

## EPC Strategy Consultation Results

### Introduction

On 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021, Eynsham Parish Council held an 'Open Day' event in the Village Hall and invited the residents of the parish to view the draft strategy and make comment.

We also asked for specific feedback on best version of the Vision statement, most important objectives, general comments on what else we should be considering and finally the street upon which the resident lived (so we could validate that the parish was well represented on the day)

Following the 'open day event' we created an online survey that replicate the question asked on 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. This ran for 6 weeks in November and December 2021

The combined results of the consultation are summarized in this document.

### No of respondents

During the open day, we collected the views of 37 residents (based on the Vision voting) and a further 26 people engaged with the online survey. Not all online contacts responded to all of the questions

### Vision

Version	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Online	Total
Eynsham Parish is a great place to be	5	3	8
Eynsham Parish is a great place to live, work and visit	9	8	17
Eynsham Parish is a great place to belong	23	11	34

The clear favorite is 'Eynsham is a great place to belong'. This is now confirmed as the Eynsham Parish Council Vision Statement

## Projects

The residents were asked which of our Objectives they considered to be the most important

The scores were tabulated, totaled, and then used to rank the objectives. The ranking is shown below. This will enable us to set our priorities for the year ahead and whilst we intend to complete all of our Objectives, the ranking may be used if we have funding and resource conflicts or some other issue that forces us to choose one objective over another

EPC008	Alliance with GreenTea and, EPIC, District Councillor and County Councillors, and others for Development responses	35
EPC024	Village wide 20mph limit and speed reduction on nearby B Roads	28
EPC025	Increase accessibility of key village footpaths	20
EPC020	Create Eynsham Green Wheel circular path	19
EPC004	Publish EPC Strategic Plan	18
EPC021	Fishponds designated as Local Nature Reserve	17
EPC019	Review EPC Climate Policy	15
EPC023	Land Transfer from Polar Systems to EPC	15
EPC007	Establish Regular Meeting with WODC	14
EPC026	Burial Ground	14
EPC009	Establish Regular Meetings with A40/P&R Team	13
EPC015	Rebuild Pavillion	12
EPC017	Update Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan	11
EPC022	Create Childrens Allotment on OWR Play Area	8
EPC012	Establish Youth Council	7
EPC016	Develop maintenance and replacement schedule for play equipment	7
EPC027	Land transfer for Oxford Road Playing Field	4
EPC028	Develop maintenance, replacement schedule and improvements for street furniture	4
EPC001	Hire Outdoor Technician	3
EPC005	Launch Monthly Balanced Scorecard	3
EPC011	Launch Comms Strategy	3
EPC030	Refurbish the cross	3
EPC003	Update IT Systems	2
EPC014	Lease Bartholomew Rooms to community Group	2
EPC002	Establish EPC Senior Team	1
EPC006	Secure Local Council Award Scheme NALC certification	1
EPC010	Introduce new format Parish Meeting inc. Annual	1
EPC013	Refurbish Bartholomew Rooms	1
EPC018	Revamp Christmas Light Display	1
EPC029	Training plan for 2022	0

## Comments

Residents were asked to comment on what else they would like the Parish Council to address

The comments are captured below. For each comment, the Parish Council has made a response

1	More focus on nature recovery – protection and expansion for green spaces and waterways	EPC will continue to work closely with the Eynsham Nature Recovery Network looking for opportunities to improve our parish spaces and encourage other landowners to do similar
2	Update Pavilion and Square to be more social with more café culture and family friendly	Comment passed to the Pavillion rebuild team for consideration. We are reviewing the street furniture for the square and are likely to add further benches in this area
3	Zero carbon output now	We will develop our climate policy in early 2022
4	Regular clearance of the chill brook to aid flow and cut flooding	The responsibility for clearing the brook lies with the riparian owners. EPC will continue to highlight concerns regarding flooding to the developers and encourage land owners to take action
5	Easy to access tennis facility in Eynsham	
6	Ensure the medical centre remains in Eynsham within walkable distance	EPC supports facilities remaining in the centre of Eynsham and will stress this point to developers and authorities during GV and Western SDA meetings
7	Double yellow lines on curves in village – obstruction of view	There is clearly concern about parking and traffic flow in the village as well as enforcement. Passed to Main Council for discussion
8	Dog poo bin at bottom of station road	Passed to Amenities and Estates committee for consideration
9	Climate change response priority for all agenda items/strategies	We will develop our climate policy in early 2022
10	Do more for young children growing up in the area ie more play and learning	We plan to establish a Youth Council which will help to engage our younger residents more fully
11	Have climate change response at the top of every agenda to enable Eynsham to reduce its carbon footprint	We will develop our climate policy in early 2022

12	Please clean the carpark lamp post and dog poo bin it looks awful.	Passed to Amenities and Estates committee for consideration
13	Double yellow lines in Acre End street from Witney Road Roundabout. Very bad now. Will be worse once offices etc back at work	There is clearly concern about parking and traffic flow in the village as well as enforcement. Passed to Main Council for discussion
14	Please can we have a waste bin put by the bus stop at the Vicarage	Passed to Amenities and Estates committee for consideration
15	Utilise the youth centre – Establish a youth council in conjunction with Bartholomew School	This is already one of our 2022 Objectives
16	We are concerned about parking within the village making several junctions a blind exit – ie Mill Street and Newland Street. Also the parking in Acre End Street are causing problems for the S1 buses	There is clearly concern about parking and traffic flow in the village as well as enforcement. Passed to Main Council for discussion
17	Could we either move Chilbrook Road dog bin to the new bridge entrance to the Thornbury Green or install a new one. The estate is used by lots of people as a loop with dogs	This change has been agreed with the Amenities and Estate committee. Quotes are being sought for the work in February
18	Renewable energy generation and local grid soon!	We will develop our climate policy in early 2022
19	Air pollution – central village and Old Witney Road	We will develop our climate policy in early 2022
20	Advertise more what you do – I think many people have no idea so good to open day etc	Facebook and Twitter accounts created in 2021. Open days will continue to be regular occurrence
21	I think we need to tackle road parking issues, it is almost impossible to drive through the village and not encounter problems, Acre End Street especially	There is clearly concern about parking and traffic flow in the village as well as enforcement. Passed to Main Council for discussion
22	Restrictions of parking and enforcement including having time restrictions on Back Lane car park. Taking away Parking/Loading bays at road junctions to allow clear vision for drivers turning. Take away bus stop extension in Acre End street, which causes congestion every time a bus stops. Simple take away a couple of car parking spaces and let the bus pull in, it's not rocket science and the cost is minimal.	There is clearly concern about parking and traffic flow in the village as well as enforcement. Passed to Main Council for discussion
23	The council should give a high priority to road safety within the village and ensure restrictions are enforced. It is pointless (even if a 20mph limit is introduced) if not enforced by the relevant authorities (Not by local villagers).	There is clearly concern about parking and traffic flow in the village as well as enforcement. Passed to Main Council for discussion

24	Include biodiversity specialist in conversations with developers and authorities over W Eynsham Development	EPC has no biodiversity specialist within the team but we use the expertise from Nature Recovery Network when required.
25	Update the area by Spar on Spare Acre road .	Most of this area is in private ownership so difficult for EPC to make improvements. We have arranged for WODC to install recycling bins in the small area of council owned land adjacent to the parking. The new bin is already in place
26	Better parking management	There is clearly concern about parking and traffic flow in the village as well as enforcement. Passed to Main Council for discussion
27	Request installation of traffic lights at Toll Bridge by OCC Highways	This section of road and the bridge is in private ownership and therefore EPC and OCC have very limited ability to influence what is installed here
28	Continue to be transparent and inform your residents of future plans, particularly those that impact 'green/climate/nature issues. Thank you.	We will continue to update the village on progress against our strategic plans. The next event is Annual Parish meeting which is currently scheduled for 8 <sup>th</sup> March
29	Enforcement of current parking and speed limits. Deter non villagers from using village for "Park & Ride" via daytime parking time limits.	There is clearly concern about parking and traffic flow in the village as well as enforcement. Passed to Main Council for discussion
30	Remove "Parish is" from all the vision statement options! Focus on the achievable not woke wish lists	We represent Eynsham Parish which not only include Eynsham village but also Barnard gate and a number of other small communities. It was therefore felt necessary to include Parish. Will be further discussed at Main Council
31	It's a universal problem, but engaging children and young people and building their sense of ownership of their village, it's history and it's value to them. It may be a cliché but they are the future. So when given the message that the village belongs to (what would seem to them grumpy) adults they're unlikely to feel ownership. Eynsham does have a lovely community but when it comes to forward planning is it frequently the young who	We plan to establish a Youth Council which will help to engage our younger residents more fully

	are viewed as secondary. Anyway - Keep up the good work!	
32	When half the village had new lovely white lines at junctions etc but from Hanborough road round to Dovehouse Close all of a sudden they stopped and apparently ran out of money and had spent all the funds for the year, it was April/May! The very much neglected end of the village.	The road marking work was done by OCC. The outstanding work at Dovehouse will likely be done next time their road marking team is in Eynsham. EPC will from time to time make specific request to OCC for road marking work
33	Anxious to preserve as much green space as possible round the village including the flowers on the railway line footpath	EPC are also concerned about the impact of future development on our green spaces and are working to preserve as much as we can
34	Seems a good and comprehensive list but could add support for Eynsham's historic past and cultural life .... Updating the Eynsham Abbey Heritage Trail Pedestrianising more of the historic centre- the Square Support for an Eynsham Museum.... Heritage/Arts events	We will contact the Eynsham History Society regarding update of the Eynsham Abbey Trail
35	New burial ground will be best sited on Salt Cross or West Eynsham developments to provide for the expanding population resulting from the new homes. Land in the south and east of Eynsham, around the Chil or the Fishponds or towards the Thames, is unlikely to be suitable. In the lower-lying land to the east of Station Road, for example, the water table is very near the surface when a hole is dug.	Resolving the issues with a new Burial Ground is one of our Objectives
36	Future of the toll bridge Addressing all-day parking by commuters on the village roads	This section of road and the bridge is in private ownership and therefore EPC and OCC have very limited ability to influence what is installed here. There is clearly concern about parking and traffic flow in the village as well as enforcement. Passed to Main Council for discussion
37	1. I don't know what some of the things on the list above mean and their implications? For example Land Transfer, Polar Technology Land transfer, monthly scorecard, NALC certification. 2. I'd like some certainty on the future of the toll bridge, likelihood of it re-opening the tollbooths, and if it does, how the traffic issues are going to be dealt with.	1. The best way to learn more about the Objectives is to attend one of our EPC 'Open Days' when our Councilors are on hand to explain in detail The new Strategy Document will also contain a more detailed explanation 2.This section of road and the bridge is in private ownership and therefore EPC and OCC have very limited ability to

		influence what is installed here.
38	Ensure Community access to footpaths and countryside whilst housing developments take place and beyond.	Our Greenwheel objective should ensure that public rights of way and suitable planting are created throughout the new developments. Most of our footpaths are already well protected as public rights of way but we will take action if we believe they are at risk or being poorly maintained. We are also keen to create new paths and make our existing paths more accessible
39	The new council seems open to input from residents, unlike the last EPC. Please keep it up.	We have made a commitment to the residents to be Approachable, Collaborative and Transparent in all that we do.
40	Sewage - over capacity already and thousands of houses to be built. (But I realise this may not be a Parish Council issue, maybe more for West Oxfordshire)	EPC have made this point during conversations regarding the planned developments. WODC are responsible for ensuring suitable provision is made
41	Just real concern about the new developments, particularly West Eynsham which doesn't seem to have had the high profile that the new garden village has. Total lack of new infrastructure - eg what about doctor?	EPC raises these concerns with the developers whenever we have the opportunity. We try to influence the decisions around appropriate infrastructure
42	Find a way for new residents to better integrate and not feel like outsiders if they don't have three generations living in the village!	EPC would welcome new residents onto the council. We currently have two vacancies for councillors. This is a great opportunity to meet people and get to know the village
43	Thank you for your work.	Thank you
44	Protect village assets that may be at risk, such as the red lion pub / newlands inn and our network of footpaths in the surrounding countryside.	We are currently making an application for Asset of Community Value for the Newlands Inn and will do so for other village assets if we believe they are under threat. Most of our footpaths are already well protected as public rights of way but we will take action if we believe they

		are at risk or being poorly maintained. We are also keen to create new paths and make our existing paths more accessible
45	Some of the projects mentioned above could have done with a bit more information - can't vote for things that I don't understand	The best way to learn more about the Objectives is to attend one of our EPC 'Open Days' when our Councilors are on hand to explain in detail. The Strategy document which will be release shortly will contain a better explanation of the objectives
46	Lobby for the scrapping of the Park and Ride	EPC has raised concerns about the need for a Park and Ride since the outset. However this is now a fully funded County Council scheme and very likely to go ahead
47	Ensure adequate infrastructure and social facilities are lined up to be built by developers before any houses are erected at both West Eynsham and Salt Cross	EPC raises these concerns with the developers whenever we have the opportunity. We try to influence the decisions around appropriate infrastructure. It should be noted that the infrastructure is built in phases as the residents of the new developments move into their new homes
48	I am proud of all the efforts the EPC puts in to looking after the community. Thank you.	Thank you