

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Public Meeting

Saturday 6th September 2014

PURPOSE

- To provide some background to the Neighbourhood Plan process
- To present the key findings of our Parish Futures Questionnaire survey
- To give you the opportunity of choosing sites for future housing

BACKGROUND

Our first public meeting – 27th January 2014

Attended by 93 people. Gave us a clear mandate.

- To produce a Neighbourhood Plan
- To do this for the Parish as a whole
- To set up a Steering Group to oversee the process.

OUR VISION FOR IDMISTON PARISH

- Our parish will remain largely rural as will our six settlements*
- Modest levels of housing growth will have met local housing needs of young families and the elderly
- Our new housing will have been built on a scatter of small sites mostly in our one large village of Porton
- Traffic speeds will have been reduced and excess traffic deterred by effective traffic calming
- A new science park will have been developed at Porton Down bringing investment, prosperity and jobs to our parish
- New sporting and community facilities will have been provided to meet the leisure needs of both younger and older residents and help form a focal point for our parish

*our 6 settlements are- Idmiston, Gomeldon, East Gomeldon, West Gomeldon, Porton & Porton Camp

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

WHAT IS IT?

- Neighbourhood planning was introduced by the Localism Act 2012
- It is a new way for communities to decide the future of the places where they live and work
This gives you the opportunity to:
 - Choose where you want new homes, work spaces and community facilities to be built
 - Have a say on what those new buildings should look like
 - Identify and protect important green spaces

WHY WE NEED ONE?

- To fill the plan vacuum that exists at our level
- To retain community choice in where development goes
- To take responsibility for adjusting our settlement boundaries
- To secure a plan that has force of statute
- To maximise our potential share of the roof tax

PARISH FUTURES QUESTIONNAIRES

	RETURNS	RATE
PORTON	190	45%
THE GOMELDONS	85	26%
IDMISTON	21	17%
THE PARISH	296	30%

KEY FINDINGS

- 93%** Want Porton to remain as a large village
- 78%** Want some new dwellings in Gomeldon (94% of Porton returns)
- 85%** Don't want sites of more than 10 dwellings
- 58%** Want some small sites of 5 dwellings or less
- 56%** Want sites of 5 dwellings or more to maximise affordable housing
- 49%** Want allocated land limited to 32 dwellings with remaining affordable on exception sites
- 89%** Support more housing at Porton Camp
- 48%** Support release of some Green Field sites (41% against)
- 50%** Support an embargo on building on flood prone land

KEY FINDINGS

- 39%** of mentions support a new access road to Porton Down
- 32%** of mentions want effective traffic calming in the villages
- 84%** Support the provision of off road school parking
- 55%** of mentions are for solar panels as standard in new builds
- 28%** of mentions support active promotion of a solar farm
- 68%** of mentions support retention and upgrading of Porton playing fields
- 38%** of mentions are for retention for informal games if not upgraded
- 78%** of mentions support the provision of a replacement Memorial Hall on the existing site.

SITES FOR FUTURE HOUSING

Requirement comes from Wiltshire Core Strategy

This identifies:

- Porton as a large village where housing development predominantly takes the form of small housing sites * within the defined limits of development
- The Gomeldons as a small village where development will be limited to infill within existing built up areas
- Idmiston is not identified

* Small site – less than 10 dwellings!

SITES FOR FUTURE HOUSING

- In Porton few sites are left within the settlement boundary
- A review is necessary, either by us through our Neighbourhood Plan, or by Wiltshire Council
- We need to do this to meet current/future housing needs
- In Gomeldon, where the settlement boundary is to be removed – some VERY MODEST development may be appropriate to respond to local needs

LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS

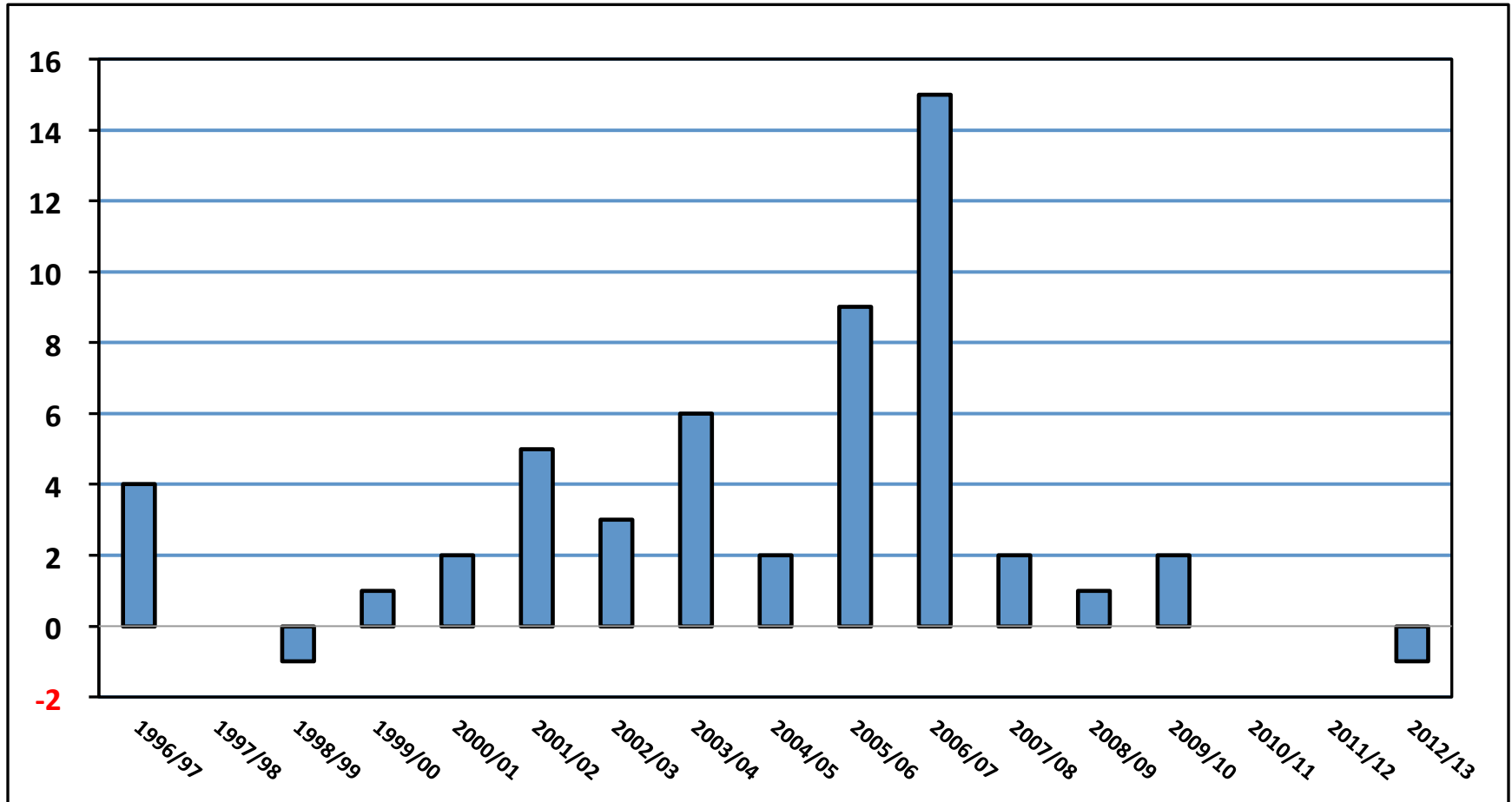
- Survey – minimum need over the next 3 years for affordable housing – 12
- Housing waiting list – 5
- Total requirement – 17

- This implies private developments of 60 dwellings in total to provide 17 affordable homes.
(All sites to be 5 or more dwellings)

INSPECTOR'S HOUSING REQUIREMENT

- In our community area across 5 Rural Parishes:-
197 **minimum**
- By size of settlement for Idmiston Parish:-
32 **minimum**

Net House Completions in Idmiston Parish



In the first 12 years we had 48 net completions, and in the last 12 years, 44

(When the figure on the graph is NEGATIVE, it means more houses were demolished than were built)

NEXT EVENT

- Workshops
- Here we need your help and input!