

## Cumnor Parish Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement Appendix B

### Examples of consultation and Engagement using digital media

Cumnor Parish Neighbourhood Plan – message from Cumnor Parish Clerk

#### **The Neighbourhood Plan Team is Up & Running**

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are delighted to say that Cumnor Parish has been given the go ahead to start work on its Neighbourhood Plan. The Vale of White Horse District Council has confirmed that our Area Designation is sound and that we can begin to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. This will allow the local community to have a say on its future development, give the parish a means of protecting its local green spaces, as well as a mechanism for identifying future infrastructure needs.

However, we need help!

We have three initial key pieces of work to complete, and need volunteers to make this happen. Our first job is to do a Character Assessment of the parish. This will establish the significance and relative importance of physical aspects of the parish (Cumnor Hill, Cumnor Village, Dean Court and Farmoor wards). We will run a short session where we can give you all the help you need, and then there would be several weeks within which to complete it. Here is an opportunity to learn about the history of houses, open spaces and other features in the area. It will include taking photos of our local areas, and noting key features. These features could be historical, community or environmental assets, green spaces or the presence of open spaces. It can document less tangible aspects of the area too, such as noises. These are then scored against the widely adopted Oxford City Council Toolkit, enabling an assessment of those things that positively add to the area and those things that detract from it. These assessments will become an important evidence base for later policies that are developed. Would you like to get involved? Get together with a friend or two, join us for the training session and wander around your surrounding area. Then take some photos and assess what you see against the criteria. We will then get together again to discuss and write up the results. Get in touch via the Cumnor Parish Clerk at [clerk@cumnorparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cumnorparishcouncil.org.uk)

We also need researchers. Do you love delving into history, or finding out what lies beneath the ground or even identifying what makes Cumnor tick using census and population data? We have a job for you! We have been given a huge level of support, and have identified where to go in order to build our evidence base, and it looks fascinating. If this is an area where you could help us out with a few hours of your time, get in touch with us.

In the meantime, the Steering Group will be putting together a more detailed project programme, a robust budget and applying for the initial funding to contribute to any professional support that we may need as time goes on. We will also be liaising with the Vale and aim to run the development of our plan alongside the work the Local Plan Part 2 timetable. This is a community project and we need you to engage in the process. You do not need any special skills, just an interest in your local area.

We will have our website up and running shortly. In the meantime, look out for us on Facebook and @MyCumnor on Twitter for latest news and updates.

30 Jan 2017

# Cumnor Parish Neighbourhood Plan



## What do we want the Neighbourhood Plan to achieve?

Cumnor Parish is a vibrant, highly functioning community that currently has several communities with distinct and unique identities ranging from the smaller village of Farmoor, with its close links to the water based activities of Farmoor Reservoir, to the closely knit community of Dean Court with its thriving hub at Dean Court Community centre. The small village of Cumnor (approx 500 houses) sits at the heart of the Parish and is a designated Conservation Area. There are the small hamlets of Fitchampstead and Henwood that lie on the outer boundaries of the Parish. Each community has a different look and

feel and yet the Parish manages to bring together all of these communities through it's strong primary school, its Churches, local voluntary organisations and community projects. Cumnor Parish Council is about to embark in the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. This document would allow the local community to have a voice in the kind of housing that is needed in the Parish, where it should go, what it should look like, what infrastructure is necessary to support it as well as shaping the recreational and protecting local green spaces.

The Area Designation for Cumnor's Neighbourhood Plan goes out for public consultation 14th November

### Cumnor Parish in Numbers

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Nature Reserve       | 1     |
| SSSIs                | 2     |
| Churches             | 4     |
| Parks & Pitches      | 8     |
| Public Footpaths     | 55    |
| New homes (2012 -16) | 400   |
| Electors             | 2,520 |
| Houses (2016)        | 2,770 |
| Population (2016)    | 5,080 |

## What people have said to us so far...



- Retain the ethos of Cumnor Parish and maintain its character and vibrancy
- Preserve and protect heritage assets
- Try to protect "affordable" housing to stay affordable in the medium/long term
- Also designate/promote other kinds of housing eg for older people, housing for needs of Cumnor Residents, make down-sizing a real option for existing residents
- Cycle Route from Cumnor Village to Farmoor, and Farmoor to Botley
- Nursery & School places to accommodate government policy and increasing population
- Improvements to foul drainage, capacity to be expanded on Cumnor Hill but based on evidence
- Ensuring adequate infrastructure – now and future – energy, water, sewers, access to school, doctors, cycle routes, 21st Century hubs
- To protect bio diversity, habitats & areas of Special Scientific Interest, green spaces
- Aesthetics are important – high quality design, in keeping with character, size and mass appropriate, low density appropriate to rural environment and larger village

## Vision and aims (Draft)

1. Ensure that the parish remains a vibrant and thriving community into the future. Create sustainability for the long term future and identify what is needed for this to work.
2. Give the parish a voice in deciding how the parish might improve and grow over the next 20 years.
3. Ensure that the housing stock in the parish can meet the needs of existing and new residents over the next 20 years.
4. Ensure that the infrastructure grows at the same pace as population
5. Positively influence housing development in the village:
  - Identifying potential sites for housing
  - Aesthetics are important – high quality design, in keeping with character, size and mass appropriate, low density appropriate to rural environment and larger village
  - Create affordable housing that is affordable in the long term
  - Meet local needs – recognising the age profile of the parish and looking at the needs of young people and families and of retired people who may wish to downsize.
6. Use developer contributions (CIL) to benefit parish facilities and infrastructure. Ensure that the facilities in the parish can meet the needs of residents over the next 20 years.
7. Preserve and improve amenities such as:
  - Transport
  - Footpaths
  - Cycle routes
  - Green spaces
  - Sports facilities
  - Playground
8. Improve the environment including the environmental impact of parish facilities. Protect the bio-diversity and animal habitats
9. Preserve & protect heritage assets
10. Identify a suitable burial ground
11. Value the green belt, open spaces and surrounding countryside



## We need your help...

This process is totally driven by the community, and so will be reliant on volunteers. We need your help. We need people with the skills and local knowledge. More importantly we need your views and your time. Please get involved. Contact [clerk@cumnorparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@cumnorparishcouncil.org) to see what you can do.



## Roadmap: What are the steps along the way?

1. Getting Started. Identify why a plan is needed. Get key partners involved. Start dialogue with the Vale. Produce a Business Plan for Parish Council
2. Designate Neighbourhood Area. Determine the area. Submit area designation forms. Consultation period of 4 weeks.
3. Create Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Conduct initial community engagement. Identify initial working groups. Identify 1 person on each group to sit on Steering Ctee. Report progress to Parish Council.
4. Build Evidence Base. Review existing evidence and gaps. Compile new evidence - environmental, historical, infrastructure
5. Themes, aims, options. Identify key issues and themes. Examine options
6. Writing the plan. Policies, proposals, site allocations. Consider sustainability, diversity, equality, delivery
7. Submission. Submit to the Vale. Incorporate feedback.
8. Independent Examination. Planning Inspector examination
9. Referendum. Community votes yes/no to adoption
10. Plan adopted/rejected

1st Newsletter February 2017



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**Useful Links**

- Minutes
- Cumnor Area Map
- ▼ Google Map
- Neighbourhood Plan
- Cumnor Parish Record

**Next Meetings**

Please click on the link for the agenda.

**Parish Council**  
Monday 5 October 2020  
7.30pm

**Planning**

The Regulation 14 consultation on the pre-submission version of the Cumnor Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan has now closed. You can view the draft Plan and Evidence Base reports by clicking on the links below.

The draft Cumnor Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Evidence Base for Cumnor Parish's NDP comprises the following reports:

**Cumnor Parish Character Assessments** - overview, Cumnor Hill, Cumnor Village, Dean Court & Farmoor

- Important Views Report
- Cumnor Parish Big Survey Report
- Groundwater Flood Risk Assessment
- Landscape Character Assessment
- Business & Community Facilities Report
- Quiet Area Designation Report
- Local Green Spaces Report
- Cumnor Parish Local List (list of non-designated heritage assets)

The NDP development process requires a number of stages of public consultation with opportunities to provide feedback. The first formal opportunity is known as the Regulation 14 consultation of local residents and others who live, work or carry on business in the area and certain statutory bodies. This is the stage that the Cumnor NDP project has reached.

Feedback from the Regulation 14 consultation will be considered by the NDP Steering Group and appropriate changes incorporated into the Submission version of the Plan. This, together with required supporting documentation including a Basic Conditions Statement and a Consultation Statement will then be forwarded by Cumnor Parish Council to V&WHDC, hopefully by the summer.

**Key Documents**

Welcome to the Cumnor Neighbourhood Plan website. Here you will find all the key documents; these are listed in chronological order, beginning with January 2017.

The Terms of Reference for the Steering Group can be found here. Since this document was issued there have been some changes to the group. Please see the [Contact Us](#) page for latest information.

The Vision & Objectives for our Parish plan can be found [here](#).

The adopted policies map for Local Plan Part 1 for Cumnor Parish can be found [here](#).

The Oxford Green Belt Study (part of the evidence base for Local Plan Part 1 & 2) can be found [here](#).

The Vale of White Horse District Council's Landscape Character Assessment can be found [here](#).

The following three documents were published as part of the initial Area Designation consultation in February 2017.


- [Click here](#) for the Cumnor Area Designation Map.
- [Click here](#) for the Cumnor Neighbourhood Plan Area Consultation Notice (February 2017)
- [Click here](#) for the Cumnor Neighbourhood Plan Supporting Statement.

Newsletters are published quarterly and are listed in chronological order:

- February 2017
- May 2017
- August 2017
- November 2017
- February 2018
- May 2018
- October 2018
- February 2019

The minutes from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meetings are listed in chronological order:

- May 2019
- April 2019
- March 2019
- February 2019
- December 2018
- November 2018
- October 2018
- August 2018
- July 2018
- June 2018
- May 2018
- March 2018
- January 2018
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**The Cumnor Parish Big Survey**

In September 2016, Cumnor Parish Council decided to begin the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan. A Steering Group was formed made up of Parish Councillors and interested residents. An initial meeting was set up, attended by 26 people, with representation from local landowners, business people, heritage and environmental consultants along with support and guidance from The Vale of White Horse DC Planning team and facilitated by Community First Oxon. From this event, a number of issues, ideas and concerns were brought together to form a draft vision.

The next step was to introduce Neighbourhood Planning to the wider community. A public meeting was held in November 2016, which was attended by over 120 people. The views expressed via post it notes and verbatim comments were incorporated into the vision and outlined question areas for our Big Survey.

In March 2017 the Steering Group drafted question areas, and sought advice from a local resident on market research best practice and standards when completing questionnaires. Our first draft was revised by a group of 12 volunteers (drawn from those that expressed an interest from our distribution list of 102 people). Subsequent drafts were reviewed and commented upon by Parish Council.

In January 2018, the Big Survey was distributed to every household in the Parish - 2758 copies in total. This data was drawn from the Vale's database.

**The Results Are In!**

[Click here](#) for the 'Big Survey - The Results Are In'

The data underpinning the report can be found [here](#).

The verbatim comments underpinning the report can be found [here](#).

The verbatim comments grouped into themes can be found [here](#).

The distributed questionnaire can be found [here](#).

The ACRE Rural Parish Profile can be found [here](#).

**Websites (current and archived)**



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