

New Milton Neighbourhood Plan

Pre-Submission Consultation – Residents of New Milton

April-May 2018

401 RESPONSES RECEIVED. Many comments were general rather than specifically related to issues on the policies. Policy-specific comments are listed below.

Issues Raised regarding the Proposed Policies

NM2 Diversifying Housing

- **No policy for 1-beds: for 18-30s, separated/divorced/widowed - 3**
- Need a policy to prevent affordable homes being sold on - 2
- As retirement age goes up, possibly to 70, there may be significantly fewer incoming retired
- Attract wealth not young people - which will generate jobs.
- Need policy that facilitates downsizing
- Risk of new homes sitting empty if market drops or not priced appropriately
- Families need houses with gardens – 1
- Consider disabled / mobility impaired
- Policy to help local people / key workers - 2
- Rental homes needed
- Housing Trust needed for affordable renting (rather than private/market rates)
- More social housing (including for key workers)
- Enable young people to buy retirement homes – 3
- More self-build – to create variety

NM3 Brockhills

59 people expressed concerns about Brockhills – many listing several of the same issues, including:

- Building on Green Belt
- Currently supports diverse wildlife: Deer, bats, foxes, badgers, raptors...
- Too far for families from local facilities such as town centre and schools
- Poor road infrastructure:
- Brockhills Lane unsuited to extra traffic.
- Dangerous bend
- Sway Junction – limited visibility. Electricity and gas sub-stations on each side of the road.
- Hollands Wood Drive would become a rat run
- Ashley Common Road in poor condition and with hazardous traffic calming
- Sway Road has no pavements – and is dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists
- Insufficient footpaths
- Risk of flooding.

NM4 South of Gore Road

- **Would create excessive traffic on Gore Road – 7**
- The extra traffic would require roundabout/lights at Stem Lane junction – 6
- Gore Road – access already difficult from Fawcetts Road
- Link road across Fawcetts Field?

NM5 Caird Avenue

- More lorry movements – 2
- Noisy in the day. Toxic dust/pollution – 2
- Drainage – affecting cliff erosion
- **Extra traffic – already difficult to cross at times – 6**
- Need better access from Lymington Road
- Don't need another food retail – 2

NM7 Town Centre

40 commented on Town Centre initiatives.

Most related to the need to improve traffic / congestion and reduce risk of injury and death at dangerous junctions.

- Station Road / Osborne Road / Whitefield Road – 11
- Old Milton Road / Lymington Road – 1
- Town Centre traffic lights - 4
- Fernhill Lane – turning right at Station Road to Town Centre

Thirteen people recommended pedestrianisation of part of Station Road with a one-way system for traffic to enable a more attractive Town Centre that's easier to get around.

Site G: Vintage Quarter

- Noise nuisance of events
- Markets/events would add to illegal parking & pavement blocking.
 - Too many people parking on residential roads. Can be difficult for resident accessing driveways. 5
 - Crossmead Ave, Wessex Ave, Dawkins Way, Croft.
 - Whitefield Rd

Site C: South of Manor Road

- Too far for shoppers – better suited to housing or hotel.
- Manor Road – 3. Abuse of residential parking

NM9 Green Way

7 people suggested developments to the Green Way including:

Spokes to Town Centre, Train Station, Forest and Coast.

Traffic issues

In addition to those listed above, many people expressed concerns about certain junctions already being dangerous and requiring attention:

- Traffic generally - 2
- Parking generally - 4

Other: Need Recycling centre