North Cadbury & Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan



Summary Results of the Options Consultation November/December 2020 & Supplementary Consultation January/February 2021 (The full report will be published in due course on the NP website)

We are here:

- → September 2019: Neighbourhood Plan commenced
- - March/April 2020: Business & Facilities Surveys and Calls for Sites.

November/December 2020 Options Consultation & January/February 2021 & Supplementary consultation

Responses:

Options consultation: Just over 460 people participated (accounting for those from individuals or households), including a good response rate from each settlement and providing a sound basis for analysis. *Supplementary consultation*: 209 people participated (again accounting for individuals/households); held due to a further 7 potential housing sites in North Cadbury as well as a possible site for a school car park in North Cadbury being put forward. This reduced rate of response is in keeping with it being supplementary to the first and online only due to COVID restrictions.

Vision Statement:

The Vision was rated as good or excellent by about 80% of people, with only 5% rating it as poor.

Comments & suggestions summary:

- any housing changes should be gradual and organic.
- should not impact on the relatively spacious and rural characteristics of the villages.
- importance of broadband and internet to the various businesses and residents
- concerns about the growth in road traffic.
- an emphasis on the need to care for the environment (now and for future generations)

Housing

Housing mix:

Most people agreed with the conclusions around the findings of the local housing need assessments.

Comments & suggestions summary:

- emphasising the need for gradual growth
- use of small rather than large sites.
- some support for affordable housing



Site options:

- There was a high response rate, with at least 277 individuals responding to each site from the first consultation, and over 200 on the supplementary one.
- Reading left to right: the 50% line allows you to see which sites have at least 50% 'green' (i.e. suitable/highly suitable)
- Reading right to left: the 50% line allows you to see which sites have over 50% 'orange' (i.e. unsuitable/ highly unsuitable) according to local opinion.
- When analysed by settlement of response, the sites considered to be most suitable included the barns, land at North Town, land north of Brookhampton east of the Cary Road, and land opposite Manor Farm buildings on Woolston Road.
- Further checks are needed to ensure issues raised in the site assessments and feedback can be overcome.



Employment

Most people agreed with the conclusion of the findings on the local employment needs.

Comments & suggestions:

- improved broadband to make it easier for people to work from home.
- potential for small business units (not catered for specifically at the business park) Employment Site Options

Site options:

- all options generally considered suitable.
- North Cadbury Business Park (NCBP) sites considered to be the most suitable.
- We are unlikely to need all these sites in our plan due to the limited local need



Community Facilities

Most people agreed with the conclusions from the community facility surveys.

Comments & suggestions summary:

- whether the school capacity was sufficient (and whether the formula used for assessing the need arising from 12 places was correct)
- the need for improved bus services
- the narrowness of the lanes and their ability to cope with any additional traffic.

Site options:

The supplementary consultation included a proposed school car park site (NCY21) for up to 12 cars, accessed via Chapel Lane; this is still at an early stage of discussion, but the idea was generally supported by residents.

Local Green Spaces and Important Views

Most people overwhelmingly agreed with the importance of the green spaces identified. Green spaces need to be relatively close to the community, special to the community and not an extensive tract of land.

Most people also agreed with the importance of the views identified.





Getting Around

Most used the national trails and the Corkscrew circuit extremely often. Over 80% of North Cadbury residents use the circuits to the south and west side of North Cadbury at least monthly. Galhampton residents use the Frog Lane circuit very regularly, with about 75% walking that route at least monthly. The majority of those living in Yarlington (and Woolston to a certain extent) also use the remaining three routes on a regular basis.

Comments & suggestions summary:

- No routes of greater importance overlooked.
- Residents feel lucky the parish has so many paths and would like them preserved.

Route additions:

- A link from Galhampton village to the main road and Country Stores
- A circular walk from Yarlington along the Sleights and back



🖷 Heritage

The consultation asked residents to comment on the conclusions of the commissioned heritage report. Comments have been collated and adjustments made.

What is still left to do:

- Early/mid 2021: Plan drafting, Sustainability Checks and Consultation
 - Late 2021: Submission of the revised Plan to South Somerset District Council
 Independent Examiner appointed and recommends any necessary changes so that the plan meets the legal requirements.
 - Referendum: Residents living in the area have the opportunity to vote whether the plan should be used by the District Council in deciding planning applications