

Whittingham, Callaly and Alham

Consultation Report

29 April 2023

The steering group was constituted by the Parish Council in the summer of 2022. Since then it has taken the following steps to consult opinion in the parish:

It has compiled a list of residential postal addresses in the parish, 352 in number.

It has established a dedicated email address for communications related to the neighbourhood plan, wcanighbourhoodplan@gmail.com

It has invited residents who wish to be contacted by email to write to that address to give their consent to being contacted by that means.

It compiled a flyer for residents announcing the Parish Council's intention to draft a Neighbourhood Plan and giving them notice that a first consultation meeting would be held in the Whittingham Memorial Hall on 11 March 2023. This flyer was delivered by hand to the 352 residences in November 2022.

The same flyer was distributed to parents of children at the Whittingham School.

Similar announcements were made in the successive issues of the parish newsletter, *Vale News*.

Posters announcing the consultation meeting were printed and displayed on notice boards around the parish.

A second flyer was distributed to the 352 residential addresses at the beginning of March 2023.

Notice of the meeting was given to those signed up to the gmail account.

The steering group identified six themes likely to be of concern (Landscape and Environment; Settlement; Sustainability; Design; Heritage; Traffic). It collected information on each of these, and set out that information on handouts. It drafted questionnaires, asking residents to respond to a list of questions and also to volunteer their own views.

The first consultation meeting was held in the Whittingham Memorial Hall on 11 March 2023. Almost 100 people attended. Information sheets and questionnaires were distributed. Some residents filled in these questionnaires at the meeting; others returned them by hand afterwards.

Voting figures and comments from the questionnaires were collated and transcribed into a typed document, 48 pages in length.

This and other relevant documents were placed on the Parish Council's web page.