Welford-on-Avon Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Event – Sunday, 6 April 2014

Your name ______ Your email address ______

Please either:

- complete this feedback form and put it in the box before leaving the Memorial Hall

OR

- return the completed feedback form to:

Vanessa Lowe Clerk to Welford on Avon Parish Council The Headland Headland Road Welford on Avon CV37 8ER

OR

- download the feedback form from welforward.org.uk, complete and return to Vanessa Lowe (as above) or to info@welforward.org.uk

OR

- email any feedback or comments to info@welforward.org.uk

Please return your feedback before Friday, 2 May.

Our Vision for Welford on Avon in 2031

In 2031, we will be a thriving inclusive community sustaining the village character and community across all age and demographics groupings. We aim to meet the identified needs of each and every significant group.

We will support this vision through:

Housing developments, providing an appropriate mix of up to 75 houses, will have been sympathetically integrated into the village environment such that the character of the village and the street setting has been maintained. Increased home working and dedicated small business units will support local employment to minimise commuting & improve environmental and economic sustainability.

Our local facilities will support a wide range of activities including small businesses through high quality sustainable infrastructure including village meeting places, indoor and outdoor sports facilities and high speed communications.

Existing issues with essential utilities will have been eliminated to underpin village growth. River and surface water flooding will have been controlled. Traffic will have been managed ensuring the village roads are safe for all residents. Public transport will have been improved.

Green Areas of Separation will maintain the separate identity of Welford on Avon and adjacent settlements. The rural nature of the parish will have been preserved and continue to feature open spaces, mature woodland with pleasant vistas set in a green environment. Our heritage assets will be maintained and protected.

Our Objectives for the period 2015 – 2031

We took our lead from the community in developing our vision and objectives whilst ensuring they are congruent with Stratford District Council (SDC) Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). We have distilled the Welford Neighbourhood Development Plan Objectives as:

- We will support housing development that achieves the ambition of the Core Strategy for 51-75 houses in the period to 2031 which are delivered in a sustainable manner consistent with the requirements of our rural village environment.
- We will actively encourage new and expanded local businesses and a flourishing home working economy.
- We will support parish organisations promoting the development of indoor and outdoor sporting and recreational facilities for all age groups.
- We will drive for the provision of adequate infrastructure to meet the needs of all new developments which impact on the parish in advance of their construction.
- We will protect and conserve all our Heritage Assets, including listed buildings, conservation areas, cherished views, sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs) and other specified sites.
- We will proactively manage our green environment, natural habitats and river amenities. Our built environment will reflect the rural character of the existing village whilst championing excellence of design in new development. We will work to alleviate all flood issues.

POLICIES

Environment

<u>ENV1</u> – We will seek designation of 'Local Green Space' sites for Cress Hill and the Glebe Lands plus the green corridors to access them.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

ENV2 – We will identify 'Green Areas of Separation' between Welford and other existing or future settlements.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>ENV3</u> - We will protect our village greens, verges and the environs of Heritage Assets.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>ENV4</u> - We will champion high quality built and landscape design through the village, encourage preservation of the existing mature tree population and the planting of new trees.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

ENV5 - We will protect natural habitats throughout the parish and oppose development which adversely impact on them.

<u>ENV6</u> - We will oppose all new residential development within the flood plain, as designated by the 1 in 100 year flood map, which are not either demonstrably neutral or beneficial to the capacity of the flood plain.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

Heritage

HER1 - We will only support developments within the Conservation Area which enhance or protect it.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>HER2</u> - We will protect the key views across the village of Welford from significant vantage points around the parish. We will protect key street settings and views within the village settlement, especially those outside the conservation area or not protected by Listed Building Status.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>HER3</u> - We will preserve the "Soft Edges" of the Village on its boundaries with open countryside and encourage the use of natural hedging and fencing throughout the parish.

Infrastructure

<u>INF1</u> - We will designate areas of the parish to seek specific Dark Sky area approval and seek to minimise light pollution across the entire parish.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>INF2</u>. We will resist any development that would adversely impact or degrade the core infrastructure services delivered to existing/neighbouring properties at any time.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>INF3</u> - We will encourage development incorporating comprehensive green energy utilisation into its design.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>INF4</u> - We will encourage the delivery of high speed communications (wired and wireless) across the parish.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>INF5</u> - We will encourage investigation of the optimal approach to traffic management, speed control and parking restrictions / provisions.

<u>INF6</u> - We will support and encourage the provision of bus services through Welford which connect with the main towns of Evesham and Stratford-upon-Avon.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>INF7</u> - We will encourage weight restrictions on Binton Bridges to be enforced and the provision for safer pedestrian access across the bridge.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>INF8</u> – Gypsy pitches will be resisted where they are not on currently occupied brownfield sites which are fully served by all core infrastructure services.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>INF9</u> - In the event the Honeybourne-Long Marston-Stratford railway was restored we would support the development.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

Sports, Leisure and Recreation

<u>SLR1</u> – New and existing developments to parish sports and recreational facilities will be integrated to meet the needs of all age groups including School children.

<u>SLR2</u> - Support will be given to local organisations that provide a wide range of cultural and special interest activities for the well-being of residents and promotion of community spirit.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>SLR3</u> - We will preserve and maintain the provision of allotments at Headland Road or a suitable alternative site within the parish.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>SLR4</u> - We will protect, maintain and encourage the use of the extensive network of public footpaths, cycle ways and picnic areas around the parish.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

Economic Development

<u>ED1</u> – We will support the Conversion of a 'Use Class A' property into the same or another use in the same Class.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>ED2</u> - In the event that a public house in the village closes permanently, we will support a strategy to identify and implement an alternate use as a community facility.

ED3 – We will support new shops to open in Welford, particularly farm shops selling local produce.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>ED4</u> - We will encourage the development of new small businesses.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>ED5</u> - We will encourage the Conversion of existing buildings across the parish, including buildings currently used for agriculture, to business use.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>ED6</u> - We will encourage the inclusion of live/work units within new housing developments proposed that are both within the village boundary and for 10 or more dwellings, provided there is no adverse impact on the character and amenity of nearby residential areas.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>ED7</u> - The small scale expansion of existing businesses across the parish that will provide additional employment will be encouraged, provided there is no adverse impact on the character and amenity of nearby residential areas.

Housing & Land Use

<u>HLU1</u> - All new development will be phased (congruent with SDC plans) with a maximum of 10% growth in the village housing stock in any five year period to ensure development is fully sustainable and supported by the infrastructure in place at the completion of the development.

<u>HLU5</u> – Windfall developments should be small scale sites, not greater than 2% of the existing housing stock and be 'pepper potted' throughout the village.

<u>HLU6</u> - We will resist development of gardens, back land, tandem and 1 for 1 replacement of existing properties that are detrimental to the character and amenity of their neighbourhood.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>HLU7</u> - Development will be supported which is reflective of the density of the adjacent properties.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>HLU8</u> - Developments which require primary school age children to be educated outside the village would not be supported.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>HLU9</u> - Developments will aim for a sensitive transition from agricultural to residential land use at the village boundary.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>HLU10</u> - We will strongly resist development that exceeds three stories in height. We will only support development above two stories which has no adverse impact on the character and amenity of the nearby residential area.

<u>HLU11</u> - Proposals to amend permission for holiday caravan sites to allow permanent residency will be strongly resisted and any new holiday caravan sites will be resisted.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

HLU12 - Development of a warden assisted group of bungalows for elderly residents will be strongly supported.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

HLU13 - Development will be supported where it adopts Building for Life 12 principles and the Lifetime Homes Standard.

Agree/Disagree &/or Comment:.....

<u>HLU14</u> – Location of pitches for Gypsy occupation will only be supported on brownfield locations which are not adjacent to any existing residential dwellings and currently trading business premises.