



# Help Make the Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan Even Stronger for Longer!



## YOUR VOTE COUNTED

The Neighbourhood Plan, which was voted into force in July last year, gives the communities of Melksham Town and Melksham Without real local planning power in guiding the conservation and development of our area until 2026. The Steering Group, made of local people and councillors from both

the Town and Parish worked on behalf of the two councils and the communities of the area to get the Plan in place. The Steering Group are really pleased to report that the Plan is being used successfully to make sure development is plan-led and more closely aligned to what local people want.



## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2036

Ongoing and new issues like providing affordable homes in the right places, tackling climate change and helping local businesses recover from the impact of COVID make it imperative that our Neighbourhood Plan evolves to provide strong local powers, alongside Wiltshire's upcoming new Local Plan that will set out where new homes and jobs will be provided looking ahead to 2036. To achieve this Melksham Town and Melksham Without Parish Councils, and the Steering Group have jointly launched the review of the

Neighbourhood Plan to look ahead to 2036. The current Neighbourhood Plan will be updated and added to in order to make sure it remains up-to-date, forward looking and strong. A refreshed website has been launched as part of this: [www.melkshamneighbourhoodplan.org](http://www.melkshamneighbourhoodplan.org) On this website you can find out about how the Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan is already making a positive difference, and about how to get involved in shaping Melksham and Melksham Without's future up to 2036.



**COUNCILLOR  
JOHN GLOVER  
SAYS**

This is your chance to ensure that Melksham remains a great place to live. We worked hard to get a Neighbourhood Plan that local people voted to bring into legal force last summer. Let's keep our Neighbourhood Plan bang up-to-date; this is a living document and we need to respond to a changing context and make sure that our Plan remains as strong as possible.

## HAVE YOUR SAY AND FIND OUT MORE ON THE WEBSITE

Throughout this year there will be opportunities for you to get involved. To begin with we are inviting people to nominate valued green spaces for protection from future development.

Find out more [www.melkshamneighbourhoodplan.org](http://www.melkshamneighbourhoodplan.org)

Stay up-to-date, get involved and have your say by signing up for updates on the Neighbourhood Plan by emailing [office@melkshamwithout.co.uk](mailto:office@melkshamwithout.co.uk)

