Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan

Spring / Summer 2023 Update

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

We've been busy!

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 (we are also shortening it to CCNP2). 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 nominations
- ☑ **September – October:** Call for Sites

Find out more here:
calnecommunityplan.com/blog

What's happening next?

The Steering Group are working on finalising evidence base work and drafting the plan updates. We've been consulting about local employment and working hard to get the younger generation involved through outreach to schools. We are aiming to consult on the whole draft of CCNP2 in the early Autumn.

Thinking about housing

This is the 'hot topic' for CCNP2.

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.

We are gathering evidence to enable us to take more of a lead in deciding where and what housing should be delivered. This 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. Remember - we can't block new housing but we can influence it to make sure local issues and aspirations are taken account of.

How does this fit with Wiltshire Council?

We are also expecting the update of the Wiltshire Local Plan this summer - we don't yet know the detail of what it will say for our area so we need to be prepared to look carefully at the proposals and what that will mean for CCNP2 and our communities.

We want to protect green spaces!

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 on our website.

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

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

- ⊗ **Less say** on where they are built
- ⊗ **Less say** on the type and size of house
- ⊗ **Less say** on what development looks like
- ⊗ **Less say** on what community benefits it brings

Can housing design be better?

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.

Independent consultants, together with members of the Steering Group, have been looking at what "good design" looks like for the 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. Take a look at our website as we hope to share this key document on there soon.

Get involved and find out more...

We want this to be a community plan so there are a wide range of ways for you to be involved, from regular updates, to consultations for you to add your view, and you could even join the Steering Group!

Scan on the QR code to go to our website and find out more.

https://www.calnecommunityplan.com/

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)			
Princliples 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)		✓	✓