

Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council

**Old Basing & Lychpit
Neighbourhood Plan 2015-2029
Basic Conditions Statement**

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Basic Conditions Statement has been produced to accompany the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan (referred to as 'the Plan' or 'the OB&LNP').
- 1.2 The relevant legal framework for the preparation and making of Neighbourhood Plans is provided by the Localism Act 2011 which amended existing legislation as follows:
- Town and Country Planning Act 1990: ss. 61F, 61I, 61M-P and Schedule 4B
 - Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004: ss 38A-C
 - The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (2012 No.637) (As Amended)
- 1.3 Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Town & Country Planning Act requires that a Neighbourhood Plan will be considered to have met the seven basic conditions if:
1. It has regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood development plan;
 2. It has special regard to the desirability of preserving any listed building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest that it possesses, it is appropriate to make the order;
 3. It has special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of any conservation area, it is appropriate to make the order;
 4. The making of the neighbourhood development plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
 5. The making of the neighbourhood development plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area);
 6. The making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations; and
 7. The prescribed conditions are met in relation to the neighbourhood plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the neighbourhood plan.
- 1.4 Basic Conditions 2 and 3 relate to neighbourhood development orders therefore are not relevant to the consideration of whether the OB&LNP meets the basic conditions.

Supporting documents and evidence

- 1.5 The OB&LNP is supported by a Consultation Statement and this Basic Conditions Statement.

Key statements

- 1.6 Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council is a qualifying body and entitled to submit a Neighbourhood Plan for its own parish. The OB&LNP expresses policies that relate to the development and use of land only within the neighbourhood area.
- 1.7 The neighbourhood area is contiguous with the parish boundary, as shown in the map accompanying the neighbourhood area designation application.
- 1.8 The OB&LNP covers the period from 2015 to 2029.

- 1.9 No provision for excluded development such as national infrastructure is contained within the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.10 The OB&LNP does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area. It is solely related to the area of Old Basing & Lychpit as designated by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council on 2nd October 2014.
- 1.11 There are no other Neighbourhood Development Plans in place for the Old Basing & Lychpit neighbourhood area.

2 CONFORMITY WITH NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY

Introduction

- 2.1 It is required that the Old Basing & Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan (OB&LNP) has appropriate regard to national planning policy. This is principally provided by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

National Planning Policy Framework

- 2.2 The NPPF in sections 183-185 refers to Neighbourhood Development Plans and seeks that those plans have regard to the policies in the NPPF and to be in 'general conformity' with the strategic policies of the Local Plan. This phrasing is explained more clearly by the Localism Act which refers to the 'adopted Development Plan'.
- 2.3 This section demonstrates that the OB&LNP has regard to relevant policies within the NPPF in relation to:
- Building a strong, competitive economy
 - Ensuring the vitality of town centres
 - Supporting a prosperous rural economy
 - Promoting sustainable transport
 - Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes
 - Requiring good design
 - Promoting healthy communities
 - Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
 - Conserving and enhancing the historic environment
- 2.4 The OB&LNP has nine principal objectives. We summarise them in Table 2.1 below and which NPPF goals each objective seeks to address.
- 2.5 Table 2.2 then provides a summary of how each policy in the OB&LNP conforms specifically to the NPPF.

Table 2.1: Assessment of OB&LNP objectives against NPPF goals

OB&LNP Objective	Relevant NPPF goal
1. To ensure the new development provides cycling and walking connectivity to the existing network and the town	Promoting sustainable transport Promoting healthy communities Building a strong, competitive economy
2. Develop footways at railway bridges and other points to improve safety of the community	Promoting sustainable transport Promoting healthy communities
3. To promote traffic measures that discourage congestion and ad hoc traffic using a "rat run" from the Eastern side of the parish to the East of Basingstoke	Promoting sustainable transport
4. To preserve the features of the landscape that distinguish it as part of the Loddon Valley	Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
5. To ensure new development does not detract from the iconic views of Old Basing	Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
6. To protect areas of Local Green Space that are of significance to the community	Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
7. To protect and enhance the historic environment of the Village and District	Conserving and enhancing the historic environment
8. To ensure that all new development should have regard to the Village Design Statement (2006) in terms of design, and where appropriate designed sympathetically to existing surroundings	Requiring good design
9. To provide sufficient dwellings that meet the needs in particular of first time buyers and those wishing to downsize	Achieving sustainable development Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes

Table 2.2: Assessment of how each policy in the OB&LNP conforms to the NPPF

No.	Policy title and reference	NPPF ref. (para.)	Commentary
1	Policy 1 Movement Routes	29, 35, 69, 75	Seeks to improve access to key facilities within Old Basing & Lychpit and ensure that non-car users have alternative routes to the existing road network. This also helps to reduce carbon emissions and air pollution caused by motor vehicle movement.
2	Policy 2 Developer Contribution	29, 35, 69, 75	Seeks to improve access to key facilities within Old Basing & Lychpit and ensure that the necessary infrastructure is delivered to ensure that non-car users have alternative routes to the existing road network.
4	Policy 3 Settlement Policy Boundary	55, 109, 110, 111	Defines the built up area boundary to ensure consistency with the need to deliver affordable and open market rural homes and to protect the high quality natural landscape beyond the urban edge.
5	Policy 4 Protection of Iconic Views	99, 109, 113, 126	Seeks to ensure that key views are retained for residents and visitors alike.
6	Policy 5 Protection & enhancement of Local Green Spaces	74, 76, 77	Makes use of the provision for making a designation and applies the site selection criteria.
7	Policy 6 Protection of Historic Environment	9, 126	Seeks to retain and enhance the unique character of the heritage assets in the parish.
8	Policy 7 Appearance of Development	56, 58, 60	Seeks to ensure that development is not out of keeping with the design of surrounding buildings, without stifling high quality or innovative design.
9	Policy 8 Housing size	9, 50, 54	Addresses the need for a mix of dwelling sizes – and particularly a greater proportion of smaller dwellings than has been delivered in the past – in order to provide for local needs.

3 CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- 3.1 The NPPF states in paragraph 14 that a presumption in favour of sustainable development is at the heart of the NPPF and 'should be seen as a golden thread running through both plan-making and decision-taking.'
- 3.2 Table 3.1 below summarises how the objectives and policies in the OB&LNP contribute towards sustainable development, as defined in the NPPF.

Table 3.1: Assessment of OB&LNP objectives and policies against sustainable development

Deliver Economic Sustainability	
<i>NPPF Definition – "Support strong vibrant and healthy communities"</i>	
OB&LNP Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the new development provides cycling and walking connectivity to the existing network and the town
OB&LNP Policies	OB&L 1: MOVEMENT ROUTES
OB&LNP Comments	Improved movement, particularly by non-car modes, makes Old Basing and Lychpit a more attractive place to live. With the general increase in home working, this will encourage people to develop businesses and to reduce out-commuting which in turn will reduce the pressure on the strategic transport network and therefore decrease carbon emissions and air pollution.

Deliver Social Sustainability	
<i>NPPF Definition – "Support strong vibrant and healthy communities"</i>	
OB&LNP Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the new development provides cycling and walking connectivity to the existing network and the town Develop footways at railway bridges and other points to improve safety of the community To promote traffic measures that discourage congestion and ad hoc traffic using a "rat run" from the eastern side of the parish to the East of Basingstoke To provide sufficient dwellings that meet the needs in particular of first time buyers and those wishing to downsize
OB&LNP Policies	OB&L 1: MOVEMENT ROUTES OB&L 2: DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTION OB&L 5: PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF LOCAL GREEN SPACES OB&L 8: HOUSING SIZE
OB&LNP Comments	The OB&LNP seeks to maintain a thriving community within Old Basing & Lychpit. It also seeks to protect existing leisure assets and encourages walking and cycling by identifying specific improvements needed. The decrease in car movements and

	associate congestion will decrease air pollution and its effects on human health. The protection of green spaces will mean they continue to provide places for the community to engage in informal recreation, including walking. The delivery of a range of housing sizes will ensure that the housing needs of a wider range of the existing community can be met.
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Deliver Environmental Sustainability	
<i>NPPF Definition – 'Contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment and mitigate and adapt to climate change'</i>	
OB&LNP Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To preserve the features of the landscape that distinguish it as part of the Loddon Valley ○ To ensure new development does not detract from the iconic views of Old Basing ○ To protect areas of Local Green Space that are of significance to the community ○ To protect and enhance the historic environment of the Village and District ○ To ensure that all new developments have regard to the Village Design Statement (2006) in terms of design, and where appropriate designed sympathetically to existing surroundings
OB&LNP Policies	<p>OB&L 3: SETTLEMENT POLICY BOUNDARY</p> <p>OB&L 4: PROTECTION OF ICONIC VIEWS</p> <p>OB&L 5: PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF LOCAL GREEN SPACES</p> <p>OB&L 6: PROTECTION OF HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>OB&L 7: APPEARANCE OF DEVELOPMENT</p>
OB&LNP Comments	The OB&LNP seeks to protect the character of Old Basing & Lychpit by focusing development within the existing built up area, requiring good design of new development and by designating certain spaces as local green spaces of importance to the local community. It places a focus on protecting the high quality landscape and particularly limiting activity on the Loddon Valley. Similarly it seeks to protect and enhance the heritage assets in the parish.

- 3.3 As demonstrated in Table 3.1, the strategic objectives of the Neighbourhood Development Plan are considered to comprise a balance of economic and environmental goals.
- 3.4 Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council considered that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was not required because the OB&LNP is not likely to have a significant impact upon the environment. (Appendix A)

4 GENERAL CONFORMITY WITH THE STRATEGIC POLICIES OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

4.1 The development plan currently consists of the following:

- Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Local Plan 2011-2029
- Hampshire Mineral and Waste Plan 2013
- Oakley & Deane Neighbourhood Plan 2011-2029
- Overton Neighbourhood Plan 2016-2029
- Bramley Neighbourhood Plan 2011-2029
- Sherborne St John Neighbourhood Plan 2011-2029
- Whitchurch Neighbourhood Plan 2014-2029

4.2 The policies of relevance are shown in Table 4.1 below, along with a consideration of whether they represent the strategic policies of the development plan. Where they do, consideration is made of whether the OB&LNP is in general conformity with them.

4.3 Any policy that is not identified in Table 4.1 is not considered to be relevant to the OB&LNP because the OB&LNP does not have any policies that directly relate to it.

Table 4.1: Relevant strategic policies in the Basingstoke and Deane Development Plan Documents

Local Plan Policy	OB&LNP policy
Basingstoke & Deane Local Plan	
SS3.1: Swing Swang Lane	OB&L has worked with BDBC to avoid conflict over strategic sites and OB&L fully supports the BDBC policy. Policies OB&L1 and 2, OB&L6, OB&L7 and OB&L8 will guide detailed development proposals on the strategic sites but are in general conformity with the strategic policy.
SS3.9: East of Basingstoke	OB&L has worked with BDBC to avoid conflict over strategic sites and OB&L fully supports the BDBC policy. Policies OB&L1 and 2, OB&L6, OB&L7 and OB&L8 will guide detailed development proposals on the strategic sites but are in general conformity with the strategic policy.
SS5: Neighbourhood Planning	Policy OB&L3 establishes the settlement boundary of the town and provides policies OB&L7 and OB&L8) to inform new housing development.
SS6: New Housing in the Countryside	Policy OB&L3 establishes the settlement boundary of the parish and what uses are suitable outside the boundary. Policy OB&L4 protects iconic views from intrusive and insensitive development in the countryside.
CN3: Housing Mix for Market Housing	Policy OB&L8 establishes further important housing mix principles for new developments specifically relating to smaller housing which represents a local need.
CN6: Infrastructure	Policy OB&L2 establishes the expectation of developers to contribute positively towards improvement of movement routes
CN9: Transport	Policy OB&L1 seek to improve access for pedestrians and cyclists
EM1: Landscape	Policy OB&L4 protects iconic views across the Loddon Valley from intrusive and insensitive development
EM5: Green Infrastructure	Policy OB&L5 seeks to protect and enhance two important green spaces
EM10: Delivering High Quality Development	Policy OB&L7 seeks to preserve the character of the Conservation Areas and also the features and rural character of the parish
EM11: The Historic Environment	Policy OB&L6 seeks to preserve the historic features and character of the parish

5 DOES NOT BREACH, AND IS COMPATIBLE WITH, EU OBLIGATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 The Neighbourhood Development Plan has regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and complies with the Human Rights Act. OB&LNPSG undertook an Equality Impact Assessment to assess the implications of the policies included in the Neighbourhood Plan. This can be found in Appendix B.
- 5.2 In February 2017 the OB&L steering group submitted a formal screening request regarding the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and an appropriate Assessment under the EU Habitats Regulations of the draft OB&LNP. On 9th March 2017 Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council formally stated that neither an SEA nor and HRA was required. This formal opinion is included as Appendix A.

6 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The Basic Conditions as set out in Schedule 4B to the TCPA 1990 are considered to be met by the Old Basing & Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan and all the policies therein. It is therefore respectfully suggested to the Examiner that the Old Basing & Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan complies with Paragraph 8(1)(a) of Schedule 4B of the Act.

Appendix A: SEA Screening Decision Letter



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Dear Sandra

Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Opinion

This letter sets out the borough council's screening opinion concerning the need for SEA and HRA in relation to the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan. This screening opinion has been underpinned by a detailed report and the opinions of the three consultation bodies (Environment Agency, Natural England and English Heritage).

The screening process undertaken concludes that in order to meet the 'basic conditions¹' for neighbourhood planning **an Environmental Assessment is not considered to be required to accompany the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan and it would not need to be subject to HRA.** The reasons for the decision are set out below:

Strategic Environmental Assessment

Following analysis undertaken to assess the effects on the environment resulting from the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan including from the scale of development and other policies proposed, it is considered significant effects on the environment are not likely and therefore a SEA is considered to not be required.

Habitats Regulations Assessment

There is one European site within a 10km buffer zone of the neighbourhood area, namely the Thames Basin Heath Special Protection Area (SPA). A small part of the parish of Old Basing and Lychpit is within the 7km buffer zone of the SPA.

Given the nature of the development which is likely to be facilitated by the neighbourhood plan, which is small scale residential development in line with policies SS5 and SS6 of the adopted Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan (2011-2029) (ALP), it is considered that the impacts of the plan are likely to be fairly localised, and would not impact on the SPA or any European sites.

In addition, policy EM3 (Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area) of the ALP provides an additional framework in relation to potential sites within the 5km and 5-7km buffer zones.

It is considered that there are not likely to be significant effects on any European sites flowing from the Neighbourhood Plan and therefore a HRA is considered to not be required.

Further information on the above can be found within the final version of the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Screening Report (March 2017). The responses from the three consultation bodies can be found in Appendix 4 of the Screening Report.

Yours Sincerely

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Enc. final version of the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Screening Report
(March 2017)

¹ Requirement (f), that the making of the order or neighbourhood plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with EU Obligations. The basic conditions are set out in [paragraph 8\(2\) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990](#) as applied to neighbourhood plans by section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

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Appendix B

Equality Impact Assessment for the Old Basing & Lychpit neighbourhood plan.

Neighbourhood Plans fall within the remit of the Equality Act 2010. This legislation seeks to ensure that no groups or individuals are disadvantaged as a result of decisions being made, which fail to take account of their requirements and that policies and decision making do not discriminate either accidentally or deliberately.

The reason for carrying out this Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is to ensure that decisions made by Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council on the Neighbourhood Plan are based on sound evidence and will not discriminate against anyone with any of the 9 protected characteristics shown below.

PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS

Age: Where this is referred to, it refers to a person belonging to a particular age (e.g. 32 year olds) or range of ages (e.g. 18 - 30 year olds).

Disability: A person has a disability if s/he has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on that person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

Gender Reassignment: The process of transitioning from one gender to another.

Marriage and Civil Partnership: Marriage is defined as a 'union between a man and a woman'. Same-sex couples can have their relationships legally recognised as 'civil partnerships'. Civil partners must be treated the same as married couples on a wide range of legal matters.

Pregnancy and Maternity: Pregnancy is the condition of being pregnant or expecting a baby. Maternity refers to the period after the birth, and is linked to maternity leave in the employment context. In the non-work context, protection against maternity discrimination is for 26 weeks after giving birth, and this includes treating a woman unfavorably because she is breastfeeding.

Race: Refers to the protected characteristic of Race. It refers to a group of people defined by their race, colour, and nationality (including citizenship) ethnic or national origins.

Religion and belief: Religion has the meaning usually given to it but belief includes religious and philosophical beliefs including lack of belief (e.g. Atheism). Generally, a belief should affect your life choices or the way you live for it to be included in the definition.

Sex: Man or a woman.

Sexual orientation: Whether a person's sexual attraction is towards their own sex, the opposite sex or to both sexes.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS.

Whilst it is unlikely that a Neighbourhood Plan would have a significant impact on a group with protected characteristics; the possibility still exists and therefore there is a requirement to screen the presumed outcomes of policies.

It is also important to note that the Old Basing & Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan has been drafted following significant consultation with the resident community as set out in the consultation statement which is an appendix to the Plan.

ASSESSING THE PLAN POLICIES

This EIA has been produced to assess the implications of policies included in the Regulation 14 or consultation draft of the Old Basing & Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan. This has been produced utilising guidance on the Equality and Human Rights Commission and Department of Communities and Local Government websites.

The following Tables assess the Plan's policies for their likely impact on the protected characteristics; positive, neutral or negative impacts are noted.

Where an impact is positive or neutral, no change will be made to the policy. Where a negative impact is noted, a grading is assigned; 'high' means that mitigation is unlikely to overcome the issue; 'medium' means that future or existing mitigation could overcome the issue; 'low' means that the issue is judged insignificant.

The results of this assessment may lead to final changes prior to submission or inform suggested changes at a later stage by the examiner.

Policy OB&L1 Movement Routes	Positive	Neutral	Neg.L.	Neg.M.	Neg.H.
Protected Characteristic					
Age	X				
Disability	X				
Marriage or civil partnership		X			
Pregnancy and maternity	X				
Race		X			
Religion and belief		X			
Sex		X			
Sexual orientation		X			
Gender reassignment		X			
Commentary:	This Policy is specifically aimed at ensuring future developments have safe accessibility to the Parish and to Basingstoke Town				
Mitigation	None required.				

Policy OB&L2 Developer Contribution	Positive	Neutral	Neg.L.	Neg.M.	Neg.H.
Protected Characteristic					
Age	X				
Disability	X				
Marriage or civil partnership		X			
Pregnancy and maternity	X				
Race		X			
Religion and belief		X			
Sex		X			
Sexual orientation		X			
Gender reassignment		X			
Commentary	This Policy is specifically aimed at ensuring future developments have safe accessibility to the Parish and to Basingstoke Town				
Mitigation	None required.				

Policy OB&L3 Settlement Policy Boundary	Positive	Neutral	Neg.L.	Neg.M.	Neg.H.
Protected Characteristic					
Age	X				
Disability	X				
Marriage or civil partnership		X			
Pregnancy and maternity		X			
Race		X			
Religion and belief		X			
Sex		X			
Sexual orientation		X			
Gender reassignment		X			
Commentary					
Mitigation	None required.				

Policy OB&L4 Protection of Iconic Views	Positive	Neutral	Neg.L.	Neg.M.	Neg.H.
Protected Characteristic		X			
Age		X			
Disability		X			
Marriage or civil partnership		X			
Pregnancy and maternity		X			
Race		X			
Religion and belief		X			
Sex		X			
Sexual orientation		X			
Gender reassignment		X			
Commentary	Applicable to the whole community				
Mitigation	None required.				

Policy OB&L5 Protection and enhancement of Local Green	Positive	Neutral	Neg.L.	Neg.M.	Neg.H.
Protected Characteristic					
Age		X			
Disability		X			
Marriage or civil partnership		X			
Pregnancy and maternity		X			
Race		X			
Religion and belief		X			
Sex		X			
Sexual orientation		X			
Gender reassignment		X			
Commentary	Applicable to the whole community				
Mitigation	None required.				

Policy OB&L6 Protection of Historic Environment	Positive	Neutral	Neg.L.	Neg.M.	Neg.H.
Protected Characteristic					
Age		X			
Disability		X			
Marriage or civil partnership		X			
Pregnancy and maternity		X			
Race		X			
Religion and belief		X			
Sex		X			
Sexual orientation		X			
Gender reassignment		X			
Commentary	This policy is intended to preserve and enhance the existing assets in the Parish to the benefit of the whole community				
Mitigation	None required.				

Policy OB&L7 Appearance of Development	Positive	Neutral	Neg.L.	Neg.M.	Neg.H.
Protected Characteristic					
Age		X			
Disability		X			
Marriage or civil partnership		X			
Pregnancy and maternity		X			
Race		X			
Religion and belief		X			
Sex		X			
Sexual orientation		X			
Gender reassignment		X			
Commentary	This policy is intended to enhance the existing assets in the Parish to the benefit of the whole community				
Mitigation	None required.				

Policy OB&L8 Housing Mix	Positive	Neutral	Neg.L.	Neg.M.	Neg.H.
Protected Characteristic					
Age	X				
Disability	X				
Marriage or civil partnership		X			
Pregnancy and maternity		X			
Race		X			
Religion and belief		X			
Sex		X			
Sexual orientation		X			
Gender reassignment		X			
Commentary	This policy is intended to provide for the aging population in the parish and improve opportunities for younger generations to live within the parish				
Mitigation	None required				

BASELINE DATA

Data for Old Basing & Lychpit is available for the following protected characteristics: age, disability, race, religious belief and gender.

The Data in the tables below comes from the below comes from the 2011 Census.

In 2011 there were 7,308 people living in Old Basing & Lychpit. Of these, 49.15% were male and 50.85% were female.

Age	Volume	%
0-4	429	5.87
5.-17	1090	14.92
18-64	4543	62.16
65-84	1065	14.57
85+	181	2.48

Ethnicity	Volume	%
White British/Welsh/Scottish/N Irish	6627	90.68
White Other	295	4.04
Asian/Asian British	214	2.93
Mixed/multiple ethnicity	117	1.60
Other (including Black/Black British)	55	0.75

Marital Status (aged 16 and over)	Volume	%
Married	3508	58.87
Single	1377	23.11
Separated or divorced	631	10.59
Widowed/surviving partner	423	7.10
Civil Partnership	20	0.34

Religious Belief	Volume	%
Christians	4741	64.87
Buddhist	16	0.22
Hindu	57	0.78
Jewish	5	0.07
Muslim	23	0.31
Sikh	29	0.40
Other Religion	14	0.19
No Religion	1879	25.71
Religion not stated	544	7.44

Limitation of Day-to-Day Activities	Volume	%
Day-to-Day Activities Not Limited	6324	86.54
Day-to-Day Activities Limited a Little	605	8.28
Day-to-Day Activities Limited a Lot	379	5.18