



eynsham futures

creating a Neighbourhood Plan for Eynsham

Eynsham Futures has completed the Neighbourhood Plan after more than 2 years of work. The first thing to say is a huge thank-you to the EFSG team for organising events and meetings for residents to have their say, collecting information and writing up results which you can read on the Eynsham Futures page of the Eynsham website.

Thanks also to all the residents who have taken part from filling in questionnaires to making some really thoughtful observations on the plan during the time it has been available for commenting on. The result is a plan that, we hope, both represents local opinion and is stronger because of all the different contributions you have made to it.

The plan is complete and with WODC for formal processing through to a village referendum. We had hoped to be further advanced but hadn't expected all 2750 homes needed by Oxford City to be dumped on our patch taking our new home count from our suggestion of about 750 to 3200. The Plan has had to change quite drastically in response to first one, then two, Garden Village proposals and the plan has been extensively reviewed by both local people and outside bodies. There is a mass of evidence to support what we have done which you can find on the website.

Many people put in valuable comments on our plan as it emerged from October through to its formal 6 week consultation up to January 31st this year; we were able to take account of most of your comments to improve our plan where it is within our remit to do so. Unfortunately, some of the most serious concerns, such as the A40, are not within our remit. Residents have also been consulted during the year through Eynsham News and at well-attended public meetings.

Eynsham residents showed themselves to be competent and well informed at these meetings. Relations with WODC have not improved much since the Dec 5th meeting and all comments sent in on WODC's own Local Plan have been dismissed out of hand; their plan is almost unchanged after its consultation period.

WODC still want to surround Eynsham entirely with a bypass road network and build on every scrap of land that is not protected by heritage or flood-plain status within that area.

Examination of the WODC local plan begins in May and continues in July; our plan may get to examination in July.