



# WESTBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## Results of the Flyer and Open Day Consultation, June – July 2013

### Environment (19 comments)

- The river. Careful thought needs to be given about the management of riparian habitats and river management. The Ems is one of a few chalk streams that exist only in southern UK and northern France. The environmental agency are more and more hands off in terms of management and the value of possible riparian owners coming together as a unit for water control, habitat management and is a possible way forwards.
- When I moved to Westbourne two years ago it reminded me so much of my childhood home. The village, trees, river, the abundance of wildlife habitats. Please let's not spoil it!
- Preservation.
- Keeping green space between our communities.
- We should try to preserve the rural atmosphere of the village, Redlands roundabout is awful!
- Pollution – noise, smell, in the air and in the water. Cleanliness and appearance of area. Plastic bag free area.
- Many pavements are too narrow for my wheelchair or in such a poor state of repair my wheelchair cannot traverse them. Dog poo everywhere. Speeding and limit starts after playground entrance.
- Improve rubbish collection on verges and pavements.
- Pavements need improving for mobility scooters and prams.
- More litter bins including for dogs. The village has a rather run-down appearance, loose paving stones, grass verges uncut, litter everywhere.
- A policy regarding litter and an action plan - particularly on the verges of the roads out of the village – especially Foxbury lane.
- Regular cuttings of grass verges.
- Footpaths and pavement between villages.
- Indian - the rubbish on street pavements. Foxes.
- Village open space, Community orchard?
- Try to maintain village environment.
- Reinstating the foot path in Cemetery Lane.
- Attention to litter.
- Repair paths & walking in Westbourne village.

### Employment Opportunities (No comments)

## **Flooding and Drainage (10 comments)**

- PO10 8SD Refund house insurance despite little risk or history of flooding.
- Insurance companies now refusing to quote or building contents!! Not a problem until this year. Not sure what changed but we were not in a flood high risk area in 2001 when we purchased the property.
- What about flood gates at the Mill? I believe the house owner is responsible. Can the environment agency...?
- Buildings insurance renewal refused by previous provider. Premiums continue to increase.
- Must continue to think 'flood action!' I know we did with all the flood alerts/warnings we received this winter. Suggest as EA for the number they issued 2012/13.
- One weekend when we had the risk of flooding in West Sussex – Hampshire. Westbourne was the only place to have a red alert on the south east coast!
- Concerned about floods and drainage. Suggest we have a specific committee to enable positive action to take place.
- Would consider a specific village flood committee to be a positive step considering the undoubted major problems with flooding.
- Extending flood zones and impact on buildings and home insurance.
- Sewage treatment important – can the local units cope with the increase in properties – public health issue.

## **Health Facilities (5 comments)**

- Preparation should be made to extend health facilities particularly for the increasing number of elderly.
- Healthcare should be easily accessible but does have to be located within the village especially if you are elderly and have no transport.
- I use the Southbourne surgery and if I want to visit my own GP I would normally have to wait at least three weeks. There is of course an on-call doctor but continuity of treatment is compromised! I believe the Emsworth surgery has the same problem.
- I understand that our local GP Surgery is to be moved from the George and Dragon to a new site in the recent development. With no local transport properly in place this takes the surgery from a central location in the village causing access problems for the elderly and disabled patients.
- I always travel to Emsworth surgery. Having the surgery in Westbourne is good, but I can never get an appointment and my GP is based in Emsworth.

## **Historic Building Preservation (2 comments)**

- Important to recognise that the number of historic buildings in Westbourne are a unique selling point to promote the village.
- Important that owners of historic buildings in the village are supported in maintaining our history and keeping the village looking like a village.

## **Housing Development (56 comments)**

- Development of housing will relate to all questions asked on blue flyer for except Historic Building preservation.
- No more housing development.
- Definitely no more house building until we in Westbourne see the damage Havant has caused with Redlands estate.
- Housing development would like to see less in area.
- Stop trying to develop this village. Already too many houses and cars for local facilities.
- It is important to maintain and improve the identity of the village. We do not need to be swallowed up by Emsworth.
- No more houses.
- No further housing development, lack of parking in village.
- Must continue to think flood plain! Flood plain!! Flood plain!!!
- Extra housing means more congestion on already dangerous roads. More flooding because of hard landscaping. People already suffering from sewage problem because of an overloaded system will have increased problems. Water companies are not interested in pouring money into maintenance and new systems as they now have to appease their shareholders. Developers want to make as much money for themselves and give little back to the community.
- No more housing.
- Less housing.
- I accept that land currently in agricultural use will possibly need development – I think any development should meet aims more than just houses.
- The restraint of housing development is of high importance. To protect the village status, the road infrastructure, and flood/drainage problems that we already experience.
- Westbourne needs housing for elderly people as well as young families.
- Traffic issues are now becoming serious. Most of the main streets are virtually one way with nowhere to go once when driving on these streets. Extra housing would increase this traffic.
- There should be no further development in the area until the whole problem of drainage & flooding issues are addressed.
- Housing stock should be increased by removing original housing and building on the resulting beautiful site.
- Resist/restrict future housing development.
- Try for a wider area designation to limit further development on the edge of the settlement policy area, particularly land around Woodmancote and between Westbourne.
- No more housing development in Westbourne, Aldsworth and Woodmancote.
- Opposed to new housing developments in and around village. Local facilities already oversubscribed.
- No more housing development.
- No more housing development in Westbourne.
- No more housing please!
- Keeping character of village against extensive housing development pressure. But there is a need for affordable housing so that families can live near each other, community strength.

- Whilst we realise housing is needed, there is a great danger of over development in what is a rural area. We must keep some green areas to protect wildlife and our environment.
- I am opposed to any further housing in Westbourne, Aldsworth and Woodmancote areas.
- More housing for young people at an affordable rent.
- No more housing.
- Less housing development! I would not like to see any further housing development delayed until such time as local amenities schools, roads etc can cope with it.
- No more housing.
- Housing development should be on brownfield sites and within the settlement area.
- No new housing estates!
- Please help stop large housing estates ruining our village! It has such a negative effect on our doctors, school, parking, roads and our village!
- We need housing that young local people can afford; and use brownfield sites rather than green fields.
- Do take into consideration the Hampshire Farm development. 250 houses in our neighbourhood despite it being in Hampshire.
- No more development.
- Strongly feel that this this village needs to be preserved as a rural setting. No more development
- Encouraging smaller, individually designed housing developments – built by local builders.
- No more housing until the drainage system is adequate. All new houses to have at least two parking places.
- Huge concerns over traffic through village and dangers crossing the road, especially now with increased traffic from Redlands estate.
- Parking very important.
- Do not want to see new developments.
- Houses must be confined to brownfield sites only. When these are full – that’s it. No more greenfield sites.
- I am concerned that with the new housing estate there is already a considerable increase in traffic congestion. Further building I fear will make it worse.
- Westbourne village should retain its status as separate from Emsworth by ensuring no more building on green field sites. It should retain its last remaining green fields to stop it becoming part of the south coast “ribbon” conservation area must be preserved!
- Whilst accepting the need for some additional housing, it is important to retain the village’s character and community. The entire infrastructure needs to be carefully constructed to ensure the plans can be supported.
- The carrying capacity of an area to support its locals (housing, health, schools, environment) that overrides idiotic Nat/local government the number of (excessive) houses to be built, based on an arbitrary figure! A ban on in-filling between settlements to keep green spaces and stop sub-urbanisation.
- Close White-Chimney Road (cul de sac) reroute road round cemetery. Move school to field at corner of White-Chimney road/Lumley Lane, enabling larger school and decent playground.
- Less houses.
- Protection of green field sites from development.

- If homes have to be built in Westbourne could they be affordable for young Westbourne residents to enable them to stay in Westbourne and so prevent Westbourne from becoming a dormitory village for old folks?
- If new houses are built there are no schools for children to go to.
- No more large developments. Apart from ruining the essential character of the village, the existing facilities are not adequate for a large population.
- Too much development – roads cannot cope.

### **Local Facilities (6 comments)**

- Would love to see a community tennis court included at the Mill Road Park (even if not provided! Just posts).
- What happened to the community sports pavilion that was to be built in Mill Road park after the Kingfisher Drive development? We were told Westbury builders were obliged to put aside a significant sum of money as a building condition. Never heard any more. Wonder why?
- It is important to ensure that we build a community where people “all” are safe and able to enjoy the facilities offered in the area. Joining together to make the whole.
- Facilities for young.
- Local sporting facilities/clubs.
- Village could do with a youth club like they used to have. There is a purple play bus that comes here but it is only for the camp children.

### **Public transport (8 comments)**

- Public transport needs to be evaluated. Traffic problems are manifest.
- More houses and more people means that we need better bus services.
- We need more public transport facilities.
- We have enough an adequate public transport situation.
- Public transport top priority.
- Proper regular bus service to Havant and Chichester.
- A bus service.
- Bus service regular times for elderly and disabled.

### **Roads and Parking (58 comments)**

- Traffic calming measures through Westbourne, some vehicles tend to speed in Foxbury Lane probably in other roads as well. These speeders are from all walks of life. Poor maintenance of roads.
- Residents only parking in Church Road.
- Cycle way from Westbourne to Emsworth.
- 20 miles per hour max for cars.
- A crossing in the square.
- As Westbourne is clearly being used as a cut-through by heavy and private traffic, could there be an imposition on type (ie size, capacity, etc) of vehicles permitted to travel through the village when they have no business there? Could parking in the village be restricted to people who reside there by issuing them with parking permits? Those not residing but wish to pass there could buy a permit.
- Sleeping policemen ranks along Monks Hill or speed camera.

- Stop parking on green area in Mill Road and Elsmere Orchard.
- Pot holes mended, roads properly maintained and parking monitored.
- Speed restrictions on through traffic.
- Speeding restrictions through village.
- Declogging of parking in centre of village by co-op. Car park? Would drivers be prepared to walk?  
Answer, no!
- Reduction of speed through Aldsworth in view of bends in road and danger.
- Road next to shops on the Grove has become a race way as people try and force each other through.
- Monitored speed limits. High profile policing.
- The road through Westbourne is extremely dangerous. More housing will just increase the risk of some major accident in the future. Foxbury Lane is even more dangerous. At points it is difficult to pass safely. It is also impossible to maintain as at times when we have torrential rain it is almost like a waterfall!
- Can we suggest a width/height restriction sign to warn drivers of wide vehicles not to use Woodmancote Lane? Chaos ensued twice here in as many months when vehicles have become stuck.
- Speeding along Monks Hill. Keep hedges and verges cut at the top of Monks Hill – pulling out is a hazard, especially as traffic speeds from the right.
- 20 is plenty road speeds through village. The square is difficult to cross, we need a crossing – or the square should be altered to slow traffic. It's presently just a car park! Also stop lorries except deliveries.
- Don't need any more roads built. Depends on housing development.
- Has any thought been given to cycle routes? Emsworth is nearby but not easier to cycle through Westbourne itself.
- Westbourne is one of the most dangerous places to cycle through! Plus there are only two posts for locking a bike at the village hall. We do not seem to be very cycle friendly.
- Westbourne is a beautiful village – however a lot more consideration re: parking outside of co-op store, as it's directly opposite our front door/car port and daily we are not able to get in or out of our car port. Also, parking is NOT allowed there, with bags of shopping it's frustrating.
- We have a delightful village “square” it needs to be developed to enhance this village's focal point.. Example, reduce tarmacked area, green/plants etc, traffic calming.
- Signs on Funtington Road to encourage heavy good vehicles to bypass Westbourne.
- Parking bays in Mill Road so they stop wrecking the grass verges.
- Motoring speed restrictions.
- More emphasis on not parking on double yellow lines. Less speed acknowledged.
- The situation in the village re traffic is now impossible and so dangerous. Speed ramps would stop the village being used as a rat run. Also parking in North Street.
- I would prefer to shop locally, but parking in the village is a disaster. Any land available should be used to make a decent sized car park before any more development is allowed.
- The type of traffic noticeably increasing in size and number on our small village roads.
- Living in the Westbourne “public car park” it is very important that some sort of proper car park is made available. (I live opposite the church next to the pet feeds, it is a nightmare!)

- I feel that parking in Westbourne is very hard and we should have a car park. (for the residents who cannot park near their houses.)
- Roads important, car transport for rural village.
- Parking in and around village, better plan for local businesses.
- 20 mph speed limit.
- Improved traffic control/speed and flow restrictions.
- Slow down traffic through the village by having a 10 mile an hour speed limit with pedestrian right of way through the square.
- More car parking space in Westbourne village, 20mph through Westbourne village, pedestrian crossing in Westbourne.
- Create some central parking!
- Speeding and lorries through the village.
- Traffic calming. Speed limit reduction. Make our village safer.
- Speed restrictions to 20mph through the village? No bumps though please!
- Safety issues. Danger to pedestrians and riders in White Chimney Row increased by volume of traffic resulting from development in Westbourne and Emsworth.
- Road resurfacing is a priority.
- Make Westbourne a 20 is plenty zone.
- 20 MPH limit on ALL roads into Westbourne and enforcement of this.
- Control parking outside the co-op. Lazy folks in 4 by 4s.
- On street parking, speed limits.
- Some attention should be given to making a crossing point across the main road.
- Tarmacking Cemetery Lane!
- Traffic speed reduction and volume.
- Enforcement of the 20 is plenty is advisable as we have many narrow roads in the village and severe congestion due to parking on roads.
- Review of road system in Westbourne to make a one way system past the co-op to provide proper parking and prevent the bottleneck and stop the daily near misses.
- 20 miles an hour traffic control.
- Parking for local shops and facilities in the village.
- Too much traffic, roads never repaired properly.

### **Schools and Playgrounds (5 comments)**

- School playground floods when it rains.
- It would be good to cover the school swimming pool so it can be used all year round to ensure kids can swim.
- Community tennis court in Mill Road park.
- We should try and see if the community can have use of the swimming pool in the primary school for teaching children. There are plenty of swim teach mums in Westbourne. The pool is currently only used for 6 weeks a year!
- The school is the heart of the community. The village school MUST be safeguarded against amalgamation with new school developments.

## **Community – ‘Villageyness’ (11 comments)**

- Westbourne should retain its village character and not try to become a business centre or town. Other places are better suited for that activity being near the railway and the motorway too.
- It is important to maintain a balance in a rural community so one needs a bit of everything without any aspect dominating to the point that it takes over everything else.
- Just to ensure a balanced village. The current balance of private, social and traveller facilities works well. Don't spoil it, don't put any more demand on the school.
- Keeping Westbourne as a village, not an adjunct to a "Solent Corridor".
- Every effort should be made to preserve the integrity of the village as an entity in its own right. It must not become a part of a vast urban sprawl.
- Our main concern is that any future development – housing or otherwise – is considered in keeping with a village community and anticipating possible problems if infrastructure is not developed appropriately, too e.g.. roads, parking, drainage. A village needs to retain/expand essential facilities to allow people of all ages to function independently within the village and to be able to travel easily to hospital and other city facilities, e.g.. in Chichester if needed.
- Integrated community planning according to the population of the village – i.e.. can we meet the needs of the people?
- Feeling of community.
- In terms of Westbourne – it has to be kept a village – it is fast outgrowing itself and merging with Emsworth/Havant and becoming a large town.
- Our further issue is to stop the overdevelopment of the village of Westbourne.
- Keeping character of the village, keeping its size down, peace and quiet, Westbourne not to be regarded as a feeder for Southbourne.

## **Miscellaneous (21 comments)**

- Use existing communication groups – Westbourne Women in business. Meet last Friday of Every month except July & PTA in Sept when school returns.
- Improve communication feedback, letterbox posts in pubs/Co-op/café/church.
- Street representative to coordinate & feedback on issues and concerns in the street.
- A mention of Hampshire which is putting a strain on our village in many ways (we know it's Hampshire's business but it is affecting us).
- Police presence.
- Community development type forum to bring together the many individual events/organisations where it seems disjointed and "ego" driven rather than "community" driven.
- To get rid of all the drug dealers or troublemakers e.g .20 Churcher Road.
- Bridleways for horse riders.
- More dog wardens and higher fines for fouling of the pavements.
- Community activities/groups vital to neighbourhood.
- Regular meetings and information on what is happening in the community.
- Endeavour to keep the two pubs in the village.
- Blocked drain ways between 23 – 27 Edgell Road, on road to private car park at the back of houses – need to be cleared of rubbish.
- Continued good neighbour scheme.



- Unfair rate system in our village. Set up an independent business association for Westbourne.
- Taking the good ideas from the old village design statement. Building on existing community networks and facilities.
- Community events.
- Leave the place alone.
- Enough school and doctors places to support current and medium term development.
- Support the parish council.
- Cycling round the village, yearly, and interesting routes, leave notices of route displayed.

## **Limericks**

So if local planners aren't clear  
Why sewage and flooding we fear  
That traffic's a mess  
And busses are less  
Then find a clear road and come here

Our neighbourhood plan should explain  
What "villagey" things should remain  
And not overdo  
Too much that is new  
Avoiding the need to complain