



Basingstoke
and Deane

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

Settlement Study: Town and Parish Council Questionnaire – Audit of Services and Facilities

General Information

Parish Name	BRAMLEY PARISH COUNCIL	
Town/Village	BRAMLEY, HAMPSHIRE	
Who is the questionnaire on behalf of? (tick)	The Town/Parish Council	The Neighbourhood Plan Group
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Section 1: Services and Facilities

1. Are there any of the following services or facilities within the town/village? Please tick as appropriate.

Service/Facility	None	One	Two	Three	Four+	If absent where is the nearest service located?	If absent, by what sustainable means are you able to access this service? (bus, cycle, walking, local authority taxi/community bus/school bus)
Convenience Shop*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Supermarket**	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chineham, Basingstoke	Bus/Car
Other Shop/Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Bramley Bakery
Post Office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Within the Convenience store
Primary School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Secondary School	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hurst, Tadley	
Nursery/Pre-School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Within the Village Hall, Private
Doctors Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Reaching capacity
Dentists	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chineham, Basingstoke	
Pharmacies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chineham, Basingstoke	
Public House	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Not a Family Public House.
Village/Community Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Village Hall and two small halls on the Clift Meadow
Places of Worship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Recreation Grounds***	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Clift Meadow plus 7 play areas within the housing developments
Libraries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chineham, Basingstoke	
Indoor Leisure/Sports Centres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chineham	

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* Convenience Shop selling everyday items, including food, drink and newspapers

** Supermarket, selling items to cover a weekly shop

*** Recreation Grounds/Open Fields includes bowling green, children's play areas, cricket/football pitches and allotments which are publicly accessible

2. Do you have any additional comments relating to local services and facilities that you would like the council to be aware of? (i.e. capacity, proposed closures, opening hours, cycle or vehicular parking provision, accessibility via sustainable transport modes – such as walking, cycling, bus and rail etc.)

- a) Rail Connection to Reading and Basingstoke on half hourly basis. The rail connection has the road barrier down 35 + minutes per hour causing traffic queues either side of the rail crossing affecting pedestrian safety.
- b) Primary School Capacity 525. Given the PAN intake of 60 per year, there is only 2.5 yrs. capacity. No parking near the school except on the street.
- c) Parking issues exist throughout the village with on street parking accommodating rail commuters from within and from outside the village. Road safety is an issue as a result.
- d) Pedestrian footpaths and safety issue.
- e) There is a convenience store 100 meters from the rail crossing with only 4 off street parking places causing on street parking for users of the shop. This is a safety issue with cars stacking on the road up to the rail crossing.
- f) Bus service is irregular to Basingstoke and surrounding areas.
- g) Road safety issues as the C32 passing through the village is carrying in excess of 5000 vehicles per day passing through the village.

Reference: - Urban Vision Report, Infrastructure and Housing Assessment.
Bramley Village Traffic Review, LvW Highways

3. Where the local community relies on other villages or local centres and a bus service to reach the services and facilities listed in Q.1, please provide a summary below in respect of service number, cost and concessionary fare pass availability, options, frequency, reliability, access etc.

Bus: - Stagecoach no 14 Bus Route. 9 westbound to Tadley throughout the day and 9 eastbound to Basingstoke. Reduced service on Saturdays and no service on Sundays. Service starts at 06.53 and finishes at 19.18 westbound, 6.56 to 16.51 eastbound.

Section 2: Infrastructure

4. Does the town/village have access to fibre optic broadband?	x
<p>If you have any comments that you would like the council to be aware of in respect of access to broadband in your town/village, please provide them in the space below:</p> <p>No fibre to the premises. No cable service. Fibre to the Cabinet service delivers speeds from ~60Mbps in the centre of the village to Zero for outlying properties.</p>	

5. Does the town/village have any constraints in terms of utilities (including water supply, foul, gas and electricity services)?

There is an outstanding question concerning the sewerage capacity. Thames water is completing a model of the area with the added housing developments to investigate their concern to "AVOID Sewage flooding".

Section 3: Local Employment Opportunities

6. Please provide details of the main employers/businesses within the town/village (not including the services/facilities within Section 1). If possible, please provide details of their name, location and size.

From the information gathered for the Neighbourhood Plan, several agricultural buildings are converted into employment offices, and there are business parks in Cufaude Lane (outside the settlement policy boundary) and Campbell Road. Units have recently been lost at Minchens Court being converted to 1 bed residential units and a Hairdresser unit and Tanning units lost at CPE House. Of the employed people, only 14% live within the parish, the remainder travelling into the village from outside the village. (Ref Neighbourhood Plan.)

7. Please provide an overview of the most commonly used sustainable transport options which are available to the local community from your town/village to Basingstoke (the main employment centre of the borough). This can include walking, cycling, buses and trains or local authority taxi share or community bus service. (Please provide details in respect of service number, cost, and concessionary fare pass availability, options, frequency, reliability, access, availability of cycle parking etc.)

The main use of transport to Basingstoke is the car. Data analysis related to Bramley expansion gives in 2011 43.8% of households (1,646) own two cars, 37.4% own one car. Of the working population of Bramley, 70% travel by car/van/motorcycle to work with only 11% using the train and only 1% using the bus.

The bus service is the no 14 route by Stagecoach as listed above. The train service is half hourly to Basingstoke and Reading. The road passing through Bramley is the C32 (classified unnumbered road) which connects with the A33 to Reading/Basingstoke and at the western end with the A340. The C32 is used as a cross country route linking the A33 and the A340 which contributes considerably to traffic congestion in the village.

There is no cycle parking at the Station. There is limited car parking near the station resulting in street parking for the 11% of commuters.

This is Data of 2011. Since that time there is the approved development at Minchens Lane for 200 houses, 50 on the land north of Sherfield Road and 65 on the land bordering the Street on the west side of the rail crossing. With no change in the infrastructure of the village, it is fair to assume that the travelling of the working community in these developments will follow the same routine as those listed above only adding to more cars commuting to the work place.

Ref: Urban Vision "Infrastructure and Housing Assessment.
Traffic Review LvW.
Data Analysis related to Bramley Expansion (1981-2029), Neighbourhood Plan Data.

Section 4: Neighbourhood Planning (please provide comments only where relevant)

8. Is the town/village within a Neighbourhood Plan Area and what is the relevant Neighbourhood Plan?	Bramley Neighbourhood Plan, 2011-2029. Made February 2017
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9. Based upon the evidence collected during the Neighbourhood Plan process (or other information you may hold), and where necessary referring to any issues raised within Sections 1-3 of this questionnaire, please provide a summary of the following in respect of the town/village:
- a. The main or key constraints to new development in the village – this could include environmental, landscape and heritage limitations and sensitivities, service and facility provision, infrastructure and transportation limitations (including areas of congestion and other local issues such as on-street parking), flooding, drainage and pollution etc.

Where relevant evidence base documents were produced during the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, please provide a copy or links to the studies with your questionnaire responses.

Bramley is a Rural Village with a strong agricultural background. The main form of transport for residents is the car. Although there is a railway station that connects Bramley to Reading and Basingstoke, the barrier is down in excess of 35 minutes per hour causing traffic congestion within the village on the C32. The air quality along the C32 in the village as a result of the heavy traffic is below recognised acceptable standards (Report Bramley, Hampshire Air Monitoring Report).

The parking of cars on side roads and the main road associated with the shop only 100 meters from the rail crossing is of great concern to safety. (Urban Vision Report)

The infrastructure concerning Sewage is questionable and under investigation to support the existing households to avoid sewage flooding as highlighted in recent planning applications.

Bramley lies within a flood plain. Environment agency flood risk mapping data projects that within Bramley Parish along Bow Brook there is a high risk flood plain area and also on the River Loddon to the east of the Parish. New development could exacerbate existing flooding issues or create new areas of surface water flood risk (ref Urban Vision report, AAH Planning Consultants report, February 2016 for land to the North of Sherfield Road, Bramley)

Bramley has two Conservation areas, one to the west of the rail crossing and one to the east of the crossing (Conservation Area Appraisal, Basingstoke and Deane). The views into and out of these areas has to be preserved from a landscape and heritage point of view. Within the Parish of Bramley there are 52 listed buildings, Grade I and Grade II listed. The views into and out of these buildings have to be preserved maintaining the historical, Rural, agricultural background of the area.

- b. Any local needs in the town/village (including those identified by the Neighbourhood Plan) – this could include particular types of housing need, the provision of economic/employment sites, new community facilities or improvements to local infrastructure (roads, parking and transport or utilities services) etc. Please identify any potential opportunities to meet these needs that you are aware of.

Where relevant evidence base documents were produced during the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, please provide a copy or links to the studies with your questionnaire responses.

The need for Social housing within the area for those people with a connection to Bramley has been met through the present developments.

There is a desperate need for improvement in the Infrastructure within the parish to accommodate the existing community:- Improvement to the road network within the village; reduce the car queuing within the village as a result of the train barrier being down 35+ mins per hour; improve the air quality in the village; have a cycle network throughout the village; have suitable parking within the village to avoid on street parking; improve the shopping facilities within the village at a suitable site to avoid on street parking; have a suitable pub within the village for families as per Sheffield on Loddon.

The whole infrastructure for Bramley requires examining and updating to accommodate the increase in housing that has occurred over the years without any improvement in the infrastructure.

Section 5: Other comments

10. Do you have any additional comments? (Please use the space provided below)

Bramley has a Neighbourhood Plan that expresses the views of the community and it spells out the Vision for Bramley as requested by the community:-
“In 2029 Bramley will be an attractive village with a strong historic character, an unspoiled rural setting, excellent and conveniently located community facilities, and a range of high quality homes fulfilling local needs, safe and convenient access to transport services and green spaces and good opportunities for locally based employment”.

Meeting that vision will give the residents of Bramley the quality of life that they deserve. It can only be achieved through careful planning covering all aspects of the present and future infrastructure required to meet that vision. Not a small task but a worthwhile task for the residents of Bramley.

Thank you for responding to our questionnaire.

All responses must be returned by **Friday 22nd November 2019** and can be emailed/scanned to rebecca.murray@basingstoke.gov.uk or posted to Planning Policy, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AH. Telephone: 01256 845578.

