

## MELKSHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

### COMMENTS FORM

Melksham Town Council and Melksham Without Parish Council are working to produce a joint Neighbourhood Plan.

This is a plan for the parishes of Melksham Town and Melksham Without and, once in force, will be used in the determination of planning applications.

Before submitting a draft plan to Wiltshire Council for a period of formal consultation and examination, your views on the proposals for our area are sought.

This form has been produced to collect feedback. If you are completing a comment by hand, and need more space please use the same format as the table so we can identify what your comment relates to.

**Please return this form by no later than midnight on Monday, 13 July 2020.**

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or [mnpsq@mail.com](mailto:mnpsq@mail.com)

Or alternatively post to:

Melksham Town Council, Town Hall, Market Place, Melksham, Wiltshire SN12 6ES

Melksham Without Parish Council, The Sports Pavilion, Westinghouse Way,  
Bowerhill Industrial Estate, Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 6TL

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**Melksham Parish Neighbourhood Plan**

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**Each new comment should be in a new row. If completing this form digitally, the columns will expand to fit your text, and please save your file using the original file name <NDP R14 Comment\_initials\_MMDD.docx> but replacing "initials" and "MMDD" with your initials and the month and day (e.g. 0911) respectively. If comments are completed as a hard copy, please attached multiple sheets.**

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[Redacted]

\*For purposes of clarification and feedback only    \*Sufficient to identify the commented point precisely

| Plan page and para.* | Comment   | Any proposal to deal with comment made |
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| Page 85<br>9b 9c     | <p><b>Flooding</b></p> <p>The Green Alley provided by the field east of Northbrook Road, The allotments, and the adjoining fields at Roundponds are a very well established as flood impact areas. Historically, houses were actually removed from the field at Roundponds due to flooding. At the other end (the field adjacent/east of Northbrook Road, the flooding is less obvious to the</p>                                     |  |

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**Natural Habitat**

The same field is home to very established hedgerows, very tall established trees, and with it's vicinity to the brook has become a haven for a vast assortment of wildlife, including otters, hedgehogs (rehabilitated locally), most varieties of British birds including owls, woodpeckers, and even an Egret. The combined area is very special towards the efforts of climate challenge, natural habitat etc

From: [REDACTED]

27th July, 2020

14.00 hrs.

Tel. [REDACTED]

## Draft Neighbourhood Plan Objections

I would like to express a number of concerns/objections with outlined proposals regarding the proposal of a Melksham By-pass, as outlined very loosely in The Draft neighbourhood plan

### Objections to Suggested Routes 9b & 9c

The low resolution map on page 85 offers a number of Melksham By-pass Route Options

Although the map is not very clear and there are no details included, there are a number of concerns/objections concerning some of the routes. In particular routes 9b and 9c.

Not a by-pass, the routes 9b and 9c will end barely northwest of the town centre, offering no advantage to the main bulk of incoming traffic entering from the north along the A350. The routes are also so close to the existing A350 that they deem themselves to be irrelevant.

Community Facilities Although the map shows extraordinarily little detail, it is possible to distinguish the parallel "S" formation of Southbrook Road and Adison Road to the left of the point that 9b and 9c run parallel to each other. This would indicate that the route would mean the removal of Southbrook Road allotments. This would therefore fail the intention of the plan to protect community facilities

### Green Infrastructure/Habitat/Climate Challenge/Flooding

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Having been alerted to the proposals contained in the Development Plan, we would like to add our support to [REDACTED] objections and wish to add our objections to it.

\* Joulbrook Road.

