

Chippenham Without Neighbourhood Plan.

Response to Regulation 14 Public Consultation, 4th January to 28th February 2022.

Residents.

55 responses were received.

- 50 supported the “Plan As Is”, and made no additional comment.
- 2 supported the “Plan As Is”, and made additional comments.
- 1 was generally supportive of the Plan, and made additional comments.
- 2 were abstentions – empty and unnamed forms returned by post.

This makes a return of 55 responses from residents, 53 of which are supportive.

A total of 84 residential properties and their 151 occupiers were consulted. In terms of the resident response rate, this is 36.4%.

Businesses.

3 responses were received.

- All 3 supported the “Plan As Is”, and made no additional comment.

A total of 71 businesses in the CWPC area were consulted.

Statutory Authorities.

Wiltshire Council: detailed comments received and responded to, see separate advice.

Chippenham Town Council: generally supportive of the Plan, made additional comments, see separate advice.

Environment Agency: supportive, no detailed comments.

Historic England: supportive of historical objectives and for a NP historical working group.

Cotswold Conservation Board: no comment to make.

Natural England: no specific comments.

All statutory authorities (e.g. utilities, local government bodies) who could reasonably be considered to have an interest in the making of the Neighbourhood Plan were consulted.

All consultees were sent a form by post, and all replied by post. The statutory consultees replied electronically.

Specific Comments from Residents.

Vision of the Plan:

- Excellent, all good. (2 residents commented).

Historic Environment:

- There has been enough of converting and closing of traditional farms and their buildings in the name of 'progress'. New businesses should be located on the industrial estates of Chippenham, and livestock should continue to use farm buildings. (1 resident commented).

Natural Environment:

- Positive steps have been taken to protect grass verges. The stone walls along the lane on the rise from Manor Farm to Allington House should be saved before they are gone forever.
- Maintenance of existing footpaths, bridle ways and rights of way are required to allow for recreational use of the countryside.
- Use of Frogwell and Sheldon Corner by families enjoying walking and cycling is frequent, but the volume and speed of road traffic at Sheldon Corner negates this. (3 residents commented).

Built Environment:

- Huge new solar farms must be discouraged. Similarly for huge new structures such as warehouses which should not be allowed.
- New builds all look exactly what they are: 'new'. (2 residents commented).

Economy:

- Small businesses related to the local economy and the interests of local residents will enliven and invigorate our community.
- Particularly support the Plan main objective that new businesses are of a scale that is appropriate to their setting. As a new resident, very surprised to find such large vehicles using our country lanes. (2 residents commented).

Housing:

- Some housing development may be inevitable, but this should not involve housing estates, and development should only consist of infilling and then only in small numbers.
- No more, please.
(2 residents commented).

Activities and projects in support of the Plan:

- The church at Allington (farm entrance to Manor Farm) should be renovated with services held a few times a year. Such a renovation could serve as a meeting point for anyone in the parish to meet with others. Respondent prepared to make a donation towards such renovation. It would be a far more positive project than a new village hall.
(1 resident commented).

Appendices and Annexes and additional comments:

- Allington and Chippenham Without is a beautiful part of the world to live in. We are so very lucky to have it, so please preserve it. The respondent's 'dream' would be the restoration of the stone walls along the lane from Manor Farm to Allington House, and the renovation of the church. They would make such a difference.
(1 resident commented).