

**Wheatley Neighbourhood Plan Monthly Report  
to Wheatley Parish Council, copied to Holton Parish Council  
03 July 2017**

**1. Public Consultation** The 8-week Public Consultation on the Draft WNP initiated by WPC, 08 May - 30 June, has just ended. The WNP Volunteers leafleted all homes in both parishes (1860); posters advertised it in parish offices, community halls, on parish noticeboards and in Wheatley P.O.; The Library, both Parish Offices and Holton V.H. held hard copies of the NP. We also copied to 16 Statutory bodies, including O.C.C. We kept SODC updated and copied, as well as many village organisations whom we had originally consulted.

**2. Open Day 17 June.** Again, for a second time, all homes in both villages (1860) were leafleted by our Volunteers, a group of about 140 who have been kept regularly informed since early 2016 and who have underpinned so much WNP work. Open Day posters everywhere and the June Newsletter WNP publicity meant that all stops were pulled out for the event. 253 attended (with 7 children). 54 written responses were collected, mainly 1 side of A4 each. They carried 98 observations in all. Open Day is worth its own report as the comments carry an authentic community ring. [see *Open Day on WNP website*, [www.wheatleyneighbourhoodplan.co.uk](http://www.wheatleyneighbourhoodplan.co.uk). Also see, newly 'live', *EB Map 2, Pavements; EB Research 12, Tree Preservation, Holton Park and OBU site.*]

**3. WNP Stall, 21 and 28 June.** WNP Chair and vice-Chair manned a stall on two days in front of the Merry Bells. Some of the points heard from many conversations are recorded with Open Day on the website..

**4. The 16 Statutory Bodies contacted all acknowledged receipt** of Draft WNP. Eight (8) sent further response. (*Natural England, Highways England, Health and Safety, Historic England, Homes and Communities, Oxfordshire C.C., Oxon NHS, Thames Water*). Agents wrote on behalf of several Wheatley landowners. Developers made contact (*Carter Jonas, Taylor Wimpey, Beechcroft and OBU Agents*). SODC a crucial voice, did not respond, but has extended Public Response by 28 days to tackle a Strategic Environmental Assessment threat which they had advised WNP was 'not likely' to happen. They believe this may be avoided by re-phrasing some proposals..

**5. Individual Responses**, email, letter and website hits. 50+ responses were emailed, some with one point, others with many observations. The WNP website 17 May – 17 June recorded 1,466 Views of the Draft WNP ; Twitter 8 re-Tweets, 10 Likes and 262 Impressions; Feedback x 5, and Facebook Reach 2,798, Like 35, Share 23, Link Clicks 227.

**6. Wheatley and Holton Parish Councils** invited WNP to address their Annual Parish Assemblies on 03 May and 25 May respectively. Both councils together made Public Consultation contributions to WNP Committee members on 20 June in a meeting which lasted 2.5 hrs. It was a private meeting, therefore the record will be taken from notes made made by District Councillor Toby Newman who is also a WNP Committeeman. Individual councillors have also responded. During the Pub.Con. OBU held a Workshop (08 May) and an Open Day on their site proposals.

*to WPC, HPC and to WNP Committee members. John Fox, Chairman, WNP  
With my apologies for the last minute delivery. 02 July 2017*

John Fox, Chairman WNP