

Please complete Part A in full, in order for your representation to be taken into account at the Neighbourhood Plan examination.

Please complete Part B overleaf, identifying which paragraph your comment relates to by completing the appropriate box. Please repeat this section for subsequent comments relating to other sections of the plan.

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To which part of the document does your representation relate?

Paragraph Number 2.9 P10	Policy Reference: 2.0	Background
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Do you support, oppose, or wish to comment on this paragraph? (Please tick one answer)

Support ☐ Support with modifications ☐ Oppose ☐ Have Comments ☒

Please give details of your reasons for support/opposition, or make other comments here:

"good range of services" is not objective enough. Viability of the Village store and Post Office depends on the support ~~viability~~ the 'Tavern' pub appears to have had a chequerered past. The Wild Duck at Ewen has been a 'derelict' wreck for the past two years.

(Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

What improvements or modifications would you suggest?

There is a 'Community mix' which determines the quality and type of service for the services highlighted. NB. The Church is not a 'service' and it is one religion alone.

This is an important paragraph which requires expanding. (Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Please make sure any additional pages are clearly labelled/ addressed or attached.

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Paragraph Number 2.16	Policy Reference: 2.0	
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Do you support, oppose, or wish to comment on this paragraph? (Please tick one answer)

Support ☐ Support with modifications ☐ Oppose ☐ Have Comments ☒ Important

Please give details of your reasons for support/opposition, or make other comments here:

The Kemble Conservation Area includes part of West Lane. This highway is being compromised by private vehicles using it as a 'rat run' off and on to the A429 as well as an intensification by the Baiturst Estate using slurry tankers from dawn to dusk (see introduction)

(Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

What improvements or modifications would you suggest?

In addition the Sun Hill Horse Stud attracts large size horse transporters from both home and abroad. Allbeit an excellent facility and business.

Part B

To which part of the document does your representation relate?

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Paragraph Number 3.11		Policy Reference: Vision.	
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Support ☐ Support with modifications ☐ Oppose ☒ Have Comments ☐

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My view is that the proposed vision needs another look at. It is difficult to produce a vision for two different settlements.

(Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

What improvements or modifications would you suggest?

Produce some options which encompass Kemble and Ewen separately hitting the right notes!

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Paragraph Number KE1.		Policy Reference: Objective 1	
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Support ☐ Support with modifications ☐ Oppose ☐ Have Comments ☒

Please give details of your reasons for support/opposition, or make other comments here:

The use of the word 'protection' needs changing in the case of the Tavern and Wild Duck public house facilities.  
The whole Policy KE1 needs to be Readdressed.

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What improvements or modifications would you suggest?

To which part of the document does your representation relate?

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Paragraph Number KER		Policy Reference: 5.27	Cotswold Airport
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Support ☐ Support with modifications ☐ Oppose ☒ Have Comments ☒

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Not sure what 5.27 means.

The Airfield are looking to generate additional business from their rebuilt Cafeteria/Restaurant once they have recovered from the national pandemic situation.

(Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

What improvements or modifications would you suggest?

The main problem from a flying point of view focuses on helicopter noise.

There needs to be a more integrated approach between the Airfield and the local community.

5.27 Needs radically rewriting.

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## Key Issues

I am disappointed that several key issues have not been addressed.

### A) West Lane – Conservation area under pressure.

For a start the various users of part of West Lane bear no relation to its Conservation Area status. The intensification of the Bathurst farming operation has seen large "slurry tankers" going from Smerrill Dairy to various parts of the farm operation via the tarmacked track which also has a footpath designation. This operation can operate over a number of consecutive days and more often starts early and finishes late evening. The environmental effects and risk to heritage buildings should not be underestimated. This operation also includes various sophisticated agricultural implements which would normally have been based in the original Top Farm buildings. Now the operation appears to start from the Tarlton base. The continuing private traffic using West Lane as a convenient detour and the Equine transporters would suggest that this part of West Lane should either receive attention from the authorities or its conservation status should be withdrawn which would be a difficult decision.

### B) Thames Tourist Potential.

I am also surprised at the absence of any mention of the Tourism potential of the village and surrounding area focusing on the "infant" Thames. There appears to be no current strategy which encourages bed and breakfast facilities, proper signposting from the Railway Station and an interpretation facility in say the Village Shop, which is an idea used in national parks elsewhere in this country. The two "rough" laybys on the A429 could be dressed up properly and the information more effectively presented. There is also a stopping off point on the Ewen Road at Parkers Bridge which attracts vehicles on the verge.

### C) Sports and Leisure facilities

There is mention of Kemble School warranting some input in the draft plan. This probably represents the most important opportunity for the community to secure a base for new sports and leisure facilities which can be operated on a joint use basis. Sport England should be interested as the author has been personally involved in a number of schemes of this type. The Head and Governors have not been contacted at this stage.

It would be more prudent if the Neighbourhood Plan suggested that a simple plan/research could be addressed which could look at a geographical solution to leisure opportunities for the settlements on both sides of the A429 and best they can be provided although at this time public finances are going to under great pressure.

### D) Public Rights of Way.

Kemble Farms had a much heralded approach to developing and advertising permissive footpaths. This approach seems to have been changed under the new owners of the Estate and needs to be looked at by the local Ramblers Group.

Conclusion – Kemble is probably a unique parish/village in this country in that it has an operating airfield and major rail head on its boundaries, a massive intensified agricultural business in its midst with 1200 cattle under cover permanently. Separated in two by a major trunk road – the A429 achieving a unified and coherent development strategy is a real challenge.

There was a very useful Parish Plan exercise not so long ago parts of which could be applied to this draft development plan. Why has it not been mentioned? (See extract attached)

## Extract from the Parish Council Survey

Thank you to all who attended the launch event on the 8th May. A large number of thoughtful comments and ideas were raised, which are summarised here. If you have any further ideas/comments please let us know by putting a suggestion in one of the suggestion boxes placed around the Parish (Shop, School, Church and Railway Station) before 23rd June.

### **Sports, recreation, clubs and societies**

A number of people requested tennis courts/club, cricket nets/club, and improved football facilities (& competitions). Other ideas included a croquet pitch, athletics track/competitions, and sports clubs for both adults and children. A rural cinema in the Village Hall was strongly supported, and requests for new clubs included: History Society, Reading Group, Conservation/wildlife club, Walking Club, Cubs, and organised coach trips to London (for theatre/shows etc).

### **Environment, Heritage, Housing and Development**

Concerns were expressed over increasing vandalism (particularly at the Play area and Station), litter, flytipping, the burning of plastic waste, and the urbanisation of the Parish. Requests were made for more trees around the Parish, allotments, a wildlife area to replace that lost at Station Road, and for the old village/conservation area to be protected/respected. Comments were made about the potential impact of the Severn/Thames canal re-opening. Views on the Airfield were both positive and negative, but a number of concerns were raised over the current volume of larger/noisy planes & jets, including the impact of this on animals and the noise levels.

Mixed views were expressed on Housing and Development. A number want no further houses built and are concerned about the impact of further development on the character of the village. On the other hand there were requests for more affordable housing, for a care home/sheltered housing for the elderly, and a considered plan of where houses should/could be built with a suitable mix of size/cost. Concern was raised that without new housing the school could be closed.

### **Roads, Transport, Footpaths and Cycle tracks**

A significant number of people requested a footpath/pavement between Kemble and Ewen, and more footpaths, bridle paths and cycle tracks around the parish. Other ideas for footpaths included: paths to the pubs, footpath along A429 from Kemble to the river, use of the old railway tracks for walks, revival of the *beating the bounds* walk, promoting the quiet lanes initiative, and better sign-posting of the Thames path and way to the source of the Thames. Traffic speed throughout the Parish was a significant concern, many asked for 20mph speed limits in areas such as Windmill Road, School Road and Ewen. Consultation on speed limits and possible speed controls (such as speed humps) was requested. Other suggestions included a bridge over the A429, passing places between Smerrill and Ewen, and enforcing weight restrictions through Ewen.

Requests were made for: more buses, particularly a night bus from Cirencester to Kemble; a community bus; and a bus shelter in Windmill Road. It was noted that the new bus 55 timetable reduces the level of service.

### **Village Hall**

Views were mixed on the need for a new Village Hall vs refurbishment of the existing hall, and on the possible location of a new Hall at Clayfurlong playing fields, with some supporting this and some against. Ideas for facilities in a new Hall included: Badminton, table tennis, youth clubs, rural cine-



## **Youth and teens**

There was very strong demand for more recreational facilities for teenagers, including a youth club and sports clubs/facilities. Many people strongly supported the work of *Kemble at Play*, and wanted this to continue. Ideas for activities for youth and teens included: Organic Garden plot, bell-ringing, drama club, badminton, tennis, cycle track, skate ramps, summer club, and a special bus to take youth to the leisure centre or elsewhere in Cirencester. A number of concerns were raised over traffic/parking around the school and vandalism at the school.

## **Community Services**

Many requested additional recycling facilities in the Parish, especially cardboard and plastics, but some thought that this should be in Cirencester. The Village Shop and Post Office was strongly supported and applauded, and a number requested no further shops. Ideas for additional services included fresh bread/croissants, more local & organic produce, a cafe/place for kids after school (e.g. in the Village Hall), and a voluntary rota to help the elderly. A number of people suggested that the Station should be integrated more with the Village, using the cafe and garden, and promoting it as a tourist attraction. However concern was raised about litter, poor security, and parking.

More visible policing of the Parish was strongly requested, particularly around the Station and Play Area. The Neighbourhood Watch needs rejuvenation and was supported. A Village Orderly was suggested to patrol the Parish.

If you have any questions on this, or would like to be involved in the Parish Plan in any way (eg helping to deliver or collect questionnaires) please let me or any of the Parish Plan Working Group know. Jenny Courts . Parish Plan Working Group: Mark Bainbridge, Tom Barrow, Christian Brann, Tricia Desmond, Adam Fletcher, Toby De Haan, Laura Hetherington, Nicola Walton