

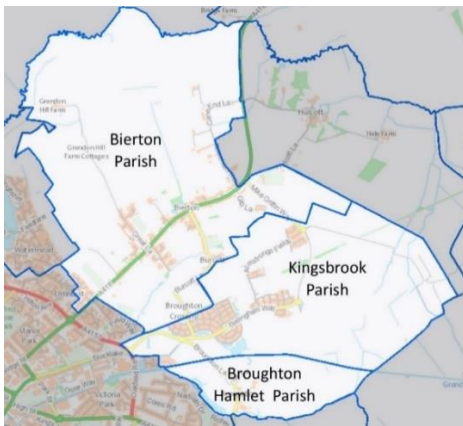
FOREWORD – Inserted (July 2024)

The “Bierton Neighbourhood Plan” was first conceived in the latter part of the last decade and work started in earnest in 2017, at this time it was designated as the “Bierton with Broughton Neighbourhood Plan”, the Plan Area was coincidental with the then parish of Bierton with Broughton. Soon after this the Kingsbrook development had progressed sufficiently for parish boundaries to be re-aligned to create the parishes of Kingsbrook, Bierton and also Broughton Hamlet. The plan was re-named “Bierton, Broughton and Kingsbrook Neighbourhood Plan”. Significant progress was made, and the plan was submitted to Buckinghamshire Council under Regulation 16.

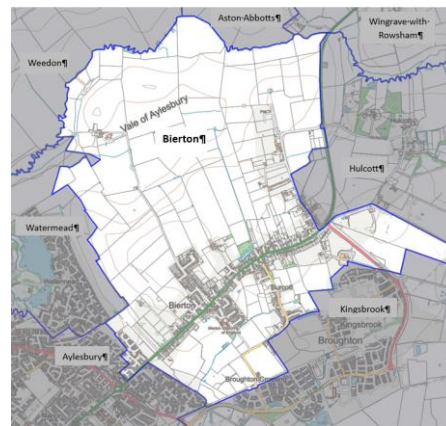
After this stage it became apparent, and subsequently formalised, that Kingsbrook Parish could no longer support the plan and the area needed to be re-designated. The plan became “The Bierton Neighbourhood Plan”. Broughton Hamlet Parish could not be included as it shares no common boundaries with Bierton Parish. This was approved in October 2023 by Buckinghamshire Council and a comprehensive and significant re-write of the Plan was undertaken.

Great care had been taken in writing the original plan to ensure that the views of all residents, i.e. from both Bierton and Kingsbrook areas, were taken into account. After the re-designation of the area significant re-writing was required to make the plan relevant to the older more historic Bierton parish without the need to include the different views and aspirations of the residents of the very much newer development of Kingsbrook.

The following two maps indicate how the Plan Area was changed for the reason detailed above.



Original Plan Area



Revised Plan Area

The following evidence paper contains information from the original Neighbourhood Area, so some of the document details within this paper will now be irrelevant as they are outside the new and revised Neighbourhood Area boundary. During the revisions of the new Neighbourhood Plan maps, tables and numbering may have been updated which is not reflected in the evidence paper.

Bierton with Broughton Neighbourhood Plan

Evidence Paper: Education

Objective(s):

1. To enhance the provision, capacity and facilities for parishioners to access education within the parish.

Snapshot of the current position within the parish

Bierton with Broughton Parish currently has one primary school, Bierton CofE Combined School and one pre-school, Bierton Pre School. The school has provision for 280 children aged 4-11 years. This school does not currently have a nursery provision however it is undergoing a large expansion project at the moment which will enable them to provide a larger intake and a nursery facility. The aim is for the expansion to be complete by late 2019. More information can be found in this document:

<https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/documents/s83076/FINAL%20CLEARED%20Report%20for%20Bierton%20School%203.pdf>

Bierton Pre-School which is run from Bierton Sports Hall which has spacious outdoor playing space and a local park that the pre-school also take advantage of. Bierton Pre-School provides education for children aged 2-3 years before they are due to start full time education. Both Bierton Pre-School and Bierton CofE Combined school are graded a Good from Ofsted. For more information, see the school websites:

www.biertoncombined.co.uk and <http://www.biertonpreschool.org.uk/>

Within the new development of Kingsbrook there are sites for another 2 primary schools and a secondary school with the first primary school due to open in September 2020. This would have provision for 420 primary aged children and 52 nursery aged children. The link below details the information about the new school sites:

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/education/schools/kingsbrook-school-competition/>

Follow the "Specification For The School" to access an informational document.

This should in turn ensure that those parishioners who felt that further education provision and facilities needed improvement will be satisfied. This is the same for those who felt a secondary school within the Parish would be beneficial.

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

https://327f34a8-bde4-4d23-aad5-aa9f29cdc9c6.filesusr.com/ugd/506003_27b7586f78504074ad6e834f083a7f3e.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_e67d54ebae46009bc440ba67a33d09.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 Policy Review document refers to the Adopted Development Plan that comprises the saved policies of the Aylesbury Vale District Local Plan (AVDLP) 2001 -2011 adopted in January 2004. The policies include details that are relevant to education issues faced by Bierton with Broughton.

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.

All policies adopted by Bierton CofE Combined School are approved by the Governing Body. The policies are split into General and Curriculum. The schools teaching and learning policy states that the school has an ethos of lifelong learning and a belief that both children and adults can learn from each other. The school promoted a fun, happy learning environment which is supported by other policies such as anti-bullying and behaviour management. These policies support each other well as do many others. The school also understands that not all children learn in the same way so there is a clear demonstration of other effective learning methods such as; investigation and problem solving, group work and the use of ICT. Both Bierton Pre-School and Bierton CofE Combined School list all policies and procedures on their websites:

<http://www.biertonpreschool.org.uk/policies-procedures/> and

<https://www.biertoncombined.co.uk/School-Information/Policies>.

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 |
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| 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 |

By far the greatest concerns expressed at the consultation events were about:

- Traffic and parking
 - Many residents who visited the consultations felt that walking to school was not particularly encouraged. However, with the lack of parking available they were also concerned about access in the case of an emergency and the safety of walkers due to the high volume of traffic.
- More footpaths
 - Similar to the survey response below many residents felt that it would be sensible to make 'muddy lane' (the access route at the bottom of Parsons Lane) a proper footpath that is lit and paved as it would allow safe walking access to Burcott Lane. It was also felt that an extension of that footpath going towards Bellingham Way and the opposite direction along Burcott Lane would encourage more walkers therefore decreasing the volume of traffic.
- Allocation of school places
 - The feedback regarding the allocation of school places was that people felt that those residing in the Parish should continue to be prioritised for school places. Please see below the school admissions procedure from Bucks County Council:
<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/education/school-admissions/starting-school-or-moving-up-to-junior-school/how-we-allocate-school-places/>

Some examples of what was said follow:

- *"Educational facilities in the Parish need to be improved."*
- *"Bierton School admissions policy should prioritise residents living in the Parish."*
- *"To improve the options for secondary school provision."*
- *"To improve pedestrian and vehicular access to the educational facilities"*

Survey questions:

As a result of these comments, the survey questions were aimed at obtaining more details on which education and access improvements were most desired by residents. The questions were:

1. Q 5.1 Do you think the provision of educational facilities in the Parish needs to be improved?
2. Q 5.2 In terms of improving the provision of educational facilities do you think that.....?
3. Q 5.3 Do you think that vehicular access to the educational facilities in the Parish needs to be improved?
4. Q 5.4 In terms of improving the vehicular access to the educational facilities in the Parish do you think.....?
5. Q 5.5 Do you think that pedestrian access to the educational facilities in the Parish needs to be improved?

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_6c3b071f8b454b09bc54a89b221520e7.pdf

The key points to note are:

- 97% strongly agreed or agreed that Bierton School's admissions policy should continue to prioritise residents living in the Parish.
- 97% also strongly agreed or agreed that the Bierton pre-school admissions policy should continue to prioritise residents living in the Parish.
 - As mentioned previously in this document this is currently being address by the expansion of the current primary school and the provision for a new school and nursery to open in 2020 in Kingsbrook.
- 82% either strongly agreed or agreed driving to/from the schools should be discouraged.
 - Comments were that many local residents didn't feel it was safe to walk their children to schools as the roads are very busy and the pavements very narrow or non-existent. Some provision has been made already with a small pathway now in place on part of Burcott Lane and there are further improvements due to be made.
- 76% either strongly agreed or agreed that parking at the schools should be controlled.
 - Access to the current school are set to improve when the expansion is complete. In the meantime the school itself has begun to address this by allowing a staggered entry in the morning and continuing their staggered exit at the end of the day. The direct feedback received from parents at the school and local residents has been positive.

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 – Education.pdf | Katrina Lemonius, BwB NP Steering Group | 09/01/19 |
| https://327f34a8-bde4-4d23-aad5-aa9f29cdc9c6.filesusr.com/ugd/506003_27b7586f78504074ad6e834f083a7f3e.pdf | | |

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| PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY EXTENSIONS, ALTERATIONS TO BIERTON C OF E COMBINED SCHOOL INCLUDING THE CREATION OF A NEW EXTERNAL MUGA AND ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING SPACES. CHANGE OF USE OF AN ADJACENT AREA OF GLEBE LAND TO SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD. | BCC Development Control Committee | 19/07/16 |
| https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/documents/s83076/FINAL%20CLEARED%20Report%20for%20Bierton%20School%203.pdf | | |

| Document Name | Author/ partners | Date |
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| Bierton CE Combined School | Bierton CE Combined School | |
| www.biertoncombined.co.uk | | |

| Document Name | Author/ partners | Date |
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| Bierton Pre School Website | Bierton Pre School | |
| http://www.biertonpreschool.org.uk/ | | |

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| Kingsbrook School Competition | BCC | |
| https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/education/schools/kingsbrook-school-competition/ | | |

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| Starting school or moving up to Junior school | BCC | |
| https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/education/school-admissions/starting-school-or-moving-up-to-junior-school/how-we-allocate-school-places/ | | |

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| 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 | | |

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| https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/page_downloads/VALP%20table%20of%20suggested%20modifications.pdf | | |

| Document Name | Author/ partners | Date |
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| 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 | | |

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| Bierton with Broughton Neighbourhood Plan Survey February/March 2018 | BwB NP Steering Group | February/March 2018 |
| https://327f34a8-bde4-4d23-aad5-aa9f29cdc9c6.filesusr.com/ugd/506003_df87edc3da164b14a7ba74cf666ac6dc.pdf | | |

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| Bierton with Broughton Neighbourhood Plan – Policy Review – February 2018 | Jennifer Lampert | February 2018 |
| https://327f34a8-bde4-4d23-aad5-aa9f29cdc9c6.filesusr.com/ugd/506003_e67d54ebae46009bc440ba67a33d09.pdf | | |

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| Questionnaire Feedback Summary – Education | BwB NP Steering Group | September 2018 |
| https://327f34a8-bde4-4d23-aad5-aa9f29cdc9c6.filesusr.com/ugd/506003_6c3b071f8b454b09bc54a89b221520e7.pdf | | |

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| Map of Bierton with Broughton Parish | Parish Online | September 2018 |
| https://327f34a8-bde4-4d23-aad5-aa9f29cdc9c6.filesusr.com/ugd/506003_4677739e34c5402c83c06aefa0d1fdbb.pdf | | |

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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 | | |

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| Consultation and Engagement Strategy Report – Bierton with Broughton Neighbourhood Development Plan | Mike King People and Places Insight Ltd. | September 2018 |
| https://327f34a8-bde4-4d23-aad5-aa9f29cdc9c6.filesusr.com/ugd/506003_cf1cf79803504d109fcc9b37daeb5569.pdf | | |