

Wantage Neighbourhood Plan



Feedback from displays of SWOTs at Museum Exhibition 9th to 20th September 2014

	Number	Summary of comment
Infrastructure		
	13	Over development with no infrastructure is destroying the town, build infrastructure first e.g. schools,
	1	Build houses nearer to where jobs will be
	1	Convert charity/empty shops in market place to flats
	1	Convert shops to be internet café/business services, highest broadband speeds
	12	Bring in more affordable shops and increase variety e.g. shoes, frozen food, clothes, hardware
Design		
	4	All new houses should be built to zero energy standards
	2	Partly pedestrianize the market square
	1	Mixed housing developments to encourage community living i.e. include mixed type housing plus communal play areas
	1	Provide houses with outdoor space to avoid children playing in streets
	1	Need open spaces in housing development
	1	Prioritise space for people over cars
	1	Tidy up town centre
	2	Housing for over 60s (not retirement homes)
	1	Convert one side of market place to retirement homes
Facilities		
	4	Not enough for young people to do, park facilities need updating for all age groups,
	4	The fair brings no benefit to town, stop or move out of town centre
	2	Bring back the old police station, police counter alone is not a strength
	1	Better sports facilities needed
	1	Playing fields for all schools
	2	Need minor injuries unit at the Community Hospital, expand
	2	Enlargement of Mably Way Health Centre
	1	More things for children to do during school holidays
	1	Provisions for special needs within the community for children and young adults
	1	More adult education facilities within Wantage
	1	Place for local groups to hire – Beacon too expensive
Transport		
	2	Ensure cycle routes are actually built
	12	Need better (routes, times, frequency) public transport and cycle route options to Harwell, Milton, Swindon, Newbury, etc.
	3	Enforce use of cycle paths, where available. Separate bikes from cars and pedestrians
	5	Provide light rail/tram system , together with link to town centre
	4	More car parking
	3	Coach park to bring in tourists

	2	Build a bypass around Wantage
	1	Don't build a bypass
	3	Integrate cycle paths/ footpaths to town and schools e.g. new canal route, Mill St dangerous
	2	Roads are already over capacity at peak times and will get worse
	1	No public transport to White Horse Hill
	3	Roads in an appalling state of affair – especially for cyclists
	3	Improve A417E before any house development, E and W link roads will be essential
	2	Park and ride between Wantage and Grove needed
	2	Multi-storey car park near town centre and include parking for town centre housing
	1	Change 30mph on Mably Way back to 40mph
	1	Widen roads on main thoroughfares before new building starts
	1	Dedicated bus services to take children to local schools to avoid school run
	1	Frequent small community buses to run through housing estates and into town
	1	No double decker buses in housing estates as destroy roads
Environment		
	2	More dog waste bins, dog exercise area
	1	Protect Letcombe Brook
	1	Clean Humber Ditch
	1	Local business to sponsor/support conservation initiatives
	1	Drainage will be major issue with building programme
	2	Clean up litter and enforce littering penalties
	1	No new development South of Wantage. Protect the Downs and AONB
	1	Protect open spaces and green corridors
	2	Let edges of parks be left to grow wild for butterflies/bees
	1	Clear foliage from Health Centre side of Mably Way to improve visibility
	1	Impressive work on Environment SWOT
Other		
	1	More employment in Wantage
	1	Don't sell St Marys convent to developers
	1	Stop the name Letcombe Fields
	3	Too insular thinking – need to consider the surrounding area incl. Grove
	1	Too much talk and too little actual action e.g. crematorium going up with little coverage
	1	No Newbury St, Manor Road, Chain Hill housing 'creep'
	1	New secondary school for Grove needs to be run separately from KAs
	2	Loss of high grade agricultural land at Crab Hill
	2	Amalgamate Wantage and Grove in one large admin area
	1	No employment topics
	1	Wantage TC to stop stealing land from Grove
	1	Housing not discussed