

Long Wittenham

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SURVEY

May 2014

Dear Resident

Long Wittenham Parish Council is currently undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan. Your views are very important and we would ask you to spend a few minutes completing this survey.

A **Neighbourhood Plan** is a legal document that helps communities to decide the future of their village. When our plan is approved by the village it will become part of South Oxfordshire District Council's local plan. We will then have better control over new facilities, infrastructure and housing.

You are probably aware of the work of **Wittenham Vision**. This took place five years ago and identified the needs of the village. Several of these have been achieved, thanks to the efforts of some dedicated volunteers in the village. One of the main proposals, the **Community Hub**, is still under negotiation (the Community Hub project proposes a new school with larger playing fields, a larger village hall, a shop and - potentially- a cafe on **one site**). Plans have advanced on this project and we want to consult in more detail now about the plans and its implications.

The Neighbourhood Plan wants to build on Wittenham Vision but also identify new needs that have become apparent over the last five years. This is why we **need your help!**

We want your views on the future of the village in all areas, such as housing needs, traffic, leisure facilities, public transport, as well as any new ideas that you have. In addition, we need your views on various proposals to enable the Parish Council to achieve the building of a Community Hub. This is a **genuine opportunity for Long Wittenham** to determine its own future. The results of the survey will play a large part in achieving this.

Many thanks,

LONG WITTENHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP (on behalf of the Parish Council)

THE SURVEY IS ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL

- It does not ask for either name or address and this form cannot be individually identified
- It is being conducted by Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC). All information supplied will be kept confidential by ORCC in accordance with the Data Protection Act
- No completed surveys will be made available to the Parish Council, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG), or anyone in Long Wittenham
- ORCC will analyse the survey results and prepare a summary report for the NPSG

THE SURVEY HAS SIX PARTS - PLEASE COMPLETE ON BEHALF OF YOUR WHOLE HOUSEHOLD

- All households are asked to complete Parts 1 - 4
- Part 5 and 6 should **ONLY** be completed by households (or anyone within a household) which needs a new home in Long Wittenham
- **Comments are very important** and can be made in several places throughout the survey

*ORCC is a charity that works with and supports local communities across the county and has long-standing expertise in helping communities meet their aspirations. Assistance with completing the form and additional surveys are available from Tom McCulloch at Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (01865 883488, tom.mcculloch@oxonrcc.org.uk).



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ALTERNATIVELY, A MEMBER OF THE PLAN STEERING GROUP WILL CALL AT YOUR HOUSE TO COLLECT IT

Part 1: Your Household

1. How many people of each gender and age live in your household (write number in box)?		0-15 years	16-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65-74 years	75-84 years	85+ years
	Male							
	Female							

2. How many people in your household are (write number in box) :	In full-time employment	
	In part-time employment	
	Self-employed	
	On government training scheme	
	Permanently sick/ disabled	
	Unemployed and available for work	
	Homemaker	
	Retired	
	Student living at home full-time	
Student living at home for part of the year		

3. How long have you lived in Long Wittenham (write number of years in box)?	This home	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	This parish	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
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4. Have any members of your household left the parish in the last 5 years?	Yes (write total number of leavers in box) <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>	No <input style="width: 20px;" type="checkbox"/>			
	1 st leaver	2 nd leaver	3 rd leaver	4 th leaver	5 th leaver
How long ago did they leave? (years)					
Why did they leave? (please tick all that apply):					
Employment					
Further education					
Couldn't afford rent or mortgage					
Lack of suitable housing					
Other (please give details):					

5. How many people have joined your household in the last 5 years? (include births, relatives moving in, marriage etc.)?	Write total number in box	<input style="width: 60px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
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Part 2: A New Community Hub

The Community Hub idea

For some time there has been a desire to consider new village facilities. In 2009, a group known as **Wittenham Vision** was formed, which consulted with the community and identified various key projects and ambitions to explore. These included a new village hall. A task group investigated how to achieve this and identified possible sites. More recently, discussions with the School Governors raised the possibility of building a new school suitable for the future and to ensure our facilities can compete with new schools planned in Didcot.

A new school and a new community hall could be accommodated on one site, creating a **Community Hub**. This would include sufficient car parking, and potentially a village shop and café as well. To pay for the Hub, the existing village hall site and school site would have to be sold for housing. In addition, it is estimated that **approximately 30-40 new homes would need to be built and sold compared with the original plans to fund this project**. The number of homes would be less if donations or available grants are secured.

Below is a sketch of what the new hub on a NEW site (not the existing school site) might look like. This is taken from the feasibility study, showing school building, shared hall and housing (please note this is an artist's sketch and does not feature all additional houses):

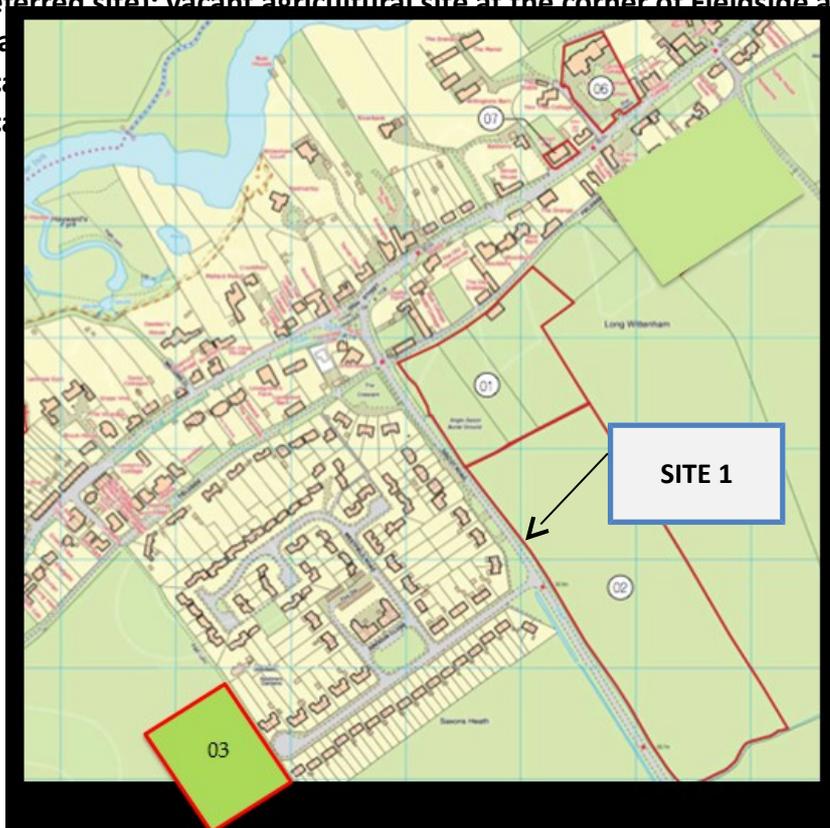


Below is an artist's sketch of what the redeveloped existing school and village hall site could look like:



Three possible sites have been identified for the Community Hub (see map below):

- **Site 1 (preferred site):** vacant agricultural site at the corner of Fieldside and the Didcot Road
- **Site 2:** vacant site at the corner of Fieldside and the Didcot Road
- **Site 3:** vacant site at the corner of Fieldside and the Didcot Road



SITE 2

SITE 3



6. Do you agree with building a Community Hub on Site 1?

Yes

No

7. If Site 1 is not available for development, do you agree with building a Community Hub on Site 2?

Yes

No

8. If Sites 1 and 2 are not available for development, do you agree with building a Community Hub on Site 3?

Yes

No

PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW FOR COMMENTS ON THE COMMUNITY HUB IDEA, ITS POTENTIAL LOCATION AND THE REASONS FOR YOUR CHOICES IN Qs 6-8?

IMPORTANT

Part 3: Your Opinions on Housing Development

<p>9. 30-40 new homes may be required to finance the Community Hub. Do you agree with the building of these homes?</p>	<p>Yes <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p>10. If you DO NOT AGREE with the building of 30-40 new homes, how many new homes would you support being built in Long Wittenham?</p>	None		Up to 10	
	10-20		20-30	

11. What type of accommodation do you think Long Wittenham needs (please tick all that apply)?	Smaller/ starter homes (1-2 bedrooms)	Family homes (3-4 bedrooms)	Larger family homes (4+ bedrooms)	
	*Affordable housing- see definition below	* Supported housing- see definition below	None	

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Affordable housing is intended, in essence, for those who cannot afford to rent or buy on the open market, or who would have significant financial difficulties in doing so. Social rented, affordable rented and shared ownership are examples of types of affordable housing. The allocation of affordable homes is made by the District Council and subject to an assessment of a household's needs.

South Oxfordshire District Council seeks 40% of homes on open-market developments to be affordable homes. Of these, 20% is ring-fenced for those with a 'strong local connection' to the parish (first lettings only). 'Strong local connection' is defined as:

- where the applicant(s) have lived in the parish for five years out of the last 8 and are currently resident there
- where the applicant(s) had previously lived in the parish for at least 5 years and their parents or children still live there and have done for at least 10 years

SUPPORTED HOUSING

Supported housing can encompass a range of options, including: private or Housing Association sheltered (warden assisted) housing; a residential or nursing home; independent accommodation with care support; supported living for adults with disabilities who want to live independently; independent housing with a live-in carer.

If you are a landowner and wish your land to be considered for the developments proposed, please contact Long Wittenham Parish Council: clerk@longwittenham.com

Part 4: Living and Working in Long Wittenham

In 2010, the Community Led Plan- **Wittenham Vision**, identified key changes and improvements that the community would like to see. As well as an Action Group to take forward the new community facility project, other Groups were formed to discuss footpaths, traffic and parking. We would like your views on some of the existing proposals.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC

12. Is parking a problem for you and your visitors?	Yes - every day		Yes - once or twice a week		Yes - once or twice a month	
	Yes - but infrequently		Never			

13. Is other people's parking a problem for you?					
REASON	Yes- every day	Yes- 1-2 times a week	Yes- 1-2 times a month	Yes- but infrequently	Never
School run					
Church services					
Village hall events					
Neighbours					
Pub customers					
Other, please specify					

14. If you answered 'yes' to the question above, please tick if the following happens.	Access to your property becomes restricted/ obstructed.		You are prevented from parking close to your own property.	
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15. Do you support investigations into the creation of a village car park?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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16. Do you support efforts to lobby for the building of a new road-bridge to bypass the village? (a new river crossing between Appleford and Long Wittenham is being discussed at county level)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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17. There are several possible options to change or improve traffic calming in the village. Which would you support?

a) Removal of chicanes, replacing them with full width bumps	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Adding speed bumps in addition to the current traffic calming, around the bends at each end of the village	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Removal of all traffic calming	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

CYCLING AND FOOTPATHS

18. Do you support the creation of a link from Long Wittenham to the Thames Path by opening up a footpath over the weir? (See map below of potential route- IN RED)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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19. Do you support creating a footpath between Long Wittenham and Clifton Hampden?	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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20. Would you use this cycle/ footpath?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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21. If so, how often would you use this cycle/	Daily	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
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footpath?

Monthly

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

22. If there was a morning and evening rush-hour bus service to Didcot would you use it?

Yes- regularly

Yes, occasionally

No

23. Do you use the current bus service to Didcot?

Yes

No

24. If you could improve local bus services, where would a bus run and at what time/ days?

PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON TRAFFIC, PARKING, CYCLING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

In 2010, the **Wittenham Vision** found that what people like about living in Long Wittenham is the community spirit, the fact it is friendly, that it is a quiet and peaceful location in beautiful countryside. What people don't like is the volume of speed and traffic, the lack of parking, the fact there is no shop and facilities for teenagers and children and the poor public transport provision.

Tell us what you think now!

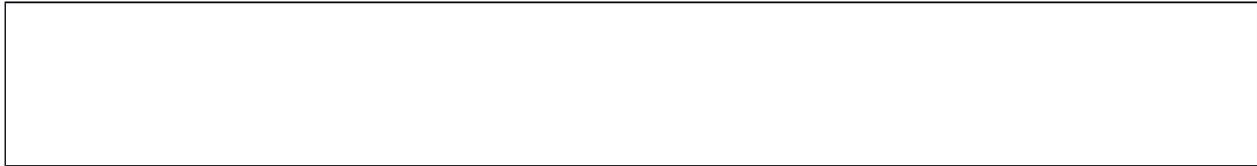
25. What do you like about living in Long Wittenham?	
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26. What don't you like about living in Long Wittenham?	
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27. What would improve your quality of life in Long Wittenham?	
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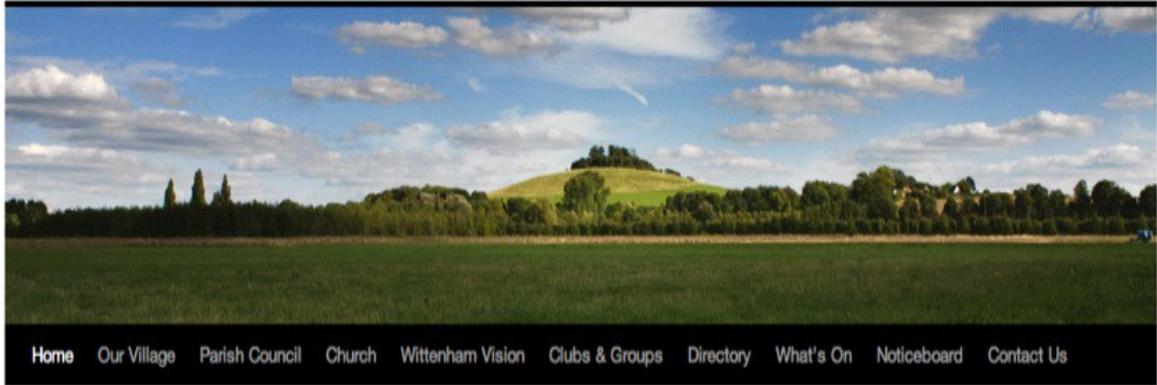
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PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW FOR COMMENTS



Long Wittenham, Oxfordshire

Our village online



Part 5: Does your whole household or any person/s in your household need a new home in Long Wittenham?

A separate form should be filled in for each new home that is required (e.g. if you have two children who each want their own home they will need to complete separate forms). Additional forms can be photocopied or requested from ORCC (see front page of this survey).

<p>28. Is your household intending to move to another home in Long Wittenham in the next 5 years?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Wish to move but can't <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: yellow;">IF YOU DO NOT NEED A NEW HOME PLEASE GO TO PART 6</p>
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29. If you wish to move but cannot, what are the reasons preventing you (please tick all that apply)?	Unable to afford to buy new home	Local education choices	Location of employment	Lack of suitable housing to meet my needs	Lack of self-build plots	
	Unable to afford moving costs	Family reasons	A lack of social housing	A lack of affordable private rented properties		

37. Does anyone in your home have a supported housing need? (please tick all that apply)?	Independent accommodation with care support	Residential/nursing home	Housing Association sheltered (warden assisted) housing	
	Independent housing with live-in carer	Private sheltered (warden assisted) housing	Supported living for an adult with learning disabilities who wants to live independently in a home of their own	

38. How many years have you lived in Long Wittenham?	Less than 3	
	3 to 10	
	11 to 20	
	21 to 30	
	31+	
39. Are you on the South Oxfordshire District Council Housing Register?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Part 6: Do you know of anyone living elsewhere who wishes to move to Long Wittenham?

40. Do you know any households living outside Long Wittenham which wish to move to the parish in the next 5 years?	Yes- write total Number in box <input type="text"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
IF YOU ANSWERED 'NO' PLEASE GO TO THE END OF THE SURVEY		

41. What type of home would those households wishing to move to Long Wittenham require (please fill in a separate column for each household)?

	1 st Househol d	2 nd Househol d	3 rd Househol d	4 th Househol d	5 th Househol d
Detached house					
Semi-detached house					
Terraced house					
Flat/ maisonette/ bedsit					
Detached bungalow					
Semi-detached bungalow					
Terraced bungalow					
Caravan/ mobile home					
Affordable housing*					
Supported housing					
How many bedrooms would they require?					

***SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON AFFORDABLE AND SUPPORTED HOUSING**

42. Why they wish to move to Long Wittenham (please tick all that apply)?	Want to start first home	Tenure insecure	Divorce/ separation	Retiring	Want to build own home
	Need bigger home	Need smaller home	To be near family	Unable to afford current rent	To give or receive family support
	Special needs	Job insecurity	To be near work	Unable to afford current mortgage	Other- please give details below

PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW AND OVER THE PAGE FOR ANY COMMENTS

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