



The draft Whitchurch Neighbourhood Plan is now published

After a few last-minute challenges, the draft Whitchurch Neighbourhood Plan is now available on the village website at www.whitchurch.org and was uploaded on Dec 21st. We are now in the official consultation period known as Regulation 14 which will continue until February 17th. The draft plan is available for all residents to read and comment upon and has been provided to multiple statutory bodies including Buckinghamshire Council. If you would like to make comments, please send them to the Clerk to Whitchurch Parish Council, preferably by email at clerkwhitchurchaylesbury@gmail.com, or if providing comments by post, please send to : Mr T. Skeggs, Whitchurch Parish Council Clerk, Whitchurch Neighbourhood Plan, c/o 2 Westminster Drive, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP21 7LS.

How to review the draft plan?

To help guide you there is a *Guide to the draft plan and Summary* on the village website.

The draft plan comprises many highly detailed documents and we would encourage everyone to review them as far as possible. A limited number of hard copies will be available for those requiring them. There are six documents that together provide the recommended policies for Whitchurch through to 2040.

Pre-Submission Report: This is the key document in which you will find all policies and proposals for Whitchurch, including new home site allocation, types and controls. The report also includes a very extensive set of Design Guidelines for how new homes should be designed to ensure a good "fit" with our existing built village environment.

Green Spaces Report: This report details various locations within the village that are picked out for extra protection to ensure the fundamental nature of the village is protected as far as possible for the long term.

Important Views Report: This report details viewpoints to and from the village that are picked out for extra protection to ensure the fundamental nature of the village is protected as far as possible for the long term.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA): The SEA is required for any planned development to look at the cumulative effect of housing development on the local environment. It considers impacts such as the effects of pollution, impact on wildlife, potential for flooding and rates all sites that were considered on a Red / Amber / Green matrix.

Housing Needs Assessment: The Housing Needs Assessment is a comprehensive review of the existing housing stock within the village. It identifies the likely need for smaller or larger homes, the average cost of homes against average income and affordability.

Site Assessment Report: In making a decision about allocating sites to be included in the WNP, the Site Assessment Report uses a combination of all of the evidence documents and the outcomes of the public consultations to recommend the most suitable sites for development.

Come and Talk: Saturday January 14th

An open session (just turn up anytime) to ask questions of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, or just to find out more, will be held 2pm - 5pm in St John's Hall, Whitchurch.

**Your Village, Your Neighbourhood Plan,
Your Vote.**