

The QUESTIONNAIRE

In the following pages you will find the Questionnaire to be completed by you and returned by the 30th June 2020 in the stamped addressed envelope we have provided.

The Neighbourhood Plan has a definite structure. It is founded on a Vision for our area's future, and then develops a number of Key Objectives in the principal range of issues identified by you in the earlier consultation. So that you can understand the Key Objectives and the related questions in the Questionnaire, we provide first a statement of the Plan's Vision then a short explanation of the topic areas to which those Key Objectives relate.

VISION.

Overview.

- a. By 2036 Chippenham Without and its settlements of Allington, Sheldon and Lanhill will have developed in a balanced, sustainable manner by concentrating on supporting farming as its central feature while encouraging the managed growth of its business parks for rural employment along with the continued use of its sporting facilities and rural amenities.
- b. Housing development will have met the needs of the current population within the Plan area by enabling families to live near their places of work in the neighbourhood through sensitive infill and extension or by conversion of existing buildings, while taking care to conserve and enhance the locally distinctive character of the settlements.
- c. In partnership with farming, the green spaces and public rights of way and heritage assets will be managed through sustainability and biodiversity policies in order to meet the needs of residents, and to ensure the continued attraction and ease of access to the people of Chippenham who regard the Neighbourhood as a destination for a wide range of outdoor sporting and recreational use.

Topic Areas. This Plan deals with a range of issues which were identified through consultation with the community. There are five topic areas with specific policies for each:

- a. The Historic Environment
- b. The Natural Environment
- c. The Built Environment
- d. The Economy
- e. Housing

The Historic Environment. The Neighbourhood Plan area has a number of designated heritage assets as well as the Allington Conservation Area. This heritage defines the unique character of Allington, Sheldon and Chippenham Without and is the reason why the area remains a great place to live, work and visit. The community wants to preserve this heritage and enhance the historic character of the Parish.

Key Objectives : Historic Environment.

- KO-HE-1: To conserve and enhance the distinctive characteristics of the historic rural landscape.
KO-HE-2: To conserve and enhance Allington Conservation Area and adjoining land.
KO-HE-3: To facilitate the protection of the Parish's heritage assets.

The Natural Environment. It is considered of high importance to ensure that residents are able to experience the natural environment. This includes through improvements to public rights of way and through the encouragement of pedestrians and cyclists throughout the Parish. As well as increasing provisions for the enjoyment of the natural environment, residents are also of the view that the rural setting of the landscape should be maintained. Alongside this, residents are keen to improve biodiversity within the Parish.

Key Objectives: The Natural Environment.

KO-NE-1: To conserve and enhance the distinctive landscape characteristics of the natural environment in and around the settlements.

KO-NE-2: To conserve and enhance green infrastructure networks.

KO-NE-3: To improve sustainability and resilience to climate change.

KO-NE-4: To conserve and enhance biodiversity.

The Built Environment. The local community highlight the importance of retaining the character of the Parish through any development of the built environment, and resists the merging of settlements. The importance of sustainability was highlighted through the consultation process and sustainable construction methods are supported. Developments that would offer protection to a designated heritage asset are to be supported.

Key Objectives : The Built Environment.

KO-BE-1: To conserve and enhance distinctive landscape characteristics of the built environment.

KO-BE-2: To encourage sustainable construction.

KO-BE-3: To retain the distinct character of the settlements of Allington, Sheldon and Lanhill.

The Economy. Support for sustainable farming as well as businesses that are of a scale which is appropriate for the community is seen as important by the local residents. Network and infrastructure improvements which allow provision for improved home working were a theme that emerged from the Housing Needs Survey. The community are keen to support proposals for community facilities that would serve Allington, Sheldon and Chippenham Without.

Key Objectives : The Economy.

KO-E-1: To improve infrastructure and network provisions to support sustainable working environments.

KO-E-2: To support locally based businesses that support the rural community.

KO-E-3: To support investment in sustainable farming.

KO-E-4: To support community facilities.

Housing. Sustainability for the future is a key theme, with residents keen to encourage sustainable construction within development. The residents are also keen to ensure that the community is sustainable for the future and so allow residents to remain within the community for as long as they wish to do so. Future residential development should be provided where need within the community has been demonstrated and where development is adaptable for the future.

Key Objectives : Housing.

KO-H-1: To support housing where a genuine need has been demonstrated for new dwellings within the Neighbourhood Plan Area to ensure sustainable growth.

KO-H-2: To ensure that new dwellings are adaptable and sustainable for the future to enable residents to remain in their own homes as long as possible.