Results of the informal Neighbourhood Plan Survey in Deddington Parish, 11 November 2022

The Deddington Neighbourhood Plan steering group conducted a survey in June this year (2022) to guide us in creating a neighbourhood plan covering the years 2020–2040. Around 1,050 booklets were delivered to every household in the parish and 405 responses were received – a few more via Survey Monkey than on paper. This is considered a pretty good response and we are very grateful to everyone who answered what was a lengthy document.

Underlying the survey were two reports carried out by AECOM, an infrastructure consulting firm. One assessed housing need, which was set at 126 dwellings to the end of the plan period – from which 56 homes granted consent since 2019 could be deducted. The other assessed the sustainability of the sites offered for development, taking into account considerations of landscape, historic environment, and value to the community in terms of health, convenience, transportation and eco viability.

The first part of the survey invited parishioners to vote on which of the 14 sites offered by landowners they preferred for development. The second part focused on the 16 neighbourhood plan draft policies.

Your votes and comments – well over a thousand of them – have been hugely helpful to us in creating the draft plan. And, course, to satisfy Cherwell District Council and ultimately the government examiner, we have to take into account other planning considerations as well. The resulting pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan (NP) will be put to a Regulation 14 consultation for consideration by Cherwell District Council and other statutory consultees very shortly. Ultimately the completed plan will be put before an examiner and then to a referendum of the parish.

Below are links to the following comprehensive results of the NP survey:

Voting on the sites for potential allocation Comments on potential site allocation Summary of voting on NP policies Comments on NP policies 1–10 Comments on NP policies 11–16 and Community Guidance Any other comments Policy maps for NP Photographs of cherished views