

Lydiard Millicent Neighbourhood Steering Group Meeting 17th March 2026

Present: Mel Allsop (LMPC), Paul Kohn (Vice-Chairman), Ian Hill, Sherilyn Aitken, Mark Claydon-Smith, Julian Wright, Aaron Smith (MLP), Henrietta Cole (MLP)

Apologies: Pat Cole (Chairman), Tom Rasmussen, Giles Francke, Colin Mills, Julie Mills, Sarah Hill-Wheeler (LMPC)

The minutes from the meeting on February 18th 2026 were agreed

MLP talked about how they perceive news of the Wiltshire Council Local Plan not being acceptable to the inspectors will impact on planning in Wiltshire and NDPs. Mel Allsop had attended the WC Town and Parish Council Planning Forum on 10th March. Slides and Q&As from that meeting will be sent to steering group once received.

It was agreed that the Chairman of LMPC would be asked to write a forward for the NDP. Thanks to the original steering group for the current NDP to be included. Steering group aware that Mike Sharp and Pat Cole were among the original team.

Prior to the meeting, MLP provided a Word document of the NDP with tracked changes. They also sent a draft list of new policies and the proposed amendments to the Local Gap policy.

MLP had also sent feedback on documents for Key Views, Non-Designated Heritage Assets and Local Green Spaces which had been updated by the steering group. The feedback was discussed at the meeting.

The Local Gap was discussed. MLP said that the gap is to stop coalescence between LM and Swindon. There was a desire from the steering group to extend the gap to include Stone Lane and Purton. MLP said that this would be very difficult and that the policy should remain as agreed at the February meeting.

Response to the appeal on 39a Stone Lane may affect decisions on site requirements.

MLP are hoping to send draft NDP to Wiltshire Council by the end of April.

Actions from January meeting:

MLP	Updated project plan with list of outstanding steps
MLP	Send example of Steeple Ashton blue/green routes
All	Include text about Lydiard Park in draft NDP

Next meeting – tbc

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