

5 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 There needs to be a clear strategy for future development in Blackmore Village. This should be considered in line with an overall strategy for all of the villages within the Brentwood Borough.

The strategies need to be formulated after:-

- Effective consultation with Residents, Neighbourhood Forums and the like, Parish Councils and owners/operators of Infrastructure and Amenities.
- Completing an Impact Study for each Village. Some will already be sustainable and of special interest (Blackmore included), whereas others will need the type of 'boost' that Blackmore received in the 1960's. All risks (e.g. flooding) need to be considered before the LDP is finalised.
- The BBC Vision is reviewed and reflects what it genuinely wants the outcome of the LDP to be, with strategies to support it.

- 5.2 Communication. For the benefit of everyone, especially those without computers and/or a genuine working knowledge of the LDP/Planning matters, there needs to be:-

- Proper consultation/discussion between BBC/PC/BVH *before* anything gets communicated, so there is a clear plan which we all work to, in a co-ordinated manner.
- Face to Face discussions are vital, as we have now proven on two occasions (the first being 2015).
- A special purposes Circular, written in plain English, needs to go to every household (in addition to other media e.g. The Herald, Facebook, BBC letters, BBC LDP Web-Pages). Salehurst and Robertsbridge PC provides a great example of 'joined up working'.
- Access to the BBC Web-Pages needs to be simplified and supplemented by other means of understanding and communication.
- Public Forums need to be held more regularly and must include a presentation and a panel for Q and A. Recent 'drop in' events have not been successful, a point made by everyone who attended the most recent 'drop-in' evening at Tipps Cross.



- Blackmore Village Heritage undertakes to help with the communication process, including the door to door approach in line with previous experience. Individuals to be selected according to knowledge and communication skills.

5.3 Final recommendation

For all the reasons stated above, and to support the stance of the PC in February 2018, BVH firmly believes that the Green Belt sites 076 and 077 should not be developed, whereas further in-fill and development on brown field sites (e.g. Red Rose Farm) should be considered. Opportunities to ensure BBC achieves its LDP objectives must not be opportunistic/'developer-led', rather there needs to be a rational strategy, linked to the BBC vision, not only for Blackmore but for every Village in the Borough.

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URGENT – YOUR VIEWS NEEDED BY 16TH JULY 2018**BLACKMORE AGAINST BUILDING ON THE GREEN BELT****Did you know:**

- That Brentwood Borough Council's Development Plan has identified land within Blackmore Village, sufficient for around one hundred new homes to be constructed... and it could be more?
- Two well known Housebuilding Companies have already acquired Options to purchase two fields in Blackmore? One of these is between Redrose Lane and Woollard Way, the second being the other side of Fingrith Hall Road, linking with Orchard Piece. Both are green belt.

The two Builders have indicated to the Council that c.56 homes can be built on one field and c.40 homes on the other. If both schemes find their way into the final Development Plan, it will increase the number of homes in Blackmore by almost **30%**, and potentially more if further land is proposed for development and/or the two current schemes grow in size. The infrastructure of the Village could struggle to cope and the look and feel of our special Village would change forever.

If you like Blackmore 'the way it is', and if you are interested in helping to protect our Green Belt, then please do not wait and see what happens, rather make sure that:

- 1 You read/re-read the note circulated by our Parish Council in February 2018, and the February edition of "The Herald".
- 2 You spend proper time on the Brentwood Council web-site and read the Development Plan in full... yes, it's dull, but they are still willing to consult with residents and this is our opportunity to help shape the future.
- 3 You also read the supplementary Questionnaire attached and complete as you see fit.

OUR CLOSING DATE IS 16TH JULY.

To enable us to complete a "Blackmore Report" by the end of July, please don't delay. Your views will count, and leaving it to others might not end up getting the result you want.

BLACKMORE AGAINST BUILDING ON THE GREEN BELT

Do you oppose the building of a housing development(s) on green belt land in Blackmore?

Yes**Signature:****Name:**
No**Address:****Email:**



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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1 If there is to be housing development in and around Blackmore, where should it be concentrated?

- 2 If you do approve of some development, what type / scale would you like to see?
- | | YES | NO |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| (i) "Social" | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (ii) "Affordable" | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (iii) All Private | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (iv) A mix of (i) (ii) + (iii) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (v) Large scale (30+) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (vi) Very small scale (under 30) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- 3 Should any additional homes be primarily targeted at :
- | | YES | NO |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| (i) The elderly | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (ii) First time buyers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (iii) For the disabled | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- 4 If there is to be housing development within the village boundary, what changes will need to be made to the infrastructure and amenities:
- | | YES | NO |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| (i) Roads (including widening) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (ii) Parking (e.g. around the Green) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (iii) Availability of school places | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (iv) Availability of Doctor's appointments | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (v) Water drainage and flood defences | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (vi) Sewerage | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (vii) Other – please state | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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- 5 Any other comments you wish to record

Signature:

Name:

Address:

Email:

