# Meeting of the Westcott Village Forum at the Prince of Wales PH – together with other Westcott Organisations.
# Wednesday from 7.30pm 10th December 2025

## A summary of discussions held on WNDP / Village Forum matters

Tim Way, Chairman of the Village Forum and James Leaver confirmed that the draft Westcott Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) has been updated for feedback received from the recent local consultation and has been submitted to MVDC. MVDC will now host their consultation which is open for public comment until 5pm on Monday 2nd February 2026.

Full details of the MVDC consultation were included in the Village Update circulated by email on 8th December by the WVA on behalf of the Village Forum and are available in full in the NDP section of the WVA website.

The 'tracked changes' version of the NDP is also available on the WVA and MVDC websites showing the changes to the original draft as a result of the feedback referred to above from the local consultation.

Tim and James invited all Village Forum Members and all other Westcott Residents and interested parties to submit any further comments to MVDC.

Following the conclusion of the MVDC consultation, the Plan will be reviewed by an appointed Planning Inspector and, subject to agreement of the Authorities, be put forward to a referendum of eligible Electors at the May 2026 local elections.

James noted that funding for the Plan of circa £5k has been provided by the WVA given that Central Government withdrew their financial support just as our process started. However, he noted that additional funding will be required to enable a much needed Green Belt Review to take place led by paid expert consultants to confirm & support NDP objectives in this area. Proposals for this Green Belt Review and the required funding will be discussed in the near future by Tim Way, James Leaver, Jo Astor and Paul Goddard and then shared for discussion with the Village Forum for a decision to be made at a future meeting – probably in February 2026.

For the record, no motions were put to the Village Forum and no decisions were made.

Meeting attendees thanked Tim and James and Jo Astor – and all members of the Village Forum - for the significant time, effort and energy they have put in to progress the Plan to its current status.

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**Attendees: As noted on sign in sheet**

Residents: Bernd Ratzke, Colin Pilbeam, Richard & Judith Packer, Liz & Rob Potter, Helen Everett, Chris Dale, James Leaver, Jon Mears ,Tony Astor, Alda Andreotti, Colin Pilbeam, Geoff Muge, Fiona Lowe, Jemima Lowe, James Brodrick, Tim Way, Gill Todd, Deborah Lewis, Anna Kemkers, William Wright, Sally Croft, Timothy Armstrong, WVA Committee: Jo Astor, James Croft Paul Goddard.