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Report on the Survey and Plan

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THE SURVEY

A. Population 1,600 in October, 1966

B. Situation

- 1) Bampton lies on the level ground of the upper Thames Valley, two miles from the river.
- 2) Witney and Faringdon are $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Bampton; Oxford is 15 miles and Swindon is 17 miles.

C. Character

Bampton is an attractive limestone-built town with a central square and Town Hall. The facades along the three main streets are predominantly Georgian, spoilt in a few places by untidy advertisements and disproportionate shop fronts. Off the main streets, there are many large dwellings in well-treed grounds. All the older parts of Bampton are worthy of careful treatment in terms of consistency in use of materials, preservation of trees, retention of linking stone walls, and careful control of advertisements and shop fronts.

D. The People

A house-to-house survey has been carried out on a 50% sample basis. The following aspects of the village have been examined, and are summarised in the Tables at the end of this report.

Table I - length of residence of households in Bampton:-

The proportion of families who have moved into Bampton during the last 15 years has been lower than comparative figures revealed by House-to-house surveys carried out in 15 other villages scattered over the County. During the past 3 years, the number of incoming families has been accelerated by the establishment of married quarters for the Weald Signals Station. Even with this acceleration, the rate of influx has been comparatively slow.

Of the civilian families who have moved into Bampton during the past 15 years, 27% have moved either into Council-allocated houses, or chose houses in Bampton because of their suitability to their individual needs: 26% chose to live in Bampton because of its particular attractions as a home. The remainder moved into Bampton for family reasons. (See Table VII)

Table II

There are 478 households, with 1,527 inhabitants, in the Survey area. A further 20 families, with about 70 people live in outlying areas of the parish. The average household size is 3.17.

Table III

The proportion of children per age group per thousand population is considerably higher than the normal average of 16 per 1,000, in the children under 8 years old. This is likely to create temporary problems in school accommodation, and originates mainly from the Army estate

Table IV

36% of the population of Bampton are in employment. Of these, 42% work in Bampton; 21% in Witney and 10% in Oxford.

Table V

Vehicle ownership is low when compared with other villages in Oxfordshire which have been studied; this is probably a reflection of the relatively high degree of self-containment which the survey has shown in Bampton in terms of shopping and employment.

E. Shopping

About 20 shops are scattered along Bridge Street, High Street, and round the Square. One new shop is being established in the Council Housing estate. A fairly wide range of provisions is available, the principal deficiency being the lack of a Chemist's shop.

Most people in Bampton buy their food in the village itself, and 75% of the households get most of their provisions there. Bampton, as a shopping centre is more self-sufficient than most other villages in Oxfordshire, where social surveys have been carried out. However, about 70% of the households still shop regularly outside the village, visiting chiefly Witney but also Swindon and Oxford. People shopping outside Bampton tend to use a private car rather than the bus for their visits.

It is difficult to assess the parking situation at the Bampton shops while work is in progress on the present improvement scheme. Considerable lengths of layby, and a number of parking places will be provided. As most dwellings are within easy walking distance of the centre, this provision should be adequate.

F. Principal Road Connections

- 1) With other Settlements:-
 - a) A.4095 to Witney Faringdon and Swindon. Re-arrangement of road routings at County level may take through traffic on this road out of Bampton.
 - b) B.4449 - A rather tortuous link via Standlake to Eynsham and Cassington and thence to Oxford.
 - c) Buckland Road gives access onto A.420 (to Oxford, Faringdon and Swindon).
- 2) Within Village:-

Most roads other than the classified ones mentioned above are narrow or difficult over at least part of their length, forcing most village traffic onto classified roads.

G. Schools

- 1) Bampton's Primary School has adequate land attached, or adjacent, to it to cater for all foreseeable needs
- 2) Secondary School children attend schools in Witney.

H. Open Spaces

- 1) There is a Children's playing field adjacent to the Council Estate.
- 2) A Parish football ground lies about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile along Buckland Road.
- 3) The school has about six acres of playing field attached to it which may be available for general local use.
- 4) The Cemetery is expected to be adequate for foreseeable future needs.

I. Social Facilities, Public Services etc.

Bampton has the following facilities:-

Churches:-	Parish Church Baptist Chapel Methodist Chapel
Meeting Places:-	Womens Institute Hall (seating 120) Old Grammar School
Library:-	In Old Grammar School
Fire Station:-	In Town Hall (premises rented from Parish Council)
Police Station	

There is a suggestion that new premises for the Fire Station may be needed.

Surface Water Drainage

There has been some concern expressed about surface water drainage in the Bampton area. Some work towards the

alleviation of this problem has already been carried out, and further work is planned in the Clanfield Road area. It is understood that these drainage works will remove existing difficulties.

Sewage Disposal

Concern has been expressed in Bampton about the likely effect of bringing A ston sewage to the Bampton works. The proposed scheme caters for the likely population increase, and the Ministry of Housing has approved it as satisfactory. No difficulties are therefore anticipated.

Water Supply

Adequate water can be made available for the future population of Bampton

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Conclusions arising from the Survey

Village Character

Care should be taken to preserve the character and amenities of those parts of Bampton which are of considerable visual attraction; and any opportunities to enhance them should be explored.

Future Growth

The rates of development in Bampton in the past have been slow, and Bampton is too far from major centres of employment for any great acceleration in development. The exception to this is the R. A. F. base at Carterton, but provision has already been made in the Carterton Village Map to meet this demand. There is, therefore, no justification for major expansion at Bampton.

Potential Development Areas

Most estate development has taken place to the north and east of Bampton. There is scope for some consolidation between these areas and the old village.

Central Area

There is capacity for considerable intensification of shopping and central area uses within the existing Central Area.

Road Conditions

Road links between northern areas of Bampton and the Central area cause some difficulty, and there is little that can be done to improve this. Major expansions of population, particularly out of walking distance from the centre, should therefore be avoided.

Facilities

For its size, Bampton is well served with public and social facilities. A Village Hall and second Children's play space are the principal deficiencies.

The Plan

The Plan shows the following features:-

1) Population: 1965 - 1,600; 1981 - 2,200

2) Existing Area Primarily for Residential Use:-

An area of very high visual quality and amenity is distinguished. It is recommended that a policy be adopted here of consistency in use of building materials to blend with local stone; high quality of design; retention of stone walls, and preservation of trees and important open spaces.

2) Proposed Residential Areas:

Existing planning permissions and estates under construction will carry the population to about 2,000.

Two further areas are shown for development.

a) Consolidation of development on open areas between New Inn Lane and the Army development. It is suggested that this be designed to retain the existing footpath as a main pedestrian route into the Central Area. A small Children's play area can be set aside off the footpath.

b) An area of land between Broad Street and Queen's Street: several applications for individual sites have been refused in this area; development here would only be acceptable if a comprehensive scheme could be achieved, incorporating a satisfactory access to the site.

These suggested residential areas total approximately 8 acres, and will accommodate about 200 people.

Village Centre

The whole village centre comes within the area of very high visual quality and amenity. New shops should be encouraged to concentrate in this area, although the odd corner shop would be acceptable in the more distant estates. New shop fronts should be designed to harmonize with the predominantly Georgian facades. In one or two existing cases, advertisement challenge might be considered.

The Weald Area

The Weald area has a number of cottages and farmhouses interspersed with orchards and farmyards. Appreciable intensification of development here would be undesirable in that the existing road system is inadequate to serve it, and it would form a block of development divorced from many of Bampton's amenities and services.

Primary School

A considerable area of land is attached to the Primary School; this should be adequate for all foreseeable needs.

Village Hall

It is suggested that a village hall could be built on part of the Children's Play space near the Council Estate. The loss of play area could be compensated for by its extension into the School Playing Field, or by the provision of a second play area in the proposed residential area.

The Village Hall could, if necessary, incorporate various social and welfare services.

Old People's Accommodation

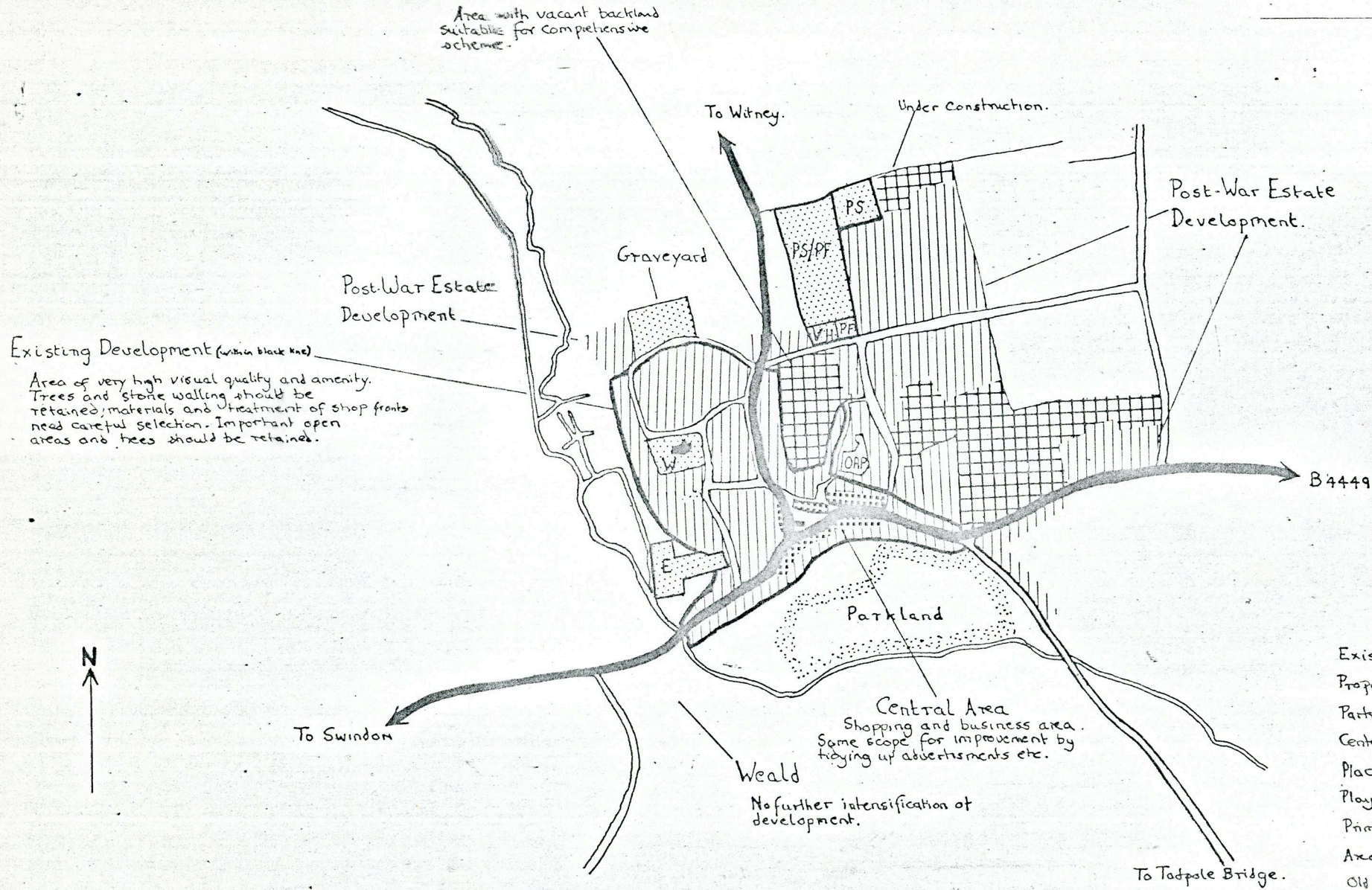
Planning permission exists for Old Age Persons Dwellings off Queen's Street.

Roads and Parking

It is hoped that the adjustment of routings can relieve Bampton of some through traffic; a by-pass is not a viable proposition in the foreseeable future. A.4095 and B.4449 will continue to be the principal cross-village routes.

It would be impracticable to suggest the allocation of any further areas for parking at the present time, before the effect of the present road works is seen. If further areas for parking are required, they could perhaps be situated off Church Lane.

BAMPTON VILLAGE MAP



Area with vacant backland suitable for comprehensive scheme.

To Witney.

Under Construction.

Post-War Estate Development.

Post-War Estate Development

Graveyard

Existing Development (within black line)

Area of very high visual quality and amenity. Trees and stone walling should be retained; materials and treatment of shop fronts need careful selection. Important open areas and trees should be retained.

B4449

Parkland

Central Area
Shopping and business area.
Some scope for improvement by tying up advertisements etc.

Weald

No further intensification of development.

To Tadpole Bridge.

To Swindon



REFERENCE

Existing Residential areas	.....
Proposed Residential areas	.....
Parkland	.....
Central Commercial Area	.....
Place of Worship	.....
Playing field	.....
Primary School	.....
Area for Educational Purposes	.....
Old Persons Home	.....
Village Hall	.....

Scale 6" to 1 mile.

This Map is purely diagrammatic.

Table I

Length of Residence and Place of Origin of Bampton Households

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Length of Residence	Place of Origin						Total	
	Witney R.D.	Witney U.D.	Elsewhere in Oxon	Berks	South-East	U.K.		Abroad
Under 1 year	-	3	7	-	-	17	6	33
1 - 2 years	7	3	3	7	17	16	13	66
3 - 4 years	13	-	-	10	6	10	-	39
5 - 6 years	3	-	-	3	-	4	-	10
7 - 10 years	3	-	-	-	10	13	4	30
11 - 15 years	4	3	-	-	3	-	-	10
Total	30	9	10	20	36	60	23	188
Total Households resident in Village over 15 years								290
Total Households in the Village								478

Table II

Population and Household Size in Bampton

Size of household	No. of households	Population
1 person	59	59
2 people	116	232
3 people	115	345
4 people	99	396
5 people	49	245
6 people	30	180
7 people	10	70
Total	478	1,527

3.17 persons per household

Table III

Child Population of Bampton

Length of Residence	Population	Age of Children						Total
		Under 1	1-4 years	5-7 years	8-10 years	11-15 years	16-18 years	
Under 1 year	122	7	10	17	10	10	-	54
1 - 2 years	231	13	36	13	17	10	7	96
3 - 4 years	152	7	23	7	-	13	3	53
5 - 6 years	23	3	3	-	-	-	-	6
7 - 10 years	82	-	-	3	7	13	-	23
11 - 15 years	33	-	3	3	-	-	-	6
Over 15 years	884	7	33	46	33	86	36	241
Total	1,527	37	108	89	67	132	46	449
Children per year group		37	27	30	22	26	15	
Average children per year group per 1,000 population		24	18	20	14	17	10	

Table IV

Place of Work and Means of Travel to Work

Place of Work	Means of travel to Work					Total
	Car	Walk	Bus	Cycle	Other	
Bampton	33	155	-	46	13	247
Witney R.D.	46	-	3	3	10	62
Witney	63	-	43	3	10	119
Oxford	56	-	-	-	7	63
Elsewhere in Oxon	7	-	-	-	-	7
Those travelling in Bampton Area	23	-	-	-	17	40
Adjoining Counties	20	-	-	-	-	20
Elsewhere	7	-	-	-	3	10
Total	255	155	46	52	60	568

Table V

Vehicle Ownership in Bampton

Length of Residence	Number of households	1 car households	2 car households	3 car households	other combinations of vehicles	Total households with vehicles	Total vehicles	Population	Licensed drivers
Under 1 year	33	23	-	-	7	30	36	122	40
1 - 2 years	66	46	3	-	3	52	62	231	83
3 - 4 years	39	17	10	-	7	34	47	152	59
5 - 6 years	10	3	-	-	-	3	3	23	7
7 - 10 years	30	3	10	-	3	16	30	82	30
11 - 15 years	10	3	3	-	-	6	9	33	10
Over 15 years	290	102	13	3	26	144	200	884	238
Total	478	197	39	3	46	285	387	1,527	467

Table VI

SHOPPING HABITS OF Bampton HOUSEHOLDS.

Length of Residence in Bampton.	Number of Households	Households shopping in Bampton for:			No. of households shopping regularly in other towns:											
		Food	Other goods	Most provisions	WITNEY			SALINDON			OXFORD			OTHER PLACES.		
					Number	By Car	By Bus	Number	By Car	By Bus	Number	By Car	By Bus	Number	By Car	By Bus.
Under 15 yrs	188	182	135	135	112	86	26	3	3	-	23	17	6	3	3	-
Over 15 yrs	290	267	188	231	139	63	76	26	13	13	17	10	7	10	7	3
TOTAL	478	449	323	366	251	149	102	29	16	13	40	27	13	13	10	3

Table VII

REASON FOR CHOICE OF BANPTON AS PLACE OF RESIDENCE.

Place of Origin	Particular reason for choice of Banpton:					
	Like Banpton	Forces	Suitable house available & price	Access to work	Family and personal reasons	Total
Witney R.D.	7	-	20	3	-	30
Witney U.D.	-	6	-	3	-	9
Elsewhere in Oxon.	-	-	3	7	-	10
Berk's C.	10	-	7	3	-	20
Elsewhere in S.E.	7	3	16	10	-	36
U.K.	7	20	13	13	7	60
Abroad.	3	17	3	-	-	23
Total	34	46	62	39	7	168