

## **WNP Interview with Wheatley Area Churches Committee**

**RG and JF met with the Committee 4<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Half an hour given of Committee time. Present CofE, URC and RC church including ministers from all 3.**

1. WNP was explained to the Committee. 'Community listening'.
2. Absence of Youth Service in a village with full complement of schools was raised, Memorable past service by Chris Sewell (decades ago) and recently by Dan Oosterhuis with *Fusion* (two years full time grant), currently some part time work in school lunch hour.
3. The church cemetery almost full. Now a civil Parish responsibility. Burial still means more in a village like Wheatley (50:50 preferences) than in a town or suburb.
4. Asked churches to think about publicising the fact of the NP referendum sometime in 2017. CofE always requests from the pulpit that people use their vote as a duty. URC long history of community involvement and providing a roof for meetings/groups.
5. Implications of new housing: **a)** additional members of congregations **b)** need for community welcome (CofE planning it for the upper London Rd development of 51 houses)
6. Feedback from congregations to WNP on new development welcome – any time.

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