

Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan

Spring Update



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Engage with it, Contribute to it, Own it...

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultations and evidence gathering exercises that have taken place over the course of 2022 as part of the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan review. The Steering Group have been busy analysing feedback and doing evidence collection and research.

Summary of 2022 consultations



- ☑ **January to March:** Launch Consultation
- ☑ **May - July:** Homes and Housing Need Survey
- ☑ **June - July:** Local Green Space Survey
- ☑ **July - October:** Local Heritage Assets call nominations
- ☑ **September - October:** Call for Sites

Find out more here:

<https://www.calnecommunityplan.com/blog>

What's happening in 2023?

The Steering Group are working on finalising evidence base work and drafting the plan updates. We are aiming to consult on the whole draft of the updated Neighbourhood Plan in the early Autumn. Find out more on page 3 of this update.

Thinking about housing

We are undertaking an assessment of all sites that land owners have put forward to be considered as housing sites. National independent company AECOM are now assessing the individual sites to see which may be suitable for allocation for housing sites in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Running alongside this work, the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group commissioned a Housing Need Assessment (HNA) which helps us to understand the needs of the existing community and future residents, including, for example, affordable housing and housing for older people. See the full reports on our website (calnecommunityplan.com).

All this work will help to inform the question about if, and where, the Neighbourhood Plan should allocate a site for housing this time as it did in the first Plan. We will only allocate if there are clear benefits to doing so and there is community support.

Haven't we already got too much housing?

There has been a lot of building in Calne as well as in some of our villages over the past few years, and many people argue that the services we have are already stretched because of this. On the other hand, new people coming in can keep our local shops, restaurants, and takeaways viable; encourage new ones to open up; create new opportunities for new business and jobs to be created; keep schools viable and bring new ideas and enthusiasm to our community.

Many of the decisions about how much housing there can be are out of our hands. Through a Neighbourhood Plan we can't block the housing targets set at national and county level, but we have some influence over what is built and where and at the same time try to ensure that housing in future meets the needs of our current and future residents.

Protecting Valued Local Green Space

It's not all about housing and design. Through our Plan we can also harness a strong planning tool called Local Green Space to designate important green spaces and protect them in a similar way to how Green Belts are protected. Sites need to meet a set of criteria laid out in national policy. Through research, local knowledge and with the involvement of the community 28 spaces have been identified and landowners consulted. The short list that will go forward for consultation in our Plan will be shared back with community in spring.



What would happen if we don't have a neighbourhood plan?

New housing will still happen but you will have...

- ✘ No say on where they are built
- ✘ No say on the type and size of house
- ✘ No say on what development looks like
- ✘ No say on what community benefits it brings

Strengthening Locally Distinctive Design

For new housing, and other development, it's not just about where it is, and whether it's two or three bedrooms, or rented or for purchase; it's about what it looks like and this is where the Design Codes come in.

Consultants, together with members of the Steering Group, have been looking at what "good design" looks like for all the varied places of the Calne community area. All future planning applications will have to adhere to the Code when the Plan is adopted. The Design Code covers local identity and character, access and movement incorporating green and blue infrastructure, sustainability and energy efficiency and the built form. We'll soon be able to share this important document back with the community for comment.



Neighbourhood Plans are an important and powerful tool that gives communities statutory powers to shape how their communities develop. *Find out more here:* <https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/about/neighbourhood-planning/>

What will the plan cover?

Below is a list of policies, some are new to CCNP2 and others are updates from the current plan.

OBJECTIVES

	Economic	Social	Environmental
CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (NEW)			
Principles of Development and Climate Change (NEW)	✓	✓	✓
Sustainable Energy and Climate Change (NEW)	✓	✓	✓
Standalone Local Renewable and Low Carbon Energy (NEW)	✓	✓	✓
HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES			
Housing Allocation (POSSIBLE/NEW)	✓	✓	✓
Affordable Housing (UPDATE)	✓	✓	
Housing Mix (UPDATE)	✓	✓	
Settlement Boundaries and Housing Sites (UPDATE)	✓		
Phasing of Development (UPDATE)	✓	✓	
Health, Leisure and Wellbeing (UPDATE)	✓	✓	✓
Community Assets (UPDATE)	✓	✓	
GETTING AROUND			
Sustainable Transport and Inclusive Active Travel (UPDATE)	✓	✓	✓
Electric and Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (NEW)	✓		✓
Highway Impact (UPDATE)	✓		
Walking and Cycling and for Leisure and Recreation (NEW)		✓	✓
Parking Provision (UPDATE)	✓	✓	
Public Realm (POSSIBLE UPDATE)		✓	✓
WORKING AND SHOPPING			
Employment (UPDATE)	✓	✓	
Town Centre (UPDATE)	✓	✓	
Visitor Economy (NEW)	✓	✓	
Low Carbon Economy (NEW)	✓	✓	✓
BUILT ENVIRONMENT			
Design Principles for Local Distinctiveness (MAJOR UPDATE)	✓	✓	✓
Heritage Assets (MAJOR UPDATE)		✓	✓
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT			
Local Green Spaces (MAJOR UPDATE)		✓	✓
Biodiversity (MAJOR UPDATE)		✓	✓
Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows (NEW)		✓	✓
Setting of Calne and Calne Without (UPDATE)		✓	✓