

Wheatley Neighbourhood Plan Committee Report to Wheatley and Holton Parish Councils July-August 2017

1. Public Consultation ended on 30 June after 8 weeks. The WNP website now shows all P.C. responses. www.wheatleyneighbourhoodplan.co.uk under *News & Updates*.
2. An Examiner's first questions will be 'How well was the Consultation publicised? How publicly did you make the Draft Plan available?' The WNP website also shows new research, correspondence and essential minutes. I'm proud of the WNP Committee, its teamwork and its sticking power through lean times and good. We've experienced both.
3. The community should know that seven of the 17-member Committee are in full-time work and took on this voluntary commitment in addition to careers and family responsibilities. We are in our 20th month. I also keep contact with our Street Reps and our Volunteer List (130) without whom For instance, every home in both villages was leafleted *twice* during the Pub.Con. weeks (general leaflet *and* Open Day leaflet).
4. In July-August, WNP met five times, and was also represented at WPC Open Spaces 17 July and OBU 25 July. On 05 July, we reviewed the Pub.Con. On 27 July, we discussed the SODC Response received that day. On 07 August we prepared for the SODC Workshop, which 9 of the Committee attended on 10 August (Minutes, WNP website, *Evidence Base, SODC 10*). A meeting was held (too late for this Report) 31 August (on SEA and NP map change suggested by SODC). On 07 September we meet at SODC for a second workshop on re-drafting The Plan. One adviser has been ill (and I suspect, exhausted) so we have not seen the sample suggestions of re-writing promised for 25 August. Advisers are doing their best to honour the promise of 27 July, 'WNP is now our top priority'.
5. The website shows an analysis of Pub. Con. individual responses, letters from many national Statutory Bodies (including our County and District), both Parish Councils' responses in full, Landowners and Agents. (See website *News & Updates, Public and Statutory Responses*.) My notes from that 10 August Workshop record a warning from Ricardo Rios, senior adviser, after 6 years experience of Neighbourhood Plans (5 years in Stroud DC and a year in SODC). **'Traffic is the Achilles Heel of Neighbourhood Plans and many polices are discarded because of direct reference to it.** The same warning was given in February 2016 by our then adviser. Ricardo added, **'HGVs are not a WNP concern, but WPC can pursue a policy on HGVs directly with OCC.** OCC Response to WNP 30/06 agrees with this.

6. Two Questions and A Research Sample

a) Traffic and Infrastructure: WPC liaison

b) CIL/S106: for future reference

c) WNP Tree Survey, OBU Site: surprising research
(expanding on WNP website, Evidence Base, Research 12, Trees)

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