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1. Objectives and Approach

Event	Public Consultation Workshop
Objectives	To obtain ideas and opinions relating to development within the Parish of Colerne
Time / Date	11:00 – 12:00 on Saturday 13 May 2017
Location	Colerne Village Hall
Facilitators	Jane Mellet (introduction) and Samantha Jones (facilitator) plus 6 members of the Colerne NP Steering Group
Approach	Jane Mellet, the chair of the Steering Group gave a short introduction explaining the reasons why a Neighbourhood Plan is being developed, how it will be used in the Planning process by Wiltshire Council, and the need for this Plan to be solely driven by the views of the residents of the Parish. The remainder of the meeting was an open discussion in which attendees were encouraged to offer their opinions 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	13 members of the Parish (from Colerne village, North Colerne and Thickwood) Local Wiltshire county councillor Dr Brian Matthew

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

- No further development is needed
- No large scale development – people would work outside the Parish, not contribute to village life, won't shop here
- Large scale development inappropriate, partly because of inadequate access roads, and also congestion especially at peak times (from Lib Dem's survey re Airfield development)
- Lack of first homes for young adults wanting to become independent but still live locally

- Lack of affordable housing. Smaller houses, eg some in Forrester Green have now been extended and can no longer be afforded by many first time buyers
- Rural affordable and community houses can become an isolated poverty trap if transport and services are inadequate
- New houses that are too big adversely affect the community
- Second home creep is of concern
- Need affordable homes eg flats for single people
- Need affordable homes for families too
- Need to ensure a balance and mix of types of housing (to achieve a representative community across all age groups)
- At least half of new builds should be affordable (from Lib Dem's survey re Hangar development)
- Sustainability of development - Zero carbon footprint – as a minimum standard for new builds
- But new builds need 2 parking spaces
- Encourage self-builds

2.2.2 Community Facilities

- Post office needed, particularly with the increase in online shopping
- Competing stores – is this sustainable?
- Facilities on Camp (eg gym) could/should be shared with the village
- Colerne Choices – for young people
- If we want people to use the community facilities, need to enable this through transport

2.2.3 Business and Employment Opportunities and Needs

- In general people don't work and shop in the village
- Lack of suitable housing and no public transport in the evenings are a deterrent to young people wanting to work here in local businesses
- Many businesses (78 in 2012), but most are one-person businesses – can any take on apprentices?
- Potential opportunities - For example:
 - Operating an electric shuttle bus to Batheaston
 - Parcel collection point for online shopping
 - Local consortia of builders / plumbers etc could work with self-builders

2.2.4 Transport and Connectedness

- Limited public transport restricts independence and can lead to isolation
- No public transport in the evenings impacts social life of young people in the parish, and others who do not have cars
- Current 228 service is poor, and therefore under-used; timetable is changed without notification and sometimes the bus doesn't turn up
- Buses are expensive (most users have bus passes), although children can travel free in school holidays

- Inadequate public transport is a particular issue for low income households as this impacts their ability to travel to find work
- Bus service unsuitable for commuters
- Inadequate access roads, and congestion especially at peak times (from Lib Dem's survey re Hangar development)
- Consider having an electric shuttle bus to Batheaston and back
- Criteria for future development – developer to contribute to cost of providing bus services
- Sustainability – pool of electric vehicles for the future – self funding
- Need electric car battery charge points
- Need smarter ways in which car travel can be shared: eg website offering lifts in Bath, instant taxi service, car sharing etc
- Possible community project – electrical vehicles

2.2.5 Environment / Land Management

- Consider use of land for generating solar or wind power (from Lib Dem's survey re Airfield development). Note that Lyneham have a large solar park and the village will receive £50K per annum for the next x years.
- More communal car parking needed for houses without parking, and for shoppers

2.2.6 Energy / Utilities

Sewerage & drains:

- Before any new development is started, the sewerage system must be improved
- The ancient sewerage system cannot cope with the current volumes of sewage (the Camp discharges sewage twice a day and the smell is bad)
- What is the capacity for sewage?
- Inadequate drains, and bad smells
- For any new builds, consider alternative sustainable methods

Telecomms

- The internet is not superfast throughout the Parish; beyond the box it is just old copper cables, and too slow when it rains.

Electricity

- Solar parks, and electric car battery charging points (see above)

General

- Consider the 'Village Independence' approach, whereby a community purchases utility services on behalf of the whole village. As a bulk purchaser, this gives the village more influence over the supplier for service improvement

2.3 General Opinions

2.3.1 Strengths

- Community spirit
- Culture
- Lots going on

2.3.2 Weaknesses

- The needs of the Camp should also be considered, for example it is a challenge for transient families to integrate with the village community
- Perception that there aren't many residents in the 20-30 year age group

2.4 A Vision for the Future

- No growth, why do we need to expand? Colerne has grown enough now (lots of development in 60s)
- Infill okay, no expansion
- An evolving Parish - needs to develop and grow for the future through a holistic approach (interconnectedness of all these six themes above)
- Preserving the village community
- A rural community
- A village of character
- A living village (with measures to control numbers of second homes)
- Compact
- Contiguous
- Sustainable
- Non elite
- Enabling independence for young people, not crushed by cost

3 Future Consultations

This is the first of this type of public consultation and several more are planned in June and July. The attendees suggested several ways in which to engage with the young people of the Parish:

- Air Cadets, Scouts /Guides
- Colerne Choices
- Hardenhuish Community Days. and other secondary schools

A possible approach to consultation could be via future mapping.

4. Definitions and Clarifications

For the purposes of this meeting the following definitions were used:

- 'Affordable housing' - houses that cost a % less than their current market value, and remain so.
- 'Community housing' – rented accommodation.

Services within the Parish – The Parish Council can lodge with Wiltshire Council the business services that they do not wish to lose. The PC would then be given a six-month period for the community to look into alternative solutions if the service is to be withdrawn.

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: 13

(plus Councillor Brian Matthew, not included in these stats)

From Colerne village:	11
From North Colerne (Pinewood)	1
From Thickwood:	1

Number of men:	5
Number of women:	8

How people heard about the consultation:

Parish Magazine:	5
May Fair stall:	1
Via email:	3
Via Facebook:	3
Word of mouth:	1