

## **WINSLOW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

Since the public consultation on the pre-submission Winslow Neighbourhood Plan (WNP), the 100 or so written responses that were sent in have been reviewed. Of the responses received from residents, 98% were very positive about our Neighbourhood Plan and several made good suggestions as to ways in which Winslow could be further improved.

Of the other responses, those from Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) and Bucks County Council (BCC) were the most comprehensive and constructive in terms of comments made to improve the Plan. There were also some very helpful pointers and positive support for the WNP received from certain developers and land owners. Unsurprisingly, there were two very negative representations received from those developers whose 'landholdings' are outside the Winslow Settlement Boundary.

The Steering Group then decided on which of the various suggested modifications should be incorporated in the Draft Submission WNP documents. The revised and new documents comprising the Draft Submission WNP were then discussed in detail with AVDC who suggested a few further improvements to make the final version as robust and sound as possible.

In order to ensure there are no surprises when the WNP has been subjected to the official independent examination, it underwent a 'health check' with a third party independent examiner. The advice from this examiner was incorporated into the final version of the WNP which was submitted on December 4<sup>th</sup> to AVDC who will then 'publicise' our Neighbourhood Plan for a period of 6 working weeks. This involves notifying all consultees of this publicity and where the various documents can be viewed. Once this process has been completed in the second half of January, AVDC will then pass the finalised WNP together with any comments received in response to the publicity of the Plan to the Independent Examiner appointed to scrutinise our Neighbourhood Plan.

There will be a detailed report on the Winslow Neighbourhood Plan and, inevitably, there will be observations as to ways the Neighbourhood Plan can be further improved, which will then be incorporated. Finally, and if this is a relief to you it most certainly will be to those who have been working on the Winslow Neighbourhood Plan since the beginning of this year, the Referendum process will commence and must last for at least 28 days and, all being well, will culminate in late March with the actual vote when all residents aged 18 and over will be able to vote either YES or No. A YES vote will indicate support for your community plan which will manage Winslow's growth to 2031 along the lines that residents desire. A NO vote could open the way for developer led growth, allowing Gladman Developments and others to tell us how our town should develop!

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