

Bierton with Broughton Neighbourhood Plan

Evidence Paper: Health

Updated: November 2019

Objective(s):

1. To understand the need to ensure that healthcare facilities develop in line with the needs of the Parish.

Snapshot of the current position within the parish

Brief summary of current situation:

- Healthcare services for the Parish fall under the auspices of the Buckingham Healthcare NHS Trust, together with the NHS Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group.
- There are no GP surgeries situated within the Parish itself.
- There are no dentists situated within the Parish itself.
- A couple of private practitioners of physiotherapy, osteopathy, etc. live in the village of Bierton, and work from there as well.
- There is a centre for Taoist meditation, and related activities, operating from a private house in the village of Bierton.
- There are no hospitals of any sort situated within the Parish itself.
- There are no pharmacies situated within the Parish.
- A permanent health centre is planned, to be provided in the Canal Quarter of the new Kingsbrook development. As this is planned to be opened when 1500 homes (out of a total of 2450) are occupied (not just built), the best guess is that this will happen in 2024/5 (approximately 9 years after construction started).

A full description of details can be found in the document "Initial Evidence Paper – Health.pdf", a link to which can be found here:

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Current issues:

- Only two GP practices formally include part of the Parish within their primary boundary (i.e. accept new patients).
- The maximum distance for a resident to travel to these GP surgeries is between 1.7 and 2.1 miles.

- The maximum distance for a resident to travel to the nearest dental practice accepting NHS patients is 1.9 miles.
- The maximum distance for a resident to travel to the nearest NHS physiotherapy centre is 2.6 miles.
- The nearest Accident and Emergency department is situated within Stoke Mandeville hospital, with a maximum distance of 4.0 miles. This is also the nearest hospital of any sort.
- The new Kingsbrook development is due to bring an extra 2450 homes, approximately one-and-a-half times more than the current size of the Parish, placing extra burdens on all healthcare facilities.
 - **Update November 2019:** Which services will actually be installed in the planned permanent health centre has not been agreed, although the developer's publicity comments "It will be designed to accommodate a practice with three doctors, with space allowed to expand to six doctors. There will be provision for a pharmacy adjacent to the surgery and parking will be provided for medical staff, patients and an ambulance". A "Temporary Health Centre" is planned for the south-west corner of Kingsbrook, on the edge of Aylesbury, to be available "At the occupation of 500 homes".

The delivery of the permanent health centre was to be by means of a S106 agreement. However, the NHS Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has changed its view since the S106 agreement was made, and is seeking a variation. In brief, the CCG is now (August 2019) of the view that "the proposed Health Centre within the S106 at Kingsbrook does not match the CCG's criteria for developing and sustaining primary care estate". A fuller response may be found at https://327f34a8-bde4-4d23-aad5-aa9f29cdc9c6.filesusr.com/ugd/506003_634a72f8488e4c618adaf958420aa7a5.pdf

Relevant Current Policy

Data sources:

1. For an overall view, refer to the document "Bierton with Broughton Neighbourhood Plan – Policy Review – February 2018". A link to this document can be found here: https://327f34a8-bde4-4d23-aad5-aa9f29cdc9c6.filesusr.com/ugd/506003_ed67d54ebae46009bc440ba67a33d09.pdf
2. Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan 2013 – 2033 – Proposed Submission. A link to this document can be found here: https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/page_downloads/Submission-VALP-%20high-res2.pdf
3. Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan 2013 – 2033 – AVDC Suggested Modifications in response to the Inspector's Interim Findings. A link to this document can be found here: https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/page_downloads/VALP%20table%20of%20suggested%20modifications.pdf

4. Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan 2013 – 2033 – AVDC Suggested Modifications additional information. A link to these documents can be found here:
<https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/examination-documents>
5. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (February 2019) can be found here:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/740441/National_Planning_Policy_Framework_web_accessible_version.pdf

The revised Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan 2013 – 2033 (VALP) received an interim report from the Inspector which advised that the “VALP requires some further work before it can be found sound”. However, the Inspector also offered his opinion “that VALP is capable of being made sound”. AVDC has since submitted suggested modifications, and are awaiting the Inspector’s response. It is expected the VALP will be adopted by the end of 2019.

VALP refers to healthcare only in matters relating to major new housing developments, where it is typical to required contributions towards, or even delivery of, healthcare facilities. In general terms, healthcare is mentioned in:

- Policy S1 Sustainable development for Aylesbury Vale

and in specific terms for Bierton with Broughton in:

- Policy D1 Delivering Aylesbury Garden Town
 - Sub-policy D-AGT6 Kingsbrook
“Provision of on-site health facilities and community buildings (including temporary buildings if necessary)”

However, several of the VALP policies contain measures which address health-related issues, for example:

- Policy BE3 Protection of the amenity of residents
- Policy C3 Renewable Energy
“...there is no significant adverse impact on local amenity, health and quality of life as a result of noise, emissions to atmosphere, electronic interference or outlook through unacceptable visual intrusion...”
- Policy D1 Delivering Aylesbury Garden Town
“... establishing environments that promote health, happiness and well-being.”
“... walkable neighbourhoods with equality of access for all to a range of community service and facilities including health...”
- Policy I1 Green infrastructure
“...the the potential of green infrastructure to assist communities with mitigating and adapting to climate change as well as meeting health initiatives.”
- Policy I2 Sports and recreation
- Policy NE3 River and stream corridors
- Policy T1 Delivering the sustainable transport vision
“...the Buckingham Transport Strategy to help create sustainable, healthy and thriving communities.”

- Policy T6 Footpaths and cycle routes specifically,
“... will protect existing cycle routes from adverse effects of new development.”, and
“...will seek new or improved cycle access and facilities...”, and
“... will safeguard existing pedestrian routes from adverse effects of new development.”,
and
“...will ensure that networks of pedestrian and cycle routes are provided to give easy access into and through new developments and to adjacent areas, and also to public transport services.”

Further, paragraph 20 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (July 2018) identifies that

“Strategic policies should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development, and make sufficient provision for:

...

c) community facilities (such as **health**, education and cultural infrastructure)”

Section 8 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (July 2018) - “Promoting healthy and safe communities” - contains paragraphs which have aspects associated with, or related to health and healthcare of Parish residents, for example:

- Paragraph 91: “Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which
...
c) **enable and support healthy lifestyles**, especially where this would address identified local health and well-being needs – for example through the provision of safe and accessible green infrastructure, sports facilities, local shops, access to healthier food, allotments and layouts that encourage walking and cycling”
- Paragraph 92: “To provide the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs, planning policies and decisions should
...
b) take into account and support the **delivery of local strategies to improve health**, social and cultural well-being for all sections of the community”

In addition, paragraph 1.60 of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan 2013 – 2033 – Proposed Submission states:

- “The Grand Union Canal and its arms to Wendover, Aylesbury and Buckingham, provide local interest, character, leisure opportunities, and habitat diversity...this provides opportunities for people to enjoy nature, along with the physical and mental health benefits that this brings.”

The Aylesbury Arm of the Grand Union Canal passes through the Parish of Bierton with Broughton.

Summary of key issues identified from face to face consultations and discussions

Data sources:

1. Consultation and Engagement Strategy Report – Bierton with Broughton Neighbourhood Development Plan – September 2018. A link to this document can be found here: https://327f34a8-bde4-4d23-aad5-aa9f29cdc9c6.filesusr.com/ugd/506003_cf1cf79803504d109fcc9b37daeb5569.pdf
2. Neighbourhood Plan Bierton with Broughton Consultation Master Collation
This contains a full list of comments received at each of the consultation events, in a spreadsheet document. A link to this document can be found here: https://327f34a8-bde4-4d23-aad5-aa9f29cdc9c6.filesusr.com/ugd/506003_a6ca55e80f494697aa6f28f615534384.pdf

The consultation process was launched on two separate dates, 2nd October 2017 and 7th October 2017, and in two separate locations, to ensure widespread coverage and the opportunity for residents to attend.

The following consultation events were held, listed here in chronological order:

Event	Date
General Public Consultation Event 1: St James Church	14 th October 2017
General Public Consultation Event 2: The Doghouse	17 th October 2017
General Public Consultation Event 3: The Barn	25 th October 2017
General Public Consultation Event 4: Bierton Sports Centre	5 th November 2017
Church Council	30 th November 2017
School Staff and Governors	20 th November 2017
Elderly Persons Consultation	23 rd October 2017

Issues raised during consultations:

By far the greatest concern expressed at the consultation events was about the existing inadequate healthcare facilities being overwhelmed by the arrival of the Kingsbrook development. Around 85% of comments received referred to this issue. Some examples of what was said follow:

- *“Terrifying to think of the extra patients the local surgeries will have to cope with. They can't cope now.”*
- *“Currently totally reliant on GP surgeries in Aylesbury.”*
- *“Local surgeries can't cope with the amount of patients they already have. It takes weeks to get an appointment. More facilities for Healthcare need to be made available / built.”*
- *“Deeply concerned about the existing pressure on the nearest medical facilities. How will they cope once Kingsbrook is complete?”*
- *“Local surgeries struggling now without increase in population, re new housing.”*
- *“Increase in housing must at time of planning require an increase in support services.”*

Survey questions:

As a result of these comments, the survey questions were limited to obtaining a view on which healthcare facilities residents most desired. The questions were:

- Q 7.1 Do you think healthcare provision is needed in the Parish?
- Q 7.2 In terms of healthcare in the Parish which of the following do you think is important (options were: Dentist, Pharmacy, GP Practice, Other).

Summary of Neighbourhood plan Questionnaire feedback

Data Sources:

1. Bierton with Broughton Neighbourhood Plan Survey February/March 2018
A link to this document can be found here:
https://327f34a8-bde4-4d23-aad5-aa9f29cdc9c6.filesusr.com/ugd/506003_df87edc3da164b14a7ba74cf666ac6dc.pdf
2. A map of Bierton with Broughton Parish can be found here:
https://327f34a8-bde4-4d23-aad5-aa9f29cdc9c6.filesusr.com/ugd/506003_4677739e34c5402c83c06aefa0d1fdbb.pdf

Summary of feedback:

This can be found in the information provided to residents in the post-survey Feedback Event. A PDF document containing the full data can be found at this link:

https://327f34a8-bde4-4d23-aad5-aa9f29cdc9c6.filesusr.com/ugd/506003_884c3aa290774b22a1a953ae72565e57.pdf

The key points to note are:

- 81% of all responses said that healthcare provision is needed in the Parish.
- 83% said a Pharmacy in the Parish was either Very Important or Important.
- 96% said a GP Practice in the Parish was either Very Important or Important.

What next?

Having assembled all the evidence, we will now develop draft options for our Neighbourhood Plan, and we will consult you on these options before writing the Neighbourhood Plan for Bierton with Broughton.

Once we have written the draft Neighbourhood plan, we will consult with you on its contents for 6 weeks before making any required changes and submitting the final version to Aylesbury Vale District Council for publication and independent inspection. If our Neighbourhood Plan passes inspection, a referendum will then be held for all residents on the electoral roll in Bierton with Broughton so you decide whether or not you want Aylesbury Vale District Council to use the NP for Bierton with Broughton to help the authority decide on planning applications in the future.

Please visit the Neighbourhood Plan website if you wish to find out more information.

Further resources:

Document Name	Author/ partners	Date
Initial Evidence Paper – Health.pdf	Mike Elliott, BwB NP Steering Group	04/11/19
https://327f34a8-bde4-4d23-aad5-aa9f29cdc9c6.filesusr.com/ugd/506003_52647ac880c248fd88b54e1fa4ce1001.pdf		

Document Name	Author/ partners	Date
Oakfield Surgery Practice Boundary	Oakfield Surgery	As of 04/11/2019
https://www.oakfieldsurgery.co.uk/2014/		

Document Name	Author/ partners	Date
Poplar Grove Practice Boundary	Poplar Grove Practice	As of 04/11/2019
https://www.poplar-grove.co.uk/new-patients/can-i-register-with-you/		

Document Name	Author/ partners	Date
Buckinghamshire Musculoskeletal Integrated Care Service – Locations	NHS	As of 10/11/2018
http://www.buckinghamshire-music.nhs.uk/locations		

Document Name	Author/ partners	Date
Hospitals and Clinics	Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust	As of 04/11/2019
https://www.nhs.uk/Services/Trusts/HospitalsAndClinics/DefaultView.aspx?id=1956		

Document Name	Author/ partners	Date
Kingsbrook Community Facilities	Barratt Homes, David Wilson Homes, et al.	As of 10/11/2018
http://www.kingsbrook-aylesbury.co.uk/community-facilities		

Document Name	Author/ partners	Date
Kingsbrook Milestones	Barratt Homes, David Wilson Homes, et al.	As of 10/11/2018
http://www.kingsbrook-aylesbury.co.uk/milestones		

Document Name	Author/ partners	Date
Kingsbrook Proposals Location Plan	Barratt Homes, David Wilson Homes, et al.	As of 10/11/2018
http://www.kingsbrook-aylesbury.co.uk/proposals		

Document Name	Author/ partners	Date
CCG Email Response on Kingsbrook Health Centre	NHS Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group	16/08/2019
https://327f34a8-bde4-4d23-aad5-aa9f29cdc9c6.filesusr.com/ugd/506003_634a72f8488e4c618adaf958420aa7a5.pdf		

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Bierton with Broughton Neighbourhood Plan Survey February/March 2018	BwB NP Steering Group	February/March 2018
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Bierton with Broughton Neighbourhood Plan – Policy Review – February 2018	Jennifer Lampert	February 2018
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Document Name	Author/ partners	Date
Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan 2013 – 2033 – Proposed Submission	Aylesbury Vale District Council	November 2017
https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/page_downloads/Submission-VALP-%20high-res2.pdf		

Document Name	Author/ partners	Date
Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan 2013 – 2033 – AVDC Suggested Modifications	Aylesbury Vale District Council	November 2019
https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/page_downloads/VALP%20table%20of%20suggested%20modifications.pdf		

Document Name	Author/ partners	Date
Questionnaire Feedback Summary – Health	BwB NP Steering Group	September 2018
https://327f34a8-bde4-4d23-aad5-aa9f29cdc9c6.filesusr.com/ugd/506003_884c3aa290774b22a1a953ae72565e57.pdf		

Document Name	Author/ partners	Date
National Planning Policy Framework	Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government	July 2018
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/740441/National_Planning_Policy_Framework_web_accessible_version.pdf		

Document Name	Author/ partners	Date
Map of Bierton with Broughton Parish	Parish Online	September 2018
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NHP BwB Consultation Master Collation v1.8	BwB NP Steering Group	November 2017
https://327f34a8-bde4-4d23-aad5-aa9f29cdc9c6.filesusr.com/ugd/506003_a6ca55e80f494697aa6f28f615534384.pdf		

Document Name	Author/ partners	Date
Consultation and Engagement Strategy Report – Bierton with Broughton Neighbourhood Development Plan	Mike King People and Places Insight Ltd.	September 2018
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