LONG WITTENHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
Introduction- aims for this evening

• Survey Results
• Overview of progress
• Discussion and Next steps
Oh no, not another plan

• 2004 Housing survey
• 2010 Wittenham Vision
  • Village Hub
  • Footpath
  • Limited need for new housing
  • Traffic
• Community Hub proposals
• Savills report
• Selection of sites
Survey Content

- Demographics
- Community Hub Site preferences
- Tolerance of new housing to pay for this
- Need for new housing - existing residents and those living outside
- Parking
- Traffic
- New cycle path/footpath
- Transport
Survey Results

• 55% response rate

• Less 25-44 year olds and more 65-74 year olds responded compared with Census data
Likes and dislikes of living in LW

• Top 3 likes
  • Quiet and peaceful
  • Friendly
  • Community Spirit

• Top 3 dislikes
  • Traffic volume
  • Lack of shop
  • Poor transport

Most people felt addressing the top 3 dislikes would improve their quality of life
Community hub sites

• Choices were:

• Challis Farm: 72% agree
• *Mr Weavers’ Field: 74% agree
• *Site at end of Saxons Heath: 47% agree

• * Survey asked ‘If previous site/s not available

• NB Status of Bodkins
Tolerance of new housing

53% (96/182) agreed with 30-40 new houses to fund the hub

62% would support at least 20 houses
“Tonight on Downton Abbey,
50 new houses are built on the front lawn”
Need for new housing-all residents

- Smaller/ starter homes (1-2 bedrooms): 126
- Family homes (3-4 bedrooms): 90
- Affordable housing: 86
- Supported housing: 61
- None: 25
- Larger family homes (4+ bedrooms): 12
Need for new housing - current residents

- Of current residents wishing to move but cannot, reasons were (N=21):

  - Unable to afford to buy new home: 15
  - Lack of suitable housing to meet my needs: 13
  - A lack of social housing: 3
  - Unable to afford moving costs: 2
  - A lack of affordable private rented properties: 1
  - Family reasons: 1
Need for new housing-those looking

- Total 26 responses
- Why do you need a new home:
  - Start first home 10
  - Need smaller home 5
- Type of home
  - 1-2 bedrooms 18
  - Housing association 4
Need for new housing - non residents

- People living outside who wish to live in LW
- Total 56 positive responses

- 1-2 bed affordable  16
- Supported housing  6
- Market housing  55
  - Mainly smaller 1-3 bed
Parking

• 20% had problems with own parking at least weekly

• Is other people’s parking a problem at least weekly
  • 18% neighbours
  • 18% village hall
  • 43% school parking

• 75% supported concept of village car park
Traffic

• 96% supported lobby for new bridge
• Options for traffic calming (But will OCC fund?):

- Removal of chicanes- replacing with full-width bumps
- Adding speed bumps in addition to current traffic calming, around the bends at each end of the village
- Removal of all traffic calming

![Bar chart showing support for traffic calming options](image)
Footpath and cycle path

- Support opening footpath over weir 92%
- Support cycle path to Clifton Hampden 88%
- Would use at least weekly 57%
Transport

- Use current bus service 13%
- Would regularly use rush hour bus to Didcot 13%
Several questioned why we need a new school or hall

Some support for Bodkins as preferred site

There is still some misunderstanding about the need to build houses to fund the hub. (BUT NP will protect against other types of development)

Concerns about increased traffic flow with any development... but new bridge
Free text

• Is a shop/café sustainable?
• Concern that shop will affect CH shop viability
• Local archaeological considerations
• More use of the church for community events
Free text

275 free text comments

Overall coding as ‘negative’, ‘positive’, ‘neutral’.

33% could not be coded in this way
13% negative
14% neutral
40% positive
Conclusions

• Support for hub sites 1 and 2
• Tolerance of building houses to finance this
• Need for smaller market houses
• Some need for social housing identified (but not 40% of total build)
• Village shop would improve quality of life here
• Need for more parking identified
Conclusions

• Residents prefer speed bumps to chicanes- but what effect on traffic flow if chicanes removed?
• Enthusiasm for circular footpath
• Support for cycle path to CH
• Small need for more buses identified

• There are a lot of calls for action concerning the traffic- we need a full complement of parish councillors to help achieve this!!
Don’t forget! NP gives us protection...
Discussion
Progress to date

I'm just going to drive into town to pick up my emails.

'Superfast' rural broadband.
Overall progress

• Steering committee
• ORCC
• Communication
• Strategic and environmental assessment
Neighbourhood Plan: Scoping document

• Before we can write the Neighbourhood Plan we are required to do a Strategic environmental assessment (SEA).
• Covers social, environmental and economic factors
  • Policy documents
  • Baseline in LW
  • Survey results
  • ......to develop assessment criteria for neighbourhood plan
Next steps

• Scoping now complete and comments from SODC received

• 6 week consultation period- statutory bodies and residents

• It will then be submitted to SODC for approval

• Then we can write the plan...easy
Thank you for coming