

Parish Structure

Working group, Chaired by Winston Huth-Wallis comprising 5 members, with the following scope:
To propose a structure for the parish to complement and influence the Local Authority Development Plan to ensure that the wishes of the parishioners come first.

Consultation undertaken: Information has been drawn from Parish meetings, a public exhibition, a questionnaire included in the Lydiards Magazine and discussions with NWDC Planning Department.

Key Issues arising: Of the questionnaires returned, by far the highest marks for the key issues identified were for the maintenance of the Rural Buffer Zone and retaining the existing boundary with Swindon. This was a resounding vote for preserving the countryside around our village and against any further encroachment by SBC. This message should be passed on, loud and clear, by the Parish Council to the elected Councillors and Officers of NWDC, WCC and SBC.

There was less call in the completed questionnaires for affordable starter homes and sheltered housing for the elderly or less-abled. Also comment on the apparent contradiction of the questionnaire calling for views on possible development sites whilst stressing the need to protect the Rural Buffer Zone was noted.

Results from questionnaire

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The following sites, described in the Parish Structure section of this document, have been identified as potential sites for development.

F = For, A =Against

Bailey's Field	F = 281 A = 158	Key Issues raised by the Community	Place in the top 24
Buryfield	F = 239 A = 197	Maintaining the existing Rural Buffer Zone	1
The Butts	F = 193 A = 306	Maintaining the existing boundary with Swindon	2
Lydiard House Farm	F = 215 A = 228	Affordable starter homes	14
Woolford's Field	F = 231 A = 220	Sheltered accommodation	18

The Working groups scope was “two fold”, firstly to propose a structure and secondly to influence the NWDC Development Plan. During the course of our research it became apparent that ‘Proposal of a Structure’ would not be acceptable to LMPC as it would infer by publication in a document such as this that the LMPC would be deemed to be supporting, or even preferring certain developments even before the due process of planning had commenced. Therefore, this first element of scope has not been progressed; only the findings of questionnaire and the key issues raised by the Parish have been encapsulated in the priority table for consideration by LMPC.

It must be stressed that all of these locations voted on within the questionnaire are subject to the wishes in the first place of the property owners. If they do not wish to see any development on their property then that is the end of the proposal and secondly should the property owners wish to proceed, then the normal Planning Procedures will apply.

However, for those developments outside the present “Settlement Framework” (or Village Building Line), then the support of LMPC would assist the NWDC in their deliberations.

Priority	Action	Partners	Timescale
1	LMPC should advise that Lydiard Millicent wishes to retain the existing Rural Buffer Zone.	NWDC, WCC, SBC Member of Parliament for North Wiltshire. (MP)	Immediate
2	LMPC should advise that Lydiard Millicent wishes to retain the existing boundary with Swindon Borough Council.	NWDC, WCC, SBC MP	Immediate
3	LMPC should ensure that all relevant parties when considering planning applications take into account the key issues raised by the Community	NWDC, WCC, SBC (if applicable) MP	On-going
4	LMPC should use its best endeavours with its governance partners to ensure that all planning applications approved reflect, enhance and contribute to the well-being of the Community	NWDC, WCC, SBC (if applicable)	On-going