

Neighbourhood Plan Community Emails

Our Neighbourhood Plan - find out more and have your say



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The Freshford and Limley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan is making exciting progress. The four Working Groups - Planning and Development, Environment, Facilities and Transport - have been working hard. They've been well supported and have had extensive discussions to develop the thinking that will contribute to the Plan.

Now, if you haven't yet let us know *your* views, it's time to have your say.

We are running a series of Neighbourhood Plan Surgeries - to be held on alternative Saturdays in Limley Stoke and Freshford - where residents have the opportunity to chat with members of the Working Groups. Find out about the ideas that are coming forward and add your suggestions and thoughts. Any comments you make will be welcome, will be carefully considered and will help shape the first draft of the Plan.

The Surgeries will be held as follows:

- Saturday, 29th September - 10.30 to 12.30 - at the Car Park, St Mary's Church, Limley Stoke (if wet, in Limley Stoke Village Hall)
- Saturday, 6th October - 10.30 to 12.30 - at Freshford Village Hall
- Saturday, 13th October - 10.30 to 12.30 - at Limley Stoke Village Hall
- Saturday, 20th October - 10.30 to 12.30 - at Freshford Village Hall

There's also a mobile display which will be located near the Surgeries and which will tour other locations in our two villages. Come along and have a go at the photo quiz 'How well do you know your village?', discuss the Plan and leave your comments - and enter our prize draw for £50 to spend in M&S.

We hope to see you there - but, if you can't make it, do visit the [website](#) where there's further information on the Working Groups and their discussions.

Reminder - Neighbourhood Plan Surgery 10.30 tomorrow, Saturday 29th September



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The first open surgery about the Freshford and Limley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan will be held tomorrow, Saturday 29th September, from 10.30 to 12.30 at St Mary's Church car park (weather permitting, otherwise in Limley Stoke Village Hall).

Do come along and meet members of the four Working Groups: Planning and Development, Environment, Facilities and Transport; find out where they have got to with their discussions and participate by letting them have *your* ideas and comments.

Further Surgeries will be held over the following three weeks:

- Saturday, 6th October - 10.30 to 12.30 - at Freshford Village Hall
- Saturday, 13th October - 10.30 to 12.30 - at Limley Stoke Village Hall
- Saturday, 20th October - 10.30 to 12.30 - at Freshford Village Hall

Neighbourhood Plan Surgery - 10.30 tomorrow, Saturday 6th October, at Freshford Village Hall



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Last Saturday's open surgery about the Freshford and Limley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan, which was held at St Mary's Church car park, was a great success, with many residents stopping by to chat about the progress of the Plan and to give their views. The mobile display, which was stationed by Freshford Village Hall, was also well supported.

Tomorrow, Saturday 6th October, the open surgery will be at Freshford Village Hall from 10.30 to 12.30.

If you were not able to make it last week - or if you simply want to continue the discussion - do come along and meet members of the four Working Groups: Planning and Development, Environment, Facilities and Transport. Find out where they have got to with their discussions and participate by letting them have *your* ideas and comments. Plus, join the free to enter Prize Draw at the mobile display, which will again be outside Freshford Village Hall.

Further surgeries will be held over the following two weeks:

- Saturday, 13th October - 10.30 to 12.30 - at The Hop Pole Inn, Limley Stoke (N.B. *not* Limley Stoke Village Hall as previously announced)
- Saturday, 20th October - 10.30 to 12.30 - at Freshford Village Hall

The Neighbourhood Plan team look forward to seeing you at one of these surgeries - so come along and have your say.

Neighbourhood Plan Surgery in Limpley Stoke



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A quick reminder that the Neighbourhood Plan team will be at the Hop Pole Inn at Limpley Stoke on Saturday, 13th October, from 10.30 to 12.30. Come along and have a chat with representatives of the four Working Groups - Planning and Development, Environment, Facilities and Transport - and add *your* thoughts and suggestions to our Neighbourhood Plan as it comes together.

After this, there will be one more open Surgery at Freshford Village Hall on October 20th from 10.30 to 12.30.

Final Neighbourhood Plan surgery this Saturday, 20th October



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The last in the current series of Neighbourhood Plan surgeries will be held at Freshford Village Hall from 10.30 to 12.30 this coming Saturday, 20th October.

Do come along and talk to representatives of the four Working Groups which are trying to develop recommendations to go into the Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan. Bring your ideas and suggestions or simply find out more about how the discussions are going. If you are not able to come, you'll find plenty of information on the [website](#), along with contact details for the Working Groups.

After this surgery, all the ideas generated from residents and from the Working Groups will be carefully considered and balanced recommendations will be developed for each Group. These will be published in a leaflet which will be distributed to every household in mid-November along with a reply form seeking your comments. More details nearer the time.

Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan



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18 Feb ☆

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The next stage of the Neighbourhood Plan process has arrived. The thinking so far has been summarized in a leaflet - *'Making Progress'* - which incorporates a questionnaire so that residents can give their feedback. Everyone in the community is warmly encouraged to let us know what they think.

'Making Progress' will be delivered to every household in Freshford and Limpley Stoke between 20th and 22nd February. You are asked to answer the questions in the leaflet and then put the leaflet in the supplied polythene envelope outside your house for collection. The card delivered with the leaflets shows the day on which they will be collected - between 4th and 6th March.

We are keen to hear from as many people as possible - including younger people and others who have a stake, for example if they work in the neighbourhood. So, if you have not received a copy by 23rd February or require a further copy, they will be available from the Galleries Shop.

To support the distribution of *'Making Progress'* we will again be holding the popular Neighbourhood Plan Surgeries from 10.30 to 12.30 on Saturday 23rd February, at The Hop Pole Inn, and on Saturday 2nd March, at Freshford Village Memorial Hall. You will be able to come along and speak to members of the Neighbourhood Plan team and ask any questions you may have about the leaflet/questionnaire and about the Neighbourhood Plan process.

'Making Progress' is emphatically *not* the Neighbourhood Plan but is an important part of the process. When the Plan itself is submitted for review we will need to show the degree of support in the community for the proposals it contains, so your views count. If you are broadly happy with the proposals, or if you have specific points you would like to make, it is important that you should say so. Your comments do not commit you in any way but will help your Councils decide what should go forward in our final Neighbourhood Plan.

Neighbourhood Plan - 'Making Progress' questionnaire



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All households in Freshford and Limpley Stoke should by now have received a copy of 'Making Progress'. If you haven't, or if you would like additional copies for completion by various members of your household, there are plenty of spare copies available from the Galleries Shop.

Please take a few minutes to consider the topics and give your opinions on the questionnaire. We hope to hear from every household. In addition to ticking boxes against each question, you are welcome to write comments against the questions, at the end of the questionnaire or on a separate sheet. Whatever you have to say about the proposed Neighbourhood Plan, we'd like to hear it!



If you received a card enclosed with your copy of 'Making Progress' it will have indicated the date of collection of the questionnaires. Simply put the completed questionnaire - the whole leaflet - in the supplied polythene envelope and leave it outside your home, somewhere where it can easily be seen, on the date shown.

If for any reason your completed questionnaire is not collected by the evening of Wednesday 6th March, or you were not given a collection date, you can hand them in at the Galleries Shop, St. Peter's Church, St. Mary's Church, The Hop Pole, The Inn at Freshford or to any Parish Councillor.

If there's anything you would like to discuss, or any questions you would like clarified, do come along to the Neighbourhood Plan Surgery to be held outside Freshford Memorial Hall on Saturday 2nd March from 10.30 to 12.30. There'll be members of the Neighbourhood Plan management group and representatives of the various working groups in attendance. We'll probably be a bit chilly standing there so do help warm us up with some lively conversation!

Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire - an urgent reminder



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Our thanks to the many Freshford and Limpley Stoke residents who have already let us have their views on the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire. They spent a few minutes considering the suggestions in the 'Making Progress' leaflet and then responded with their answers. Now we know what they feel about the issues - and we can take their opinions into account.



But it's not too late to add *your* voice too. If you have not yet completed the questionnaire - or if, for some reason, our collectors missed it when they called round - then do please take action now. You can drop off your questionnaire at the Galleries shop, at either St. Mary's or St. Peter's Churches, The Hop Pole or The Inn at Freshford, or you can hand them over to any Parish Councillor.

Please do this by **Sunday 10th March** so that your answers and comments can be included in the detailed analysis that will inform the next stage of the Neighbourhood Plan process.

Your views are important because we want to be sure that the Plan really reflects the views of the whole community. If you haven't already responded, we very much hope to hear from you.

Neighbourhood Plan: 'Making Progress' questionnaire - results now online



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Replies to the questionnaire 'Making Progress' have been pouring in and we have now received responses from just fewer than 300 households, reflecting the views of 600 residents. This represents a response of 57% of parishioners. These replies have been analysed and any additional comments recorded. These results are proving enormously helpful to the Working Groups and the Neighbourhood Plan Management Group in their on-going discussions.

You can view all questionnaire responses on the Freshford Village website [here](#).

Freshford and Limpley Stoke Draft Neighbourhood Plan - Public Consultation



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27 Jun ☆

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The Draft Neighbourhood Plan has evolved considerably since our initial discussions back at the beginning of last year. A great deal of work, investigation and discussion has gone into the process and we can be proud of the resulting document which reflects the wishes of residents while conforming to wider planning regulations.

We are now reaching an important stage in the process.

The Plan at this stage is still only a draft. It will be published on 1st July for a 6-week community consultation. Further comments will be welcome and will be carefully considered by the Management Group, which of course comprises representatives of both Parish Councils, before being submitted to the Lead Councils - B&NES and Wiltshire - for Formal Validation. After that, there is a period of Formal Consultation by the Lead Councils, followed by the external Examination. Finally, we hope to bring the Neighbourhood Plan to the community for a Referendum before the end of this year (though the actual date does rather depend on matters outside our control).

In the meantime we attach the Formal Notice concerning this consultation. We'll be emailing further information in the next few days - how you can view the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and associated documents, both online and as hard copy; where you can come to discuss the Draft Plan and how to submit any further comments you may have.

Freshford & Limpley Stoke Draft Neighbourhood Plan – now available to view and comment



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Our Draft Neighbourhood Plan is now published and can be seen [here](#). You will find a link to the main document plus further links to the many other documents which form the Appendix to the Draft Plan.

We are now embarking on a six week consultation period – from 1st July to 11th August – and the Neighbourhood Plan Management Group invite comments from residents or anyone else who has a stake in the community. All comments received on or before 11th August 2013 will be carefully considered before the Plan is submitted to B&NES and Wiltshire Councils for Formal Validation.

The Draft Plan can be viewed on the FreshfordVillage.com web site, as a printed copy which will be available at The Galleries Shop, or by calling in at Neighbourhood Plan Surgeries, which will be held at Freshford Memorial Hall from 10.30 to 12.30 on 6th and 20th July. There are also a limited number of copies available on loan to anyone who does not have Internet access and who is not able to call in at the Shop or the Surgeries. If you know of anyone in this situation please contact Ingrid Maher Roberts, the Neighbourhood Plan Co-Ordinator, at ingrid.freshfordpc@gmail.com.

If you have comments to make, concerns to share or points that you would like clarified please let us know before 11th August otherwise it will be too late to take note of your views before the Neighbourhood Plan is submitted for Validation.

Please let us have your comments by whatever method suits you best. There will be comment slips available at the Surgeries and the Shop; you can print one off from the website; you can email Ingrid at the above address; or write to her at 4 Cliffe Drive, Limpley Stoke BA2 7FY.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Neighbourhood Plan Management Group

Neighbourhood Plan Open Surgery this Saturday



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The Freshford and Limpley Stoke Draft Neighbourhood Plan will be available for inspection at the Freshford Memorial Hall from 10.30 to 12.30 this Saturday, 6th July - and again on Saturday 20th July. The Draft Plan will be displayed and there will be enlarged versions of the maps, so you can see the full detail. This will be a good opportunity to submit any comments you may have, so we hope to see you there.

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan is also published in hard copy at the Galleries Shop, for viewing during opening hours, and on [the web](#). Two residents have reported difficulty in viewing the Plan from the website. If you have experienced similar problems, we apologise but please try this [alternative link](#).

This Saturday morning - Neighbourhood Plan Surgery, Freshford Memorial Hall



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Consultation on the Draft Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan is continuing - and a number of useful comments have already been made.

If you haven't yet done so, do take a few minutes to view the Draft Plan - and let us know what you think.

You can download the Draft Plan and associated documents [here](#) or call in at the Open Surgery this Saturday morning, 20th July, when you can view an exhibition of the Plan together with large scale maps. The Surgery is at Freshford Memorial Hall from 10.30 to 12.30. You are welcome to discuss aspects of the Plan that interest you and leave any comments you may have. Any comments received will be carefully considered by the Management Group before the Plan is submitted to B&NES and Wiltshire Councils.

Our Neighbourhood Plan - an update



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In July 2013 the Freshford and Limpley Stoke community engaged in a widespread and valuable local consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. At the time we hoped that the consultation would be complete by the end of August but we now realise this was over-optimistic. This email is to help you understand where the process has got to and what now needs to happen.

A key stage in the development of our Neighbourhood Plan is the approval by Bath and North East Somerset Council and Wiltshire Council of the Neighbourhood Area Designation. Because our Plan spans two counties we need the approval of both councils. This approval needs to be given before formal local consultation can take place. The Management Group has yet to receive confirmation that the Order of Designation has been 'signed off' by the two Councils.

The need to prepare a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) has further added to the delay. This is an assessment of the social, environmental and economic effects of a plan, and 'reasonable alternatives' to a plan. It helps to ensure that decisions are made that contribute to achieving sustainable development. The early advice received by the NP Management Group suggested that a SA was not really necessary. (The Department of Communities and Local Government, which provides grants for the development of Neighbourhood Plans, specifically excludes SAs from its grant support.) However B&NES and Wilts have now decided that they do require a full SA, which is a considerable piece of extra work. The SA has to be approved by certain statutory authorities before it can be submitted for local consultation.

These delays are frustrating and have involved the Management Group and others in considerable extra work (though we have managed to obtain a grant to retain a consultant to help us prepare the SA) but every cloud has a silver lining – the resulting Neighbourhood Plan will be a *better, more representative* document as a result.

The consultation process held in July, although jumping the gun as far as the formal legal process is concerned, has been immensely helpful in clarifying the views of residents. The Neighbourhood Plan needs to reflect the views of the community as a whole. The Management Group has endeavoured to channel the ideas generated from open meetings, the questionnaire and the working groups into a coherent Plan. It was difficult for residents to comment in the abstract but once we had published a draft Plan, people were able to make more specific suggestions – and many of the points made have been *pure gold!*

The point is also worth making that the Neighbourhood Plan is not a plan necessarily reflecting the wishes of the parish councils of Freshford and Limpley Stoke but is intended to reflect the majority wishes of residents of the two villages. Clearly we would wish the plan to be in a form which has the support of the two parish councils but the key task of the Management Group has been to focus on the expressed wishes of the community. The Management Group is using the delay to revise the draft Plan so that it will benefit from these submissions. When the Neighbourhood Area designation has been approved and the Sustainability Appraisal has been produced and approved as required, we will be publishing this revised draft Plan for a further 6-week consultation by the community.

Residents need to understand, though, that the main reason why this revised draft may still not please everyone is because a Neighbourhood Plan *must* conform to local Core Strategies (the lead Councils' planning frameworks) and to the National Planning Policy Framework and should plan positively to support local development albeit within the parameters of Green Belt policy. This means, for instance, that our Neighbourhood Plan cannot overrule planning policy on local 'brownfield' sites like Freshford Mill or the Rentokil site in Pipehouse if these fall within the emerging B&NES Core Strategy. Despite this, we firmly believe that our Neighbourhood Plan will genuinely help the community to shape local development to meet our needs and aspirations.

So what of the schedule from here on?

It is outside our control but we are unlikely to be able to publish the revised draft Plan for formal consultation before Christmas – so that will be a treat in store for the New Year! Do please get in touch with any member of the Management Group should you have any questions to ask.

Neighbourhood Plan Management Group