



**WORKING TOGETHER TO SECURE A POSITIVE
FUTURE FOR FINCHAMPSTEAD**

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DRAFT PLAN OUT FOR CONSULTATION:

The great news is that the project team has created a draft Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan 2018-2036 (FNDP), which has been approved by Finchampstead Parish Council, which will be put out for a **six-week period of consultation** 1st February to 19th March 2021. This is the first major milestone in the process of getting the plan adopted by Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) to influence development in the parish in years ahead. It is also a significant achievement given the difficulties presented by Covid 19 restrictions.

The FNDP in its full form will be available on-line through the following link:

<http://www.finchampsteadfuture.com/>. A summary version of it is being delivered to each home in the parish (over 5,000) during February and local people will be invited to give us feedback on the development policies that we are proposing to help us deliver our vision “to embrace the need for change to meet the needs of a growing population whilst protecting those important things that have attracted generations of people to choose Finchampstead as a place to live and raise their families”.

HELP US WITH YOUR FEEDBACK:

Part of getting the FNDP through the approval process is evidencing that the plan accurately reflects the needs of the area and the views of local people. We have to ensure that we consult with local people, organisations, businesses, landowners, etc. about our analysis and policy proposals and are seen to be listening and responding.

During October we went out and set up displays in ten outdoor locations in the parish and engaged locals in advance of our first period of formal consultation on the plan.

We would like local people and organisations to read and comment on the draft plan. We will be making this possible through the following means:



Complete an online survey at:
www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FinchFutureFeedback



Email us at:
ndp@finchampstead-pc.gov.uk



Write to us at:
**FNDP, c/o Finchampstead Parish Council, FBC Centre,
Gorse Ride N, Finchampstead, RG40 4ES**

The SurveyMonkey on-line survey has been designed to enable people to comment on each of the proposed policies in the plan in a user-friendly way. We recommend that people read the summary document and/or the full plan and then use SurveyMonkey to send us their views.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- The six-week statutory consultation period will end on 19/03/21.
- All of the feedback given will be recorded and evaluated conscientiously by our project team.
- Changes and emendations to the FNDP will be considered in light of representations.
- A report analysing the feedback will be produced and published on our website.
- Revised FNDP will be submitted with accompanying documents to WBC who will organise the appointment of the Independent Examiner (IE).
- WBC will check that proper process has been followed, consultation undertaken and for compliance and conformity with planning frameworks.
- WBC will arrange and publicise a second six-week statutory consultation on the revised FNDP 'before examination'.
- WBC will decide when to send the FNDP to the IE who will examine it for regard to national policy, that it contributes to the achievement of sustainable development, and for conformity strategic WBC policies.
- IE will consider representations about the plan.
- IE issues report and decides if the plan can proceed to a referendum. Approval may be conditional on modifications being made.
- WBC will decide when FNDP can proceed to referendum and will organise this.
- Plan needs approval by 51% of those voting in the local referendum. The earliest this is likely to take place is towards the end of 2021.
- If voted for, plan will then be received at a Full Council Meeting of WBC and 'formally made', which means that it gains statutory status and is taken into account when planning decisions are determined alongside WBC's Local Plan.

