

Chearsley Village Plan

Questionnaire

This questionnaire accompanies the Chearsley Village Plan Consultation Document issued in November 2012.

It reproduces the recommendations and questions in that Discussion paper, in a format that you can use to provide your response.

You are invited to express your opinion by responding to these questions.

Please do so by ticking the box next to the response that most closely matches your views. There is also space after each question for you to add further comments if required.

If there is insufficient space, please continue on plain paper as necessary, but do please identify which question any such comments relate to.

There is also space at the end in Section 7 to add any further thoughts

This questionnaire is an important part of the consultation process on the village plan. We very much need the opinion of everyone in the village if we are to ensure that the eventual plan truly represents the consensus view of the village.

When you have completed the questionnaire, please put it in one of the collecting boxes, located at the shop, the Bell and the church. Alternatively, hand it to any member of any of the Topic Groups (names are included along with details of the Topic Groups in the consultation document).

Alternatively you can down-load the questionnaire from the 'Planning Forum' tab at www.chearsley.com and email the completed form to planning@chearsley.com.

Responses to the questionnaire will be accepted up until the end of December, but it would greatly assist if you would **please complete and return the questionnaire by 20th December**

Section 1. Housing

Questions and Recommendations from the Housing Group

Question 1. In the light of the information offered earlier, including the fact that the village would wish to have a powerful voice in influencing inevitable development proposals, the Group have come to a recommendation that: “There could be up to 22 new homes built on agreed sites over the next 20 years”. **What is your view on the Housing Group continuing to investigate this proposition?**

- I am happy for the Group to work further along the lines that there could be about 22 new homes approved over the next 20 years.
- The Group should investigate the prospects for opposing any new housing in Chearsley over the next 20 years. i.e. for zero growth.
- I think the Group should consider recommending a higher number of new homes than they are currently investigating, for example, in the region of 48 new homes over the next 20 years
- There should be some other amount of growth. Say what

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 2. If, as is almost inevitable within or outside the influence of a Village Plan, there was some housing development in Chearsley, the Group wishes to consult on the urgency or desirability of the phasing of such work. The Group seek guidance from the village on thoughts on this matter. **What is your view?**

- Any development across a range of new sites should be undertaken in the early years of the 20 year period, as new homes are urgently needed.
- Any development across a range of new sites should be staggered equally over that period
- Any development across a range of new sites should be undertaken towards the end of that period as there is no urgency to this.

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 3. Question 3. The Group are trying to assess the housing needs of the village for the future and, at this point, recommend that “There should be a programme of mixed housing developments for Chearsley, including homes of varying size, reflected in a wide price range to meet different needs”. **What is your view?**

- There should be a programme of mixed housing development including homes of varying size to meet different needs.
- Any housing development should be of smaller affordable homes only.
- Any housing development should only be of medium sized family homes.
- Any housing development should only be of large ‘executive’ styled homes.
- I have no particular view on house requirements.

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 4. “We have identified all possible potential sites for housing development”. Without any suggestion that all sites identified should be put forward for development (the Group believes this to be totally out of the question) **to what extent do you agree with the list of sites indicated, and where do you think any development should take place?**

- Of the sites offered for Housing Development by the Group I have a preference for **Site number (from Consultation Document)**

Reason

- I agree that the Group has identified all possible potential sites for housing development but I am concerned about further investigating **Site number(s)**

Reason

- I disagree that the Group have identified all possible potential sites for housing development and suggest the following additional sites for considerations.

Please identify and give reasons.

- None of this – I don’t want any development.

Question 5. For the reasons given in the consultation document, and in order to express a local voice for sustaining the essential character of Chearsley, the Group feels strongly that “The policy of the Parish Council should be to specifically oppose further infill development within the Conservation Area and sunken lanes of Chearsley Village”. **Do you agree with this recommendation?**

- I agree there should be no further infill within the Conservation Area and lanes.
- I think there could be limited infill within the Conservation Area and lanes
- I think that housing infill in the Conservation Area and lanes should be allowed without restriction.

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 6. Although, as yet, the Group has not really looked at the detail of possible policy for housing alteration or extensions we feel that, in principle, “The Village Plan should offer Chearsley-specific principles and guidance on matters of house alterations and extensions” and we should therefore look at this further. **Do you agree?**

- The final Village Plan should offer Chearsley-specific principles and guidance on house alterations and extensions that would prevent development that significantly alters the size or character of an existing property.
- Each individual development proposal should be left to the existing planning processes without interference or any village guidelines.
- I have no particular view on house requirements.

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Section 2. Business

Questions from the Business Group

Question 7. Are you are a business person in the area, and if so is there anything that you feel could be in the Village Plan that would help you run your business more effectively?

- Yes
- No

Comment (What would you like to see in the Plan?).

Question 8. We would like to know how many home workers there are in Chearsley (i.e. people who's main place of work is at home)? **Are you are a home worker.**

- Yes
- No
- I would rather not say

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 9. Would you make use of a boules pitch in the garden at The Bell?

- Yes – I would that
- Option 2. No – of no interest to me
- Option 3. I have no view

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Section 3 Traffic, Roads & Lanes.

Questions and Recommendations from the RESCU Group

Question 10. The group wishes to increase the level of adherence to the 30mph speed limit on the main road through the village limit by whatever means are deemed to be most effective, yet in keeping with a rural environment. We intend to investigate this further but currently believe this to be a flat (no humps, strips or ramps) differently painted surface to the main carriageways at the village limits. **What is your view?**

- I agree with the line currently being taken by the group and favour active investigation of this issue.
- I disagree with the approach and offer my own comment below
- I have no view on this issue

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 11. The group believes that the current 30mph speed limit within the lanes of the village is too high. We favour formally requesting the appropriate authorities to reduce this to a more safe 20mph legal limit. **What is your view?**

- I agree that this is a real issue and favour active investigation with the appropriate authorities.
- I disagree that this is a problem and offer my own comment below
- I have no view on this issue

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 12. The group recognises that the access from The Green to Crendon Road can be a problem junction with cars coming up from the shop area coming ‘face-to-face’ others turning off Crendon Road, creating potentially dangerous blockages on the main road. Our group was divided on the range of possible responses to this situation. **We seek views on the best approach to dealing with this.**

- This is not a problem, leave it as it is.
- There is a bit of a problem.
- There is a serious and urgent safety issue.

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 13. The group is against the notion of street lighting being introduced into Chearsley. We also recognise that excessive exterior home lighting contributes to light pollution in the village and recommend that minimising such lighting should be considered by existing householders and by the Council in considering Planning Applications. . **What is your view?**

Street Lighting

- I agree with the recommendation
- I disagree with the recommendation
- I have no view on this issue

External Home Lighting

- I agree with the recommendation
- I disagree with the recommendation
- I have no view on this issue

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Section 4. Public Services and Utilities.

Questions and Recommendations from the RESCU Group

Question 14. The group recommends that the appearance of Chearsley should be enhanced where practicable; for example, by the removal of overhead utility wires and their poles, replaced by the underground cabling of services? **Do you agree?**

- I agree that we should investigate and promote the removal of service poles and underground cabling of services where practicable.
- I do not wish to see the removal of service poles and overhead wires.
- I do not have a view on this issue

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 15. The group believes that, like other communities, Chearsley should be more active in investigating the potential for village-wide opportunities for the utilisation of alternative sources of energy and renewable energy. We recommend that investigations are undertaken to examine viable options such as solar power, biomass boilers and provision of an electric power point for vehicles. **Do you agree?**

- I agree with the recommendation to investigate this matter
- I disagree with the investigating this further
- I have no view on this issue

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Section 5. Broadband and Mobile services

Questions from the Business & RESCU Groups.

Question 16. What is your experience of current Broadband Services?

- Fully or largely acceptable
- Useable but would benefit from a faster service
- Completely unacceptable – too slow and unreliable

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 17. The groups believes that the current provision for Broadband Internet services in Chearsley is unreliable, being slow and often unstable. We recommend investigating collectively how a better level of service can be improved across the village.

Do you agree?

- I agree with the recommendation
- Internet services are not a problem in the village
- I have no view on this issue

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 18. Are you interested in Superfast Broadband (20+ Mbps) and have you done anything about it?

- Yes and I have already registered an interest on the BT website for Broadband
- Yes and I have already registered an interest with the Bucks CC Broadband website
- Yes but I have not yet registered an interest but am willing to do so
- No interest
- Comment** (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 19. How much more would you pay for higher speed Broadband?

- Little or nothing
- Up to 50% more
- Up to double
- More than that

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 20. The group believes that the current mobile phone service in Chearsley is unreliable and characterised by no-signal areas. We recommend investigating collectively how reception can be improved across the village, without the construction of unsightly masts. **What do you think?**

- I agree with the recommendation
- Mobile phone reception is not a problem in the village
- I have no view on this issue

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Section 5. Conservation Area Issues.

Questions and Recommendations from the RESCU Group on

Question 21. The group regards the value of the Chearsley Conservation Area as being significantly beneficial to the village, both for the present and future. **What do you think?**

- I agree that the Chearsley Conservation Area is of great value and should be preserved and its enhancing features and obligations recognised in the Village Plan.
- I do not think that Chearsley should recognise or promote their Conservation Area in the Village Plan.
- I do not have a view on this issue

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 22. Looking at the current map, the group favours a fresh look at the extent of the Conservation Area with a view to simplifying and updating it. **What do you think?**

- I agree that the current Conservation Areas too complex and not really reflective of current environmental factors
- I think that the current Conservation Area should remain as it is.
- I think that the Group should seek to remove Conservation Area status altogether.
- I do not have a view on this issue

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Section 6. Environmental issues.

Questions and Recommendations from the RESCU Group

Question 23. The Group wishes to understand your views on use made of our village footpaths and your opinion of their condition. We have no specific recommendation on this issue at this time. **To what degree do you use any of the footpaths within the village? Does the condition of any footpath cause any access problems for you?**

Usage

- I rarely use the footpaths and have no real concern for their upkeep
- I occasionally use some footpaths and value their upkeep.
- I regularly use the footpaths (e.g. monthly)

Condition

- In good condition
- Average
- Poor

Comment (Please indicate any problems you have experienced, and/or add other comment)

Question 24. The group believes that some of our footpaths currently cause access issues for those with young children or with mobility difficulties. As such, we recommend the replacement of styles with suitable gates and, where appropriate, the unobtrusive levelling of some pathways to improve access. **How do you feel about this?**

- I agree that some pathways cause access issues and this should be rectified in a manner appropriate to the individual situations.
- Access to Pathways is currently perfectly satisfactory.
- I have no view on this issue.

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 25. The group recommends the creation and maintenance of more wild flower areas, in agreed suitable locations to benefit the appearance of the village and intends to consult further on possible locations. **Do you agree?**

- I agree that we should be consulted on the development of more wild flower areas in suitable locations around the village.
- I do not wish to see any extension of wild flower areas in the village
- I have no view on this issue

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 26. The group believes that the roadside maintenance programme currently provided by AVDC (1metre of each roadside verge) requires more village-based direction and management. We wish to look at means of improving this. **What do you think of this maintenance service?**

- I agree that this service needs a more specific village-based specification and management.
- The AVDC service is perfectly satisfactory as it is.
- I have no view on this issue.

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 27. The group believes that it may be better to employ a local contractor, guided by the Parish Council to maintain road verges and footpaths throughout the village and recommends that such possibilities be investigated to improve appearance and possibly save money. **Do you agree?**

- I agree with the recommendation to investigate this
- I disagree with the recommendation
- I have no view on this issue

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 28. The group believes that potential new cycle/bridleway paths in the area should be investigated with a view to improving access and leisure, school-run and commuting routes. **Do you agree?**

- I agree with the recommendation to investigate this
- I disagree with the recommendation
- I have no view on this issue

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Section 6. Community & Leisure issues.

Questions from the Community and Leisure Group

Question 29. Do you think we need a new Village Hall with better facilities?

- Yes, it needs improving
- No – it's fine as it is
- I have no view on this

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 30. Would you like to see the facilities of the cricket ground and Millennium field expanded to enable year round use of the space?

- Yes, a useful improvement
- No need for this
- I have no view on this

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 31. Would you like the use of a rural village amenity space/park?

- Yes
- No
- I have no view on this

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 32. The groups believe that Chearsley residents require village-based post office services and recommend that this should be located within Chearsley Stores. **Do you agree?**

- I agree with the recommendation
- I disagree with the recommendation
- I have no view on this issue

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 33. Do we need a cash point within the village?

- Yes
- No
- I have no view on this

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Question 34. Do you agree with the conclusion the least well catered for are the Youth and Elderly?

- Yes
- No
- I have no view on this

Comment (Reason for your choice or other comment).

Section 7. Other Comments

Question 35. Are there any other comments you wish to make on any topic you think is of relevance to the Chearsley Plan, whether it is covered in the Consultation Document or not.

Your details (optional)

Name..... Postcode.....