

Neighbourhood working consultation – responses to date

	Organisation	Response
Host	Prestbury	<p>Importance of neighbourhood working Don't see added value of doing anything differently in the Prestbury area</p> <p>Views on proposed structure Don't want to represent areas outside the parish What are the benefits for Prestbury residents?</p> <p>Other suggestions for improving neighbourhood working Would be good for areas without parish councils CBC could support and encourage more parishes.</p> <p>Conclusion <u>Does not want to participate.</u></p>
Host	Leckhampton	<p>Importance of neighbourhood working Can see the value in areas of deprivation where there is a need to reduce ASB and build cohesion, neighbourliness and community pride.</p> <p>Views on proposed structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't see the benefit in the parished areas as the parish already performs the role. There is no benefit to those in the parish and there will be increased cost and complexity in doing it. • Boundaries divide the parish in half which would cause confusion of identity for Warden Hill • Raising the funding in future will mean a significant increase in the precept. • The parish councillors don't have time to do more. <p>Other suggestions for improving neighbourhood working</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce it in the non-parished areas. • Partner organisations could be more involved in the work of the parish council – provide regular reports on what they're doing for the community. <p>Conclusion <u>Not supportive in the Leckhampton / Warden Hill area.</u></p>

Host	Swindon Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perceive the intended purpose of neighbourhood management as being to support and maximise the neighbourhood policing structure, in response to a Home Office initiative. There are relatively low local crime rates. The Council's limited resources (clerk works only a small number of hours per week) would make it difficult to administer the extra meetings <p>Conclusion <u>Declined to act as host although meeting to discuss the consultation questions scheduled for 16.2.10</u></p>
Host	Up Hatherley	<p>No formal response received yet – initial concern about resources and the size of the proposed area and how working for residents outside the parish would work in terms of those paying the precept.</p> <p>Conclusion <u>Some appetite to create a community led forum although formal response impending.</u></p>
Host	Charlton Kings	<u>Supportive in principle</u> but concern about ongoing resources after the £5k runs out.
Host	Hesters Way Partnership	<u>Supportive</u>
Host	ORP	<u>Provisional agreement</u> – willing to try it for a year. Concerns about the size of the area which includes Fairview and the varying issues. Also concerned that this could lead to lack of partner support for ORP meetings and responses to Oakley issues may be diluted. Would want to work with the Police on resident engagement in Fairview.
	Fairview NCG chair	Feels the Neighbourhood Co-ordination Group is making good progress and enjoys good links with local Police. Happy to work with ORP in any way which improves efficiency, sustainability and security. Would like to see Neighbourhood Watch reactivated.
Host	CWEP	<u>Supportive</u>
Stakeholder	VCS Forum	<p>Importance of neighbourhood working Worthwhile and allows concentration on areas of need. Its success depends on funding, resources and willingness of everyone to link and work together – this needs to be co-ordinated. Very important to work locally.</p> <p>Views on proposed structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Right to use existing infrastructure and this is a natural role for regeneration partnerships. Elected members and parish councils see it as their role already. Difficult for town wide VCS organisations to engage with 8 areas. Boundaries are barriers – better to avoid defining them Parish councils should have been more engaged in developing the proposal and we need to take on board their views This should be a role and function of the parish councils

		<p>Other suggestions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Facebook to bring communities together – hub for information, events, links etc. • Identify a hub in each area where organisations can leave information and where people can go to share issues (libraries, resource centres, children’s centres etc). <p>Conclusion <u>Supportive but have some other suggestions for improving neighbourhood working.</u></p>
Stakeholder	Police	<p>Importance of neighbourhood working Very important – want to see NM as the way forward for all agencies at GSSCP – recognise it as a key element in developing long term resilience. The single confidence target makes NM a key driver. Home Office producing ‘Safe and Confident Neighbourhood Strategy’ which seeks to build on neighbourhood policing through developing neighbourhood partnerships. Police are fully committed to implementing it locally and will be realigning deployment of resources this year to do so.</p> <p>Views on proposed structure Concerns about the grouping of communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of individuality, may confuse communities, structure would fail to meet the existing neighbourhood policing requirements. • The key to neighbourhood working is small dedicated teams working within the Safer Communities Team Police framework. • 8 areas instead of 14 would make it more difficult to tackle all community priorities meaningfully. • The 14 areas were created after extensive research and consultation – these boundaries have been embedded in the work of the Police and partners. The Glos Safer & Stronger Communities Partnership is also scoping the roll out of neighbourhood management countywide and therefore they don’t want to see Cheltenham establish something which may not prove to fit. <p>Other suggestions Leave things as they are.</p> <p>Conclusion <u>Want to keep their 14 communities.</u></p>
Stakeholder	County Council	<p>Importance of neighbourhood working Supportive of neighbourhood working. The Area Lead Officers (ALOs) will continue to support neighbourhood meetings.</p>

		<p>Views on proposed structure Area Lead Officers are working in 14 areas and the move to 8 would be positive in terms of resourcing pressures. The fact that the 8 reflect the police boundaries is good, although GCC may want to suggest changes to the police boundaries as the county moves towards NM.</p> <p>Keep an open mind pending the result of GSSCP project and clarify the role of members.</p> <p>Conclusion <u>Supportive</u></p>
Stakeholder	CBH	<p>Importance of neighbourhood working CBH is based on neighbourhood delivery – at the core of everything they do. They have 6 areas and patch workers. CBH meetings are supported by CBH officers but chaired by the community.</p> <p>Views on proposed structure CBH focus on the deprived areas and do a lot of engagement work with them. Feel the proposal is light on resources and staff to service the structure. At CBH all staff work this way but it is not like that for CBC. It could be confusing for the community to create new areas. Not sure how it will link with other community meetings.</p> <p>Other suggestions for improving neighbourhood working An incremental approach may be best and the entry point for the community is the key. Need to embed it at CBC and need more resources.</p> <p>Conclusion Willing to participate but concerns about CBC resources and co-ordination available.</p>
Other	Whaddon Youth centre	<p>Importance of neighbourhood working Vital to continue neighbourhood working and increase capacity and positive working links.</p> <p>Views on proposed structure The proposed area for Oakley looks good although Whaddon Youth Centre currently working in the Battledown area.</p> <p>Other suggestions Need good communication so everyone knows what's going on. Would like to see more input from Social Services and NHS Glos.</p>

Other	Springbank resident	Finds the Neighbourhood Co-ordination Meetings very reassuring; everyone pulling together with expertise and local knowledge, with a common goal.
Other	Fosseway Living	<p>Importance of neighbourhood working Very important. Need to be realistic about what effect agencies can have in a community given resources – can only effectively influence small areas. Pooling of resources within a defined area should avoid duplication.</p> <p>Views on proposed structure Proposed areas are large with wide differences within them – may be lack of synergy. Some stakeholders will only be interested in certain areas. There will be overlaps with agencies spheres of operation.</p> <p>Other suggestions for improving neighbourhood working Centralisation and prioritisation of funding will help to focus efforts. Need consistent intelligence available on all areas.</p>