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If you are unable or find it difficult to read the plan online, we will deliver a printed copy of the full text to you at home, normally within 5 working days, so you will be able to comment. If you want one, or indeed if you have any questions about the consultation, please contact one of the following:

- John Deacon (Hon. Sec Steering Group), 1 Anchor Mill Cottage, Main Road, Chelmondiston, IP9 1DP. Phone: 01473 780819.
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- Peter Ward (Parish Councillor and Chairman Steering Group), Pinfold, (off) Pin Mill Road, Chelmondiston, IP9 1JE. Phone 01473 780064, mobile 07974 677551

Please make any comments or representations on the attached form – and follow the instructions on it. If you need more sheets, photocopy them, print them from the website or ask one of the 3 people named above.

There will be an **Open Zoom Meeting** which you are invited to attend at **7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 28th July** at which members of the Steering Group will be available to answer any questions and to discuss any aspect of the draft Plan.

The meeting ID is 837 6544 3019 and the password is 653433 or email robbareham@chelmondistonpc.info for an invitation to click on the link.

Chelmondiston Parish Council Steering Group

STATUTORY CONSULTATION

**With all residents, businesses and organisations in the parish
From Saturday, 18th July
to Tuesday 1st September**

**On The Chelpin Plan
(Legally "The Chelmondiston Neighbourhood Development Plan")**

We have a draft plan which has been much worked on and amended, not least by 82 of you as residents of the village just over a year ago. We have also had the benefit of informal comments by Babergh District Council. We are now obliged to list every comment made during this consultation, its source, and the action taken, which might well include amending the plan. If you do not want your comments publicly associated with your name, they can be anonymised ("A Resident" etc.).

This consultation is a legal requirement at this stage (Regulation 14 of the Act) and must last for at least 6 weeks.

Normally copies of the plan would be available around the village for anyone to look at but the Covid-19 regulations stop us doing that. And they have been modified to allow us to hold the consultation now.

The draft plan in full is on the parish council's website at <http://chelmondiston.onesuffolk.net/httpswww-gov-ukguidanceneighbourhood-planning-2/> . If you then scroll

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Where are we now?

It seems to have been so far a slow, extended, and ponderous process going back to the start in early 2018. However it is quite a bureaucratic, legal process which involves professional consultants to advise us, grants to help the Parish Council pay for it, and a group of (unpaid) people to nurse it into being.

So a Steering Group has been set up as a working party under the Parish Council and has met 10 times so far – though most of the actual work has taken place outside meetings. These are always open to the public and the minutes are all on the Parish Council's website.

The 10 steps required by the Act are listed on the Council's website under Neighbourhood Plan and we are only at Step 3! However this is somewhat like the swan swimming along, apparently effortlessly, and disguises a great deal of work that has been going on under the surface. And we have lost some time as a result of the lockdown starting in March.

We have also passed through two 'screening' legal hoops, which needed a month or two. Babergh District Council have formally determined that our draft Plan does not affect any Habitats (wild-life) in the parish, and that it does not have any significant Environmental effects. Provided that this consultation does not result in any radical changes to the draft we should be able to avoid re-screening and so the next 7 steps should progress rather more quickly. However we are probably looking at least at a further year before the draft is in force.

What is the Chelpin Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a document that sets out planning policies for the neighbourhood area which are used to decide whether to approve planning applications.

- Written by the local community, the people who know and love the area, rather than the Local Planning Authority.
- A powerful tool to ensure the community gets the right types of development, in the right place.
- Neighbourhood planning was introduced in the **Localism Act 2011**. The Government's wish was to see how local communities would like to manage developments in their own area. It is an important and powerful tool that gives communities statutory powers to shape how their communities develop.

The Vision Statement from the draft Plan

“To conserve and enhance the unique rural character of the Parish of Chelmondiston, its built and natural assets with particular reference to the need for protection of the Conservation Area at Pin Mill, the AONB status of part of the Parish and its areas of special interest (SSSIs and RAMSAR). By 2036 any development will have been sustainable, with the necessary infrastructure resulting in a place that is thriving and enjoyable for residents, local businesses and visitors.”

- AONB = Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- SSSI = Site of Special Scientific Interest
 - RAMSAR = protected wetlands