

DORDON

Neighbourhood Plan

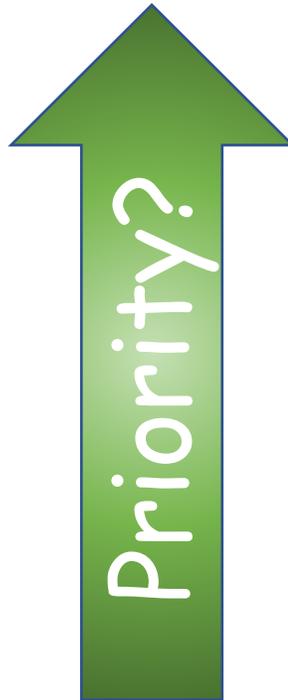
Initial public consultation - Saturday 18th January 2020

Background

- Members of the public were asked to comment using post-it notes under eight broad headings:
 1. Recreation and Leisure
 2. Future Development
 3. Traffic and Parking
 4. Wildlife
 5. Heritage
 6. Health and Education
 7. Community Services and Facilities
 8. Other (miscellaneous comments not covered by the above topics)
- Dordon Parish maps were on display for reference
- The results were collated as follows:

The number of comments can be used to indicate how high a priority might be assigned to each topic (*just for this initial consultation*)

Topic	# of comments
Traffic and Parking	14
Future Development	10
Wildlife	8
Recreation and Leisure	8
Community Services and Facilities	7
Heritage	5
Health and Education	5
Other	0



Some themes began to emerge

- Traffic through the village ("traffic & parking unbelievable")
- Infrastructure & access before new housing ("Roads before houses! ")
- Woodlands areas are important ("Save the oak trees ")
- Cycleways and footpaths are needed to link areas ("linking Polesworth with Dordon & wildlife areas")
- Groups working together for the community ("an opportunity to meet & discuss the village ")
- Older and younger groups helping each other ("to give younger villagers a feeling of community")

The detailed lists of comments follows

Traffic and Parking

Comments

Long St & New St traffic & parking unbelievable

Parking in New St & Long St on pavements causing problems for push chairs & wheelchairs

New St & Long St one-way system

One-way roads out of Dordon via New St & Into Dordon via Long St

No rubbish bin emptying in New St & Long St during morning/evening rush hours (07:00-09:00, 16:00-18:00)

Please sort out traffic issues in village before we accept any new houses

One way system New St & Long St. Something has to be done.

Better public transport needed to stop people having to use cars

Introduce one-way system for New St & Long St

Help with parking problems on Long St. No HGVs.

Can't get through Long St. Traffic on yellow lines.

Better school parking

One way system is the only sensible way forward to help all residents

From the island at the bottom of Long St on the A5 to Green Ln is a bottleneck. Further building of homes = extra traffic. Why not have bought the 2 pubs & waste yard by the Grendon island & use the large grass verge to join up the dual carriageways?

Future Development

Comments

We do not need any more!! No infrastructure

How are you supposed to access the pit (disused) area with the access points off Long St & Church Rd both designated for house building?

Only small scale developments to retain the village feeling

Village cannot accommodate more development, roads are not suitable. Need to keep the village identity.

No room for new infrastructure in village

Design of houses (need quality/variety/beauty); Density (don't squeeze in); Infrastructure (roads/access); Context (Long St. / Grendon Build / A5)

No building in meaningful gap

Future development as little impact as possible

Roads before houses! Traffic caused by 300+ houses is terrible.

Infrastructure before building houses

Wildlife

Comments

Preserve woodland areas

Save the trees

Try to get WWF interested in our ancient woodlands to preserve our countryside

Save the oak trees on the lane from the Jaw Bones down to St. Helena

Development does not impact wildlife

Save our green spaces & wildlife

Less plastic

Eco-friendly materials

Recreation & Leisure

Comments

More marked circular footpaths - 2km, 6km & 10km linking Polesworth with Dordon & wildlife areas

New playing fields & allotments west of Dordon

Sponsor more clubs - football, basketball & cricket - recruit volunteers

A swimming pool & leisure centre

Walk the coffin trail to Polesworth

More cycle ways & access for dog walkers - more green spaces

5-a-side turf pitch for football

Create link cycle & footpath & parking area behind Long St (Church Lane) so "old" village can add visitors

Community Services and Facilities

Comments

New facility for Birch Coppice Club

More variety of shops, and not so many takeaways

New allotments & CISWO playing fields north of A5 & West of Dordon

Birch Coppice sports & social new club

Community services already supplied doing a trojan job but could possibly get together to improve their reach in the community

Improve community facilities

Birch Coppice sports & social new club

Heritage

Comments

Preserve as much as possible

Members of the village having an opportunity to meet & discuss the village as it was and to be able to give younger villagers a feeling of community as they had

Greater protection for heritage designated assets - Dordon Hall, etc.

Highlight heritage assets - amend for purpose, do not demolish

Brown signposts showing heritage sites & site of former mine/pit

Health & Education

Comments

Not enough school places for numbers proposed - and evening classes

Bringing together the older & younger communities. i.e. Older to have an input perhaps at schools, younger to have access to OAP groups & homes

Perhaps more surgeries so that GPs are not inundated with patients who could be dealt with at a minor level

We need a new doctors surgery or at the very least more doctors

The more traffic we have, the more our children's health will be affected

Some practical lessons for future public consultations

- The "Other" topic was not necessary
- The maps were useful as visual aids but not used for post-its
- There is some overlap in comments between the 7 main topics - and some duplicates under two headings - but there are some major themes emerging, which may change overall priorities
- A lot of suggestions, as well as complaints
- We need many more sessions & comments to avoid single issues drowning out larger concerns - they could be targeted at specific interest groups - landowners, heritage groups, businesses, parent groups, etc.
- Think about next steps (how do we translate the comments into points in the plan?)