

# The Campden Society AGM 2023

## Statement of Activities 2022-2023

Over the last year, we have been kept busy by various ongoing issues in the town, by our business-as-usual activities, by the matters that we have identified as being of importance and by the projects that come up without warning.

### Activities.

- We have been closely monitoring the Town Council's deliberations over the offer of gifting the Craves to the town which we thought had been resolved but now seems to be back on the Town Council's agenda.
- We have been compiling a list of land which we consider 'at risk'. By this we mean land which we think may be in the sightlines of developers and which we do not consider to be appropriate for residential development. We are totally supportive of more housing in the town, provided it is in an appropriate location and provides at least 40% affordable housing. We anticipate that this will be supplied by the Aston Road development, but changes to planning law may put this at risk.
- Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) We are also currently working in tandem with the Town Council to draw up a list of potential Green Space protected sites on various areas of Chipping Campden including Wolds End Orchard. We have completed 10 'Toolkits' and reviewed a further 3 completed by the Town Council.
- We have reviewed the Chipping Campden Design Guide that has been issued in draft and which will be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The comments that we have made have not yet been incorporated but they will be included once the NDP goes out to consultation.
- On planning matters, we have reviewed and commented on the proposals for a development of houses at Campden End and we monitor and comment on what we consider to be the more important planning applications submitted. We continue to monitor and review the Planning Applications that come into the TC and where appropriate make representations to the Planning Committee and others.
- We have recently commented on the CDC partial update of the Local Plan, covering some of the areas of the proposed changes.
- We are working with the Chipping Campden History Society on a Buildings History Register, a project which itemises all the listed buildings in the town and will coordinate any documentation about these buildings such as Heritage Statements submitted as part of a Listed Building Consent for the building.
- Julianne Davis will give an update on the developments of maintaining and enhancing Wolds End Orchard in a moment.
- We are looking at ways to further protect and increase the biodiversity of the town and are currently looking into drawing up a project centred around on the Cam.
  
- We are committed to keeping our members updated about our work and activities relating to the Town and we have done this on a monthly basis by means of our newsletter, and we keep the town informed through the Campden Bulletin with a condensed update.

**What will be happening next year?**

- We will continue to press for design excellence for the Aston Road development and monitor how the development process will impact the Town. We are currently looking at models of development that can 'bake in' good design and urban planning to the process of the land sale.
- We will continue to support Chipping Campden School in the development of the new town car park which will be created out of the existing car park at the front of the school.
- We will be looking at ways to improve the overall sustainability of the town and to promote zero carbon measures for the town.
- We will be making a call for volunteers for the Buildings History Register project and for the Cam Project.