

## MITCHELDEAN NDP AREA

### SECOND NDP EVENT SUMMARY SATURDAY MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> 9.15 TO 2.15

**Aim:** To present evidence so far and find out issues in more detail

#### 1. General

- The NDP event was held as a drop in session on Saturday March 19th 9.15am to 1.30pm in Mitcheldean Community Library. The library is in the centre of the village and attracted people passing in the street, shoppers and library users as well as those who had seen the event advertised (this was the majority of people).

There were 12 display boards. Developers were invited to include their own displays.

Refreshments were available organised by volunteers

A questionnaire asking for comments about developments and infrastructure

- The event was advertised through:

The Mitcheldean Parish website and newsletter which reaches every household in the Parish.

Local newspaper advert and press release

Interview about the event on Radio Gloucestershire

Flyers which were sent to all parents and carers of children at Mitcheldean Endowed primary school and Dene Magna secondary school

Email invitations to key stakeholders and partners

Posters in the parish including the Library, pub, shops, Community Centre

- 260 people attended. Numbers were calculated using the library counter which is used to determine numbers attending the library.
- The average time people spent at the event was 20 minutes reading interpretation panels, asking questions, interacting with the displays and filling in the questionnaire.

#### 2. Consultation

1. **Displays:** to explain NDP, stages & progress; information about Mitcheldean – statistics/ services etc.; what is Special; Themes e.g transport, business, types of development – affordable, rented, shared ownership, starter homes, and open market.
2. **Maps:** to show designated NDP area, conservation area, planning applications.
3. **Documents/ reports:** National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF); Forest of Dean Docs: Core Strategy, Allocations Document; SSI/ conservation reports; other relevant reports to Mitcheldean; Character Assessment with templates/notes in folder as evidence; ACRE ONS report

- A questionnaire requested comments about development
- Members of the NDP Steering Group, Mitcheldean Parish Council and the Glos Rural Community Council Community (GRCC) Adviser attended to provide information and facilitate engagement. Attendees were engaged in conversations relating to how Mitcheldean might develop in the future.
- A survey of priorities was conducted and was analysed externally by GRCC

### 3. Key Points From the Questionnaire

- There were 39 questionnaires returned. The main topics were:

TOPIC	No. of comments	%	Summary of Comments
Housing/ development	35	89.7	Potential sites. Design and character. Building on greenfield sites
Parking	11	28.2	Not enough parking. Adequate parking with new developments. No parking charges
Business	11	28.2	Vantage Point, shops and more employment
Amenities	9	23.1	Schools, library and community centre
Other	8	20.5	Keeping village tidy, dogs.
Community Safety	6	15.4	Speeding and improving the zebra crossing
Environment	4	10.3	Green spaces and character

Community	2	5.13	Lovely village and enjoy living in it
Transport	2	5.13	Main bus routes

- **Specific comments on Potential Development (% of Housing comments)**

<b>SITES</b>	
Hawker Hill	11.4% want to see improvements around Gooch, the estate agents
Cottrell's old bus station –St Michaels church	8.6% agree with development at Cottrell's Bus station
Vantage Point	8.6% agree housing on the site
Gloucester Rd	5.7% do not agree with increased development on Gloucester Rd
Glebe Close	2.9% do not want development at the end of Glebe Close
The Mews	2.9% want to protect The Mews
<b>RELATED</b>	
Design	28.6% want developments to be in keeping with surrounding buildings
Infrastructure	11.4% want the doctors surgery and schools to have a planned increase with development
<b>OTHER COMMENTS</b>	20%. A mixture of comments; parking, no development on greenfields; comments on The George development

- **What is Special?**

There were 237 responses on post it notes. Ticks were made where respondents agreed with a comment. Totals are % of total responses.

Heritage and Built Environment	46.4%	Town Hall Old Buildings Mews Churches - Forest Gate and St Michaels
Natural Environment	29.5%	Views identified:

		View up to the Wilderness Stunning view from Wigpool Lane Stenders Quarry View across playing field
Amenities	21.1%	Footpaths Community Centre School Library

**See analysis of event for detail.**