

Sherborne Parish Council

National Trust's proposed wetland scheme Community questionnaire

October 2025

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Dear fellow resident

As you may know, the National Trust has submitted a planning application for a scheme to create a new wetland habitat near Waterloo Bridge, aimed at reducing sediment in Sherborne Brook and enhancing local biodiversity.

As part of the consultation process, the Parish Council is seeking residents' views so we can provide a response that reflects the community's perspective. Your feedback will help shape our representation to Cotswold District Council.

All responses will be treated in confidence with the following commitment made to respondents:

- *You do not need to provide your name or contact details if you would prefer not to.*
- *Individual responses will not be published in any form. The published report will only ever show a consolidated view (all responses grouped together) of answers to each question.*
- *Any optional notes you provide will be anonymised (so they are not personally identifiable) before inclusion in the published report. Once the results have been collated and the report has been published, all individual responses will be destroyed.*

Please return your completed questionnaire by 15th October – via the Village Shop, directly to a Parish Councillor, or simply take a picture of the pages and email them to clerk@sherborneparish.org. There is also an online version of the questionnaire available at <https://forms.gle/8coVk6eW1KJCKTZy6>

The summary report will be made available to all Sherborne Parish residents via the parish Council website (sherborneparish.org) and the District Council.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sherborne Parish Council

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Your contact details (optional)

Name (optional):

Address (optional):

Email (optional):

Telephone (optional):

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Section 1:

Q1: Did you attend either of the information sharing meetings hosted by the National Trust (NT) in June?

Please select from: Yes/No

Q2: If yes, were you confident that views expressed by attendees would be considered by the NT?

Please select from: Confident/Netural/Not confident

Optional - please add any additional comments below:

If you didn't attend one of the information sharing meetings, all documents submitted to the District Council by the NT can be viewed online via Cotswold's District Council website (publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/) Then search 'Sherborne'. Please take a few moments to review the information before completing the rest of this questionnaire. A summary of the key aspects of the application are also included within the NT's most recent newsletter.

Q3: Did you find the published information (online/NT newsletter) easy to understand?

Yes/No

Optional - please add any additional comments below:

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Section 2:

Q1: To what extent do you support the proposed scheme as described in the planning application?

Please select from: Strongly support / Support / Neutral / Oppose / Strongly oppose/Insufficient information available

Optional - please add any additional comments below:

Q2: One of the stated aims of the proposed scheme is to reduce the quantity of silt entering the Broadwaters. In principle, do you support a scheme designed to achieve this?

Please select from: Strongly support / Support / Neutral / Oppose / Strongly oppose/Insufficient information available

Optional - please add any additional comments below:

Q3: How effective do you think the proposed scheme will be in minimising the amount of silt entering the Broadwaters?

Please select from: Very effective / Quite effective / Neutral / Not very effective / Not effective at all/Insufficient information available

Optional - please add any additional comments below:

Q4: One of the stated aims of the proposed scheme is to reduce the risk of flooding. How effective do you think the proposed scheme will be in achieving this objective?

Please select: Greatly reduced risk/Slightly reduced risk/No impact/Slightly increased risk /Greatly increased risk/Insufficient information available

Optional - please add any additional comments below:

Section 3:

Q1: The proposed scheme site is within a Grade II Registered Park and Garden area. To what extent do you think it is appropriate for the proposed scheme to be located in this area?

Please select from: Very appropriate / Somewhat appropriate / Neutral / Somewhat inappropriate / Very inappropriate/Insufficient information available

Optional - please add any additional comments below:

Q2: What impact do you think the scheme will have on the landscape and visual character of the area?

Please select from: Very positive impact/Some positive impact/Neutral/Some negative impact/Very negative impact/Insufficient information available

Optional - please add any additional comments below:

Q3: One of the stated aims of the proposed schemes is to improve biodiversity. How effective do you think the proposed scheme will be in achieving this objective?

Please select from: Very effective/Quite effective/Neutral/Not very effective/Not effective at all/Insufficient information available

Optional - please add any additional comments below:

Q4: One of the stated aims of the scheme is to support the reestablishment of open water. How effective do you think the proposed scheme will be in achieving this objective?

Please select from: Very effective/ Quite effective/Neutral/Not very effective/Not effective at all/Insufficient information available

Optional - please add any additional comments below:

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Section 4:

Q1: How adequate do you think the NT's level of community engagement has been in shaping the proposed scheme?

Please select from: Very adequate/Quite adequate/Neutral/Quite inadequate/Very inadequate/Insufficient information available

Optional - please add any additional comments below: