

Neighbourhood Development Plan



The NDP team held an open meeting on the evening of the 19 July 2013. It was attended by 46 residents and the agenda was an update on the work of the NDP group since the February open meetings, to feedback the results of the surveys on SON 15 and the draft built limits map, as well as the possible OPTIONS scenario on a matrix to show where homes, offices and amenity green space might be placed.

Chiltern Edge School now has foundation status – separate from Oxfordshire County Council. Its buildings date from its construction in 1956/7 and, due to limited re-investment and refurbishment in the intervening period, are now in need of some major work. The governors tell us that to bring them into an appropriate condition for the standards of this century and to allow the school to compete efficiently, against both private fee-charging and state capitation-funded schools, an extensive re-investment programme is required.

The governors of the school applied to SODC to have the site 15 added to the SHLAA for development consideration. As a result, the NDP working group, were then obliged to carry out surveys using the same paperwork, as were used on the 14 other sites.

Feedback forms were completed at the end of the presentations by many who attended. It was assumed that those who did not complete the forms were in general agreement with the proposals. The feedback from villagers, including that from the working party who met on 27 June to audit the work of the NDP sub group, and the comments have been summarised. The AUDIT group was made up of villagers who had not completed the surveys on SON 15 and so were able to provide an independent view.

SON 15A 27 proposals returned: 18 agreed and 9 disagreed

SON 15B 27 proposals returned: 25 agreed and 2 disagreed

Feedback comments are in *italics*

SON 15A Proposal: This site has potential for a development option and should go forward into the next design phase of our NDP

- *Has the capacity to see good layout on a site that will not take away the village effect that the team are trying to retain.*
- *More three bedroom homes please and affordable small houses and/or bungalows.*
- *Reade's Lane would require upgrading to cater for traffic. However, with heavy development on SON 2 Reade's Lane will be too congested.*

SON 15B Proposal: This site is to be set aside and not included in the next design stage of our NDP.

- *Re. housing I agree. However I do wonder if there is an opportunity for a small recreation area at the northern edge of the site for use by residents of any new development on 15A. This would eliminate the need for children to cross Reade's Lane and help prevent unauthorised use of school premises.*
- *Development would not fit in with rural surroundings due to rise of land. Not to be built on: too visible and encroaches on slim line separating Sonning Common from Kidmore End.*
- *Agreed that the site should NOT have buildings on. Only possible use is AG or sports pitches.*

The proposals for SON 15A and 15B will be discussed by the parish council at their September meeting.

