

BARCOMBE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENT, SUNDAY 14 JANUARY 2018, 2PM & 3PM

Comment Cards - Information and analysis

Comment Cards were made available on the tables in the Hall carrying the invitation: "Please leave your comments relating to the evidence we have presented and your thoughts on the neighbourhood plan." A "post box" was situated at the exit to receive completed cards.

Comment Card Returns: 44 cards were collected at the end of the event. The comments in the cards are categorised into the 16 topic groups given in Table 1. Within each group the individual points raised in each comment are considered in Tables 2-10. 65% of the points raised were highly individualistic and were grouped under the general headings of Proposed Housing (Table 2), Infrastructure (Table 3), Objections to proposed development (Table 7), Support for proposed development (Table 8) and Other Issues (Table 9). Points made more than twice were Buildings to be in sympathy with surroundings (Table 2), Traffic management (Table 3) and High St./Hillside junction unsatisfactory. The remaining 35% of the points were more focused and are grouped under Comments on PEE (Table 4), Affordable/social housing (Table 5) and Housing for elderly (Table 6).

The points raised deal almost exclusively with the proposed developments at Bridgelands/Hillside with virtually no reference to the papers produced by the SG. This may be a reflection of the Barcombe public being able to view for the first time the relevant information from the 2017 SHELAA together with that in the Draft Part 2 of the JCS.

Table 1

Comment topic	Number of Comments	Table
Proposed housing	20	2
Infrastructure	18	3
Comments on Public Engagement Event	12	4
Affordable/Social Housing	10	5
Housing for elderly	9	6
Object to proposed development	6	7
Support proposed development	5	8
Biodiversity issues	2	9
Improve public transport	2	9
Environmental impact	2	9
Recycling point	1	9
Walkways	1	9
Development good for business	1	9
Alternative development sites	1	9
Offer help	1	9

Email address	19	9
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Table 2: Proposed Housing

Topic	Points raised	Proposed Action/Response
Buildings to be in sympathy with surroundings	5	Included in NP Housing Policies
Bungalows at top, 3-5 bed houses further down slope	1	Noted
Can developers change amount of housing and materials ?	1	Through planning applications
Recommend no rows of houses	1	Noted
New houses to reflect existing	1	In NP housing policies
No green roofs	1	Noted
3-5 bed houses	1	Noted
no Eco-builds	1	Noted
Retain green look of pony field	1	Noted
Set houses back from road	1	Recommendation made in Draft JCS Part 2
No grass roofs !	1	Noted
2015 Housing Survey- preference for 3 bed houses, not 1 bed or flats	1	24% of Survey respondents replied to question. But LDC Housing Register shows that of applicants applying for rented accommodation some 70% require 1-2 bed houses. Responses from different sections of community ? Proposed housing could provide mix of housing sizes.
Green build a priority	1	Noted
Houses to be sustainable/low impact	1	Houses to be developed according to current building standards
Green roofs can be OK	1	Noted
Follow Eco regulations	1	Houses to be developed according to current building standards
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Table 3: Infrastructure

Topic	Points raised	Proposed Action/Response
Traffic management required	4	Refer to ESCC
Present/proposed access High St. to Hillside unsatisfactory	3	Recognised in 2017 SHELAA and Draft JCS Part 2. On-going discussions to solve issues.
Additions to play area required	2	On-going local project re additional play facilities
Separate access to Bridgelands required	1	Present evidence is that improvements to present access entrance can be to satisfaction of ESCC.
Effect of development on roads/parking	1	Noted
Suitable parking arrangements required	1	Included in NP General Housing Policies
Implications of development for roads, schools, medical care	1	Noted
Site unsuitable for small, affordable housing	1	2017 SHELAA and Draft JCS Part 2 state sites suitable for housing.
Services required to support new development	1	Considerations re sewerage supply given in Draft JCS Part 2
No plans for infrastructure/employment	1	Not within remit of NP
Prevent future extensions of some new houses	1	Not in NP Housing Policies
"Hillside" – name confusing	1	Noted
Problem – bus stop outside "The Grange"	1	Refer to ESCC/BPC
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Table 4: Comments on PEE

Topic	Points raised	Proposed Action/Response
Excellent	1	
Brilliant event	1	
Very well organised and informative	1	
Impressed. pleased with work done and level of clear communication with residents	1	
Many people; liked boards	1	
Excellent presentation	1	
Excellent start to complex process	1	
Excellent meeting and event	1	
Thanks !	1	
Great – good to have facts	1	
Very interesting – good presentation of subjects	1	
It looks good	1	
	12	Include in Public Consultation description

Table 5: Affordable/Social Housing

Topic	Points raised	Proposed Action/Response
Affordable housing needed for young and elderly	3	
Social housing required	2	
Affordable housing needed	2	
Affordable housing, not big houses	1	
Cheap affordable housing, not of modern design	1	
All housing to be Council, shared ownership or low cost 1-3 bed	1	
	10	Include in NP Housing Policies

Table 6: Housing for elderly

Topic	Points raised	Proposed Action/Response
Housing for down-sizing elderly	4	
Home for elderly	3	
Assisted living facilities	1	
Housing for down-sizing elderly/sheltered housing/flats	1	
	9	Include in NP Housing Policies

Table 7: Objections to proposed development

Topic	Points raised	Proposed Action/Response
Large development at 3 sites	1	
Bridgelands site is bog	1	
Unsatisfactory access High St./Hillside	1	
Sites unsuitable for small/affordable housing	1	
Plan will produce big expensive houses	1	
	5	Noted

Table 8: Support proposed development

Topic	Points raised	Proposed Action/Response
Agree with development zones	1	
Agree with Design Statement	1	
Sites are appropriate	2	
Support in principle (need affordable housing for young and old)	1	
	5	Noted

Table 9: Other Issues

Topic	Points raised	Proposed Action/Response
Biodiversity issues: install bird/bat boxes	1	Noted
Improve public transport	2	Noted
Beware environmental impact	2	Noted
Install recycling point in development	1	Noted
Approve of walkways	1	Noted
Development would be good for businesses	1	Noted
Should use alternative building sites	1	Sites quoted were rejected in 2017 SHELAA
Offer of assistance re supported living	1	Noted
	10	
Email addresses supplied	19	Use for email circulation list