

# Milcombe Neighbourhood Development Plan Report.

## April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024

During 2022 and 2023 Milcombe Parish Councillor Nigel Davis successfully applied to Cherwell District Council to have the Neighbourhood Development Area (The Parish of Milcombe) to be formally agreed. This is the first stage of the Plan.

### **Stage 2. Preparing a draft neighbourhood plan or Order**

- gather baseline information and evidence
- engage and consult those living and working in the neighbourhood area and those with an interest in or affected by the proposals (e.g. service providers)
- talk to land owners and the development industry
- identify and assess options
- determine whether a plan or an Order is likely to have significant environmental effect
- **start to prepare proposals documents e.g. basic conditions statement**

Once the Plan Area has been agreed we moved to stage 2, and The Milcombe Development Plan Group has been successful in securing a Grant of £4,120 to employ consultants (Community First Oxfordshire) to help us progress with this stage of the developing the Plan.

**As part of this work a Launch Event was held in Milcombe Village Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Milcombe Neighbourhood Plan – 7.3.24**

#### **Launch Event Feedback**

##### **Introduction:**

Twenty members of the public attended a launch event for the Milcombe Neighbourhood Plan on 7.3.24. The event had been publicised via the community Facebook page and posters around the village.

After an introduction from the Steering Group chair, Nigel Davis, a presentation about neighbourhood

planning and intent, process and timetable for the Milcombe NP was given by Tom McCulloch from Community First Oxfordshire.

Attendees then had an opportunity to ask questions and were then invited to offer their thoughts via post-it notes on a range of themes:

- **Infrastructure:** topics might include: roads, traffic, sewage, transport, rights of way.
- **Housing Development:** topics might include new development, local character, design.
- **Environment, Nature, and Climate Change:** topics might include: green spaces, nature recovery, rewilding, alternative energy, biodiversity, views.
- **Community Groups and Facilities:** topics might include village hall, playground, local groups, volunteering.
- **Other Ideas / Concerns / Issues:**

All attendees were also given a feedback sheet to complete on the evening or to take away and return to Nigel Davis or drop off at the shop. Additional feedback forms are also to be made available at the shop for other members of the community who were unable to attend the event. This feedback will be collated separately.

The overall feedback will be used to help guide the design of a community-wide, Neighbourhood Plan survey.

A number community volunteers have put their names forward to form a Steering Group to progress the Plan during 2024 / 25 and Nigel Davis will be contacting them to organise the first meeting in July this year.

**For information the stages of the Plan are listed below:**

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| <b>Stage 1.</b>       | <b>Designating neighbourhood area and if appropriate neighbourhood forum.</b>                |
| <b>Stage 2.</b>       | <b>Preparing a draft neighbourhood plan or Order</b>   |
| <b>Step 3:</b>        | <b>Pre-submission publicity and consultation.</b>  |
| <b>Step 4:</b>        | <b>Submission of a neighbourhood plan or Order proposal to the local planning authority.</b> |
| <b>Step 5:</b>        | <b>Independent Examination.</b>  |
| <b>Steps 6 and 7:</b> | <b>Referendum and bringing the neighbourhood plan or Order into force.</b>                   |