

Subject	RE: Christian Malford Neighbourhood Plan - Questions of Clarification from the Examiner
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Andrew

On behalf of Wiltshire Council I would like to inform you that we have considered the procedural issues which have arisen with regard to the Policy CP3 New Village Hall. The matter has also been discussed with the Parish Council.

The Parish Council in their response to your clarification question as to whether the new Village Hall can be delivered within the plan period responded by saying that the option isn't feasible because funding for the redevelopment is not available. This suggests that the current policy cannot be delivered within the plan period.

Although one option would be to withdraw the plan and resubmit at a later date to enable further work and amendments to be made in relation to Policy CP3 (Option 1), this is not the preferred option for either Wiltshire Council or the Parish Council. A lot of time and work has gone into the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan and the Parish are keen for the process to be completed. Wiltshire Council is also responsible for the examination arrangements and there would be additional costs if the examination process had to be stopped and restarted at a later date.

It is not considered appropriate for the examination to continue on the basis of the submitted Plan as written (Option 2). Wiltshire Council would like to suggest that the examination continues, but that you consider recommending changes to Policy CP3. There is a lot of support within the Parish for a new village hall. The issue of how it can be delivered, whether this should include supporting housing development and the location of the new village hall does require investigation and consultation either as part of a planning application or through a review of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Therefore Wiltshire Council suggests that rather than recommending the policy is deleted (Option 2a) or that the policy is amended to make reference to supported housing (Option 2b), the preferred solution would be to recommend the policy becomes more general rather than site specific and to support a package of proposals that result in a new/extended village hall (Option 2c).

Regards
Louise