

Update on Northfield Town and Village Green Application, April 2022

- The six-week consultation period for the TVG application for Northfield ended on 15 February 2022 (after a request from the new owners for an extension from 31 December 2021 was agreed by Wiltshire Council).
- On 4 March the Parish Council received all the representations made to Wiltshire Council made during the consultation period. These were:
 - *70 statements in support of the application*
 - *1 objection from a Winsley resident*
 - *A 'Statement of Objections' from BK Land and Estates Ltd (BKLE) prepared by Rowena Meagers of No 5 Chambers.*
- The Statement of Objections sets out three grounds for objections:
 - *The Application is not duly made as it does not adequately identify the locality or neighbourhood within a locality that is relied upon.*
 - *User not 'as of right'.*
 - *Evidence inadequate to satisfy statutory test.*
- The deadline for responding to the objections is 18 April 2022.
- Winsley PC is preparing a response and has taken advice from:
 - *The Open Spaces Society*
 - *Ashfords Solicitors*
 - *Informal advice from residents with knowledge or experience in this area*
- In light of this advice, it is proposed that the Parish Council prepares a full response to the points raised. A proposed final version will be circulated to all councillors before submission to Wiltshire Council.
- It is considered likely that a Public Inquiry will be held to consider and decide the application.