



February 2022 Update

We might have been quiet recently, but a lot is happening in the background.

We are still waiting for confirmation from Buckinghamshire County Council of the housing numbers planned for Whitchurch following the adoption of the VALP (Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan) in the autumn. We had anticipated having this number before Christmas but we are hopeful it will be confirmed very soon.

Housing Needs Assessment

This has now been completed by an external agency, all part of the expertise paid for by the grant that covers all the Neighbourhood Plan work. It has confirmed the need for more smaller family homes in particular and is in line with feedback received from residents during the consultation process. This will help us to plan for the right types of houses as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Design Code

On a cold and wet December afternoon Cllr Mel Perry and Neighbourhood Plan Chair Keith Armour spent several hours walking the length and breadth of the village with experts from Aecom looking at the style of buildings that make up our village. Once complete the Design Code will help shape the style of buildings that might be built in the future under the Whitchurch Neighbourhood Plan.

Green Spaces

Our analysis of the green spaces within Whitchurch is now close to finalisation so that recommendations can be made about any that should be included within the eventual Whitchurch Neighbourhood Plan

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Report

This report, again produced by our consultants is being worked on and looks at the possible impacts of the emerging Whitchurch Neighbourhood Plan, compliance with policies and will help us to understand and evaluate the relative merits or otherwise of the various sites that are under consideration for inclusion.

What's Next?

Once all the reports are complete, we will, with the input of our consultants be able to evaluate each site against the policies that you have all fed into and arrive at a draft proposal with numbers, types, locations and styles of houses clearly defined. These draft proposals will then go the independent inspector for examination and approval. If approved the draft will be put to the village in a referendum.

The next few months are going to be very busy for the team and we will update Whitchurch residents as we edge ever closer to the end of the process and an eventual village referendum.