

Appendix I
Consultation Results from Drop-in Session 27 January 2018
Draft Neighbourhood Plan

General comments	Main Issues and Concerns Raised	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was good that there was a short presentation about the Neighbourhood plan about how the emphasis had changed from the original catalyst because of changing circumstances within the Vale of White Horse regarding the Local Development Plan and that on reflection that perhaps some surveys in the past could have asked better questions as some were in conflict with each other. • It was good that an explanation was given as to why no areas were allocated for housing because of the constraints of the Green Belt policy • The different boards were good at outlining the different policies that were being presented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally supportive of the evolving Neighbourhood Plan and Policies. • Concern expressed about the availability of the draft Plan on the village website. • Concern expressed about the lack of allocation of development sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where necessary, attendees pointed to the availability of the Consultation Posters on Facebook along with a link to enable comments to be submitted online. In addition, attendees were reminded that the Minutes of the meetings of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are available on the Village Website. • Further explanatory text added to the existing text in the draft Neighbourhood Plan to explain why no development sites have been allocated.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is clear that some people have put a lot of energy and effort into this to date• It would have been good to have had a board about housing even though you are unable to allocate land• It would be good if these presentations could be put on the village website so those not present could also understand• It is difficult to think of things off the top of one's head unless it is obvious – it would be far more useful if the different policies and comments that were being promoted were on the website, so that people can read them at their leisure and think a bit more about what is being said• It would still be very easy to put this document which were on display at the village hall on the village website and email people out with a link to encourage more people to engage. After all they were originally produced on computer before printing• At 11.45am only 35 people had been recorded as attending, not a lot I would suggest		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a comment on one of the boards about ‘Sustainable Growth’ but what does that mean? Sustainable growth regarding what? It sounds good but is totally meaningless. • So, if a valued village facility is lost, then does this mean the Neighbourhood plan has failed? The loss of a bus service, 2 pubs, drama group, mobile library – were these highly valued facilities at the time? • If this is to be an important document going forward for the next 15 years or so then people need to be allowed the opportunity to be able to reflect a little more as to what is being said in the different policy statements. 		
<p>1. Design, character and context</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a lot of different designs within the community ranging from old listed buildings dating back several centuries to some very modern contemporary designs and many different designs in between. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern about appropriate housing design within the context of Appleton with Eaton. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The existing Design, Character and Context Policy re-examined. No further changes required.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variety is important and perhaps the problem with large scale development that one sees around the country is the problem of sameness • If future development of a larger scale i.e. more than 4 or 5 houses does happen at some stage in the future then some aspect of variety not only size but also style/character should also be encouraged 		
2. Local Green Spaces		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It seems these are limited in that I think only 4 were listed and were of access for the general public – of which 2 are pub gardens and the other 2 are small areas owned by the parish council • Most green space within the village curtilage is people’s gardens – these provide the feeling of openness and space that people value so highly • Perhaps these gardens should also be nominated as Green space • If you knock down a house and build 2 or 3 in the plot that green space has diminished substantially if not 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern expressed about the potential further loss of green space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Steering Group made a decision to re-examine the Green Spaces Assessment when possible in view of the comments made.

<p>disappear altogether as it is concreted over for parking space. This then begins to create the more urban feel that rural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are many examples within different communities where garden development has changed the character of streets or small areas and often not for the better • If this happens there is no financial contribution by way of developer contributions to benefit the village community as a whole 		
<p>3. Village Facilities</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village facilities are highly valued and want to be protected • There is no apparent assessment as to whether any of the existing facilities are vulnerable to being lost and if they are vulnerable than what needs to happen to ensure their survival • Some facilities such as the primary school and tennis club require a large number of people from outside the neighbourhood plan area to ensure their survival. The flood lights at the tennis court ensure all year-round use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments noted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In recent years only about 1/3 of annual intake of new children attending the primary school are from within the Neighbourhood plan catchment area• If Appleton with Eaton want these to continue then they either have to facilitate the ownership of properties within the Neighbourhood plan catchment area which have children of primary school age or accept the problems of cars bringing children from outside the neighbourhood plan area.• Facilities need to be used and if the demographic of a community changes then some facilities will become redundant or non-viable such as the now lack of a regular bus service or the demise of 2 pubs (3 Horse shoes and the Thatched Tavern)• If a village facility is always in use for a certain period of time – i.e. village hall Mondays to Thursday during term time by pre-school this prevents / restricts other groups or organisations developing as they have nowhere to meet.		
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4. Appleton Community Shop		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I do not recall seeing a specific policy regarding the village shop • How vulnerable is the shop to being lost? • Takings in the village shop as reported in the advertiser has slowly been decreasing over the last few years. The only way to alter this trend is to have more people to use the shop regularly (be they from the plan catchment area or from outside) or spend more money in the shop – and preferably both • The plan proposed does nothing to tackle this issue in putting forward suggestions to help tackle this issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments noted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required
5. Public Houses		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a business, these will only survive if they are used by people • Like the shop they need to either generate increased spend per customer or increase the number of customers • The plan does nothing to help them remain a viable going concern 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments noted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required

6. Business and employment		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other business that operate out of Appleton should be added Appleton Christmas Barn, Barefoot Campsites, Woodland Ways https://www.woodland-ways.co.uk/ • Cannot remember the policy wording but there was some comment about traffic and safety and other aspects – again would be helpful if these policies as presented now were available on the website so that a fuller thought can be engaged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments noted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required
7. Community Access		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment 		
8. Community Projects		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There seems a lack of ambition or desire in the ideas put forward • Footbridge over river Thames from bottom of Green Lane – links in with access to Thames path and Northmoor Lock • Village hall converted into a permanent site for pre-school and village shop/café • New village hall, community centre with climbing wall, badminton court, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions noted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required

<p>games room for teenagers, and young adults</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside table tennis / gym 		
<p>Additional comments</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As I understand it the Neighbourhood plan is to help local government with planning policy. I am unclear how this neighbourhood plan helps in this matter • I understand why you cannot allocate land for housing, however you can still have a housing policy i.e. you want to see certain types / numbers of housing units for certain types of people. Starter homes, retirement homes, cohousing, self-build • I feel there is a lack of imagination or ambition in what is being proposed. • While it was acknowledged in the July 2017 steering group minutes that there was a lack of involvement with people in the age range from 13 to mid 30's there seems to be limited input • It was mentioned in the presentation that contact had been made with OX13 members to ask views and opinions and this only includes young people up to age 18 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further changes required. See actions taken in response to General Comments above.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As mentioned earlier the number of school pupils at Appleton primary school who actually live in Appleton is about 1/3 of pupils in any one year• There was no mention of how young adults ages between 18-mid 30 were engaged? Does the village not have any? Or they were not engaged?• What is in the neighbourhood plan for anyone in the age group from 13 to mid 30s?		
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