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1. Objectives and Approach

Event	Public Consultation No. 8 – Clubs & Societies
Objectives	To obtain ideas and opinions from representatives from local Clubs and Societies relating to development within the Parish of Colerne
Time / Date	11:00 – 12:30 on Saturday 1 July 2017
Location	Village Hall
Facilitators	Jane Mellett, Anne Nicholas, Peter Brooks
Approach	Jane Mellett, the chair of the Steering Group, gave a short presentation* summarising the feedback from the previous consultations held in May and June. The remainder of the meeting was an open discussion in which attendees were encouraged to develop the feedback to date in greater depth based on the six themes relating to the built environment namely: Housing Needs, Community Facilities, Business & Employment, Transport & Connectedness, Environment Management, and Energy & Utilities. Views were noted for subsequent recording in this document.
Attendees	17 members of the Parish (from Colerne village, North Colerne and Thickwood) and from 9 clubs.
*Presentation	The summary presentation is published on the Colerne NP website

2. Summary of Opinions

2.1 Introduction

This report summarises the perceptions, ideas and opinions of those attending the consultation and, as such, are not verified facts and figures.

The opinions shared, suggestions made and questions raised have been broadly categorised under the six themes in Section 2.2. Many of the comments, however, span several themes. More general comments and ideas that do not fit neatly under any of these themes are outlined in Section 2.3.

2.2 Opinions, grouped by Themes

2.2.1 Housing Needs

- Starter homes for young people
- New homes should have good sized rooms for family use, not mass-built boxes.
- Support for community led housing scheme where rents and purchase prices truly reflect the needs of local people .
- That the biggest challenge will be the proposed development of the nearby hangars – 18,19,20. This might form a template for any future development on the airfield/camp and may happen before the Plan is effective

- Future developments will principally be north of existing C151. Important to ensure a recentring of the village via facilities to allow good communication between the parts.
- Some pragmatism that affordable housing may not happen, but must make any developer pay for new infrastructure.

2.2.2 Community Facilities

- Value the sense of community principally created by clubs and societies.
- Sports clubs in the village are exploring getting together to create a facility that they can all use.
- The sense of community cohesion is primarily felt by the village dwellers. Outlying areas less connected, and can be isolated by lack of facilities.
- Playgroup is exploring moving onto the school site to create a singly managed children's campus. This is a way to provide more round the clock care in the village and cope with shortage of trained staff. NB. Impact for problems at the crossroads!
- Some thought of secondary school facility developing here in future, though this countered by need to ensure village not too isolated from rest of world.
- Aging community needs more local services but there is a growing shortage of volunteers from younger people because of need to work, and from retired people due to childcare responsibilities. Luncheon Club operating at full capacity.
- Not possible to use sport and leisure facilities at Corsham unless have a car. No public transport for this, particularly for elderly.
- Our existing retail facilities are fragile. Post office essential for local businesses and growing mail order.
- It is life outside of work and business that creates a sense of community.
- Developing a microsports complex using existing infrastructure from army would be an asset for both the parish and neighbouring parishes.

2.2.3 Business and Employment Opportunities and Needs

- Concern that any new businesses would employ people from outside the village which would increase travelling on the roads.
- Hence Microbusinesses only that do not require HGVs.
- General mix of small business and tech development.
- Create employment opportunities within parish to reduce need to commute.
- Create more employment locally to maintain links with surrounding areas.
- Microbusiness units with living space attached would be popular for some local rural workers. Secures equipment.

2.2.4 Transport and Connectedness

- Doncombe Lane and crossroads remain a major issue for current and future development
- Moving the C151 north to the line of the original road would create more integrity for the village and reduce traffic dangers for children and families around the school and sports areas.
- The need to ensure any development re-centres the village via improved access roads/pathways/cycleways.
- Need to get people out of their cars
- Community car park next to the school in field at end of green play area would improve safety for drop off and provide evening and weekend parking for village.
- Need to facilitate alternative transport means for future.
- Electric car pool for parish, to reduce need for second cars.
- Community transport scheme/policy for whole parish.
- Need better well sign-posted paths and cycle ways between the parts of the parish.

2.2.5 Environment / Land Management

- Need to ensure new developments preserve a cohesive environment for good community connectedness..
- Protect existing green spaces and nature areas, but also develop more green spaces around/within housing developments.
- The weather can be harsh up here! Need covered areas for sport/transport waiting.
- Area of outstanding natural beauty needs protecting for broader enjoyment. Dog walking can clash with this.

2.2.6 Energy / Utilities

Sewerage & drains:

- These need assessing/replacing before any further developments occur.

Electricity

- Support for some sort of community energy scheme.
- Support for local energy production though mixed feelings re solar/windfarm.

2.3 General Opinions

2.3.1 Strengths

- Good sense of community.
- People love living here.

2.3.2 Weaknesses

- Limited childcare facilities for pre-school children.
- Need better connecting paths/ways between parts of parish

2.4 A Vision for the Future

- Development north of existing C151
- Reroute the road north to old road site.
- Housing developments primarily around existing roads C151 and Doncombe Lane with small mixed business elsewhere.
- Microsports/leisure facility using existing camp infrastructure.
- Preservation of remaining natural areas – flowers and wild life.

3 Future Consultations

As well as this consultation, several others have taken place in May and June with input from over 100 residents of the Parish. The Steering Group will assess the feedback provided to date and further consultation with the residents of the Parish will be planned.

4. Definitions and Clarifications

Sale of airfield -

There is no public definitive date as yet. Any change to the use of land will have a Master Plan developed by the MOD in conjunction with Wiltshire Council and the Parish Council, so a full consultation with the community will take place.

5. Statistics

Total number of attendees:

From Colerne village: 15
From North Colerne 1
From Thickwood: 1

Number of men: 8
Number of women: 9

Of whom: Retired 7
Working age 10

How people heard about the consultation:

Parish Magazine: 1

Via email/post invitation 16

Addendum - Airfield

After the meeting one representative of the conservation group asked for the following points to be included as he had not felt able to do so at the meeting.

- One solution is to look at the whole site and develop the existing housing into a small village, North Colerne. Add strategic facilities shops, school, surgery etc. Existing admin buildings to be used if possible for any appropriate uses, maybe industry although that could create a need for better a better road structure, which would not help the conservation aspect.
- The runway and hangar areas to be allowed to go back to nature. A certain amount of farming could take place.
- The hangars should be demolished
- If any development were to go ahead this will over time allow the whole area to change into perhaps a “New Town” consequently ruining the whole of the parish.
- This area is predominantly English countryside let’s try to preserve it for future generations to enjoy.