

# **BLACKMORE VILLAGE HERITAGE**

# Survey July 2018

## Breakdown of forms received:-

Road	Yes	No	Total rec'd
Fingrith Hall Road	30	1	31
Fingrith Hall Lane	4	0	4
Jericho Place	7	0	7
Spriggs Lane	3	0	3
Orchard Piece	48	0	48
Meadow Rise	35	3	38
Woollard Way	38	0	38
Blackmore Road	10	0	10
The Green	29	1	30
Church Street	12	0	12
Blackmore Mead	11	0	11
St Lawrence Gardens	8	0	8
Blacksmiths Alley	3	0	3
Poplar Close	7	0	7
Nine Ashes Road	27	0	27
Chelmsford Road	18	2	20
Blackmore Village Sub total	290	7	297
Hook end & Wyatts Green	9	0	9
Blackmore Village & Parish Area Sub total	299	7	306
Brentwood Area	37	0	37
BBC Sub total	336	7	343
Outside B BC & Village	50	1	51
Misc	1	0	1
Only signatures - no addresses	6	0	6
Total	393	8	401



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# TYPICAL AD – VERBATIMS FROM SURVEY JULY 2018

#### RE FLOOD RISKS

- 'This (flooding) I have witnessed on a number of occasions in my business career as a chartered surveyor. In my opinion increased risk of flooding would be a real concern in this area and therefore its inclusion in the development plan must be contested.'
- '.... when rainfall is extreme, the streams and drainage pipes are overwhelmed with flooding of roads which is common and sometimes with danger to homes. The last 'near miss' was in June 2016, when we are aware that the home of one of our neighbours was flooded by waters rising from underneath the house'.
- A handwritten letter from Diane Smith, The Forge, Blacksmiths Alley this provides a really graphic account of what actually happened in 1987...... 'all her furniture was flooding out....Stuart's house was table deep....a lady was crossing the wooden bridge from Church Meadow, the bridge broke.....after a while they managed to pull her out of the water...she, like the Fireman, could have gone into the underground pipes and drowned, but she was spotted in time...etc etc'.

#### 2. INFRASTRUCTURE, AMENITIES, TRANSPORT ETC

- Bus.... 'Travelling between timetable and out of hours requires a car, increasing traffic on our country lanes'.
- 'Housing development should be near good public transport access and near schools'.
- 'Blackmore and the surrounding area are enjoyed by runners and cyclists who travel from towns..... they will be subjected to increased danger with an increase in traffic on the country lanes'.
- Primary school..... 'Full to capacity travel to schools outside the area adds to increase in traffic' – (comment repeated consistently during our survey).
- Doctors Surgery..... 'It is difficult to obtain a doctors' appointment in a reasonable time' (comment repeated consistently during our survey).

#### 3. PLANNING/GENERAL

- 'Scale of development should be relative to current size of Blackmore, and developments elsewhere'. (Comment repeated consistently during our survey).
- 'Looking at the list of 'Green Belt land on the edge of larger villages' there are 43 sites: 13 discounted for various reasons; 24 discounted for 'Green Belt impact'; 6 proposed draft allocation. WHAT MAKES the Green Belt impact on Blackmore less of an issue than it is on 24 sites discounted for 'Green Belt' impact'? One is a small strip of land on the side of the A12......hardly prime Green Belt. Of the 6 proposed sites the two main sites in Blackmore are 57% of the proposed total allocation'.
- Blackmore is a lovely Village in which to live, a thriving community life.....large scale building projects would totally ruin the charm of the Village, small building projects (10-20 houses) could be integrated more easily without spoiling the character of the Village' (a sentiment shared by dozens and dozens of other residents).



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## PHOTOS OF ROADS AND PARKING













## **FLOOD RISK**



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#### **ABOUT US**

A group of motivated residents, who truly care about Blackmore Village, and who seek to engage constructively with others to ensure we have a voice in the future planning and protection of our lovely heritage.

Founded in June 2018 by Bill Ratcliffe and Tina Harrington, we have galvanised a large group of supporters who are encouraging us to continue our activities.

As we go to print, Blackmore Village Heritage is in course of becoming a constituted group, a 'not for profit' organisation, which will aim to adopt the principles of a 'neighbourhood forum'.

Our objective is to become a recognised body of people who understand the issues, are well versed in business, legal and planning matters and who are recognised by Borough and Parish officials, and others.

We are grateful to Messrs Drane and Quilter for allowing us to present this discussion paper to the BBC.

We will forward details of our governing document/constitution on request. Any guidance you can give us in order to ensure the success of our Neighbourhood Forum will be much appreciated.