

Parish Data: Blisworth

The purpose of the data in this paper is to provide a picture of what your Parish is like now so that you can begin to use the information to consider what you would like your Parish to be like in 15/20 years.

This profile is provided to offer a range of background information that might be useful during the rural settlement planning process that is being carried out to support the preparation of the South Northamptonshire Settlements and Development Management Local Plan.

The information contained within this profile has been sourced and developed from the 2001 and 2011 censuses. Whilst not all of the information may be required for the purpose of this exercise, it was thought helpful to ensure that a comprehensive range of background information is available to Parish Councils¹. A map attached at Appendix B defines the boundary of the Parish to which the census data relates.

Policy R1 of the Joint Core Strategy which will provide the framework for the planning of rural areas and settlements within this Local Plan aims to ensure that the scale of the future development of rural settlements is consistent with the objective of meeting local needs and supporting local services². It is therefore important to consider what your Parish is like now and what needs it has for the future.

1. Population and Age Structure
2. Housing
3. Social indicators – Accessibility/ Car Ownership & Owner-occupancy
4. Employment

¹ Please note: some of the statistics may not be available for individual parishes.

² The wording of Policy R1 is yet to be agreed. Further clarification on this may be available at the end of December with the publication of the proposed modifications to the Joint Core Strategy.

1. Population and Age Structureⁱ

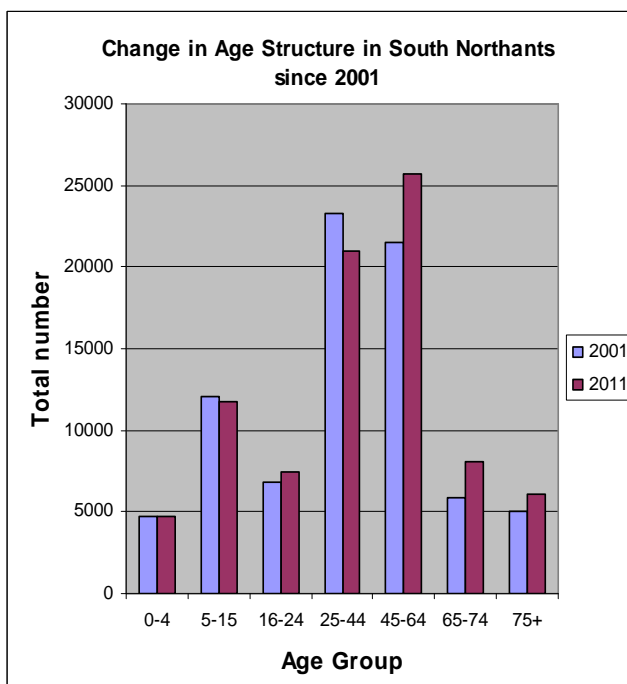
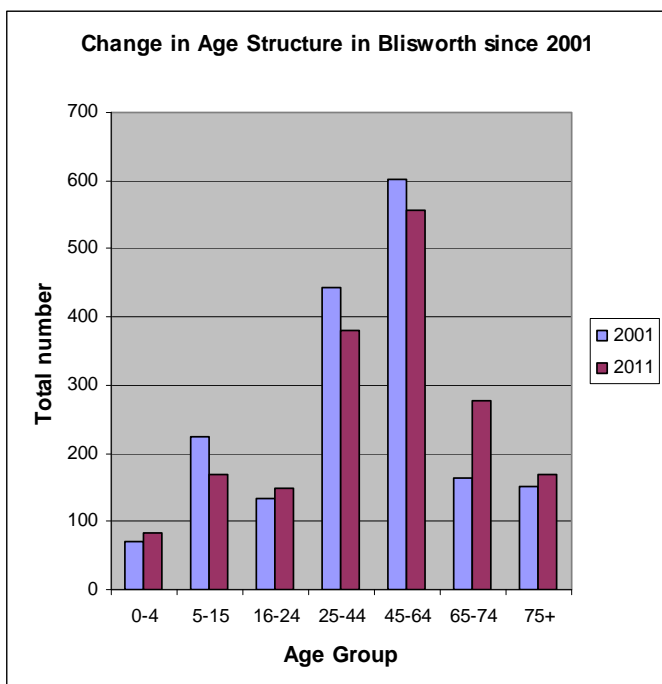
There are a range of sources that can provide information on the population of a Parish. The Census offers a comprehensive source for population information. The table below provides information on the population of the parish of Blisworth and South Northamptonshire (SNC) as a whole.

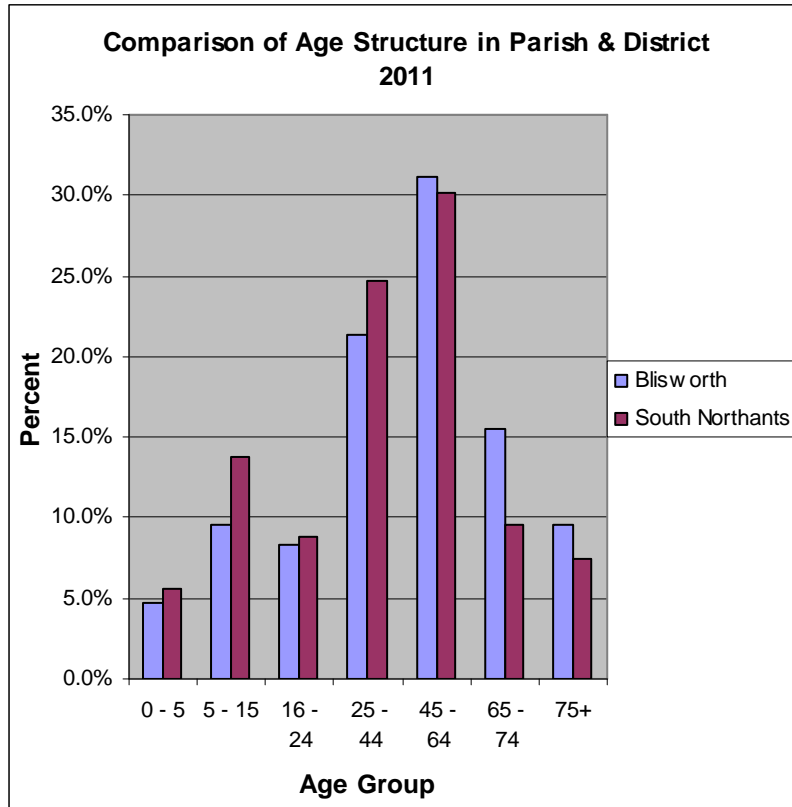
Population (2001 and 2011): Blisworth Parish and SNC				
	2001	2011	Change (2001 – 2011)	% Change (2001 – 2011)
Blisworth	1786	1785	-1	0%
SNC	79,293	85,189	+5896	7%

Population – Age Structureⁱⁱ

Using information from the 2001 and 2011 Censuses, a breakdown of the parish population by age is provided below.

Population by age (2001 and 2011): Blisworth Parish and SNC								
	0-4	5-15	16-24	25-44	45-64	65-74	75+	Average Age
2001	70	223	133	443	602	164	151	43.27
<i>2001 %</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>12.5</i>	<i>7.4</i>	<i>24.8</i>	<i>33.7</i>	<i>9.2</i>	<i>8.5</i>	
2011	84	169	149	381	557	276	169	45.9
<i>2011 %</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>21.3</i>	<i>31.2</i>	<i>15.5</i>	<i>9.5</i>	
SNC	4771	11794	7481	21027	25717	8096	6063	41.1
<i>SNC %</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>13.8</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>24.7</i>	<i>30.2</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>7.4</i>	





2. Housing Data

Number of Householdsⁱⁱⁱ

An estimate of the number of households within the Parish at 2001 and 2011 is provided below based upon information obtained from the Censuses. Figures are also provided on the scale of change over that period and how the estimate of household size (i.e. number of people per household) has also changed over that time.

Number of Households (2001 and 2011): Blisworth Parish and SNC				
	2001	2011	Change (2001-2011)	% change (2001 – 2011)
Total number households	792	824	+32	+4%
Household spaces with at least 1 usual resident	771	796	+25	
Household spaces with no usual residents	19	28	+9	
Average Household Size^{iv}	2.32	2.2	-0.12	
SNC Average Household Size	2.48	2.4	-0.11	

Number of Dwellings^v

An estimate of the number of dwellings in the Parish at 2001 and 2011 is provided below based upon information obtained from the Censuses

Number of Dwellings (2001 and 2011): Blisworth Parish				
	2001	2011	Change (2001-2011)	% change (2001 – 2011)
Dwellings	792	824	+32	4%

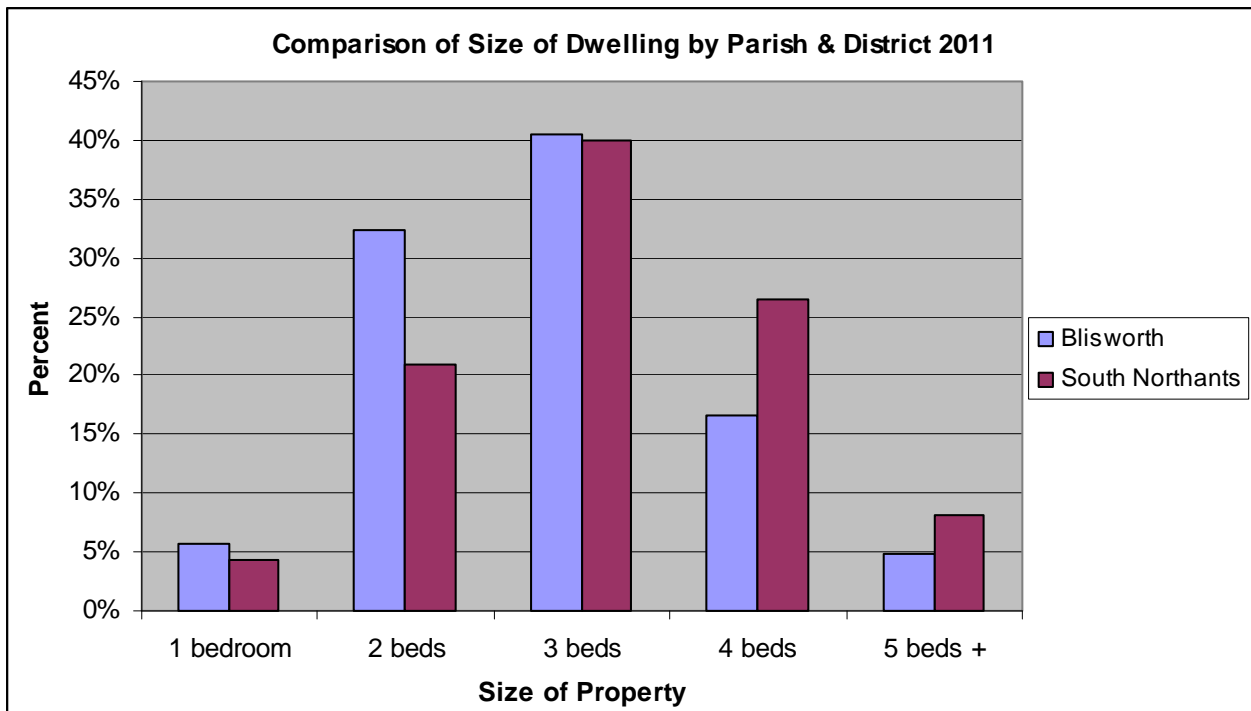
Housing Type and Mix

It is important that rural communities have a mixed housing stock. There is a clear link between the type and size of dwelling in an area and the mix and age range of population. The most vibrant villages are likely to have a good mix of dwellings and therefore a more balanced population in terms of age range. One way of monitoring this is to look at the number of bedrooms that properties have, the other is to look at the housing mix by type of property, i.e. the proportion of flats and dwellings that are terraced, semi-detached or detached.

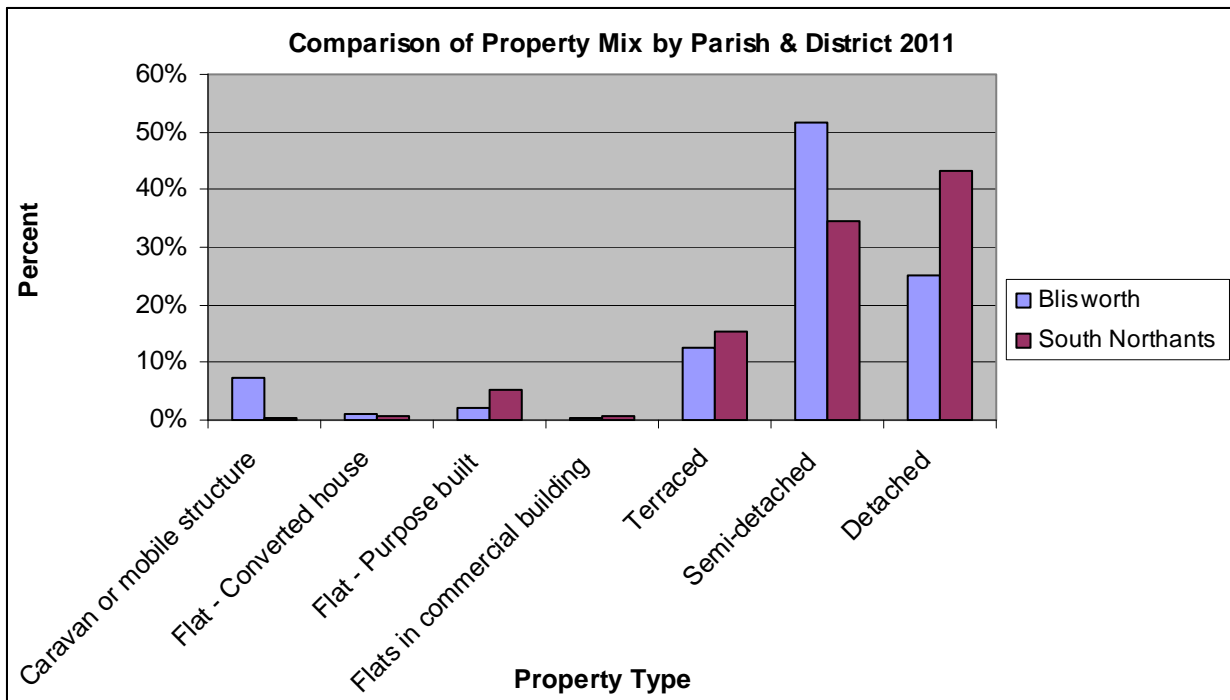
Number of Bedrooms^{vi}

This gives an indication of the number of bedrooms in each property within the village and the resulting housing mix.

Number of Dwellings (2011): Blisworth Parish and SNC					
	1 Bed	2 Beds	3 Beds	4 Beds	5 Beds
Blisworth	45	257	323	132	39
Blisworth %	5.7	32.3	40.6	16.6	4.9
SNC	1543	7268	13891	9184	2799
SNC %	4.4	21.0	40.0	26.5	8.1



Dwelling Mix (2011): Blisworth Parish and SNC				
Dwelling Mix	Blisworth	<i>Blisworth %</i>	SNC	<i>SNC %</i>
Caravan or mobile structure	60	<i>7.3</i>	113	<i>0.3</i>
Flat – converted house	8	<i>1.0</i>	287	<i>0.8</i>
Flat – purpose built	18	<i>2.2</i>	1829	<i>5.1</i>
Flat in commercial building	2	<i>0.2</i>	236	<i>0.7</i>
Terraced	104	<i>12.6</i>	5477	<i>15.2</i>
Semi-detached	425	<i>51.6</i>	12488	<i>34.6</i>
Detached	207	<i>25.1</i>	15618	<i>43.3</i>
Total	214	<i>100%</i>	36044	<i>100%</i>



Housing Development – Completions and commitments at 1st April 2013

There may be housing development within the Parish that already has planning permission or that is allocated in the Joint Core Strategy or a Masterplan³ but that is yet to be completed. Appendix 1 sets out the number of commitments within the parish.

Appendix 1 also sets out a breakdown of the number of dwellings that have been completed in the Parish between 2001 and April 2013 (the beginning of the Plan period). This information is based upon that recorded by the Council and is based upon planning and building control information.

House prices in Blisworth

The average price of property sold in Blisworth in the past 5 years⁴ was £215,674 and there were 92 dwellings sold during that time from which this figure was obtained. Property values have risen by 2.02% since August 2012. There are currently (August 2013) 9 properties available for sale and 1 flat or dwelling available on the rental market.

³ This refers to the Roade Masterplan

⁴ Data from Zoopla.co.uk

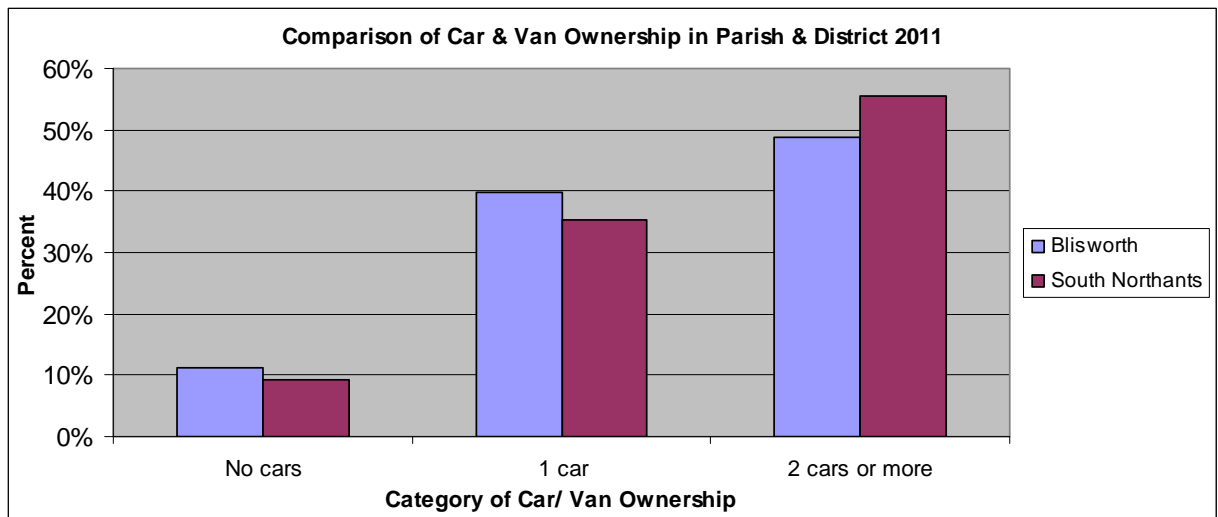
3. Social Indicators

a. Accessibility and Car ownership

Accessibility and the lack of public transport are recognised as potential issues within rural areas. Typically in many rural areas the number of households with cars within the Parish has increased since 2001. There is generally a higher number of households with cars in rural areas than in the District overall. There has also been an increase in the number of properties with 2 or more vehicles.

Number of Cars per Household

Car Ownership (2001 and 2011): Blisworth Parish and SNC						
	2001	2001 %	2011	2011 %	SNC 2011	SNC 2011 %
No cars	105	13.6	90	11.3	3219	9.3
1 cars	317	41.1	318	39.9	12210	35.2
2 cars or more	349	45.3	388	48.7	19288	55.6



b. Owner-occupancy

Typically owner-occupancy is high within Parishes compared to towns. The proportion of households owning their own properties in Blisworth (or paying a mortgage for their property).

Household Tenure (2001 and 2011): Blisworth Parish and SNC			
	Blisworth 2001	Blisworth 2011	SNC 2011
Owner-Occupied	610	599	26485
Total households	792	796	34717
<i>% Owner-occupied</i>	<i>77.0</i>	<i>75.3</i>	<i>76%</i>

4. Employment

Rural employment is important as the villages within South Northamptonshire are increasingly becoming dormitory villages where the majority of people commute out of the village to work. The Council is seeking to encourage growth and development that will benefit the District and meet the targets for housing and employment set within the Joint Core Strategy whilst at the same time preserving the special character of the villages and wider rural area.

The data below helps to provide a picture of employment availability within the Parish.

Ratio of jobs^{vii} to number of residents^{viii} for the Ward containing Blisworth:

Job Ratio (Census 2011): Blisworth and Roade Ward and SNC					
Ward	Settlements in Ward	Residents aged 16 – 74	Total number of jobs – Economically Active	Percentage retired^{ix}	Ratio of economically active to number of residents aged 16 - 74
Blisworth and Roade	Blisworth, Roade	3169	2198	21%	69%
SNC		62321	47449	15%	79%

Approx. 4% of the residents within the Parish work from home^x, compared to a District wide figure of 6%.

Claimant count with rates and proportions (ONS/ Nomis)

At any given time there will be a certain proportion of the working age population who will be out of work. The Job Seekers Allowance claimant count provides a timely snapshot of the proportion of the resident working age population who are currently in receipt of this out of work benefit. However there may also be others seeking work who are not entitled to claim or choose not to. Within the Blakesley and Cote Ward there were 57 job seeker claimants in June 2013. This figure has changed over the past 8 years as follows:

Job Seeker Claimants (June 2005 - 2013): Blisworth and Roade Ward and SNC									
Date/ Number	June 05	June 06	June 07	June 08	June 09	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13
Blisworth and Roade	17	24	29	30	82	58	47	54	57
SNC	376	444	415	408	1,281	791	763	744	674

Appendix 1

How many additional dwellings are needed in Blisworth Parish?

Government policy as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework seeks to increase significantly the supply of new housing and sets out the requirement for Local Plans to meet the objectively assessed need for new homes “*unless the adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits*”.

The JCS will set the total minimum number of dwellings required for the urban and rural areas of South Northamptonshire and will show how the agreed housing targets will be delivered through the Plan period. This overall target is based on a calculation of an ‘objectively assessed housing need’ that takes account of both the latest Office of National Statistics (ONS) household projections and the 2011 Census results. Having derived this housing need the next step was to develop realistic options about how this requirement could be met. For the Joint Core Strategy this included consideration of evidence such as the availability of sites taking account of deliverability, viability and constraints.

An important part of the Local Plan will be to distribute the housing growth set out in the JCS across the District. One way of considering how many houses should be provided in a particular village could be to take the overall requirement for housing in the rural areas and proportion this by village in relation to their existing number of dwellings. Effectively this would give the ‘objectively assessed housing need for each settlement area. This proportion could then be increased or decreased by consideration of factors including:

- What is the existing housing mix within a village?
- What is the identified affordable housing need?
- what are the individual aspirations for each village for growth to assist in the supporting local infrastructure, services and facilities or to seeking to reduce out commuting to work?
- what level of development has previously been achieved?
- what sites are deliverable - suitable, available now, achievable and viable?
- what local environmental designations exist?
- What is the existing ability of a village to support additional housing in relation to local facilities and transport links?
- What is the role of the settlement?

Appendix 1 sets out the numbers this would involve based on the current Core Strategy figures. The assumption has been made that the rural part of the District has 23428 dwellings (data from the 2001 Census) and that the Joint Core Strategy requires 3605 new dwellings in the rural area between 2001 and 2006. This gives a 15.5% increase in the number of dwellings in the rural area. The extract from the table below sets out the housing numbers that would be required in Blisworth before any consideration of the issues set out above. However it needs to be stressed that this is **only** a worked example and the final figure is likely to change as a result of changes to the figures in the Joint Core Strategy. The Issues Paper asks for comments on this approach. A copy of the table as it relates to all the villages within the District can be found in Appendix 1.

	Number of dwellings (2001)	15.5% increase in dwelling stock	Completions 2001- 13	Commitments	Residual
Blisworth	792	123	23	31	69

The data for completions and commitments is up to 31st March 2013.

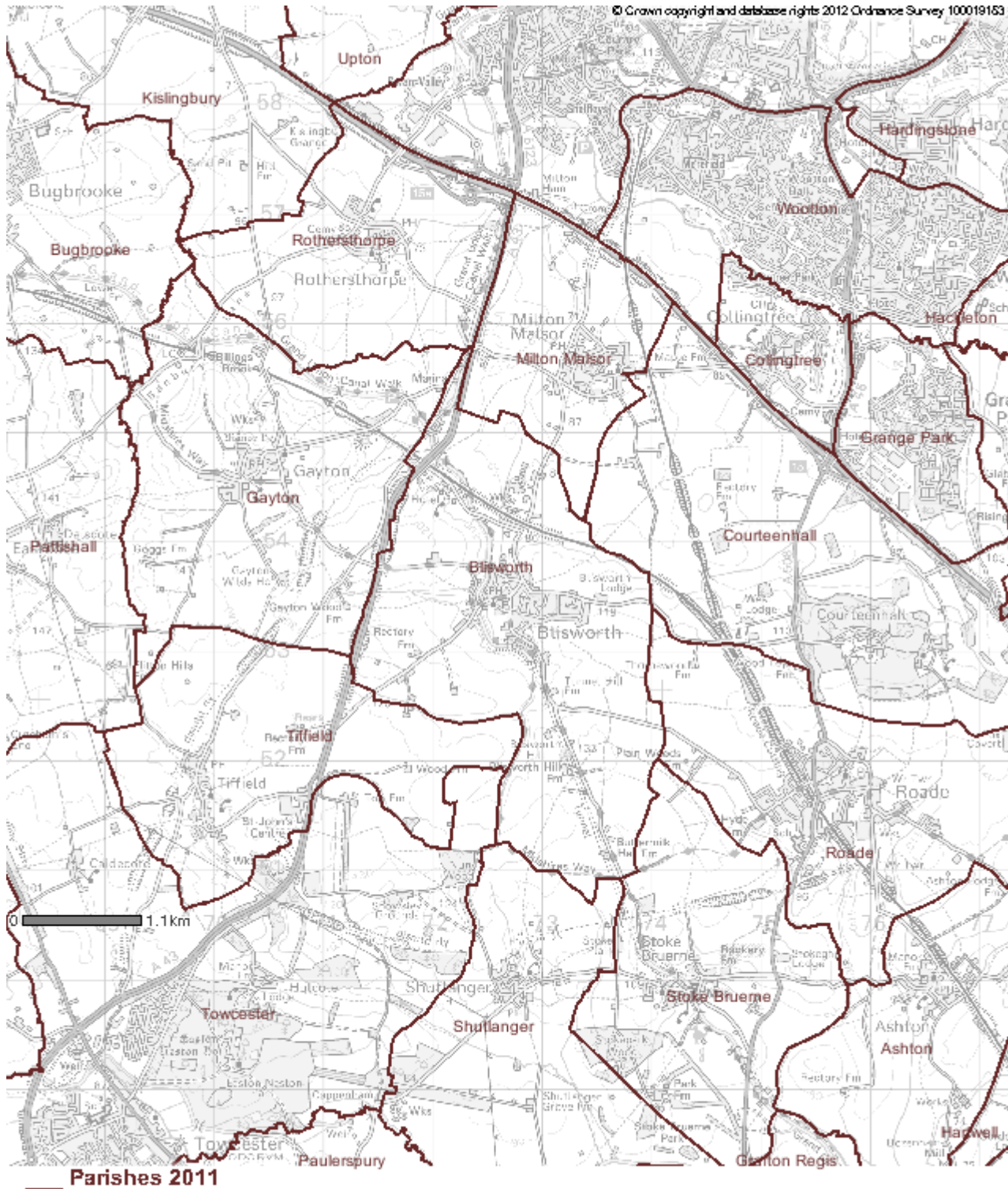
Appendix 1 – Proportionality & its Results for the Villages in South Northamptonshire⁵

	Number of dwellings (2001)	15.5% increase in dwelling stock	Completions 2001- 13	Commitments	Residual
Abthorpe	129	20	11	10	-1
Adstone	41	6	1	1	4
Ashton	149	23	6	6	11
Aston le Walls	137	21	1	1	19
Aynho	326	51	10	3	38
Blakesley	204	32	20	4	8
Blisworth	792	123	23	31	69
Boddington	283	44	8	5	31
Bradden	61	9	5	0	4
Brafield on the Green	300	47	8	0	39
Bugbrooke	1044	162	68	113	-19
Castle Ashby	70	11	1	0	10
Chacombe	259	40	7	1	32
Chipping Warden	244	38	14	0	24
Cogenhoe & Whiston	599	93	39	7	47
Cold Higham	114	18	11	5	2
Cosgrove	249	39	21	12	6
Courteenhall	40	6	2	0	4
Croughton	415	64	10	9	45
Culworth	184	29	7	2	20
Deanshanger	1120	174	423	96	-345
Denton	331	51	5	0	46
Easton Neston	32	5	1	0	4
Edgcote	26	4	-1	0	5
Evenley	242	38	24	0	14
Eydon	191	30	13	1	16
Farthinghoe	171	27	10	0	17
Gayton	202	31	15	3	13
Grafton Regis	96	15	6	0	9
Greatworth	338	52	13	0	39
Greens Norton	652	101	51	29	21
Hackleton	817	127	54	0	73
Harpole	645	100	21	0	79
Hartwell	704	109	105	0	4
Helmdon	378	59	12	5	42

⁵ Assumes that the rural part of the District has 23428 dwellings (data from 2001 census) and that the JCS requires 3605 new dwellings in the rural area between 2001 & 2026. This gives a 15.5% increase in the number of dwellings in the rural area. The data for completions and commitments is up to 31st March 2013. Table excludes 17 dwellings at Bugbrooke, 220 at Silverstone and 35 at Kings Sutton that are subject to High Court Challenge and approximately 425 dwellings allocated for residential development in the Road Masterplan.

	Number of dwellings (2001)	15.5% increase in dwelling stock	Completions 2001- 13	Commitments	Residual
Hinton in the Hedges	74	11	8	2	1
Kings Sutton	936	145	51	52	42
Kislingbury	506	78	40	13	25
Litchborough	121	19	18	15	-14
Little Houghton	195	30	6	2	22
Maidford	80	12	3	3	6
Marston St Lawrence	89	14	0	0	14
Middleton Cheney	1485	230	90	78	62
Milton Malsor	302	47	28	1	18
Moreton Pinkney	153	24	26	1	-3
Nether Heyford	646	100	62	-1	39
Newbottle	195	30	27	1	2
Old Stratford	662	103	224	37	-158
Pattishall	604	94	52	4	38
Paulerspury	395	61	44	20	-3
Potterspury	609	94	85	18	-9
Quinton	75	12	8	0	4
Roade	973	151	108	53	-10
Rothersthorpe	192	30	8	3	19
Shutlanger	115	18	6	1	11
Silverstone	784	122	195	17	-90
Slapton	37	6	1	2	3
Stoke Bruerne	171	27	5	0	22
Sulgrave	177	27	11	4	12
Syresham	349	54	29	6	19
Thenford	36	6	5	2	-1
Thorpe Mandeville	71	11	6	0	5
Tiffield	145	22	5	2	15
Upper Heyford	36	6	0	0	6
Wappenham	125	19	2	4	13
Weston & Weedon Lois	138	21	13	2	6
Whitfield	86	13	13	1	-1
Whittlebury	226	35	8	0	27
Wicken	133	21	12	3	6
Woodend	76	12	1	1	10
Yardley Gobion	507	79	21	10	48
Yardley Hastings	339	53	18	0	35
Totals	23428	3631	2264	701	666

Appendix 2 – Parish Boundary for Blisworth as defined in 2011 Census



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 - iii Census 2001 Housing Stock (UV53); Census 2011 Household Spaces (QS417EW)
 - iv Census 2001 Rooms, Amenities, Central Heating & Lowest Floor Level (KS19); Census 2011 Rooms, Bedrooms and Central Heating (KS403EW)
 - v Census 2001 Dwellings (UV55), Census 2011 Dwellings (QS418EW)
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