

Neighbourhood Plan Review – 4 June 2025 PC Meeting

(a) The PC responded to CDC (Christina Cherry's) query about sites being offered for housing in the village:

- "We will not be providing new housing sites at this time."
- "Yes, we would object to sites being allocated."
- we lack transport for getting children to school as there is no school in the village. It is difficult for young families to live here without a parent doing the transport via car. Our social housing families have – including a family on the new development – found this very difficult.

(b) Susan and I have attended a Workshop provided by the Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Plan Alliance on "Site Allocation". On the back of that we asked for a separate session to discuss the viability of a re-write of our NP at this stage. The issues are:

- we do not have new sites to put forward as there are four new houses to be developed in the village plus those on our chosen sites – not yet planned. Also, there are a number of houses for sale in the village including on Milestone Lane. It is an expensive village in terms of housing. Currently there is an application for five houses with CDC.

Possible Issues

- i) that we might re-draw the village envelope.
- ii) We could designate village parking areas to preserve our verges
- iii) We need to update our compliance sections at the end of each policy because of the new NPPF
- iv) With the current Local Plan still in effect we have a slight hesitancy because of the repeated effort required if the draft plan is permitted. Also, the draft plan is a more realistic description of our village – we are still haunted by the categorisation (A) based on the error of stating we have a school
- v) It could be more realistic to include employment sites

(c) Committee – we have six villagers willing to be on the committee

CURRENT WORK

The profile of the village has changed since 2015 when we did our last survey. Susan has created a draft survey which we will discuss with the committee and once we have agreement we'll present it at the July meeting.

Concern

We are not fully convinced that tweaks to the NP would necessarily call for a referendum. There is a possibility that new data would have a greater effect on the PC Development Plan i.e., prioritising some current items for next year.

To this extent a further letter has gone to CDC asking for advice.