

Your Neighbourhood Plan Update

The aim of the Neighbourhood Plan: - to ensure that Alderholt remains a village with the essential amenities and facilities that enable residents and visitors to enjoy the beautiful countryside whilst being part of an active and friendly community in a peaceful rural setting.

What had been done?

Success in achieving a second tranche of money from Locality in support of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Collection of information relevant to the creation and development of the plan from residents through two face-to-face meetings and a village survey delivered through survey monkey in July 2023. (174 responses to the consultation including 23 paper submissions).

What is the outcome?

1. The respondents fully supported the vision and objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan, and there will be a piece on the Trailway.
2. Based on the above information and the analysis of the housing needs of the area in conjunction with Dorset Council the conclusion is it would be appropriate for 50 dwellings over and above those which already have planning consent.
3. Assessment of all potential development sites culminated in the site options consultation in July 2023. With regard to potential developments sites, there was a clear steer on the sites favoured by the public. The nurseys site 002 east of Ringwood Road was considered the most suitable and it together with site 006a Paddock south of Daggons Road (the land by the garage), and site 009 land south of Blackwater Grove are the 3 sites now being included in the draft Neighbourhood Plan.
4. There was strong support for the identified local green spaces and views, and as a result of feedback, Bonfire Hill is now being included in both sections.
5. The information on gathered on design styles and the character of the village will also form part of the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Next steps

Jo Witherden our consultant is now compiling the draft Neighbourhood Plan and the policies therein incorporating the information gained from the public consultations with the technical support supplied by AECOM.

Our suggested timetable is: -

- Draft Neighbourhood Plan to be ratified by the Council in November
- The public consultation (pre submission) referred to as Regulation 14 will be held for a minimum of 6 weeks commencing 1st December 2023.
- These dates have been booked for face-to-face interaction in the village hall: -
Evening - Monday 4th December 2023 & Morning - Saturday 13th January 2024
- Winter 23/24 Finalise the Plan, revised as necessary for submission Spring 2024
- Summer/Autumn 2024 Examination and Referendum before official adoption of plan by Dorset Council.

We will shorten the timescale if we can move things along.

Prize Draw: -

There were 83 entries to the prize draw and 3 lucky winners were drawn at our September Council meeting. Thanks go to the businesses that have provided the 3 prizes: -

Wolvercroft Garden Centre and Café Bull Hill Farm The Churchill Arms