

## Appendix 2 - TisPlan Community Consultation

### The role of the TisPlan steering group

The TisPlan steering group has actively shaped the plan, always seeking that it should represent the needs and priorities of the entire community in the plan area, and to maintain Tisbury's role as a Local Service Centre to the wider Tisbury Community Area. The steering group has representation from both of the Parish Councils of Tisbury and West Tisbury, as well as local residents. The steering group met at least monthly.

The TisPlan steering group formed sub-groups, tasked with developing initial policy objectives and to review the evidence base for these, including taking into account issues arising from consultation activities. These working groups were in the following areas:

- Housing and buildings
- Transport
- Employment and the High Street
- Energy and Environment



Figure 1 (above) - TisPlan community consultation, St John the Baptist Church, June 2016

The work of the sub-groups were then refined by a consultant into draft policies which were tested in the later stages of the consultation process. Consultation was undertaken by Tisbury and West Tisbury Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group on behalf of the Parish Councils of Tisbury and West Tisbury. Work has involved engaging with the community for more than two years through surveys, public meetings and events.

The Steering Group has gathered evidence to inform the objectives and policies in TisPlan between 2014 - 2017, including:

- Meeting local residents online and face-to-face at local events
- Engaging with local groups and businesses
- Understanding local priorities through a comprehensive questionnaire
- Engaging with statutory bodies
- Reviewing relevant policy and written evidence

Throughout the process, The TisPlan steering group worked closely with Wiltshire Council (WC). The Link Officer, Natasha Styles, was invited to attend every steering group meeting and was consulted regularly to advice on issues as they arose and to discuss early drafts of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The evidence base for TisPlan policies is set out in our Evidence Base is referenced at the end of the Pre-Submission 'Draft TisPlan' and available at [www.tisplan.org.uk](http://www.tisplan.org.uk).

A more detailed summary of community contributions made at different stages can be found in the following documents on the TisPlan website:

**Annex 2** Analysis of TisPlan questionnaire (March 2017)

**Annex 3** Summary of Consultation feedback (July 2014)

**Annex 4** Summary of Consultation feedback (September 2014)

**Annex 5** TisPlan Community Feedback Day Report (May 2017)

**Annex 6** Local Green Space evidence base

## TisPlan Timeline

### **TisVis Parish Plan 2007**

This plan was commissioned by Tisbury and West Tisbury Parish Councils and outlined community preferences on a range of topics. The plan was reviewed by Tisbury Parish Council in 2012 and 2014 but lacked statutory weight.

### **Localism Act 2011**

An Act of Parliament that changed the powers of local government in England. The aim of the Act is to devolve decision-making powers from central government to individuals and communities.

### **Wiltshire Council Core Strategy (CS) Adopted Jan 2015 (2015-2026)**

This is a Development Plan Document that sets out the strategic planning framework for the county for the period up to 2026. A Neighbourhood Plan must demonstrate it is in general conformity to the CS.

### **TisPlan Steering Group established 2013**

The Steering Group comprises Tisbury and West Tisbury Parish Councils together with local residents to oversee TisPlan evidence gathering, policy writing and community consultation. Wiltshire Council (as the Local Planning Authority) was obliged to provide the Steering Group with a link officer, who was invited to attend all meetings.

The TisPlan Website [www.tisplan.org.uk](http://www.tisplan.org.uk) was established to share information and updates on the progress of the plan. TisPlan updates were also shared through the Tisbury Parish Council Facebook group – Tisbury Village News.

### **TisPlan Community Consultation** June 2014 - St John the Baptist Church Fete

TisPlan Steering Group members met with local residents for the first TisPlan consultation. Orange TisPlan balloons were used to raise awareness of the plan and people had the opportunity to ask questions about the process.

### **TisPlan Community Consultation** July 2014 - The Victoria Hall, Tisbury

Local residents were invited to express their opinions on a range of topics affecting the community including: Station Works, Housing, Employment, Energy and the Environment, Travel and Transport, Health & Recreational Services and Education. This was a well attended 'drop-in' event. However, it was noted that very few 'younger' (i.e. under 40) residents attended.

**TisPlan Community Consultation**  
September 2014 - Tisbury Carnival

Tisbury Carnival is a popular local event and TisPlan had a presence via a manned stall. Simple questionnaires were issued to ask what people liked and disliked about living in the area, and what they wanted to see more or less of. In particular, younger people were approached for their opinions, as the Victoria Hall consultation had tended to attract the older age groups.

**TisPlan Area formally designated**  
July 2015

An application by Tisbury Parish Council for the two parishes of Tisbury and West Tisbury to jointly develop a neighbourhood plan as the 'neighbourhood area' was accepted by Wiltshire Council in July 2015.

**TisPlan Community Questionnaire**  
October 2015

The TisPlan Community Questionnaire was distributed in October 2015 and comprised 22 questions to survey residents on their aspirations for the development of the neighbourhood area. This was delivered to every household and had an excellent response rate of 48%. There was a greater representation of older residents (50+) in the responses. The Steering Group ensured that the results were shared widely in local media; at presentations to the Annual Parish Meetings and at village events, such as St John's Summer Fete.

**TisPlan Community Consultation**  
2015 ongoing – Local Businesses and community organisations

Local community groups and businesses were consulted on their development preferences in the area to inform policy development.

This period also included engaging with the site owner of the main brownfield site, Station Works, to ensure they were made aware of the strong community preferences for the site, which had arisen from the community questionnaire.

**TisPlan Community Consultation**  
June 2016 - St John the Baptist Church Fete

TisPlan Steering Group members ran an informal stall at this event to inform local residents of the findings from the questionnaire, the progress in developing the plan and give people the opportunity to raise any questions.

**Policy design, review and evidence gathering**  
2016-2017

As well as reviewing existing local planning documents, such as the Core Strategy and other important national, county and local documents, the TisPlan steering group also commissioned specialist professional support to inform policy development. These included the Strategic Environmental Assessment and a review of potential sites for development (both carried out by AECOM) and the policy writing process.

**TisPlan Community Feedback Day**  
6th May 2017 - The Nadder Centre

A 'working draft' of TisPlan was released on 5th May 2017, ahead of a TisPlan Feedback Consultation day on 6th May to use as a discussion point to obtain community feedback on the refining the plan (e.g. any key omissions or factual errors) before the Reg 14 formal (local) consultation. More than 80 local people gave their helpful comments which were reviewed carefully by the steering group to improve the Draft Plan before formal (Reg 14) consultation in July - see below.

The working draft was available on the TisPlan website for people to read and familiarise themselves with the plan's objectives and comment where necessary.



Figure 2 (above): TisPlan Community Feedback Day, The Nadder Centre, 6th May 2017

**Draft Plan available for comment by the local community**  
July 2017 (Reg 14 - 10th July - 8th September)

The TisPlan Pre-Submission Draft (Reg 14) is available for the local community consultation during the consultation period. This period has been extended to give sufficient time for people to comment, ensuring the consultation does not fall primarily in the Summer holiday period.

This version of the draft plan will then be revised based on the feedback received. It will formally be submitted to Wiltshire Council for a further consultation (Reg 16). later in the year, or early 2018.

After this, TisPlan will be reviewed by an Examiner before proceeding to local referendum on whether the plan should be formally adopted by Wiltshire Council as part of its Local Development Framework.