

WALTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

STEERING COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT 4

VILLAGE MEETING 18/19th JUNE 2016

In total 56 villagers attended the meetings.

From a choice of twelve, they voted for the following "Vision Statement" : -

" To further develop Walton's identity, beauty, and charm, whilst enhancing its community spirit through new and existing facilities - keeping up with the modern world through improved housing, population mix and communications."

1.0 THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

Your answers were as follows -

1.1 To small scale development YES 96% NO 4%

Up to 10 new dwellings	16%
Up to 20 new dwellings	82%
more than 20	2%

1.2 Types of new dwellings -

Over 55's	66%
Young Family	54%
Bungalows	45%
Starter homes	39%
Detached	4%

1.3 Style of new dwellings

Traditional	75%
Using local Materials	60%
Modern	12%

1.4 Should new developments provide improved access to community facilities?
YES 92% NO 8%

1.5 Should there be a new footpath on Spring Lane to the cricket field?
YES 91% NO 9%

1.6 Should there be circular walks around the village YES 91% NO 9%

1.7 Might the potential benefits of a TATE housing development outweigh the concerns?
YES 44% NO 56%

2.0 SITE SELECTION.

All seven sites that had been independently suggested were put forward for villagers consideration. Villagers were given information on each site and asked to vote either PREFER ; LIKE ; NEUTRAL ; or DISLIKE.

A summary of results is as follows : -

SITE	PREFER + LIKE	DISLIKE
A .(Spring Lane - opposite cricket ground)	70%	22%
B. (Spring Lane - higher paddock)	10%	77%
C. (Spring Lane - nearest village)	61%	39%
D. (Main St. Coal yard)	77%	18%
E. (Mid Hall Park Rd - North side)	77%	10%
F. (Mid Hall Park Rd - South side)	nil	86%
G. (Hall Park Rd - as you leave village)	4%	88%

Three strong preferences clearly stand out : A ; D ; and E.

These will also accommodate the “up to 20 new dwellings” that villagers voted for.

Very high “dislike” votes rule out further consideration of sites B ; F and G.

C was the site that most divide opinion with “dislike” and “prefer” almost equal.

Accordingly the neighbourhood plan will be developed based on sites A; D; and E.

3.0 NEXT STEPS

Inevitably the holiday season will slow our progress - but we target to draw up a revised draft plan document during the autumn.

4.0 THANK-YOU - to all those that contributed; to LCC for their independent advice; and to the team for their time and effort in achieving this.

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