

KIBWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DROP-IN EVENT

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CONSULTATION RESULTS



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1. Background

a) Project Brief

*Your*locale was commissioned by the Kibworth Neighbourhood Plan Group (KNPG) to assist in the delivery of a drop-in event in July 2015 on the Neighbourhood Plan for the Kibworths. The event took place at the Kibworth Cricket Club between 2 pm – 8 pm and represented the fifth promotional event organised by KNPG following information stands at the summer fete; Kibfest; a developer consultation exercise and Kibworth Open Gardens earlier in the summer.

The aim of these events was to help inform the community on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and to advise residents and stakeholders of the emerging policy areas that the Neighbourhood Plan hopes to impact upon – including Local Green Space and environmental protection; heritage; community facilities and services; traffic and transport; housing and design; business and leisure, and to seek initial views.

b) Publicity

The drop-in event was promoted in a variety of ways:

- Leaflets and flyers were produced and circulated through the area and left in public places (i.e. the School and on notice boards)
- Parish Councillors promoted the event
- Banners and posters were placed across the Parish in the lead-up to the event.
- The Community newsletter (the Kibworth Chronicle) ran an article about the consultation event.



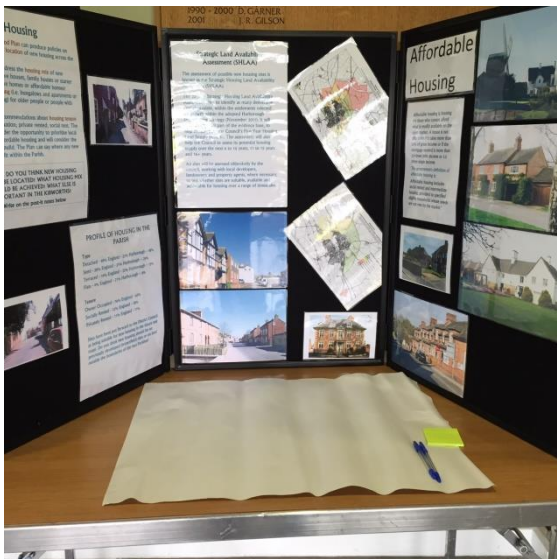
2. Format of Event

a) Process on the day

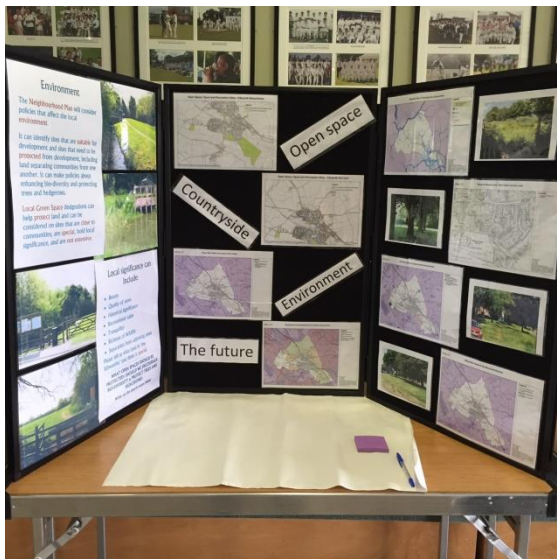
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| Sign in | Members of KNPG welcomed attendees on arrival and asked them to complete a contact sheet which recorded details of where the individual lives, age profile etc. The contact sheet gave people the opportunity to become involved in the Neighbourhood Plan as it develops. |
| Background | The first displays introduced Neighbourhood Planning and described the process that is being followed by KNPG. |
| Consultation on key issues | <p>A series of display boards were spread across the room, each of which focussed on a different topic related to planning and development issues, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Local Green Space and Environment▪ Housing and Design▪ Businesses and Employment▪ Heritage▪ Traffic and Transport▪ Leisure and Community Facilities <p>Having read the displays, attendees were asked to comment on each topic using post-it notes and to place them on flip-chart paper under each display.</p> |
| Visual maps | Attendees were given the opportunity to record local green space of importance to them by placing 3 green dots on maps of the Kibworths that represented an area valued for its visual amenity and 3 blue dots on sites valued for their recreational use. |

b) Display Boards

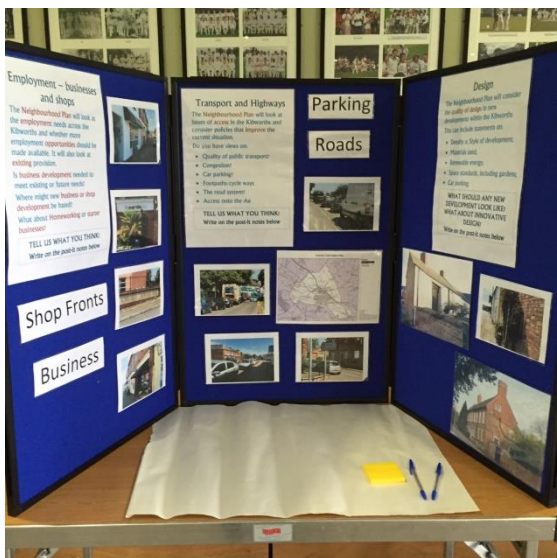
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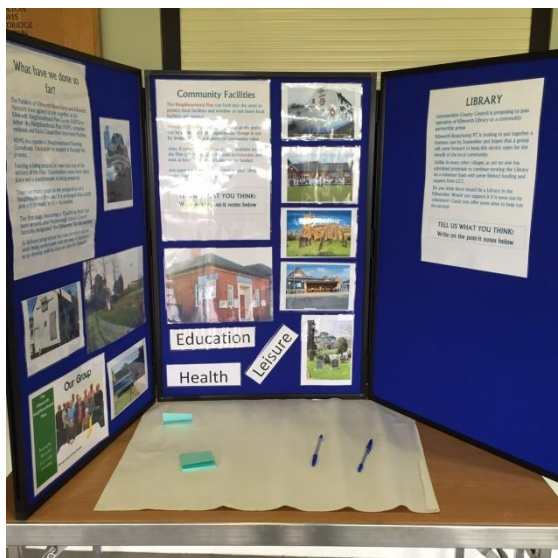
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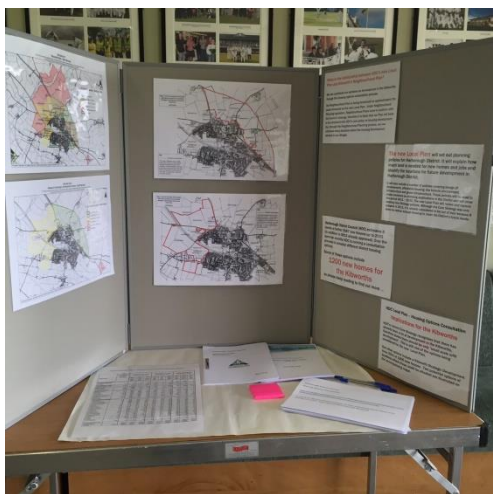
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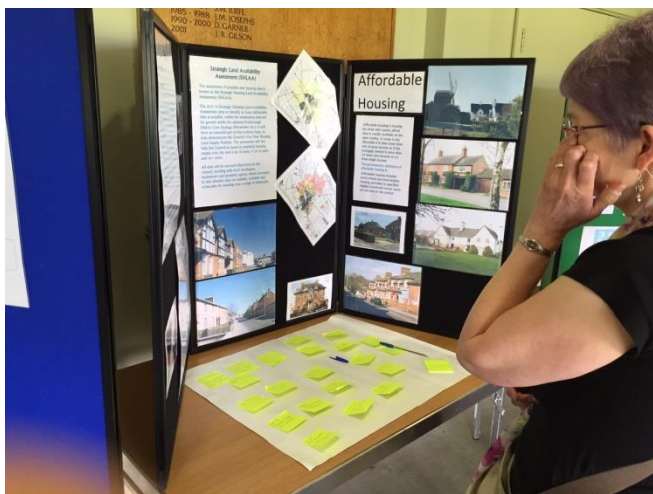
Community Facilities



Local Plan options



Post-it notes



c) Attendance

A total of 183 people signed the attendance sheet recording their presence at the event. There was a steady flow of people throughout the day



There were 90 male and 90 female attendees with three not identifying their gender.

Age profile of attendees

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| Under 16 | 4 |
| 16-24 | 0 |
| 25-34 | 5 |
| 35-44 | 10 |
| 45-54 | 29 |
| 55-64 | 43 |
| 65-74 | 44 |
| 75+ | 41 |



3. Comments

Employment – businesses and shops

Comments

- Don't need much more employment/business space development
- New shops near Kibworth fields housing estate can allow for more jobs
- New shops - (butcher) (greengrocer)
- Only quiet and small scale employment facilities. If they're proven to be needed, but definitely nothing noisy
- Broadband/internet signal in the village is rubbish and is a major inhibitor to businesses

Open Space and Environment

Comments

- Green space is essential for village life and health - especially with the pollution that highways cause.
- Wildlife affected, flooding ruins countryside
- Keep largest possible gap between Kibworth and Smeeton
- Need to create cycle ways
- Food security will be an issue. Growing population in UK more pressure to produce food and need lots of fields
- Open fields near Birdie Close + Wentworth Close should be protected
- Trees beauty, recreational areas should be protected
- We need to retain the village feel and not become a town
- No development outside current limits
- Child friendly spaces, squares and gardens
- All open areas should be protected and supported
- There should be no further development on green field or agricultural land. We have lost enough green spaces and habitats already
- Open spaces should be protected, particularly between Beauchamp and Smeeton
- What makes Kibworth such an attractive place to live is its abundance of green pockets within the built up area - please preserve them
- The land on the island (the square) is an eyesore! Let's clear it and start again
- Community gardens for leisure therapy and enjoyment. New developments will ruin this
- Kibworth was, is and should remain a village, no to any more houses
- We need to protect wildlife and ensure flood plains are kept
- All green land is 'special'. We live Gladstone St, and look out on to the fields with lambs, wildlife, lots of birds and bugs in the hedgerows. All of this will disappear with the Manor Oaks new homes proposal. It makes me very sad
- Protection of beautiful environment, enhancement of existing greenery, let Kibworth flourish with flowers, meadows and fresh air
- Some parks should be for children, including ball games
- No silly patches of grass that will be a future maintenance burden for the council
- Stop the development by the skate park, we need the space in the centre of the village
- Explore potential for a community woodland for all to enjoy (Kilby community woodland great success)
- Protect heritage of natural environment - mature trees, ancient trees + hedgerows
- Older trees need to be protected and maintained

- The sewage system needs to be updated, there is already flooding in parts of Kibworth Beauchamp and more housing will increase the problem
- All the land between Kibworth Beauchamp and Mill Lane right to Fleckney Rd
- Trees and hedges should be protected, limit development
- Land north of Kibworth Harcourt. We must protect this from development, it would ruin the setting of the village
- Fields around the golf course give an extended wildlife area
- Fields provide views and habitat for wildlife. People choose to live in a rural setting
- We must protect green areas/wildlife to retain Kibworth's identity and not to merge with other villages/towns
- Keep Kibworth rural, some of these options amount to a new town
- All open spaces should be protected, trees and hedges
- We need planned open space
- As few houses as possible. Protect trees and hedges
- All the land between Kibworth and Smeeton is vital to protect the separate identity of the two communities
- More open spaces, keep the fields
- Need to protect the fields, especially between Kibworth and Smeeton as it keeps them separate
- Need to consider potential flooding
- We need a big open space to preserve the rural feel of the village
- The natural green spaces are important for health and well-being, development of Kibworth should include areas where nature can thrive
- Pond needs protection, it's a lovely space to visit
 - Beauty
 - Quality of views
 - Historical significance
 - Tranquility
 - Richness of wildlife
- The concern is that Kibworth is a village but could become town sized with only village facilities

Housing and Local Plan housing options

Comments

- I think we need more houses, but not too many because it is getting crowded. They should not be too modern so that it can fit in with the village. They should also be for poorer people who want to live in the village. It should not ruin someone's view
- We don't need any more affordable housing; there is already enough
- Any increase in housing should also bring increased investment in facilities, schooling, NHS and policing
- Sight developments on outskirts of Kibworth so minimise impact on centre. Have safe and secure access to A6
- We should be encouraging self-build and community self-build. There is a demand in the village for small, reasonably priced housing, there is also a need for bungalows
- Agree with the need for self-build and community self-build
- Any housing should be on brownfield sites only
- Position of housing and height of housing define skyline. Needs incorporating
- We need houses that people on lower wages can afford to buy
- 1200 new houses is too much for our facilities
- We need to ensure that we concentrate on infill.
- If people can't afford to live here, they should live somewhere else

- Village layout isn't able to cope with traffic and footfall
- Use of brownfield land should be the priority
- Brownfield only
- Enough affordable housing already
- We need more affordable housing. Preferably near centre as there are too many large houses already
- Roads cannot sustain more housing. Facilities at breaking point, including social facilities
- No more affordable housing
- If affordable housing is required, it should be evenly distributed to avoid creating 'problem areas'
- Looking at the green shaded area (deliverable in 6-10 years) it appears that Kibworth could double in size. And by 15 years (yellow area) it would almost triple. What an alarming prospect
- Greenfield development at rear of Springfield Crescent...why is this? Estate roads are adequate only for the size it is now
- Need for retirement village style development
- A bypass is required before any new housing
- Any planning must consider road access; unless Kibworth is to become a 'no go' area in peak times as far as traffic is concerned.
- No housing on green field sites - brownfield sites first!
- Brownfield sites first, housing for local people
- Develop on brownfield sites first
- No more development on green field sites. Kibworth is becoming an undesirable place to live
- New houses should be for young people in the village, not commuters
- More houses, more flooding
- There are too many houses already
- Kibworth does not need any more houses
- Affordable housing = trouble
- Develop brownfield sites first, and leave some open green space for recreation
- A/KB/MXD/27 site needs very careful consideration to keep any development 'in keeping'
- A bypass is essential before any development large scale
- Need to improve infrastructure for housing. Facilities, roads. Brownfield sites only - keeping the boundaries between Kibworth and Smeeton
- There is enough affordable housing in Kibworth.
- Enough houses here already
- No more green field building. The village infrastructure is at breaking point
- More first time buyers for houses, if we have any at all
- Need to address car access onto A6 at peak times
- More 2 bedroom houses needed for young people to buy who have been brought up in Kibworth
- Housing behind Beauchamp road and Cedar Close down to Smeeton Road. Concerned about access of Fleckney Road/Smeeton Road. Also flooding in field and loss of hedges is a strong concern
- KB/1 has not even been completed let alone absorbed. There should be no further large scale development - facilities are at capacity
- Houses must be within village boundary and access to facilities. Warwick Road must be the boundary
- Haven't we had our fair share of development? Facilities are still adjusting to recent population increase
- More infrastructure most important
- Use brownfield sites, not green field. Need farmland for food and food security
- Kibworth does not have infrastructure to contain current housing development.
- Only brownfield sites considered. And eco-friendly housing
- Access and roads not able to take any more housing developments. We already need a bypass

- Huge traffic and pollution problems already
- Affordable houses for first time buyers and estates with green areas where ball games ARE allowed
- Any planned development off Carlton Road would mean an increase of traffic - Langton road etc.
- Ensure housing is not built/planned on any A6 bypass routes (do not prevent future bypass). Access and loading on local roads should be a major consideration when deciding where new housing should be built. More starter homes for young people
- Need more accessible living for older residents of Kibworth so they don't have to leave to a larger town
- Brown sites where possible
- Aging population needs more single-storey living with accessible entrances etc.
- More bungalows for elderly people, better care facilities for retired people i.e. retirement village
- Housing not in keeping with a village
- Starter homes for people with links to the village. Bungalows or retirement properties for older members again with links
- The starter homes seem to be allocated to families with no link to the village putting extra pressure on schools, doctors, dentists etc.
- It is a growing concern that the village has already outgrown its capacity to support traffic. Roads are congested and parking is already dangerous at times
- A village by definition is not a dormitory town with no core community or centre which is what 1200 new homes will create and change dynamics of Kibworth
- The green fields will be built on and then we will be told the land has gone and no bypass can be built
- Overall plan is too much for the village - needs improving into a specific plan
- Michael Wood - please consult him and keep him up to date with the plans, he is an excellent historian
- These proposals suggest demolition of community of Kibworth, in favour of Kibworth town
- Might be persuaded to expand, with the provision of a suitable by-pass
- 1200 new houses in Kibworth, no no no.
- Why is Kibworth singled out as a strategic development area?
- Both options are far too large
- 1200 new houses mean 2400 more cars. Kibworth can't handle that kind of expansion
- Footpath along Fleckney road to Warwick Road and speed limit please
- Leisure centre and park for recreation and dogs
- 1200 new houses is far too many
- Scale of housing is too big
- Options for as few houses as possible
- Develop housing where there is a better infrastructure, not Kibworth
- We do not have the infrastructure to cope with many more houses before schools and bypass is built
- If we are going to be a town, can we have the facilities that go with it?
- Why is Kibworth taking the hit again? Are we an easy target?
- Development on other side of A6 to develop another village
- 524 new houses is too great a number and it will destroy the village life of Kibworth
- 30% of new housing in HDC is allocated to Kibworth but no additional facilities and no bypass?
- What are you thinking about? Kibworth bursting at the seams already
- Don't build on green fields - it will ruin a beautiful village
- Option 5 makes strategic sense. But estates for option 5 must include a bypass
- Don't build on fields, no road system to cope, no school capacity. Already had enough houses
- We have already had very large development. HDC should develop houses elsewhere now
- Why do HDC want to erect 30% of housing in one small area
- 1200 new homes is far too many, we need to keep Kibworth as a village

- None of these options show a bypass around Kibworth

| Design |
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| Comments |

- New development should be high density to make best use of countryside. We should also insist on solar power for street lights.
- Terraced houses, unwanted parking on roads.
- Neighbourhood shops to be built within any new housing developments
- There must be enough schools, shops, surgeries near to houses otherwise there will be more and more cars on the roads. A more sustainable lifestyle should be promoted
- An opportunity to insist on eco development
- Any new businesses must have proper off street parking
- If we have to have new houses, is it possible for them to have decent gardens? These are the grassy areas behind houses that used to be quiet, open spaces.
- All new development should have its own off street parking
- All new buildings must be built with the highest standard of energy efficiency.

| Community Facilities including the library |
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| Comments |

- The library will become a liability in the future
- Bypass
- Difficult to get an appointment at the doctors
- Provision for school doctors surgery where the new houses are being built
- Need a new primary school with adequate space
- If you build you will need to build another school, doctors, bus stops and a library so what's the point in building? its ruining the community
- Kibworth is well served for kids, except for a swimming pool, currently having to travel to Harborough.
- How can you propose new housing numbers without and proposals of any new schools doctors or traffic management?
- Land should be set aside for the bypass which is so badly needed.
- Sports facilities shouldn't charge.
- Residents of Kibworth should have guaranteed school places, new houses should result in investments in schools
- More improved community facilities, such as sport and leisure to support the next generation
- Kibworth Harcourt main street, Carlton road area limited facilities
- More GP and wider health care provision include new build surgery, extent primary school and preschool spaces, current schools almost at capacity.
- Concern over no expansion in GP surgeries to facilitate rise in population of Kibworth
- People live in Kibworth because it's a village, but it won't be soon
- Concern about traffic volume of a6
- More space for scouts and guides, who need to use other facilities other than the hut, because of the amount of groups

- A community hub is regarded to include a library, health centre, drop in rooms and meeting rooms
- More residential and community care for elderly in the village
- If we are to live in a town we need facilities such as, education, road, health and community centres
- I work at the primary school, we are overcrowded and promised money to improve from a builder which never came
- Government cutting back on local facilities so more traffic and more pollution from people having to go elsewhere for services
- Parking in Weir Road, should be restricted with gaps for traffic to pass
- Concern over building behind Wentworth Close and Springfield Crescent, access would be a nightmare
- More community policing for troublesome youths
- Some sort of gym would be great
- We need more community buildings, I would like to see a combined library, children's centre, coffee shop, the school class sizes have only just reduced, they must be less than 25
- Need a coffee shop with newspapers etc.
- Library's important, too much traffic in the village already, current health centre does a wonderful job, too much on street parking
- Pubs will close no matter what the planning policies are if nobody uses them, in the digital age libraries may have outlived their purpose, is there another way they could be used.
- Allow a new doctors surgery, need it to be attractive to a number of GPs
- Why not create a local gym and swimming pool, possibly on the old Raitha's ground.
- Pubs are important to the fabric of the community
- In an area what will inevitably have to absorb a growing population, the availability of a library is essential, education is still the key to the future.
- Better bus service in the evening, health centre for Kibworth meadows area.
- As well as having affordable housing why not have affordable commercial premises, to keep the centre alive.
- Library needs to be developed, important for young children, old people especially, primary school is now very crowded and needs to be split into infant and junior schools
- New primary school
- Doctors service are at breaking point, parish councils do not offer to support any planning applications for their expansion
- Very difficult to get a doctor's appointment, population too high for amount of doctors
- Concern for the traffic volume, pedestrian use on safety of nearby residents
- I think we should aim to retain a library, I'd be happy to volunteer for work in the library
- The whole of Harborough needs a campsite for scouts
- Class sizes are too large at the primary school
- Adequate doctor surgeries must be provided to serve the needs of the local community, not to mention the a6 and general traffic issues.
- Library important for elderly people, with computer and mobility problems
- Libraries developed further, it remains an important facility
- Protect the pubs, coach and horses has been closed to long already
- Village life with countryside, community that has facilities, no more traffic
- Need a 2nd scout hut to support expanding group, children having to be taken to other villages to provide this
- A high spec surgery, off the a6 roundabout to replace excising GP surgeries
- Improved GP services

- Schools, hospitals etc.
- Need a new scout hut, village needs it now
- Protect public facilities such as pubs, shops and restaurants, new primary school would be a start
- New surgery
- Kibworth need a robust transport network to safely deal with the increasing levels of cars and lorries going through the village
- After school activities at local schools
- Need another school, more doctors, dentists, shops especially up the north edge of the village by Bernard's way.
- Facilities, infrastructure, first not houses, keep housing numbers to a minimum, we are already swamped
- We need more doctors, allow more surgery, more school places and a preschool, Raitha's old site needs quick development as it's an eye sore
- Infrastructure not in place to cope with this current level, doctors, shops and an increased crime rate is already a problem
- Do many people still use the library, could the building be used as some sort of community meeting area, drop in during the day, youth club at night
- Encourage development of village sports facilities instead of blocking them because of personal interest
- Scout facilities need more, lots of local children are unable to join as there's not enough space at night time for them
- Stop building as we already lack the infrastructure required such as doctors, schools and open fields
- Kibworths at breaking point, surgeries bursting, schools are crammed, huge class sizes, pollution and traffic, primary inaccessible, no infrastructure, no more building until quantity of people is addressed
- Expand doctors and schools before building again
- Kibworth is a fabulously documented historic village, it's a fabulous community, in a beautiful environment. Plans destroy all that I enjoy
- A6 bypass is needed, impossible to join roundabout from Warwick Road, at peak times, how will we cope with more houses
- Bypass needed more services, increased traffic on a6 and Fleckney road in the village
- Combine the library and GS hall as a community not just for small groups
- Planning should include a new bypass for the A6, more houses means more cars
- Why not sell Kibworth GS hall to the NHS Leics & Rutland to convert to a super surgery and get NHS to sell back give Smeeton road surgery to the village as a replacement
- We need more sewage facilities, the current facilities will have to increase should further housing development occur
- A solar farm, which could be planted as a wild flower meadow, would provide all daytime electricity for the village
- Kibworth grammar school must be kept as a village hall, in desperate need of funds
- Primary school is nearly at capacity, either limit houses or build a new school.
- It is very important to keep the library, would be happy to volunteer my services if required, would also like to see traffic control measures
- Need another school (I go to primary school) I do not want to not know someone in the village, so keep it just the local infants in the school.
- The library is very important to the village, it is a family history centre
- Bypass application needs to be put in place, desperately require what situation it is in already
- Base any developments on the road being able to support it.

- There is a need for leisure facilities, for the young people of the community
- Traffic is a major issue with many road virtually single file, concerned as to impact of new proposed development, doctors and schools seem to be struggling
- Many community facilities require upgrading, why is there no swimming pool on the high school site, could be used to teach primary school kids to swim
- Traffic congestion in the village is poor
- A sports leisure centre and a swimming pool to cater for increasing number of adolescents amongst the growing population
- Parking provision for new development is inadequate
- Community facilities like the schools are at their limit now
- We need increased provision for scouts and guides
- The area is at gridlock now, no more houses
- Local surgeries and schools are already over stretched, traffic through the villages has increased dramatically over recent years, further housing will increase this
- Bypass (obviously)
- We need a library in Kibworth
- New primary school
- Local resources, long overdue already, not just doctors schools and traffic, but leisure centre, gardens for community leisure and therapy
- Infrastructure is already overstretched and must be improved before more development is undertaken

Transport and Highways

Comments

- Warwick road and Fleckney road are not designed for significant traffic volumes
- Travel maintenance is a continual pain in the neck
- Access on to the A6 needs improvement. Small roundabouts on Church Rd?
- Beauchamp and Harcourt A6 access needs improvement - roundabout at New Rd junction. No bypass will only bring more need for infill development
- Roundabout desperately needed at the end of New Rd - access to the A6
- Access from New rd to the A6 is dangerous and a death waiting to happen
- More parking to reduce road congestion
- Road system is not adequate for more housing. Need bypass or better access to A6
- Weir Road is a nightmare, no more cars!
- Do not make decisions on basis of a bypass
- Wentworth close cannot cope with more housing. Neither can Weir road or new road
- I am unable to turn right onto New Rd in the morning as it takes ages to get out, so I am forced to drive through the village to get on to the A6 from Church Rd. New infill development will make it even more difficult.
- Congestion and delay due to already busy village
- Need to minimise levels of traffic going through existing developments - safety concern
- Village needs some form of one way system
- No more room for any more cars on Kibworth High Street, traffic is a nightmare
- Coach and Horses A6 accident waiting to happen. Need roundabout
- No bypass = poor quality of life. Causes congestion and pollution. No more houses solves this problem
- Congestion on New Rd. Regardless of current road closure. Always congested through village centre - is it time for double yellow lines?

- Large roundabout at New Rd junction. Roundabout at Coach and Horses, mini roundabout at Leicester side of Main Street.
- We already have congestion in Kibworth, we don't need any more! Becoming dangerous for motorcyclists, pedestrians and cyclists.
- More pavements are required to connect the various parts of the village and to protect pedestrians, especially from the football club to the cricket club
- We need footpaths on Fleckney Rd up to Mill Lane and from Fleckney Rd along Warwick Road up to the railway. Any future development should prioritise footpaths and cycle ways.
- Recent road closure in New Rd must have been planned by a 5 year old. No consideration or thought went into the impact of disruption.
- Access to the A6 very difficult - why not spend money on a bypass?
- By pass is the only solution
- Access onto the A6 is dangerous from any direction. How are more houses going to help?
- Bypass is obviously essential
- Congestion on New rd at all times of the day
- A bus service to and especially from Leicester needed in the evenings
- Car parking linked around the streets linked to and from Fleckney Rd is beyond dangerous
- Access to the A6 from all directions must be dealt with before any new developments
- Traffic flow through village is already poor
- Bus services are important to the health of the village but the traffic congestion is escalated through their presence
- No bypass - would improve A6 access. Avoid housing
- Lack of joined up public rights of way making connectivity and open space limited
- No bypass if it means no more housing
- No bypass, no more houses
- Traffic calming on Fleckney Rd please
- The grammar school car park is filling up, More public car parking is needed
- I am worried about the amount of traffic already in the village. More housing will increase this, and accidents will happen
- Cycle pathway very necessary
- Traffic in Kibworth is as bad as market Harborough at peak times. Access to the A6 is a joke. A bypass is needed regardless of new housing
- Address the parking issues along New Road - particularly excess cars from garage which causes problems at peak times
- Bus service to Leicester after 6pm
- People should use the car parks more and not park up the pavements
- Need parking - many roads throughout Kibworth were built before people had cars
- Any new development must take into consideration proper and safe access on to the A6
- Very concerned about the current level of traffic/pollution and congestion. Need to take into consideration: 1) Child health and safety 2) Increased allergy of respiratory conditions
- Without a bypass, the traffic flow on the A6 needs regulation in some way, the roundabout at Leicester end does this quite well
- Whilst traffic speed is an issue, the traffic calming speed bumps are too severe and cause congestion/pollution
- Exit from station road and new road out to A6 is a death trap
- The high street in Kibworth Beauchamp will come to a grinding halt if much more traffic is added to it
- Need more bus services to allow those who do not drive greater access to Harborough and Leicester
- Charge for on street parking and use the revenue to fund a traffic warden
- Bus service to Leicester needed in evenings
- Need another access to the A6 - congestion in the village is ridiculous at all times of the day
- Open space is initially important, need footpaths and cycle ways to cement new development

- A new roundabout is urgently needed, no more housing development until this roundabout is constructed
- Access onto the A6 from new road is already an accident waiting to happen. Plans for development at rear of Springfield crescent will only worsen a very bad situation
- Congestion especially in the main road through Kibworth Beauchamp
- Couldn't green spaces nearly opposite old gas on new road be allocated for cars and make the left side double yellow lines
- The A6 through Kibworth is already so busy, any new houses would be welcomed ONLY if we have a bypass
- Too many cars in the village. VILLAGE, not town
- Public transport should operate later in the evening, allowing young people more opportunities to go out in the evenings
- Would prefer no bypass, it means no more houses
- No bypass can justify any amount of housing
- Entrance to New Road bad since changes - plus parking very bad on new road
- Access to A6 from New Road is dangerous - needs roundabout
- Access to the A6 is the most important. From all the roads forming it
- A6/New Road junction needs roundabout or peak traffic lights
- Better access to A6 from new road and Church Road
- Better access to A6. More parking in Kibworth. Better bus service in the evenings.
- Access to A6 from new road needs to be improved
- Traffic calming measures are currently inadequate. What can be done to ensure a reduced speed limit?
- More facilities for people to access the village by walking/bike
- Congestion due to poor access to A6. Bypass has been required for the last 10 years
- Emerging from Kibworth to the A6 is a nightmare
- Main street in Kibworth is very busy - shops such as co-op. So if 1000's more cars are in the village, the effects will be both dangerous and difficult to manage
- Car parking in this village is a joke - Fleckney Rd, the roads leading off are dangerous.
- The A6 is becoming increasingly congested; meaning getting out of the village is very difficult at times. Also the Smeeton Road is congested and cannot cope with any more traffic
- A6/Main street junction needs roundabout/lights as it is extremely dangerous
- There is already a lot of congestion in the village. Turning right onto the A6 is problematic - traffic lights needed
- High street can't take much more congestion
- Access onto the main A6 must be improved from both Harcourt and Beauchamp
- Access to trains, no station?!

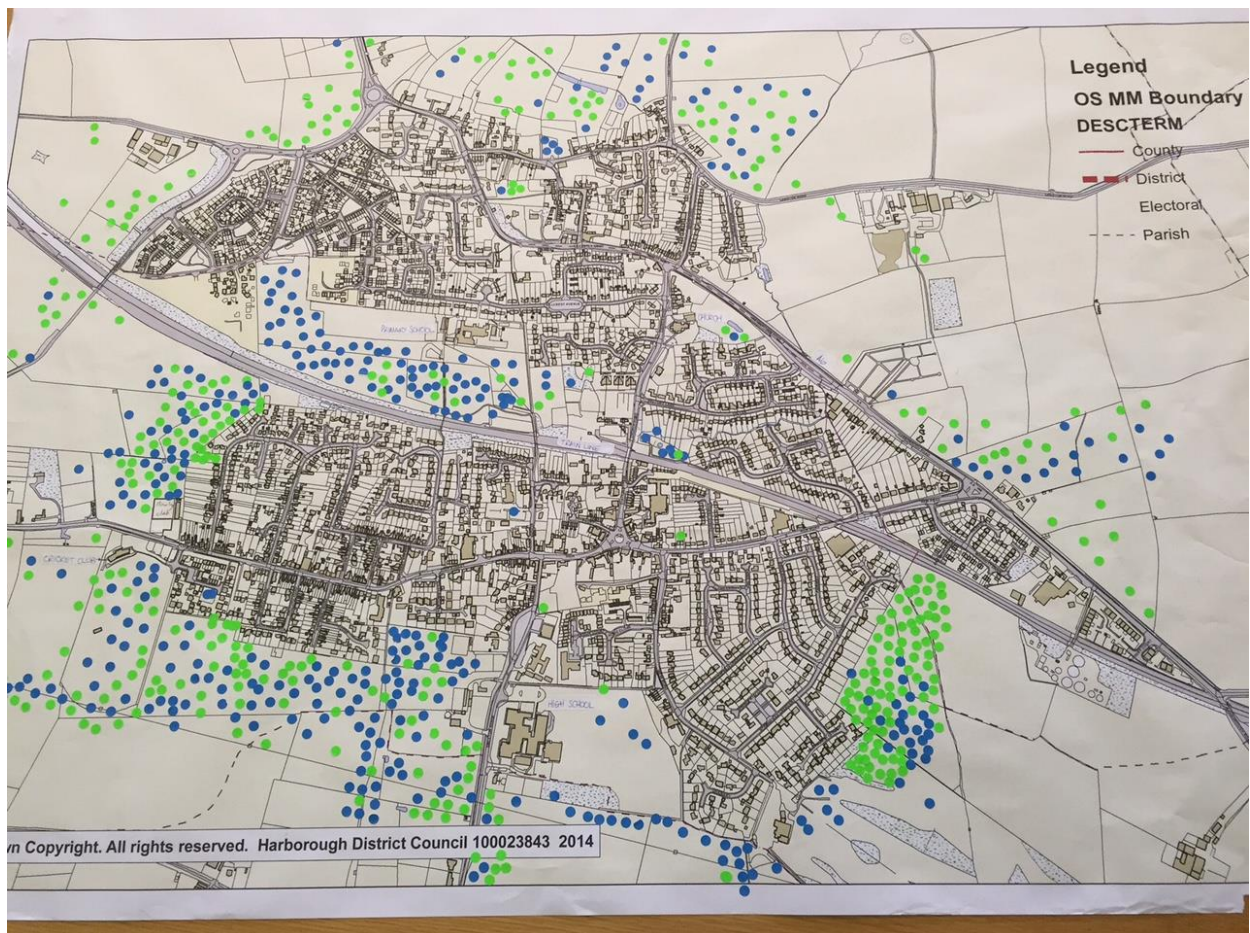
Heritage and Conservation

Comments

- Need to maintain old buildings and conservation areas
- The love of the countryside
- We need to keep the pubs open in the village
- Better youth football facilities
- We need to cherish the history the village possesses. No more development
- Improved transport in the evening
- Rose and Crown (ex Raitha's) destined to be a 'drop in' supermarket, surely it's listed?
- Slightly ironic that the new re-worked logo looks like a new housing estate

- Affordable low cost commercial premises for shops
- The old grammar-school hall - excellent resource and protect the car park next to it - useful to have for local shops
- Where can the tourists stay? Need facilities
- Youth development, leisure center, community gardens, wildlife
- No play area provision in the 'Springfield crescent' side of Kibworth - needs addressing
- Agree that the logo looks too much like a housing estate. Needs to highlight the rural aspect
- More youth facilities 13-17
- Later buses, cheaper fares
- Improve the island/roundabout in the centre of the village
- Need tourist accommodation (small scale)
- Another GP surgery, another school, more nursery facilities
- The buildings contribute to a 'street scene'. Don't obliterate key views - maintain a feeling of "context"

| Green Spaces | |
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| Questions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place up to 3 blue stickers on the map in an area of open space that is important for leisure and up to 3 green stickers in a place with a good or important view |
| Results | |



Summary of findings

Many comments were made reflecting a wide range of opinions; however, people who attended the consultation event demonstrated a consistency in a number of key areas:

Employment – There were relatively few comments made in relation to employment with a range of views being expressed reflecting a desire for a better balance of shops; more shops to allow for more jobs and a willingness to accept small scale and quiet employment opportunities. One consultee expressed the view that Kibworth doesn't need much more business development.

Open Space and Environment – The highest number of respondents stressed the need to protect open spaces, with 13 individuals expressing this general view. A further 7 drew attention to the character of Kibworth being shaped by, as one person put it 'its abundance of green pockets within the built-up area'. Others expressed their desire for the protection of the environment through comments reflecting the potential damage to wildlife through the development of open spaces (6) and the need to preserve trees and hedgerows (6).

The danger of potential confluence between Kibworth and Smeeton was also highlighted by 3 people and concern expressed at Kibworth becoming the size of a Town without the services to match. Other comments included anxiety of flooding, the need to retain parks and the need for cycle ways.

The green spaces map (page 17 above) showed the important local green spaces. There was a cluster of dots indicating important views to the south of the Fairway and the land south of High St/Fleckney Road between the School and the Cricket Club was highlighted as an important area for both leisure and views. Land generally outside the built-up area of the Kibworths is valued.

Housing and Local Plan Housing Options – Concern was expressed that Kibworth does not have the infrastructure to support new housing. Many respondents expressed the view that Kibworth could not take a significant increase in housing (16), linking this to the existing problems with the road system and other infrastructure limitations (28). Where further house building was understood to be necessary, there was strong preference expressed for brownfield sites to be the location (14).

Views were mixed on the desire to see affordable housing in Kibworth. 6 respondents expressly commented against it whilst 11 expressed support, including 7 people specifying the need for smaller affordable homes for local people. A further 4 people identified the need for housing for older people.

Design – A range of views were expressed including the need for off-street parking; reasonable garden space; energy efficiency measures and high density.

Community Facilities including the Library – The major concerns that were expressed relate to pressure on the schools (25); health care (25) and roads (20). 9 respondents referred to the need for better sport and leisure facilities, including a swimming pool, and the desire for better scout facilities (6) and community rooms (7) also featured. 4 people highlighted the need to safeguard the pubs and the same number referenced the need for more shops.

Two respondents questioned the benefit of having a Library, but 12 people expressed their support for its continuation.

Transport and Highways – There is widespread agreement that traffic in the Kibworths is problematic. 24 respondents raised general issues about the problems throughout the Kibworths with the capacity of the road network to cope with existing levels of vehicle movement, and expressed concern about the impact on additional housing and increased car ownership. The highest level of concern was expressed in relation to problems with access to the A6 with traffic lights and roundabouts being seen by many as potential solutions. Views on the benefit of a bypass were mixed – 6 saying it was essential but 5 wanting to avoid having one, some linking this to the inevitability of significant new housing.

The need for better parking was identified by 12 people and 7 people highlighted the need for improved public transport, especially in the evening. 6 people wanted to see improved connectivity through the

Kibworths with enhanced cycle ways and footpaths and views were mixed on the benefits of traffic calming.

Heritage and Conservation – Views were expressed over a range of issues including the need to maintain old buildings; keeping the pubs open and cherishing the history of the village.

