



Future Housing Development - Survey Results

Witley Parish Neighbourhood Plan

What is the Witley Neighbourhood Plan (WNP) ?

The UK Government has decided that more houses are needed and is expecting compliance from local authorities to build new homes. Waverley Borough Council (Waverley BC) is proposing that approximately 380 new houses should be built in the parish of Witley by 2032. *Nb. Waverley BC is currently consulting on increasing this to 480 homes**. However the Government has also legislated that local people can draw up a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for their community. Once approved, this plan must be taken into account by the relevant Borough Council when making planning decisions, with the exception of designated strategic sites. A Neighbourhood Plan can influence the types of housing that would be built, their locations in the Parish; and the creation of infrastructure necessitated by the new homes and their residents.

For full information please go to www.witleyneighbourhoodplan.co.uk

If you wish to be included on our email updates please contact us info@witleynp.com

Next Steps – What happens next in developing the Neighbourhood Plan?

The NP Steering Group has started the process of assessing each of the sites put forward under the call for sites process. This will use robust planning criteria and will take account of the survey results. The process will take time as, in addition, we need to carry out the following actions:

- Take advice on environmental and other issues from various bodies such as Surrey Highways, Waverley BC, Natural England and the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Board.
- Produce a Habitats Regulations Assessment. Because areas in and around the parish are either designated as, or in close proximity to the Wealden Heaths Special Protection Area (SPA), or are subject to other environmental constraints, we must assess whether any of the preferred sites for development will have an adverse impact on any environmentally sensitive areas. If the impact is shown to be significant, we will have to seek appropriate solutions to mitigate the use of these sites. This could, for example, mean that we need to plan to develop a new green space for public use within the Parish.
- We will then in conjunction with the Parish Council, come up with a preferred site list. This will then be discussed with Waverley BC. Once this has been done, a local consultation process will take place with residents and site landowners/agents. We will continue to keep Parish residents informed of progress and will let you know when this next consultation process will

Waverley BC Local Plan Part 1 - Milford Golf Course Site

This is the only strategic site in the Waverley BC Local Plan Part 1 proposed for the Witley Parish area. It was reviewed under the Public Examiner Inspection of the Local Plan Part 1 in June this year. During this process Witley Parish Council, WNP and local residents made representations about their concerns on this site. The final Public Examiners report is due later this year. At present WBC have agreed in principle to the development of the Milford Golf site. The plans put forward by the associated developer proposes 180 homes be built. Any development would still need to go through the formal planning process. Any continued concerns about this future development should now be directed to the Planning department at Waverley BC.

*Waverley BC Local Plan Part 1 Amendments - Consultation closing date 20th October

If you wish to feedback on the current Waverley BC consultation on increasing the number of new houses built in Witley Parish to 480 by 2032 please go to www.waverley.gov.uk/consult or pick up paper based copies of information and response form at the WBC Council Office or Godalming library.

Feedback from Witley Parish Residents on Possible Housing Site Options

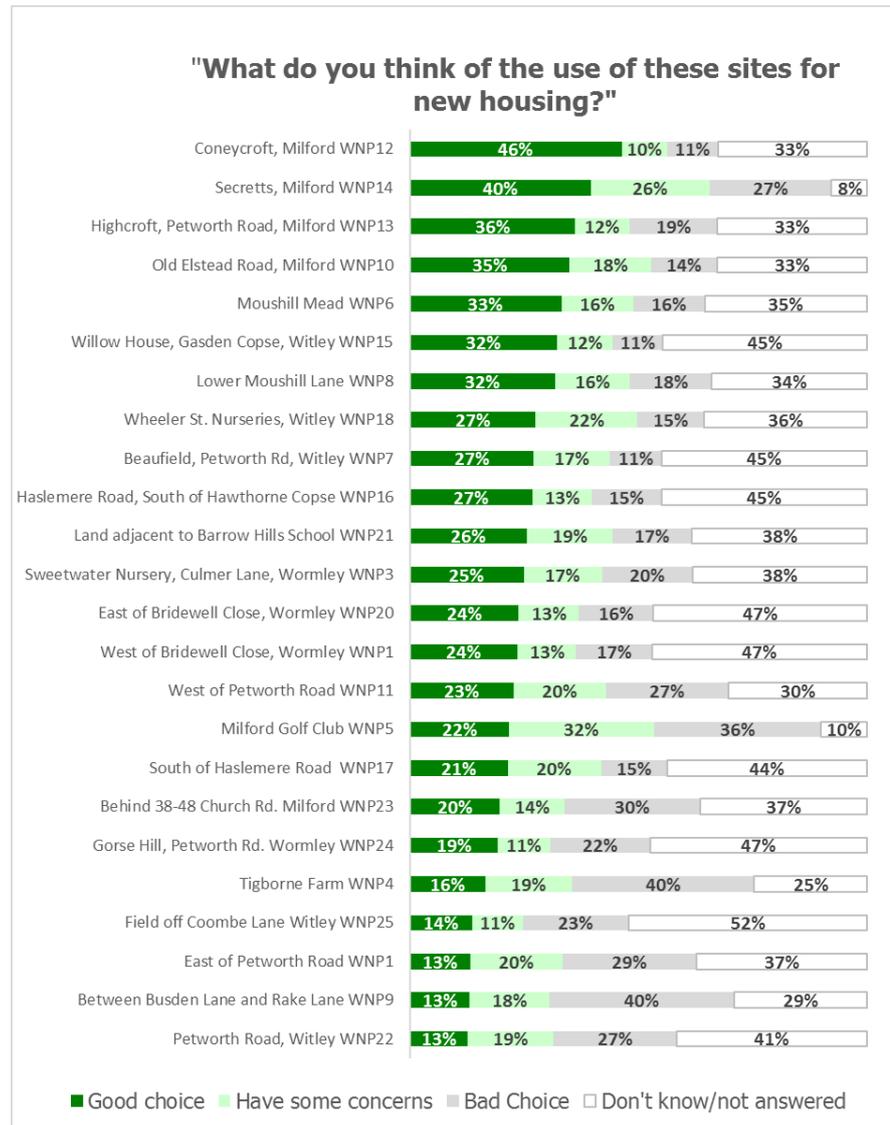
These survey results are based on the 462 completed survey responses received in July 2017.

The 25 site survey* was available at the WNP Housing Development exhibitions at Milford Village Hall on the 8th July and Chichester Hall Witley on the 12th July.

The sites information pack and survey was also sent to our public email database and available online at the WNP website.

The public in Witley Parish community completed the surveys and delivered these back to our survey collection points by 31st July

**Please note WNP2 has been withdrawn from the WNP process by the landowner*



Full survey results are available at www.witleyneighbourhoodplan.co.uk. Key highlights include:

- Most sites did not receive ratings from more than 30% of the survey respondents. However Secretts and Milford Golf Club sites were rated by more than 90% of the survey respondents.
- 7 sites, including Secretts (200 new homes), were endorsed as a good choice for new housing by 30% or more of the survey respondents.
- 4 sites including Milford Golf Club (180 new homes) and Tigbourne Farm (153) in Wormley, were considered a bad choice by 30% or more residents.
- 15 of the 24 sites received more "good choice" than "bad choice" ratings.
- A wide range of concerns were expressed about the impact of building 380 (see note on opposite page) new homes in Witley Parish. Key concerns were:
 - Access roads and junctions that are already congested.
 - Increased traffic on the Haslemere and Petworth roads, and on Combe Lane Witley and Station Road Milford.
 - The need to enlarge the car parks at Milford and Witley railway stations.
 - Loss of green space and woodlands and encroachment on to the Green Belt and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.