



MEDBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Referendum Version - May 2018

CONSULTATION STATEMENT

Appendix CS-7

Youngsters Event Report

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Pizza and Participate event for Young People - April 11th 2017.

The MNPAC was aware that younger people in the village were unlikely to attend the two open events in the village hall, but it was important to get their views on the future of the village.

An outdoor event was organised and kindly hosted at ‘Rural Relaxing’ a camp site at the edge of the village, owned by one of the committee members. The event was publicised through the village email distribution list, Twitter, and posters, but most effectively by a member of the committee talking to youngsters while waiting for the early morning school bus. It was aimed at school-age residents, with parents welcome to attend. It was an informal event with pizza, soft drinks and cake provided. (see poster in appendix CS 12).

Fifteen young people attended (6 females and 9 males) with an age range of 10 to 18 years. Three members of the committee facilitated the event. The young people sat in informal groups around picnic tables, so some responses are individual and others from groups. Questions were used as prompts for discussion, therefore the comments below represent the opinions that were given but are not statistically quantifiable. They were given paper and pencil to write down their opinions if they chose to do so.

The group were given a brief outline of the purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan and the relevance of their opinions about the village.

What would you like to see if you returned to Medbourne after the year 2030?	
11 replies	Little change but new housing to be in keeping with the existing buildings
4 replies	Small pockets of development
4 replies	Affordable housing and facilities for young people
3 replies	Bus service
1 reply	No vast change, no supermarket
1 reply	Build more houses, no high rise, large and small houses
1 reply	Green Spaces kept

Are you proud to live in the village?	
15 replies	Yes. Pub, bottle kicking, relaxed life style. Sport facilities

What would you like to see in Medbourne very soon?	
1 reply	Medium sizes indoor sports hall, more transport, speed enforcement
2 replies	Bigger park with adventure playground and facilities for the older children, skate park, more restaurants, pubs, shops, public transport

Is the countryside important to you?	
14 replies	Yes. Silence, nature, walks, me, and the Environment, enjoyable to be around nature, the tranquility, Leviathan wood important but want off road footpath to it. More footpaths would bring in money for pub and shop
1 reply	Yes, but I want somewhere to live!

What type of housing would you like to see?	
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13 replies	Traditional, local stone
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What do you think about renewable energy and ecology?	
Ugly and ruin the countryside	Saving energy has potential
Insulation important	Ecologically safe with solar panels
No ground heating	Good heat rating
No wind turbines	No solar panels
No grey-water systems	

What other comments do you have or issues you think need to be considered?	
Developments scattered around village	No blocking of views
Prefer developments on the outskirts of the village	No extensive sites
Smaller affordable houses	Stamford stone
No terraced houses	Lower house prices
Apprenticeships needed	Jobs to be advertised on village notice boards
Summer internships	Bus service
Local job opportunities	Grants for small businesses to support apprenticeships
New housing to have different technology dependent on price point	Farm shop wanted
Cinema wanted	

The open event was well-attended, and the young people were clearly interested in having their say regarding the future of Medbourne. The key information that emerged was:

- The desire for relatively traditional housing in small developments towards the edge of the village
- The desire for affordable housing
- The interest in local apprenticeships and employment opportunities
- Caution regarding renewable energy. While recognising the potential benefits there was significant concern about the visual impact.
- An appreciation of existing amenities but a desire for more amenities and some public transport.
- An overall pride in living in Medbourne and an appreciation (and wish to conserve) the surrounding countryside.

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