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The Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan (JMNP) needs your input.

The JMNP has been updated by a steering group of local representatives and has drawn on wider consultation with our community.

We now need your feedback and input into the overall draft updated Plan - JMNP2. A lot of work has been done, which you can find out about on the Plan website. However, the key document we need your feedback on is the draft Neighbourhood Plan which you can read online at **www.melkshamneighbourhoodplan.org** (or as a hardcopy if you need it – see below).

A survey has been prepared to capture your feedback. You can skip questions, or add detailed comments, but we think that the survey will take a minimum of 10 minutes.

Please only submit this questionnaire once, you can send further comments by emailing them to: **contact@melkshamneighbourhoodplan.org**

The survey can be accessed by scrolling down.

The public consultation begins on 16th October and lasts for 7 weeks ending on 3rd December.

The survey questions are linked to pages in the Neighbourhood Plan so you might find it useful to have a copy of it to reference as you fill in the survey.

Once the consultation period is closed, Melksham Town Council, Melksham Without Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will gather together all the comments received and agree on how the plan is to be amended as a result.

The revised Neighbourhood Plan will then be formally submitted for the next stages required to give it full force in the planning system and guide development in Melksham and the surrounding countryside and villages of Melksham Without.

Anyone who has any questions, needs a hard copy or wants to come along to a consultation event can find out more here:

Email: contact@melkshamneighbourhoodpln.org

Melksham Town Council: Market Place, SN12 6ES, 01225 704187

Melksham Without Parish Council: First Floor, Melksham Campus, SN12 6ES, 01225 705700

Attend the public consultation events:

Thursday 26 October: 4pm-7pm at Melksham Campus, SN12 6ES

Friday 10 November: 4pm-7pm at Shaw Village Hall, SN12 8EW

Saturday 11 November: 10am–2pm at Melksham Campus, SN12 6ES

Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: Your personal details will not be published as part of the consultation response, but anonymous comments will not be actioned so please provide personal details to accompany your comments. Communication regarding progress of the Plan and amendments to be made will be publicised. No individual responses will be given.

SECTION 1

Contact Details & Consent

There are a small number of required questions (denoted with *) in this consultation survey. As this is a formal consultation, you must provide your name. Your name will not be published, but a summary of all comments received will need to be made publicly available.

1. Your Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

It would also be helpful to have your contact details. These will not be made public and will be processed in line with the Data Protection Act 1998 and General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). They will be added to our mailing list to be used to keep you informed of progress on the Neighbourhood Plan. We may share your data with Wiltshire Council Planning for the purposes of the Neighbourhood Plan.

2. Your Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

3. Postcode: Click or tap here to enter text.

4. Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

5. I consent for my contact details to be used in connection with the Neighbourhood Plan:

Tick Box to Consent

You can change your preferences or can withdraw your consent for use of your contact details at any time by contacting: contact@melkshamneighbourhoodplan.org

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visit: <https://www.melkshamneighbourhoodplan.org/privacy-policy-cookies2>

6. Please tick all that apply:

- I live in the Melksham Neighbourhood Plan Area (Melksham Town and Melksham Without).
- I work in the Melksham Neighbourhood Plan Area
- I am a statutory consultee
- I am an agent
- I am a landowner in the Melksham Neighbourhood Plan Area
- Other

SECTION 2

General Views

In this section of the survey, you can give us feedback on the overall approach of the Neighbourhood Plan in the form of the Vision & Objectives (pages 24 -26 of the draft Neighbourhood Plan).

The Vision and Objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan were created for the first Neighbourhood Plan as a result of extensive community engagement and consultation, it stated how the community of the Town and Melksham Without want to actively shape the development and protection of the area looking ahead to 2038.

7. General Views

Do you have any comments on the overall vision and objectives for the JMNP? If referring to a specific objective, please clearly state which:

Click or tap here to enter text.

SECTION 3

Policy Views

In this section you can make detailed comments on any of the draft policies. You don't have to answer every question – skip any that you don't wish to answer.

SECTION 4

Sustainable Design and Construction

8. Policy 1: Sustainable Design and Construction (Page 31)

This policy has been updated. It seeks for any development in our area to achieve the highest possible standards of sustainable design and construction.

What are your views on Policy 1?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

9. Policy 1: Sustainable Design and Construction (Page 31)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

Click or tap here to enter text.

10. Policy 2: Local Renewable and Low Carbon Energy (page 35)

This policy has been updated. It seeks for any development in our area to achieve the highest possible standards of sustainable design and construction.

What are your views on Policy 2?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

11. Policy 2: Local Renewable and Low Carbon Energy (page 35)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

Click or tap here to enter text.

12. Policy 3: Flood Risk and Natural Flood Management (page 37)

This policy has not been updated. It sets out the need to work with natural water systems and for development in areas with known surface water flooding to be designed and built in a way that takes account of that and does not worsen the issue.

What are your views on Policy 3?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

13. Policy 3: Flood Risk and Natural Flood Management (page 37)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

Click or tap here to enter text.

14. Policy 4: Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Charging (page 39)

This policy has not been updated. It encourages and promotes the use of low or zero emission cars as part of the way to tackle climate change.

What are your views on Policy 4?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

15. Policy 4: Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Charging (page 39)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

Click or tap here to enter text.

SECTION 5

Housing and Infrastructure Needs

16. Policy 5: Pre-application Community Engagement (page 42)

This policy has not been updated. It sets out support for early engagement with the community about any development proposals.

What are your views on Policy 5?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

17. Policy 5: Pre-application Community Engagement (page 42)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

Click or tap here to enter text.

18. Policy 6: Housing in Defined Settlements (page 44)

This policy has been updated. It sets out expectations about home types and sizes, and how affordability of homes, including First Homes, can reflect local needs.

What are your views on Policy 6?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

19. Policy 6: Housing in Defined Settlements (page 44)

Submit any comments on the policy here:

Click or tap here to enter text.

20. Policy 7.1: Land at Cooper Tires (page 50)

This is a new policy. It allocates this area for mixed-use redevelopment.

What are your views on Policy 7.1?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

21. Policy 7.1: Land at Cooper Tires (page 50)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

22. Policy 7.2: Land at the Former Melksham Library Site (page 57)

This is a new policy. It allocates this site for accessible and affordable housing.

What are your views on Policy 7.2?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

23. Policy 7.2: Land at the Former Melksham Library Site (page 57)

Submit your comments on the policy here:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

24. Policy 7.3: Land at Whitley Farm, Whitley (page 61)

This is a new policy. It allocates this old farm for housing development. The allocation contributes to meeting the housing target Wiltshire Council has set for Whitley and Shaw. Through the Neighbourhood Plan, the community can decide where that housing should go.

What are your views on Policy 7.3?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

25. Policy 7.3: Land at Whitley Farm, Whitley (page 61)

Submit any comments on the policy here:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

26. Policy 7.4: Land at Middle Farm Plot A (page 65)

This is an updated policy. This site was allocated in JMNP1 to meet local housing needs. The allocation contributes to meeting the housing target Wiltshire Council has set for Whitley and Shaw. Through the Neighbourhood Plan, the community can decide where that housing should go.

What are your views on Policy 7.4?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

27. Policy 7.4: Land at Middle Farm Plot A (page 65)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

28. Policy 7.5: Land at Middle Farm Plot B (page 67)

This is a new policy. It allocates the site to the east of plot A. The allocation contributes to meeting the housing target Wiltshire Council has set for Whitley and Shaw. Through the Neighbourhood Plan, the community can decide where that housing should go.

What are your views on Policy 7.5?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

29. Policy 7.5: Land at Middle Farm Plot B (page 67)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

30. Policy 8: Infrastructure Phasing and Priorities (page 69)

This policy has not been updated. It requires that development proposals delivers infrastructure to keep up with needs of the local population.

What are your views on Policy 8?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

31. Policy 8: Infrastructure Phasing and Priorities (page 69)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

Click or tap here to enter text.

SECTION 6

Shopping, working and getting around

32. Policy 9: Town Centre (page 71)

This is an updated policy. It links to the new Town Centre Master Plan Report that will enable and shape what happens next in this key area.

What are your views on Policy 9?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

33. Policy 9: Town Centre (page 71)

Submit any comments on the policy here:

Click or tap here to enter text.

34. Policy 10: Employment Sites (Page 75)

This policy has been updated slightly. It seeks to protect employment areas and promotes space for start-up and small businesses.

What are your views of Policy 10?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

35. Policy 10: Employment Sites (Page 75)

Submit any comments on the policy here:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

36. Policy 11: Sustainable Transport and Active Travel (page 77)

This policy has not been updated. It seeks for improved ways for people to get around on foot, by bike and by public transport.

What are your views on Policy 11?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

37. Policy 11: Sustainable Transport and Active Travel (page 77)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

SECTION 7

Community well-being and nature

38. Policy 12: Green Infrastructure (page 82)

This policy has not been updated. It seeks to see the network of green spaces, woodlands, footpaths, rivers etc. protected, improved, and extended where there is new development.

What are your views on Policy 12?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

39. Policy 12: Green Infrastructure (page 82)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

40. Policy 13: Biodiversity (page 84)

This policy has not been updated. It adds a local dimension to the bigger issue of protecting and improving biodiversity in and around the places we live.

What are your views on Policy 13?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

41. Policy 13: Biodiversity (page 84)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

42. Policy 14: Open Spaces (page 87)

This policy has not been updated. It highlights the importance of open spaces for health and wellbeing of existing and new residents.

What are your views on Policy 14?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

43. Policy 14: Open Spaces (page 87)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

44. Policy 15: Community Facilities (page 89)

This policy has not been updated. It aims to protect, improve and where necessary expand on existing services and community facilities.

What are your views on Policy 15?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

45. Policy 15: Community Facilities (page 89)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

46. Policy 16: Local Green Spaces (page 93)

This is a new policy. It proposes a number of spaces for Local Green Space designation which provides special protection against development for green areas of importance to communities where they are shown to meet national criteria.

What are your views on Policy 16?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

47. Policy 16: Local Green Spaces (page 93)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

Click or tap here to enter text.

48. Are there any Local Green Spaces Special to You?

In designating Local Green Spaces in our Plan, we need to show the Plan examiner that these spaces are 'demonstrably special' to the local community. We would therefore appreciate any additional evidence you can provide to explain why a draft Local Green Space, listed in the Plan, is special to you (think about things like beauty / recreation / wildlife / tranquility / history).

Please include the name of the Local Green Space you support, and tell us briefly why it is special to you:

(See Map here: <https://bit.ly/3FhdK3k> and view the List here: <https://bit.ly/479M3pp>)

Click or tap here to enter text.

SECTION 8

Built and natural environment

49. Policy 17: Trees and Hedgerows (page 97)

This policy has been updated slightly. It seeks to protect existing trees and hedgerows and supports an increase in tree canopy coverage to levels recommended by the Urban Forestry and Woodland Advisory Committee Network, as part of the efforts to address climate change.

What are your views on Policy 17?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

50. Policy 17: Trees and Hedgerows (page 97)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

51. Policy 18: Landscape Character (page 101)

This policy has not been updated. It seeks for the local landscape character to be responded to in development proposals.

What are your views on Policy 18?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

52. Policy 18: Landscape Character (page 101)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

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53. Policy 19: Green Wedges (page 103)

This is a new policy. It identifies areas of countryside where any development should not lead to villages (such as Whitley and Shaw) merging together with each other, or the town.

What are your views on Policy 19?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

54. Policy 19: Green Wedges (page 103)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

Click or tap here to enter text.

55. Policy 20: Locally Distinctive, High-Quality Design (page 106)

This is an updated policy. It links to a Design Guide that has been prepared to set out how the design of new development can be more locally responsive and of high quality for our town and villages, as well as surrounding countryside.

What are your views on Policy 20?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

56. Policy 20: Locally Distinctive, High-Quality Design (page 106)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

Click or tap here to enter text.

57. Policy 21: Local Heritage (page 109)

This is an updated policy. It now includes a 'local list' of heritage features that are of local importance but are not listed (grade I/II etc.) such as New Hall in the town centre, and the Avon Rubber Company canteen.

What are your views on Policy 21?

- Support
- Object
- Not Sure

58. Policy 21: Local Heritage (page 109)

Submit any comments about the policy here:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

59. Finally

Thank you for giving your time to comment on the draft JMNP2. Your voice really does matter as part of this community-led Plan. Please feel free to add any final comments if you wish.

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

The Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14B Comments:

Have your say and respond to pre-submission consultation on changes to draft B of the JMNP2

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

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.

Come along to a Drop-in session:

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

The consultation runs from Thursday 20th June - Thursday 22nd August 2024

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Comments: