

NP Page/Para. ref	Chippenham TC Observation	NP Steering Group Observation	NP text clarification
Vision.	Support for the NP vision to continue to host sporting facilities at Chippenham Rugby Club and Golf Driving Range which are used by Chippenham residents.	Acknowledged.	No modification.
Vision.	Support for the continued attraction and ease of access of NP's green spaces, public rights of way and heritage asset to use by Chippenham residents who value these sporting and recreational features of the NP area.	Acknowledged. We have had a meeting with Chippenham TC officers and members to enlarge on the opportunities for rights of way access from Chippenham to Chippenham Without by both residents and wildlife – see accompanying notes recording these proposals.	No modification.
Vision.	Agree that housing development within Chippenham Without Parish up to 2026 will meet the needs of the current population and are sustainable.	Acknowledged.	No modification.
Vision.	There are no maps within the NP document to help the reader better understand the constraints and opportunities within the NP area. These maps would feature wildlife sites, heritage assets and flood zones.	There is a map of the NP area in the Plan's Introduction, page 5. The difficulty with a map detailing heritage assets and wildlife sites in the NP area within the current format of the NP document is that these assets are so many in the case of heritage assets and so diverse in the case of wildlife features that any map within the current NP document format would be too small to prevent over-crowding and thus the map's usefulness would be greatly compromised. We have now provided postcodes in the NP Appendices for all the heritage assets thus enabling their precise location to be identified, and the website listings in the case of heritage monuments which provide in each case a map of their location. We will however see if we can prepare an electronic map separate from the NP document format, link referenced in the NP appendices, which would enable a larger scale mapping exercise to be undertaken. In the case of flood zones, there are none.	A clarification has been provided in the NP appendices of Listed Buildings' post codes and heritage monument websites, thus enabling precise location. Regarding other features of the NP area meriting a map, a separate electronic map to the NP document format is being explored and, if practical, a link to it will be provided in the NP document.
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Natural Environment, page 18.	The Town Council supports NP Policy NE1 to "protect existing public rights of way and link new routes to offer the community opportunities for	Acknowledged.	No modification.

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	additional countryside access routes and cycleways where possible . . . [and to] include landscape enhancements of appropriate species mix and character.”		
Natural Environment.	Chippenham Neighbourhood Plan will shortly be going to Regulation 14 public consultation, and Chippenham TC’s NP has identified several ‘Green Corridor Potential Countryside Connection Points’ across the A350. There is great potential for a joined up approach between our councils which could involve you identifying green corridors under Policy NE1 which link our proposed green corridors, and working with WC Highways to ensure wildlife or human linkages across the A350 to connect these corridors, particularly given design work on the dualling of the A350 is now proposed to proceed.”	We are wholly agreed on the need to protect and, where practical, develop links from the town to the countryside. With the A350 being the boundary between Chippenham Town and Chippenham Without Councils, and with the A350 now being dualled along the entire length of this boundary, both the protection and any development of these links will also involve the Highways Authority. Following discussion between our two Councils, Chippenham Without has prepared a detailed statement of the links that need to be preserved and/or are capable of development, and this is attached to this Reg. 14 response. It is our understanding that Chippenham Town will initiate the discussion of these proposals with the Highways Authority and advise us further. As the essence of the above is already incorporated both in principle and policy in our NP policies on the Natural Environment, there is no need for a modification.	No modification.
Built Environment	The Town Council supports these policies and objectives. We wonder whether the Plan could better define the settlement boundaries of the three hamlets, or suggest areas unsuitable for development to prevent coalescence in order to help seek compliance with Policy BE1.	We acknowledge and welcome the Town Council’s support for these policies and objectives. As the hamlets are geographically loose, with considerable areas of agricultural land separating each from one another, defining clear boundaries would be difficult. However we do note that a definition to some degree is provided by Royal Mail postcoding, and the Electoral Register does identify these areas specifically using this means. As the overwhelming preponderance of land usage in the parish is agricultural, maintenance of this agricultural status is probably the best means for ensuring compliance with Policy BE1.	No modification.
Economy.	The Town Council supports these policies and objectives.	We acknowledge and welcome the town Council’s support for these policies and objectives.	No modification.
Housing.	The Town Council supports these policies and objectives.	We acknowledge and welcome the town Council’s support for these policies and objectives.	No modification.

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Activities and Projects in support of the Plan.	We suggest adding a reference to working with the Town Council on opportunities to implement cross-boundary improvements to public rights of way and green corridors, given our neighbourhood plans will be running in tandem.	We support this suggestion. We will clarify the existing text by means of a replacement to incorporate and clarify this Activity involving Policies HE1, NE1 and NE2.	Clarification of 38 b Page 23 of the NP with a replacement of text to read: <i>“We will work with Wiltshire and Chippenham Town Councils on activities managing and promoting the use of rights of way and green corridors.”</i>
Activities and Projects in support of the Plan.	Under the heading ‘Plan Management’ there could be a reference to working together with the Town Council and other neighbouring parishes when the time comes to review your/our neighbourhood plans so that there is a co-ordination and possible agreement on key themes/issues.	This is a sensible suggestion. We would hope that it would occur naturally, but we will add a small clarification to the NP text to reflect this aspiration.	Clarification of Final Review, para 42, page 24, to include the additional text: <i>“ . . . a full review involving consultation with Chippenham Town and our neighbouring parishes will be undertaken with the aim of producing a fully updated (amended) plan to undergo the referendum process to produce the Neighbourhood Plan to 2046 or longer if permitted.”</i>
Additional Attachment - external to the NP document - on Green corridors discussion, see attachment below.		See below.	No Modification.

Attachment, external to NP document.

A350 and Green Infrastructure.

13th April 2022.

Proposals considered by Chippenham Town Council and Chippenham Without NP Steering Group.

1. Hardenhuish Brook : CWI5/CHIP115. [Note: CWI = Chippenham Without, CHIP = Chippenham Town].

- Current underpass for both the brook and footpath. Current situation has established the principle of an underpass between the two sides of the A350, facilitating both the brook and passage of the footpath.

2. Rugby Club : CHIW6/CHIP33 (CHIP116).

- Existing crossing from Chippenham Without to Chippenham Town (CHIW6 – CHIP33) would be become illegal upon dualling.
- CHIW6 which currently lies north of the A350 footbridge to have a new extension (mitigation) which links it to the footbridge at Frogwell, and so connects with CHIP116.
- Create a new link in Chippenham Town involving CHIP33 to CHIP116 (at present they are very close to one another, but not actually connected), so this joined Chippenham Town footpath (CHIP33 CHIP116) crosses over the A350 footbridge to join with a diverted Chippenham Without CHIW6.

3. Priors Copse (Chipp. Without) wildlife link to Vincients Wood Nature Reserve (Chipp. Town).

- The brook that runs just north of Priors Copse and originates within Chippenham Without (Starveal Farm) also runs on the northern side of Vincients Wood, making use of an existing culvert under the A350.
- This culvert to be developed as a wildlife corridor between Vincients Wood Nature Reserve and Chippenham Without, with any necessary up- grading of the culvert undertaken during the dualling of the A350.

4. CHIW8/CHIW10 bridleways meet alongside the A350, opposite the access roads to and from Cepen Park South/A350, and development of a new link with CHIP34 at Derriads Pond (Chipp.)

- At present Cepen Park South (Chippenham) has access to the countryside (Chippenham Without), and this access will cease following dualling.
- Existing crossing from Chippenham to CHIW8/10 would be become illegal upon dualling.
- Create extension of CHIP34 to A350, i.e. Derriads Pond.
- Create a link between CHIW8/10 at A350, for both human and wildlife use, with extended CHIP34, either by bridge or underpass.