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I will limit any comments to public transport as that is my speciality even if the Neighbourhood Plan has limited scope with this.

I note the concerns regarding the S3 bus service both in terms of its continuation and reliability. There are no immediate plans to reduce or withdraw this service and it is to be hoped that the eventual reopening of the Botley Road will ease some of the congestion in Oxford which in part causes the congestion with the S3.

The S3 runs hourly and whilst an improved frequency is desirable it is unlikely to be financially achievable in view of the level of financial support involved. It may be a case therefore of trying to keep what you have.

I am also conscious of the need to avoid improving services for Stonesfield at the expense of other parishes. For example it would be logistically possible for the X9 Witney to Chipping Norton service to divide at Charlbury and run 2 hourly to either Chipping Norton or Woodstock via Stonesfield. Worths Motor Services used to follow a similar pattern many years ago so there is a precedent. This would have a negative impact on Chadlington and Spelsbury however so I would not support this course of action.

An improved bus service to Witney should be a priority however and the current V26 Villager service should run 5 days a week rather than 4. This service could be rerouted to avoid Leafield and Crawley which already have the 210 service to Witney 5 days a week. This would allow for extra time in Witney if not extra services. The V26 could also serve all current Stonesfield stops rather than just The Green as at present.

Another possibility would be to organise a village meeting to discuss the current state of bus services in the village and what if any improvements passengers and residents would like to see. There is not a great deal of money available to improve services but a few tweaks could have a positive impact.

Much as I might like to be more ambitious I feel it would be extremely difficult to garner additional funds for extra bus services for Stonesfield so I am having to somewhat temper expectations. As an outsider however I look on with interest rather than as someone who can claim to have extensive knowledge of Stonesfield bus services.

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On Mon, 19 Jan 2026, 10:16 Planning Policy (WODC),  
<[planning.policy@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@westoxon.gov.uk)> wrote:

### **Have your Say!**

Stonesfield Parish Council are producing a Neighbourhood Plan and have submitted the

plan to West Oxfordshire District Council for Regulation 16 consultation. We are writing to invite you to submit your comments about the plan.

Following the consultation, all comments received will be sent to an independent examiner who will consider whether the plan meets the necessary requirements to proceed to referendum and potential adoption. Comments will also be added to the West Oxfordshire District Council Website.

The consultation documents can be found on our website here: [Stonesfield Neighbourhood Plan - West Oxfordshire District Council](#)

The consultation will run for a 6-week consultation period, with the deadline for comments falling on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 at 5pm.**

Please email comments to: [planning.policy@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@westoxon.gov.uk)

We look forward to hearing your comments!

Planning Policy Team

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