

Twyford Neighbourhood Plan Initial Community Engagement

Gilbert Hall drop in meeting

In February 2015, at the start of the process to develop the Twyford Neighbourhood Plan (TNP), a drop-in exhibiton was held in the Gilbert Room of the Parish Hall where villagers were invited to come and make their views known on village issues of concern to them. Panels were displayed to give some background to the neighbourhood planning process and covering topics needing to be addressed in the plan such as housing, environment, traffic, business and amenities

Participants were encouraged to complete an open ended general questionnaire covering the above topics to get community views.

Following this, the TNP committee recognised that it was important to engage more of the community and an outreach process was started to seek opinions from other villagers whilst they were attending clubs, events and group meetings. The same questionnaire as used in the open meeting was taken out to the community.

Graze Festival

The outreach consultations started at the Graze Festival held in August 2015. The committee set up a stall which included the original questionnaire along with a large map of the village. Villagers were asked to place sticky dots on areas which they thought appropriate for further housing. Post-it notes were used to get views on other issues. Information on the village and the neighbourhood plan process were all made available. Responses were validated by a post code to ensure the village connection.

Other consultations

Following on from this consultation, visits were made in a similar style to:-

Orchard Close Residential Home, Twyford Playgroup Committee, Twyford Guides, the Bugle, the Phoenix, Twyford Social Club, St Marys Church, the Methodist Church coffee morning and a Twyford WI meeting

Analysis of Questionnaires

A total of 71 questionnaires were completed and analysed. The questions asked and the analysis of the results are given below.

Questionnaire - Survey Results

This represents the results of 71 questionnaires. Not all questions were answered by everyone and because of the open nature of the survey several points could be made in a sentence. So the numbers are indicative. Where opinions ranged widely the views have been summarized.

If anyone has detailed questions the original data can be viewed.

1 What do you value about living in Twyford?

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|-------------------|----|
| Village Community | 60 |
| Landscape ecology | 56 |
| Amenities | 50 |
| Transport links | 31 |

2 What do you dislike about living in Twyford?

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|-------------------|----|
| Traffic | 51 |
| Access issues | 15 |
| Parking | 12 |
| Lack engagement | 7 |
| Aeroplanes | 5 |
| Expensive housing | 5 |

3 What are the 3 things you would most like to change in Twyford?

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|-------------|----|
| Traffic | 41 |
| Access | 18 |
| Amenities | 10 |
| Parking | 9 |
| Bus service | 9 |
| Housing | 8 |

4 What developments would you like to see in Twyford?

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|-----------|-------------------------|
| Amenities | |
| Housing | Each category contained |
| Business | a wide range of views |
| Transport | |

5 Where should these developments be located?

Many did not answer this question

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| Housing | |
| scattered, avoid ribbon development, central and on edge | |
| Field on Hazeley Rd adjacent to surgery | 11 |
| Northfields | 2 |
| Field behind Manor road | 2 |

6 Do you agree that the Neighbourhood Plan should place continued protection of the landscape, ecology and environment high on its agenda?

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|---------------|----|
| Yes | 36 |
| Qualified yes | 5 |
| No | 5 |

What aspect is most important to you?

Many aspects of the landscape and environment

What do you see as needing more or different protection?

The comments mostly related to landscape, the environment and the village community

7 What housing should be built in Twyford in the next 10-15yrs?

A good mix of affordable housing , social housing, family homes with something for the elderly which is in keeping with the village but interesting architecturally.

Would 60 new houses in next 10-15 years be too many?

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| Yes | 28 |
| No | 15 |

Should new housing be limited to social housing only?

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| No | 30 |
| Mix | 15 |
| Yes | 12 |

What other housing needs are there in Twyford? For instance the young or the elderly?

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| Young and Families | 17 |
| Elderly | 11 |
| Mixed smaller units | 11 |
| Downsizing | 5 |

Should we consider several smaller groups or one large estate?

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| Smaller groups | 42 |
| Large estate | 4 |

How should this be phased?

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| Gradually | 33 |
| ASAP | 2 |

Which land should be selected?

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|---------------------------|----|
| Field adjacent to surgery | 12 |
| Northfields | 6 |
| B3335 and Church Lane | 5 |
| Field behind Manor Rd | 3 |

How will this affect the existing mix of housing

No great concerns but housing should be varied and in keeping with the rest of the village

8 What transport improvements would you like to see?

Improved bus service and less car usage
Traffic slowing
More parking
Improved access

9 What do you think about business and employment in the village?

Most people thought good to excellent though a few selective additions would be welcome
Some support for selective development on Hazeley industrial site

How can we help home workers and new businesses?

Better internet and better publicity
Self help groups

10 What are your thoughts and ideas?

Preserve character of village 8
and sense of community

Support and Protect local facilities 4

11 How should plans for the village cater for changing needs of the population?

Importance of continuing consultation and engagement 11

Housing development should be gradual and aim to keep 8
and attract the young