

Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan

Campton and Chicksands Parish Council
2020-2035

Regulation 14 Public Consultation
Starts 24th September 2020



What's in the consultation draft of the Neighbourhood Plan?

How do I make a representation about the Plan?

What happens after this consultation?

This leaflet looks to answer your questions

Some Background

Neighbourhood Planning was introduced by the Government in its 2011 Localism Act and gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. The policies contained within a Neighbourhood Plan are used, alongside the policies in the unitary authority's Local Plan, in the determination of planning applications.

In June 2017 Campton and Chicksands Parish Council (CCPC) applied to Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) to designate the Parish of Campton and Chicksands as a Neighbourhood Planning Area, giving CCPC the authority to deliver a Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Community workshops were held in November 2017 along with an initial questionnaire to determine the issues important to our local residents. Then in March 2018 a Steering Group consisting of local volunteers and parish councillors was formed to deliver the NP. Working Groups were formed to provide a focus on Housing, Environment and Green Infrastructure, Local Heritage, Community Infrastructure, Transport and Movement, and Business and Employment; being the key topics of importance to the community. These Working Groups conducted research and analysed the results of surveys and the outcomes of consultation. This detailed work in turn led to the development of a series on Policies and Non-Policy Actions that now form the core of the draft Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan; now the subject of this statutory Regulation 14 consultation in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

**This consultation will begin on
Thursday, 24th September 2020 and will close
at midnight on Wednesday, 18th November 2020**

This consultation is important and offers the opportunity for all stakeholders (residents, businesses, landowners etc.) and a number of statutory bodies to review the draft Plan, Appendices and Supporting Documents developed by the NP Steering and Work Groups over the last two years.

What's in the consultation draft of the Neighbourhood Plan?

The consultation draft of the Plan explains why Campton and Chicksands is preparing a Neighbourhood Plan, how we have gone about the planning process and evidence gathering and identifying the key issues for the area over the lifetime of the Plan. Central to the plan are the Vision, Policies and Non-Policy Actions that have resulted from previous consultations and survey. A brief summary can be found on the following pages of this leaflet.

A Vision for Campton and Chicksands

“Our vision for Campton and Chicksands is to protect the individual and unique characteristics of the two settlements whilst caring for the needs of our residents, and our shared natural environment, services and local heritage in order that future generations can continue to enjoy the tranquillity, rural setting and community spirit of our neighbourhood as we all know it today.”

Each of the workgroup themes of Housing, Environment and Green Infrastructure, Local Heritage, Community Infrastructure, Transport and Movement, and Business and Employment also developed a more focused vision statement based on earlier consultation. These statements, together with clear objectives set to help deliver the visions, can be found in the Plan.

Neighbourhood Plan Policies

The draft Plan details a total of 25 policies aimed at shaping the development of Campton and Chicksands between 2020 and 2035. The NP policies look to build upon and support those in the emerging CBC Local Plan whilst developing a local framework to guide and control change to the parish brought about by development and pressures on land. Many policies look to guide any development directly whilst others focus on the potential impact of change on our heritage, open spaces, community services, road infrastructure, employment opportunities and leisure facilities. The policies are listed over the page and are detailed, along with supporting evidence, in the draft Plan.

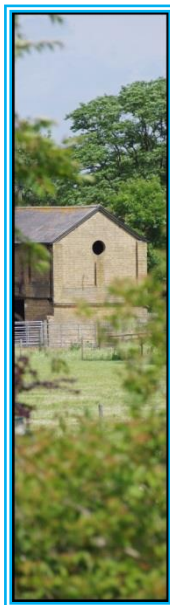
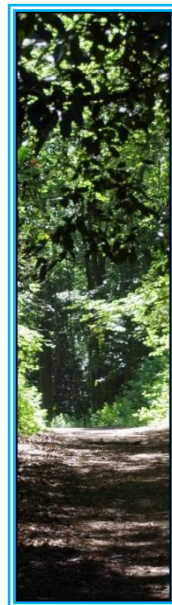


Housing

- HP1 Design and Diversity**
- HP2 Meeting Community Housing Needs**
- HP3 Design and Sustainability**
- HP4 Settlements and Identity**
- HP5 Countryside Gap**
- HP6 Infill and Landscape Impact**
- HP7 Maintaining Mixed Tenure**

Environment and Green Infrastructure

- ENVP1 Local Green Spaces**
- ENVP2 Rights of Way**
- ENVP3 Environmental Education**



Local Heritage

- LHP1 Historic Environment**
- LHP2 Heritage, Buildings, Structures and Sites of Historic Value**

Community Infrastructure

CIP1 Protection of Community Services

CIP2 Provision of New Community Facilities

CIP3 Provision of Outdoor Facilities

CIP4 Allotments and Community Growing Spaces

CIP5 Improve Classroom Facilities at Campton Lower School*

*** Subject to outcomes of CBC Schools for the Future consultation**



Transport and Movement

TMP1 Speed Limits

TMP2 Parking

TMP3 Road Junctions and Safety

TMP4 Commercial Traffic

TMP5 Accessibility (Pedestrians and Cyclists)

TMP6 Public Transport and Cycle Paths



Business and Employment

BEP1 Support for Development of Small Businesses

BEP2 Provision of Superfast Fibre Optic Broadband in New Developments

Neighbourhood Plan Non-Policy Actions

The Non-Policy Actions are based around the key aspirations of parishioners identified during the community consultation for this Neighbourhood Plan. Whilst not directly associated with local policy on land uses and therefore not candidates for policy within the main plan, these Non-Policy Actions are clearly focused on resolution of community issues. Once addressed these actions are seen as providing a range of benefits to the community, be it in the provision of new or improved services, highway safety, protection of heritage assets or supporting social activities and well-being.

There are 28 Non-Policy Actions documented in Appendix 1 of the draft Plan covering issues like litter, footpath maintenance, heritage appreciation, traffic calming and mobile communications. Desired outcomes are also listed as a means of monitoring any improvement or resolution. Once the Plan is “made” the CCPC will review progress on Non-Policy Actions annually.

The full list of Non-Policy Actions can be found in the consultation draft of the Plan and represents a cross section of the issues and ideas put forward by residents at survey and during earlier consultation workshops.



How do I make a representation about the Plan?

Along with other stakeholders every resident may give their views, supportive or otherwise, on any aspect of the Plan. To review the draft plan and supporting documents, please visit the Neighbourhood Plan page of the new Campton and Chicksands Parish Council website:

<https://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

During the current COVID-19 health emergency public NP consultation events are suspended. In order that residents that do not have access to, or would prefer not to use, the internet **the Steering Group are able to organise access to review paper copies** of the Plan and supporting documents. Please telephone **07782 799561** for further information and assistance.

We request that all representations be made on the 'Response Form' which can be downloaded in MS Word or PDF format from the same website.

Paper 'Response Forms' may also be collected from outside Campton Village Hall, or requested by email: camptonandchicksandsnp@gmail.com or telephone: **07782 799561**.

Your comments may be about any aspect of the draft plan, policies, non-policy actions, supporting documents or their appendices and should be delivered in person or sent to:-

NP Steering Group, c/o Campton Village Hall, Gravenhurst Road, Campton, Bedfordshire SG17 5NY

or emailed to: camptonandchicksandsnp@gmail.com

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Any representations received after the closing date **cannot** be taken into consideration in any future amendments to the plan.

Supporting Documents

A number of supporting documents have been published alongside the draft Plan. These include the Campton and Chicksands Green Infrastructure Plan (researched and written by the Greensand Trust) and the Campton and Chicksands Design Statement, Housing Study and Housing Needs Survey (researched and written by the NP Housing Work Group).

What will we do with your data?

All personal information will be processed in accordance with the Parish Council's data protection and privacy policies which are detailed on its website <https://www.camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk> or can be obtained from the Parish Council Clerk.

A summary of all representations received will be made public when the Plan is submitted to CBC for the later stages of consultation and examination. This may include verbatim comments received.

Contact details of private individuals will not be published publicly.

What happens after this consultation?

After the closing date the NP Steering Group will consider all representations received about the Plan (and the supporting documents); and assess the extent to which any concerns can be addressed. The draft Plan, amended as necessary, will then be reviewed by the Parish Council before submission to CBC (Regulation 15) most likely early in 2021. CBC will then guide the Plan through the last stage of consultation (Regulation 16), an independent examination and a referendum later that year.

If the referendum result supports the Plan it will be “made” and will become an important point of reference, alongside the policies in the unitary authority's Local Plan, in the determination of local planning applications.

The NP Steering Group will continue to provide regular updates on progress of the Plan in the Parish Council Newsletter and on the CCPC website.