

The below represents our submission to the draft 2020 document.

As newcomers to the village, moving in during late 2013, we missed out on the period of consultation predating the draft document. However, we both view the decision to undertake a neighbourhood plan as a broadly positive step for the community to take. This said, we do feel that the sheer degree of development that would occur should the 8 sites identified be developed would severely damage the identity and infrastructure of the village we are delighted to now call home.

The questionnaire that was sent to residents does seem to have been slightly leading in places. There are some assertions that require answers with an implication of support for significant development. I would assume that support for extensive development is probably lacking, however data to evidence my claim is lacking because of the phrasing of some elements of the questionnaire. As with any study, inference must be made based on the evidence available. In this case it is important to preface use of the questionnaire's data with acceptance of its limitations.

There is also throughout the document a heavy emphasis on a new community centre. With the scale of development planned I would be more inclined to suggest a focus on using windfall from development on roads and elderly care provision. This would be a more sustainable approach to an expanding and ageing population in Drayton.

In generating windfall from new building projects the planning authority has two options for reaching settlement with developers: section 106 agreements or contributions to the nascent Community Infrastructure Levy. I would encourage the village to push for use of frontloaded s106 agreements as financial settlements. Using this approach will mean that money is committed to projects that will be in Drayton, rather than seeing money vired to other projects in the Vale of White Horse.

Site 1 identified in the document is North of Barrow Road. Access to this site is mentioned as being through a mini-roundabout at the top of Sutton Wick Lane. As residents of this Lane we are aghast at this proposal. We feel it would create a bottleneck and damage lives of those on the Lane. We would advocate an approach that sees access from the top of the site at the Abingdon end of the site.

Yours sincerely,

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