



HOPE - UNDER - DINMORE
& NEWTON

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Open day events 2014

Introduction

This document records comments made during two open day events which were held at the outset of the process of preparing the Hope-under-Dinmore Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

The NDP was publicised before the open day events in 2 village newsletters. These were distributed by hand to all houses in the parishes of Hope-under-Dinmore and Newton in October 2013 and March 2014. Leaflets were then distributed at the beginning of April 2014, giving details of the open day events alongside an explanation of the NDP programme and the names of steering group members.

The open day drop-in events were held in the village hall on Thursday 24th April from 8am to 12pm and 5 to 8pm, and on Saturday 26th April from 10am to 3pm.

Those attending were invited to leave comments on a variety of subjects. They could also mark comments relevant to specific areas on a large scale map of the village centre and parishes.

A total of 75 residents attended over the 2 day period. The age distribution was logged with the following results:-

Under 20: 1 (1%)

20-30: 5 (7%)

31-40: 4 (5%)

41-50: 4 (5%)

51-60: 20 (27%)

61-70: 29 (39%)

71-80: 7 (9%)

Over 80: 5 (7%)

The comments logged on the comment boards are reported verbatim below, by subject.

The comments posted on the maps have been analysed and linked to the designated sites for assessment, as these are identified and described in the draft Plan (sites HUD1 to HUD4). At the time this event was held HUD1 and 2 were not identified as separate sites, so comments on these sites have been combined in the attached spreadsheet. This combined site was the only one which attracted a significant number of comments, mostly reflecting views on its unsuitability for housing, flood risk and its importance as an amenity area for the village.

All the comments cards, pins and have been kept for record purposes.

Housing

Barn conversions and other individual houses – no estates

Infill housing would be better way of development than housing estates.

Intersperse on higher ground rather than a new development

No building on flood plain by Cherrybrook it will cause more flooding and make it worse.

No more Marches Housing

No suitable place for more housing apart from flat a. behind Esso garage.

No housing on field behind current houses. Any new housing should be in keeping with Herefordshire buildings not red brick.

Housing in small groups to prevent a separate 'estate' feel.

There should be no houses from the bridge to the A49 Flood Plain

On farmland opposite Esso between A417 and Cadburys

To encourage young families not OAP's

Improved drainage on roads to deal with flooding.

We would like to build a bungalow in our garden therefore our house would be available for a family No2 Block cottage

Red brick is not in keeping with the village

Suggest steering committee define character of Parish to preserve/enhance it.

We would like to build a house on our own land at Codlin Hall for us would like to remain in this village close to our family.

No big block – individual units –must consider flooding effects

Individual developments instead of group housing to minimise impact on village

No housing on flood plain

Housing should not be considered on A49 1) no precedent 2)out of character 3) Visually invasive 4) Access/noise/aspect

If more houses make them affordable

Conversions of barns etc. Only – no new build

Any extra housing needs improved infrastructure – roads awful and flooding

New houses are better scattered than en bloc

Flood prevention factor should be part of planning approval

Should not be put on a flood plain

Unfortunately construction costs will outprice affordable housing for the wage structure in this area. Social

housing for Herefordshire people.

No housing from railway bridge to A49 – flood plain

Roads – The corner of the Dinmore road needs to be rounded off it is very dangerous

Any new houses should a) be interspersed among existing ones or two b) reflect existing design character – ie. natural materials maximum 2 stories etc. This is to prevent new housing being dominant and spoiling character of settlement.

Facilities & Services

We need a pub

Pub/shop/recycling

Pub and shop –Children's playground

There is a demand for a pub. I heard on the radio of a parish who have successfully combined their church with a pub at the side so each help support the other even if pub part time staffed by volunteers?

Pub would be nice

Shop/ PO /Pub like Eardisley

A pub would entice more community

Pub and shop

Pub/shop/Cafe type run by community?

Environment and Heritage

Permissive horse route through Queenswood should be reinstated to keep horses and riders safe from road, busy with farm machinery.

Solar panels should be encouraged.

Small wetland nature reserve on that bit by junction with A49.

A circular footpath around Bodenham lakes would be valuable.

All very old houses should be preserved, also the old village well.

More trees, less dog mess.

Footpaths maintained

All footpaths should be cherished.

A49 from Cadburys to bottom Dinmore Hill begins to look semi industrial. To retain our rural ambience it is recommended that a) no more industrial development in this area b)no more development – re housing in this area c)monitor signage and enforce if pp not granted.

Footpaths should have dog friendly /access so that we can enjoy them with our dogs.

It would be wonderful to have a village pond – more trees

Forcing horse riders to cross A49 highly dangerous. Allow riding in Queenswood.

Please keep our bridle paths/green spaces. It is quality of life at the end of the day.

Leisure and Tourism

Recreational space behind Tavern Meadow next to Cherrybrook

Let people ride horses in Queenswood

Horses are no danger in Queenswood. Riders were excluded without consultation.

Allow horses to go through Queenswood. Bring back the bridle paths, this is a country!

A permissive horse route should be accessible in Queenswood as bridleway across A49 is very dangerous.

Make sure no parking allowed through Queenswood on the track to houses and farms beyond.

Safety of people coming by bus to Queenswood. Island need on A49 so pedestrians can cross safely

Public access should be allowed to SSSI's (sites of special scientific interest)

Public access needed for recreation

Traffic/Transport/Safety

Reduce the speed of traffic to 20mph through village – speed bumps

Need for roundabout at A49/A417 junction and better traffic control at junction to prevent traffic attempting to overtake on northbound carriageway.

'Access to Properties Only' sign for village.

Roundabout at junction A417/A49?

Speed bumps from main road through the village – more street lighting

A417/A49 : HGV's need a level run before Dinmore Hill so reroute A417 to Cadburys roundabout.

Filter left from A417 – widen to allow traffic to turn left at junction

Permanent speed cameras at junction with main road (up and down)

A49/A417 traffic lights

20mph speed limit through village

Street lights outside Cherrybrook front.

20mph speed limit through village

Keep character of village by no pavements, no lights but minimise speed limits throughout.

Tarmacs pretty useful. Try it on Roads!

New road to bypass 417 turning to avoid accidents

Better access from 417 to A49 – roundabout Cadbury's?

20mph speed limit & enforced through village

Road resurfaced – 20mph (no speed bumps)

Bus service Leominster/Herford to be retained

The surface of Newton Lane is very poor. Patch repairs are only a temporary solution as the surface breaks down again with the water which often flows down the lane. It needs to be properly repaired.

Safety for pedestrians crossing A49 by Queenswood. Children going to college need to run across road for bus stop (need island in road).

20mph through village & road in desperate need of repair.

Subway needs attention to make safe and cleaning

Roundabout junction at A49/A417

Important to keep bus service Leominster to Hereford.

Pavement needed between Tavern Meadow and Cherrybrook

	Open Day Map Comments Analysis	See next page for key to columns											
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H		HUD4	HUD3	HUD1/2
	Potential Housing Site	3	1			2		1			2	2	1
	Housing 1st Time Buyers	2											
	Affordable Housing Site	2						1			1	2	1
	Demolish Building/Structure	1											
	Housing Priority for Locals	3	1				1						1
	Single Infill Site												
	Retain for Agriculture										1		
	Site Unsuitable for Housing					1		4	6			4	19
	Pub Wanted											4	
	Supermarket Wanted											1	
	Wetland Reserve											1	
	Traffic Management Design					1						1	
	Flooding				1		2	5	2				13
	Create Parking Area												2
	Create an Amenity Space												12
	Amentity Pace Enhancement												1
	Football Sports Pitch												2
	Picnic Site												2
	Village Green to be improved												1
	Keep some green space												1
	Daycare centre for elderly												1
	Recycling Facility												1
	Housing should not stand out							1					
	Renewable energy site							1					
	Total Comments:	11	2	0	1	4	3	13	8	0	4	15	58

KEY:													
A	Opposite Cadbury's												
B	Newton												
C	Northside Park												
D	Lane to Prometheus												
E	Church Side of A49												
F	Cherrybrook												
G	West of Railway												
H	End T Meadow to Falcon House												
HUD4	Land north of Northside Park												
HUD3	Land between Cherrybrook Close- Northside Park												
HUD1/2	Land between Tavern Meadow – Cherrybrook Close/land rear of Tavern Meadow												