

# Christian Malford Neighbourhood Plan Update



## Planning for Christian Malford

Since the appeals last year we have built a team to act as the steering committee in developing a neighbourhood plan for Christian Malford. Outlined below is a summary of progress together with an invitation for you to make your views known.

## The Background

Christian Malford last generated a Village Plan 8 years ago; it was intended to be a 5 year plan so is now out of date. Since then the government has placed more authority and responsibility for local affairs on the shoulders of communities. Whilst it is not mandatory to have a Neighbourhood Plan, as they are now known, they are becoming increasingly important documents that steer the authorities to deliver appropriate resources and developments and help with decision making. An example might be helping with a controversial decision required from Wiltshire Council on a village issue such as planning

We now have a team that is developing a plan for Christian Malford that, when complete, will be a factor that guiding Wiltshire Council in their considerations over any future planning applications



The team have gathered initial aims for the programme and in the next year or so we will be aiming to establish a consensus view of how villagers want Christian Malford to develop in the next 10-15 years. Wiltshire Council are required to increase the amount of housing in Wiltshire so it is important that our views are formalised.



## How is the Neighbourhood Plan developing ?

To date we have begun work as a team and engaged with Wiltshire Council in preparation for the main work of developing the plan. From here there are a number of stages to be followed:

- Finalise the scope of work
- Application for the planning process to be registered
- Gather villagers views and establish a plan of action
- Agree the plan with Wiltshire Council
- Agree the plan in Christian Malford by ballot



## What Are We Asking You To Do ?

The steering committee are aiming to establish a plan that covers :

- Housing needs for Christian Malford, both type and quantity
- Development of associated facilities within the village
- Recommendations for industry and associated developments
- Preservation of the rural nature of the village



Whilst we will aim to communicate throughout the process it is also important that villagers also actively make their views known. Please make contact whenever you wish to do so and if you are part of a larger organisation in the village such as WI, FoS, PROBUS etc please use the forum to consolidate and forward any relevant ideas.

## What Next ?

The overall plan is expected to run through to run 2015 when we will be asking the village to vote on the plan and make the document a formal requirement for Wiltshire Council to consider. The next steps will be:

- Application to Wiltshire Council and a formal period of consultation (May – June 2014)
- Data gathering and plan preparation (June –October 2014)
- Village consultation (November-December 2014)
- Submission to Wiltshire Council and Consultation (January-March 2015)
- External review (April-May 2015)
- Village referendum (June 2015)



## Act Now!

Please make views known to any of the following:

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