

# Woodstock Community and Infrastructure Delivery Plan

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oxfordshire  
Helping communities help themselves

## What's it all about?

Woodstock Town Council and Blenheim Estate have appointed Community First Oxfordshire (CFO) to consult the community about the current and future needs of the town. CFO is a locally-based community development charity.

The Plan will take shape across 2019. The first six months will see a wide-range of opinion and ideas gathered, while the second will see projects identified and prioritised, with strategies for delivering them set out.

Several new housing sites will be developed in the next decade; and it is important to ensure that the special character of the town is preserved, facilities are enhanced where necessary and the new developments successfully integrate with the existing communities in Woodstock.

Some projects that emerge from the community conversation may be achievable through the developer contributions (Section 106) process on new development sites; some may be designed into new developments; and some may need a different approach, perhaps more long-term. It is important to say that not all projects will be achieved via forthcoming development.



## Make your voice heard

A comprehensive consultation plan is being developed in order to reach the many different parts of Woodstock. There will be open events where all will be invited to come along and share ideas, a community survey to reach a wider audience, and more focused methods to make sure we get the views of as many people as possible from all backgrounds and ages.

The first events to find out more about The Plan and to share your ideas and opinions are coming up soon. There is no need to book, just turn up:

- ▶ **Main launch event - Saturday 9 March**  
10-2 @ The Community Centre  
There will be a presentation about the plan at 10am and midday, with discussion in-between
- ▶ **Tuesday 12 March**  
7-9 @ Marlborough School Enterprise Centre Library
- ▶ **Friday 15 March**  
2-4 @ Coach House Learning Centre, Oxfordshire Museum
- ▶ **Tuesday 19 March**  
7.30 @ The Community Centre  
This is the annual Town Meeting - there will be an agenda item about the Community Plan
- ▶ **Friday 22 March**  
11-1, drop-in session @ Oxfordshire Museum Café  
CFO staff will be available if you want to share your views

Initial conversations suggest that key issues for the town may be affordability of the new houses, a doctors' surgery, schools and pre-schools, green spaces and parking.

But we also want to find out more about the needs of community organisations and groups, the challenges they face now and as the town grows. What can be done to help meet those challenges? What new organisations might be needed as the population grows? How can they be best supported?

## About Community First Oxfordshire

CFO has long-standing expertise in working with communities to find out their needs and develop strategies to make them happen. Our role is to be the honest broker - we do our best to ensure that everyone who wants to take part is able to do so.

We have supported many community-led and neighbourhood plans, employ 'on the ground' community development workers and undertake research in 'place-making', helping communities to take forward the projects and ideas that matter to them and finding new ways to ensure that the places we live are welcoming, healthy and socially active.

You can comment at any time on the plan by emailing:  
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