quickest and easiest way to comment is to use our online comment form.

Note that this is a unique link just for you and is tied to your email address. If you would like to forward this message to anybody else, please refer them to the public link to the survey.

## **What happens next**

After the consultation period ends, we will consider your comments and make appropriate changes to the draft document and boundary revision before we proceed to adopt it via the council's cabinet process. Once adopted, we will publish the cabinet report, new conservation area appraisal document and adopted revised boundary on our website.

We look forward to hearing your views.

Kind regards

## **Boris van der Ree**

Conservation Enquiry Officer

Vale of White Horse District Council

If you need support to access the consultation materials, have any queries about the survey form or require it in an alternative format (for example: large print, Braille, audio, email, Easy Read or alternative languages) please email [conservationconsults@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:conservationconsults@southandvale.gov.uk) or call 01235 422600.

**Opt-out:** If you do not wish to receive further emails from us like this, please [click here](#), and you will be removed from our consultation mailing list. Please note, we may still need to contact you for certain consultations if we have a legal obligation to do so.

**Data protection:** Please refer to our planning consultations privacy statement regarding how your personal data is used for this consultation, available on the consultation page of our website. If you would like to know more about the council's data protection registration or to find out about your personal data, please visit our website.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For information about the consultation or the results presented in this report, please contact:

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South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils

01235 422 425

[jointheconversation@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:jointheconversation@southandvale.gov.uk)

To enquire about the council's work on the Blewbury Conservation Area consultation, please contact:

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