

CLP HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TEAM

1. Our principal objective is that proposals for housing development in the Astons sympathetically accord with the wishes of the villagers as expressed in the Community Led Plan.

Conservation Area Management Plan & Character Appraisal

2. Led by Susanna Brunskill, we have started to update the maps used by SODC and the PC. Accurate mapping is essential for good planning and the maps currently used, dating from 2005, do not show new houses and many extension. Unfortunately, we can only go so far without the Ordnance Survey updating the map of the village. We hope the PC will urge the OS to overfly the Astons for a new and more accurate map. Susanna's presentation to the PC of what we've done so far was welcomed.

Policy framework

3. Led by John Short, we have reviewed SODC's draft Local Plan 2033 to highlight items of particular relevance to the Astons. John's presentation to the PC was well received. The report should help councillors read the SODC Local Plan with more insight.

Planning Constraints within the Astons

4. Anna Dillon has led this project to map the two villages to show where development might be constrained. She has focused on trees, water and drainage, heritage, and the environment. She expects to present her work to the PC in February.

Oxford-Milton Keynes-Cambridge Expressway

5. One of the three routes being considered for this new road would go near the Astons as it loops south of Oxford and joins the A34 near the Milton or Chilton junctions. We are pleased the PC has joined the Expressway Action Group to keep well informed. This large scale project with attendant rail link between Oxford and Cambridge and a great many new homes along the pathway is barely mentioned in SODC's Local Plan 2033.
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