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Our vision for White Horse Reservoir (WHR) is to deliver more than a reservoir: it is to create a place for people and a space for nature. This vision is underpinned by eight priorities for sustainability and legacy, one of which is to involve and contribute to the local community.

Over the past two years, we have delivered an extensive programme of engagement and consultation, including two stages of public consultation; engagement with local councils at county, district, and parish levels; engagement with landowners and businesses; and community research to understand the priorities and preferences of local people.

We now want to build on this work by continuing and deepening our dialogue with local communities. We want to hear local insight and preferences on elements of the masterplan design, to help ensure that the site becomes a valued community asset that is used and enjoyed by local people. We also want to understand how best to work with communities throughout the project lifecycle.

To achieve this, we are planning to hold some community discussion groups in the local area during June. Additional details on the scope of this work are attached for your information.

There will be the opportunity for Parish Councils to send a representative to act as an observer. Further information and invites for this will be communicated once the dates and venues for the discussion groups have been confirmed.

Follow this [link](#) for the White Horse Reservoir Community Research Consultation information. Follow this [link](#) for the White Horse Reservoir Resident Recruitment letter – Instructions on how to request participation in the consultation.