

Statement on Behalf of Wheatley Parish Council

As the qualifying body for the Wheatley neighbourhood plan, we commend the plan to the village community and recommend that it is fully supported at the forthcoming referendum.

It would be an impossibility to prepare any document of this kind which did not contain some element that drew criticism in some small part. However we fully support the overall plan and its central objectives and believe that it provides a positive and very attainable programme for the provision of housing in Wheatley whilst, at the same time, offering the opportunity to improve the environment and wellbeing of the village and its residents. To this end, if formally adopted, the Parish Council are prepared to take immediate steps to begin implementing the provisions contained in the plan.

The Parish Council has stood back from direct involvement with the development of the plan, not wishing to influence its content. The Parish council has, however, followed closely the progress of the plan at every stage and supported the Neighbourhood Plan Committee wherever possible.

We have trusted and relied upon a dedicated team of Wheatley and Holton residents who have employed a highly professional and analytical approach to the development of the plan, ensuring that the views of the wider community have been fully assessed within the evidence base. This has resulted in what we believe is a highly credible and achievable plan worthy of the support of both South Oxfordshire District Council and the wider community.

Doug Lamont,

Chair Wheatley Parish Council

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