

Titchfield Neighbourhood Forum - Housing questionnaire written responses June 2017

Question 2 - what sort of homes would you like to see included?

- More affordable
- There should be more affordable home and need less land
- Terraces houses are in keeping with the current and historic style of property in Titchfield and would provide smaller and more affordable housing. They are suitable for both younger and older age groups alike. Semi-detached and detached houses provide space for larger family groups. Flats are the least in keeping with historic feel of the village.
- Terraced in keeping with the village style

Question 4 - do you have any suggestions as to where these homes might go?

- On the borders of the village
- Along the new Stubbington to Titchfield by pass
- We have enough houses in the village and certainly do not need houses built on our green fields
- Very difficult question. From the map it looks as though the area just south of the railway line is the only open area that could have good access or on West Hill Park school.
- Titchfield/Warsash Road, same side as pylons. This would then ensure traffic does not increase through village.
- Compulsory purchase of some land from West Hill Park School; land at top of village easily connects with A27 to avoid congestion in the village and will not be prone to flooding. Occupants' children would benefit from easy access to school, avoiding necessity for car transportation to place of education.
- In the large fields at Posbrook Lane
- I do not think there should be any new housing within the village, there just isn't any available space in my opinion. I have heard talk about using the tanneries but I disagree with this as the businesses there are very important to the village. If the edges of the village are used this would encroach on green space and would change the nature of the village. The only other place is gardens or allotments which I would also disagree with - sorry but I think this questionnaire leads the completer down a route that is pre-planned. Once saturation point is reached then that is my opinion.
- Extreme care should be taken to ensure that green land and farm land available to the public is protected from development.
- The ownership of land in Titchfield is not easily and clearly available with which to make a decision. However, there is land in Posbrook Lane just after Bellfield and a development here could assist with traffic calming

in Posbrook Lane. Also the fields on which the horses are kept in Bridge Street would have the least traffic impact on the village.

- Not in Titchfield

Question 5 - who do you think should be given first priority to live in these houses?

- I don't think you could very easily restrict ownership but it is very important that suitable housing for elderly people is developed. It is also a possibility that Titchfield could look at being a trend setter for some environmental standards of home building - there may be government grants available such as passive houses?

Question 8 - do you have any other comments?

- New people who come to live here such as Southampton Hill new bungalows complaining about bottle banks etc in Barry's Meadow which they have been moved to the community centre
- Preserve green spaces as much as possible in order to preserve Titchfield as a village, not just for residents but for the many people who enjoy the village from the surrounding area.
- Most of the village is surrounded by flood plane - unsuitable for development. A site using part of West Hill Park school is perfect location.
- I think if there were more 2 bedroom houses and 4&5 bedroom houses for people with big families and people that could use a two bed would free up a lot of 3 bedroom properties.
- Infrastructure will not cope with increased traffic, GP surgery always very busy, roads clogged.
- There is no more room IN the village for any size of housing. The plan on the back page does not reflect the parameters of the village. This is an unnecessary consultation.
- More facilities also needed - better children's playground
- Too many houses built for well off, there are a lot of single people now, or couples, who don't want large houses. Affordable rents, modern not single glazed.
- It is important not to focus just on affordable housing. Although there is a great need for this it is usually needed close to large employment centres. Affordable rental properties are often more useful in villages for family members. Care to ensure facilities match the extra population, in particular the village shops and amenities, including attracting social venues like restaurants/bakers etc.
- Affordable housing for key workers (teachers, medical staff, social carers etc) is essential to ensure the next generation of young families can afford to live in the village and Titchfield does not become an enclave for wealthy retirees.

- I would like to see the historic nature of the village respected in any style of housing developed and a very high importance placed on minimal environmental impact. Traffic movement and parking considerations need to be included as additional houses will no double increase pressure on the already restricted parking choice.

And finally an attachment.

To Ann and team
From Amanda Laws

I realised when I started filling in the form that I wanted to write more than would fit on, so just a few thoughts to add into the mix.

I feel very strongly about housing and the uneasy balance between 21st needs alongside a historic village. I haven't lived here long (25 years) but in that time I have seen some sensitive additions and some not so well designed. What will not work are small infills, building that will not fulfil our obligations and just reduce what open spaces we still have in the village (e.g. Wheatsheaf application)

The needs of those who wish to live in and around Titchfield are probably well documented, in so far that they will be a microcosm of the general needs of the county and country. There will be statistics from the ONS and more local evidence that will help to determine whose needs are not being met by the current housing stock.

I would urge caution in weighing up individual suggestions on whose requires housing and what sort of size/type is needed, but instead look at the balance of property types already existing to see where we, as a village, falls short.

My comments I would like you to take forward are these:-

WHO

The needs of the aging population are well catered for at Village Gate, the old fire station, small cottages on the main village street and eventually on the proposed care village alongside the Holiday Inn.

What we don't have are small to medium sized social housing (I believe many at Bellfields are now privately owned), opportunities for young adults to engage in shared ownership schemes and affordable rented accommodation. Young adults tend not to use doctors surgeries as much as pensioners and would bring a

better balance to the village in use of the community centre, shops and social clubs. I have not looked at local Primary Schools expansion plans, so cannot comment on the potential impact (ONS should have general demographics on births in the last few years to see the % trend upwards)

LOCATION

Location is an extremely contentious issue and two key criteria should be high ground, so flooding is not an issue (rules out Posbrooke development) and ready access to the A27 (also rules out Posbrooke)

I think the area to be explored is Common Lane and Warsash Road, which fits both criteria. There are several schools within reasonable distance and a clear wide road on which to access the motorway, without having to drive through the village.

Lastly I feel very passionate about looking at alternative ways of funding and building, i.e. Community Land Trusts <http://www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk/>
<http://www.wickhamclt.org.uk/>
<http://wessexca.co.uk/>

The community would have a greater say in use of building materials and environmentally friendly energy measures.