

Lewknor Parish - Annual Meeting 13 May 2024

Parish Neighbourhood Plan report

The Lewknor Parish Neighbourhood Plan was approved in a referendum of voters held in the parish on 23 November 2023. The outcome was an overwhelming vote in favour, of the 33.5% turnout, 90.7% were in favour. Following the referendum, South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) adopted the Neighbourhood Plan and, as a result, planners now need to take it into account in any planning decisions.

SODC had run a consultation on the draft plan from 19 April to 7 June 2023. Various comments were received which the Steering Group reviewed and made changes to the plan where appropriate.

The revised plan was then submitted to an external examiner appointed by SODC. His assessment was that the plan was fit to move forward, once some final amendments and format changes had been made enabling the plan to go to a referendum.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this result by responding to our various consultations and voting in the referendum, by offering feedback, by offering your skills and time, or for simply spreading the word. This ensured the plan reflected the views of residents.

I would personally like to thank the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, both the current members: Kayti Foster, Duncan Boulton and Peter Freeman who have worked tirelessly on this for more than six years, and past members of the group for their hard work on the plan.

Peter Gardner
Chairman - Lewknor Parish Neighbourhood Plan