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1. Objectives and Approach

Event	Public Consultation – Armed Forces Day
Objectives	To obtain ideas and opinions relating to development within the Parish of Colerne
Time / Date	Saturday 24 June 2017
Location	Colerne School
Facilitators	Jane Mellett, Anne Nicholas and Mary Mellett
Approach	The Colerne NP Steering Group manned a stall for the Day. 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	22 residents of the Parish (from Colerne village, North Colerne and Thickwood)

2. Summary of Opinions

2.1 Introduction

This report summarises the perceptions, ideas and opinions of those visiting the stall 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

- More affordable housing needed for younger people
- Young forced to go to Corsham/Melksham/Trowbridge as no possibility of affording local houses – all house prices are too high
- More available rental properties
- No more housing – focus on infrastructure
- Sheltered bungalows with supportive communal areas for social and physical support
- Continue current rate of growth up to approx 50 houses
- A mix of styles and sizes
- Self-build plots

2.2.2 Community Facilities

- Need to maintain the shops we have
- Schools and doctors need consulting on their limits for expansion

2.2.3 Business and Employment Opportunities and Needs

- Develop more locally preserved foodstuffs eg vegetables and bread – micro-business units could assist in production process

2.2.4 Transport and Connectedness

- Nature of current roads a huge problem facing any further development
- Shuttle bus needed to Batheaston, and also to Chippenham for the train – this should be regular through into the evening, and everyone should have to pay for it to maintain a low price
- NB currently only the Corsham school bus is free
- Speed limits on C road – 40mph from Thickwood/Lucknam back entrance down to 30mph before school junction till after Bath Road
- Community car pool powered sustainably, to prevent need for a second car in families
- Investment should be put into road access throughout parts of the village
- Create formal cycle ways – from North Colerne and from Thickwood
- Zebra crossing / pelican lights for school crossing

2.2.5 Environment / Land Management

- Thickwood operates as private estate, and this works well for home owners who pay an annual service charge to maintain communal areas. This could be copied for any developments

2.2.6 Energy / Utilities

Water

- Capacity of water tower considered inadequate for new development
- Water pressure issues in Thickwood

Telecomms

- Thickwood struggles with internet access which is restrictive for business development. If we want to encourage micro-business development then broadband provision must be addressed

2.3 General Opinions

2.3.1 Strengths

- The village is safe because of its size (Any large expansion will bring an increase in crime reducing its sense of safety)

2.4 A Vision for the Future

Refer to other sections

2.5 The Airfield

- A retirement village
- Community owned solar park for Parish consumption (conservation houses cannot use solar panels)
- Not a large scale solar park
- Other forms of sustainable energy – heat source pump, biomass, wind
- Land for the community
- Preserve nature areas – possible SSSIs there
- Space to support / develop micro businesses
- A complementary Health Centre
- Arts Centre / Museum

3 Future Consultations

This is one of several public consultations that have taken place in May and June, and more are planned for the end of June and early July.

4. Definitions and Clarifications

Sale of the Airfield – There is no definitive date for this. 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:	22
From Colerne village:	14
From North Colerne (Pinewood)	4
From Thickwood:	4