	Appendix G Vision and Objectives Consultation Responses 25 May 2017	
Vision	Main Issues and Comments Raised	Action
Comments		Neve detailed overlagetion
 Vital All good Good idea, pity we didn't keep the green space in the middle of the village! Must stay a small village with the character the people love More investment in local school. The school is not growing / expanding fast enough for the village. Agree wholeheartedly Access to all of Appleton and Eaton should be allowed. This should include field margins Mixed scale housing. Hang on to the pub (combine pub and 	General support received for the Vision with recommendations to incorporate reference to small units to benefit both young people and the elderly.	 More detailed explanation inserted into the draft Neighbourhood Plan about the protection afforded (and the restrictions placed on development) by the Green Belt and the place of Appleton and Eaton in the VoWHDC Settlement Hierarchy. Vision redrafted to make it more direct and clear.

 shop). New pedestrian bridge across the river. Footpath on Oaksmere to A420. Bury electrical/ phone cables / fibre optic. Continue as we are. Where can we put a village green? Very good vision, should mention young people a bit more – affordable housing for example. The design should also preserve, enhance and manage open spaces. This is all good, and what do younger people want? Keep the rural feel of the community. Difficult to disagree with any of this – nothing must be done which prejudices the sense of community How do we encourage 	
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Green spaces		
 A must for air quality The best kept village competition is often used as a springboard for a 'village pride' pushperhaps we need to make more of our individual little bits of the village?! Views need to be created – lower hedging (machine cutting is at 2m), better maintenance of paths and verges I agree with the aim and objectives of green spaces Need to have common vocabulary e.g. preserve/protect Conflict of language – need to preserve spaces and develop housing Try to protect the openness of the village i.e. on Eaton straight Important to protect green spaces. Also, mature trees. Separation of parishes (not merging into a suburb) The village needs an area that can be used as a carpark Protection of green spaces is an absolute priority 	 Strong support expressed for the direction of the Green Spaces Objective and draft Policy. Suggestions made about ways in which the Objective and draft Policy could be strengthened and more positive in nature. 	 Objective and draft Policy on Green Spaces amended to reflect the views expressed.

 Garden of the Plough is a very important green space to be preserved If there is development along Eaton road, the Corallian Ridge views would be gone. Yes, agree with these views. Also preserve woodland, mature trees, hedges. Agree. Preserve – would prefer, protect, enhance, manage. There is a lack of country tidiness i.e. hedges/verges/ditches/woodland. Protect it – one of the most important aspects of our village Encourage private green space – avoid hard-surfacing front drives etc. All green spaces must be saved for future generations Protect wildlife habitats – and security (e.g. avoiding pesticides) 		
Design comments		
 Houses for young families please! 	 General support expressed for the Objectives and draft Policy. 	 Objectives amended to reflect the strength of feeling expressed about the value of and the need

- The unique character of the village is something everyone loves about Appleton/Eaton.
- It would be good if a number of ½ bed bungalows could be built to enable present elderly residents to purchase and sell present house to incoming families.
- Without spoiling the character and special qualities of our village there is an urgent need for a small development of affordable (rent/purchase) in order to maintain a real community. Also, a small number of small bungalows for older residents.
- We are a special rural village not to be lost I agree
- Affordable housing please
- I love this plan
- I think we worry too much about the green belt. It is meant for the benefit of town dwellers not village people who have the countryside in any direction
- Small houses please
- Density and scale are good should we add 'style' or similar
- Need to encourage the development of small houses –

- Comments also reflected the strength of community views on the importance of the character and special qualities of Appleton with Eaton.
- Comments received on the importance of the rural context of Appleton and Eaton.
- Comments received on the desirability of small scale infill development to benefit the young and the elderly.

to preserve the existing character of Appleton with Eaton.

- New Objective added referring to the importance of preserving the rural character of Appleton with Eaton.
- Design Policy amended to Design, Character and Context Policy.
- More detailed explanation inserted into the draft Neighbourhood Plan about the protection afforded (and the restrictions placed on development) by the Green Belt and the place of Appleton and Eaton in the VoWHDC Settlement Hierarchy.

	preferably eco homes of modern	
	design	
•	Should we be thinking about infill	
	affordable housing for elderly and	
	young people/ couples	
•	Density – should take into	
	consideration affordability and	
	design so we can attract younger	
	people	
•	Should encourage eco and green	
	approaches to housing	
•	Small development of bungalows	
	for elderly would be good for	
	release of housing currently	
	occupied (e.g. 3 bedroom homes)	
	by single occupant who wants to	
	stay in the village but nowhere	
	affordable to move to!	
•	Places for people to live to remain	
	in village. Eco friendly	
•	Houses for young people. House	
	to fit lifestyle of	
	retireescommunity living –	
	single, elderly wanting to live in	
	the village and release that big	
	house to bigger families.	
	Bungalows are converted to big	
	houses. We could have flats in	
	community setting for retirees, 1-	
	2 bedrooms. For people who are	
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 connected to village and want to downsize. No! Encourage diversity of housing – big, small; traditional/modern Public houses 		
 comments I love the whole concept Shop in pub? Yay If nobody uses the pub, why keep them? Reply: Pubs work with good management, go to Eaton You can't rely on sympathy custom to keep the pub (or shop) open. It has to be a decent pub to be sustainable. Plough needs more support – vital that these are maintained The pub is essential but needs a warmer welcome and a make over Eaton pub – lovely, doing well, super food, warm welcome. This is what we need. Tommy is doing a great job with the Thai food at the 8 Bells. Its imaginative moves like this that will bring punters. 	 Strong support expressed for the public houses and their importance as vital community assets. 	 Objectives and draft Policy amended to reflect the importance of The Plough Inn and the Eight Bells as valuable community assets. Original 2 Objectives merged to remove duplication. The tone of the new Objective and draft Policy amended to be more positive and supportive rather than restrictive.

٠	Pubs are essential but must be	
	used – quality of food and service	
	must be first class	
٠	If we get a chance for a	
	community pub we should have	
	one! Reply: hear, hear	
•	How do we encourage more	
	people to use the pub?	
•	To keep the pub, we have to use	
	it. Reply: to use the put you have	
	to want to go there!	
•	It will only survive with footfall	
•	Consider seriously buying the	
	Plough and run as a community	
	pub. Lots of scope for	
	improvement and should flourish	
	in the village	
٠	This must stay as a pub	
•	The Plough needs to retain its	
	garden to be a viable business	
٠	Shop in the Plough – bar in the	
	evening	
٠	This is a must. No pub means no	
	heart of village	
٠	Encourage pub to create a better	
	old peoples lunch club! Cumnor	
	has a monthly one in the village	
	hall – not subsidised but	
	somewhere for the elderly or	
	single people to go to more than	

one lunchtime a month – with		
less modern fancy pub food.		
Village facilities		
comments		
 I heartily endorse the future idea of maintaining the protection of the village facilities such as a shop, pubs, and community enterprises All existing facilities are essential. Shop and pub are focal points We need a reading/archive room. Could we plan ahead for using the chapel school room sometime in the future I agree with the objective of the village community Sort out admission of local children to their school. Campaign to change the law Keep the Plough Move sports field closer to the village – bring it into the community I agree – all facilities are important. Especially the shop Is it possible for people who live and work in the village to have priority in the school? Maintain all facilities! 	 Strong support expressed for the value of various Village Facilities along with the Objectives and draft Policy. Strong views expressed on the importance of the village shop 	 2 Objectives merged and simplified to express support for existing Village Facilities and the importance of their preservation for the future. Policy to protect and enhance Appleton Community Shop and Post Office added.

 Protect doctor's surgery Very important aims and objectives. Very important to have enough young people and families to keep the school going Village shops critical. Use of existing assets e.g. playground tennis club, sports field, village hall. Increase village hall capacity. I agree with the aims and objectives of the village community Wonderful facilities that are vital to the village Agree – add Jubilee playground I agree Protect existing facilities to ensure the future for us all Very important, the shop and the pub Shop, pub and bringing back a bus service (couple times a day) 		
Business employment		
Comments		
 Any new small businesses are to be encouraged More working from home – 	 Strong support expressed for the development of appropriate business and employment 	 2 Objectives merged to clarify policy and avoid duplication.
networking group to encourage good practice. Need to use school	opportunities.	 Policy amended to be more positive and less restrictive.

more for community groups/events

- The adverts for local business in the advertiser have reduced significantly. Would a quarterly list of businesses kept inside the village shop be helpful for people to refer to more easily?
- This is very important but needs to be sympathetic
- I agree that businesses should have the opportunity to operate and develop
- Must be in keeping with the village and its character
- How about encouraging connections / collaboration between businesses?
- Businesses should be encouraged but not at the cost of affordable houses. Young people make a villages future not businesses
- A register of all businesses who are willing to be contacted would be useful
- Ensure and maintain good communications.
 Post/www/roads/telephone/etc.

Access		
comments		
 Free access to the river via Lock Road – would be wonderful Desperately need a footpath to A420 bus route. Need to protect access to existing paths Access to the lock one way or another Footpath to A420 must come before anything else Public access has been eroded, needs to be re-established. E.g. path between Badswell Lane and Southby Close, Englands Lane to woods footpath; local road Create a footpath up Oaksmere to the A420. It is only time until an accident happens Yes, please No unsuitable land use near public land Could we propose a bridge at Appleton landing in the plan? Reply; good idea Before there is a serious accident we desperately need a pavement down Oaksmere Oaksmere has become a dangerous road for pedestrians 	 Strong support expressed for the existing Objective. Several suggestions made about the need for new access routes particularly for access to public transport and to the Thames. 	New Policy added on Community Projects.

and cyclists. A footpath and cycle	
lane are needed before someone	
gets killed. Reply: Yes please	
 A footpath down Oaksmere if at 	
all possible	
 I entirely support this vision of 	
access and countryside	
 We need a footpath to the A420 	
bus stop and one on the Thames	
towpath (in Appleton)	
Oaksmere simply must be	
improved; at present, it is	
extremely dangerous to	
pedestrians, cyclists and	
motorists. We are troubled by	
heavy trucks	
 Urgently need footpath up to 	
A420 bus as very dangerous for	
walkers and cars alike	
 Oaksmere footpath is important, 	
but so is a bus service	
 Existing footpath from Appleton 	
to Eaton needs to be clearly	
marked	
 Rural setting and character; 	
without a safe pedestrian access	
to and from the A420, with	
regular bus service, Appleton is	
completely reliant on the car. In	
order to open up access for young	

 mums with pushchairs, teenagers, old people etc., in order to help outside people, visit – members of our community need better/safe footpaths / footfall to and from the village or it will stay a 'locked in' village generating more problems It is a great shame that to get to a scheduled bus you now have to walk along such dangerous roads. From Eaton, we have to walk to the far side of Cumnor and footpaths don't help much! One of the best things about living here is being able to get out into the countryside I agree but need good footpath 	
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