

## Purton Parish Council Area Board Update

### **Purton Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Revision Reaches Regulation 14 Consultations**

Over the last couple of years, Purton Parish Council has been working hard on its Neighbourhood Plan Revision with its Staff, Volunteers, Councillors, Consultants, and outside agencies, in order to develop, progress, fund and engage. This work has included conducting an inhouse Housing Needs survey, when Wiltshire Council was reviewing its approach, as well as the completion of informal public consultations and surveys.

To date, Purton Parish Council has secured free technical resource from Locality for both its Habitat Regulations Assessment and Housing Needs Assessments, estimated to be worth c.£5-£10k each. It has also secured funding of close to £18,000 in grants to help to fund the project, alongside redistributing parts of internal budgets, and increasing its precept.

In doing so, Purton Parish Council has also been fortunate to be the beneficiary of a significant and unknown number of hours of volunteer time, to create a foundation for this project, in the form of 'Purton Planning For The Future Document', which it wishes to recognise now, and which underpins its Neighbourhood Plan Revision.

After the completion of the 'Purton Planning For The Future Document', and also the sad loss of Councillor Ray Thomas, who was a critical driving force to the project, Consultants O'Neil Homer (ONH) were brought in to offer valuable expertise. These consultants have been partially funded by grants, alongside other internal funding, and have provided valuable, necessary advice, particularly in the area of managing multiple Land Interests, and for which Purton Parish Council expresses its gratitude.

With decision making retained by the Council as a whole, Purton Parish Council has reached the Regulation 14 Consultation Stage, as a result of the ongoing, every day, working partnership between the Consultants ONH, its Community Engagement Officer and Parish Clerk.

Purton Parish Council now wishes to advise attendees and Members of the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board of this significant stage, in hope that they will share the importance of involvement in the plan consultations with any residents or other interested parties. In short, Purton Parish Council asks all concerned, to highlight that this is, the public's chance to have their say on the future of Purton Parish. Provided here (right) are the full details of all the opportunities to engage in the 'Pre-submission Regulation 14 Version Consultation' for circulation, and which runs **between 10.00am on Tuesday 10th of September, until the deadline for comments at 5.00pm on Tuesday 22nd of October.**

Purton's Regulation 14 Consultations will now take place via this variety of means, dates, and venues, in order to best support the widest possible engagement. Details of these engagements have been



**Purton Parish**  
**Neighbourhood Plan Revision**  
**Regulation 14 Consultation 2024**

**Have your say about the future of Purton**  
**10.00am on Tuesday 10th of September -**  
**5.00pm on Tuesday 22nd of October**

You can read the plan and tell us what you think at the:

- **Local Consultation Points** in the Library, Council Office, Purton Red House, Pips, and the Doctors' Surgery.
- **Consultation Events** at Purton Village Hall on:
  - Fridays, 13th, 20th and 27th of September, between 8.00am-11.00am
  - Saturdays, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of September, between 2.00pm-6.00pm
- **Question & Answer Meeting** at Purton Village Hall on:
  - Saturday 28th of September, between 4.00pm-6.00pm
- **On the Council Website**, where you can read the plan and/or summary leaflet and feedback via our website contact page at:

Read the plan at: 

Comment on the plan at: 

provided via a variety of publicly available communication channels. The RWB&C Area Board may also be reassured to learn, that formal communications to all required Statutory Consultees have also been issued.

As a final point, Area board Members may also be interested to learn that in order to best utilise public funds and to expedite public engagement most swiftly, public consultation at Purton Village Hall will include opportunities to engage on Policing, Community Speedwatch, Neighbourhood Watch and also with local Councillors.

Should anyone need any further information on the Purton Neighbourhood Plan Revision, please can they contact Community Engagement Officer, Sue Hughes via her email address, which is as follows: [susan.hughes@purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:susan.hughes@purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)