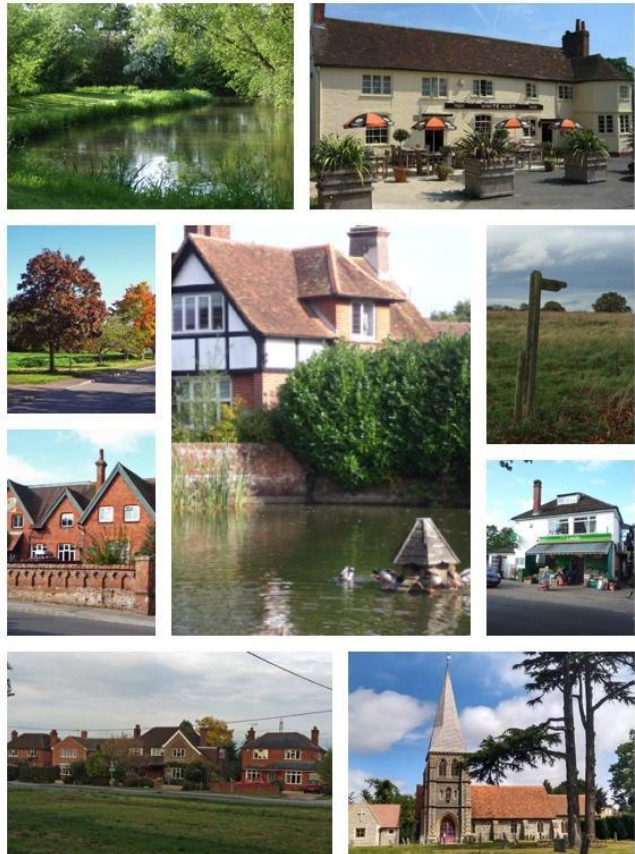


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# SHERFIELD ON LODDON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011 TO 2029



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## ANNEX G - CONSULTATION EVENTS AND SURVEY RESULTS MARCH 2017

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012, Section 15(2),. Part 5 of the Regulations sets out what a Consultation Statement should contain:

- a) details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- b) explains how they were consulted;
- c) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

## 2 PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION

The purpose of consultation is to engage with the residents, businesses and landowners within the neighbourhood plan area to obtain their views as to the future development of the parish and to provide evidence on which to base the policies.

## 3 THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR THE SHERFIELD ON LODDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

In compiling the Neighbourhood Plan, note has been taken of the views of the community from Surveys, Open Days and meetings of the Forum (quarterly). The Loddon Valley Link and the PC website have been the principal tools for advertising these forms of community engagement backed up by visible posters around the village. It is the views of the community that make up the Neighbourhood Plan.

#### TABLE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

<b>Date</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Dec. 2013- Jan 2014	SWOT questionnaire with summary report	To obtain a range of views on key issues from the community, using a survey of 10% of households
8 <sup>th</sup> February 2014	Open morning display at Village Hall, including trial of village questionnaire	To obtain feedback on work completed to date and information on attendance from postcode breakdown
1 <sup>st</sup> March – 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2014	Distribution of village questionnaire to all residents, resulting in summary and full reports (hard copy and online versions)	An extension of the SWOT survey to identify key issues leading to later formulation of draft vision, objectives and policies
9 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	Display and presentation of village questionnaire results. Handout of powerpoint slides	To report to an audience of 60+ residents who would have received the questionnaire



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14 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	Sherfield Fete: display and post-it exercise on issues including housing, business, infrastructure and community facilities	To obtain feedback from residents and others who have an interest in the village on emerging key issues
Mid-September 2014	8 page summary of questionnaire results hand delivered to all households	To feed back on the key results and outcomes from the questionnaire
Late September 2014	80 page full questionnaire placed in 8 locations in and around the Parish frequented by the public eg pubs; hairdressers	To provide residents with an opportunity to browse the document; aimed particularly at those who could not access it online.
November 2014	Neighbourhood Plan Newsletter (1) emailed to Forum members and posted to those not online	Reporting on a strategic meeting with BDBC Planning Team and an initial meeting with Action Hants. re housing survey
January – February 2015	Meetings with (12) Village Hall user groups and church/chapel attendees	To update on NP developments and encourage sign-up to the Forum for emails and further updates
January 2015	Neighbourhood Plan Newsletter (2)	Included draft vision, objectives and policies with feedback to Forum Chairman invited
April 2015	Mail chimp used to invite Forum members to next meeting (15 <sup>th</sup> April)	To involve more residents now that email list augmented to 60+
April- May 2015	Business Questionnaires delivered/emailed to local businesses, advertisers in the LVL and local traders, leading to a report for inclusion in the Plan document	To engage with the full range of business owners to ascertain their needs and interests as the village develops
1 <sup>st</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	Survey Monkey on draft key issues and objectives sent/hand delivered to all Forum members. Results summarised for the Plan document	To obtain feedback on emerging key issues and objectives to inform policy writing
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	Sherfield Fete. NP display and 'business cards'	To engage with local residents and other interested parties and prompt more sign-up to the Forum
September-October 2015	LVL advert. inviting (smaller) landowners to report their interests in the NP. Letter sent to principal landowners in the village.	To enable landowners to submit their views prior to the Regulation 14 statutory consultation
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2015	Housing Survey sent out to all households by Action Hampshire with return date and instructions	To ascertain future housing needs from parish residents to inform emerging policies on housing.
February 2016	Open Meetings with the Plan so far and explanation of the Housing Needs Survey by Action Hampshire. Copies of the Character Assessment were also on display. Visitors were able to read and	



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	comment on the policies. Post-It notes were popular.	
April 3 – May 22 2017	Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation	
End March/early April 2017	Leaflet delivered to all households explaining the process. Listing the Policies and inviting comments by 22 May	
22 April and 6 May 2017 9.30 – 12.30 Breach Lane Chapel	Open Sessions for public	



## CONSULTATION EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: LODDON VALLEY LINK (LVL) CONTRIBUTION

The LVL has a free monthly distribution to over 2000 households in Sherfield-on-Loddon and neighbouring villages/hamlets. Around 1,700 copies are distributed in the Neighbourhood Plan area.

**October 2013:** notification that the NP Committee was looking to expand its membership for local people 'to have a say in the future of your community'.

**December 2013/January 2014:** a definition of Neighbourhood Planning followed by an invitation to (Forum) meetings on the third Thursday of every month in the Village Hall.

**February 2014:** a 3-page spread comprising 'What is a Neighbourhood Plan?' 'What can the Neighbourhood Plan do?' 'A working group will.....' Announcement of Open Meetings for the community: 8<sup>th</sup> February – Village Hall; 15<sup>th</sup> February – Sherfield Park Community Centre at Taylor's Farm.

**March 2014:** thanks expressed to all those who attended the Open Meetings (91 and 46 respectively). The next stage: a Parish Questionnaire, which is inserted into this edition, plus the availability of an online version. Expectation that results will be ready for the Annual Parish Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May.

**April 2014:** a reminder to return the Questionnaire – electronically or by hand to House Twenty8, the Village Hall post box or the Community Centre – by 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**June 2014:** announcement of the next Forum meeting (26<sup>th</sup> June) and a request for more representation on this group from Taylor's Farm.

**August 2014:** in PC news: consultation on the Governance Review re Taylor's Farm has now begun.

**September 2014:** Neighbourhood Plan will be 'policy led', meaning it will contain no potential sites for development.

**October 2014:** announcement of next Forum meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> October.

**November 2014:** the local planning process is explained. The Neighbourhood Plan should set out a positive vision that meets identified local needs.....and SoL's policy-led Plan aims to provide guidance for development, enabling easier consultation and information sharing, and reducing costs.

**December 2014/January 2015:** NP looking to increase the number of residents on the Planning Sub-Committee – contact the Administrator.

**March 2015:** Flyer inserted into copies distributed to those in the Neighbourhood Plan area. It asks local people to sign up via the flyer, or online, for newsletters and to take part in short question surveys.

**April 2015:** tbc: a prompt to sole traders to make contact with the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and complete the questionnaire going out to all local businesses.

A Neighbourhood Plan for Sherfield-on-Loddon.

### LVL ARTICLE MARCH 2014

Thank you to all those who braved the weather to attend the Open Sessions on 8<sup>th</sup> February at the Village Hall when 85 residents attended and at the Sherfield Park Community Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> February when xx residents attended.

The working group had prepared a range of displays, including Maps of the Parish with the boundaries, the Conservation area and the Borough's strategic gap. There were displays to illustrate the Neighbourhood Plan process, the results of the initial consultation survey and of housing additions in the Parish over the past 40 years. Lastly there were maps to illustrate possible areas of threat from developers and possible small scale development sites which could be used to counter any large scale proposals, so as to maintain the character and integrity of the Parish.

Many of those who attended commented on the thorough nature of the work so far and the valuable presence of the working group who helped to explain the process and the displays. In the words of one person, the presentations succeeded 'in putting over a difficult and challenging situation'.



**The next stage in the process involves extending the consultation to all residents and asking you to complete the questionnaire, which is included with this edition of the Loddon Valley Link. Instructions for completing the questionnaire and its return are on the form itself and the web link to the online questionnaire is also on the form.**

It is intended to publish the results of the questionnaire ready for the Annual Parish Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May. This meeting will also provide an opportunity for local residents to voice their views direct to the Parish Council.

Thereafter, there will be further opportunities for public consultation to feed into the writing of the plan and to comment on the final version of the plan, before it is submitted for scrutiny and referendum.

#### **Article for LVL May 2015**

##### **Neighbourhood Plan News**

The Parish Council has applied to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC) for a re-designation of the Neighbourhood Plan Area in the light of the Governance Review which will create a new parish of Sherfield Park from April 2016.

##### **Neighbourhood Plan Housing Survey**

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Party is making good progress but still needs to collect information about our current and future housing needs. An independent housing survey has been commissioned and will be carried out by Action Hampshire (a Winchester-based charity) which is an approved partner of BDBC.

Those households within the re-designated Sherfield Neighbourhood Plan Area will receive a questionnaire from Action Hampshire which will be delivered during July.

This information will form a key element in producing a successful Neighbourhood Plan so we would be grateful if you would take time to complete this survey.

John Darker, Chairman SoL Neighbourhood Plan Working Party

#### **CONSULTATION AT SHERFIELD FETE: SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014**

A total of 18 responses on post-it notes were obtained on the following key issues:

##### **Housing**

Housing for all ages; No more urban development; Small new housing developments tastefully in keeping with the village (3 responses)

##### **Business and employment**

Development of small businesses in affordable, 'in keeping' units, not industrial (1)

##### **Environment**

Cycle path from Sherfield on Loddon to Bramley Railway Stn.; second SoL bypass to take away surrounding development heavy traffic through our village; keep our existing green spaces; keep our allotments; increase traffic control along Bramley Road and prevent drivers using Bow Grove as a rat run; make sure we keep all green spaces – village green, ponds (6)

##### **Infrastructure**

Bramley Road will be unable to cope with the new builds in Bramley; Bramley Road is too busy, especially at peak times; Bramley Road and the A33 are too busy; it's very dangerous crossing the Bramley Road when you have children/buggy – can we have a proper crossing and lights?; repair drainage on Bramley Road during floods near playing field (5)

##### **Children and youth**

Need for schools; better bus service – the no. 14 always full at rush hour (a 13 year old) (2)

##### **Community facilities**

Help all people live in a balanced community with roads and schools, and not crammed in anywhere (10).



### CONSULTATION MEETINGS WITH LOCAL VILLAGE GROUPS

Consultation meetings with local village groups were held during January and February 2015. They were designed to target harder to reach groups, including older and younger people and were mainly those who met in the Village Hall and local churches. Some local residents belonged to more than one group and some groups were mainly made up of members from outside Sherfield.

The main purpose was to ignite interest and to collect contact details for further engagement. The format of meetings was broadly the same. Normally two members of the Planning Sub-Committee facilitated them: a display of NP materials including maps, charts and background information was set up for attendees to browse before and/or after meetings. A briefing note on the Plan, with key recent developments, was presented as appropriate to each group, followed by questions and discussion. At the end, a form was distributed on which attendees could give their contact details. Most were collected on the day, while others were deposited in the Parish Council post box at the village hall or at House Twenty8, Sherfield's coffee shop.

All visits were well received and contact details were obtained from those who wanted to remain on, or join, the Neighbourhood Plan Forum, receive newsletters and be willing to comment on emerging aspects of the Plan, including vision, objectives and policies. Contact data was added to the database on the Parish website (containing details of those who had submitted directly to the website).

An innovative idea was used with young people: Brownies, Rainbows and Messy Church. They were asked to compose a picture of how they would like/expect the village to change and develop over the NP period/the next 15 years. Some very observant pieces were collected and will be used in future NP displays; they might help to illustrate the actual Plan.

Although not the prime purpose, some informal feedback on the Plan was noted. Concerns were expressed about traffic speed and densities, particularly at the crossing of Bramley Road and Reading Road. There was acceptance that there needed to be some new development but this should be small scale and be as close to the current settlement boundary as possible.

A record of the meetings is summarised in the following table.

[NB Naturally, those present at more than one event, submitted their contact details only once.]

Date	Group	Facilita	No. of forms	No. of	Duplicate	Non-resident
7/1/15	WI	NL/VR	12	25	*	
25/1/15	Church	NL/AB	8	14	*	*
28/1/15	Brownies Parents	NL	0	12		*
31/1/15	Rainbows Parents	NL	3	9		*
1/2/15	Church coffee	NL/AB	4	13	*	
2/2/15	Evergreens	PD/PH	11	15		
5/2/15	Floral Society	PD/NL	3	32		*
6/2/15	Bowls	JD/PD	2	12	*	
12/2/15	NWR	NL	10	13	*	
13/2/15	Messy Church Parents	NL	4	10		*
14/2/15	Coffee morning	NL	4	14	*	
15/2/15	Church coffee	VR/PH	1	14	*	
16/2/15	Sherfield & District	JD/PD	4	30		
22/2/15	Breach Ln. Chapel	NL	3	13		*
	PC Box		1			
Totals			70	226		



## CONSULTATION THROUGH THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FORUM

Originally the Neighbourhood Plan Committee was set up as a committee of Parish Councillors and local residents to manage the work of the Neighbourhood Plan – there were nominally c.30 members although attendance was normally between 15 and 20. There are references to its discussions (4/9/13) of how best to communicate with parishioners and the role of the Loddon Valley Link (LVL) in this. At the meeting of 17/10/13 a likelihood of consulting on the need for additional new homes was identified as was a need for more public participation from outside the PC.

On 21/11/13 an information sheet on the NP was reported as being prepared for the LVL and display boards at public consultation meetings and dates were discussed for an initial public forum: 'Find out about your Neighbourhood Plan'. On 17/12/13 a report on the SWOT survey was received, with 51 responses recorded to date and a further 19 expected for the 10% sample target. The 16/1/14 meeting set the date for the initial public forum: 8/2/14 at the Village Hall.

A presentation to the Committee was made on 20/2/14 by Phil Turner (PAE) which included an input on consultation methods which had been used in other NP areas. The final meeting of this Committee was on 20/3/14: this included a report on progress of the BDBC Local Plan and its proposal for 150 new houses for the rural villages – including SoL.

Consideration was being given by the PC for a smaller steering group to attend to the increasing amount of day to day work in relation to the NP. Thus the Planning Sub-Committee for the Neighbourhood Plan (PSCNP) was set up and first met on 7/5/14.

## THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FORUM

Invitations to Forum meetings were initially via the original e-mail list (c. 30), the LVL, the PC website and village posters.

26/6/14 First Meeting of the Forum (19 present). The purpose was to give parishioners progress on the Plan and for them to raise questions and concerns. Discussion included re-designation of the Neighbourhood Area and the need for a clear audit trail to the PC and the Forum from the PSCNP. Feedback on the parish questionnaire results was given – 16% response rate; there was consideration of ways in which residents' views can be incorporated into the vision statement and policies.

Other items: the governance review (separating Taylor's Farm from Sherfield parish) and the '150 allocation' as it might affect SoL. From the PC of 25/6/15 questions were raised: Does the Forum think that we should continue (with the NP)?; How do we get more non-PC people involved in future plans? A show of hands indicated that no one would 'abandon the Plan'.

21/8/14 Second Meeting of the Forum (17 present). It was reported that 2 documents would be distributed for the questionnaire; i) an 8-page summary for all households, hand delivered by the end of August ii) a full report (80 pages) to be on the website with hard copies placed in several public locations for browsing.

A proposal for a policy-led Plan was circulated. It was noted that policies would be drafted by the PSCNP and go out to consultation – including Forum members. There was discussion of widening consultation to involve those not on the internet and harder to reach groups (young people and 'busy' 25-40 year olds.) Another approach would be via group meetings held in the Village Hall.

A draft vision statement – 'How would we like to see the village in 2029?' was presented and statements from attendees were invited and noted.

16/10/14 Third Meeting of the Forum (10 present). There was an update on the progress of the Plan. A thematic breakdown for the vision and objectives was illustrated through a personal approach by Bryan Jenkins, followed by comments and questions.

November 2014 Newsletter – sent to all Forum members and put on website: included reports on a possible local housing survey (Action Hants.) and a meeting with BDBC.

January 2015 Newsletter 2 – circulation as above. Included draft vision, objectives and policies.



15/4/15 Fourth Meeting of the Forum (10 present). For this meeting an email with the agenda was sent via mail chimp to the 72 signed-up members of the Forum (using PC website database). A hand delivered agenda was given to all members not online.

It was reported that electronic communications had been developed to i) keep people in touch and ii) test and evaluate the NP work (using survey monkey).

Items included a report on meetings of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party (NPWP) with Village Hall user groups and local churches. There would be a survey of local businesses (April/May), a housing survey and contact made with local landowners. Latest drafts of key issues, vision and objectives were circulated. Feedback on some of the key issues was given and noted; John Darker invited members to respond to him or via survey monkey (in due course).

## NEWSLETTERS DELIVERED TO MEMBERS OF THE NP FORUM

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 2014

#### Recent Forum Meeting

The Forum held on 16<sup>th</sup> October had an unusually low attendance. However, Bryan Jenkins provided his personal vision for Sherfield in 2029. This provoked an interesting discussion and highlighted a tension between establishing a more modern environment in the village, through use of technology, provision of modern facilities, traffic management and better upkeep of green areas, and the desire to keep the village very much as it is now, through careful maintenance and avoidance of change. It was suggested that the somewhat chaotic and unformulated nature of the village should be valued above modernisation. We look forward to hearing more comment on this issue as we develop the plan process.

One of our consultants recently told us that the idea of holding a regular public forum to keep parishioners involved is a unique idea and should be valued. However, we are looking at other ways to keep residents involved, such as this newsletter, outreach to local village hall user groups ( in the New Year)' another Open Morning and future Forum meetings.

#### Meetings

There are two to report:

i) Action Hants (AH), in Winchester.

This was about investigating whether AH would carry out a survey of housing need in the village. Action Hants is a rural housing enabler, funded by the Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing - HARAHA - and partnered with Hyde Housing Association.

Action Hants is currently engaged in a survey in Sherborne St John with a view to setting up an affordable housing scheme through their Neighbourhood Plan. Such a scheme would be allocated to local people.

In order for AH to carry out a survey – paid for by Hampshire CC - it needs to know that the parish will support and find land for a rural housing project; (there is little profit in such a scheme for a land-owner or developer . )

NB. It was agreed that SoL does not at present meet this criterion, and that a housing survey is not for the moment cost effective.

Currently, AH believes that there are 56 people on the housing register for a property in SoL, but AH have no knowledge of how firm this list is in reality.

We asked AH if they had any knowledge of a scheme proposed by Sentinel for the 'Triangle' because under the rules AH should be involved in a rural affordable housing scheme in a rural parish.

AH had no knowledge of such a scheme and does not use Sentinel as its development partner in any case.

It was suggested that SoL PSCNP will need to set up a meeting with Sentinel to ascertain their intentions.



ii) Meeting with Edward Rehill, BDBC Planner.

NB. Throughout this meeting there was a slight air of concern from Ed about the consequences which might flow from the Inspector's initial response to the Local Plan. Bruce and I were struck that he was hinting that Sherfield's Neighbourhood Plan might prove to be more important than we perhaps have thought.

1) Ed began by outlining the issues raised by the inspector, viz –concern re. number of houses to be built per year; concern re sites east of Basingstoke; concern re A33; concern re water quality in the Loddon.

This has led to the request from BDBC to the parishes to firm up on their contribution to the 150.number for windfall housing.

2) The Triangle and Sentinel.

BDBC have had no meaningful approach from Sentinel. The reaction from Action Hants was discussed as was a possible 'Mitchell Scheme'. It was agreed that Ed will talk to Development Control and SoL will talk to Sentinel.

3) Building outside the Settlement Boundary.

If the Triangle does not work or is used differently, SoL has no meaningful areas for development (have we forgotten the other Triangle by the telephone exchange?) SoL 'could' be required to find sites outside the settlement boundary. Given that the strategic gap is not sacrosanct, a small scale exclusion site might be acceptable. SoL NP would need to address this in a development policy eg "consideration will be given... provided that .... will only be permitted.". There was some discussion whether any land might be available outside the strategic gap and outside the settlement boundary. There is a possibility that the Inspector may suggest removing the Strategic Gap as it could be deemed to duplicate the landscape policy.

4) Additional points from the revised Local Plan.

The Bramley developments are identified sites and may not count towards the 150 rural parishes figure.

The figure of 10 houses being needed to count towards the 150 has been reduced to 5.

BDBC plans to carry out a Settlement Boundary Policy Review after the Local Plan has been accepted.

5) Policy Areas for the NP.

Ed suggested that the NP includes policies on 'Protection for areas outside the settlement boundary'; Protection of Local Green space/landscape ; Avoidance of coalescence of communities; Heritage/ rural diversity; biodiversity - river Loddon.

6) It was agreed to meet again and to keep in touch as the situation develops.

Our next steps.

Finalise a vision and plan principles.

Arrange to use up as much of the second tranche of grant as possible by end of December.

Finalise a Project Plan and a Policy Framework.

Write a regular newsletter.

Arrange interactive sessions with Village Hall user groups and hard to reach groups.

Arrange to meet with local landowners and businesses.

Arrange the next Forum (January) and/or an Open Morning.

John Darker 10/11/14

**NEWSLETTER NO. 2: SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN JANUARY 2015**

The Planning Sub-Committee has decided not to hold a Neighbourhood Plan Forum in January, but here is our second newsletter.



### Planning Sub-Committee

The Planning Sub-Committee for the Neighbourhood Plan has continued with its work, but given our collective commitments, progress has been slower than we had hoped.

However, as part of the drive to increase the evidence base for the Plan we have taken the following actions:

- Committee members have begun a programme of visiting and talking to Village Hall User Groups.
- In March there will be a flyer in the Loddon Valley Link asking Parish Residents for their contact details for future surveys and for being kept up to date with NP news. A sign-up form is already available at [www.sherfieldonloddon-pc.gov.uk/Council/Neighbourhood\\_Plan.aspx](http://www.sherfieldonloddon-pc.gov.uk/Council/Neighbourhood_Plan.aspx)
- The flyer is aimed particularly at those aged 20-49 since we need to demonstrate that we have tried to contact the whole cross-section of residents - but we would like everyone to respond to this.

We have recruited two more members to share the workload, Diana Effiong and Pamela Darker. Venetia Rowland also attends our meetings and will be helping with communications and publicity.

### **BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL (BDBC) LOCAL PLAN**

The Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan held an initial public meeting with the Inspector in early December.

Crucially, the Inspector was very clear that the proposed annual build figure of 748 was inadequate and that a minimum figure of 850 should be used. It was very clear that the Inspector would fail the Plan unless a higher figure is used.

The Inspector's view is clearly driven by Government policy to build as many houses as possible:

(a) to meet demand (nationally and locally ) and ( b) to generate employment by providing the housing for imported employees, reflecting the improved state of the economy.

There may also be a need to provide housing for London, which BDBC will have to look into. The only question mark over this higher figure is that BDBC has to demonstrate that there would be no consequential environmental damage especially to the Loddon and Test rivers.

Additionally, BDBC will need to decide where this extra housing will go.

The Inspector was concerned about the proposed balance of new housing between the East and West of Basingstoke. Country Watch believes that the need to build more houses is a 'major blow' to the protection of East of Basingstoke and that this will most likely bring the Lodge Farm, Poors Farm and West of Cufaude Lane into focus for development.

The Inspector also suggested that one way to ensure additional housing would be to set guidance figures for parishes including those preparing Neighbourhood Plans but leave the Parishes the choice as to where the houses should be sited. Should BDBC adopt this policy, we can expect the importance of our Neighbourhood Plan to be increased.

The revised timetable for the Local Plan is as follows.

March 2015 Reports on updated housing strategy and other major changes to be submitted to Council.

May 2015 UK Election.

May-June 2015 6 week period of focused public consultation.

June/July 2015 Collation of results.

July 2015 Pre-hearing meeting.

Sept.2015 Examination.

The Local Plan process will therefore be delayed by about a year; however the impact of proposed changes will be more than likely to affect Sherfield, both directly and indirectly.

### Building in Bramley



In terms of indirect impact, we all see the result of recent house building in Bramley on traffic flows through Sherfield.

A proposed development of 200 houses in Minchens Lane in Bramley has been agreed by BDBC, and there are plans in preparation for up to 200 houses at Strawberry Fields in Bramley (possibly leading off the new roundabout on the Bramley Road ). Any development on Cufaude Lane will inevitably add to the impact of these in terms of pressure on local roads.

### Sentinel Housing Association

You will remember that it has been reported in recent Forum meetings that Sentinel Housing had shown interest in developing the ‘triangle’ site past the White Hart and adjacent to the A33. For some reason this interest had not turned into a firm proposal. Recent press announcements from Sentinel show that they have received substantial funding for the development of new housing in the Basingstoke area, so we might reasonably expect to hear further news.

### Vision and Objectives

Please find below a revised Draft Vision and Objectives paper.

We will be asking you for your views on this and other issues in the near future.

## DRAFT VISION AND OBJECTIVES FOR A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR SOL

### INTRODUCTION

The Parish of Sherfield-on-Loddon is situated astride the A33 some 5 miles north of Basingstoke towards Reading.

The Parish had two significant existing areas of housing; the older established village at the north end and a recent mixed style development at the south end called Taylor’s Farm. Both of these consist of about 1100 units. In between is the hamlet of Church End which is adjacent to the village church.

The Taylor’s Farm housing development is currently the subject of a Governance Review conducted by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, which is likely to recommend the creation of a new Parish starting in April 2016. The original village will become the core of the re-designated parish of Sherfield-on-Loddon which will encompass the remaining land outside the boundary of the Taylor’s Farm development and therefore will form the designated area for this Neighbourhood Plan.

Features of note in the Parish include a village green of some 15 hectares and a large conservation area; a military training area adjacent to the western boundary; a large and expanding independent school based round a Victorian Manor House; and a golf course complex to the east of the A33.

The village is well provided for in terms of facilities, with 3 pubs, a village shop, a post office with cafe, a large village hall, a garage and an estate agent. There is a children’s play area on the village green and football and cricket pitches. The independent school (Sherfield School) which is situated just to the east of the village has a planning application pending to raise its numbers from 600 to 1400 pupils with associated facilities. The remaining land use is for arable farming mixed woodland and water meadow.

There is also an area, Redlands Farm, adjacent to and within the southern boundary of the Parish which will possibly be listed as a development area in the forthcoming BDBC Local Plan. Such proposed development has raised significant concerns about roads and traffic congestion. The A33 is a major communication route between Basingstoke and Reading and becomes very congested at peak hours with delays always following in the event of any interruption to traffic flow. The proposed and actual housing developments in the neighbouring village of Bramley will increase traffic movements and congestion in the village. Such congestion is having a significant impact on the local adjacent rural roads.

The existing housing areas have clearly defined settlement boundaries. These may well need further assessment and reaffirming or redefinition. Any proposal for development would need to have regard to these boundaries and the mixed nature of current housing as well as the environmental impact and the impact on the still largely rural character of the Parish.



#### THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - VISION

Our aim is to produce a Plan which is based on the views of, and therefore led and supported by, the community. It will help us prepare for managing change over the next 15 years and will provide evidence for the development of any additional homes, amenities and facilities. The Plan will provide an ability to influence proposed development, in order to safeguard the distinctive nature and attributes of the Parish and will enable the Parish to grow and change in tune with the shared vision of the residents.

#### PROPOSED PLAN OBJECTIVES

The Plan, which will be policy led, will use evidence gleaned from the local community and will develop policies to assist future decision making based on the following objectives:

- 1) Ensure that any proposed development protects both the valuable natural environment of the Parish and respects its rural character with particular reference to the Village Green, Sites of Scientific Interest (SSIs), the Conservation Area and agricultural land.
- 2) Ensure the retention and, where possible, the enhancement of open space, green space and recreational facilities within the parish.
- 3) Support the retention and, where possible, the provision of shops, services, amenities and community facilities throughout the parish.
- 4) Deliver a range of housing within the parish, which meets the requirements of the Local Plan and the needs of all sectors of the community, whilst respecting the wishes of the residents of the parish.
- 5) Ensure that any future housing can be incorporated into the existing village infrastructure without straining the existing provision and the local environment.
- 6) Ensure that any future housing incorporates high standards of design and energy efficiency whilst remaining in keeping with the character of the existing housing in the parish.
- 7) Support development which promotes safe and sustainable transport together with a safe and efficient local road network and also preserves and enhances the local network of footpaths and promotes cycle ways.
- 8) Support developments which meet the needs of the local economy and local business.

John Darker  
Chairman  
Neighbourhood Plan Forum  
January 2015

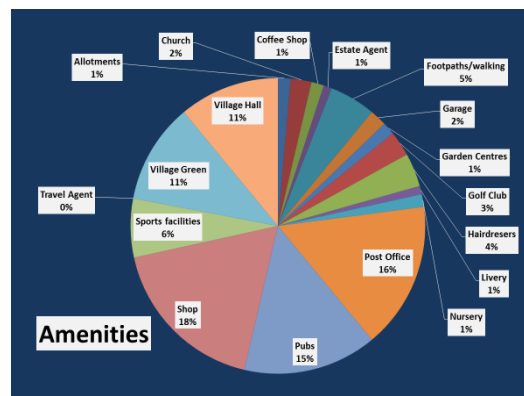


## 4 SURVEY RESULTS

### SWOT ANALYSIS RESULTS

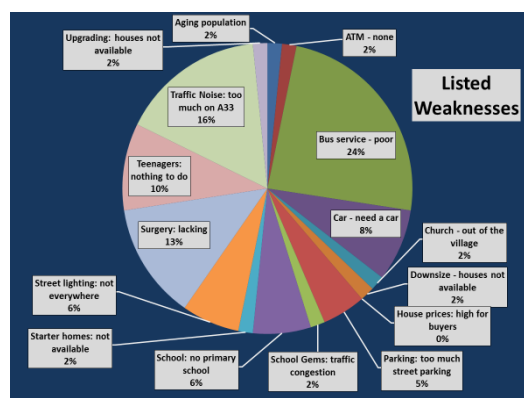
#### Strengths - Headlines

- Local Businesses esp: SHOP, PO, pubs, & variety
- Village Green, green spaces, rural environment
- Village feel/size/shape
- Community: friendly, active
- Activities, clubs, events, VH



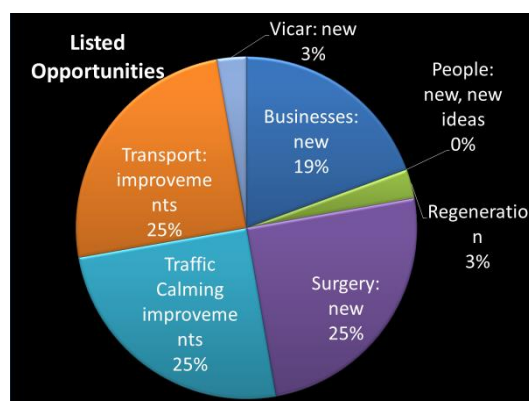
#### Weaknesses - Headlines

- Bus service is poor
- Through traffic: increased and too fast
- No surgery
- Activities for teenagers are poor
- A33 traffic



#### Opportunities - Headlines

- Surgery
- Better traffic calming
- Transport improvements: esp. later bus service
- New Businesses
- Improve Life for Teenagers

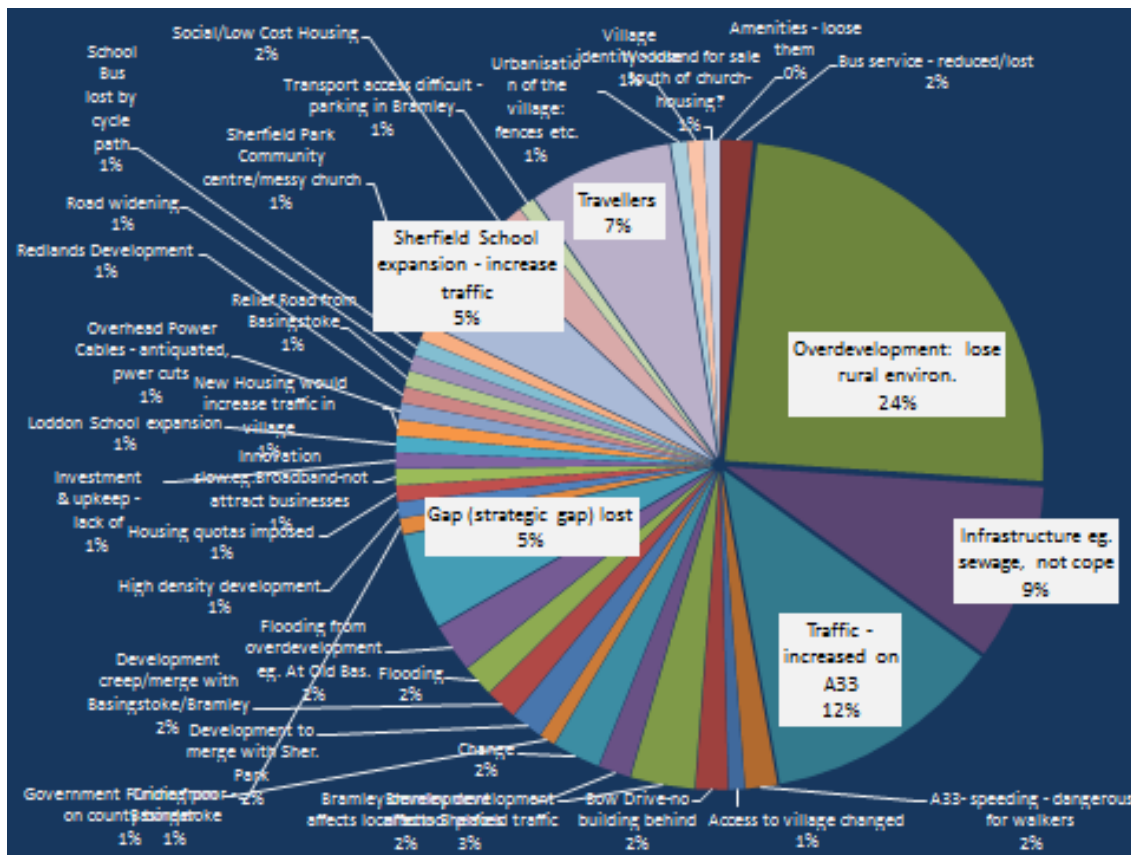
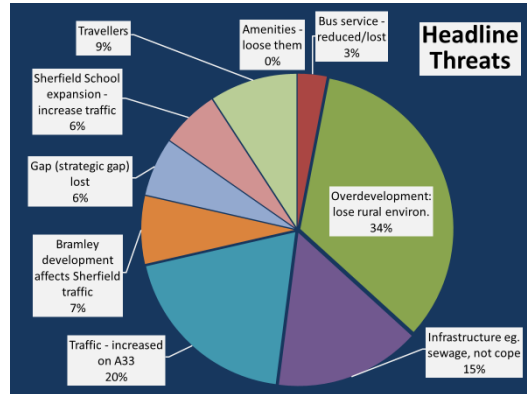




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**Threats - Headlines**

- Development creep from surrounding areas
- Traffic through village
- Infrastructure can't cope
- Travellers
- Expansion of Gems Sherfield School
- A33 traffic: volume, speed & noise
- Losing green gap





## SUMMARY OF THE HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE 2014

### **A Policy-led Neighbourhood Plan**

*A Neighbourhood Plan should set out a positive vision that meets identified local needs and makes sense for local people.*

*There are some choices in how a Neighbourhood Plan is put together. It might include:*

- \* policies alone (our choice)*
- \* policies and selected sites*
- \* policies, selected sites and planning permission for a chosen development*

**In Sherfield on Loddon,  
we have chosen to produce a Policy-led Neighbourhood Plan  
and chosen not to select any sites for development.**

A Policy-led Plan will:

- deal with strategy and provide guidance for any acceptable development
- have the support of Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council and our designated professional consultants
- make it easier to share information and consult throughout the parish
- reduce the workload on the small number of interested volunteers, which should speed up the complicated process of producing a plan
- require less consultant input and expertise which should reduce the overall cost
- remove the trigger for individual concerns in the parish (as in many other parishes) and enable a more harmonious and less controversial process

### **Our Consultants**

Following our successful grant applications, we have engaged the services of specialist consultants from  
*'Planning Aid England', 'Maroon Planning' and 'Shaping Communities'*.

The consultants will help us to move forward by providing:

- training on the overall process and legal requirements of neighbourhood planning
- advice and support on engaging with all those who live and work in our community and in developing an evidence base to support the community's wishes
- training, advice and support on writing policies and putting together our plan



## Sherfield on Loddon Parish Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire Summary of Results prepared by the Neighbourhood Plan Sub Committee

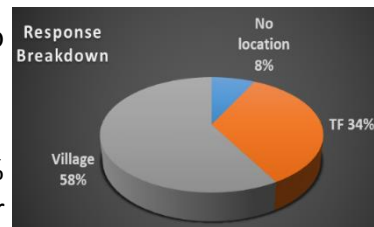
### Who was asked?

Village and Taylor's Farm (TF) residents of voting age were invited to provide their views on the future shape of the Parish.

### Who responded?

400 completed questionnaires were received. This is about a 16% response from those of voting age in the Parish: a high figure for surveys of this nature.

60% of respondents were women: peak age group was 30-39 for TF, but 50+ for the village.



### The results show that Parishioners value:

- **Parish characteristics: (Q1)** The listed characteristics were rated *Of Some Importance* or higher by the very great majority of residents throughout the Parish.
- **Green Spaces: Q3.** All listed green spaces, including the Strategic Gap, should be protected (from development).
- **Existing facilities (Q4)** A wide range of existing facilities is highly rated.

### Parishioners are concerned about:

- **Large scale development: (Q2)** Smaller developments on brownfield sites, in keeping with the current characteristics of the village, are favoured.
- **Transport issues: (Q6)** Of high priority are: Road maintenance, speeding and congestion.
- **Losing the village's rural environment: (Q3)** All listed green spaces, including the Strategic Gap, should be protected (from development).

### And for the future:

- **New facilities: (Q5)** There is limited support for new facilities, but stronger support for a doctors' surgery, and, at TF, a local shop and pharmacy.
- **Business support: (Q7)** There is significant support for helping small businesses.
- **Characteristics of new houses: (Q2a)** Smaller developments on brownfield sites, in keeping with the current characteristics of the village, are favoured.
- **Occupancy of new houses: (Q2b)** Priority for new housing should be given to families with school age children.

To see the background for the above conclusions, please read on.



## Sherfield on Loddon Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire – Summary of Results

### Introduction

Following the decision of the Parish Council to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for the Parish, it was agreed that a questionnaire should be prepared to invite all parish residents of voting age to provide their views on the future shape of the Parish, both village and Taylor’s Farm (TF).

The questionnaire was designed to provide documented evidence of residents’ views on existing features and characteristics of the Parish and on potential developments, new homes and additional facilities. The questionnaire was delivered with the March 2014 edition of the Loddon Valley Link (an online version was also available) and results were collected throughout March.

A single questionnaire was produced, but results have been analysed separately for the village and TF. This document presents a **summary** of the key findings of the questionnaire. The **full** results are available on the NP web site and, for those that do not have access to the internet, hard copies will be available on request.

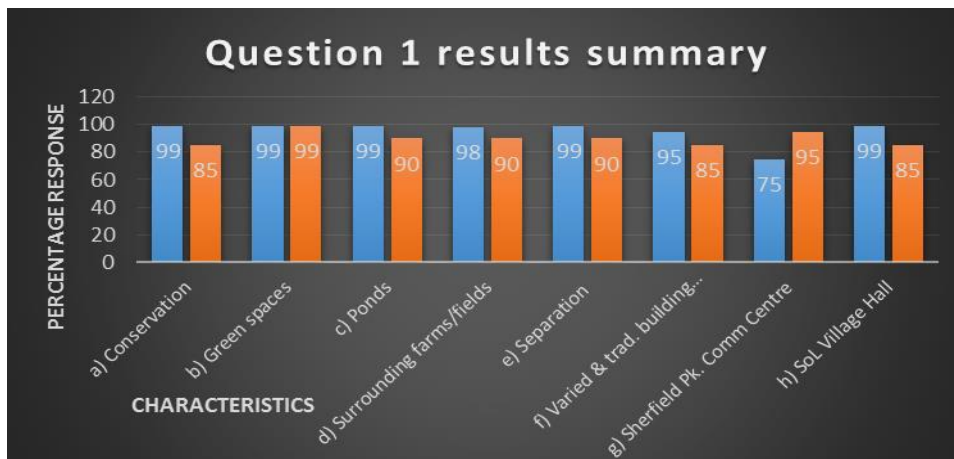
**Response** 400 completed questionnaires were submitted from all sources:

- 70 paper questionnaires were collected from the Sherfield Park Community Centre
- 205 paper questionnaires were submitted from SoL village
- 125 questionnaires were completed online: 28 by SoL villagers, 67 by TF residents and 30 origin unknown (no postcode).

That is about a 16% response from those of voting age in the Parish and is considered to be a good response for surveys of this nature.

**Summary of Results** The key results are presented here question by question from question 1 to 9.

**Question 1: The essential characteristics of Sherfield on Loddon Parish now.** The questionnaire asked respondents to tick one box for *each* statement (from *Not Important* to *Very Important*) to indicate the extent of their agreement. The chart below shows the Percentage of



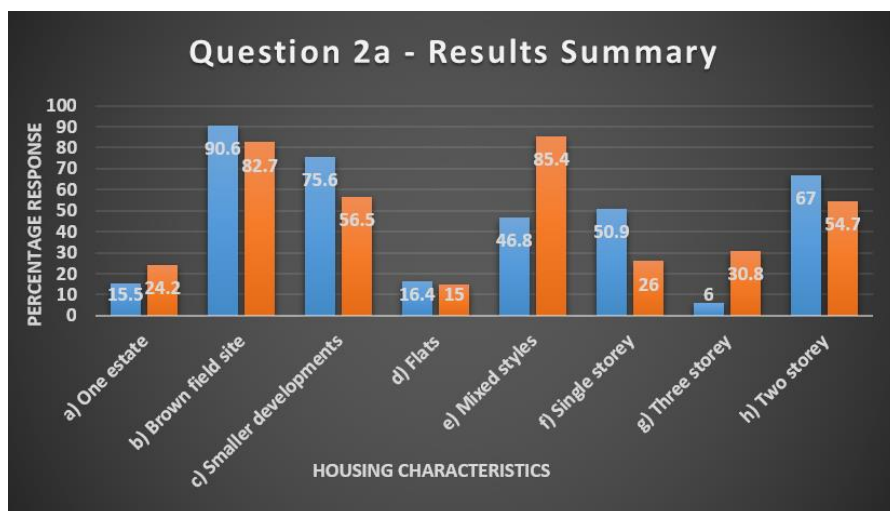
respondents who voted the characteristics *Of Some Importance* or *Important* or *Very Important*. Blue = village, Orange = TF.

Of the 8 characteristics of the parish listed, 95% of respondents of SoL village rated 7 of them *Of Some Importance* or *Important* or *Very Important*. The eighth characteristic, Sherfield Park Community Centre, was rated important by over 75% of respondents. Over 90% of the TF respondents rated 5 of the characteristics *Of Some Importance* or *Important* or *Very Important*, the remaining 3 characteristics, Conservation, Varied & Traditional building styles and SoL Village Hall were so rated by over 85% of respondents.

**Conclusion:** the listed characteristics were rated *Of Some Importance* or higher by the very great majority of residents throughout the Parish.



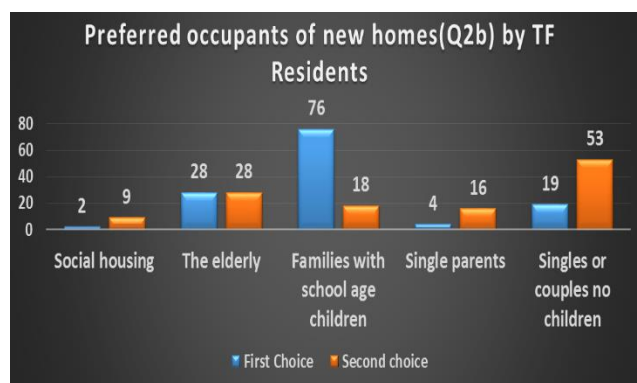
**Question 2a: Characteristics of new houses.** Respondents were asked to tick one box for each statement to indicate the extent of their agreement with the types of housing in the list. In the chart to the left, the blue pillars are the village results and the orange pillars are the TF results. There is strong support throughout the parish for houses on *Brown Field Sites* and for *Smaller Developments*



rather than on a *Single Estate*. There is generally poor support for *Flats* and *Three Storey* houses, while *Single Storey* and *Two Storey* houses seem acceptable to most. There is a difference of opinion for *Mixed Styles* where just under half of villagers support *Mixed Styles*, but 85% of TF respondents support such houses.

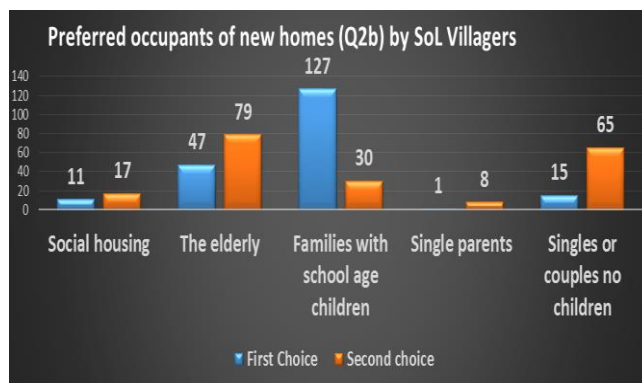
**Conclusion:** Smaller developments on brownfield sites, in keeping with the current characteristics of the village, are favoured.

**Question 2b: Preferred occupants:** The question asked respondents to insert “1st” and “2nd” choices in 2 boxes to indicate who they thought should be the top 2 priority occupants of any new homes.



The results from SoL villagers and those from TF were surprisingly similar. Both groups identified *Families with School Age Children* as their most popular first choice for new homes; the *Elderly* was the second most popular first choice. *Singles or Couples with No Children* was equally popular in the parish

as a popular second choice although the top second choice was homes for the *Elderly* voted by SoL villagers.





Conclusion: Priority for new housing should be given to families with school age children.

**Questions 3a & 3b: Green Spaces.** The questionnaire asked if there are places in the parish which we should try to protect as green spaces and asked respondents to describe these areas and explain why they think they should be preserved. The answers to this question were written comments which can be seen in full in the full responses. Village respondents provided 164 comments for question 3a and 86 for 3b. These included 70 votes for the Village Green, 32 for the Common, and 11 for the Strategic Gap. There were 21 comments to both 3a and 3b from residents of TF covering similar issues to SoL villagers.

Conclusion: All listed green spaces, including the strategic gap, should be protected (from development).

**Question 4: Existing Facilities.** The question asked respondents to indicate how important to them were the 13 existing facilities listed. There was a space for them to write in 2 additional facilities not in the list that they considered were important. The chart below shows the percentage of respondents who voted the facilities *Of Some Importance* or *Important* or *Very Important*; blue = village responses, orange = TF responses. Village support for all these existing facilities is very high, all but 2 of the 13 facilities being rated *Of Some Importance* or higher by over 80% of respondents. Even the lowest 2 were so rated by 76% (Nursery Groups) and 68% (Allotments). Local shops and the Village Green were rated *Of Some Importance* or higher by 99.6% of respondents. TF support for all these existing facilities is not quite as high, perhaps because not many of the facilities are located in their community. However, 7 of the facilities earn the support of over 80% of respondents. The facilities with the lowest 3 ratings are the Cricket Pitch (56.5%), the Tennis Courts (56.5%) and Allotments (39.4%).

About 50 additional facilities were added in answer to questions 4n & 4o, the most common being the Village Hall (10 mentions). The full list can be seen in the Full Results.





**Conclusion:** A wide range of existing facilities is highly rated.

**Question 5: New Facilities.** The question asked respondents to indicate which of the list of 14 shops, services and new amenities they would like in the parish. There was a space for them to insert 2 additional facilities not in the list that they considered were important. The chart below shows the percentage of respondents who voted *Yes* or *I Would Use Them*; blue = village responses, orange = TF responses.



Village support for these new facilities is quite modest with the most acceptable new facility, a doctors' surgery, only having the support of 54% of respondents. No other facility had a response over 50% so they were rejected by the majority of villagers. However, TF respondents are more supportive of new facilities with 8 new

facilities having over 50% support. Three facilities were strongly supported, a local shop at TF (88.5%), a doctors' surgery (80.9%) and a pharmacy (71.8%). The idea for a care home in the parish was very poorly supported with only 23.8% of village respondents and 13.1% of TF respondents. About 25 additional new facilities were added in answer to questions 5o & 5p, the most common was a secondary school with 4 mentions.

**Conclusion:** There is limited support for new facilities, but stronger support for a doctors' surgery, and, at TF, a local shop and pharmacy.

**Question 6: Transport Issues:** The question asked respondents to indicate how strongly they believed that changes are needed to a list of 11 transport/traffic issues. There was a space for them to insert 2 additional issues not in the list that they considered were important. The chart below shows the percentage of respondents who voted for *Some Changes*, *Important Changes* or *Major Changes*; blue = village responses, orange = TF responses.



Changes; blue = village responses, orange = TF responses.

Seven of the transport issues received the support from over 50% of village respondents with road maintenance (80% in agreement) having the

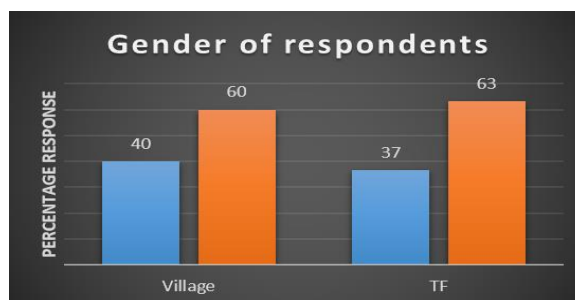
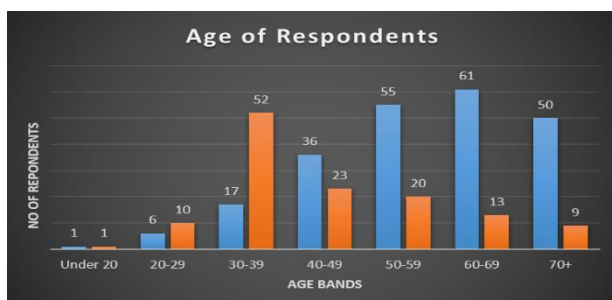


strongest support for change. Footpaths, bus routing and car parking did not generate strong views for a change with only 48% to 31% of respondents indicating change. The need for change is stronger with TF residents with 9 of the 11 issues being supported by over 50% of respondents. About 55 additional traffic issues were added in answer to questions 6l & 6m with comments on the A33 being most common.

Conclusion: Road maintenance is a high priority as are traffic issues of speed and congestion.

**Question 7: Business Support:** The question asks whether more support and facilities should be provided to help small businesses. There were 52 comments overall of which 58% were supportive of some support. Of the 52 comments, 11% (all from TF) were related to the provision of shops.

Conclusion: There is significant support for helping small businesses.



**Question 8: Age and gender of respondents.**

The chart above shows the number of respondents in each age group, blue pillars are village and orange are for TF. While village respondents are in the majority above the age of 50, in the 30-39 age group it is TF respondents that are in the majority. The right hand chart shows that more ladies filled out the questionnaire in the village and TF.

Conclusion: 60% of respondents were ladies, peak age group was 30-39 for TF, but over 50 for the village.

**Question 9: Additional Views.** The question asked respondents to write any request or view on the future look of the Parish not covered by earlier questions. There were 150 comments in which A33 congestion, keeping the Strategic Gap, need for TF shop and bypass to Cufaude Lane at TF featured strongly.

Conclusion: With so many separate comments there is no simple conclusion.

Issued by:  
**The Planning Sub-Committee for the Neighbourhood Plan  
of the Parish of Sherfield on Loddon**



## Text Analysis of Questions 3 and 9 of the Household Questionnaire

### Introduction

Following the decision of the Parish Council in October 2012 to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NP) for the Parish, it was agreed that a questionnaire should be prepared to invite all parish residents of voting age to provide their views on the future shape of the Parish.

The questionnaire was designed to provide documented evidence of residents' views on existing features and characteristics of the Parish and on potential developments, new homes and additional facilities. The paper questionnaire was delivered with the March 2014 edition of the Loddon Valley Link (an online version was also available) and results were collected throughout March.

The Full Results Analysis is presented in Annex A of the Sherfield on Loddon Neighbourhood Development Plan. However, as this did not show the analysis of the free text responses in Questions 3 and 9, the later analysis of these text comments is contained in this document.

### Question 3 text responses

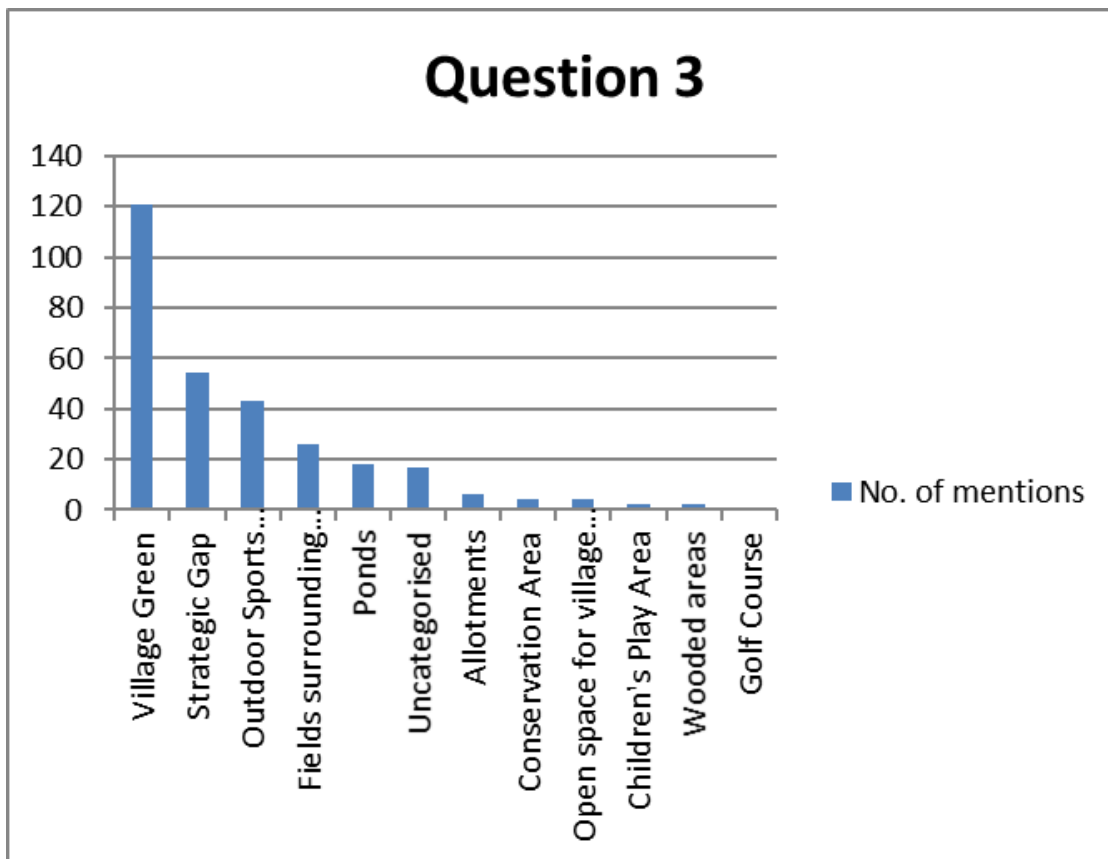
Question 3 read: *“Green Spaces. Are there any places in the parish which you think we should try and protect as green spaces? If so, please describe these areas and explain why you think they should be preserved.”*

The responses have been grouped into common themes and the number of mentions of each theme is shown in the following Table.

	<b>Place</b>	<b>No. of mentions</b>
VG	Village Green	121
SG	Strategic Gap	54
SF	Outdoor Sports Facilities	43
GF	Fields surrounding village	26
PD	Ponds	18
	Uncategorised	17
AL	Allotments	6
CA	Conservation Area	4
VE	Open space for village events	4
PA	Children's Play Area	2
WA	Wooded areas	2
GC	Golf Course	1
	Total responses	298



These responses are illustrated in the following bar chart.



### Question 9 text responses

Question 9 read: *“Additional views. If you have any request or view on the future look of the Parish that has not been covered above, please write it here.”*

The responses have been grouped into common themes and the number of mentions of each theme is shown in the following Table.

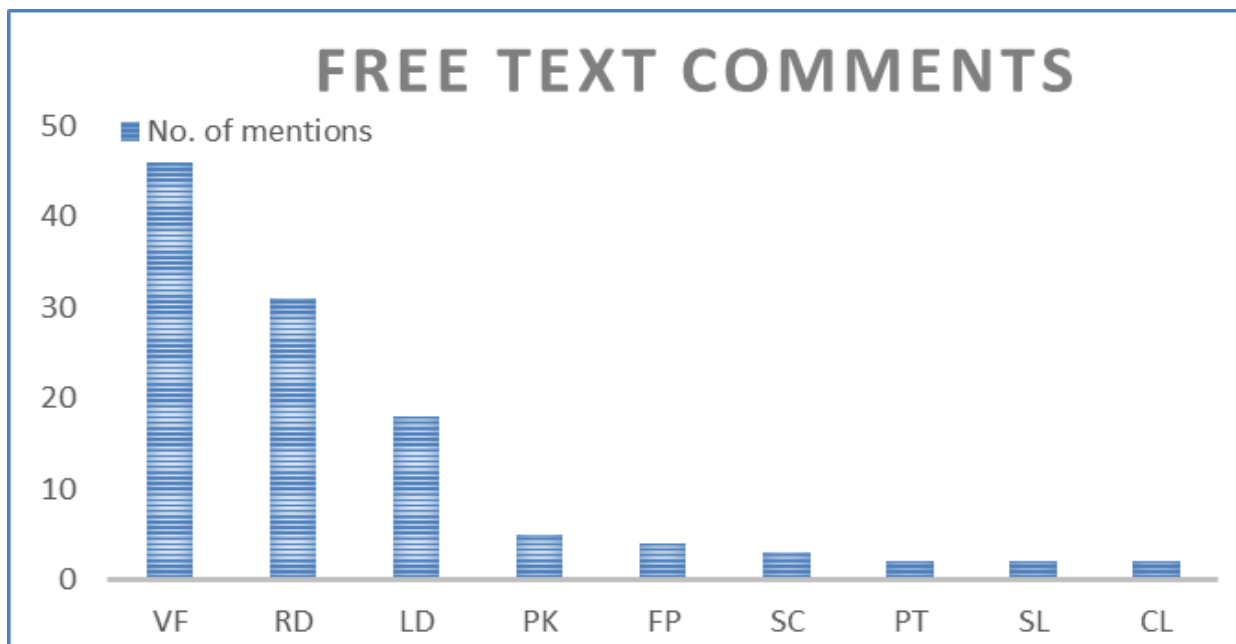
	<b>Views</b>	<b>No. of mentions</b>
VF	Retain village feel with visible separation from surrounding villages. Retain green spaces, conservation area and existing village settlement boundary	46
RD	Improve roads including A33 (overloaded, congested, excessive speed, causing pollution, accidents, etc). Bypass/widen A33. Control traffic through village. Provide crossings and traffic calming.	31
LD	Avoid large housing developments. Only allow small infill sites. Concerns about impact on flooding, traffic volumes and losing village feel.	18
PK	Provide sufficient parking at the shop and for any new developments	5
FP	Retain and properly maintain surrounding footpaths	4



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SC	Provide quality schooling	3
PT	Improve Public transport	2
SL	Provide more street lighting (Bramley & Readings Rds)	2
CL	Provide cycle lanes to Chineham & Bramley	2
		113

These responses are illustrated in the following bar chart.



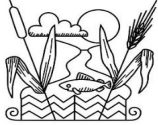


### Results of Business Survey - April/May 2015

Summary for 21 questionnaires (as at 27 May 2015)											
	Type of business		Business location		Type of bus. location						
	Ltd Co.	Sole Trader	Located in SoL	Outside Sol but advertise in LVL	Home	Own bus. premises	Rented bus. premises	Like to relocate	Like managed offices?	Public trans OK?	Internet fit?
Totals "Y"	13	4	10	11	4	4	4	0	0	0	11
Totals "N"	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	4	1

#### (All) General Comments

1. We are planning to submit plans for a new 2 storey side extension on the site of our existing office to provide larger more versatile premises.  
Note: We're submitting plans for 4 apartments to the rear of Sherdon House to facilitate the units described under Local Housing.
2. Ours is an internet business. All required work is subcontracted in and surrounding counties.
3. Very happy with the LVL; nice and easy to deal with. Thank you.
4. Eventually (within my lifetime) Sherfield Village will need to be bypassed from Bramley direction to the A33, which will itself need to be dualled to Risley, and, there will need to be a round-about South of Sherfield village to allow safe access to Sherfield School, which will close the current "chicane" and give new access to Sherfield village.
5. My business is not reliant on the economy of SoL. We chose to live/base the business here because it is a quiet, peaceful area.
6. Our business is unusual in being Funeral Directors. Our only concern would be the church and cemetery - both of which are good and do not cause any problems. Sorry we can't help further.
7. We must encourage full support of local businesses by residents in SoL. We must discourage development of housing above the threshold of 3000 pax in the village to maintain its rural status.
8. My business is Rotherwick based and I advertise in your local mag. Therefore I don't feel these questions are relevant for me.
9. Great place to live and work!



**(All) themed comments**

**Public Transport improvements**

More car parking at Bramley Station. A foot bridge at Bramley Station.  
A cycleway/ pavement between Bramley and Sherfield making Bramley Station more accessible  
More regular bus services to enable care staff to access premises.  
None, the village is fine as it is, a residential and peaceful place to live.

**Improve Local economy**

None, as the varied array of businesses support the village adequately.  
Roundabout or lights at Church End/A33  
Support of businesses in the village enhances all by keeping local house prices high!!

**Village Facilities**

None other than a discrete sign to indicate where business are at the cross roads.  
Be helpful if the Post Office opened on Wednesday PMs.  
Remove the old senior football pavilion and replace with something (?) the whole village can use.  
To support businesses enhance the village look and feel by picket fences, flowers etc.

**Local Transport**

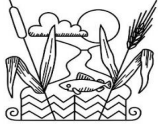
More car parking at Bramley Station. A foot bridge at Bramley Station.  
Adequate for time being (bus service) plus cycle track to Bramley Rail Station  
Stop cars from parking close to the corner of Goddard's Lane and the Shop. Get the police to enforce it!  
More buses and extended timetable.

**Communications/infrastructure**

Mobile telephone reception weak in some parts of the village.

**Local Housing**

From my business perspective, I've had numerous requests for small manageable units /flats for elderly parents with disabled access.  
Moderate and well controlled expansion.  
Not sure - sooner or later, if the A33 is dualled, there will be pressure to accept new development between Sherfield Village and Taylor's Farm.  
It isn't relevant to my business, however, we would be strongly opposed to any new development.  
If there is to be development, ensure that the total persons resident is below 3000 pax.



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**Counteract Climate Change**

Use some of the surrounding, no longer used agriculture fields into solar panels.  
Reduction of speed limit on A33 or enforcement of current speed limit (50mph) with cameras.  
Target speeding through the village and engines left running in village .  
All housing should have solar panels.

**Preserve/enhance natural environment:** No new houses.



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5 PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

POSTERS DISPLAYED IN VILLAGE AND LVL JANUARY 2015

**Residents of Sherfield**  
Especially those between 20-49

**We would love to hear from you!**

The Neighbourhood Plan currently being prepared will help define the future size, look and character of the Parish of Sherfield on Loddon. It will help us prepare for managing change over the next 15 years and will provide evidence for the development of any additional homes, amenities and facilities.

The policies and statements in the Neighbourhood Plan must be based on evidence derived from consultation with the residents of Sol and the Borough's Inspector will require us to have taken additional steps to contact those age groups that did not respond so strongly to the initial, parish-wide questionnaire last March.

Therefore, in this appeal, we would like to engage with 20-49 year olds to get your views on key topics and issues from time to time with regard to the next stages of the Sherfield on Loddon Neighbourhood Plan.

Issues that parishioners have already identified are:

<b>IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>CONCERNS</b>
Measures to reduce traffic through the parish	Large scale development
Improved public transport	A33
Better access to medical facilities	Strains on infrastructure
More business opportunities	Losing the village's rural environment
New people and ideas	Impact of proposed development in nearby Bramley

We also have a short newsletter which gives you an update on what the progress and discussion points are within the process.

To sign up to receive our newsletter and take part in short question surveys please visit [www.sherfieldonloddon-pc.gov.uk/Council/Neighbourhood\\_Plan.aspx](http://www.sherfieldonloddon-pc.gov.uk/Council/Neighbourhood_Plan.aspx) and complete the sign up form online.

Alternatively complete your address details and put this in the Parish Post Box located next to the entrance to Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall or the collection box in House Twenty@

Name*	
Address*	
Postcode*	
Email	
Signature*	
Age Group*	Under 20   20-29   30-39   40-49   50-59   60-69   70-79   80+
Gender	

\* Mandatory.

**Help Shape the Future**

The Neighbourhood Plan will help define the future size, look and character of the Parish of Sherfield on Loddon. It will help us prepare for managing change over the next 15 years and will provide evidence for the development of any additional homes, amenities and facilities.

We understand that everyone has a busy life but to help shape the future of the Parish of Sherfield on Loddon we would like to engage with you to get your views on key topics and issues from time to time with regard to the next stages of the Sherfield on Loddon Neighbourhood Plan.

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Measures to reduce traffic through the parish	Large scale development
Improved public transport	A33
Better access to medical facilities	Strains on infrastructure
More business opportunities	Losing the village's rural environment
New people and ideas	Impact of proposed development in nearby Bramley

We also have a short newsletter which gives you an update on what the progress and discussion points are within the process.

To sign up to receive our newsletter and take part in short question surveys please visit [www.sherfieldonloddon-pc.gov.uk/Council/Neighbourhood\\_Plan.aspx](http://www.sherfieldonloddon-pc.gov.uk/Council/Neighbourhood_Plan.aspx) and complete the sign up form online.

Alternatively complete your address details and put this in the Parish Post Box located next to the entrance to the Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall or the collection box in House Twenty@

Name*	
Address*	
Postcode*	
Email	
Signature*	
Age Group*	Under 20   20-29   30-39   40-49   50-59   60-69   70-79   80+
Gender	

\* Mandatory.



## POSTERS DISPLAYED AT PUBLIC MEETING MAY 2015

### **SHERFIELD ON LODDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY**

**YOUR VIEWS ARE CRUCIAL**

**THERE ARE NO PRE-CONCEIVED IDEAS  
FOR SHERFIELD'S PLAN**

**PLEASE JOIN IN AND  
HELP SHAPE THE PLAN**

AT REFERENDUM  
THE FINAL DECISIONS WILL BE  
YOURS

### **Neighbourhood Plan Working Group**

#### **Activities already undertaken**

- News updates and summary of main findings from the parish questionnaire placed in Loddon Valley Link
- Consultations with Village Groups & congregations
- Meeting with Neighbourhood Plan group for Sherborne St. John
- Meetings with professional consultants to define parameters for the plan
- Distribution of a survey of businesses
- Setting up of new lines of communication: email lists & 'survey monkey' consultations
- Preparation for consultation with land owners
- Preparation for consultation with statutory consultees eg. English Heritage, Natural England & The Environment Agency
- Preparation for a Landscape Character Assessment of the village

Success in bid for further grant aid in 2015

### **Neighbourhood Plan Working Group**

#### **Future Plans for 2015**

- Initiate a survey of local housing need from Action Hampshire
- Consult residents about the:
  - \* Draft Vision Statement
  - \* Draft list of Key Issues
  - \* Draft Objectives for the Plan
- Start writing Policies (using consultant), then consult residents on Draft Policies
  - Complete Draft Plan and put it out to consultation with residents.

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**Regular Public Consultation  
is the KEY**

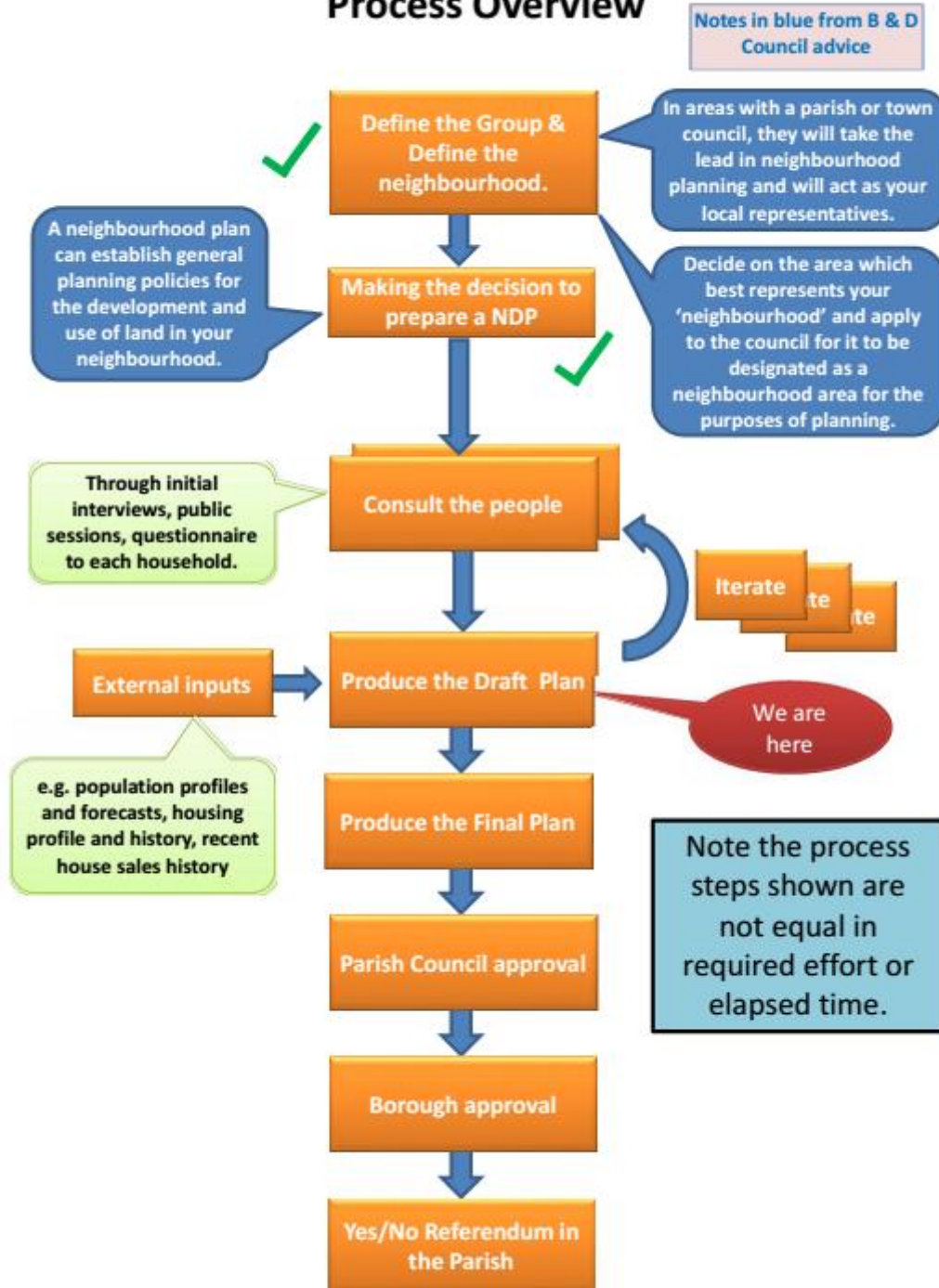
Follow the progress of  
Sherfield's Neighbourhood Plan  
& help to shape it

- Visit the Parish Council website and follow the link to the Neighbourhood Plan
- Follow our bulletins in the Loddon Valley Link
- Write to us with your thoughts (via PC Village Hall letter box)
- Look out for & please attend any public open events
- Take part in any consultation opportunities

**Please give us your email address today**



## Neighbourhood Plan Process Overview





## FAQS ON PC WEBSITE MAY 2015

Sherfield on Loddon Neighbourhood Plan – Questions and Answers 1 Frequently asked questions

**Why do we need a Neighbourhood Plan?** The purpose of the neighbourhood plan is to guide future development in Sherfield in order to ensure the best possible outcomes for the village and the parish as a whole. The concept of neighbourhood planning was introduced by the Localism Act 2011<sup>1</sup>, as a way for communities to shape the future of the places where they live and work. It lets communities have more say in where new houses, businesses, shops and community facilities should go in their local area, and it can (though it does not have to) allocate sites for development. A neighbourhood plan may also include more detailed planning policies, for example to define how new development should look. Once finalised, the neighbourhood plan becomes a legal document, to be used by the parish council to evaluate new planning applications and by the borough council to enforce changes to planning applications which do not conform to the plan.

**What is included in the neighbourhood plan?** The neighbourhood plan includes a vision statement of what people would like the parish to be in 15 years' time, a number of strategic aims, and a number of policies. The policies are the core of the neighbourhood plan. They are used by the parish planning committee to assess every planning application. Once the neighbourhood plan has been approved by the borough and accepted by the parish in a referendum, it has legal force, and can be used by the planning committee to reject or amend applications if they contravene the requirements of one or more of the policies. In this way, the policies give the parish planning committee greater control over planning applications than they have now and, importantly, the borough planning committee is also bound by them. It is important that the policies reflect the strategic aims of the parish so that they can be used to shape applications according to the wishes of residents. Policies must be based on evidence collected during the preparation of the neighbourhood plan document; they must not contravene any existing borough, national, or EU planning rules; and they must not duplicate policies that already exist in higher planning rules such as the borough local plan.

**Can we put in anything we like?** No. Whilst there is scope to specify policies unique to Sherfield, all neighbourhood plans must conform to the government's National Planning Policy Framework<sup>2</sup> and the borough council's Local Plan<sup>3</sup>. Thus there are limits as to what a neighbourhood plan can and can't do; for example, it cannot arbitrarily stop any new development. What it can do is give us the opportunity (perhaps our only opportunity) to influence the scale and nature of such development, and to ensure it is as good as it can be for our area. <sup>1</sup>

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/contents/enacted> <sup>2</sup>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2> <sup>3</sup> See

<http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/localplanexamination> Sherfield on Loddon Neighbourhood Plan – Questions and Answers <sup>2</sup>

**How have the policies been arrived at?** The present draft policies are the result of two years' work by local volunteers, with the help of planning experts and, crucially, input from Sherfield residents, through surveys, interviews and open sessions. In addition, two supporting documents<sup>4</sup> are available, and were/will be on show at our Open Sessions: 1. Details of the specially commissioned local Housing Needs Survey by Action Hampshire, and 2. The Sherfield on Loddon Character Assessment. This is an 80-page document that describes the distinct appearance and feel of the parish. This took four months to produce, all of the work done by volunteers, who recorded key features of the parish in a structured way.



**Why doesn't policy CF1, 'Supporting Local Community Facilities' include requirements for GP and school services?** GP services, along with other NHS primary care services, are the responsibility of clinical commissioning groups on behalf of NHS England. Local authorities' planning powers do not extend to defining requirements for additional primary care services as a result of potential or actual increases in population that may arise from planning decisions. There is no automatic link between changes in local population and the provision of primary care services. In a similar way, the provision of school services in our area lies with Hampshire County Council, and once more there is no link within the planning process between potential or actual changes in local population and the provision of school places. It is of course possible for the parish or borough planners to make representations to the competent bodies in respect of an anticipated need for additional medical and education services, but it is not open to them to make such needs a requirement in the planning process.

**Policy E2: Renewable energy from solar panel farms states that proposals to site farms of solar panels outside the settlement boundary will be considered favourably but what happens when the farm reaches its end of life?** Planning practice guidance for renewable and low carbon energy is included in the National Planning Policy Framework<sup>2</sup>, and states that solar farms are normally temporary structures and that planning conditions can be used to specify that these installations are to be removed when no longer in use and the land is to be restored to its previous use. 4 Documents will be available at [http://www.sherfieldonloddon-pc.gov.uk/Neighbourhood\\_Plan.aspx](http://www.sherfieldonloddon-pc.gov.uk/Neighbourhood_Plan.aspx) Sherfield on Loddon Neighbourhood Plan – Questions and Answers 3

**Why isn't the 'strategic gap' mentioned in the neighbourhood plan?** The Sherfield on Loddon neighbourhood plan references the Basingstoke & Deane local plan which contains the following policy: Policy EM2 – Strategic Gaps In order to prevent coalescence of built up areas and to maintain the separate identity of settlements, the generally open and undeveloped nature of the following gaps will be protected: • Basingstoke – Oakley • Basingstoke – Sherborne St John • Basingstoke – Old Basing • Basingstoke/Chineham – Bramley/Sherfield on Loddon • Tadley – Baughurst Development in gaps will only be permitted where: a) It would not diminish the physical and/or visual separation; and b) It would not compromise the integrity of the gap either individually or cumulatively with other existing or proposed development; or c) It is proposed through a NP or Neighbourhood Development Order, including Community Right to Build Orders. This local plan policy therefore already restricts the development in these gaps. If we repeat or contradict the local plan policy in our neighbourhood plan, the neighbourhood plan will not be approved by the borough council.



## SHERFIELD ON LODDON HOUSING SURVEY

# COMING SOON



A survey will soon come through your door asking about the HOME YOU LIVE IN NOW, WHETHER YOU'D LIKE TO CHANGE IT FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT, AND WHY.



HELP US  
TO CREATE THE  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
WE ALL WANT  
FOR THE  
FUTURE



WHEN  
IT ARRIVES,  
PLEASE MAKE SURE  
YOU COMPLETE AND  
RETURN IT AS SOON  
AS POSSIBLE.



**Action**  
Hampshire  
Helping our communities thrive

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE  
CONTACT ALAN BALL (PARISH COUNCIL  
CHAIRMAN) ON XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX



SHERFIELD ON LODDON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
ANNEX G – REGISTER OF CONSULTATION EVENTS AND SURVEY RESULTS

LETTER TO ALL HOUSEHOLDERS ABOUT HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY JULY 2015

Sherfield-on-Loddon Neighbourhood Plan      Housing Survey.

Dear Householder

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Party is making good progress but still needs to collect information about the Parish's current and future housing needs.

The Working Party on behalf of the Parish Council has commissioned an independent housing survey to ascertain the extent and nature of local housing need. The survey will be carried out by Action Hampshire (a Winchester based charity) which is an approved partner of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

Kirsty Rowlinson from Action Hampshire is organising the details of this survey. The survey responses will be analysed by Kirsty, who will ensure that all information is kept anonymous.

This information will form a key element in producing a successful Neighbourhood Plan so we would be extremely grateful if you would take the time to complete this survey.

Please return the form using the FREEPOST envelope provided by Monday 3rd August.

For further information or additional questionnaires please contact Kirsty Rowlinson  
Kirsty.Rowlinson@ActionHants.org.uk or 01962 857350

Thank you.

John Darker  
Chairman  
SoL Neighbourhood Plan Working Party  
July 2015



CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL LANDOWNERS

SEPTEMBER 2015

Template of letter sent to local major landowners

In 2013 Sherfield-on-Loddon Parish Council resolved to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and has formed and empowered a Neighbourhood Plan Working Party (NPWP) to achieve this aim, in line with the requirements of the community, the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (emerging) Local Plan and in accordance with relevant legislation.

Engagement with residents and those who work within the parish has helped the NPWP to build up a vision, objectives and policies which reflect how local people would like to see Sherfield develop over the next 15 years.

We would now like to give you the opportunity, as a local landowner, to become engaged in the process. There may be specific information, circumstance or constraint that you wish us to take into account. There may be issues that you would like to discuss and we would welcome any input you may have.

Please contact Peter Hayes, Neighbourhood Plan Administrator on 07711 643151 or email [sol\\_planning@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sol_planning@yahoo.co.uk) to put your views forward.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely

Alan Ball, Chairman, SoL Neighbourhood Plan Working Party.

A notice requesting local landowners to come forward with any views they might have on the NP had been put in the October edition of the LVL.

Results reported in Minutes of NPWP meeting 23 November 2015. Only 2 landowners had expressed any opinion both of which were negative.



## NP OPEN DAY 6 FEBRUARY 2016

Village Hall 10-4pm

### *Purpose*

- To inform attendees of the current status of the NP activities and solicit their feedback

### *Objectives*

- To communicate the conclusions of the Action Hants Housing Survey (Kirsty Rowlinson of Action Hants present to explain the Housing Needs Survey)
- To communicate the structure and content of the Character Assessment
- To communicate the NP plan and its status
- To gather feedback on the:-
  - NP Policies (not vision and aims)
  - Character Assessment
  - NP activities to date

### *Outcome*

- Fully consulted wider community



## ARTICLE FOR THE LVL APRIL 2017



### SHERFIELD ON LODDON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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Work on the Neighbourhood Plan started in August 2013 and now the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party is about to bring the embryonic Neighbourhood Plan to completion. A Draft Plan, which is very different to previous versions will soon be ready.

After this Plan has been adopted by the Parish Council, it will start the Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation stage, when the Draft Plan is put before the residents for comment. This part of the process will begin on 3rd April and last until 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Each household should receive a hand delivered summary of the Plan attached to a comment form at the beginning of April. Please return comment forms to the Parish Clerk even if you just wish to state your approval.

Full copies of the Plan and the associated documents will be available in House Twenty8, Hair Affair, The Salon, Chineham Library, St Leonard's Meeting Room, Simmons and Sons Estate Agents (Sherdon), The White Hart and The Four Horseshoes.

There will also be two Open sessions at Breach Lane Chapel on Saturdays 22<sup>nd</sup> April and 6<sup>th</sup> May from 9.30-12.30, where you will be able to meet members of the Working Party and Parish Councillors, ask questions and complete comment forms. Please look out for Posters advertising these sessions.

Local Businesses, landowners and statutory consultees will also be asked to comment.

The Draft Plan and associated documents will be available on the Parish Council Website together with an online comment form.

After this, the Working Party will read all the comment forms, and provide responses, which may include altering aspects of the Draft Plan.

The proposed final Plan will then be submitted by The Parish Council to Basingstoke and Deane who will appoint an Inspector to make comment. Any recommendations from the Inspector must be incorporated into a confirmed final Version of the Plan.

Once these stages are completed Basingstoke and Deane will put the final version of the Plan to residents in a referendum.

John Darker.

Chairman Neighbourhood Plan Working Party.