

Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan; IMPORTANT NOTICE, Time to have your say!

This is a note to remind you that voting for the Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan Referendum will take place on Election Day; the 6th May 2021.

If you wish to vote, are a Crudwell Resident on the Electoral Register and have a postal vote you must submit this to reach Wiltshire Council by 10pm on election day. You can also vote in person at the polling station (Crudwell Village Hall) between **7am and 10pm** on the 6th May 2021.

We have included some of our recent Frequently Asked Questions which are also available on our website.

Who created the Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan?

The plan was developed over a period of three years by a steering group comprised of unpaid volunteer Crudwell residents with the support of a paid planning consultant through funding by government grants and the Parish Council.

What is the Neighbourhood Plan doing about new housing?

The Neighbourhood Plan allocates a single site for 20-25 homes at Tuners Lane in policy DD1. The policy includes a list of requirements that the development should meet to ensure that it is safe, well designed and meets the needs that it generates. The policy seeks cooperation between the developer and the local community to work together through the planning process via the Community Liaison Group composed of Parish Councillors and Steering Group members.

What is being done about flood risk and sewage?

Policies in the plan are designed to ensure that rainwater run-off from any new site is at a lesser rate than the existing drainage. However, because of the continuing risk of flooding and sewage effluent in heavy rain, the Community Liaison Group, the Parish Council, and our Flood Warden will work jointly with the developer to ensure that Wessex Water take responsibility for and address pre-existing issues.

What happens to the Tuners Lane site if the Neighbourhood Plan does not get 'made'?

Should the referendum yield a majority 'no' vote, development at the site at Tuners Lane may proceed regardless since it has been made available as a site for development and a planning application is being prepared. However, the development will not be subject to the guidelines laid out in the Plan, including the number and type of housing, the involvement of the community liaison group, and funding for safe pedestrian and vehicle access, local amenities, and the school.

Why is the Crudwell NP allocating the Tuners Lane site?

Ten potential housing sites were suggested to the Steering Group when we asked for sites earlier in 2018. Of these, some were not available to be redeveloped before 2026, some had a capacity for fewer than 11 dwellings (so no affordable housing would be delivered on them), one was not adjacent to Crudwell village (so developing it would conflict with Wiltshire's locational strategy for new development), and one would have resulted in many more homes than are needed. This is summarised in paragraphs 6.23 to 6.32 of the Sustainability Appraisal and Evidence Base. The individual site assessment sheets are in the Design and Development Focus Group report included in the Consultation Statement at:

<https://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/resources/portal/supportingfiles/699744>

This left only two sites that:

- Were large enough to deliver affordable homes; and
- Would deliver housing before 2026; and
- Would meet the Wiltshire Core Strategy preference for expansion of Crudwell village rather than the smaller villages and hamlets in Crudwell parish.

These sites are Tuners Lane and Ridgeway Farm phase 2

How long does the Neighbourhood Plan last?

This version of the Neighbourhood Plan covers development in the Parish until 2026. A new Neighbourhood Plan will need to be made to cover development after that period. However, indications are that, if this version is 'made', the envisaged housing requirement to 2036 will be small and met by natural growth rather than by any imposed allocation by Wiltshire Council.

You will find many more FAQs and access to the Referendum version of the Crudwell Neighbourhood plan on our website at:

<http://www.my-crudwell.org/plan/referendum-information/>

You can also contact us by email at plan@my-crudwell.org