

COOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

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- 1.1 This document comprises Volume 1 of the Consultation Statement prepared in support of and submitted to the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead (RBWM) for the examination of the Cookham Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.2 This Volume acts as an introduction to the Consultation Statement which is then presented across the following documents:
  - Volume 2: This presents a summary of the initial consultation undertaken on the potential areas of focus for the Neighbourhood Plan. This round of consultation took place across March and April 2021.
  - Volume 3: This presents a summary of the consultation undertaken on the vision, objectives and policy ideas for the Neighbourhood Plan. This round of consultation took place across September and October 2021.
  - Volume 4: This presents a summary of the consultation undertaken at the Regulation 14 stage of the plan-making process and which took place across March, April and May 2024.
- 1.3 The Neighbourhood Plan process was started in 2020. In January 2020, the Parish Council applied to RBWM for the designation of the Parish of Cookham as a Neighbourhood Area. Following consultation on the application the area was approved for designation by Cabinet on 25 June 2020.
- 1.4 The first round of consultation was then undertaken in March and April 2021. A leaflet was sent to every home/business in the Parish and banners advertising the consultation were displayed in strategic places around the Parish. A survey was prepared and a poster competition organised with the local primary school to seek the views of younger members of the community.
- 1.5 Responses received helped to draw out key messages about life in Cookham and how it might change over the next ten to fifteen years. Consultation responses indicated that the 'village feel' of the area is highly valued, reflected in the community spirit, access to countryside, green and open spaces, and presence of local services and facilities
- 1.6 The second round of consultation was undertaken in September and October 2021. As before, a flyer was sent to every home and business address in the Parish, with banners displayed around the Parish. A series of exhibitions and drop-in events were held and surveys made available to capture feedback. The purpose of this round of consultation was to present a vision, set of objectives and policy ideas for the Plan based on feedback to the first round of consultation and to ask whether these were heading in the right direction. This consultation signalled strong support for the draft vision, objectives and ideas within the Cookham Neighbourhood Plan.

1.7 The third main round of consultation was the formal Regulation 14 consultation period that was undertaken between March and May 2024. This followed the format of earlier events, with flyers sent to all homes and businesses, banners displayed around the Parish, drop-in events held and material available for viewing on the Parish website. Responses received showed strong support for the Plan and policies within it, as clearly shown in Figure 1.

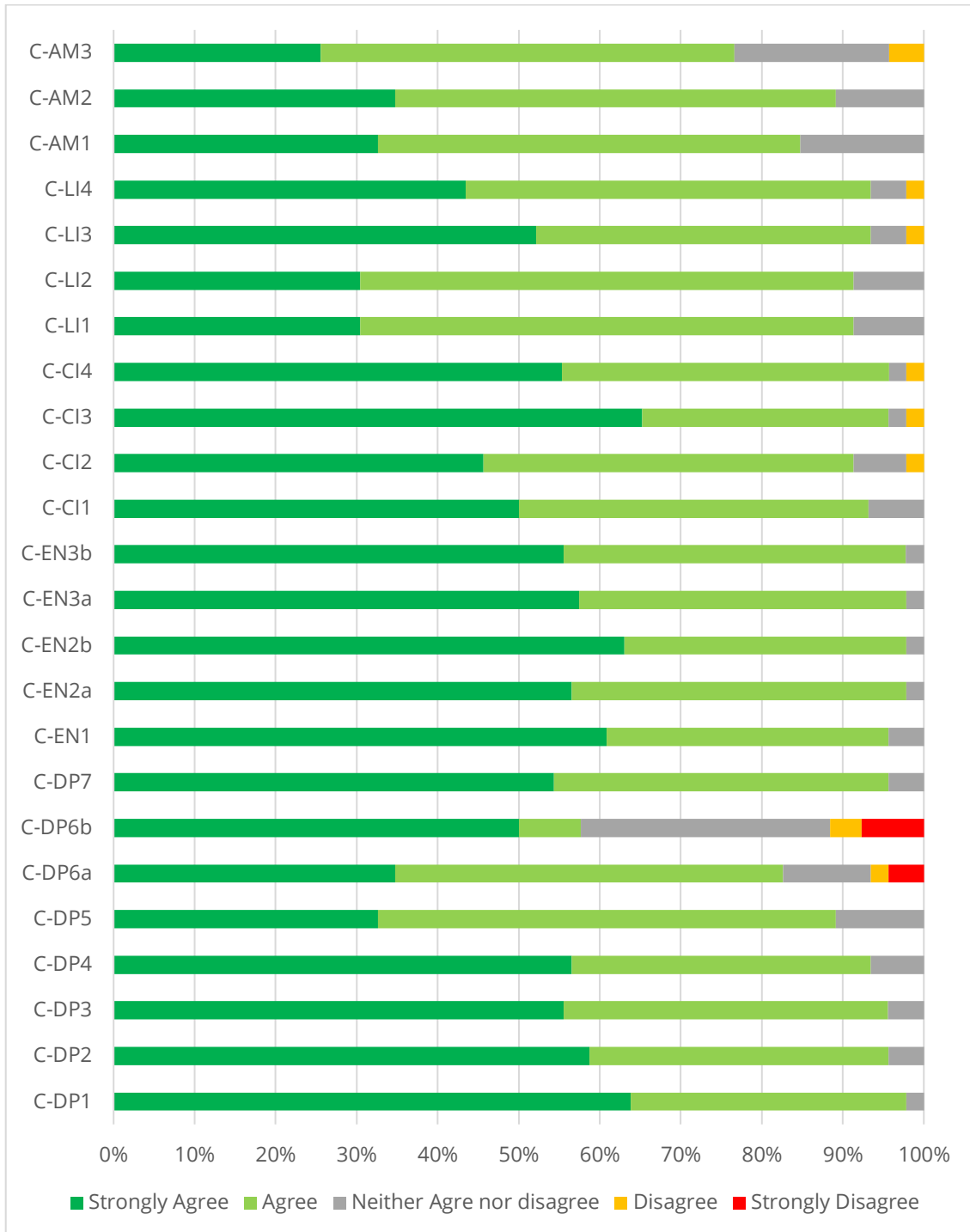


Figure 1: Chart displaying overall responses to each of the policies in the Regulation 14 version of the Neighbourhood Plan.

- 1.8 Alongside the main consultation events outlined above an update (and when relevant, a link to a consultation questionnaire) has been carried in every issue of the Parish Magazine, which goes to every home in the Parish monthly, since March 2021. Those updates also give a link to the Parish Council's website where more information on the Neighbourhood Plan can be found. Copies of selected adverts and other material used to advertise and communicate the Plan are presented in Figure 2 onwards of this document.
- 1.9 Work on the Plan has been highly collaborative. The Working Party formed by the Parish to take responsibility for developing the Plan includes five Councillors as well as representatives of local groups and organisations including: the Cookham Society; WildCookham; Save Cookham; and Cookham's Footprint. The Working Party also includes the Chair of the group who led production of the Cookham Village Design Statement. All members of the Working Party have full voice round the table.
- 1.10 The process has been entirely transparent. All meetings of the Working Party are open to the public and advertised in the same way as Parish Council and Committee meetings. All of the Working Party's decisions are reported, considered and ratified at full Council at its meetings every month. For the same reason, all the documentation, including all the minutes of the Working Party, can be found on the Parish Council website.
- 1.11 At an early stage of the Plan-making process around 25 - 30 groups and important local institutions/people ("stakeholders") were contacted for their ideas and input. Similarly, local large landowners have been specifically contacted. Stakeholders and landowners were re-contacted as the Plan began to take shape. Landowners were also contacted in respect of the proposed Local Green Space designations and their views sought on these. Working Party members also attended a meeting of the Westwood Green Residents Association to discuss the merits of designation as a Local Green Space.
- 1.12 As the Consultation Summaries (Volumes 2 – 4) show, and more generally, the Working Party has actively sought the opinions of residents, landowners, business and other organisation. In addition to the consultation events and meetings outlined above this also includes the use of stalls set up specially at events such as the Cookham Christmas Fayre, Jubilee Market and Scouts Fair, and presentations at the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council.



# **COOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

## **The 125th ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

at 7.30 pm

The Community Room at Cookham Library

The Chairman will introduce the  
**Parish Council Annual Report**

Followed by a presentation on

**Cookham's Neighbourhood  
Plan**

**With Questions and Answers to finish**

**THIS MEETING IS FOR YOU, THE RESIDENTS, SO  
PLEASE COME ALONG AND MEET YOUR  
COUNCILLORS**

**Light refreshments will be available.**

*Figure 2: Advert inviting people to attend the Cookham Parish AGM during which a presentation of and Q&A on the draft Neighbourhood Plan took place.*



**YOUR COOKHAM, YOUR PLAN**

**Thank you to everyone who responded to consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan. We received many ideas and suggestions to help shape the future of Cookham. These will help form an overarching vision and initial set of policies on which we shall seek views later this year.**

We received almost 400 responses from residents, businesses and visitors to Cookham. Suggested areas of focus for the Plan were strongly supported, with respondents emphasising the strong sense of community in Cookham as well as highlighting key qualities and characteristics, including the rural identity and village atmosphere. At the same time, comments were made in respect of challenges posed by traffic and the importance of planning for climate change.

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Figure 3: Advert from Parish Magazine in April 2021 following the first round of consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan.



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**Thank you to everyone who entered our School Poster Competition. Many congratulations to Amara Khurana of Herries whose colourful entry is our overall prize winner. Artwork featuring on the poster, including the 'Future Cookham' logo shown here, will appear in the Neighbourhood Plan and future consultation material.**

**Well done Amara!**

We are currently working on drafting a vision statement for Cookham and an associated set of policy ideas for the Plan. We will be asking for your thoughts on these shortly. Feedback received will then be used to prepare the draft Plan. Keep watching this space!

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Figure 4: Advert from Parish Magazine in May 2021, announcing the winner of the school poster competition

**YOUR COOKHAM, YOUR PLAN**

**Many thanks to all who visited one of our Neighbourhood Plan drop-in events in September. We enjoyed meeting with you and hearing your ideas for Cookham.**

We are now reviewing consultation feedback before preparing the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan. To keep informed and find out more about the Plan, please visit the Parish website:

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Figure 5: Advert from Parish Magazine in October 2021 following the second round of consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan

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**Following responses to consultation events in September and October we are now preparing the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.**

This includes emerging policies and wider ideas in respect of the environment, local services and facilities, and the unique qualities that characterise the Parish. Alongside this, an updated set of design principles and guidance is being prepared. This will be used to inform proposals for new development, so that when they do come forward, they reflect the best qualities of the built and natural environment.

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Figure 6: Advert from Parish Magazine in December 2021 outlining the next steps in the Plan-making process



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**We are excited to report that we are now reviewing a first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan and associated Design Code document, which will help influence the shape and form of any future development in Cookham.**

Following this review the material will be updated for consultation, with comments received helping to inform a final draft. To find out more about the Plan, please visit the Parish website:  
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Figure 7: Advert from Parish Magazine in February 2022 reporting on progress on the Neighbourhood Plan

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**Over the past month we have been making use of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan and Design Code document to respond to and help influence proposals for the Strande Park and Lower Mount Farm development sites, allocated in the RB Windsor & Maidenhead Local Plan.**

We continue to work on the Neighbourhood Plan and evidence to support this. To find out more about the Plan, please visit the Parish website:  
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Figure 8: Advert from Parish Magazine in April 2022 explaining how the draft Neighbourhood Plan was being used as a basis for discussing proposal for development on allocated sites in the Parish



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***We enjoyed meeting with those of you who visited the Neighbourhood Plan stand at the Jubilee Market in June and again at the annual Scouts Fair. Thank you for your thoughts and ideas, which are helping to inform progress on the Neighbourhood Plan.***

In the meantime, we continue to engage with proposals for the Strande Park and Lower Mount Farm development sites. To find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan, please visit the Parish website:  
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Figure 9: Advert from Parish Magazine in June 2022 reporting on progress and ongoing discussion held about the Neighbourhood Plan at the Jubilee Market and Scouts Fair.



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***Over the last month we have submitted representations to the RBWM consultation on the Tall Buildings Supplementary Planning Document as well as the consultation version of the masterplan prepared by Bellway Homes for land west of Cannondown Road.***

We also continue to work on updates to the Neighbourhood Plan, reviewing draft policies with RBWM. To find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan, please visit the Parish website:  
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Figure 10: Advert from October 2022 explaining that the Working Party was responding to production of the Tall Building study being consulted upon by RBWM

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**A draft of the Neighbourhood Plan has been shared with RBWM for comment. Responses will help inform updates to the Plan before we undertake further consultation.**

The comments from RBWM will help strengthen the draft policies and eventual use of those. RBWM will also consider whether any environmental assessments are required to support the Plan. To find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan, please visit the Parish website: [www.cookhamparishcouncil.org.uk/crbst\\_18.html](http://www.cookhamparishcouncil.org.uk/crbst_18.html)

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Figure 11: Advert from the Parish Magazine in January 2023 explaining that the draft Plan had been shared with RBWM for comment

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**Comments on the draft Neighbourhood Plan have been received from RBWM and amendments are now being made prior to formal consultation on the Plan later this year.**

The draft Neighbourhood Plan will also be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting in March, which you are welcome to attend. The details of this are:

28th March, 7:30pm  
Community Room, High Road, Cookham Rise, SL6 9JF

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Figure 12: Advert from the Parish Magazine in February 2023 inviting people to a presentation of the Neighbourhood Plan and the Parish Council AGM



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***Comments on the draft Neighbourhood Plan have been received from RBWM and amendments are now being made to the Plan.***

The outcome of the 'Screening' exercise by RBWM (to determine whether the Plan needs to be subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment or Habitats Regulation Assessment) is awaited. Once received we will be able to proceed to consult formally on the Plan. To find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan, please visit the Parish website:

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Figure 13: Advert from the Parish Magazine in May 2023 explaining that the draft Plan was subject to screening for SEA / HRA purposes



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***We are pleased to report that RBWM has confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan does not need to be subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment nor Habitats Regulation Assessment.***

The Neighbourhood Plan can now proceed to formal consultation. Preparations for that are now underway. Further updates and information on the consultation will be posted on the Parish website once available:

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Figure 14: Advert from the Parish Magazine in August 2023 explaining that the draft Plan had been 'screened-out' for both SEA and HRA purposes



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**Consultation on the Cookham Neighbourhood Plan runs from Monday 18th March to Friday 10th May. Please review and respond to the material online or come along to one of the drop-in events:**

Thursday 21st March, 2:30pm - 5:30pm, Pinder Hall, 2 Lower Road  
Thursday 18th April, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, Cookham Library Community Room, High Road  
Saturday 20th April, 10:30am - 1:30pm, Cookham Library Community Room, High Road

Material can also be viewed at the Parish Council Offices during opening hours:

8:30am - 12:30pm Monday to Friday  
5:00pm - 7:00pm on Tuesday evenings

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Figure 15: Advert from Parish Magazine in March 2024 containing details of drop-in events for the Regulation 14 consultation of the Neighbourhood Plan



**YOUR COOKHAM, YOUR PLAN**

**Thank you to everyone who has shown interest in the Neighbourhood Plan, attended one of our drop-in events and completed the consultation survey.**

We are now reviewing all comments received and will be making amendments as appropriate to the Neighbourhood Plan before submitting to RB Windsor & Maidenhead (RBWM) to commence the 'examination process'.

RBWM will undertake another round of consultation and appoint an independent examiner to review the Plan. Subject to any modifications the examiner recommends a referendum will then be held before the Plan can be formally 'made' as a planning document.

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Figure 16: Advert from Parish Magazine in June 2024 outlining the next steps in the process following the Regulation 14 consultation

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