



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK OF UPDATES TO JOINT MELKSHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2

Thursday 20th June - Thursday 22nd August



This summer there will be another chance to have your say on the updates to our Neighbourhood Plan. Specifically about allocations for housing and employment, as well as about protecting areas between the town and our villages as 'green wedges'. It's the next stage in the journey of keeping our communities' Neighbourhood Plan bang-up-to-date and as strong as it can be.

IN 2023...

We consulted with you back in October 2023 as part of our first formal public consultation (Pre-Submission Draft, Regulation 14, Consultation) on the 2nd edition of the Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan - JMNP2 for short.

Thank you if you took part in this consultation on what we are now calling 'the pre-submission draft A of JMNP2'. We received over 980 individual comments! These comments have been very helpful to us and we are currently revising and updating our Plan as a result. Key messages from our community included:

- ✓ Overall support for what the Neighbourhood Plan proposes
- ✓ Support for the Brown Field first allocation approach - Cooper Tires and the former Library
- ✓ Support for 'Conserving our Local Heritage'
- ✓ Support for 'Protecting the Countryside'
- ✓ Support for 'Protecting Green Spaces' - the community group Melksham Green Space asked for more to be added
- ? Concerns for jobs and employment areas in the future
- ? Concerns that the infrastructure is in place for the new housing, such as health and education facilities
- ? Concerns that new housing is not affordable for local people

IN 2024...

Since the 2023 Consultation on JMNP2, we've been busy behind the scenes updating the Plan in response to consultation feedback.

Significant new information and further work has been done to proposed site allocations at Melksham and Whitley.

In addition, despite local opposition, outline planning permission was granted through appeal for 210 dwellings and a 70-bed care home on land South

of Western Way. Our updated Plan proposes its allocation to make these numbers count, minimise any harm the development may cause, and maximise the community benefits it delivers.

In this 2024 Pre-Submission Consultation on draft B of the JMNP2, we are seeking any comments you may wish to make on Policy 7 - Allocations of Land for Housing (there are 5 allocations in total), and Policy 19 - Green Wedges.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE FEEDBACK FROM 2023?

There are no other changes to the JMNP2 at this stage, which remains as it was in the 2023 Consultation. All previous comments submitted to the

2023 Consultation are still valid, and are being taken into consideration. **There is no need to submit these comments to us again.**

HOW CAN I COMMENT ON THE UPDATES IN DRAFT B OF THE JMNP2?

ONLINE

The draft Plan and evidence base reports will be available to view on the 'Neighbourhood Plan 2' pages of the Neighbourhood Plan website:

www.melkshamneighbourhoodplan.org

HARD COPIES

- at the Town Hall
- at the Parish Council offices on the first floor of the Community Campus
- at the entrance of the Melksham Campus
- at Sprockets Cafe at Spindles Bike Shop, Top Lane, Whitley

DROP-IN SESSIONS

STARTING VERY SOON!!!

- Friday 19th July** 4pm - 7pm Melksham Community Campus
- Saturday 20th July** 11am - 2pm Shaw Village Hall
- Tuesday 23rd July** 5pm - 8pm Bowerhill Village Hall

Please submit your views to us via email: contact@melkshamneighbourhoodplan.org
Or you can drop off any views in writing to the Town Hall or the Parish Council office.

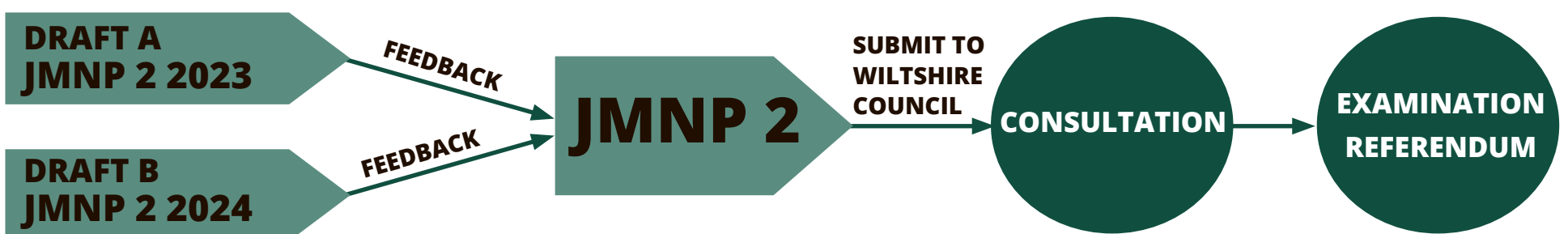
TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

9 WEEK CONSULTATION COMMENCING THURSDAY 20TH JUNE DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST*

*Consultation period extended to 22nd August as new evidence documents added on 10th July
(Viability Assessments for Cooper Tires, former Library and Whitley Farm sites)

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

After August 22nd, the Steering Group will consider all comments from 2023 and 2024, and prepare a final submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan.



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