

IDMISTON PARISH - PARISH FUTURES – QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

Q.1. In which village do you live? Please tick appropriate box.

Porton **190** Idmiston **21** The Gomeldons **85** Blank **1**

Rate of return for Parish **33%**

Q.2. A fundamental issue is the future size of Porton which, as our one large, sustainable village, is likely to be the focus of most of the future development in our Parish. Porton was a hamlet that grew into a large village. Were enough land allocated it could become a small town. Please indicate which of the two options listed below you would prefer to see.

To remain a Large Village with a limited number of new sites proportionate to its size and character. **277 (93%)**

To provide opportunities for growth into a small town by allocating a wide range of size of sites. **16 (5%)**

Q.3. Latest Wiltshire housing targets require enough land for an absolute minimum of 32 new dwellings to be identified in Porton. However, there may be scope for some of these to be located in Gomeldon, which would ease the pressure on our one Large Village. (Idmiston has no facilities and is considered unsuitable for further development). Please indicate which of the two options listed below you would prefer to see.

To concentrate all new dwelling provision in Porton. **63 (21%)**

To make provision for some new dwellings in Gomeldon. **231 (78%)**

Q.4. Assuming a significant proportion of new dwellings* are to be accommodated in Porton, how do you think these should be distributed? Please tick the appropriate box.

On 2 large sites of around 20 dwellings each, which would concentrate new building in just 2 locations. **20 (7%)**

On 1 large site of around 20 dwellings and 2 sites of around 10 dwellings each. **18 (6%)**

On at least 4 small sites, each of 10 dwellings or less, which would give a more dispersed distribution of new building. **80 (27%)**

On small sites with an emphasis on sites of 5 dwellings or less and one off new builds to give a maximum dispersal of new houses in our village. **173 (58%)**

*new dwellings – please note that for the purpose of Q.4 above we have assumed around 40 new dwellings might be required. (the eventual figure will be identified through consultation)

Q.5. Our Parish has an ageing population. The provision of affordable homes* could help retain our young adults and attract young families which could contribute towards a more balanced community. In our area, Wiltshire Council requires that 30% of all new housing on sites of 5 dwellings or more should be affordable. Should the emphasis be on providing sites of 5 dwellings or more to maximise the provision of affordable homes? Please tick appropriate box.

Yes **167 (56%)** No **83 (28%)** Don't know **42 (14%)**

Q.6. Our Housing Needs Survey has revealed 12 respondents in housing need with 5 others on the Housing Register in our Parish. This gives a total requirement of 17 affordable homes. In all 60 new dwellings would be needed to deliver these if we were to rely entirely on private developers. An alternative would be to identify land, which would not otherwise be allocated for development, i.e. an exception site, which would be cheaper than land for housing at market prices, and get a social housing provider involved. Please indicate which of the following options you would wish to support.

Rely entirely on private developers providing 30%, i.e. 17, of their new housing as affordable, on allocated sites for 60 dwellings. **41 (14%)**

Use a social housing provider for say 5 of the affordable homes, by identifying an exception site, with the remaining 12 on private developments on allocated sites for 40 dwellings. **82 (28%)**

Limit private developments to the minimum of 32 dwellings, including 9 affordable, on allocated sites and rely on a social provider for the remaining 8 on exception sites. **147 (49%)**

Blanks **20 (3%)**

Q.7. The proposed Porton Down Science Campus, when fully developed, could provide up to 2000 additional jobs. This could result in a worst case doubling in peak hour traffic flows. Please indicate which of the options listed below you would prefer to see. You may tick more than one box.

The adoption of a range of traffic calming measures in our villages, to reduce speeds and encourage the use of alternative routes. **141 (32%)**

The creation of a new road access to Porton Down e.g. from the A338, to reduce the volume of traffic passing through our villages. (this is a long term option of significant cost) **172 (39%)**

The creation of a park and ride scheme to the north west of Porton served by a shuttle bus to the Science Campus. (again an option with significant costs attached) **83 (19%)**

Other – Please specify **41 (9%)**

*Re Q5 above – Affordable housing is housing which is available in perpetuity, to those households who are financially unable to compete in the local market to secure a reasonable home. Such housing includes social rented, shared ownership and low cost for sale.

Q.8. The main employers at Porton Down have adopted a travel plan to reduce journeys to work but have also reduced the amount of housing on their site. Would you support an initiative to encourage the provision of new housing on the MoD site at Porton Camp exclusively for Science Campus/Dstl employees? Please tick appropriate box.

Yes **265 (89%)** No **15 (5%)** Don't know **10 (3%)**

Q.9. Parking outside the two schools remains a safety issue, especially in the morning rush hour. If suitable land could be identified, close to the schools would you support its use for off road car parking? Please tick appropriate box.

Yes **249 (84%)** No **29 (10%)** Don't know **15 (5%)**

Q.10. Retaining the rural feel of our villages is a priority, but there are few brown-field sites remaining. This means that some green-field sites will need to be allocated for development if the housing target is to be met. Would you be prepared to support the release of some green-field land which is the least damaging to the appearance of our villages? Please tick appropriate box.

Yes **142 (48%)** No **122 (41%)** Don't know **28 (9%)**

Q.11. Wiltshire has a poor record in the use of renewables in energy generation. Helping to put this right could be a central theme in our Neighbourhood Plan. Please indicate which of the options listed below you would be prepared to support. You may tick more than one box.

Active promotion of a site for a solar farm. **117 (28%)**

Identification of a suitable site for a wind farm. **46 (11%)**

Provision by developers of solar panels as a standard feature in all new builds. **232 (55%)**

None of these. **29 (7%)**

Q.12. Exceptional winter rainfall inundated our foul drainage system and resulted in some localised flooding. As a consequence of climate change this may become a frequent occurrence. Please indicate which of the options listed below you would be prepared to support. You may tick more than one box.

An embargo on any new building on all land liable to flood including that inundated by ground water. **225 (50%)**

Provision by developers of flood water storage and sustainable underground drainage systems in all new builds. **197 (44%)**

Other preventative measures – please specify below **28 (6%)**

Q.13. The Parish is reputed to have adequate playing field provision. The Porton pitches are often water-logged and are not suited to organised games. Please indicate which of the remedies listed below you would be prepared to support.

Retention and upgrading of the existing pitches, if feasible, with the installation of an effective drainage system. **222 (68%)**

Provision of replacement pitches elsewhere in Porton, if a suitable flat site can be found. **94 (29%)**

Other suggested options – please specify below **12 (3%)**

Q.14. Were replacement pitches provided what alternative use do you think might be appropriate for the existing pitches, bearing in mind the liability of flooding? Please indicate below.

Retain as a grassed area for informal games. **124 (38%)**

Retain for use as part of a fenced area for exercising dogs. **52 (16%)**

Integrate into an informal wetland area as part of a nature trail. **124 (38%)**

Other leisure/recreational uses – please specify below. **23 (7%)**

Q.15. The Memorial Hall is a well used community facility but is well beyond its 25 year design life. A replacement hall could be funded through developers' contributions from new build housing. Please indicate which of the options listed below you would be prepared to support.

The provision of a replacement hall on the existing site. **240 (78%)**

The provision of a replacement hall on a site nearer to the village shop and surgery to create more of a centre. **58 (19%)**

Either **11 (3%)**

Q.16. Were the Memorial Hall relocated what alternative use do you think might be appropriate for the existing site? Please indicate below.

155 responses (yet to be categorised)

