

**TIDDINGTON-with-ALBURY
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
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CONSULTATION STATEMENT

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This consultation statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) in respect of the Tiddington-with-Albury (T-w-A) Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan (NP) 2016-2035. The legal basis of this Statement is provided by Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations which requires that a consultation statement should:

- Contain details of the persons and bodies that were consulted about the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- Explain how they were consulted;
- Summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
- Describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation

1.2 Tiddington-with-Albury Parish Council (the Parish Council) has prepared a Neighbourhood Development Plan (T-w-A NP) for the area designated by the local planning authority, South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) in December 2016 (Map 1).



Map 1. The Tiddington-with-Albury designated neighbourhood area

2. THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

Timeline of events

2.1 The timeline presented below demonstrates the steps taken to produce the T-w-A NP.

2.2 Communications and feedback have been undertaken throughout the Neighbourhood Plan process with the Steering Group regularly updating the Parish Council. The Minutes produced from these Council meetings were successively displayed on the two Parish notice boards, near the village hall and in Milton Common.

Additionally, updates were supplied to residents via the Tiddington-with-Albury and Milton Common News Letter

Various relevant Minutes can be found on the Parish Council website:

<https://www.tiddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk/>

2016

The Parish Council agrees to start the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council submits an application to SODC.

Designation letter dated 21/12/2016 received from SODC.

2017

Volunteers were sought under the Chairmanship of Mr J. Saville. Team members included Mrs Chrisine Craddock and Mrs Wendy Hill .

A small, informal team met to begin the process of assembling the required information.

The team put a 4 page article in the spring parish newsletter about the NP

The May and June PC meetings heard that local businesses were being approached regarding their intentions and plans

July PC stand at village fete

2018

April PC meeting - questionnaire update provided

The first questionnaire was handed out to every household by a small team in and collected responses , the initial response deadline being 30.4.18 , the process was extended to later in the year due to resource availability to distribute and collect .

July PC stand at village fete

2019

January PC meeting - Questionnaire responses were being analysed and the clerk would temporarily attend steering group meetings

The questionnaire responses were presented at an open village forum

Regular Steering Group meetings with informal feedback to the PC

2020

Covid causes work on the NP to stop.

June 2020 after a period of quiescence, the Steering Group is revamped with two new members added to replace others who had resigned , Dr Clark Friend and Mr Paul Rizza) . Two PC members were appointed to be the link to the PC . Cllr Chris Hill and Cllr Russ Chaplin . The meetings

recommence on 25/08/ 2020 and thereafter using Zoom and later in the process, as Covid regulations relaxed, in person.

December Tiddington-with-Albury and Milton Common Newsletter, update on NP progress and request for views

2021

First progress draft of the T-w-A NP provided for comments to the Parish Council meeting of 09/02/2021

February Tiddington-with-Albury and Milton Common Newsletter, update on NP progress and request for views

April Tiddington-with-Albury and Milton Common Newsletter, update on NP progress and request for views

August Tiddington-with-Albury and Milton Common Newsletter, update on NP progress, request for views and details of the proposed Waterstock development

Second Questionnaire sent out in the Newsletter and electronically.

Leafleting every house regarding the forthcoming Forum on the T-w-ANP

Display of the Neighbourhood Plan followed by a Forum for questions held 11/09/2021

October Tiddington-with-Albury and Milton Common Newsletter, thanking those who returned the questionnaire, summary of progress and update on the proposed Waterstock development

Pre-Submission version of the T-w-A NP to SODC on the 03/09/2021

Statement that a Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening was not required 18/11/2021

2022

Submission Draft posted on the PC website for local comment

The Regulation 14 6-week consultation period began on 01/02/2022 and ended on the 15/03/2022.

The NP was available for inspection and comment at the T-w-A PC meetings of 08/02/2022 and 08/03/2022.

15/02/2022 Article in the Tiddington-with-Albury and Milton Common News Letter explaining the current position and the processes that SODC will adopt. Republished on Facebook with a further reminder for comments.

April Tiddington-with-Albury and Milton Common Newsletter, update on NP progress and reminder that there will be a referendum

Public and Stakeholder Consultation

2.3 In order that the prepared NP represented the wishes of the parishioners for the future of Tiddington-with-Albury as fully as possible, the Steering Group carried out two questionnaires to judge their feelings. One was held close to the start of the process to establish what the parishioners felt was best for the future of the Parish. Because of the perceived importance of the Covid pandemic another one was held after the main phases were over. This highly disruptive event was judged potentially to have had a significant effect upon the attitudes of residents. More information was sought to check if their wishes had changed, for example, to the methods of working remotely, transport, and the value that they put upon living in the countryside with a good footpath network.

2.4 Engaging with the community included:

Local events

Up-dates through articles in the Tiddington-with-Albury and Milton Common Parish Newsletter distributed free to every house bi-monthly

Two paper surveys with an on-line survey in parallel with the second questionnaire

Regular Steering Group meetings

Regular updates to the Parish Council

Meetings with SODC.

Using the following channels of communication:

Parish Council meetings

Parish Council website

Leafleting through every door

Posters

Communication methods included

Email to the Statutory Consultees and other bodies

Social media (Facebook: Tiddington People)

2.5 The PC agreed to start the process at the Council meeting of the January of 2017. The first Steering Group comprised John Saville, Christine Craddock and Wendy Hill.

In early 2020 a new Parish Councillor was given the responsibility of re-established the Steering Group, which was accomplished by late May and comprised two Parish Councillors and five other members. During the duration of the group, two of the members left and one new member was appointed.

2.6 The two questionnaires brought in 119 and 83 responses respectively, which correspond to approximately 20% and 14% which is above the usual rate of return for this type of survey, which is considered to be 5-10%. The views of the Parishioners were used as the guide for formulating the structure of the NP. The proper representation of these views was tested in the Display and Forum when draft copies of the NP, panel displays were available for inspection and comment sheets were provided.

2.7 The results of the first Questionnaires highlighted several things that were important to the parishioners.

Green Environment

The desire to live in the countryside with a footpath network and to preserve the rural aspect of the village

Housing

The lack of affordable homes

The need for first homes and retirement homes rather than larger developments

Concerns over the spread of the village into green spaces

Transport

The increase of traffic on the main road and its speed through the village

Traffic using the single track roads as rat runs

The need for cycle ways

Utilities

A modernised mains water supply and waste water management before further development

The results of the second questionnaire re-inforced the first and there was clearly an impact from Covid in that it highlighted the importance of the rural aspect of the village.

2.8 The Steering Group presented the findings of each survey to the PC and the results were conveyed to the residents and at the Forum.

2.9 Guidance was also sought throughout the process from SODC and specialist material was obtained from other bodies.

Pre-Submission Consultation Process

2.10 The Pre-Submission Plan was published as per the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Part 5 Regulation 14 (a), through the channels outlined above, and to the list of organisations as per Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Part 5 Regulation 14 (b) – see Table A on page 12 for the list of consultees. Copies of the Pre-Submission Plan were sent to SODC as per Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Part 5 Regulation (c).

2.11 The consultation period lasted for 6 weeks. Approximately 55 residents attended the Display and Subsequent Forum held in the Village Hall.

3. PRE-SUBMISSION FEEDBACK SUMMARY

3.1 The consultation period for the Pre-Submission version generated some comment from several organisations and from interested individuals totalling 10.

3.2 The Steering Group discussed each of the comments individually. Several were instantly accepted, but others needed further discussion and information. The main principles of the plan remain unchanged by the comment, but further time is required in order to cover each adequately.

3.3 The Parish Council appointed O'Neill Horner Ltd as consultants to advise on the steps required and comment on the draft pre-Submission NP. Continuous support via regular contact was given throughout the process.

3.4 The recommendations of O'Neill Horner Ltd were discussed by the Steering Group which resulted in amendments and modifications to some of the maps and further discussions in order to prepare the pre-Submission version..

4. LIST OF REGULATION CONSULTEES

Advice was taken from SODC on who to consult and those that have an interest in the Parish are shown below.

Table 1: Regulation 14 Consultees		
1	Statutory Body	Organisation

1a	a local planning authority, county council or parish council any part of whose area is in or adjoins the area of the local planning authority	Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC)
1b	a local planning authority, county council or parish council any part of whose area is in or adjoins the area of the local planning authority	South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC)
1c	a local planning authority, county council or parish council any part of whose area is in or adjoins the area of the local planning authority	Waterstock Parish Council (PC), Great Milton PC, Great Haseley PC, Ickford PC, Shabbington PC
1d	Natural England	Natural England
1e	The Environment Agency	The Environment Agency
1f	The Coal Authority	The Coal Authority
1g	Homes & Communities Agency	Homes & Communities Agency
1h	The Historic Buildings & Monuments Commission for England	HBMCE
1i	a strategic highways company - any part of whose area is in or adjoins the neighbourhood area; (ia) where the Secretary of State is the highway authority for any road in the area of a local planning authority any part of whose area is in or adjoins the neighbourhood area, the Secretary of State for Transport;	Highways England
2	Where it exercises functions in any part of the neighbourhood area	
2a	a licence has been granted under section 6(1)(b) and (c) of the Electricity Act 1989;	National Grid
2b	a sewerage undertaker; and (v)a water undertaker	Thames Water
3	Any person to whom	
3a	to whom the electronic communications code applies by virtue of a direction given under section 106(3)(a) of the Communications Act 2003; and	BT?
3b	who owns or controls electronic communications apparatus situated in any part of the area of the local planning authority;	EE, EMF (Vodafone, O2)

4	Other bodies with interests in the area	
4 a	Voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area;	Tiddington Cricket Club, Tiddington Village Hall, Waterstock and Tiddington WI
4 b	Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area;	St Helen's Church, Albury
5	Businesses, Land owners and their representatives	
		Various

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