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## **1. Objectives and Approach**

Event	Information Stall at the May Fair
Objectives	<p>To distribute fliers advertising the forthcoming public consultation sessions</p> <p>To collect names of residents willing to help with the consultation process, as link ambassadors for their neighbourhood or with other aspects of Plan creation</p> <p>To provide an opportunity for residents to register their initial ideas and concerns relating to development within the Parish</p> <p>To give out summaries of the Colerne Neighbourhood Plan TOR</p>
Time / Date	14:00 – 16:00 on Saturday, 6 May 2017
Location	Market Street, Colerne
Facilitators	Hilary Holman, Mary Mellett, Anne Nicholas
Approach	The stall was manned by members of the ColerneNP Steering Group on a rota basis. A map of the Parish was displayed, along with prompts on aspects to consider, and people invited to offer their ideas by putting post-it notes with suggestions next to the six key headings below.
Attendees	Approximately 40 people visited the stall

## **2. Summary of Opinions**

### **2.1 Introduction**

This report summarises the perceptions, ideas and opinions of those visiting the Stall at the May Fair and, as such, are not verified facts and figures.

### **2.2 Opinions, Grouped by Themes**

Comments and suggestions received from residents, and some visitors from nearby villages, included:

#### **2.2.1 Housing Needs**

- No more development
- Social housing needed
- Affordable housing needed
- Potential to improve access to facilities, schools and parking if development is done sensibly
- Small developments, not large-scale development
- Any new build needs 2 parking spaces

#### **2.2.2 Community Facilities and Services**

- Post Office service available Monday to Saturday
- Café in Colerne very popular, and longer opening hours welcomed

- Potential for combining a café and post office
- More variety of shops if easier for residents to get to them (would be interesting to learn where customers of existing shops come from)
- More pressure on the already busy GP surgeries from an increase in population
- Another school would be needed if there was a large increase in population

### **2.2.3 Business and Employment**

- Lack of local employment for potential residents (of future developments)
- More small industries (would require good access from A420)
- Well placed for access to Bath and Bristol
- If new businesses set up, the skills needed might not be available locally thus leading to more commuter traffic

### **2.2.4 Transport and Connectness**

- A wide road from the A420 needed now, and even more critical for any future development within the Parish
- Better integration between Colerne and Pinewood etc
- Potential for splitting the community if large developments built eg on north side of the C151
- Limitations of current bus service (recognising that services provided have to be used) –more frequent and better coverage within the Parish
- Limited parking in Colerne village
- Easy to commute to Bath and Bristol (by car)

### **2.2.5 Environment and Land Management**

- Recommend carrying out a survey of bats (flyways and feeding areas), and newts
- Polytunnel
- Well rotted manure
- More residents, more litter

### **2.2.6 Energy and Utilities**

- No comments received

## **2.3 General Opinions**

### **2.3.1 Strengths**

A common view held by a number of residents is that the Parish of Colerne is “friendly and welcoming”.

### **2.4 Ideas for the Future**

Other suggestions received included:

- Projects involving the elderly and children to bring the generations together
- Reintroduce an annual open Parish Council meeting for generating ideas for the Parish