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Dear Member

## Planning Matters



The Campden Society are broadly in support of the proposal for 127 houses, a new surgery, access road, and new car park and attendant requirements for the school. It will create a town car park and a new surgery, as well provide a significant amount of affordable housing. We would like this development to be visionary and innovative building on the examples of Littleworth and Wolds End. We will be actively encouraging a high standard of planning and design so that the scheme will be a notable addition to our architectural heritage – a project that the town can be proud of. We would also like to see the development be built to zero carbon standards and to provide the maximum available quota of affordable housing. We will be pressing GCC and CDC to put mandates on the chosen developer to adhere to these standards.

We have a number of questions that we will be submitting, and sending out to you all prior to the consultation deadline of 10th December. If you did not manage to get down to the Town Hall on the 18th November, you can go online: [here](#) This link will give you access to all the documents and plans plus the questionnaire for you to register your opinion. As always, we are interested to know your views and so please do email us your comments at : [campdensociety20@gmail.com](mailto:campdensociety20@gmail.com)

In other Planning news, the CDC has updated its **Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA)**. This confirms the availability and assesses the potential suitability of sites to be taken forwards for further assessment and possible allocation in the Local Plan. The report is available to download from [this link](#) and expanding the Local Plan Strategy section. Here you will find a PDF **2.2.04D Chipping Campden**. To be clear, the SHELAA does not allocate land for development and does not grant planning permission. It is one of a number of studies that the CDC is required to produce and will form part of an upcoming consultation on the first stage of the Local Plan Partial Update. This consultation will give all residents and our Town Council the chance to comment and give feedback on the report.



Finally, we have been told that the Town Council has commissioned Civitas to conduct a **Town Referendum on the Craves/Upper Leasows** offer. The exact wording of the referendum has yet to be finalised and we will be asking the Town Council for a public consultation to explain this issue and to provide the relevant supporting documents to inform the town of the implications of the vote.

## Society News

### **Nature Recovery in the Cotswolds - Zoom talk - Thursday 9th December 6pm**

**Simon Smith**, the Nature Recovery Lead at **Cotswolds National Landscape**, will be talking to us about his work later in the month. One of our members, Carol Jackson, has already heard him speak as she is a Voluntary Cotswold Warden. She says: *"I found it really interesting ... some fascinating projects going on – definitely relevant to Campden."* The talk will last about 45 minutes and Simon is happy to take questions and chat afterwards. The Zoom link and a reminder will be sent out nearer the time.



I would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and the great feedback we've had about the revitalisation of the society; thanks to all the members who turned out at the AGM; and a big WASSAIL to all the Orchardeers who have given time, money and services towards the regeneration of Wolds End Orchard, something the whole community can look forward to enjoying in 2022.

**Elizabeth Devas - Chair**

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