

Charlbury Neighbourhood Plan 2031

Response to Consultation Representation by the Rushy Bank Partnership submitted by Ian Cox

We acknowledge the representation made on behalf of the Rushy Bank Partnership. We thank them for their engagement with the Regulation 14 consultation process, for their comments and for the matters raised, which have been given careful consideration during the revision of the draft Charlbury Neighbourhood Plan 2031, ahead of submission to West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC). We welcome their support for the consultation draft plan and are pleased to note statements of the positive contributions the Rushy Bank development will make to the aims of the Charlbury Neighbourhood Plan 2031.

In answer to specific comments and questions:

- 2.1 Charlbury Today. Revisions have been made to the “Demography” section including reference to the 2001 census.
- 4.4 Charlbury Neighbourhood Plan. The additional consultation mentioned is the 6-week Regulation 16 consultation that will be carried out by WODC following submission of the revised plan. WODC will publish the plan and supporting documents together with details of where to send representations. We will publicise links to the WODC information when this is available.
- 5.1 Conclusion 2. This is explained in detail in Appendix A of the draft plan.
- Appendix B – Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The Town Council will be pleased to discuss this matter with the Rushy Bank Partnership.
- Appendices D & E. On the advice of WODC, all reference to the proposed Article 4 Direction, which would have sought to remove some permitted development rights, has now been removed from the draft Neighbourhood Plan. This includes section 8.7 and Appendix E. Local listing of itself, which is encouraged by national and local policy, does not impose planning restrictions, it merely flags up points of significance about a building to assist if a planning application is made. Full descriptions explaining the reasons behind local listing proposals and the criteria for these have now been provided in a new section D 3 of Appendix D.
- Appendix G – Affordable Housing. The definition of affordable housing is taken from the NPPF for the avoidance of doubt and potential confusion.