

Lydiard Millicent Neighbourhood Steering Group Meeting 18th February 2026

Present: Mel Allsop (LMPC), Paul Kohn (Vice-Chairman), Ian Hill, Sarah Hill-Wheeler (LMPC), Sherilyn Aitken, Mark Claydon-Smith, Julian Wright

Apologies: Pat Cole (Chairman), Tom Rasmussen, Giles Francke, Colin Mills, Julie Mills

The minutes from the meeting on January 14th 2026 were agreed

The steering group had received an email from a resident who noted that his property had been put forward under non-designated heritage assets as part of the consultation in October. He wished to have his concerns registered. This was noted.

MLP had sent over a document on 11th February reviewing the current Local Gap. The document proposed extending the current gap (policy LM3 in current plan). The steering group agreed with the proposal. It was also noted that the local gap policy currently only covers an area between Swindon and Lydiard Millicent village. Areas such as Stone Lane and north of Lydiard Green should also be considered.

MLP produced a Monitoring and Review report in November 2024 which assessed the existing policies within the current Neighbourhood Plan. As a result of this additional policies were recommended. The steering group agreed that these policies should be included in the new Neighbourhood Plan.

- Climate Change / Biodiversity: This will help ensure development meets net zero carbon standards through a variety of sources.
- Green and Blue Infrastructure: This will help to promote ecological connectivity, outdoor recreation, and sustainable movement through the parish and neighbouring parishes to help mitigate climate change.
- Flood Risk: This will help with managing flood risk, applying local knowledge which is not necessarily identified by higher level flood data. A policy can seek improvements and identify flood-risks by mapping specific areas.

MLP had also asked the group to consider the importance of gap/views between Lydiard Millicent and Lydiard Park. The steering group agreed that these are important but were unsure what information is needed by MLP.

Key Views – It was agreed that the document created by the subcommittee dated 9th February will be sent to MLP for consideration. There are 22 views proposed in total but the group agreed that all should be considered as they cover all areas of the parish.

Non-Designated Heritage Assets – It was agreed that the documents created by the subcommittee and updated on 10th February will be sent to MLP for consideration. Proposed assets were scored 0-5 against the criteria supplied by MLP. Of the 24 potential assets from the first assessment, 9 scored 18 or more points and these will be put forward to the next stage.

Local Green Spaces – It was agreed that the LGS proposed by the subcommittee in the document dated 12th February will be sent to MLP for consideration.

Cycle routes were discussed. Swindon and Wiltshire Council have initiatives for cycle routes. Can something be built into our plan to support this? Consideration for the route from Swindon to Purton which would go through Lydiard Millicent parish.

Actions from January meeting:

MLP	Topic paper on site selection process - COMPLETE
MLP	List of questions for next stage of site selection process - COMPLETE
MLP	Non-designated heritage assets topic paper - COMPLETE
MLP	Extension to local gap suggestion - COMPLETE
MLP	Recommendations on additional policies - COMPLETE
MLP	Updated project plan with list of outstanding steps
All	Consider importance of the gap/views between Lydiard Millicent and Lydiard Park. Discussion at February meeting.
Mel	Confirm with MLP what group need to consider as input to any policies.

Next meeting – 17th March 2026 – 7pm JCH

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