



Council name	<b>COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL</b>
Name and date of Committee	<b>CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND PLANNING DECISION MEETING, 31 MARCH 2026</b>
Subject	Five Neighbourhood Plans on the agenda, taken in reverse order of their progress through the process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mickleton Neighbourhood Plan:</b> Designation</li><li>• <b>Siddington Neighbourhood Plan:</b> Consultation (Reg 14) update</li><li>• <b>Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan:</b> Submission (Reg 15)</li><li>• <b>Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan:</b> Resubmission (Reg 16)</li><li>• <b>Chipping Campden Neighbourhood Plan:</b> Examination (Reg 17) update</li></ul>
Wards affected	<b>Mickleton:</b> Campden & Vale <b>Siddington:</b> Siddington & Cerney Rural <b>Moreton-in-Marsh:</b> Moreton East, Moreton West <b>Cirencester:</b> Abbey, Chesterton, Four Acres, New Mills, St. Michael's, Stratton, The Beeches, Watermoor <b>Chipping Campden:</b> Campden & Vale
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<p>Summary/Purpose</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mickleton Neighbourhood Plan:</b> To approve the designation of Mickleton parish as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning, and the Parish Council as an appropriate Qualifying Body.</li><li>• <b>Siddington Neighbourhood Plan:</b> Officer to update Cabinet Member on Siddington Neighbourhood Plan progress, including likely Reg. 14 consultation dates.</li><li>• <b>Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan:</b> To approve submission of the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan (and accompanying documents), subject to CDC creating NDHA Map. Approve a Reg. 16 consultation to proceed once NDHA Map published.</li><li>• <b>Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan:</b> Accept resubmission of Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan, with Policies Map now published, and a few minor amendments made. Approve to start a Reg. 16 consultation on Thursday 16 April for 6 weeks until 5pm on Friday 29 May.</li><li>• <b>Chipping Camden Neighbourhood Plan:</b> Officer to update Cabinet Member on Chipping Campden Neighbourhood Plan examination.</li></ul>
<p>Annexes</p>	<p><b>Annex A - Mickleton Designation Form</b> <b>Annex B - Mickleton Parish Map</b> <b>Annex C - Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan Submission Draft</b> <b>Annex D - Moreton Policies Maps</b> <b>Annex E - Appendix A Design Statement</b> <b>Annex F - Appendix B Infrastructure Development Priorities</b> <b>Annex G - Appendix C Local Green Spaces</b> <b>Annex H - Appendix D Non-Designated Heritage Assets</b> <b>Annex I - Appendix E(i) Important Views Map</b> <b>Annex J - Appendix E(ii) Important Views descriptions</b> <b>Annex K - Appendix F Biodiversity NDP report</b> <b>Annex L - Appendix G Greenway Documents</b></p>



	<p><b>Annex M – Appendix H Housing Needs Analysis</b> <b>Annex N – Moreton Council Minutes 24 Feb 2026</b> <b>Annex O – Moreton-in-Marsh Basic Conditions Statement</b> <b>Annex P – Moreton-in-Marsh Equalities Impact Assessment</b> <b>Annex Q – Moreton-in-Marsh NDP – HRA Screening Letter</b> <b>Annex R – Moreton-in-Marsh SEA Decision</b> <b>Annex S – Moreton-in-Marsh SEA Screening Opinion Report</b> <b>Annex T – Moreton Consultation Statement</b> <b>Annex U – Moreton CS Appendix 2 Reg 14 Responses Redacted</b> <b>Annex V – Moreton CS Appendix 3 Developers Reg 14 Responses</b> <b>Annex W – Moreton CS Appendix 4 CDC Reg 14 Responses</b> <b>Annex X – Cirencester NDP</b> <b>Annex Y – Cirencester Policies Maps</b> <b>Annex Z – Cirencester Basic Conditions Statement</b> <b>Annex AA – Cirencester Consultation Statement</b> <b>Annex AB – SEA Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan</b> <b>Annex AC – Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan HRA report</b> <b>Annex AD – Chipping Campden Clarification Note</b> <b>Annex AE – Chipping Campden Hearing Note</b> <b>Annex AF – Chipping Campden Examination Arrangements</b></p>
Recommendation(s)	<p>That the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning resolves that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mickleton Parish is designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning, and the Parish Council as an appropriate Qualifying Body, with the intention of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.</li><li>2. The Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan is accepted for submission, and subject to the creation of an NDHA map, will commence with a Reg. 16 consultation (dates tbc).</li><li>3. Accept resubmission of Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan, with Policies Map now published, and a few minor amendments made. Approve to start a Reg. 16 consultation on Thursday 16 April for 6 weeks until 5pm on Friday 29 May.</li></ol>



Corporate priorities	<p><b>All of the corporate priorities are captured by the emerging Neighbourhood Plans:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delivering Good Services</li><li>• Responding to the Climate Emergency</li><li>• Delivering Housing</li><li>• Supporting Communities</li><li>• Supporting the Economy</li></ul>
Key Decision	<p><b>NO</b></p> <p>Whilst a Neighbourhood Plan <i>could</i> have a significant impact in regards part 2, the submitted Neighbourhood Plans are not deemed to have a <i>significant</i> impact to the planning framework. All communities to which they relate will have the opportunity to vote on the adoption (or not) of NPs via a referendum.</p>
Exempt	<p><b>NO</b></p>
Consultees/ Consultation	<p>All Town/ Parish Councils (or NP Steering Groups of those) have been leading on the development of these plans, evidence, documents and maps.</p> <p>Opportunity to thank them for their hard (and voluntary) work.</p>



## **Neighbourhood Planning Regs. for reference**

<b>Reg 14</b>	Public consultation on draft Plan (led by PC/TC)
<b>Reg 15</b>	Submit revised plan to CDC
<b>Reg 16</b>	Public consultation on submitted Plan (led by CDC)
<b>Reg 17</b>	CDC appoints independent examiner
<b>Reg 17a</b>	Make decisions on examiner's recommendations
<b>Reg 18</b>	CDC publish examination report and decision statement
<b>Referendum</b>	CDC to arrange referendum (polling station type)
<b>Making</b>	CDC makes (adopts) the Plan if >50% votes YES



## **Mickleton Neighbourhood Plan: Designation**

### **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1** To consider the designation of Mickleton parish as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning, and the Parish Council as the appropriate Qualifying Body.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Local Planning Authorities have a statutory duty to advise or assist communities in the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP).
- 2.2** The Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 introduced prescribed timeframes within which LPAs must determine applications for neighbourhood areas. The relevant period is as follows: **8 weeks** where the relevant body is a parish council and the area to which the application relates is the whole of the area of the parish council.

### **3. MAIN POINTS**

- 3.1** The Officer met with a few Mickleton Parish Councillors, in Mickleton, on 11 Feb 2026, to discuss the processes, opportunities and issues around Neighbourhood Planning.
- 3.2** In the context of new planning permissions, an increased housing requirement for the district, and in the adjoining county of Warwickshire; local councillors were keen to have a say on how their community is shaped, particularly over the quality of housing, even if the quantity is out of their hands. Also discussed were many other topics, local issues and opportunities that could be addressed through a Neighbourhood Plan.
- 3.3** After later feeding back to a full Parish Council, Mickleton PC decided to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan.
- 3.4** The Designation Form (Appendix A) was completed on 16 March 2026 and sent to CDC. It is proposed to be a single-parish plan, and the proposed Neighbourhood Area (i.e. Mickleton Parish) is illustrated in Appendix B.



#### **4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

**4.1** CDC may designate, modify, or refuse the designation.

#### **5. CONCLUSIONS**

**5.1** Recommend to approve the designation of Mickleton parish as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning, and the Parish Council as the appropriate Qualifying Body.

#### **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**6.1** None at this stage.

**6.2** The Council already have financial obligations towards the procedural elements of Neighbourhood Planning following Reg. 15. Some or all of this can be reclaimed from the Government (MHCLG).

**6.3** Officer support towards Neighbourhood Planning is already budgeted for.

#### **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

**7.1** Following the call-in period for this meeting, the application will be publicised for 4 weeks, after which CDC will publicise its decision. If any pertinent representations are received in the 4-week period, the Officer will call-in the issue back to the Member to consider those representations, and reconsider the decision.

**7.2** Once adopted the Neighbourhood Plan must be considered as part of relevant planning applications, and planning is a statutory function for Cotswold District Council.

#### **8. RISK ASSESSMENT**

**8.1** No adverse risks foreseen.

#### **9. EQUALITIES IMPACT**

**9.1** Under equality legislation, the Council has a legal duty to pay 'due regard' to the need to eliminate discrimination and promote equality in relation to:

- Race
- Disability
- Gender, including gender reassignment



- Age
- Sexual Orientation
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Religion or belief

## **10. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS**

**10.1** A forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan may address these issues.

**10.2** Or at least should not contradict the sustainable balance of development in line with national policy and guidance, including climate change/ adaptation.

## **11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Appendix A: Mickleton Designation Form

Appendix B: Mickleton Parish map



## **Siddington Neighbourhood Plan:** Consultation (Reg 14) update

### **12. MAIN POINTS**

- 12.1** Had expected Siddington Parish Council to be undertaking their Reg. 14 consultation and that this meeting could be used to approve CDC's comments in response.
- 12.2** They are working hard on their plan, and the Officer has had several in-person meetings to aid them in the preparation of their plan. The Officer also prepared SEA/HRA screening which has been consulted on with the statutory bodies.
- 12.3** Understand that the plan will be ready "imminently", perhaps one to two months.

### **13. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 13.1** The Council already have financial obligations towards the procedural elements of Neighbourhood Planning following Reg. 15. Some or all of this can be reclaimed from the Government (MHCLG).
- 13.2** Officer support towards Neighbourhood Planning is already budgeted for.

### **14. RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 14.1** Siddington Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared at the same time as the Local Plan, which could lead to conflicting policies coming forward in a similar time frame. Generally, the latter adopted plan takes precedence in conflicting topics, but significant evidence and robust justification would be required to alter the adopted approach.

### **15. EQUALITIES IMPACT**

- 15.1** Under equality legislation, the Council has a legal duty to pay 'due regard' to the need to eliminate discrimination and promote equality in relation to:
- Race
  - Disability
  - Gender, including gender reassignment
  - Age



- Sexual Orientation
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Religion or belief

**15.2** Siddington PC, CDC and an Independent Examiner should ensure the Plan meets this legal duty, and make recommendations if it appears to discriminate.

## **16. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS**

**16.1** The Plan is expected to contain policies on Green Gaps and Local Green Spaces (some of which are proposed for their rich wildlife).

**16.2** Nonetheless, the Plan should also not contradict the sustainable balance of development in line with national policy and guidance, including climate change/adaptation.

## **17. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None



**Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan: Submission (Reg 15)**

**18. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 18.1** Consider submission of the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan (and accompanying documents).
- 18.2** There is no map of Non-designated Heritage Assets (NDHA), which are proposed for identification in the Plan. CDC will work with Moreton TC to create this map and publish it.
- 18.3** Recommend for the Member to approve for a Reg. 16 consultation; the Officer will proceed once the NDHA Map is published.

**19. BACKGROUND**

- 19.1** Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Local Planning Authorities have a statutory duty to advise or assist communities in the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP)1. The Localism Act 2011 (Part 6 chapter 3) sets out the LPA responsibilities.
- 19.2** The Plan should be checked to ensure it meets the criteria in the Localism Act, as set out in the table below.

**20. MAIN POINTS**

**20.1** Submission check:

Submission Requirements	Yes/No	Comments
1. A map which identifies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the area to which the proposed NDP relates</li> <li>b) geographically the policies in the plan</li> </ul>	a) YES  <b>b) NO</b>	Map of Neighbourhood Area *This should "grey out" adjoining parishes. (CDC could do).  <b>The plan was submitted without Policies Maps (only inset maps). Speaking to the Independent Examiner for Chipping Campden recently, an inset map for just one policy could be allowed. But where there are numerous policies, in this case; Local Green Space, NDHAs, Employment Land, Important Views, Town Centres,</b>



Submission Requirements	Yes/No	Comments
		<p><b>Development Boundary; these must be on a policies map for consultation, so respondents can understand the areas to which the policy applies, and also for DM determining applications in the future for the same reason.</b></p> <p><b>In correspondence with Moreton TC, we have managed to collate maps for those topic areas mentioned above. However, the NDHA map will take longer as it requires identifying the curtilage of properties, not only the location.</b></p>
<p>2. A consultation statement, containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed NDP;</li> <li>b. explains how they were consulted;</li> <li>c. summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and</li> <li>d. describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed NDP.</li> </ul>	<p>YES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. MiM Appendix 1 (Consultation Statement)</li> <li>b. Page 3-9 Consultation Statement</li> <li>c. Page 6 Consultation Statement</li> <li>d. MiM Appendix 4 (amendments made to NP, based on Reg 14 reps)</li> </ul>
<p>3. The proposed NDP N.B. Does the plan state the period it covers?</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>2018-2043</p>



Submission Requirements	Yes/No	Comments
<p>4. A Basic Conditions Statement (paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act):</p> <p>a. having regard to national policies and advice, it is appropriate to make the NDP;</p> <p>b. the making of the NDP contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;</p> <p>c. the making of the NDP is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority;</p> <p>d. making the NDP doesn't breach and is otherwise compatible with EU obligations; and</p> <p>e. the making of the NDP does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8(6) of HRA Regs.</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>Basic Conditions Statement</p> <p>a. page 5</p> <p>b. page 11</p> <p>c. page 13</p> <p>d. page 17</p> <p>e. page 17</p> <p>N.B. Can't say myself whether it conforms or not, but can confirm the Basic Conditions Statement addresses these criteria.</p>
<p>5. An environmental report or a screening opinion that SEA is not required.</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>SEA Screening Opinion (March 2025) LUC(on behalf of CDC) Page 20, para 2.32.</p>
<p>6. An up-to-date HRA</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>HRA Screening letter (March 2025) LUC(on behalf of CDC) First para</p>



7. All relevant background papers / supporting documents	YES	Draft Plan Appendices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A: Design Statement</li> <li>- B: IDP</li> <li>- C: LGS</li> <li>- D: NDHAs</li> <li>- E: Important Views Map</li> <li>- F: Important Views Descriptions</li> <li>- G: Greenway Documents</li> <li>- H: Housing Needs Analysis</li> </ul>
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Submission Requirements	Yes/No	Comments
		Consultation Statement Appendices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reg 14 Responses Redacted</li> <li>- Developers Reg 14 Responses</li> <li>- CDC Reg 14 Responses</li> </ul>

## 21. CONCLUSIONS

- 21.1** Recommend that the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan is accepted for submission as it meets the submission requirements, with the exception of, and subject to the creation of, an NDHA map by CDC in collaboration with Moreton TC.
- 21.2** This map will illustrate the plan proposals, and not make any changes to the scope or approach of the submitted plan.
- 21.3** Recommend that the Officer commences with a Reg. 16 consultation (dates tbc) once the NDHA map has been published.

## 22. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 22.1** The Member could reject the submission, and ask that this proposal is returned to another Cabinet Member Decision Meeting, once the NDHA map is completed, and the submission requirements are met fully and unequivocally.

## 23. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 23.1** The Council already have financial obligations towards the procedural elements of Neighbourhood Planning following Reg. 15. Some or all of this can be reclaimed from the Government (MHCLG).



**23.2** The next costs will be for the Reg. 16 consultation, printing hard copies of Plans, adding notices around the Neighbourhood Area (Moreton).

**23.3** Officer support towards Neighbourhood Planning is already budgeted for.

## **24. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

**24.1** If the Member wished to take the Alternative Option, then CDC must give reasons and issue a decision statement, in accordance with Regulation 19 and also Schedule 4B, paragraph 6 (4) (b) and para 8 of the TCPA 1990.

**24.2** Once CDC accepts the submission then it must publicise the NDP in accordance with Regulation 16 for not less than 6 weeks and invite representations. It must also notify the bodies referred to in the submitted consultation statement.

**24.3** Once adopted the Neighbourhood Plan must be considered as part of relevant planning applications, and planning is a statutory function for Cotswold District Council.

## **25. RISK ASSESSMENT**

**25.1** There is a risk we are to some extent accepting the submission without it fully meeting the requirements. As set out above, the only omission is an NDHA map, which CDC can take responsibility for publishing i.e. Moreton have submitted all they can to this point. The Officer will not proceed to Reg. 16 without the NDHA map.

## **26. EQUALITIES IMPACT**

**26.1** Under equality legislation, the Council has a legal duty to pay 'due regard' to the need to eliminate discrimination and promote equality in relation to:

- Race
- Disability
- Gender, including gender reassignment
- Age
- Sexual Orientation
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Religion or belief

**26.2** Moreton have submitted an Equalities Impact Assessment at Appendix P.

## **27. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS**

**27.1** The Neighbourhood Plan addresses these issues through the following policies:

- Policy 1: Climate Adaptation and Energy Efficiency in Developments
- Policy 2: Managing Flood Risk



- Policy 15: Local Green Spaces
- Policy 17: Enhancing Biodiversity
- Policy 20: Transport and Active Travel

**27.2** The Plan should not contradict the sustainable balance of development in line with national policy and guidance, including climate change/ adaptation.

## **28. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Annex C – Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan Submission Draft

Annex D – Moreton Policies Maps

Annex E – Appendix A Design Statement

Annex F – Appendix B Infrastructure Development Priorities

Annex G – Appendix C Local Green Spaces

Annex H – Appendix D Non-Designated Heritage Assets

Annex I – Appendix E(i) Important Views Map

Annex J – Appendix E(ii) Important Views descriptions

Annex K – Appendix F Biodiversity NDP report

Annex L – Appendix G Greenway Documents

Annex M – Appendix H Housing Needs Analysis

Annex N – Moreton Council Minutes 24 Feb 2026

Annex O – Moreton-in-Marsh Basic Conditions Statement

Annex P – Moreton-in-Marsh Equalities Impact Assessment

Annex Q – Moreton-in-Marsh NDP – HRA Screening Letter

Annex R – Moreton-in-Marsh SEA Decision

Annex S – Moreton-in-Marsh SEA Screening Opinion Report

Annex T – Moreton Consultation Statement

Annex U – Moreton CS Appendix 2 Reg 14 Responses Redacted

Annex V – Moreton CS Appendix 3 Developers Reg 14 Responses

Annex W – Moreton CS Appendix 4 CDC Reg 14 Responses



## **Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan: Resubmission (Reg 16)**

### **29. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 29.1** Resubmission of Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan, with Policies Map now published, and a few minor amendments made.
- 29.2** Recommend to approve starting a Reg. 16 consultation on Thursday 16th April for 6 weeks until 5pm on Friday 29 May.

### **30. BACKGROUND**

- 30.1** Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Local Planning Authorities have a statutory duty to advise or assist communities in the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP). The Localism Act 2011 (Part 6 chapter 3) sets out the LPA responsibilities.
- 30.2** At a Cabinet Member Decision Meeting on 14 February 2025, the Cirencester Plan was approved for submission and Reg. 16 consultation.
- 30.3** As of September 2025, this had not yet taken place, and upon commencement with CDC the Officer noted that the approval had been decided without the provision of a Policies Map.

### **31. MAIN POINTS**

- 31.1** This would likely be raised through Reg. 16 consultation responses, or requested by an Examiner, later in the process. It was agreed between the Officer and Cirencester Town Council to create a Policies Map. The Policies Map has now been published (Annex Y), which took several months due to the complexity and number of assets identified in the plan.
- 31.2** The Plan now meets the criteria in the Localism Act, with the addition of the Policies Map.
- 31.3** When working through the Plan to identify elements that required mapping, a few minor amendments were made by the Town Council to the text, e.g. typos, renumbering, ensuring clarity of intention. The Officer considers these were all minor amendments and have not altered the scope or approach of the Plan.
- 31.4** However, for that reason a full resubmission (Annexes X-ZC) has been made, rather than the Policies Maps alone.

### **32. CONCLUSIONS**

- 32.1** Recommended to accept resubmission of Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan, with Policies Map now published, and a few minor amendments made.
- 32.2** Recommend to approve starting a Reg. 16 consultation on Thursday 16 April for 6 weeks until 5pm on Friday 29 May.



### **33. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

**33.1** The Member could reject the submission, if the basic conditions are not considered to be met.

### **34. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**34.1** The Council already have financial obligations towards the procedural elements of Neighbourhood Planning following Reg. 15. Some or all of this can be reclaimed from the Government (MHCLG).

**34.2** The next costs will be for the Reg. 16 consultation, printing hard copies of Plans, adding notices around the Neighbourhood Area (Cirencester).

**34.3** Officer support towards Neighbourhood Planning is already budgeted for.

### **35. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

**35.1** If the Member wished to take the Alternative Option, then CDC must give reasons and issue a decision statement, in accordance with Regulation 19 and also Schedule 4B, paragraph 6 (4) (b) and para 8 of the TCPA 1990.

**35.2** Once CDC accepts the submission then it must publicise the NDP in accordance with Regulation 16 for not less than 6 weeks and invite representations. It must also notify the bodies referred to in the submitted consultation statement.

**35.3** Once adopted the Neighbourhood Plan must be considered as part of relevant planning applications, and planning is a statutory function for Cotswold District Council.

### **36. RISK ASSESSMENT**

**36.1** There is a risk of spending time and finances on Reg 16 consultation, and the Plan does not reach Referendum stage at which point CDC can reclaim some/ all of the costs.

### **37. EQUALITIES IMPACT**

**37.1** Under equality legislation, the Council has a legal duty to pay 'due regard' to the need to eliminate discrimination and promote equality in relation to:

- Race
- Disability
- Gender, including gender reassignment
- Age
- Sexual Orientation
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Religion or belief



**37.2** The Neighbourhood Plan is not considered to be discriminatory but representations of such from Reg. 16 consultation will be addressed.

### **38. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS**

**38.1** The Neighbourhood Plan addresses these issues through the following policies:

- Policy AM1 – Cirencester Spoke & Wheel Cycle and Footpath Network
- Policy AM2 – Town & Country Connections
- Policy AM4 – Integrated Mobility Hub
- Policy AM6 – Sustainable and Active Travel
- Policy DBE6 – Energy Use in New Buildings
- Policy TMN1 – 20 Minute Neighbourhoods
- Policy NE1 – Natural and semi-natural Habitat Schemes
- Policy NE2 – Wildlife Corridors
- Policy NE3 – Green Infrastructure Protection & Enhancement
- Policy NE4 – Local Green Space Designations
- Policy NE5 – Green Gaps
- Policy WBC1 – Air Quality

**38.2** The Plan should not contradict the sustainable balance of development in line with national policy and guidance, including climate change/ adaptation.

### **39. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Annex X – Cirencester NDP

Annex Y – Cirencester Policies Maps

Annex Z – Cirencester Basic Conditions Statement

Annex AA – Cirencester Consultation Statement

Annex AB – SEA Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan

Annex AC – Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan HRA report



## **Chipping Campden Neighbourhood Plan: Examination (Reg 17) update**

### **MAIN POINTS**

- 39.1** Had expected Chipping Campden Examination to be completed, and this meeting could be used to decide on the Examiner's recommendations and approve a Referendum of the Plan.
- 39.2** The Independent Examiner has read the documents, and the representations, visited Chipping Campden, and started their report.
- 39.3** The IE sent a Clarification Note, a series of questions, posed to the Town Council. Based on those responses, the Examiner has now deemed a hearing necessary.
- 39.4** The purpose of the hearing is to primarily try and gain some understanding and movement on Local Green Spaces 19-22, for which there are polarising standpoints between the Town Council and the Landowners.
- 39.5** This has been scheduled for 10am until 4pm on Tuesday 14 April 2026, at Chipping Campden Town Hall. The public may attend, but only parties already identified and alerted will be invited to speak.
- 39.6** The Officer will be present as both an impartial Neighbourhood Planning Officer, and to represent CDC on the topic of the town centre boundary, in relation to CDC's Reg. 16 representation.

### **40. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 40.1** Approval to procure an Independent Examiner was made at the Decision Meeting on 11 December 2025. It was set out as a risk that a hearing at additional cost could be requested by the Examiner.
- 40.2** CDC will also have to pay the town hall hire costs of c. £99 for the day, plus some simple refreshments.
- 40.3** The Council already have financial obligations towards the procedural elements of Neighbourhood Planning following Reg. 15. Some or all of this can be reclaimed from the Government (MHCLG).
- 40.4** Officer support towards Neighbourhood Planning is already budgeted for.

### **41. RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 41.1** There is a risk of spending time and finances on the Examination, and it does not reach Referendum stage at which point CDC can reclaim some/ all of the costs.

### **42. EQUALITIES IMPACT**

- 42.1** Under equality legislation, the Council has a legal duty to pay 'due regard' to the need to eliminate discrimination and promote equality in relation to:



- Race
- Disability
- Gender, including gender reassignment
- Age
- Sexual Orientation
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Religion or belief

**42.2** The Independent Examiner should ensure the Plan meets this legal duty, and make recommendations if it appears to discriminate.

### **43. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS**

**43.1** The Plan contains Policy 5: Biodiversity Net Gain and Local Nature Recovery.

**43.2** The Plan should also not contradict the sustainable balance of development in line with national policy and guidance, including climate change/ adaptation.

### **44. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Annex AD – Chipping Campden Clarification Note

Annex AE – Chipping Campden Hearing Note

Annex AF – Chipping Campden Examination Arrangements