

DOWN AMPNEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORT FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2023

Having completed a regulation 14 consultation early in 2022, the Steering Group analysed the representations received. Comments from residents were supportive; constructive comments were made by CDC; general comments were received from a few of the statutory consultees; and as expected there were many critical representations from the CWS.

All the representations were considered, and responses prepared ready for the Consultation Statement which has to be written for the next stage, the regulation 16 consultation. To assist in this exercise a consultant was instructed to assist in the wording of the revised plan and to prepare the Consultation Statement and the Basic Conditions Statement. A grant was received from Locality to pay for this.

It became clear from some of the representations that the original Design Guide prepared for the regulation 14 consultation needed more professional assistance. The Steering Group applied to Locality for this assistance and were granted the production of a Design Guidance and Codes document to be prepared by AECOM, an internationally recognised consultancy.

This was produced by early 2023 and is considered an excellent document. However, CDC stated that another regulation 14 consultation was advisable in order not to fall foul of the Independent Inspector at a later stage. This consultation ended on 15th May and the representations from it are being analysed. It is hoped that the regulation 16 consultation will follow soon.

NDP Steering Group