

**CONDOVER PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
DRAFT POLICIES FOR OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION - AUTUMN 2020**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Here are some responses to Frequently Asked Questions about the Condover Parish Neighbourhood Plan (our Plan) -

- 1. How many new houses would be built / supported in each village?**
Dorrington is the only village with a target for new housing. The target within our Plan is for 69 new homes. In Stapleton, infill development only would be supported, up to 4 new homes. There are no new homes planned for Condover. Ryton will remain open countryside, subject to Rural Exception Site policies.
- 2. Will our Plan support more 5 - 6 bed homes?**
No. The independent housing needs assessment identified an over-supply of 5-6 bed homes and an undersupply of 2 - 3 bed homes. Our Plan aims to re-balance the supply of housing in the Parish so there are more smaller, family homes
- 3. How many affordable homes will there be?**
The aim of our Plan is to deliver homes that are of the right size and type and are affordable for local people. This would be interpreted to comply with development policy DP3 - Affordable Housing Provision within the Shropshire Council Local Plan (yet to be adopted). This policy would require 20% affordable housing on developments of 5 homes or more in designated rural areas.
- 4. What will our Neighbourhood Plan do about traffic in my village?**
Our Plan makes clear that traffic through villages is a priority for local residents. The draft policies aim to improve road safety and to proactively manage traffic within the Parish. This will be approached in partnership with communities, local businesses, and with other bodies such as Shropshire Council, Highways England and the Police. There will also be a focus on road safety past schools.
- 5. Will there be more cycle routes?**
Provision of more safe cycle routes is a key element of the Traffic and Transport policy within our Plan
- 6. How will our Neighbourhood Plan support local businesses?**
Our Plan supports development of new businesses and aims to provide a Business Hub in Dorrington, to help local business to flourish.
- 7. How does our Plan address the environment and carbon reduction/global warming?**
Sustainability runs through the whole Plan and is integrated into each policy. There are specific policies about renewable energy and about recycling and reducing waste, including plastic. It is likely this policy area will see some changes before the final document is completed as there is a lot of new Government policy emerging. For example, the proposed policy requiring that new housing developments should include electric charging points.

Our Plan includes policies about the protection, enhancement and/or rewilding of the natural environment, including the preservation of hedgerows

8. What about young people - have they been consulted?

Yes - young people were consulted in the drafting of the Plan, through a survey on social media and face to face discussions

9. Do I get to vote on the Plan?

Yes. There will be a referendum where everyone who is eligible to vote will be able to vote, to say yes or no to our Plan. Before the referendum can be held, the full final Condover Parish Neighbourhood Plan has to be put out for consultation (we are currently only consulting on the draft policies). After this has been done and any changes made and agreed, the Plan will go through a formal inspection process by the Planning Inspector, to make sure it complies with local and national planning guidance.

Once the Plan has been approved by the Planning Inspector, local communities will be asked to vote in a referendum. The referendum will be organised and managed by the Shropshire Council Elections Team, not by the Parish Council.

The question asked at the referendum will be:

“Do you want Shropshire Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Condover Parish Council area to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

If more than 50% of those voting in the referendum vote ‘yes’, the Condover Parish Neighbourhood Plan becomes part of the statutory development plan for the area.

10. What would happen if our Plan is not supported by the local community?

The Shropshire Local Plan would be the sole reference document for planning decisions in the Parish, as it is now. The Parish Council would still be consulted by Shropshire Council. However, the policies in our Plan would not be part of the overall planning framework.