

Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire – a quick look at some results

This is a summary of the results, a longer description of the results, with graphs to help picture them, will be posted online (<http://broadwindsorgroup.gov.uk/community/neighbourhood-plan>). Look out on the Drimpton and Broadwindsor Facebook pages too. (Contact: broadwindsornp@gmail.com)

Things which people find important and which make this a special place

Facilities for sport, leisure and recreation; good school facilities; good social life and community spirit and neighbourliness; local services and shops, the distinctive character of villages and buildings, the landscape and scenery and being an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Traffic, Transport and Accessibility

There is dissatisfaction with both parking and safety for cyclists and walkers, and by far the greatest number of written suggestions were about speed and weight or size of vehicles.

There was clear support for increasing the number of passing places, but not increased street lighting.

Employment and Economy

Protect existing employment sites, allow conversion of existing buildings to employment use and encourage home working.

Housing

Sites for houses for sale on the open market and sites for private rental were not supported. However, adaptable, shared ownership and housing association homes all attracted support.

Comments suggested affordable housing for local, young people, and improving infrastructure.

1 or 2 bedroom homes for first time buyers was the most strongly supported option.

Most additional comments, suggested that development should be related to community needs, and others: the use of brownfield sites, starter homes, eco-friendly and self build housing.

Sizes of development

There was clear opposition to having larger development sites, but having more sites with fewer houses was supported.

Housing growth in the foreseeable future

Most disagreed that there should be less growth than happened previously, the strongest support was to continue the average rate of development (about 5 per year).

Affordable local homes through a CLT?

Support for a CLT across the Broadwindsor Group Parish was very strong. Drimpton and Netherhay results (where a proposed site for a CLT development has been suggested at Netherhay Lane) were also strongly supportive, with over two thirds of Drimpton/Netherhay respondents in favour.

Housing needs?

Most reported no need, the next highest number (42) was for smaller property to downsize.

Other Comments and Suggestions

There were 62 final additional comments, mainly about speeding and road safety more generally, safer pavements and footpaths, affordable housing for locals and public transport links (though few people reported using public transport).

Young people had their say

20 questionnaires carried comments in the section for young people. More than half dealt with the provision of play and recreation facilities, including making them appropriate to different age groups, so that, for example, younger children didn't feel intimidated playing in areas used by older children.