

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE DRAFT UPDATE OF THE JOINT MELKSHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN! CONSULTATION NOW OPEN UNTIL SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

KEEPING OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UP TO DATE

The current Melksham Neighbourhood Plan runs to 2026 but needs to stay up-to-date and look ahead to 2038 and tackle even more important local issues.

Our Neighbourhood Plan has now been updated by a steering group of local representatives and has drawn on wider consultation with our community.

You can find out more on the Neighbourhood Plan website. www.melkshamneighbourhoodplan.org
You'll also find a survey to help you give your feedback.

A FOCUS ON: HOUSING

The draft Wiltshire Local Plan is proposing Melksham accommodates another 1,170 houses on greenfield sites up to 2038. (Note - consultation on the draft pre-submission of the Local Plan is open until 22nd November).

The Local Plan also suggests that land for a further 200 dwellings at Melksham, and about 50 at Whitley and Shaw should be allocated in updates to our Neighbourhood Plan.



HOUSING IN WHITLEY AND SHAW

The Local Plan also identifies a separate housing target of about 50 new dwellings to include about 20 local affordable homes, at Whitley and Shaw. But it does not say where these houses will go. Proposed allocations in the Neighbourhood Plan allows local people to take the lead to direct where this growth should, and should not, happen.

The draft updated Neighbourhood Plan

proposes an allocation of about 40 homes on a discrete site connected to the existing allocation of land at Middle Farm. These sites are allocated for smaller market and affordable housing and will also deliver children's play facilities and new public green space next to the cricket ground. A small allocation of about 10 homes is also made at Whitley Farm, First Lane, which will enable the old farm yard to be tidied up.

Read more in the draft updated Neighbourhood Plan

BROWNFIELD FIRST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



BRINGING THE FORMER LIBRARY AND COOPER TIRES SITES BACK INTO USE

Two key sites in the heart of Melksham are now in need of new investment. The Plan Steering Group has prioritised their allocation to bring new opportunities and facilities to our town centre.

Building on our Town Centre Master Plan consultation in 2022, the updated Neighbourhood Plan proposes allocation of the former Cooper Tires site to breathe new life into the historic factory site creating a new

riverside quarter that will deliver modern employment space, opportunities for riverside cultural and leisure uses as well as new homes to meet local needs.

Allocation of the former library site (which includes Lowbourn House and the further education building) will enable development of about 50 affordable dwellings, specifically tailored to meet older people's housing needs.

Read more in the draft updated Neighbourhood Plan

WE WANT YOU TO GET INVOLVED IN KEEPING YOUR PLAN AS STRONG AS POSSIBLE AND CONTINUE TO SHAPE THE WAY THAT MELKSHAM GROWS IN THE FUTURE

Take a look at the updated draft Neighbourhood Plan looking ahead to 2038.

SCAN THE CODE TO
VIEW THE PLAN



PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENTS

Come and read the draft plan, look at the evidence documents and ask questions at these events

Thursday 26th October - 4-7pm - Campus SN12 6ES

Friday 10th November - 4-7pm - Shaw Village Hall SN12 8EW

Saturday 11th November - 10am-2pm - Campus SN12 6ES

View hard copies of the plan, evidence documents and questionnaires at: Melksham Town Hall • Melksham Without Parish Council Offices • Melksham Campus (Library) • Spindles Cafe, Top Lane, Whitley

- Sign up for the mailing list
- Visit the website which is regularly updated www.melkshamneighbourhoodplan.org
- Follow the Facebook page [MelkshamNeighbourhoodPlan](https://www.facebook.com/MelkshamNeighbourhoodPlan)

- Attend future consultation events
- Read regular updates in the Melksham News
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