



# Blackrod Neighbourhood Development Plan

## Key Issues Document

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# 1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to set out and examine the key issues facing Blackrod in ensuring that it is a thriving, sustainable community; it seeks to determine what are the Key Issues and whether they would be best addressed by a formal neighbourhood planning approach or by other more appropriate means.

In respect of a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) this document examines whether the identified issues are best addressed by:

- Inclusion of policies in the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP); or
- By referring to the Town Council as appropriate issues for them to resolve; or
- As not being relevant or appropriate to be addressed.

It is intended that this document will help inform the NDP with:

- Guidance on the potential issues which are appropriate to be addressed by the NDP and specifically;
- The scope and content of the Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- Information on those issues that are not appropriate for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Development Plan but nevertheless are important to the residents.

This document is informed by, and should be read in conjunction with, the [Neighbourhood Profile](#) document and the [Consultation Statement](#). These documents are frequently cross referenced in this paper but for the sake of brevity and clarity, wherever possible, their contents are not repeated here.

## 2. The Blackrod Neighbourhood Plan

### **Background to the Neighbourhood Plan:**

Work on the Plan commenced in April 2016. Blackrod Town Council initiated the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, consisting mainly of residents, which in collaboration with other stakeholders, has gathered all the evidence which it believes it will need to support and justify the policies contained in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan. This has been assembled and collated in a Neighbourhood Profile document, which;

- Describes the locational context and boundaries of the NDP
- Presents an up to date demographic profile of Blackrod
- Includes relevant current local planning policies
- Captures and summarises relevant baseline evidence relating to the range of issues which the NDP may seek to address;
- Identifies some key issues for achieving a sustainable vibrant Blackrod in the future.

The NDP Steering Group has undertaken a wide ranging consultation exercise, consulting statutory consultees, and; people or organisations that may have a

responsibility for providing services, or have a personal or business interest in the village. This initial consultation sought views on the issues which a neighbourhood planning approach could or should deal with. The consultation ran from April 2016 through to the housing needs assessment household survey which was completed in January 2018. This community / stakeholder involvement exercise is part of an ongoing process of discussion, meetings and correspondence. An important part of the process has been the meetings of the Topic Groups which have taken a detailed look at the major “topics” and the issues that a neighbourhood planning approach may address.

## **The Vision and Objectives of the Blackrod Neighbourhood Plan.**

The Vision of the Plan is that;

Blackrod will bring forward development that will support the prosperity and quality of life of its residents.

To further this vision the Plan will have the following Objectives:

### **1. Housing**

Support high quality housing and other development that meets our town's needs

### **2. Transport & Infrastructure**

Create a transportation and infrastructure framework that meets the needs of our community, both now and for the future

### **3. Natural Environment**

Create a safe and healthy environment

### **4. Public Realm**

Enjoy and utilise our natural landscape and green spaces whilst protecting these for enjoyment by future generations

### **5. Community Facilities**

Improve health, social and cultural wellbeing for all residents, encouraging and providing opportunities for an active lifestyle, and ensuring high quality local facilities for existing and new residents.

### **6. Economy & Employment**

Ensure that our town will have a sustainable and prosperous local economy and support local business

### **7. Retail & Town Centre**

Encourage and support wider retail opportunities ensuring town centre and existing shopping provision is maintained.

### **8. Built Heritage**

Preserve and enhance our heritage assets

### **9. Design Statement**

Secure high quality sensitive design which prioritises local distinctiveness and enriches the landscape and built environment

The Proposed structure of the Neighbourhood Plan is that it will set out land use policies and other relevant planning policies in order to complete the statutory development plan.

Any other issues that are not included in the statutory plan will be signposted to Blackrod Town Council for their appropriate actions.

### 3. The Plan Process

The issues identified in this document derive from the existing evidence base and have been developed through the process of engagement with the key stakeholders and consultees. This process is set out below as a series of steps.

First, the Neighbourhood Profile, which sought to capture and summarise relevant baseline “evidence” relating to the range of issues which the NDP may seek to address and identified key issues for achieving a sustainable Blackrod in the future.

Second, the NDP Steering Group participated in a workshop, for all members, and with guidance from the appointed consultants, to undertake a SWOT analysis of Blackrod. The Steering Group consisted of up to ten members most of whom were residents of Blackrod. The Outcomes of the exercise helped inform the issues to be considered in the Plan and are listed at the end of this section.

Third, through consultation carried out with the local community, which specifically sought to identify the key issues raised by the diverse community that lives, works and carries on business in the neighbourhood area. These consultations included a Public Meeting where attendees could ask questions and learn more about the proposed Plan. The questionnaire provided to residents and the broader community asked for their answers to three questions:

- What I like about Blackrod;
- What I dislike about Blackrod
- What I think will need to change in Blackrod in the future and any other comments.

Fourth, through consultation carried out with key stakeholders, including Bolton Council and statutory consultees.

Fifth, through in depth analysis by Topic Groups which looked at the following Topics:-

- Housing and Design
- Transport and Infrastructure
- Natural Environment
- Public Realm
- Community Facilities
- Town Centre and Retail
- Employment and Economy
- Built Heritage

The Topic groups sought to identify issues relating to that topic; understand the role of existing plans, strategies and policies and their relationships to the neighbourhood planning process and how these might deal with the issues highlighted through a neighbourhood planning approach.

The evidence and analysis arising from the wider consultation process (public consultation, key stakeholder engagement and Topic groups) is set out in the [Consultation Statement](#).

Underlying this has been the need to ensure that the subsequently identified neighbourhood planning approach achieves the following:

1. Meets the vision for the plan and delivers the identified objectives;
2. That the approach complies with the statutory “tests”, that it meets the basic conditions; and
3. Reflects the issues identified by the community and delivers on its aspirations.

## Outcomes from the Workshop

### **HOUSING AND DESIGN STATEMENT**

1. Establish the housing needs of Blackrod to help determine future developments and the needs of the community.
2. Ensure any growth in housing comes with compatible levels of improvement in local infrastructure, roads, other rights of way and community services & facilities (Schools, Health & Medical facilities etc).
3. Ensure new housing and existing neighbourhood developments are configured with quality construction, accessibility and safety in mind.
4. Ensure new housing developments and re-development of existing housing are of designs and materials compatible with the existing street scene, townscape and character of the town and its surrounds.

### **TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

1. Bus Services – Seek better provision and frequency of Bus Services serving Blackrod to neighbouring conurbations and hospitals, medical services, etc.
2. Train Services – Seek increased frequency of rail services to Blackrod; greater park’n’ride facilities for residents; Seek the introduction of cycle route(s) and the improvement of pedestrian routes to the railway station from the Village.
3. Parking Strategy – Investigate and promote the option of adapting the wide pavement areas (particularly along the main route through the Village) to provide

on-street resident parking. Specify minimum parking provision standards for the various types of development. (Existing developments where extended/modified (by certain %age floor area) also to comply with these standards?). Include school drop off areas.

4. Design Standards – Overall highway infrastructure design associated with new development shall comply with best practice (e.g. BfL12)

5. Traffic Calming- Seek the introduction of traffic calming along the main routes through the Village through a combination of bay parking, "intrusive" landscaping; and traffic direction priority signing.

6. 7.5t HGV Weight Restriction – Seek the introduction of 7.5t weight restriction of HGV's (apart from access) along the main routes through the Village – Scot Lane to Hill Lane and Chorley Brow

7. Disability Access – undertake survey of main routes within the Village in respect to wheelchair/pram/pushchair users and the visually impaired; identify the issues; and implement/seek remedial measures.

8. Scot Lane/Manchester Rd Junction – Seek the introduction of traffic lights/mini roundabout at Scot Lane/Manchester Rd Junction together with general remodelling of the junction

9. A6/Blackrod Bypass Cycleway – Seek the introduction of shared use pedestrian/off-carriageway cycleway along the A6/Blackrod Bypass

10. Vehicle Charging Points – Ensure all future development incorporates vehicle charging points. Seek to incorporate similar facilities in appropriate locations within the Village carpark areas.

## ASPIRATIONAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

### TRANSPORT

1. Block of Shops in Greenhalgh's /Blackrod Motor Spares – Seek the re-location of the footway to immediately in front of the shops, in order to remove the conflict between pedestrians and reversing cars. (Land ownership issue?).
2. Car parking within Village – Identify all existing public car parking areas within the Village and (where appropriate) ensure their safeguard.
3. Footpaths/Bridleways – Identify all public footpaths/bridleways within the BNDP area and where appropriate identify any footpaths/bridleways in use or missing from the listing.
4. New footpaths/cycleways – ensure that all new development incorporates dedicated footway/cycleway connectivity to the Village centre
5. New Development Street Scene – Ensure that the street scene is softened through landscaping, etc with respect to on street car parking.(BfL12,etc)

(Existing developments where extended/modified (by certain %age floor area) to also comply with these standards)

6. Cycle Storage – Ensure that all new development incorporates secure undercover cycle storage at a specified rate/bedroom
7. Existing Ginnels – Improve existing ginnels to make more user-friendly/attractive.
8. Village Circular Path/cycleway – Investigate the option/feasibility of creating a circular Way around the Village for pedestrians/horses/cycles.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

1. Broadband Connectivity – All new development to incorporate super broadband cabling to each dwelling, etc (Is this already a design requirement?).
2. Renewable Energy – All new development to incorporate solar energy capture sympathetically built within roof construction (min specified level related to individual development).
3. Vehicle Charging Facilities – (Ref Key Issue 10 Transportation above).

## **PUBLIC REALM & OPEN SPACES (Natural Environment)**

1. Promote and support the provision of safe and fit for purpose pathways, pavements, public rights of way and general access routes, throughout the Town and Parish, for all pedestrians and disabled users where appropriate.
2. Preserve our Open Spaces, expand and protect our Green Spaces for the benefit, use and enjoyment of all ages.
3. Improve and expand the facilities & places for leisure, health & fitness activities for children, youth and adults.
4. Improve and maintain the character and quality of the urban/rural landscape and townscape environment.

## **ASPIRATIONAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:**

1. Consider a Conservation Area designation for Arley/Blackrod bottoms area currently classed as a site of biological interest.

## **COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

1. Work with Bolton Council to ensure that all appropriate available monies, including Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), are ring fenced to Blackrod, through a clear and transparent process, so that community facilities and infrastructure can be improved in line with future developments.



2. Work with Bolton Council Schools' Services to ensure there are sufficient school places for all Blackrod children, (now and in line with any future additional housing development).
3. Support the development of the Bolton Locality Plan in establishing a sustainable health and care system by 2021. Ensure the needs of all Blackrod residents are understood and taken into account, so that future developments meet these needs, and include any additional needs arising from future housing development.
4. Support the development of the community activities, including the churches, community centre, voluntary sector, playing fields and youth club to provide opportunities for leisure for all ages.
5. Work with Bolton Metro Libraries and Leisure Services to sustain and improve library facilities in Blackrod.
6. Work with Bolton Metro Bins and Environmental Health Services to provide recycling facilities in Blackrod.
7. Investigate means of providing public access to toilet facilities in Blackrod
8. Work with Greater Manchester Police to look at improving policing in Blackrod.

## **ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT & RETAIL CENTRE**

1. Ensure, as far as practical, the retention of the existing "core" retail facilities within the Village
2. Resist change of use of existing retail facilities which would result in the loss of amenity to the Village
3. Make it easier to shop in Blackrod by ensuring adequate coverage across the length of the village of appropriate retail facilities that meet the needs of the residents and that these are served by convenient & adequate parking facilities.
4. Encourage more local shops and start-up businesses to be established in Blackrod to meet the increasing demands of a growing community.
5. Support the provision of farmers/craft market type shops/fairs in and around Blackrod.
6. Identify, review and seek to protect, as appropriate, all existing employment areas (including local "pockets")

7. Support the development of a more modern and relevant Business Park to meet the demands of 21st century business opportunities in the current Blackrod Industrial Estate location.

#### ASPIRATIONAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Investigate the option for a business rate exemption period to encourage start-up businesses.
2. Particular concerns from the feedback from the community is the potential loss of the post office, banks/ATM, public houses (therefore, how can we introduce measures to support/encourage their continuing patronage).
3. Seek the improvement of the appearance of the Blackhorse shopping unit.
4. Increased higher value development will help the survival of local businesses.

#### **BUILT HERITAGE**

1. Note all existing Grade II Listed buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan.
2. Identify other buildings/structures that may meet the criteria for Grade II Listing and work with English Heritage to secure appropriate Listing.
3. Identify other buildings/structures of local historical interest/importance to include in a Local List to become part of the Neighbourhood Plan.
4. Identify any "Areas of Special Character" which are considered to be of distinctive character or quality, and therefore worthy of local protection. These areas do not have the same status or level of protection as Conservation Areas, but designation helps identify and celebrate an area's special character and seeks to preserve and enhance it.

## 4. Key Issues

From the Outcomes and issues identified in the SWOT analysis together with the responses from residents and the wider community via the questionnaires (refer to the [Consultation Statement](#) for further details of the consultation process) the Key issues were determined under each of the Topic group themes.

Each Topic Group theme with its vision and key issues together with the related feedback from residents and the wider community are detailed in accompanying Appendices which are listed below. Each Appendix also has a related Key Issues, Objectives and Supporting Policies table to highlight the linkages.

Issues indicated as aspirational were considered for inclusion in the NDP and if the steering group considered them appropriate they were included in policies, for example; car parking in the village, new development of the street scene, footpaths, bridleways and other rights of way, broadband connectivity, green energy, electric vehicle charging points.

The aspirational issues that were not included in policies but were still considered as relevant were signposted to Blackrod Town Council for information and action where relevant, for example; Conservation area in Arley,

Those issues that were raised but were not considered relevant to the NDP process or appropriate to address were not included, for example; school curriculum, Brexit, dog fouling, litter, potholes.

Appendix 1: Housing and Design

Appendix 2: Transport and Infrastructure

Appendix 3: Natural Environment

Appendix 4: Public Realm

Appendix 5: Community Facilities

Appendix 6: Town Centre and Retail

Appendix 7: Employment and Economy

Appendix 8: Built Heritage

## Appendix 1: Housing and Design

### VISION

Support high quality housing and other developments that meet our town's needs.

Secure high quality sensitive design which prioritises local distinctiveness and enriches the landscape and built environment

### KEY ISSUES FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(Based on feedback from consultations and SWOT workshop)

1. Establish the housing needs of Blackrod to help determine future developments and the needs of the Community.
2. Ensure any growth in housing comes with compatible levels of improvement in local infrastructure, roads, other rights of way and community services & facilities (Schools, Health & Medical facilities, etc).
3. Ensure new housing and existing neighbourhoods developments are configured with quality construction, accessibility and safety in mind.
4. Ensure new housing developments and re-development of existing housing are of designs and materials compatible with the existing street scene, townscape and character of the town and its surrounds.

<b>KEY ISSUE 1</b>	
<b>Establish the housing needs of Blackrod to help determine future development and the needs of the Community.</b>	
<b>FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING 28.02.17</b>	<b>RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
Looking at the number of houses currently in Blackrod and the number of residents – doing the maths, it seems that there is low density in Blackrod. So do we need any more houses?	Blackrod isn't Really Apartment Land
What provision will the plan make for social housing?	The road is narrow and traffic would be congested if there were houses built on this land. Can you let me know if there are plans to build on it?
Have you spoken to any developers to see what their views are and what they can offer the village? A Housing Needs assessment is required to state what should be built.	I dislike: The prospect of building on green belt. What needs to change: If building has to take place make sure it is bungalows and lower price houses.

	What needs to change: Still want it to remain a village so not too much expansion with housing etc. Want it to keep the "village" feel
	Concern over planned housing developments and its effects, more traffic congestion, more school places needed, more provision for health centre services.
	Building on green belt land should not be allowed. Some people think that it is acceptable to start with stables or agricultural buildings and then apply for a change of use to dwelling. This should not be allowed, these people are stealing our heritage.
	No more building - Blackrod losing its character

<b>KEY ISSUE 2</b>	
<b>Ensure any growth in housing comes with compatible levels of improvement in local infrastructure, roads, other rights of way and community services &amp; facilities (Schools, Health &amp; Medical facilities, etc).</b>	
<b>FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING 28.02.17</b>	<b>RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
Facilities have been lost in the village – such as public toilets and possibly the library. What influence can the steering group have on this? Will residents have a say over public space developments?	Overview Blackrod council needs to care more for the community stop any further development of residential property until more infrastructure is in place.
Are there any Section 106 monies that can come to the local area and not to the wider area, and does the Neighbourhood Plan have any power over this?	Housing growth must be matched with adequate infrastructure & medical facilities.
Facilities such as the schools and the GPs are already at saturation – what are the plans with regard to this? Blackrod children are already not able to get places in Blackrod schools.	Concern over planned housing developments and its effects, more traffic congestion, more school places needed, more provision for health centre services.
Housing impacts on the whole infrastructure of a community. Education should be part of the plan. With the possibility of an additional 150 houses – the current schools will not be able to cope.	
The regulations say that for every 100 houses built, developers have to include play space for children. We need to be wary that developers don't put in 90 houses to avoid having to do this.	

**KEY ISSUE 3**

**Ensure new housing and existing neighbourhoods developments are configured with quality construction and safety in mind.**

**FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING 28.02.17****RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED**

Can you give us more detail of what is “Building for Life” standard?

May I respectfully request that crime and anti-social behaviour reduction should also be included.  
I realise that the neighbourhood group cannot Police the streets but may be able to influence Policing, CCTV and other crime reducing initiatives, in order to ensure that Blackrod remains a pleasurable place to live.

New people coming into the village will expect a decent standard. Roads are currently not wide enough which can cause problems for emergency services gaining access. Also there should be sufficient parking spaces eg a three bedroom house can need 4 parking spaces for a family with 2 adult children at home.

**KEY ISSUE 4**

**Ensure new housing developments and re-development of existing housing are of designs and materials compatible with the existing street scene, townscape and character of the town and its surrounds.**

**FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING 28.02.17****RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED**

Can you give us more detail of what is “Building for Life” standard?

Almost all of the original stone cottages, houses, primary school and pubs have been demolished since my childhood. I'm hoping that there will be no more vanishing off the local landscape

Housing stock modernising to meet 21st century needs.

## Key Issues, Objectives and Supporting Policies

Key Issue	Key Issue Objective	Supporting Policy
1. Establish the housing needs of Blackrod to help determine future developments and the needs of the community.	<b>HO1</b> Ensure the future housing development needs of the wider community are met by promoting the findings from the latest Housing Needs Assessment and ensuring the right housing mix is implemented.	<b>H1</b> New Housing Development <b>H2</b> Housing Mix <b>H3</b> Housing for the Ageing Population <b>H4</b> Local Occupancy <b>H5</b> Site allocations
2. Ensure any growth in housing comes with compatible levels of improvement in local infrastructure, roads, other rights of way and community services & facilities (Schools, Health & Medical facilities etc).	<b>HO2</b> Ensure growth in housing comes with compatible levels of improvement in local infrastructure, rights of way, community services & facilities.	<b>H6</b> The use of section 106 Agreements
3. Ensure new housing and existing neighbourhood developments are configured with quality construction, accessibility and safety in mind.	<b>HO3</b> Ensure new housing and existing neighbourhood developments are configured with quality construction, accessibility and safety in mind.	<b>DES1</b> Design Principles
4. Ensure new housing developments and re-development of existing housing are of designs and materials compatible with the existing street scene, townscape and character of the town and its surrounds.	<b>HO4</b> Ensure new housing developments and re-development of existing housing are of designs and materials compatible with the existing street scene, townscape and character of the village and its surrounds.	<b>DES1</b> Design Principles

## Appendix 2: Transport and Infrastructure

### **VISION**

Create a Transportation and Infrastructure framework that meets the needs of our community, both now and for the future.

### **KEY ISSUES FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

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11. Vehicle Charging Points – Ensure all future development incorporates vehicle charging points. Seek to incorporate similar facilities in appropriate locations within the Village carpark areas.

## OTHER ISSUES THAT WERE RAISED IN THE WORKSHOP:

### A. TRANSPORTATION

- O1. Car parking within Village – Identify all existing public car parking areas within the Village and (where appropriate) ensure their safeguard. Taking control of Wiggetts Homes' section including commuted sum.
- O2. Footpaths/Bridleways – Identify all public footpaths/bridleways within the BNDP area and where appropriate identify any footpaths/bridleways in use missing from the listing.
- O3. New footpaths/cycleways – ensure that all new development incorporates dedicated footway/cycleway connectivity to the Village centre
- O4. New Development Street Scene – Ensure that the street scene is softened through landscaping, etc with respect to on street car parking.(BfL12,etc) (Existing developments where extended/modified (by certain %age floor area) to also comply with these standards)
- O5. Cycle Storage – Ensure that all new development incorporates secure undercover cycle storage at a specified rate/bedroom
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### B. INFRASTRUCTURE

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- O2. Renewable Energy – All new development to incorporate solar energy capture sympathetically built within roof construction (min specified level related to individual development)
- O3. Vehicle Charging Facilities – (Ref Key Issue 12 Transportation above)

<b>KEY ISSUE 1</b>
<b>Bus Services – Seek better provision and frequency of Bus Services serving Blackrod to neighbouring conurbations and hospitals, medical services, etc.</b>
<b>SUMMARY OF RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
Daily Bus service to Adlington + Chorley (2 hourly). Reinstate bus service via Greenbarn Way and Vicarage road to help the elderly with no transport.
No Bus service to Adlington or Chorley. Feel cut off if travelling into Lancashire. Transport links need to improve.
In the past 20 or so years we have lost buses to Manchester, Preston, The Trafford Centre and more locally Middlebrook and Leigh.
Lack of a bus service to Middlebrook and the infrequent bus service to Chorley (one on Tuesday & one on Monday).
Poor bus service to Chorley. No hospital bus 521 on Sundays.
Public transport for elderly in Whitehall Lane who cannot get to shops or post office when it moves. Possibly a little bus every couple of hours for them to get up and back.
Clearly parking is a major problem, exacerbated by poor public transport, especially going North over the boundary into Adlington/Chorley.

<b>KEY ISSUE 2</b>
<b>Train Services – Seek increased frequency of rail services to Blackrod; greater park'n'ride facilities for residents; Seek the introduction of cycle route(s) and the improvement of pedestrian routes to the railway station from the Village.</b>
<b>SUMMARY OF RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
In the past 20 or so years we have lost buses and a train service to Manchester Piccadilly from Blackrod.
Feel cut off if travelling into Lancashire. Transport links need to improve
Disrupted train service.
Poor public transport, especially going North over the boundary into Adlington/Chorley, as trains are not much of an alternative as currently stops are infrequent at Blackrod Station.

<b>KEY ISSUE 3</b>
<b>Parking Strategy – Investigate and promote the option of adapting the wide pavement areas (particularly along the main route through the Village) to provide on street resident parking. Specify minimum parking provision standards for the various types of development. (Existing developments where extended/modified (by certain %age floor area) also to comply with these standards?). Include school drop off areas.</b>
<b>SUMMARY OF RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
Restrict residential development until more infrastructure in place
Cars parking on the footpaths making it difficult to pass with young children.
The cars parking on part of the pavements obstructing people with pushchairs or wheel chairs. What needs to change -The car parking especially with the new post office in the Spar.
Inconsiderate parking on footpaths - hazard for disabled people and mothers with prams & children.
Problems with cars parked on narrow side roads e.g. Rivington and Boardman Streets.
It's one long road and parking can be difficult.
The road system throughout Blackrod is now poor, with far too much pavement parking. A more major but, I believe, useful option would be investment in reducing some very wide footpaths both on New Street/Manchester Road, on maybe both sides, creating parking bay areas on one side and prohibiting any parking 7 days a week on the other side of the road. I do appreciate this is major works, as drainage, street lighting, slight road narrowing and resurfacing and signage would have to change. However, it would have the advantage of facilitating better footpath access for those walking, especially those with children and prams, and dogs, wheelchair and mobility scooter users. Having cars parked across pavements in front of shops, e.g. Greenhalgh's, with drivers reversing, sometimes without checking pavements, cars moving in North and South directions, and checking for vehicles turning left out of Whitehall Lane can be very dangerous.
It has now become dangerous trying to cross the road or even trying to get into our own cars which we have to park outside our houses because we have no off the road parking.

<b>KEY ISSUE 4</b>
<b>Design Standards – Overall highway infrastructure design associated with new development shall comply with best practice (e.g. BfL12)</b>
<b>SUMMARY OF RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
Restrict residential development until more infrastructure in place
Too many illegally parked vehicles within village
Housing growth must be matched with adequate infrastructure.
The cars parking on part of the pavements obstructing people with pushchairs or wheel chairs.
Inconsiderate parking on footpaths - hazard for disabled people and mothers with prams & children.
Problems with cars parked on narrow side roads e.g. Rivington and Boardman Streets. Provide double yellow lines on Manchester Rd (where obstructed by parked cars - near Old Vicarage)
It's one long road and parking can be difficult.
The private streets are "tar wash" - the council estate has beautiful block paving - which is used for parking. The Infrastructure needs to suit the extra people more housing will bring.

## KEY ISSUE 5

**Traffic Calming- Seek the introduction of traffic calming along the main routes through the Village through a combination of bay parking, "intrusive" landscaping; and traffic direction priority signing.**

### SUMMARY OF RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED

Traffic speed and volume at Little Scotland

Restrict residential development until more infrastructure in place

Too many illegally parked vehicles within village

Cars parking on the footpaths making it difficult to pass with young children.

The cars parking on part of the pavements obstructing people with pushchairs or wheel chairs.

Provide double yellow lines on Manchester Rd (where obstructed by parked cars - near Old Vicarage)

Require Speed cameras on A6, Manchester Road and Station Road.

The "Traffic calming" - (ie removal of 3 lanes down to 2 lanes) onto the North bound M61 needs to be put back.

The road system throughout Blackrod is now poor, with far too much pavement parking. T

I live on Manchester Rd between the A6 and Scott Lane. Issue of HGVs, vans and cars using the route as a short cut through to Wigan. It has now become dangerous trying to cross the road or even trying to get into our own cars which we have to park outside our houses because we have no off the road parking.

A more major but, I believe, useful option would be investment in reducing some very wide footpaths both on New Street/Manchester Road, on maybe both sides, creating parking bay areas on one side and prohibiting any parking 7 days a week on the other side of the road.

## KEY ISSUE 6

**7.5t HGV Weight Restriction – Seek the introduction of 7.5t weight restriction of HGV's (apart from access) along the main routes through the Village – Scott Lane end to Hill Lane and Chorley Brow**

### SUMMARY OF RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED

Large heavy vehicles ( lorries etc) coming through the village rather than using A6

I live on Manchester Rd between the A6 and Scott Lane. Issue of HGVs, vans and cars using the route as a short cut through to Wigan. It has now become dangerous trying to cross the road or even trying to get into our own cars which we have to park outside our houses because we have no off the road parking. The playground and playing field are also situated on Manchester Road making it very dangerous for parents and children to park up and gain access to them. We have the noise of the HGVs passing 24/7 making it impossible to get a night's sleep. The HGVs turning from Manchester Rd onto Scott Lane have to go on the wrong side of Scott Lane which its self is dangerous for oncoming traffic and pedestrians trying to cross Scott Lane. Is it not sensible to make Scott Lane and Manchester Road Access Only, or do we have to wait for a fatality before anything is done.

What I dislike about Blackrod currently is the surrounding development in other towns that is having a detrimental effect on traffic flow in and around Blackrod, particularly at peak times and the amount of Heavy Goods traffic using Tanners Brow and subsequently going through the village

#### KEY ISSUE 7

**Disability Access – undertake survey of main routes within the Village in respect to wheelchair/pram/pushchair users and the visually impaired; identify the issues; and implement/seek remedial measures.**

#### **SUMMARY OF RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED**

The cars parking on part of the pavements obstructing people with pushchairs or wheel chairs.

Inconsiderate parking on footpaths - hazard for disabled people and mothers with prams & children

Problems with cars parked on narrow side roads e.g. Rivington and Boardman Streets.

However, it would have the advantage of facilitating better footpath access for those walking, especially those with children and prams, and dogs, wheelchair and mobility scooter users.

#### KEY ISSUE 8

**Scott Lane/Manchester Rd Junction – Seek the introduction of traffic lights/mini roundabout at Scott Lane/Manchester Rd Junction together with general remodelling of the junction**

#### **SUMMARY OF RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED**

Require Speed cameras on A6, Manchester Road and Station Road.

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What I dislike about Blackrod currently is the surrounding development in other towns that is having a detrimental effect on traffic flow in and around Blackrod, particularly at peak times and the amount of Heavy Goods traffic using Tanners Brow and subsequently going through the village

#### KEY ISSUE 9

**A6/Blackrod Bypass Cycleway – Seek the introduction of shared use pedestrian/off-carriageway cycleway along the A6/Blackrod Bypass**

#### SUMMARY OF RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED

Too many illegally parked vehicles within village

Cars parking on the footpaths making it difficult to pass with young children.

Poor state of some footpaths and paths along the bypass.

My suggestion relates to improvements along the full stretch of the A6 from Blackrods border at Adlington through to its border with Westhoughton – in particular improvements for pedestrian and cyclists. The stretch from Adlington to the layby at the bottom of Spar hill has no street lighting and a very poor footpath. My suggestion for this stretch is bright LED lighting and a new combined path and cycle lane (separate from the main road). Continue on from the bottom of the hill towards the boundary with Westhoughton, and whilst it is street lit, there are many hazards to contend with. Namely narrow pathways, overgrown grass areas that encroach onto the paths, overhanging branches, elevated tree roots etc. Not pleasant for walkers, but for runners it can be dangerous. Again for cyclists on a 50mph road where cars persistently travel at 70mph+, as a cyclist you do take your life in your hands. So my suggestion is to have the same dual footpath and cycle lane away from the main road. I hope this suggestion is shared by others in the community and hope that this is given some consideration for future planning.

#### KEY ISSUE 10

**Vehicle Charging Points – Ensure all future development incorporates vehicle charging points. Seek to incorporate similar facilities in appropriate locations within the Village carpark areas.**

This issue was raised in the Steering Group Workshop and was felt that it should form part of the Infrastructure Key Issues. It is also included in the Housing Design Principles Policy.

## Key Issues, Objectives and Supporting Policies

Key Issue	Key Issue Objective	Supporting Policy
1. Bus Services – Seek better provision and frequency of Bus Services serving Blackrod to neighbouring conurbations and hospitals, medical services, etc.	<b>TR02</b> Ensure that the Village has good and easy to use public transport links with the neighbouring conurbations, facilities and services	<b>TR2</b> Improve the provision of Public Transport Services
2. Train Services – Seek increased frequency of rail services to Blackrod; greater park'n'ride facilities for residents; Seek the introduction of cycle route(s) and the improvement of pedestrian routes to the railway station from the Village.	<b>TR02</b> Ensure that the Village has good and easy to use public transport links with the neighbouring conurbations, facilities and services	<b>TR2</b> Improve the provision of Public Transport Services
3. Parking Strategy – Investigate and promote the option of adapting the wide pavement areas (particularly along the main route through the Village) to provide onstreet resident parking.  Specify minimum parking provision standards for the various types of development. (Existing developments where extended/modified (by certain %age floor area) also to comply with these standards?). Include school drop off areas.	<b>TR03</b> Improve the overall experience for residents and visitors in getting around the Village – including car parking facilities  <b>TR03</b> Improve the overall experience for residents and visitors in getting around the Village – including car parking facilities	<b>TR5</b> Car Parking in Blackrod - Improvements  <b>TR4</b> Car Parking in Blackrod - General
4. Design Standards – Overall highway infrastructure design associated with new development shall comply with best practice (e.g. BfL12; )		<b>DES1</b> Design Principles
5. Traffic Calming- Seek the introduction of traffic calming along the main routes through the Village through a combination of bay parking, "intrusive" landscaping; and traffic direction priority signing.	<b>TR03</b> Improve the overall experience for residents and visitors in getting around the Village – including car parking facilities	<b>TR3</b> Getting about in Blackrod
6. 7.5t HGV Weight Restriction – Seek the introduction of 7.5t weight restriction of HGV's (apart	<b>TR03</b> Improve the overall experience for residents and visitors in getting around the	<b>TR3</b> Getting about in Blackrod

from access) along the main routes through the Village – Scott Lane end to Hill Lane and Chorley Brow	Village – including car parking facilities	
7. Disability Access – undertake survey of main routes within the Village in respect to wheelchair/pram/pushchair users and the visually impaired; identify the issues; and implement/seek remedial measures.	<b>TR01 &amp; TR03</b> Ensure that applicants from the outset consider the provision of good non-vehicular connectivity with the Village centre, services and facilities – particularly for the less mobile. TR3 as above.	<b>TR1</b> Information to support planning applications  <b>TR3</b> Getting about in Blackrod
8. Scott Lane/Manchester Rd Junction – Seek the introduction of traffic lights/mini roundabout at Scott Lane/Manchester Rd Junction together with general remodelling of the junction.	<b>TR03</b> Improve the overall experience for residents and visitors in getting around the Village – including car parking facilities	<b>TR3</b> Getting about in Blackrod
9. A6/Blackrod Bypass Cycleway – Seek the introduction of shared use pedestrian/offcarriageway cycleway along the A6/Blackrod Bypass	<b>TR03</b> Improve the overall experience for residents and visitors in getting around the Village – including car parking facilities	<b>TR3</b> Getting about in Blackrod
10. Vehicle Charging Points – Ensure all future development incorporates vehicle charging points. Seek to incorporate similar facilities in appropriate locations within the Village carpark areas.		<b>DES1</b> Design Principles



## Appendix 3: Natural Environment

### VISION

Create a safe and healthy environment

### KEY ISSUES FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(Based on feedback from consultations and SWOT workshop)

1. Preserve our Open Spaces, expand and protect our Green Spaces for the benefit, use and enjoyment of all ages.
2. Improve and expand the facilities & places for leisure, health & fitness activities for children, youth and adults.
3. Improve and maintain the character and quality of the urban/rural landscape and townscape environment.

#### ASPIRATIONAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Consider a Conservation Area designation for Arley/Blackrod bottoms area currently classed as a site of biological interest.

<b>KEY ISSUE 1</b>	
<b>Preserve our Open Spaces, expand and protect our Green Spaces for the benefit, use and enjoyment of all ages.</b>	
<b>FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING 28.02.17</b>	<b>RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
Are the playing fields and the Community Centre safe from future development.....they are currently classed as Open Space.	Overview I would like to see the 2 fields on Vicarage road protected from future development by way of granted village green status.
	Can the land next to the cricket ground be turned into football pitches with astro turf for children to play on.
	Concerns that new building works and industrial development could threaten the availability of open spaces, so crucial to both mental and physical health of residents. The loss of these spaces would be a great shame and a factor in mine and other people's decision to stay in the community or go elsewhere in the future.
	Of concern is the loss of more green space especially that designated for children's activities and sport. It should be a priority that where possible the few green spaces left for public use should be safeguarded.

<b>KEY ISSUE 2</b>	
<b>Improve and expand the facilities &amp; places for leisure, health &amp; fitness activities for children, youth and adults.</b>	
<b>FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING 28.02.17</b>	<b>RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
	Overview Can we have a skateboard park next to Blackrod park area as kids need fun things to do & exercise.
	Protected fields on Vicarage road would enable children to play safe.
	Can the land next to the cricket ground be turned into football pitches with astro turf for children to play.
	Need to improve youth facilities as the playground is currently inadequate.
	Would like to ensure the survival of the park at Scot lane.
	It would be good to think that more play areas could be developed.
	Need current green spaces being designated for specific use like children's games.
	Not enough to do, need a mini skatepark, astro turf 3G like Arena, Youth club –wifi, xbox, pool table.
	There's not much to do but go to the park. We need a zip wire on the Park; a kind of small skate park, astro turf football field; a new swinging basket and a proper slide on the park. Better trampolines; more bins; a tree swing on the Park; CCTV and better climbing frame; more benches. Park needs to be bigger and better with new things.
	That there aren't many facilities for older children; The Youth Centre hours since we cannot keep ourselves occupied; Some alleyways aren't safe and are not clean for children. Age limit needed for children to access the parks or times for different ages.
	Dislike teenagers on the park ruining the facilities.
	Add small places where youth can play for example: Football pitch (that is looked after); A new park with a more modern area instead of the old one at the back field behind the community centre.

<b>KEY ISSUE 3</b>	
<b>Improve and maintain the character and quality of the urban/rural landscape and townscape environments.</b>	
<b>FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING 28.02.17</b>	<b>RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
	Outline Street trees would improve the character of the area making it leafy and more attractive. They help reduce pollution which will benefit children who walk and ride to schools along a busy traffic route. They will increase benefits for wildlife and birds
	My main concern is for the environment which I believe is an important feature of our town and surrounding area and gives Blackrod its unique appeal.
	I'm hoping there will be no more vanishing of the local landscape.
	Much of the original character of the village is gone forever, but whatever happens next it would be good to see an attempt at creating character wherever possible, and not build more ugly modern buildings which do not enhance the village at all.

### **Key Issues, Objectives and Supporting Policies**

<b>Key Issue</b>	<b>Key Issue Objective</b>	<b>Supporting Policy</b>
1. Preserve our Open Spaces, expand and protect our Green Spaces for the benefit, use and enjoyment of all ages.	<b>NE01</b> Preserve the Open Spaces, expand and protect the Green Spaces for the benefit, use and enjoyment of all ages.	<b>NE1</b> Green Infrastructure
2. Improve and expand the facilities & places for leisure, health & fitness activities for children, youth and adults.	It was decided that this issue was best suited to be included in Community Facilities.	<b>CF1</b>
3. Improve and maintain the character and quality of the urban/rural landscape and townscape environment.	<b>NE02</b> Improve and maintain the character and quality of the urban/rural landscape and townscape environment	<b>NE2</b> Trees and Hedgerows <b>NE3</b> Vistas and Views

## Appendix 4: Public Realm

### VISION

Enjoy and utilise our natural landscape and green spaces whilst protecting these for enjoyment by future generations

### KEY ISSUES FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

**(Based on feedback from consultations and SWOT workshop)**

1. Promote and support the provision of safe and fit for purpose pathways, pavements, public rights of way and general access routes, throughout the Town and Parish, for all pedestrians and disabled users where appropriate.
2. Improve and maintain the character and quality of the urban/rural landscape and townscape environment.

<b>KEY ISSUE 1</b>	
<b>Promote and support the provision of safe and fit for purpose pathways, pavements, public rights of way and general access routes, throughout the Village and Parish, for all pedestrians and disabled users.</b>	
<b>FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING 28.02.17</b>	<b>RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
Are there any plans for equestrians – new bridle way.	Overview Facilitating better footpath access for those walking, especially those with children and prams, and dogs, wheelchair and mobility scooters.
	Deterioration of footpaths to extent they are impassable.
	Broken steps and pavements: cut-throughs and hand rails on steps poor condition or missing.
	Incorporate more wheel chair access areas/points around the village to improve travel and access for the disabled.

<b>KEY ISSUE 2</b>	
<b>Improve and maintain the character and quality of the urban/rural landscape and townscape environment.</b>	
<b>FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING 28.02.17</b>	<b>RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
	Street trees would improve the character of the area making it leafy and more attractive. They help reduce pollution which will benefit children who walk and ride to schools along a busy traffic route. They will increase benefits for wildlife and birds
	My main concern is for the environment which I believe is an important feature of our town and surrounding area and gives Blackrod its unique appeal.
	I'm hoping there will be no more vanishing of the local landscape.
	Much of the original character of the village is gone forever, but whatever happens next it would be good to see an attempt at creating character wherever possible, and not build more ugly modern buildings which do not enhance the village at all.

### Key Issues, Objectives and Supporting Policies

Key Issue	Key Issue Objective	Supporting Policy
1. Promote and support the provision of safe and fit for purpose pathways, pavements, public rights of way and general access routes, throughout the Town and Parish, for all pedestrians and disabled users where appropriate.	<b>PR01</b> Ensure pathways, pavements and public rights of way are safe and fit for purpose for all pedestrians and disabled users.	<b>PR1</b> Safe and fit for purpose rights of way.
2. Improve and maintain the character and quality of the urban/rural landscape and townscape environment.	<b>PR02</b> Improve and maintain the character and quality of the urban/rural landscape and townscape environment.	<b>PR2</b> Gateways

## Appendix 5: Community Facilities

### **VISION**

Improve health, social and cultural well-being for all residents, encouraging and providing opportunities for an active lifestyle, and ensuring high quality local facilities for existing and new residents

### **KEY ISSUES FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

#### **(Based on feedback from consultations and SWOT workshop)**

1. Work with Bolton Council to ensure that all appropriate available monies, including Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), are ring fenced to Blackrod, through a clear and transparent process, so that community facilities and infrastructure can be improved in line with future developments.
2. Work with Bolton Metro Schools' Services to ensure there are sufficient school places for all Blackrod children, (now and in line with any future additional housing development).
3. Support the development of the Bolton Locality Plan in establishing a sustainable health and care system by 2021. Ensure the needs of all Blackrod residents are understood and taken into account, so that future developments meet these needs, and include any additional needs arising from future housing development.
4. Support the development of the community activities, including the churches, community centre, voluntary sector, playing fields and youth club to provide opportunities for leisure for all ages.
5. Work with Bolton Metro Libraries and Leisure Services to sustain and improve library facilities in Blackrod.
6. Work with Bolton Metro Bins and Environmental Health Services to provide recycling facilities in Blackrod.
7. Investigate means of providing public access to toilet facilities in Blackrod.
8. Work with Greater Manchester Police to look at improving policing in Blackrod.

<b>KEY ISSUE 1</b>	
<b>Work with Bolton Metro Planning to ensure that all appropriate Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies are ring-fenced to Blackrod, so that community facilities can be improved in line with future developments.</b>	
<b>FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING 28.02.17</b>	<b>RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
Are there any Section 106 monies that can come to the local area and not to the wider area, and does the neighbourhood plan have any power over this?	
Bolton has not adopted the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). If it had been adopted, greater income from developments would be available for the local community for infrastructure projects.	

<b>KEY ISSUES 2</b>	
<b>Work with Bolton Metro Schools' Services to ensure there are sufficient school places for all Blackrod children, (now and in line with any future additional housing development).</b>	
<b>FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING 28.02.17</b>	<b>RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
Overview The local schools are already oversubscribed with Blackrod children not able to gain places in the schools in the village. So there would be no capacity for additional children from new developments.	Overview Concern about school places and medical facilities. Further development of residential property should be stopped until more infrastructure in place.
Is education not part of the plan?	Concern over planned housing developments - more school places needed, more provision for health centre places.
Facilities such as the schools and GPs are already at saturation – what are the plans with regard to this?	Concern about school places and medical facilities.
Housing impacts on the whole infrastructure of a community. Education should be part of the plan. With the possibility of an additional 150 houses – the current schools will not be able to cope	Need additional school places.
Bolton Metro sets admission numbers for schools. The Governors of Blackrod Church School have recognised the pressure on places and made representation to Bolton.	

### KEY ISSUE 3

**Work with the Clinical Commissioning Group to ensure there are sufficient health facilities based in Blackrod to serve the needs of all residents, (now and in line with any future additional housing development).**

FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING 28.02.17	RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED
Facilities such as the schools and GPs are already at saturation – what are the plans with regard to this?	Overview Concern about school places and medical facilities. Further development of residential property should be stopped until more infrastructure in place.
The GP surgery is already at capacity, with no capacity for additional patient numbers from new developments.	Housing growth must be matched with infrastructure and medical facilities.
	No dentist.
	Concern over planned housing developments - more school places needed, more provision for health centre places.
	No dentist.
	Concern about school places and medical facilities.
	I like having a doctors and chemist and library.
	Need additional onsite health facilities at local surgery.
	Need our own health centre that can provide all the required facilities on site without having to travel.

### KEY ISSUE 4

**Support the development of the community activities, including the churches, community centre, voluntary sector, playing fields and youth club to provide opportunities for leisure for all ages.**

FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING 28.02.17	RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED
Are the community centre and playing fields safe from future developments?	Protect the two fields on Vicarage Road from future development by way of being granted “Village Green” status, enabling a safe area for children to play and study the wildlife of our surrounding countryside.
The regulations say that for every 100 houses built, developers have to include play space for children. We need to be wary that developers don’t just put in 90 houses to avoid having to do this.	Fun things for kids to do and exercise. Skate park next to the play area and Youth Club to opened more frequently.
Any plans for equestrians?	Park wardens to monitor play areas to prevent teenagers vandalising them.
	Community Centre - Relocate the youth club to the Community Centre – ample parking, safer for kids. Holiday play schemes, toddler/baby sessions.



	Area next to the play area next to the cricket ground – can it be turned into football pitches with astro turf for children with fencing around it? It is currently under utilised.
	Need to improve the youth facilities as the playground is currently inadequate.
	I like the Rhapsody Choir and drama groups for children, the library, pilates group.
	I like the community spirit and the varied provision of groups- sports as well as leisure, but not everyone knows about them. A register of clubs and contacts kept at the library would be valuable.
	Need more facilities for children, more parks.
	Improvements needed to play area /park at Scot Lane end.
	Lovely church and kind lady vicar.
	Friendly place to live close to the countryside for walking and recreation – canal.
	Church welcomes visitors. Church bells being rung.
	Care taken by group who look after the cemetery and floral displays throughout Blackrod.
	St Andrews performing arts, community choir enabling building to be used for out of school care.
	I like the villagy feel, community spirit, Library, St Katherine's Church
	Not enough facilities for the youth, eg parks and play areas, where children and teenagers can spend time there playing. Small places where the youth can play eg a looked after football pitch, a new park with a more modern area. A gym or swimming baths would be great.
	Lack of leisure facilities ie a gym. Need leisure facilities to provide a central hub to encourage a community feeling.
	Current green spaces being designated for specific use – trees , memorial garden, children's games, butterfly garden etc.
	I like youth centre, community centre, schools, clubs – like karate.
	More facilities for older children. Youth club to be open more often.
	Age limit for children to access the parks or times for different ages.
	I like the community activities – church, scarecrow festival.
	Good community spirit within the churches, scarecrow festival.
	Promote a better community spirit, similar to that which existed 20-30 years ago

<b>KEY ISSUE 5</b>	
<b>Work with Bolton Metro Libraries and Leisure Services to sustain and improve library facilities in Blackrod.</b>	
<b>FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING 28.02.17</b>	<b>RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
Facilities have been lost in the village- such as public toilets and possibly the library. What influence can the steering group have on this?	Great Library – KEEP IT OPEN!
	I like the library.
	I like the Rhapsody Choir and drama groups for children, the library, pilates group.
	Library to open daily.
	I like the villagy feel, community spirit, Library, St Katherine’s Church
	I like having a doctors and chemist and library.
	Library to be open more often.
	Need daily library opening.

<b>KEY ISSUE 6</b>	
<b>Work with Bolton Metro Bins and Environmental Health Services to provide recycling facilities in Blackrod.</b>	
<b>FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING 28.02.17</b>	<b>RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
	Re-open the tip – it was a big help to residents.
	A local recycling facility

<b>KEY ISSUE 7</b>	
<b>Investigate means of providing public access to toilet facilities in Blackrod.</b>	
<b>FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING 28.02.17</b>	<b>RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
Facilities have been lost in the village- such as public toilets and possibly the library. What influence can the steering group have on this?	Toilets to be replaced at each end of the village.
	Lack of toilet facilities.

<b>KEY ISSUE 8</b>	
<b>Work with Greater Manchester Police to look at improving policing in Blackrod.</b>	
<b>FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING 28.02.17</b>	<b>RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
	Policing/CCTV and other crime reducing initiatives.
	Lack of police presence, PCSOs
	Not enough policing

## Key Issues, Objectives and Supporting Policies

Key Issue	Key Issue Objective	Supporting Policy
1. Work with Bolton Metro Planning Department to ensure that all appropriate Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies are ring-fenced to Blackrod, so that community facilities can be improved in line with future developments.	<b>CF01</b> To ensure that essential community facilities and infrastructure can meet the needs of current and future developments in Blackrod.	<b>CF1</b> Community Infrastructure      Facilities
2. Work with Bolton Metro Schools' Services to ensure there are sufficient school places for all Blackrod children, (now and in line with any future additional housing development).	<b>CF02</b> To ensure there are sufficient primary school places in Blackrod for all children living in Blackrod	<b>CF1</b> Community Infrastructure      Facilities
3. Work with the NHS Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group to ensure there are sufficient health facilities based in Blackrod to serve the needs of all residents, (now and in line with any future additional housing development).	<b>CF03</b> To ensure that the GP surgery and other essential health and care facilities are located in Blackrod with sufficient capacity to serve the needs of Blackrod residents	<b>CF1</b> Community Infrastructure      Facilities
4. Support the development of the community activities, including the churches, community centre, voluntary sector, playing fields and youth club to provide opportunities for leisure for all ages.	<b>CF04</b> To protect, retain and enhance community facilities in Blackrod	<b>CF1</b> Community Infrastructure      Facilities
5. Work with Bolton Metro Libraries and Leisure Services to sustain and improve library facilities in Blackrod.		<b>CF2</b> Retention and Improvement of Community Facilities
6. Work with Bolton Metro Bins and Environmental Health Services to provide recycling facilities in Blackrod		Blackrod Town Council will work with Bolton Council to address this issue
7. Investigate means of providing public access to toilet facilities in Blackrod.		Blackrod Town Council will work with Bolton Council to address this issue
8. Work with Greater Manchester Police to look at improving policing in Blackrod.		Blackrod Town Council will work with Bolton Council to address this issue

## Appendix 6: Town Centre and Retail

### **VISION**

Encourage and support wider retail opportunities ensuring town centre and existing shopping provision is maintained.

### **KEY ISSUES FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**(Based on feedback from consultations and the SWOT workshop)**

1. Ensure, as far as practical, the retention of the existing “core” retail facilities within the Village
2. Resist change of use of existing retail facilities which would result in the loss of amenity to the Village
3. Make it easier to shop in Blackrod by ensuring adequate coverage across the length of the village of appropriate retail facilities that meet the needs of the residents and that these are served by convenient & adequate parking facilities.
4. Encourage more local shops and start-up businesses to be established in Blackrod to meet the increasing demands of a growing community.
5. Support the provision of farmers/craft market type shops/fairs in and around Blackrod.

<b>KEY ISSUE 1</b>
<b>Ensure, as far as practical, the retention of the existing “core” retail facilities within the Village</b>
<b>RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
Lack of shops & bank
Need to keep the community spirit and some shops would be good, they all seem to be closing.

<b>KEY ISSUE 2</b>
<b>Resist change of use of existing retail facilities which would result in the loss of amenity to the Village</b>
<b>RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
Need to keep the community spirit and some shops would be good, they all seem to be closing.

<b>KEY ISSUE 3</b>
<b>Make it easier to shop in Blackrod by ensuring adequate coverage across the length of the village of appropriate retail facilities that meet the needs of the residents and that these are served by convenient &amp; adequate parking facilities</b>
<b>RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
Not enough shops towards the bottom end of the village - it's a 40 minute trip to get essentials.
Shops or supermarket with reasonable prices to enable people to shop locally
We need a nice café like "Chill at the Cowshed" in Horwich - popular with young and old. Need to keep the community spirit and some shops would be good, they all seem to be closing.

<b>KEY ISSUE 4</b>
<b>Encourage more local shops and start-up businesses to be established in Blackrod to meet the increasing demands of a growing community.</b>
<b>RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
There is no vegetable shop.
All the shops have gone, banks, dentist, pubs.
Poor selection of shops;
What we dislike: No supermarket; no shops.
What needs to change: Chinese takeaway; more takeaways; more shops "down" Blackrod; shops on bottom of Blackrod.

<b>KEY ISSUE 5</b>
<b>Support the provision of farmers/craft market type shops/fairs in and around Blackrod.</b>
<b>RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED</b>
I like the idea proposed of a farmers market.

**KEY ISSUE 6**

**Ensure the continued provision of well-being support facilities to the village**

**RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED**

With the increasing ageing population Blackrod needs to be well provided with appropriate support services.

**Key Issues, Objectives and Supporting Policies**

<b>Key Issue</b>	<b>Key Issue Objective</b>	<b>Supporting Policy</b>
<p>1. Ensure, as far as practical, the retention of the existing “core” retail facilities within the Village.                      2. Resist change of use of existing retail facilities which would result in the loss of amenity to the Village.                      3. Make it easier to shop in Blackrod by ensuring adequate coverage across the length of the village of appropriate retail facilities that meet the needs of the residents and that these are served by convenient &amp; adequate parking facilities.                      4. Encourage more local shops and start-up businesses to be established in Blackrod to meet the increasing demands of a growing community.                      5. Support the provision of farmers/craft market type shops/fairs in and around Blackrod.</p>	<p><b>ERO 1</b>                      Ensure the retention and extension of essential retail facilities in order to maintain a vibrant Village.</p>	<p><b>ER 1</b>                      Retain existing “core” retail facilities</p>
		<p><b>ER 2</b>                      Encourage more local retail space that meets the needs of the Village</p>
		<p><b>ER 4</b>                      Support the provision of a farmers’ and/or craft market</p>
<p>6. Ensure the continued provision of well-being support facilities to the village</p>	<p><b>ERO 2</b>                      Ensure the continued provision of well-being support facilities to the Village</p>	<p><b>ER 3</b>                      Encourage the retention/expansion of well-being support services</p>

## Appendix 7: Economy and Employment

### VISION

Ensure our town will have a sustainable and prosperous local economy and support local business.

### KEY ISSUES FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(Based on feedback from consultations and the SWOT workshop)

1. Identify, review and seek to protect, as appropriate, all existing employment areas (including local “pockets”)
2. Support the development of a more modern and relevant Business Park to meet the demands of 21<sup>st</sup> century business opportunities in the current Blackrod Industrial Estate location.

#### KEY ISSUE 1

**Identify, review and seek to protect, as appropriate, all existing employment areas (including local “pockets”)**

#### RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED

What needs to change: More economic opportunities as I think the future will move to more local employment as traffic increases/train capacity overflows to Manchester.

#### KEY ISSUE 2

**Support the development of a more modern and relevant Business Park to meet the demands of 21<sup>st</sup> century business opportunities in the current Blackrod Industrial Estate location.**

#### RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED

What needs to change: More economic opportunities as I think the future will move to more local employment as traffic increases/train capacity overflows to Manchester.

This is an opportunity to improve the Blackrod Industrial Estate

## Key Issues, Objectives and Supporting Policies

Key Issue	Key Issue Objective	Supporting Policy
1. Identify, review and seek to protect, as appropriate, all existing employment areas (including local “pockets”)	<b>ER03</b> Retain existing and attract new businesses that can provide employment opportunities for local people	<b>ER5</b> Encourage the retention/expansion of existing employment
		<b>ER6</b> Support the retention of existing employment sites
2. Support the development of a more modern and relevant Business Park to meet the demands of 21st century business opportunities in the current Blackrod Industrial Estate location.	<b>ER04</b> Support the improvement and assist in the transition of Blackrod Industrial Estate into a modern industrial enterprise	<b>ER7</b> Support the improvement of Blackrod Industrial Estate



## Appendix 8: Built Heritage

### **VISION**

Preserve and enhance our heritage assets

### **KEY ISSUES FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

#### **(Based on feedback from consultations and SWOT workshop)**

1. Note all existing Grade II Listed buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan.
2. Identify other buildings/structures that may meet the criteria for Grade II Listing and work with English Heritage to secure appropriate Listing.
3. Identify other buildings/structures of local historical interest/importance to include in a Local List to become part of the Neighbourhood Plan.
4. Identify any “Areas of Special Character” which are considered to be of distinctive character or quality, and therefore worthy of local protection. These areas do not have the same status or level of protection as Conservation Areas, but designation helps identify and celebrate an area's special character and seeks to preserve and enhance it.

#### **KEY ISSUE 1**

**Note all existing Grade II Listed buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan.**

#### **RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED**

Residents on the steering group and heritage topic group obtained and checked relevant information from Bolton Council of all Grade II listed buildings and Scheduled Monuments, to check that all were correctly recorded.

#### **KEY ISSUE 2**

**Identify other buildings/structures that may meet the criteria for Grade II Listing and work with English Heritage to secure appropriate Listing.**

#### **RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED**

Several residents have suggested that the War memorial could possibly meet the criteria for listing Blackrod War Memorial identified and successfully Listed as Grade II in September 2018

**KEY ISSUE 3**

**Identify other buildings/structures of local historical interest/importance to include in a Local List to become part of the Neighbourhood Plan.**

**RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED**

I was born in Blackrod and have lived here most of my life. Almost all of the original stone cottages, primary school and pubs have been demolished since my childhood. I'm hoping there will be no more vanishing off the local landscape and, where necessary, preservation orders obtained, if possible.

I like the uniqueness of the town. Still maintains the feel - of a village

Residents on the steering group and topic group have drawn up a list of possible buildings/structures that are of local historical importance

As a building of historical importance we believe the Old Vicarage on Manchester Road should be considered as an important part of our heritage.

**KEY ISSUE 4**

**Identify any "Areas of Special Character" which are considered to be of distinctive character or quality, and therefore worthy of local protection. These areas do not have the same status or level of protection as Conservation Areas, but designation helps identify and celebrate an area's special character and seeks to preserve and enhance it.**

**RESPONSES VIA WEBSITE AND PAPER BASED**

## Key Issues, Objectives and Supporting Policies

Key Issue	Key Issue Objective	Supporting Policy
1. Note all existing Grade II Listed buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan.	<b>BHO1</b> Ensure protection for all existing Grade II Listed buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments	<b>BH1</b> Protection of Designated Heritage Assets (Listed Assets)
2. Identify other buildings/structures that may meet the criteria for Grade II Listing and work with English Heritage to secure appropriate Listing.	Pursue separately through English Heritage	
3. Identify other buildings/structures of local historical interest/importance to include in a Local List to become part of the Neighbourhood Plan.	<b>BHO2</b> Draw up a Local List of buildings/structures of local historical interest/importance which will then have relevant protection	<b>BH2</b> Protection of Non - Designated Heritage Assets (Local List)
4. Identify any "Areas of Special Character" which are considered to be of distinctive character or quality, and therefore worthy of local protection. These areas do not have the same status or level of protection as Conservation Areas, but designation helps identify and celebrate an area's special character and seeks to preserve and enhance it.	<b>BHO3</b> Draw up a list of "Areas of Special Character" which will then have relevant protection	<b>BH3</b> Protection of Areas of Special Character