

# ***CALNE COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN***

## ***CONSULTATION STATEMENT***

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This draft consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012<sup>1</sup> in respect of the revised Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan. Section 15(2) of part 5 of the regulations requires that a Consultation Statement should:
- Contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed Neighbourhood Plan
  - Explain how they were consulted
  - Summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted and
  - Describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.2 **Part A** (Pre-Regulation 14 Consultation) Gives an overview of the consultation events and activities that have led to the production of the Draft Calne Community NDP and ultimately the planning policies contained within it that aim to control and promote sustainable development in Calne Town and Calne Without Parish
- 1.3 **Part B** (Regulation 14 overview) Gives an overview and description of the pre-submission consultation, known as Regulation 14, that has been undertaken on the Draft Calne Community NDP. The Regulation 14 Consultation took place over a seven week period between 1<sup>st</sup> February and 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.
- 1.4 The purpose of Regulation 14 consultation is to ensure that those who live and work in the Parish plus stakeholders and other interested parties had an opportunity to comment on a pre-submission draft of the NDP. Those comments and issues raised are included in this report, together with the Steering Group's responses to those comments. Changes made to the plan following consideration of consultation responses will be outlined.
- 1.5 Supporting information relating to this Statement is available on the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan website: <https://www.calnecommunityplan.com/>

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<sup>1</sup> Localism Act 2011


## 2 PART A - PRE-REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION

### Background and Approach to Consultation

- 2.1 Calne Community comprises of the Calne Town Council and Calne Without Parish Council areas

#### Calne and Calne Without Neighbourhood Area



 Neighbourhood Plan Area

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- 2.2 The initial Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan was finalised in 2018. A copy of that plan can be found here:  
[https://www.calnecommunityplan.com/files/ugd/da341b\\_4f3edb1a0a504815ad546a605c067d8f.pdf](https://www.calnecommunityplan.com/files/ugd/da341b_4f3edb1a0a504815ad546a605c067d8f.pdf)
- 2.3 Since 2018, there has been and will continue to be changes in national and Wiltshire policy. Therefore, a decision was taken in the summer of 2021 to review the plan to ensure this positive and effective community led document remains up-to-date and can be a strong tool in the legal framework within which planning decisions are made in the area of Calne and Calne Without.
- 2.4 Throughout the preparation stages of the revised Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan, the Steering Group have worked hard to engage widely with residents and various stakeholders on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan.

- 2.5 The Calne Community Neighbourhood Steering Group was re-formed in February 2020 with terms of reference and Councillors appointed as representatives from both Qualifying bodies.
- 2.6 In May 2020 the Steering Group set out to recruit new community members. Final Terms of Reference for the new Steering group agreed in November 2020 and a process to find planning consultants to support the group started.
- 2.7 Early 2021 saw the appointment of consultants Place Studio to guide the Steering Group through the start of the Review of the Plan. The Steering group was initially supported by officers from both Councils until an administrator was appointed in December 2021.
- 2.8 The Steering Group currently comprises of 13 permanent voting members as follows:
- Three representatives from Calne Town Council (Qualifying body)
  - Two representatives from Calne Without Parish Council (Qualifying body)
  - Eight representatives from the community who bring a wide ranging set of skills and cover a range of interests including:
    - business community
    - community groups and activism
    - environmental and climate change interests
    - local history and built environment
- 2.9 In addition, one officer from Calne Town Council attends meetings and a representative of the Wiltshire Council Spatial Planning Team and Wiltshire Councillor who represents the town at the Calne Area Board receive minutes of meetings and updates.
- 2.10 As we moved closer to public consultation the Calne Without Parish Council Clerk and Calne Town Council Clerk have been attending meetings and involved in decisions being made.

## **Approach to structuring the review**

- 2.11 The approach for structuring the review was guided by a technical appraisal of the existing Plan by consultants Aecom through the Locality programme which highlighted the policies that required work and updating .
- 2.12 During the Plan preparation, the Steering Group created 6 topic groups, following feedback from members of the public on their priorities. This was to ensure the priorities were fully examined and addressed in the context of the detailed guidance contained in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Wiltshire Core Strategy. The topic groups were as follows:
- Sustainability & Climate Change
  - Natural Environment
  - Built Environment

- Housing & Communities (later split into 2 discreet sections)
- Getting Around
- Working & Shopping

2.13 The purpose of the topic groups was to gather evidence to deliver on policies and objectives. Each group is made up of members of the public, representatives of the Qualifying bodies and with a lead who is a member of the community.

2.14 Topic groups met at regular intervals from February 2022 to collect evidence, create topic papers, create chapters and policies. Place Studio helped to facilitate these sessions.

2.15 The structure and priorities of the Topic Groups were as follows when the groups were established:

Note: (SG) indicates member of the Steering Group.

Topic Group	<b>Built Environment</b>
Members	Sarah Glen (SG), Glenis Ansell (SG) (until Nov 2022), Doug Price (SG), Tim Havenith (SG), John Boaler (from Summer 2022), Andrew Jones (from Summer 2022)
Priorities	Development should enhance build quality and design Enrich the living experience and health and well-being of current and new residents Ensure the provision and retention of the community facilities that Calne & Calne Without requires to function as a high quality place to live Enhance the appearance and historic character of the Calne, Derry Hill and Sandy Lane Conservation Areas

Topic Group	<b>Getting Around</b>
Members	Ioan Rees (SG), Celia Stevens (SG), Doug Price (SG), Sam Pearce-Kearney (SG)
Priorities	The road network is congested at peak times, exacerbated by high levels of car use within and commuting to and from the area Reduction in air and noise pollution is a priority Promoting a joined up sustainable transport network that works for the Neighbourhood Area. Supporting those who use sustainable modes of transport and encourages others to do so It's important that all road users, including those walking, cycling and riding can safely use the transport network Improve walking and cycling links between the town, villages and surrounding countryside. This includes promoting key routes for leisure and recreation. Improve the public transport provision to link the town villages and key facilities such as the local secondary school

<b>Topic Group</b>	<b>Housing &amp; Communities</b>
Members	Ioan Rees (SG), Alan Hill (SG), Sarah Glen (SG), Julie Wakeham (SG), Keith Robbins (SG), John Barnes (SG) (from Jan 23)
Priorities	<p>Additional growth needs to address accessible and affordable housing needs</p> <p>Additional growth should be directly linked to provision of much needed infrastructure</p> <p>Additional growth must address provision of youth facilities and perceived shortfall in healthcare provision</p> <p>Address concerns about additional housing having a negative impact on the already congested road network and road safety conditions</p>

<b>Topic Group</b>	<b>Natural Environment</b>
Members	Julie Wakeham (SG), Celia Stevens (SG), Tim Havenith (SG), Robert MacNaughton (SG), Sue Deedigan (until May 2023), Andrew Jones (from Summer 2022)
Priorities	<p>Protect and enhance key areas for wildlife, biodiversity and human health and well being</p> <p>Protect and enhance green spaces for recreation as well as accessible nature spaces e.g. Castlefields Park &amp; North Wessex Downs.</p> <p>Ensure that new areas of housing are integrated into, and extend the local network of green spaces, providing new spaces when needed.</p> <p>Protect the countryside from inappropriate development and ensure the landscape character is maintained</p> <p>Create attractive approaches to the town and villages from every direction and protect the individual communities' identities.</p> <p>Ensure the borders of the town do not extend so that nearby countryside becomes inaccessible by foot</p>

<b>Topic Group</b>	<b>Sustainability &amp; Climate Change</b>
Members	Celia (Stevens (SG), Sue Deedigan (SG), James Gladding (SG)
Priorities	<p>To adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change at the local level</p> <p>Ensure meaningful benefits to the community through improved air quality, decreased fuel poverty together with greener, cleaner places to thrive</p> <p>Education, empowerment and real community action to address the challenges and opportunities of Climate Change</p> <p>Address the ecological emergency and support nature recovery at the local level</p> <p>Drive more efficient use of transport and promote alternatives to lower environmental impact</p> <p>Delivery of lower carbon alternatives for residential and commercial energy needs</p>

Topic Group	<b>Working &amp; Shopping</b>
Members	Sarah Glen (SG), Glenis Ansell (until Nov 2022) Su Johnson (from December 2022)
Priorities	Ensure the protection and provision of local job opportunities Enable sustainable development of the visitor economy Work towards a zero carbon local economy Develop the sustainable role/function of Calne Town Centre Delivering a connected, safe and inclusive public realm

## Approach to Consultation communication

2.16 The Steering Group members were committed to having a robust Communications Plan that would guide all involved throughout the process. The key principles were:

- *Start early, and follow a whole planned process*
- *Communicate regularly through a range of different channels in order to reach a wide range of people in the local community*
- *Report back speedily, regularly and in detail so people can see how their input is being used*
- *Use a range of different methods (workshop, social media, survey, drop-in, 'pop-up', going to community events / meetings etc.).*
- *Use appropriate methods at different stages (open-ended events are good at the start, far more focused ones best towards the end).*
- *Identify and engage with all possible target groups*
- *Set up a range of activities and communication channels that raise awareness and generate enough interest to, ideally, get 'everybody' involved Consultation Activities*

## Informal Consultation Phase

The informal consultation was phased as follows:

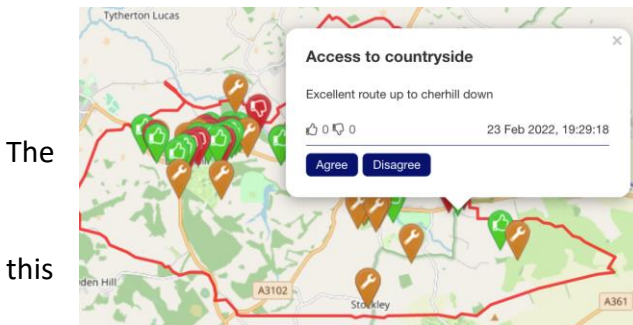
### Launch Consultation

2.17 This opening phase of consultation ran between 24<sup>th</sup> January – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022. It was online and offline:

- A website was launched which saw around 540 unique visitors – many of those came via the Plan facebook page
- 6 'pop-ups' in places and with groups around Calne and Calne Without for face to face discussions and awareness raising
- Local newspaper and newsletters advertised the launch consultation and direct emails were sent to local schools and groups



- 309 Survey Responses 168 pins placed on the community map - placecheck.info/app/maps/calne as illustrated below



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summary and full report is available on the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan website via link -

<https://www.calnecommunityplan.com/post/opening-consultation-feedback>

## Housing Needs Survey

2.18 This phase of consultation ran between May 2022 – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022

The survey, available via this link [https://calne-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/ccnpadmin\\_calne\\_gov\\_uk/Ebl8SGgfWrhPkTxomxSgV-wBTIJ7T1w6ig7jIQtvE1SnKA?e=Olj4Te](https://calne-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/ccnpadmin_calne_gov_uk/Ebl8SGgfWrhPkTxomxSgV-wBTIJ7T1w6ig7jIQtvE1SnKA?e=Olj4Te) sought to understand the views of local residents on the current and future housing needs of our community.

The resulting Housing Need Analysis is available via this link: [Understanding more about Housing Need in our Plan area \(calnecommunityplan.com\)](https://www.calnecommunityplan.com/understanding-more-about-housing-need-in-our-plan-area)

## Local Green Space Consultation

2.19 This phase of consultation ran from 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022

2.20 The purpose was to seek opinions of the community on the long list of potential green spaces drawn up by the Natural Environment Topic Group and Steering Group. It also sought ideas of other green spaces that could be considered for designation.

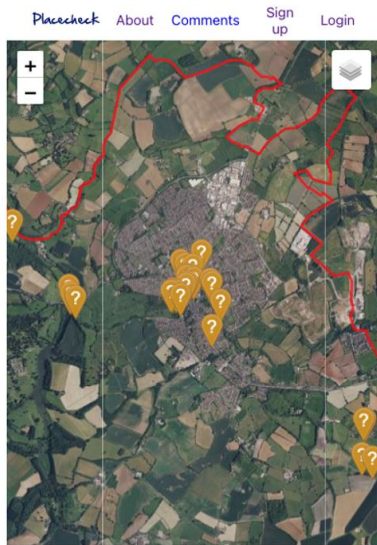
2.21 An update on the spaces being considered was posted on the website in August 2022 and the report (including the survey questions) can be accessed via this link: [Local Green Space Consultation - Feedback \(calnecommunityplan.com\)](https://www.calnecommunityplan.com/local-green-space-consultation-feedback)

## Local Heritage Assets Consultation

2.22 This phase of consultation ran from end of August 2022 until 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

2.23 The purpose was to consult the community on buildings, structures and sites that don't already have listed status (Grade 1,2 etc) but are worth preserving because of their quality, style or historical importance.

- 2.24 Residents were requested to nominate local assets via an online map by adding a 'pin' with a short description and ideally a photograph. Residents were also able to support nominations already made. A view of the map is below.



- 2.25 An update on the spaces being recommended for designation was posted on the website in October 2022 and can be accessed via this link:  
[Calne & Calne Without Locally Valued Non-Designated Heritage Assets - Consultation Feedback \(calnecommunityplan.com\)](https://calnecommunityplan.com)

### **Landowner Consultation**

- 2.26 During August 2022, letters were sent to all the landowners of the potential sites for Local Green Space designation. Copies of these letters have been stored on the Calne Town Council document repository. An example letter is included as Appendix A1. Responses were recorded on a spreadsheet and follow up letters sent to those who had not responded.
- 2.27 Three private landowners contacted the Administrator to raise queries about the designation and members of the Steering group made contact and met in person to discuss.

### **Local Heritage Asset owner consultation**

- 2.28 During January 2023, letters were sent to owners of the buildings being considered for Local Heritage Asset designation. Copies of these letters have been stored on the Calne Town Council document repository. An example letter is included as Appendix A1a. Responses were recorded on a spreadsheet and follow up letters sent to those who had not responded.

- 2.29 In March 2023 letters were sent to owners of those buildings the Steering Group decided to include in the draft plan. A copy is attached as Appendix A1b.

### **Employer/Employee consultation**

- 2.30 The Working & Shopping Topic Group were keen to understand the views of local residents in respect of their employment and also the view of significant local employers.
- 2.31 Online surveys were conducted using Microsoft Forms during February and March 2023. These were sent directly to local employers and promoted on the website and via social media.
- 2.32 The resulting feedback from Employees can be found in Appendix A2 and Employers in Appendix A3

### **Youth Surveys**

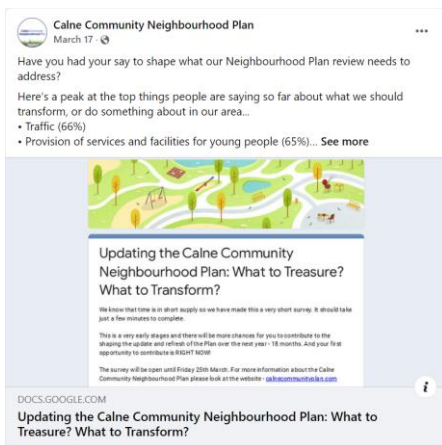
- 2.33 During early 2023, the Steering Group wanted to ensure the views of young people were included as they had so far been an under-represented demographic.
- 2.30 Online surveys designed for Primary & Secondary age young people were conducted using Microsoft Forms during April 2023. These were sent directly to local schools with the request that young people were encouraged to complete them and were promoted on the website and via social media.
- 2.35 The resulting feedback can be found as Appendix A4 for Primary Age young people and Appendix A5 for Secondary Age young people.

### **Online Consultation/information**

- 2.36 A Website was created in January 2022 to keep residents up to date with progress and events promoting the various stages of the plan <https://www.calnecommunityplan.com/>. The subscribers to this website were emailed information, and opportunities to engage.
- 2.37 Both councils had links to the Neighbourhood Plan on their own websites.
- 2.38 Both councils also kept residents up-to-date on progress via social media (Facebook). There is a separate Neighbourhood Plan Facebook group with over 780 followers (December 2023). In addition, Calne has very active Facebook news groups: the real shout out Calne, the original shout out Calne and Calne News which were used throughout to publicise updates and requests for engagement.



Examples of Facebook Posts



## Email

2.39 Using the local knowledge of the Steering & Topic group members a list of stakeholders was established and used to send tailored messages throughout the consultation period. The list included:

- Volunteer and community groups
- Charitable organisations
- Sports clubs
- Schools, nurseries and playgroups
- Health providers
- Adjacent parishes
- Churches
- Landowners
- Estate Agents
- Social Housing Providers

An example email is included as Appendix A6.

## Local Newspapers and Magazines

- 2.40 Information on consultation events, as well as various articles on the Neighbourhood Plan were published in the local Paper, Wiltshire Gazette & Herald. For example an article inviting participation in the Housing Needs Survey:  
<https://www.gazetteandherald.co.uk/news/20162320.calne-town-council-wants-views-future-housing-plans/>
- 2.41 There are two magazines that cover the Derry Hill and Studley in the Calne Without area – The Villages and inSPIRE. Articles were run in these magazines throughout the consultation period. These articles were to publicise consultations, update people on progress and as in the example included as Appendix A7 – invite local people to participate in the Wiltshire Local Plan review.
- 2.42 Calne Town Council publish a quarterly newsletter called Calne Connection. Articles were published in each publication through the consultation period. Below is the link to the summer 2023 edition:  
[Calne Connection](#)
- 2.43 The Calne Area Board publish a weekly E-Newsletter and articles were published to encourage participation in consultation events.

## Consultation Events

- 2.44 In addition to the online and electronic mail engagements the Steering Group have taken the opportunity to engage directly with the public via a number of formats and occasions.
- 2.45 Consultation events involved members of the steering group providing surveys for completion, opportunity to gather comments about different topics.
- 2.46 Consultation events were held on different days and different times of day in order to attract a wider audience.
- 2.47 A full list of consultation events can be found in the table below.

Event/Activity	Date(s)
<b>Inaugural Steering Group meeting</b> This meeting included members of the community who volunteered to be part of the Steering Group and to be key members of the Topic Groups.	December 2021
<b>Climate Friendly Future Event</b> Topics discussed informed the Climate Change and Sustainability chapter and provided useful information on this topic to steering group members.	January 2022

<p><b>Pop-up sessions – Launch Consultation</b> Stalls were held in: Calne Town Centre – Calne Springs Beversbrook Sports Centre The Pewsham public house The Derry Hill shop and post office Tesco superstore Members of the public were asked to tell us what they treasured and what they’d like to see changed in the local area.</p>	February – March 2022
<p><b>CWO meeting with residents at Cherhill View</b> Members of the public were asked to tell us what they treasured and what they’d like to see changed in the local area.</p>	March 2023
<p><b>Senior club</b> Opportunity to engage a range of older people who attend a senior club in the town hall They were encouraged to contribute to the housing needs and local green space consultations.</p>	May & June 2022
<p><b>Penn Court</b> A sheltered housing development in town where the residents were invited to participate in the local green space consultation.</p>	June 2022
<p><b>Derry Hill Fete</b> A stall was manned by Calne Without Parish Councillors and they encouraged local people to participate in the local green space consultation in 2022 and progress was discussed in 2023</p>	July 2022 & July 2023
<p><b>Heddington Steam Fair</b> A stall was manned by Calne Without Parish Councillors and they encouraged local people to participate in the local green space consultation in 2022 and progress was discussed in 2023</p>	July 2022
<p><b>Calne Carnival</b> A stall in the town centre inviting people to contribute to the local green space consultation.</p>	July 2022
<p><b>Energy day CWO</b> Summaries of the draft chapters were shared and feedback fed back to the group.</p>	Sept 23

## Topic Group workshop

- 2.48 The topic groups came together to share progress on evidence gathering and policy review on Saturday 11th June 2022. All those who could attend were able to understand work done to date / ask questions / make suggestions.

- 2.49 Those who could not attend were able to see all the material worked on to date via an online white board - [https://miro.com/app/board/uXjVO1Vb8F0=/?share\\_link\\_id=477057205730](https://miro.com/app/board/uXjVO1Vb8F0=/?share_link_id=477057205730)



- 2.50 The output of this workshop was presented to Calne Town and Calne Without Parish Councils at their July 2022 meeting.

## **General communication and promotion**

### **Engagement with Calne Town and Calne Without Parish Council**

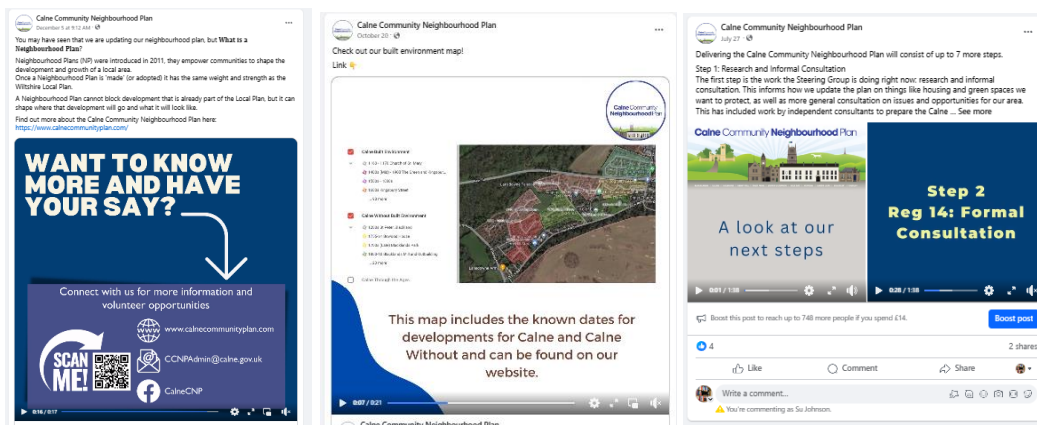
- 2.51 The same information has been shared with Calne Town and Calne Without Parish Councils since the inception of the Neighbourhood Plan review. There are representatives from both councils on the Steering Group.
- 2.52 Calne Town Council have oversight of the work of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group via the Planning Committee that meets every 3 weeks. Updates are presented to that committee, and they receive minutes of all Steering Group meetings. In turn, their minutes are provided to the full council monthly meeting.
- 2.53 Calne Without Parish Council have a standing item on their monthly meeting agenda for Councillors to receive a verbal update.
- 2.54 At key points in the project, members of the Steering Group have attended council meetings to provide verbal updates, share information or seek input. In addition, when the draft plan went to both councils for approval in December 2023, representatives from the Steering Group were in attendance to answer any questions.



- 2.55 The Steering Group were aware early on that the volume of material being produced would be challenging to present to the Councillors, so it was agreed to create chapter summaries which were shared with councillors when complete. An example is attached as Appendix A8.

## General publicity via social media

- 2.56 Throughout the process of creating the draft plan social media has been used to promote and publicise the activity being undertaken. Questions and answers have been created and have been published along with other general material. Some examples are below.



To see a post with video content, please click this link.

[https://fb.watch/p2Mc\\_vIA0y/](https://fb.watch/p2Mc_vIA0y/)



### **3 PART B – Regulation 14 Pre-submission Publicity & Consultation**

- 3.1 The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 states that before submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority, a qualifying body (Calne Town & Calne Without Parish Council) must:
- publicise in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area
  - details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan
  - details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected
  - details of how to make representations
  - the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised
  - consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood plan and
  - send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority
- 3.2 This section of the Consultation Statement will therefore outline the approach taken by the Steering Group to consult on the Draft Calne Community NDP at the Regulation 14 stage of the process between 1<sup>st</sup> February & 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.
- 3.3 Several methods were adopted to ensure that all relevant bodies and parties were informed of the consultation period, as well as ensuring that local residents were made aware of the consultation period and provided with opportunities to give their views and comments.
- 3.4 The Regulation 14 Consultation period commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 and ran for 7 weeks until 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024
- 3.5 The draft Neighbourhood Plan, Calne Design Guidelines and Code – Part B to the CCNP2, Modification Statement, Consultation Statement and 10 draft evidence base reports, were included in this consultation.
- 3.6 In planning for the consultation the Steering Group needed to ensure people who live, work or carry out business in the area were aware of the consultation, how to comment and when by. This was done through a multi-channel approach as described below

#### **Viewing the Documents**

- 3.7 The draft Neighbourhood Plan, and associated documents were uploaded to the Neighbourhood Plan website ([www.calnecommunityplan.com](http://www.calnecommunityplan.com)) and available to view for the course of the Regulation 14 Consultation. A temporary homepage was used on visiting the website to inform people of the Consultation and directing them to comment via a link to an online survey. Calne Without Parish Council also used a temporary landing page during this period to direct people to the CCNP website.
- 3.8 As well as the draft documents being available to view online, paper copies of these documents were made available to view at stands set up in:
- Calne Town Council Offices in Bank House, the Strand, Calne
  - Calne Library
  - Mobile Library that visits villages in Calne Without

People were invited to call or email the central CCNP mailbox with any questions, or for support to access the documents and/or survey.

### **Regulation 14 Consultation Survey**

- 3.9 The main tool used to collect feedback from the Regulation 14 Consultation was an online survey. The survey asked 43 closed and open-ended questions and the opportunity to provide final comments.
- 3.10 To gauge opinion on each draft policy it asked whether people a) agreed with each draft policy, and b) whether they had any comments to make on each draft policy.
- 3.11 The questionnaire was designed on the Zoho platform and administered by Community First Wiltshire. There was the option to fill in as much or as little of the questionnaire as people wished.
- 3.12 In addition to the online version of the questionnaire, paper copies of the questionnaire were made available to fill in at the locations in section 3.8. The hard copy survey form can be viewed in Appendix B1.

### **Contacting Statutory Consultees and Stakeholders**

- 3.13 The draft Plan and associated documents were shared with a list of statutory consultees in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 as amended. An electronic notification letter was sent to 37 statutory consultees see Appendix B2.
- 3.14 Stakeholders, such as local businesses, community groups and organisations and those who expressed an interest in being kept informed on progress of the Plan were also notified electronically with emails relevant to their prior engagement with the plan see an example in Appendix B3.

- 3.15 Stakeholders who had been contacted previously as potential heritage asset owners, developers, agents and landowners of potential green spaces and sites for allocation were also written to electronically.
- 3.16 Any stakeholders for whom we did not have an email address, were sent letters via Royal Mail. In total 362 stakeholders were contacted, see Appendix B4 for an example letter.

## Publicity

- 3.17 The following methods of publicising the Regulation 14 Consultation were undertaken:
- A four-page leaflet was created and delivered by Royal Mail to all residential and commercial addresses in the plan area during the first week of the consultation see Appendix B5
  - A4 posters (the front page of the leaflet) were displayed in Calne Town Council, Pocket Park, Town Hall and Lansdowne Hall in Derry Hill noticeboards throughout the consultation period
  - News articles on the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan website, Parish Council & Town Council websites and Derry Hill website example available here [It's time to have your say on the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan! – Calne Town Council](#)
  - Social media posts via the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan, Parish Council and Town Council Facebook pages which were widely shared by local groups and noticeboard pages see Appendix B6
  - Press release sent to local media outlets which resulted in articles in Calne News and the Gazette and Herald Appendix B7
  - Static displays were set up in Calne Town Council offices, Calne Library and the mobile library for the duration of the consultation period.
  - Consultation events were held in Calne Library, Calne Town Hall and Lansdowne Hall in Derry Hill to publicise the plan and provide the opportunity for the public to ask questions. The posters used can be seen at Appendix B8



## Engagement

- 3.18 There was a good level of engagement in the Regulation 14 Consultation due to the varied publicity methods used by the Steering Group.
- 3.19 A total of 832 people accessed the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan 2 Regulation 14 Consultation Survey between 1<sup>st</sup> February – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.
- There were 430 responses to the survey in total.
  - This represents an overall response rate of 51% for the survey.
  - 22% of survey respondents submitted a completed response.
  - 78% of respondents submitted a partial response (including abandoned surveys).
- 3.20 The full results can be viewed in the ‘Calne Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation Survey Results’, produced by Community First Wiltshire, which can be found in Appendix C1.
- 3.21 This report was shared with the community via news articles on the Neighbourhood Plan and Town Council websites and publicised via social media posts. The headline results from the above report are captured in the table below.

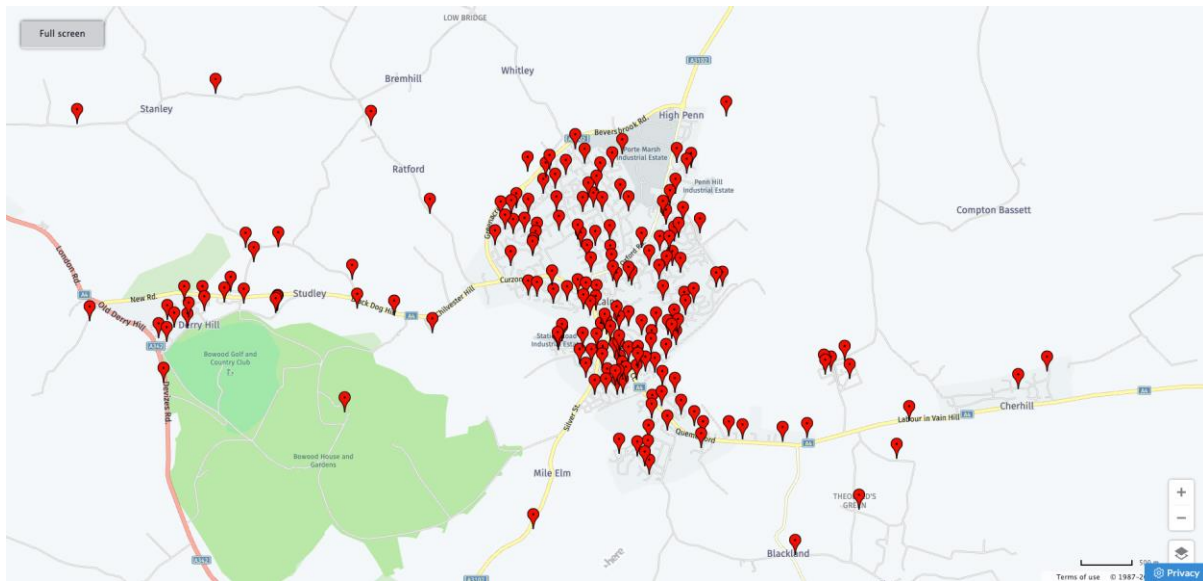
## Summary of Responses By Topic Area and Policy Number

Please note – percentages have been rounded.

	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
<b>Vision and Objectives</b>			
Vision and Objectives	66%	8%	27%
<b>Climate Change and Sustainable Development</b>			
Policy C1 - High Quality, Sustainable Development in the Calne Community Plan Area	85%	6%	10%
Policy C2 – Sustainable Construction and Energy	84%	5%	11%
Policy C3 – Calne Community Energy	79%	6%	15%
<b>Natural Environment</b>			
Policy NE1 – Local Green Space ( <i>average score across all green spaces</i> )	92%	1%	7%
Policy NE2 – Protecting and Enhancing Biodiversity	94%	1%	5%

Policy NE3 - Green and Blue Infrastructure	89%	2%	9%
Policy NE4 - Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows	94%	2%	4%
Policy NE5 - Setting of Calne and Calne Without	93%	1%	6%
<b>Built Environment</b>			
Policy BE1 - Design Principles for Local Distinctiveness	83%	5%	12%
Policy BE2 - Heritage Assets ( <i>average score across all heritage assets</i> )	82%	3%	15%
<b>Community Facilities</b>			
Policy CF1 – Community Facilities	91%	2%	7%
Policy CF2 - Community Infrastructure and Phasing of Development	85%	2%	13%
Policy CF3 – Burial Space	71%	5%	24%
<b>Getting Around</b>			
Policy GA1 – Highway Impact	88%	2%	11%
Policy GA2 – Public Realm	84%	2%	14%
Policy GA3 - Sustainable Transport and Inclusive Active Travel	90%	4%	7%
Policy GA4 - Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Charging	78%	9%	13%
Policy GA5 – Parking Provision	87%	3%	10%
Policy GA6 – Walking and Cycling for Leisure and Recreation	93%	2%	5%
<b>Working and Shopping</b>			
Policy WS1 - Protecting and Promoting Sustainable, Low Carbon Local Employment	91%	1%	9%
Policy WS2 - Supporting Local Agriculture and Farm Diversification	90%	1%	9%
Policy WS3 – Supporting the Local Visitor Economy	89%	2%	9%
Policy WS4 – Calne Town Centre	87%	2%	12%
Policy WS5 - Local, Neighbourhood Centres in Calne and Derry Hill	93%	2%	5%
<b>Housing and Infrastructure</b>			
Policy H1 - Housing Within Settlement Boundaries	69%	12%	20%
Policy H2 - Affordable Housing	75%	8%	17%
Policy H3 - Housing Mix	75%	7%	19%
Policy H4 - Housing to meet the needs of older people and people living with disabilities	83%	2%	15%
Policy H5 - Adaptable and Accessible Housing	88%	2%	10%
Policy H6 - Exception Sites and Community Led Housing	70%	6%	24%
<b>Using the Plan</b>			

- 3.22 Overall, the average agreement rate across all of the policies in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan was 84%, with an average disagreement rate of 4% and 12% who were unsure. This suggests that respondents are broadly in favour of the policies outlined in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.
- 3.23 There was a good distribution of responses from different postcodes across the Calne Community area as evidenced in the diagram below.



- 3.24 The vast majority of respondents said they were members of the public (96%), followed by landowners in the Calne Community Area (2%), agents/landowners (1%) and those who selected 'none of the above' (1%). There was one response from a statutory consultee (adjacent parish).
- 3.25 74% of survey respondents who said they live locally are currently a resident of Calne, with the remaining 26% who said they live in the Parish of Calne Without. This is broadly in line with the overall demographics of the area where c80% live in Calne and c20% live in Calne Without.
- 3.26 Paper copies of the survey that were received were added verbatim into the online survey so they were analysed along with all the other responses. These paper copies have been retained so they can be seen if required.
- 3.27 In addition to responses received through the Regulation 14 Consultation Questionnaire, there were 7 consultation responses received from statutory consultees, 5 consultation responses received from developers/landowners, one consultation response received from a local management company and one consultation response received from the LPA, all via the neighbourhood plan email

address. The individual letters/emails from these stakeholders are shown in full in Appendix C2 folder called written submissions for Reg 14.

- 3.28 All stakeholder comments received to the Regulation 14 Consultation were summarised and tabulated, where possible against the Plan policy that comment best related to. The comments were carefully considered and responded to by the Steering Group, and where appropriate, amendments were made to the Plan and evidence base. The stakeholder comments and responses table can be viewed in full in Appendix C3.
- 3.29 A summary of the main changes to the Neighbourhood Plan as a result of the Regulation 14 Consultation comments received is provided at Appendix 4 & 4a.
- 3.30 Wiltshire Council Estates objected as part of their Regulation 14 Consultation comments, to several green spaces under their ownership which the Steering Group proposed to take forward as LGS designations. The Steering Group reviewed their objections to each LGS designation and carefully re-assessed each proposed designation in light of the relevant NPPF criteria. The Steering Group's assessment is set out in Appendix C3.
- 3.31 Several landowners who had proposed land during the call for sites process objected to the non-allocation of sites at this time. However, the reasons for not allocating housing development sites in this review of the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan have not altered. The decision taken by the councils can be found in Appendix C5.