

GREAT HORWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

COMMUNITY EVENT 29/30 MARCH 2014

Analysis of questionnaire responses

1. Introduction

1.1 On 29th and 30th March 2014 the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Planning Team (NPT) held a Community Event in Great Horwood Village Hall. The purpose of the event was to publicise the proposals from the NPT for a Neighbourhood Plan, and to ask residents to comment on these proposals. In addition, three other interested parties¹ were invited to provide displays at the event to illustrate their proposals, and all three accepted this invitation.

1.2 In order to ascertain residents' views, a questionnaire was made available at the Event. One copy of the question form was given to each resident who attended, and the completed forms were collected at the door of the Hall. A copy of the question form is appended to this analysis. Specimen copies of the form were also given to representatives of the three interested parties.

2. Methodology

2.1 For the purpose of the analysis each sheet was numbered, and then the responses entered into a spreadsheet in order to retain an audit trail. Some residents wrote comments on their question sheets, and these have also been entered into the spreadsheet.

2.2 The total number of question sheets returned at the Community Event was 142.

2.3 Each question sheet was supposed to contain the postcode of the resident. Four postcodes were for addresses outside the parish of Great Horwood (they were all in Winslow) and so these four question sheets were disqualified. Ten question sheets omitted the postcode, but these have been counted. There were therefore 138 valid question sheets.

2.4 The intention of the questionnaire was to ask residents (in Question 1) whether they agreed with the overall spatial policy of the Plan. Those residents who agreed were then expected to answer Questions 2–4, and those who disagreed were expected to answer Questions 5–8. In the event, most residents chose to answer all the questions, and a few of the answers were not self-consistent.

2.5 The numerical results given in Section 4 below include all responses to the questions (apart from Question 4, which was a write-in question and had very few responses).

1 Taylor Wimpey, proposing a development at the end of Weston Road; Mr Duncan Vercoe (in association with the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust), proposing a development at the end of Willow Road; and Mrs Lindsay Dunham, proposing a development on land off Wigwell Gardens.

3. Summary of results

3.1 The results of the questionnaire may be summarised under three headings: did residents agree with the proposals put forward for the neighbourhood plan; what was their view about a small development off Wigwell Gardens; and what was their view about larger-scale proposals such as those promoted by two of the developers.

3.2 The results were:

- A large majority supported the proposed spatial policy for the neighbourhood plan;
- A large majority supported the specific sites proposed for the neighbourhood plan;
- A small majority supported consideration of a limited development off Wigwell Gardens;
- A large majority opposed larger-scale development;
- A large majority opposed the specific larger-scale developments promoted by two of the developers.

4. Detailed results

Q1. *Are you happy with the overall policy for future development in the proposed Plan (Policy 1, sites of no more than 15 houses)?*

Yes: 84 No: 17

(A few residents answered both YES and NO to this question; in these cases, both votes are included.)

Q2. *Are you happy with the specific sites proposed?*

Site D: **Yes: 117 No: 14**

Site F: **Yes: 115 No: 16**

Site G: **Yes: 100 No: 29**

Q3. *Would you prefer the site off Wigwell Gardens to be considered for inclusion?*

Yes: 72 No: 53

Q4. *If you are not happy with the specific sites proposed, please explain how you would prefer Great Horwood to meet its obligation to provide a reasonable supply of new houses in the period from now until 2031.*

These were write-in responses and are not listed here.

Q5. *Would you prefer a policy that allows for large scale development (between 15 and 50 houses) per site?*

Yes: 11 No: 91

Q6. *Would you prefer the proposal by Taylor Wimpey (at the end of Weston Road) to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan?*

Yes: 17 No: 87

Q7. *Would you prefer the proposal by Mr Duncan Vercoe in association with VAHT (at the end of Willow Road) to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan?*

Yes: 26 No: 73

Q8. *If you would like either of the developers' proposals to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan, would you want this **in addition to** or **instead of** the sites currently proposed (D, F, G)?*

In addition to: 14 Instead of: 32

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The proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Neighbourhood Planning Team is proposing a general policy for future development in the Village over the period to 2031 – “Policy 1”, asserting that future sites should comprise no more than 15 dwellings – **together with phased development on three specific sites, labelled D, F and G**, compliant with this spatial policy. These are described on the display boards.

We should like to know if you are happy with our general policy, and for us to complete a “Pre-Submission Plan”. This would be submitted to the Parish Council for approval at its meeting on 14th April, and would be followed by a formal six-week consultation period where the views of residents and other interested parties will be recorded.

Development proposals at the ends of Weston Road and Willow Road

Independently from our work, two developers are promoting sites with larger numbers of dwellings. These developments would not conform to our proposed Policy 1.

We have invited the developers to display their proposals today, as it is important for us to know if you would prefer these to be included in our Neighbourhood Plan, and for us to modify Policy 1 accordingly. (The developers are also entitled to submit their proposals directly to AVDC for planning permission.)

Development proposal off Wigwell Gardens

On 23rd February 2014 we received a very late request from the owner of a site off Wigwell Gardens, asking if her site could be included in the Neighbourhood Plan (this is marked SHL/GHW/008 on the map). We have not, so far, received any details on what the proposal will include. Nevertheless we should like to know if you would prefer us to consider this site.

QUESTIONS

Q1. Are you happy with the overall policy for future development in the proposed Plan (Policy 1, sites of no more than 15 houses)?

Yes Please now answer the following questions.

Q2. Are you happy with the specific sites proposed?

Site D Yes No

Site F Yes No

Site G Yes No

Q3. Would you prefer the site off Wigwell Gardens to be considered for inclusion?

Yes No

Q4. If you are not happy with the specific sites proposed, please explain how you would prefer Great Horwood to meet its obligation to provide a reasonable supply of new houses in the period from now until 2031.

No Please now answer the following questions.

Q5. Would you prefer a policy that allows for large scale development (between 15 and 50 houses) per site?

Yes No

Q6. Would you prefer the proposal by Taylor Wimpey (at the end of Weston Road) to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan?

Yes No

Q7. Would you prefer the proposal by Mr Duncan Vercoe in association with VAHT (at the end of Willow Road) to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan?

Yes No

Q8. If you would like either of the developers' proposals to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan, would you want this **in addition to** or **instead of** the sites currently proposed (D, F, G)?

In addition Instead

Please enter your post code and leave this form in the box when you leave the Hall. Thank you for coming!