

# DRAYTON 2020

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SURVEY REPORT

### *COMMENTS*

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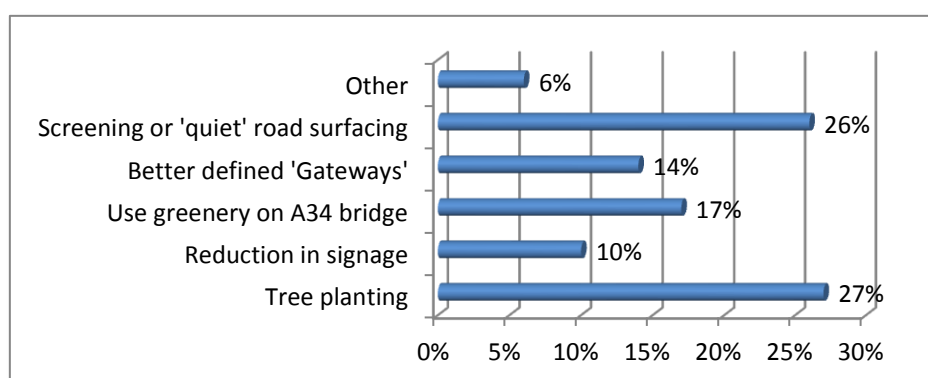


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This document lists the responses to survey questions which specifically asked for comment. It also includes comments which respondents gave for other questions). Where there is a possibility of a respondent being identified, a comment has been edited.

3. A number of ideas have been put forward to make the village more attractive- which do you support?

1160 responses: 3540 total suggestions



**Other suggestions**

- Should make local pubs community assets. Free WiFi across all village. Have grass cut more often.
- Flowers.
- Planting of trees on Steventon Road, odd numbers side, outside bungalows, to create an avenue effect. It would be far more attractive.
- More slow down signs. Grass needs regular cutting.
- More public seating. Metal sculpture (as on roadsides in France). Upgrade/improve hedges surrounding football field.
- Mini supermarket similar to Steventon co-op.
- Flowers.
- Make Drayton a destination village not just a point on a line of travel. Reducing through traffic would make the village more attractive.
- Trees are lovely but too many brings problems with leaf fall and we already have a problem with blocked drains and gutters, more will only cause flooding in a dangerous way. Also pavements become dangerous and slippery especially for the disabled and elderly. They can also add to litter problems, autumn throughout spring.
- Change in use of green area opposite post office.

- Properly maintained roads and footpaths.
- Grant for noise reduction barrier on A34?
- Village gateways to have facilities to plant flowers.
- I think more native tree planting would benefit our economy.
- More streetlights. Resurface roads.
- Trees that produce edible sources for residents of Drayton, cobnut, plum, pear, apple etc.
- More flower beds/wildflowers around village.
- There should be a 50mph speed limit on the A34 from Abingdon to Milton Interchange (similar to Botley). This, and resurfacing, is the only way to reduce noise. It sounds like an airport for most of the day.
- Solar panels along the A34 to reduce noise and benefits the villagers.
- The frontage of the post office and store is dated and not very attractive to look at, spoils the village feel. Too cluttered and ugly signage.
- If possible, quiet road surfacing for A34 would make a huge difference.
- Paint the bridge as in France. Plant more ancient tree types.
- The village will never look any better if the post office is left looking like it does.
- More flower displays. Better upkeep of Millennium Pond. 20mph speed limit in the housing estates (not main Drayton Rd). More parking provided at the school to stop the housing estate being blocked up.
- Plant oaks, rowans, hawthorns – anything wildlife friendly.
- Plant more trees, definitely.
- Flowers, beds, planting in centre of village at the roundabout, often the only place people slow down in Drayton.
- Definitely more trees and greenery throughout the village – they are our life blood.
- Sensory garden re. disabilities. Zebra crossing by bus stop – school children, disabled.
- Public toilet.
- Weeping willows. Permanent fix for potholes. Traditional village shop. Maintain noticeboards.
- Speed cameras should be the priority.
- Living in the immediate vicinity of Hilliat Fields and the approach roads, we feel that HK can look like a stereotypical council estate and therefore give a wrong impression of the local area and residences.
- Parking near shops/churches etc. Grass being cut.

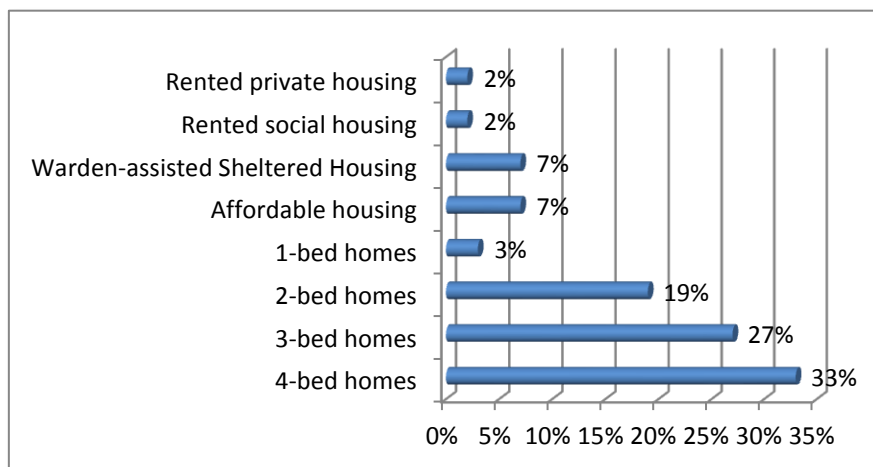
- Old style finger signposts.
- Stop parking on pavements and grassed areas. Car selling on village green.
- Weight restriction for lorries.
- Volunteers could plant bulbs in some of the green spaces, e.g., daffodils. More flowers, ornamental planting generally (cost/maintenance permitting). Duck pond!
- More bins to dispose of dog waste! Gateways would need to be maintained which doesn't happen at present.
- Keep as many trees in the village as possible. More floral displays in spring/summer.
- Tree planting on east side and north side of village south of A34 bridge.
- Both sides of A34 bridge as Drayton extends beyond (south) of bridge and this area is sometimes forgotten about.
- As in France, planters with similar flowers throughout the village.
- Create some buildings for business, there is no real centre to the village.
- More bulb planting. More benches. Fountain. Sculpture.
- Brick bus shelters. Graffiti wall.
- Divide houses into pods of 5/6 and have monthly competitions for best kept pods.
- I will be moving from Drayton because of the noise from the A34, which will be a shame as I have now lived here for nearly 10 years but the noise is getting worse.
- Definitely quiet road surface needed. Row of large trees to absorb noise and carbon monoxide.
- Central feature, e.g., an old cart planted with flowers. Much more public planning with seating so that people can sit outside.
- Traffic calming on main Drayton Road. Nobody wants to live on a road with fast moving vehicles. Large wooden planters.
- Definitely need to reduce noise from A34.
- Tree/bush planting along A34 where visible from the housing to help as a noise barrier.
- Rumble strips before 30 mile signs to alert people to the 30mph zone.
- Urgently need to sort out the Drayton Road traffic in Abingdon.
- More lights on main road. Something to stop traffic from going through the village so fast.
- Let's get regular maintenance to the verges and hedgerows that we already have before planting more. 50 years ago they were immaculate!
- A way to reduce speed vehicles drive at and stop heavy duty vehicles driving through village.
- More flowers and shops.

- The sign for the twinning association entering the village from Abingdon is unsightly.
- Verge trimming. Gully emptying.
- Yes to e. in a big way.
- Managed litter bins. Better grass cutting program. Bridle paths left clear. Dog waste bins – Rookes Nest bridle path and end of Marcham Road Lane.
- Try and enforce some people to take pride in their home and village as some front gardens are a right state.
- The removal of tufts of grass etc. from road edges and drains would make the village instantly more attractive. This does need to be done manually, ‘watering’ with weed killer does not solve the problem.
- Reduce the amount of street lighting, especially round the roundabout – villages don’t need so much street lighting.
- Anything that reduces volume of traffic, heavy vehicles and speeding cars in Drayton.
- Agree with e. Priority for noise reduction of A34! Improve road surface but need to use noise barrier, i.e., trees. ADAPT – appreciate Drayton and plant trees.
- Bulbs, wild flowers, meadows on verge areas.
- Some sort of flower display by village name plates at entrances to village. Do realise is Parish Council thing with needs for groundsmen etc.
- What about flowerbeds in the village centre? Could be tulips, daffodils, or roses – a rose garden around the memorial would be beautiful.
- Steventon has a beautiful co-op shop which is always busy. Our post office and shop is very shabby and there is limited and unsafe parking.
- Maybe put a pump in the Millennium Green pond. Hanging baskets on the street lighting. There are enough lampposts. Also just general flower arranging.
- Speed control measures.
- If slip road to A34 opened south of village, would ease traffic.
- Demolish the village hall as it is an eyesore.
- The grass and hedges along with footpaths to be better maintained. Planting of flowers in public places.
- Our garden faces A34 – we are on Steventon Road. The noise from the A34 at times is horrendous. There are currently no school signs on Hilliat Fields which is very dangerous.
- Some Oxfordshire villages have the white five bar gate ‘gateways’ when entering them. We feel this or even just flowers by the Drayton sign would improve its current entrance.
- Seating on some village footpaths, to rest and admire the views.

- Flowers as well as trees?
- Gateways with flower boxes. More ancient trees if money allows.
- Flower tubs.
- Stop all current and future development and install speed humps.
- Ancient trees as walnuts below.
- It is important our wonderful chestnut trees are untouched if the community centre comes to Manor Farm.
- Make the signs more instructive, i.e., the approach to the roundabout should be reduced to 20mph. 200 yards before the roundabout the road is getting very busy, and ignore the fact there is a roundabout.
- More flower beds. Car parking near shops.
- Flower beds.
- A good size car park, free for up to 2 hours.
- Flower beds. Tidying up local shops externally. Seating (benches). Cutting the grass on a more regular basis. Wider footpaths along the main road where possible.
- Reopen A34 slipway at bridge to reduce village traffic. Weight restriction on HGVs particularly training vehicles.
- Colourful bedding/containers around the village centre. Remove the 'cars for sale' opposite the Wheatsheaf.
- Improved pathways. Better maintenance of the Millennium Green.

**6. If you were to move within Drayton in the next 5 years which type of housing would you be most likely to require?**

**736 responses: 911 total suggestions**



***Other Suggestions***

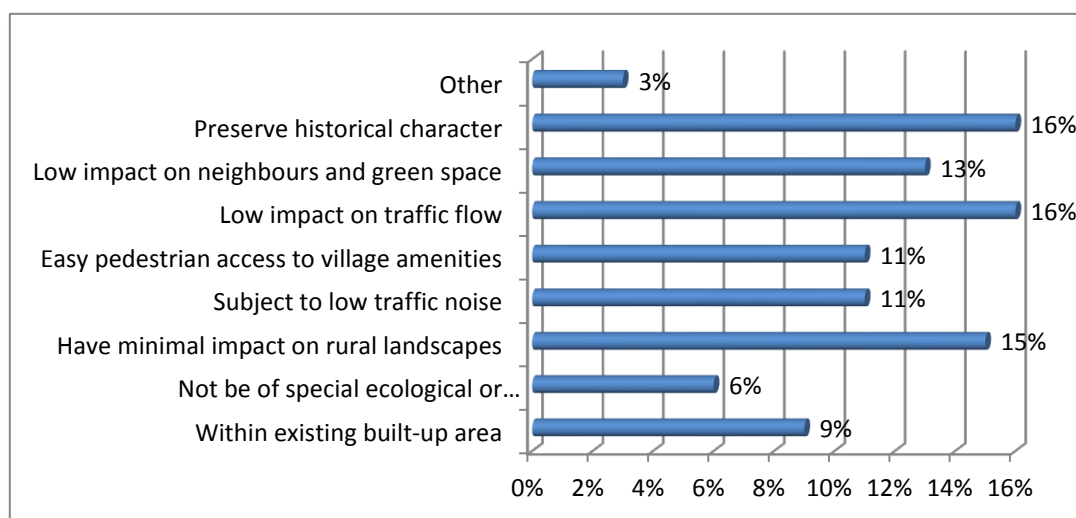
- House with off street parking, large rear garden.
- Please no more council/social housing – we as taxpayers end up paying for it and we have too much in the village already (which is not attractive to look at).
- 5 bedroom house with large garden.
- Bungalows.
- Bungalow.
- We would no longer consider moving within Drayton. No-one is entitled to move within Drayton because they live there now.
- Warden assisted sheltered housing. This type of accommodation appears to be in short supply within the area. To remain within the village curtilage would be wonderful.
- We recently moved to Drayton from ... and struggled to acquire a 4 bedroom home in the area between Wallingford and Abingdon, excluding Didcot and housing estates.
- Drayton is big enough already.
- Rented housing which accepts housing benefit tenants.
- Affordable housing for retired/semi-retired single people to be able to downsize in their own village – options at present are zero! Why not allow another static home park which allows a decent amount of land, best kept private and peaceful at back end of village towards the church.
- 2 bedroom bungalow for senior citizens only, with a small but not courtyard garden.
- Bungalow.

- We have moved into Drayton as we loved the balance of housing provided. We would now hate to see it lose its village character.
- A house with enough accommodation for an infirm elderly relative.
- 3 bed but not new build.
- Bungalow.
- Bungalow.
- Peaceful surroundings important, as the traffic is so bad, particularly down High Street. I probably wouldn't move within Drayton.
- Bungalow.



7. Which of the following criteria should be used to assess any housing sites proposed for the village?

1144 responses: 5469 opinions total



- Place incentives from developers below true wishes of community, i.e., do not be bought off!
- Planning gain? (e.g., pay for bowls club, tennis courts etc.). Egress onto a) existing roads where possible, b) edges/extremes of village.
- Houses/flats should be in keeping with the village.
- Keep to 2 storeys.
- 3 storeys max.
- Must have sufficient parking.
- Be central, avoid further ribbon development, face into the village centre.
- Retain the village otherwise we are in danger of overflowing into other close villages and Abingdon. Keep new buildings in line with the old architecture.
- Leave open spaces within village.
- Several small sites instead of one large one.
- Do not extend the existing village envelope.
- Concentrate any affordable housing on least valuable land, ie, near the A34 or away from the centre of the village.
- Preserve Drayton as a village not a dormitory town.
- No more houses wanted.
- More slant towards affordable housing.

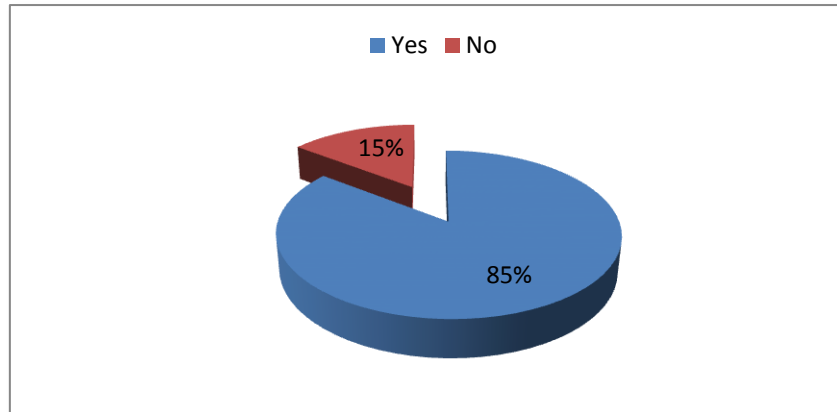
- Something that continues the natural/historic expansion of a village in a circular/oval shape, e.g., development on land south of B4016 and east and west of B4017.
- Small pockets of housing would be better than huge estates. If Drayton is joined on to south Abingdon with excessive housing it won't be a village anymore.
- Infill sites for 2-4 houses. New houses in grounds of existing large houses/gardens. Only enough new houses for local primary school to cope with, in other words, a balanced development plan!
- Nothing too imposing within the immediate village, long and wide rather than high. Building too close together will deprive people of much needed personal space therefore include the outer village.
- Mobile home park for young and elderly.
- Small 2 bedroom units but low density development with adequate parking (not like Mott Cottage/Barton Cottages provision).
- No flood risks.
- Sheltered/OAP homes adjacent to Millennium and 'new' village green.
- Building applications in surrounding towns and villages, e.g., the approved development in Sutton Courtenay; impact on local infrastructure will also be felt in Drayton.
- New housing should not be on flood plain.
- Consideration into existing traffic problems going into Abingdon from Drayton should happen first.
- Compliment the vernacular architecture – use of brick, natural stone, lime mortar, timber windows, plain clay tiles, slate.
- Cycle ways.
- Housing should be as energy efficient as possible. As much green space within the village as possible should be maintained.
- Be in keeping with the existing architectural features of the village.
- Minimise additional exits onto Drayton/Abingdon Road. Would make far more sense to extend Corneville Road (an existing exit) than to consider the field overlooked by Barrow Rd and the bungalows in Abingdon Rd as this would need an extra exit.
- What impact will more traffic have on the Drayton Road going into Abingdon? More houses will mean more cars.
- Build outside of village centre.
- We must preserve open spaces within the village, they are what makes Drayton special and keeps us rural as Abingdon and Didcot encroach.

- Can the main road cope with more traffic for these houses?
- No to blocks of flats of 3 or more storey buildings.
- All properties should have adequate parking.
- Restricted to 1 to 4 house developments, for example, not 150. Be beyond the character boundary of the village, i.e., not on any greenery within the village, e.g., paddocks, allotments etc. Be by consensus within the community.
- Sufficient parking facilities available on the site.
- Not within the conservation area for larger developments.
- May need to improve roads.
- No additional housing would be best.
- Blend in with surrounding housing types. Adequate parking for 16-99 year olds living in new homes – no pretence that homes will have 1 car only. Not create excessive demands on existing services – drainage, water, etc.
- No backland development.
- Build to the south of the A34 to give it more integration to the community and the rest of the village. Make a more defined entrance to the village and ease speed of traffic entering. A positive attitude would be the potential to reduce the noise of traffic both through and past the village.
- Provide adequate parking for residents.
- If houses are to be built in a great number they should have their own green and space to walk.
- Maximum 2 storeys with low pitch roofs.
- No new development.
- Extra housing should be of as low a density as possible.
- Who are all these houses being built for – I think the village has quite a good mix of people as it is.
- I don't think Drayton needs more housing, except perhaps where possible a little in-filling.
- Be part of a structured plan so the village remains a village with a defined centre and not just a loose straggle of housing.
- Good parking off the road. Two storeys as maximum height. Open spaces between housing. Retention of any large trees.
- Allow redevelopment/replacement of existing homes with more energy efficient new builds.

- Perhaps some houses could be built with bricks arranged in the 'header and stretcher' design as the High Street cottages before and also some in Halls Close and elsewhere in the village.
- Don't need any more houses.
- One of Drayton's big plusses is ability of walkers, runners, dog walkers to access green fields very easily. Large developments on the outskirts will ruin its character.
- Preferably no significant developments.

**11. Should new housing follow a 'Drayton Building Code' so that any new housing uses local building materials and reflects and enhances the existing historical character of the village?**

*1099 responses*

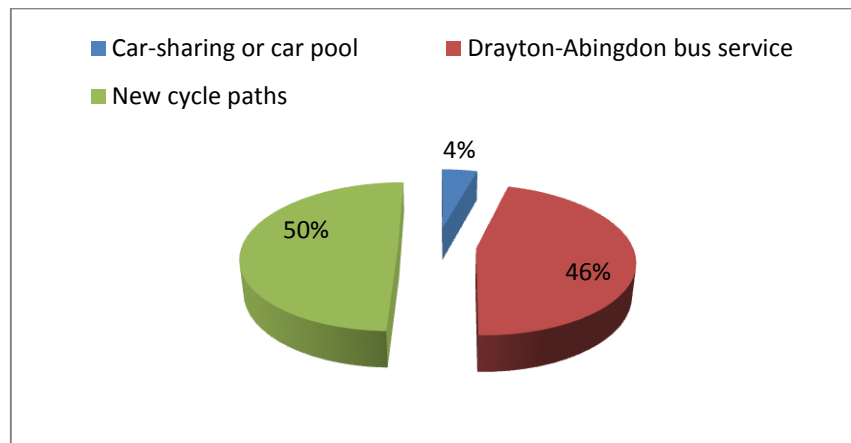


**Other suggestions**

- Do you really want all houses to be using the same materials? I would support the use of different architectural designs and materials. Look forwards not backwards!
- Too prescriptive – we don't want a pastiche of a historical period.
- Not if it greatly increases costs. Just use request that bricks etc. blend in with adjacent properties.
- Overall support use of local materials but should not be too prescriptive – could limit opportunities for social housing. The Vale's guidelines are preferable to a Drayton Building Code.
- This is an unfair question since it is 2 questions in 1. 1) Should new housing use local building materials? 2) Should new housing enhance the historical character of the village? New housing could use externally sourced non-local materials and still enhance the character of the village provided such materials are carefully selected.

### 13. Would you use any of the following?

1011 responses: 1537 total suggestions

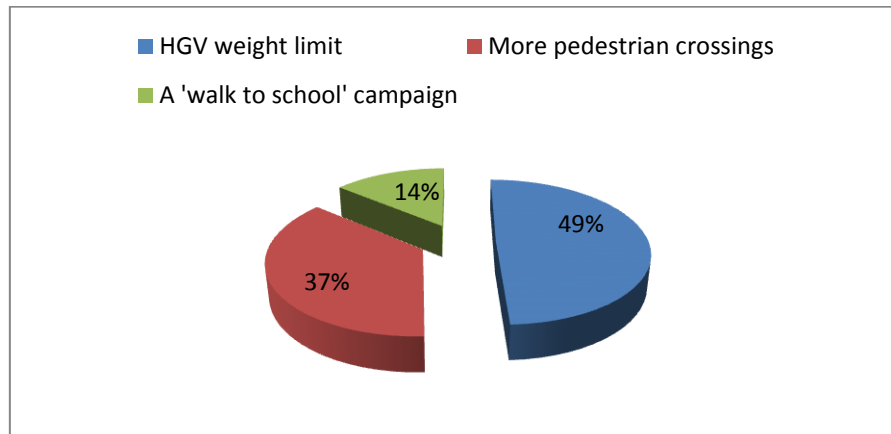


#### Other suggestions

- We're always nearly being knocked down on Drayton's pavements, riders do not have bells or hooters and pavements are not wide enough.
- Cycle path not used into Abingdon by cyclist now – survey needs to be done.
- Not until all cyclists use existing cycle path between Drayton and Abingdon.
- Rutherford Milton etc. – forced to pay and park on site.
- Cycle paths need to be well built and linked up, and separate from vehicular traffic.

#### 14. Would you support any of the following?

1042 responses: 1729 total suggestions

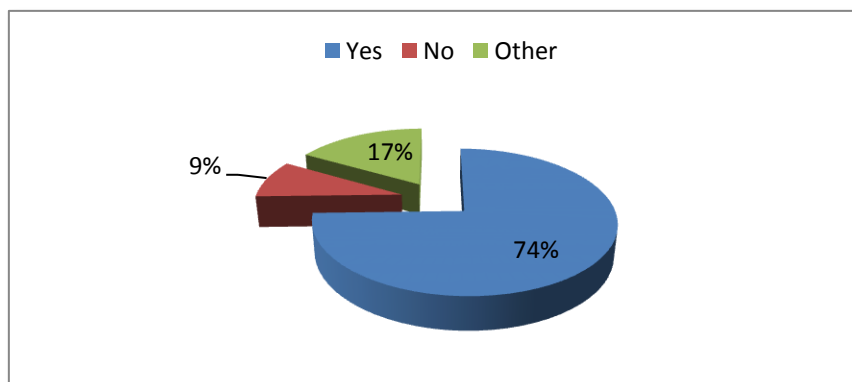


#### Other suggestions

- Remove crossing island by post office and replace with proper crossing.
- I would support a walk to school campaign. However, this is not an easy option when dropping a child at school then going straight to work.
- Don't bin free local travel! It works well to reduce independent car travel.
- A pedestrian crossing would be excellent for the children on Steventon Rd as it's so hard to cross at busy times.

**15. If a new Community Centre were to be provided on the Manor Farm site, or elsewhere central to the village, should the current village hall in Lockway be re-developed as a Sports and Young Peoples' Centre?**

*1096 responses: 1263 total suggestions*



**Other suggestions**

- We do not see why the current location can be used for both.
- Only when the new super community centre is completed.
- Knock down and build more homes there.
- Small industrial units.
- Young offenders, Borstal.
- I don't think that the green/community centre link is necessary – we could end up with 2 underused facilities so try to upgrade existing hall.
- Older people.
- Existing hall could be enlarged and upgraded.
- Turn the current hall at Lockway into a sports centre (not specifically for young people).
- A sports centre/gym would be good, offering more group exercises and young people should be encouraged to join.
- Please keep green space/children's play area at this site as there are not many amenities in this area.
- Cinema or theatre, if not provided in new hall, or possibly an astronomical telescope – I am aware of one village hall with such equipment.
- To be left as it is.
- What a beautiful idea! I think we should motivate our children in sports and in our own village!
- Business exchange, cultural centre.



- Use for antique fairs, craft stalls etc. to generate money.
- It could have an alternative use for adults depending on how you use Q16. Children and youth have needs but not to the total exclusion of adults and that includes the elderly who could be provided with facilities that would help the lonely stuck at home problems suffered by so many who actually have a lot to give if the chance were offered.
- Drayton cricket club.
- Or business start-up/innovation centre.
- I think it would make a perfect young peoples' centre, providing there is proper supervision and security to ensure it is well looked after.
- Reduce cost of use. (Steventon village hall makes a profit).
- To be demolished.
- If the Manor Farm Community Centre fulfilled all sport and leisure needs, would this free up the current hall and football fields for housing?
- Could be redeveloped as residential area.
- We are both indoor short mat bowlers. Where would the bowling go?
- And new community hall somewhere else.
- Rather than build a new community centre which will cost a fortune to build and run, why not completely refurbish the present village hall. It feels very dated now. It sorely needs a decent roof and a much better kitchen.
- Start a community farm for the benefit of residents.
- Perhaps a swimming pool?
- It has served us well and should continue in some role. A young people's centre is a good choice.
- Leave a little space, maybe a mid-weekday and evening, for functions as in Q2, children's parties etc. as well as the community centre, give them a choice, children sometimes like that.
- Permanent craft/ market stalls sited within hall.
- Tennis centre/ courts. Private gym. Nice coffee-shop.
- The current village hall should be retained/ refurbished as the main community centre. There is already a problem with young people causing a nuisance in this area and it should be deterred.
- Do not really understand this at all. Surely we should have a village centre that has multiple uses rather than separate facilities.
- Sell the whole site for building and the profit put back into village funds for other amenities.

- An exhibition space for local artists or societies or a display on history of Drayton going back to Anglo-Saxon times.
- Ideal site to be sold off to a private day care nursery.
- Expand centre with extra 2 football pitches and changing facilities. Clubs to use as centre. Cricket pavilion separate on new green.
- The village hall in Lockway has worked very well for many years. It would be a shame if only used for sports and young people's centre.
- Rather than spend funds on new development why not redevelop the existing centre facilities to broaden their appeal, thereby increasing the utilisation. It is incumbent on the parish council also to make sure a range of events are held there to attract people back to it – not to mention encouraging local people to hire it for personal use rather than other facilities in the village.
- Keep the current village hall in Lockway.
- Sports and all ages people centre. Arts and crafts, music and drama.
- Why not keep and develop this hall, do we need yet another hall, who and how will they run, who will finance the running of both halls?
- Co-operative farm/craft shop to showcase local talent and produce.
- It could be knocked down and another football pitch created with a clubhouse or housing and the area between the A34 and Whitehorns Way developed into a sports/football ground with clubhouse.
- Redevelop current hall.
- Yes, but will the kids look after it? I think not, after all we see living in Lockway.
- Why not use this as a residential development site with a sports facility – mixed use development. Possibly some office or craft workshop space.
- Indoor gym.
- Why not update it and leave it where it is?
- Great idea! It could be a centre for creative arts such as drawing and painting classes. You could establish links with Abingdon & Witney College to create a centre for adult learners or essential skills for young people.
- Q1 implies that a new community centre on Manor Farm is practically decided. This village cannot support the hall it currently has properly let alone a new hall and a sports centre that will not be fully utilised. Use the developer's money to upgrade the hall we already have and make this building more versatile and useful to the community. Please do not saddle

the village with buildings that eventually we will not be able to afford and will again run into disrepair.

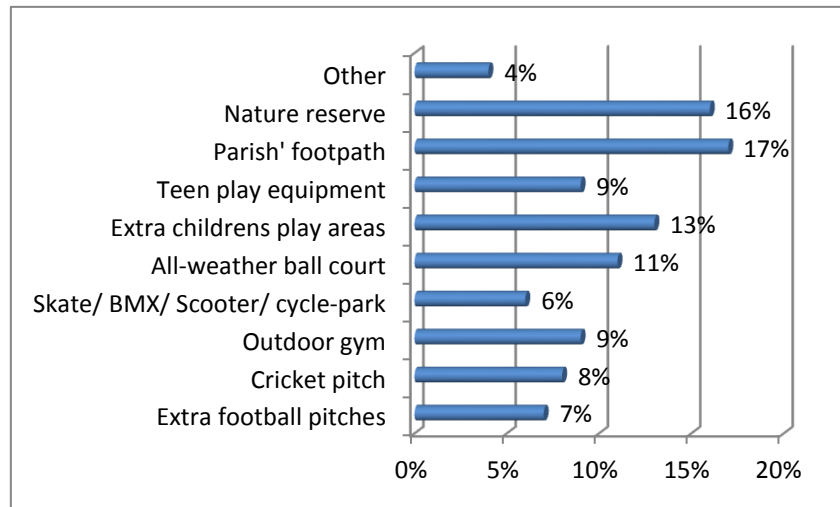
- Somewhere for teenagers to go and just hang out – eat ice cream! Sports, yes, fields and turn-up sports, basketball etc.
- Seems costly! Do you need both facilities and would any additional houses really be able to pay?
- I'm not sure if it would be used to its full potential.
- Knock it down and put housing on the site.
- Good for the football/rugby/youth centre.
- The village hall is a very ugly building, it would be nice to knock it down and rebuild in a barn style to enhance the area, or re-clad it in such a way that it didn't look like a 60/ 70s monstrosity.
- Use the existing village hall more. This was built and partly funded by the village people for all to use. Needs renovating, e.g., rub down and paint internal and external metal windows, new curtains to replace old ones shredding with age.
- Wildlife area, trees, pond etc. Or dog exercise area, lawn bowls area, tennis courts.
- Smaller hall to enable: extra football pitches, tennis court? Although one football pitch per village is quite normal! There's always Abingdon.
- Theatre/cinema?
- We need a new village hall on the site, like Steventons. Current one is old and worn.
- Would be good to have a swimming pool.
- Private hire of hall to residents of Drayton out of hours or when centre not in use (as current hall is).
- The term young people's centre suggests a separation by age – surely an exclusive policy. Better sports facilities would be as good – as long as the will to run or use them stays strong and that the impact on the neighbours (pitch lights, noise, parking, traffic access) is carefully thought through.
- Community rather than young people as elderly residents make a lot of use of hall for sports.
- And a café and toilets.
- Bigger pre-school.
- But good luck finding the funds and people to run it enough to make it worthwhile.
- Re-site the bar to be part of the kitchen so you can service the main hall easier. Look to the village pubs to supply the bar. Not Steventon sport and social club. Austin from the Wheatsheaf is able and willing.

- Arts and crafts – training/workshops.
- Kids have nothing to do in our village, its crap!
- It's a good hall – needs updating and better management.
- Demolish as it is outdated.
- If the above does not happen, funding should be provided to improve the facilities of the existing village hall which is out of date and it should be more like or better than Steventon's.
- If redeveloped as above it should include a basic café serving non-alcoholic beverages and food such as hotdogs in a no smoking area.
- Any available money should be used to modernise/update/repair existing hall. Present function to be kept (why sports of young people?).
- Social club. Gym.
- Bingo night.
- Its location is currently rather isolated within the village, making it a risk of vandalism. Redevelopment would not solve this problem.
- It could be used for office space or industry to provide jobs to local people.
- Complete refit as a leisure centre to incorporate all of Q16, a-g.
- Use more fully and make more attractive to potential users. Provide more parking when used for functions.
- Develop into a music/performance space similar to the Matrix centre (with possibility of a small theatre). Velodrome.
- Facelift and keep. Do not build a new one.
- What about maintenance costs?
- Basketball, indoor football, kids café.
- Entertainment, e.g., Drayton Players productions, perhaps with raked seating available. Hopefully the new community centre would be smaller and more intimate than the current village hall.
- Sports and general fitness centre for people of all ages.
- A village sport centre for young and old.
- A young people's centre is our preference – there is a lack of things to do for young teenagers in the village. However, perhaps it could be shared with new facilities for pre-school children – the one at Drayton school really needs upgrading.
- Could be developed as a micro-site for businesses to hire offices/meeting rooms.
- Need a basketball court.

- Convert into just a sports hall.
- Although supportive of the idea I question why the need to change from the existing site? Wouldn't money be better spent updating/modernising what is already a very good village hall with decent parking. A more central hall could provide more late night noise for a larger proportion of villagers and much closer to the pubs and closing time clashes.
- This would only be of use if the village pulls together and uses the facility.

**16. Which of the following additional recreation facilities would you use or like to see provided in Drayton?**

**1131 responses: 4869 total suggestions**



**Other suggestions**

- Tennis courts. Swimming pool.
- Baseball pitch. Table tennis.
- Make better use of Millennium Green, e.g., children's play area.
- We need a cycle link into central Abingdon: connect east side of village to Oday Hill/Wilsham, Pond/Hanson
- Tennis court.
- All local roads in and out of Drayton need cycle lanes or paths.
- In a village we cannot have everything. I have tried to cover all age groups with some recreational facilities including dog-walking and joggers.
- Be careful not to put all the sports emphasis on football.
- The Millennium Green must become more user friendly for residents. Play areas/ gym would attract more usage.
- A nature reserve will need maintaining properly, otherwise it will end up like the Millennium Green pond, neglected. Proper maintenance of the Millennium Green to allow our village to make use of the grassed area, from children playing games to adults having fun with picnics and children to events. It needs to be made more pleasant to be in and relax rather than a place to walk the dog or a route on a walk or run.
- Tennis courts. Table tennis, outdoors.
- We think Steventon village green is a good example of a village green. It has a cricket pitch – attractive. It is central to the village (Steventon). It is open and attractive – we frequently

see family groups picnicking. The Manor Farm site seems that it could match this example especially if it could be seen from the main road. Oh, and it has to have good parking (like Steventon).

- More use of Millennium Green, it's just for dog walkers.
- Something for the elderly.
- There should be no play equipment on the Millennium Green. I understood that this would always be the case – the green should be left as it was intended. The Chronicle stated last year that there could be no play equipment on that green, a condition of the original agreement.
- Shopping mall?
- Skate board park is fine, BMX and scooters are noisy.
- A cricket pitch/pavilion is, in my opinion, the heart of a village, almost a must. I might even volunteer as an umpire. Nature reserve – form one in Millennium Green area.
- Tennis courts.
- I think the Millennium Green should be left as it is.
- A nature reserve would need management and maintenance. Play areas would be best on a new housing development.
- Tennis court.
- Too many dogs not on leads on the Millennium Green for a children's play area. Outdoor gym subject to grass being regularly cut. The Millennium Green should be kept as it is – a breathing space for the community, to walk in peace and quiet, so essential in this busy world. Any play area etc. should be on the Manor Farm site along with a new community centre.
- I would be very sad to see the permanent development of playgrounds etc. on the Millennium Green if a new village green and community centre were developed in the centre of the village. Its semi-rural/ unspoilt atmosphere is what makes it special. Also pursue opportunities for children's facilities at the site of the existing village hall if a new one meant a change of function.
- Please leave the Millennium Green alone! But yes, extra play areas on new development sites if there are some guardians to keep the children safe within daylight hours and they are closed after dusk. Not from the equipment, from predators. A dog park? As in USA – the look fun and help dogs and their people to socialise.
- Lido or outdoor water play area. Like Abbey Meadow, Abingdon.
- Tennis court.

- Recreational grass area with an outdoor raised stage artistically shaped with shrub plants around it and a hard ground play area and nearby car park.
- Tennis court.
- Tennis court.
- Removal of play area next to village hall, replace with something like Didcots in Park Road or next to barracks entrance. Large climbing/ imaginative frame, sand pit, zipwire.
- The skate park at Sutton Courtenay is perfect for young children on their scooters, just a piece of concrete with slopes, it doesn't need to be elaborate. Play areas are better when incorporated with playing fields so some children can run/play football whilst others on the equipment – difficult to do at current park.
- No play equipment on the Millennium Green! Maybe some more seats to sit on. The millennium Green would attract people to be able to sit and enjoy the peace and quiet, it would be spoilt if it was turned into another playground.
- A play area such as the one in Harwell village would be good.
- Should be kept well away from where people live!
- Improved links to Milton (east way footpath).
- More cycle path provision.
- Covered picnic benches. Turn the disused landfill into proper walkways not that mud footpath that is at the end of the Quarry road. The two ponds to be used for picnics, landscaped for people to all use.
- In the several months this has been available (outdoor gym) I can count on one hand the number of times I have seen it being used – please, spend £ on a playground with CCTV instead
- Outdoor gym – the one in Milton Park is never used!
- Do something with the Millennium Green other than a huge dog toilet (no fault of the dog owner – the grass is usually too high to retrieve said poo). Cannot do anything, the grass is too long. Drayton needs better play equipment and outside space for kids. See Cumnor park.
- Tennis courts, multi-use all weather and floodlit. Impressive play areas and parks for under 10s. Green spaces for children to play that are dog (mess) free.
- Millennium Green would get more use if it had a cricket pitch and extra football pitch. Maybe the pond could be filled in as that was not well planned and had no fresh water running into it.
- Another duck pond.



- Play area on Millennium Green a great idea!
- More use of Millennium Green rather than a dog walking centre. Although lovely, the pond was a huge mistake.
- Sculpture trail. Dog-agility course. Nature trail.
- We may have 5 teams sharing one pitch but how many of the players actually live in the village? Would we be providing facilities for Abingdon?
- Fishing lake or pool for Drayton people whereby you would have to buy a ticket, season or daily. This money would go back into upkeep and for Drayton prospects. Fishing is the no.1 hobby in the UK.
- It is imperative that we encourage all villagers to be active, either socially or through sport. We must provide adequate facilities for this. We are shamed by other villages which have fine facilities used by all of the community. Football must come first as it attracts a large number of youngsters and local teens/ men.
- Picnic area on Millennium Green with pub style benches.
- Harwell village has a good fenced off play area for children. Perhaps the Millennium Green could have an area like this because at the moment it is not safe to take children into the Millennium Green. It has become a poo parlour for dogs.
- The idea of a gym within Drayton is great and we would use it. We would not use an outdoor gym – reasons: too wet, too sunny, too many people staring, no temperature control!
- Open up the existing landscaped Drayton/ Sutton Wick landfill site. They did a superb job with the landscaping, creating a beautiful nature reserve, and now they've created a Drayton Belsen with all the barbed wire. Grrr.
- Tennis courts, lawn bowls, nature reserve, footpath.
- [Green?] areas feel very threatening, they are never tidied up and become an eyesore, an area to be avoided. Nothing with floodlights! Or if there is to become a village green, could we take the lead from Steventon and Sutton Courtenay and make it tasteful, i.e., traditional rather than a shopping precinct construct.
- Tennis courts.
- Tennis courts.
- Tennis court but not in conservation area. Make use of Millennium Green – most days it is completely empty when I walk the dog there, even in school holidays!
- Whatever happens a new play area must be built. Drayton has the worst facilities of any village within 20 miles!

- Tennis court.
- Public tennis courts.
- Indoor gym. Tennis courts.
- Better play areas are needed for our children.
- Millennium Green should have more recreation facilities (being a safe play area, ie, busy roads). Not just resident back gardens.
- Crazy golf course, for all the family with a local theme.
- Crazy golf course.
- Tennis courts.
- Children's fountain. Tennis courts.
- Outer area if current village hall is converted. Fenced area for toddlers while parents rest and chat and can keep an eye open.
- Picnic area in any of the above areas. Seats along footpaths.
- Outdoor gym is awful idea and waste of resources. The one at Milton Park is never used!
- The extra football pitches and cricket – where would these be located? Would these impact on the residents of Lockway? This seems to be the only location for this amount of activity.
- The cricket pitch option should be pursued actively.
- Tennis facilities. Swimming pool.
- Our village could be as nice as Steventon! We need more parks and get rid of the pond on Millennium Green – it's horrible!
- Play areas like those at Harwell, Chilton and Blewbury. Bowls for older people in the village.
- Local gym. Swimming facility.
- A scooter/skate park, basketball court would be an excellent facility for the older children in the village.
- We recently moved to Drayton. In our last house we lived near an outdoor gym, I don't feel it will be used enough considering the cost. A new children's playground would be great, there are not enough areas for playing.
- Tennis courts – good reason for a tennis club!
- Tennis court(s).
- The idea of another green area is fine but at the moment we have the worst kept Millennium Green I've ever seen. Grass is awful, round the edges is dreadful. Not a nice place to take family to have a picnic because the grass is never kept tidy. Why does everyone else have well-kept greens. If you cannot look after the Millennium Green then what chance is there of looking after another green open place.

- Please leave the Millennium Green exactly as it is.
- A music/ performance centre similar to the Matrix Centre with a small theatre for groups such as the Drayton Players to perform.
- The Millennium is already a good nature reserve and will hopefully not be developed further.
- The all-weather track idea is great – care must be taken to also provide wheelchair/ pram suitable surface and ensure cyclists and walkers/ doggers are able to maintain safe separation.
- Range of evening classes at the new community centre.
- Fishing lake/club. Tennis courts. Outdoor picnic tables/benches. Cricket practice nets. A guide to the history of the village – could be a map/walk that people can follow and read up on the history at the same time.
- If a children’s play equipment area is created as the Millennium Green I would prefer it to be placed in a corner rather than the centre of the green so the peaceful atmosphere would be preserved.
- There is a shortage of all year round football pitches with lighting such as that at Harwell School which the school rents out to raise income. Drayton could do the same.
- Safe footpath/cycle-path for running, walking, cycling to Sutton Courtenay.
- More facilities for teenagers. More cycle tracks especially between Sutton Courtenay-Drayton and Milton-Drayton.
- A covered area where teenagers could gather maybe near a skate/ BMX track away from housing somewhere around existing village hall. All weather tennis court.
- H and I already exist? A footpath across to Mill Lane, Milton to link up Steventon and Milton as this is currently shut due to landowner.

**22. Do you have any further suggestions or comments you would like to make about Drayton and the Neighbourhood Plan?**

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- Please don't do too much to the village green – it's nice having unspoilt open spaces.
- People should look after their front gardens better. Also they should keep their trees and conifers to the level required by law.
- Up until and when the 2020 plan is completed we should ensure that the current hedgerows and grassed areas should be well maintained. This not only improves the look of the village but makes for a safer area for walking the pavements.
- The biggest negative aspect of living in Drayton is noise from the A34.
- Quieter road service essential, we have been waiting years. Reduce noise of A34, it is unacceptable for people in Steventon Road. Potholes in Steventon Road keep us awake as well. Large vehicles diverted from A34 cause chaos and noise. New road service years overdue.
- Infrastructure for drains and roads.
- At the public meeting a few months ago several sites appeared to be options for new community facilities but this questionnaire seems to imply site opposite Hilliat Fields is the option. Hope others being considered, e.g., north west on edge and expand current village hall!
- Make the grass verges in Hilliat Fields into car spaces. Open the A34 slip road.
- The ENE corridor, through/past/including Booth's scrapyard should be the [fourth?] – it is nearest to Abingdon without needing to use the Drayton Road (which may well become even busier) for foot/cycle traffic at least (Berks/Oxon canal one day?).
- Nature reserve and place to walk your dog and enjoy the outdoors with the family without making an impact.
- Already have village hall and Caudwell Centre and Millennium Green. Don't see need for further community centre and new village green. Would like to see pavement all the way from Drayton to Sutton Courtenay for walkers and cyclists.
- Please keep Drayton as a village – do not let it merge with Abingdon/ other villages. We should keep our own village identity.
- I don't want any more houses because that will make more traffic going into Abingdon on school mornings.

- I wonder if it could be possible to close down the recycle and waste reception centre. Because now all people are travelling from Abingdon and making traffic which could be nice area for pleasure for us locals. We could have a nice café with library or something active for young people.
- Village green would be better places in centre of village. Unlike Millennium Green tucked away in some forgotten corner. Also it would be nice to keep it cut!
- All housing decisions need to be made in alignment with our adjacent parishes. Houses without corresponding local employment will not achieve the goals of the national NDP. Involve the pubs in planning the community spaces.
- It's an excellent initiative.
- I would like to see Drayton's paths safer. The path from Sutton Wick Lane through to the local shop is slanted and not straight which I find to be difficult to steer with a buggy.
- The school run is a traffic problem. There are always traffic jams on the Drayton Road towards the mini roundabout before the bridge. Why not introduce traffic lights at this roundabout?
- From what I know of the plans for Drayton they are sympathetic to keeping this village a village, as it should be. However, I recommend you fight outside planners who may try to enforce more housing upon us, remember give them an inch and they would take a yard. Do not do this otherwise we will no longer be a village but one big South Abingdon. We have many young people in the village, born here, and if they want to remain here when it is their desire to leave their parental home I hope they will be the ones able and selected to occupy any new residence, a problem so many small towns and villages in the south divide complain their offspring are unable to do causing family break-ups and problems.
- Odd that no question is included asking what the villagers think about the possible development of a reservoir in the future (whatever its size). It seems that GARD mainly in Steventon is alone in objecting. Reservoir would have an effect on us as well as an airport or housing development. If a future questionnaire is needed, could this be investigated please?
- I think we are very lucky to have so many dedicated people trying to make Drayton a better place to live. Please ensure that whatever gains the village can negotiate from the developers that proper and reliable maintenance of these assets can be guaranteed.
- No development outside the existing village envelope. There are no specific questions relating to the plan published in the July chronicle which is completely unacceptable.
- Reduce the amount of traffic through the village. Open A34 north, old service road near Steventon/ Drayton border.

- School currently at capacity and would need to be enlarged/ replaced.
- We strongly believe that a strong and active traffic management plan should be adopted when considering sites for new housing in Drayton. Car pooling and car sharing will not suffice.
- No more traffic!
- We would like to have a little café in the village.
- Some development is both necessary and right but Drayton should remain a village and there is no justification for its expanding to a greater extent than any other hamlet/village/town.
- No more housing on greenfield sites.
- We are against infill building or single dwellings being converted to blocks of apartments.
- There is a great deal of inappropriate parking at road junctions, e.g., at the entrance/exit to Commerce Road. I suggest that a free car park somewhere central would be a good assist.
- Go kart track. More streetlights.
- An affordable social club to involve and get residents together. A central well-managed noticeboard. Provision of small animal boarding, i.e., rabbits, guinea-pigs, hamsters, not cats/ dogs, someone local. Village community shop where locals can swap/sell local produce.
- Make the park bigger and more fun for all ages.
- Please do not ruin the Millennium Green with outdoor gym equipment!
- A great initiative – good luck!
- Planning seems to be the main concern. Opposition to developer’s plans doesn’t seem to make a lot of difference as they always seem to get their own way anyway. Didcot is a good example of this.
- Local shops – greengrocer, butcher, baker, chemist, bookshop.
- If any houses are to be built in Drayton something must be done to the main road into Abingdon, i.e., open the slip road on to the A34.
- More flowers around the village, better manicured/ kept grass and green areas. Create a happy and tropical feeling in the village!
- The school needs extending. It is barely capable of coping with current needs. Extra housing and population would leave it inadequate to cope with numbers of children wanting a place.
- Nothing other than admiration for all of the hard work in preparing this questionnaire. Well done to you all.
- Cycle paths and routes should be considered.

- A notice board in Sutton Wick would be useful. Also something to commemorate the crash of the Beverley in Sutton Wick. Where is all the money coming from for all these plans? A well thought out document, covering most aspects.
- Improve pedestrian safety (crossing road) by roundabout and outside shop/PO and prevent cars parking in road.
- I am elderly and would like to downsize within the village. I have lived here since 1960 very happily as I enjoy living in a village and would hate to see this one spoiled by too many new houses when it would no longer be a village. The suggestions concerning the young ones are excellent!
- Why would Drayton need a café –are there not two pubs? Is this not a village? Milton Trading Estate is the place for office and industry.
- I think you need to do more for children as the park is not good enough. There is not enough for them to do.
- Buses should go back to every half hour and include running to Sutton Courtenay. Also where possible run round the estate, some older people cannot walk to bus stops.
- There should be a way of making the A34 a much quieter road, i.e., road surface and trees and bushes. As I have lived for many years backing onto the A34 road it has been virtually impossible to enjoy a quiet sit in the garden!
- More parking needs to be provided for the school. Parents collecting their children park down Hilliet Fields and Lyford Close making it impossible for residents to get in/out of their roads.
- Drayton is a lovely village but the A34 noise is a real problem for residents on the west side.
- It's interesting to read several references to the historical character of the village. If, like me, your life revolves around Steventon Road/ Lockway/ Hilliat Fields/ Abingdon Road there is very little history or character to be found! It would be lovely if the plan addressed this.
- New accommodation is essential especially for our school leavers, late teens and early 20s, maybe a couple of houses for one roomers to leave home to? Keep the village spacious if possible and take care of it. Let it grow, just slowly and carefully. I'd love an allotment, too old for a smallholding.
- The main thing I would like to see is more facilities for young children and new 4 bed houses.
- A leisure centre would be a great idea for all the people located in Drayton, plus would provide extra employment.
- More activities for teenagers.
- Children's sports, football, tennis etc.

- A decent play area for children is really needed. We take our son to Abingdon or other villages as the one in Drayton is so small and not a nice place to sit if you are watching children play. More allotment space would be good also.
- More work for school leavers.
- No large housing estate, this would mean the end of village life in Drayton.
- A royal mail letter box for disabled, elderly, near Lydford Close area would be very useful. Health surgery and chemist needed.
- Lydford Close to school – no parking or yellow lines.
- This village needs a real village green where children can play, families can sit and enjoy. The green at Sutton Wick is just a field that was saved from being built on, not for the people of the village.
- Stop police vans sitting at 30/ 40mph changes and targeting innocent locals! Buses to Abingdon or Didcot in the evening.
- We would prefer you left green fields alone!
- Many thanks for the opportunity to have our say in what we consider to be a very important matter.
- I'd like the 20mph zone through the village implemented before 2020!
- It's a shame that both pubs offer little to residents. The Red Lion is a place I have been twice and never again – food and ambience abysmal. Local shop with local produce.
- The main two areas that need to be addressed are: the traffic through the village and the congestion on the Drayton Road; noise from A34 and appearance can be horrendous, and if screening or new surfacing used would greatly improve the village.
- Thank you so much to the people who are clearly working so hard on this. Thank you for all the effort and hard work, this is a really exciting opportunity.
- Allow the new building/houses to be on the southern side of the High Street.
- Re: Q13 – such a bus service would reduce the number of passengers on the X2 services (to Didcot) and thereby affect the viability of that provision.
- It would be nice to overall achieve more of a community feel – being down golf course end of village can make you feel a bit cut off. Thank you for all the work you are doing.
- We already have a village hall, a football clubhouse, and the Caudwell Day Centre. Is another community hall really necessary? A village green is ok!
- Neighbourhood watch.
- Noise from A34 and visual impact of A34 bridge let the village down and make it unattractive to newcomers to the village. Improving this would be beneficial to the village in the future.



- Open up slip road to stop vehicles going through the village and help with rush hour traffic in Drayton Road into Abingdon.
- A business like a coffee shop would be good in Drayton. A lot of other local traditional villages have several pubs, more designed for family eatery, which would be great in Drayton. Good home-cooked food from a family friendly venue creating community spirit.
- Community woodland. Support for renewable energy – PV for every new existing roof but not on agricultural land.
- How do we form a ‘strong block’ to prevent developments as LOX or unplanned housing going ahead without local consent?
- Rework space on green opposite Vickery and post office to revert to green. Prioritise cricket green/pavilion to make a heart to the village as Millennium Green only serves its surrounding property owners.
- Do we know what the cost will be of buying the Manor Farm site and building new community centre – perhaps we ought to know!
- I don’t know if there’s a need for more housing by residents but I’m really concerned about the lack of join-up between villages and what I read about planning decisions being found in favour of the developer (as described in the Chronicle).
- More dog litter bins. Create a development for shops like Steventon which can house coffee shops/ bakery etc. Definitely a coffee/ teashop offering homemade cakes/patisserie.
- Improved and more extensive cycle paths would be excellent both to enable us to cycle safely to school/shops and also for recreational use, e.g., cycling safely to Sutton Courtenay for restaurants/pubs.
- There is a need for pedestrian crossing across Steventon Road to aid families to cross easily to access the park and the current village hall which is used for toddler groups.
- No new development in the old part of the village – High Street, Church Lane etc.
- More use to be made of the Millennium Green to be a proper village green.
- Opening up A34 flyover access to reduce traffic in and out of Abingdon.
- A major negative for us as a young family is the lack of a quality play area (see Steventon, Hanney, Florence Park in Cowley).The village is used as a rat-run between Abingdon and Milton Park/Didcot. It really needs traffic calming measures and speed cameras on the High Street/Abingdon and Steventon roads. A34 entrance/exits to be opened up at golf/ dump area of Drayton.
- More rubbish bins.
- Better use of the Millennium Green as seems to be only used for dog walking.

- More use for Millennium Green for organised sport.
- A place to meet up and have a coffee/ drink is needed for the youth of the village rather than hang around the village hall or bus stops (apart from the 1.5 hours of the youth club).
- Before anything gets decided, try and block the noise from the A34 and Drayton would be a great place to live and would attract more interest from other people. If any houses are to be built make them affordable to the normal family, not just the rich.
- Something has definitely got to be done about the A34 traffic noise, not just for us that live close to the road but I believe it is heard all over the village.
- Soundproof barrier next to A34.
- Anything that reduces the noise from the A34 would be a bonus to the village and house prices. Regular grass verge cutting by council.
- Like the idea of making more of the centre of the village – but we would probably be unlikely to use a new community centre although can see a value to other members of the community.
- Small cottage industry/shop type units would be fine but not an additional industrial estate/ science park.
- Drayton could do with a couple of new shops, i.e., co-op like Steventon, and maybe a shop selling plants and flowers.
- Having lived in the village all my life and finding myself needing to downsize I don't have a realistic chance of doing it in my own village which is sad. It seems the importance is part on having new houses built and although necessary most of the young people won't be able to afford them. Nor the semi-retired older villagers.
- It would be great if there were a shop that sold local produce/ fresh goods similar to the bakery in Steventon. This could also be a centre for local people to trade/ exchange produce they have grown. Perhaps we could establish a village-run scheme whereby people grow fruit/ veg etc. that is sold in the store? Used to create further products (cider, preserves etc.).
- The green space within the village centre (Manor Farm) should be kept and a village green is a good idea for that site. However, the concern is how do we keep this area in a condition to be proud of when the Millennium Green is no more than a hayfield for much of the year? If more accessible car parking were to be available these will become car sales and storage spaces!
- No through road Henleys Lane/ Church Lane by placing bollards somewhere around the Church Lane entrance to the grange.

- Retired. I would like village to develop spaces so that future generations are able to enjoy facilities provided and not have to travel away from the village to meet up with and enjoy friendly neighbours when I am no longer around.
- B4107/ Abingdon Rd is in need of serious attention. Road surface is noisy and bumpy (constantly being dug up). The narrow footpath with uneven surface, adverse camber and big obstructing poles makes 'walk to school' highly dangerous, particularly from Sutton Wick Lane to the school crossing.
- I think we could follow the achievements of our neighbours in Steventon. The community works together – how this is achieved I do not know. Would be nice to have shop run by village people selling their local produce plus tea shop.
- The road to Abingdon is already congested; the south Abingdon plans will exacerbate this. The most northerly of the possible housing sites has no merit. It would reduce the rural aspect of houses along the Barrow Rd and bungalows along Abingdon Rd. Extending Coneville Rd makes much more sense, reduces the need for another exit. There are serious questions as to whether any more houses feeding on to the Drayton/ Abingdon Rd is sustainable.
- So long as it does not include arable land of any kind.
- Bigger play park.
- I have lived in Drayton all my life. My daughter and son-in-law and grandchildren now live in Drayton, it's the grandchildren we are thinking of. I hope when they are y age they will still be living here, it's a good village.
- We do not want to see any large scale housing development in the village. Open A34 slipway.
- Parking close to parish church. Improve lighting along Henleys Lane. Medical centre – doctor and dentist and pharmacy.
- A fish and chip shop would be good.
- Need more facilities for pre-school, equipment, props, even a solid building etc.
- Improved off-road cycle paths so that young children can cycle safely.
- Speeding on the Abingdon Road needs to be addressed and the traffic when there's a problem on the A34. Will more houses put pressure on already very busy road into Abingdon?
- No traffic calming please, makes us look like a Legoland village with problems – reduce speed limit. Sort out car parking issues outside the shop in the corner Abingdon Road/ Henleys Lane – it is dangerous. Preserve the old world charm and open spaces.

- It would be nice to have more street lights. I live between Mace shop and the traffic lights, it is very dark at night. I have sight problems.
- Very concerned about traffic going through Drayton, noisy and heavy traffic. If considering all this planning, has a bypass road ever been considered?
- We are losing too many tranquil villages as I remember them. How nice to see people riding horses still here in Drayton. We used to get pleasure from hobbies, helping around the home and hiking. I know times have changed. Please don't change Drayton too much more – just care for it.
- A roundabout built at Hilliat Fields and development opposite at Manor Farm. This would help car owners the north of Drayton to help to merge with traffic going into Abingdon – this often takes 10 mins or so to cross the road. Non usable when A34 closed northward from Milton Interchange. Bollards on kerb edge outside Danes shop to stop customers parking on path and pedestrians with/ without pushchairs walking round them into a fast traffic road. Alternatively double yellow lines.
- I was born in the village and seen a few changes for the better. To have a proper village green would be something we should have had many years ago.
- Open the slip road onto the A34. Will take traffic off the village roads and the road into Abingdon.
- How about a Drayton year planner with all local businesses advertising products and services around the edge, A2 size. Maybe distributed to each household?
- Improve our roads and footpaths. Cut the grass!
- We have a business park in Milton – 2 mins away from small businesses. Better bus service to Didcot train station. Speed restrictions should consider exit from village also. Motorists speed up along High Street heading towards Milton Park/ Sutton Courtenay. I support a village green but not housing option suggested.
- More than any of this – we definitely do not want an airport on the other side of the A34.
- I hope that a neighbourhood plan will be able to influence future development in the village. It is clear to us that developers do not consider the community when they build.
- When considering traffic issues, consideration should be given to the adverse effect of traffic volume and heaving vehicles on the older properties in Drayton. Particularly High Street where houses have little or no modern foundations. The vibrations caused by weight and speed hugely effect and cause damage to these properties. Chicanes, 20mph speed limit and weight restriction would help greatly.

- Open old A34 slip road. Also build new homes to encourage young families. Current play park is too small and does not cater for younger children. Shops need to be more accessible – we have a pushchair and can't get around inside existing shops.
- Please don't spend unnecessary money on things like 'improving appearances of a bridge' – no-one cares. Make a better village hall and play facilities. But not at the cost of losing green fields.
- It would have been nice to have known about the proposed new (bigger than Heathrow) airport!
- Parents park cars in Hilliat Fields, especially entrance from Abingdon Road. More car park space at the school or resident parking only. It is very dangerous when entering Hilliat Fields at those times.
- Full marks for dedicated effort. But immediate implementation of some ideas could be welcome in this largely neglected village. Now is the moment.
- Some car parking that could be available for those who do not have this amenity.
- A fine effort – we are very impressed with all the hard work and diligence. Thank you very much to all those who have worked on it.
- Most of these ideas are irrelevant without solving the Drayton traffic issue first, specifically reducing volume of traffic, stopping heavy vehicles using village, and stopping speeding. All these other ideas will just increase the traffic.
- Q17 – agree with employment for local residents, not for the surrounding area (more vehicles etc.).
- Better street lighting but would accept that it were switched off at given time, ie, after 1pm weekdays and say 2pm weekends. Bus running from Oxford after 11pm weekends to Drayton/ Didcot.
- Double yellow lines around Mace shop and into the beginning of Henley's Lane to stop people parking dangerously and obstructing visibility (access and egress) for Henley's Lane.
- Q17 – if built in the right place and will give young people an apprenticeship in work.
- Pond round Millennium Green is not looking good, just a mess.
- If more housing in village would mean more money be invested in the school and particularly the pre-school?
- Keep this a village. Not too much housing. Open A34 slip road between Drayton and Steventon. Better pathways for walkers. We don't object to reservoir. 3 grass fields over A34 for solar farms. Village pubs not restaurants.
- A big well done to everyone involved. All hard work will be worth it.

- Why are the verges and footpaths kept tidier on the High Street side of the village? Hilliat Fields verges disgusting. Whitehorns Way Triangle disgusting. Steventon Road cut but untidy.
- Reduce the amount of lighting around the roundabout by the Wheatsheaf. At the moment there are 4, surely 2 would be enough.
- We chose Drayton at the end of 2012 to actively retire to. We liked the feeling of community but at the same time a countryside feel with plenty of open skyline from our bungalow. We would like Drayton to maintain a village status and not be joined to Abingdon.
- Develop existing community hall site as opposed to building a new one.
- Please, please – we need more activities for our children in Drayton! New up to date park on Millennium Green and new hall like Steventon Green! Sutton Wick residents need to let you build a nice park on the Millennium Green.
- I would not like to have chicanes, road humps etc. on the roads. They damage vehicles without a significant reduction in accidents. The pond on the Millennium Green has become a cesspit due to no water actually running through it (needs running water and a gravel bottom).
- Re-open A34 slip road to reduce traffic through Drayton village.
- All areas that can be developed should be considered and supported by the Parish Council other than those owned by wealthy landowners/farmers.
- We need a decent local shop, e.g., co-op.
- Drayton is a lovely place to live except the traffic problem getting into Abingdon! Opening up slip road to A34 might ease problem? Also cyclists not using cycle path! This causes major hold ups in the morning. More encouragement to use cycle paths.
- We think the plan for a new village green is great. It would give a heart to the village similar to the green in Steventon. Accessing the Millennium Green is a little awkward. A village green close by for everyone to gather in and enjoy would be ideal.
- Through traffic is the main challenge – how to bring the village together despite the constant traffic flow at speed.
- The Millennium Green should have a proper path for frail people and wheelchairs to be able to hey round and the pond needs to be dug out and all plants taken out, it's just a muddy pool and the weeds drink all the water. The grass is not cut, everyone else has nice greens except Drayton.

- Drayton needs an adult social centre of class, i.e., high quality gastropub/restaurant, e.g., Peachpubs. Hanging flower pots. Electric cables, underground.
- We are very concerned about the weight, speed and noise of the HGV vehicles travelling through the High Street past our cottage. Our cottage shakes when they go past and we are finding cracks appearing!
- Contrary to Q14 (a) there is a weight limit on HGVs coming through the village which is flagrantly ignored in the small hours of the morning. These lorries are coming from the gravel pits in Milton and the limit needs to be strictly enforced owing to structural damage to old properties without foundations.
- Before investing in new halls/play facilities, would it not make sense to use the current ones more fully rather than partially? Road safety could be much improved, aiding traffic flow if parking on footpaths and verges was addressed making safer for pedestrians and other road users.
- Do not develop areas like Drayton that lack basic infrastructure to support it. Slippery slope to more and larger roads etc.
- An outdoor bowling green (all weather). Also an indoor short-mat bowling complex (this is so well supported at the village hall at the moment).
- An indoor gym would be useful.
- A very well thought out questionnaire. Employment opportunities are obviously always going to be more available in nearby towns but a better bus service would certainly encourage me to use the bus more regularly.
- Would not wish to see our village transformed into a town. If town facilities are desired, the town of Abingdon is only a short distance away.
- It would be nice to have more and smaller allotments available.
- There needs to be a week-long monitor system on the roundabout including after 5pm and weekends. Unless you live on the main road you have no idea of how heavy the traffic is. Also the speed is getting out of control (will volunteer to monitor).
- Building beyond the burial ground might cause distress to those affected.
- Wheelchair access around the village is problematic particularly between Sutton Wick/ North Drayton and the rest of the village. Footpaths along the main road are very uneven with a dangerous camber. Routes via the Millennium Green are narrow and become muddy in poor weather.
- We should have a late night café in the village with two rooms, one for the teens and one for older people.

- We love the idea of a central village green and community centre – perhaps there is room for more village shops in this area to attract people. Also adds security because more people will frequent the area.
- I think the A34 slip road should be re-opened, I think it's a disgrace that it's not used.
- More entertainment/ activities in the village.
- I would like it to be made known that the dropping of litter around the village is entirely unacceptable. At present, footpaths around the village are spoiled by cans, bottles etc. making Drayton less attractive than it should be, so a few more waste and dog bins placed around the village should be useful.
- Extremely worried about building on fields parallel to High Street as we have been nearly flooded 3 times since houses next door built. Each time Thames Water have said the pumping station is not strong enough with excess rainwater, so how is it going to cope with new houses being built. This will lead to more low-lying houses being flooded in the future.
- The school is too full already – how will it support new children. If the school overflowed, the standard would be considerably lower.
- New housing should not be for personal gain within the village. Is the main village road capable of sustaining many new houses? Traffic 8am onwards, nightmare getting past Steventon Hill and Abingdon.
- Don't let it lose its identity and become part of South Abingdon. A village event/community day would be good.
- Occupants at High St almshouses should park outside in High St not in Church Lane. Church Lane should only have access from High St gated at allotment entrance. Henley's Lane access only from Abingdon Rd. 20mph limit through village. Roundabout at Hilliat's Field if nothing else happens. Re. Q2, need to be aware of existing facilities and not tread on toes.
- Traffic calming facilities a priority.
- I love Drayton being a village so anything to expand it is a no.
- We need to maximise use and maintain what we already have and not just focus on the shiny and new.
- At this time the sewage work is continually being emptied by large tankers. Increasing the number of dwellings will result in more tankers. We currently have 2-4 lorries per night and 10+ some times of the year. Urgent action required.



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