**Public comments from consultation event July 11th 2015**

**Parking**

* Need parking facilities in the village
* Please make sure village gets a car park!
* Car park needed
* All new properties need off street parking
* Any new development MUST have sufficient parking for the number of houses proposes. The village is already so busy NO parking ever available
* The village needs a car park with suitable surface and draining

**Development size**

* Concepts that proposals for less than 6 houses are unlikely to receive approval must be queried and opposed. Several smaller developments preferable to 2 or 3 (or even 1!) or a large mess
* Small pockets of housing is reasonable. Not large areas of building
* Small developments of 1 – 4 houses grouped with others to achieve 6 are preferable and less damaging to the environment
* No development of more than 8 houses should be allowed anywhere
* Small pockets of a few houses is better than one huge estate
* Proposition that sites of 6 and less are less preferable should be queried. Smaller sites likely to generate more diversity in keeping with the village
* Development would be best limited to small packages in keeping with the village size. No more than 12 houses on one new plot.
* Spread throughout Westbourne and Woodmancote in relatively small numbers to preserve overall concentration. Keep strategic gaps
* Small sites of 6 better than large development

**Flooding**

* Existing flooding including sewage flooding to be eliminated and this to be needed in any new development
* Beware of flooding – the land behind the Parish Hall used to be a watercress bed!
* Woodmancote, South Lane Severe flooding from field every winter causing road blockage and accidents
* Site 10 not suitable for housing (flood plain)
* Land rear of Parish Hall predominately dedicated flood plain of river Ems, possible car park subject to no raising of levels & permeable surface
* South Lane floods every year.

**Woodmancote**

* Woodmancote is a hamlet. South lane proposal will turn it into village. Access via White Chimney Row is bad enough already.
* Woodmancote village has no public transport, no gritting of road etc. How environmental would development be in this area?
* Woodmancote is not developed on both sides of the roads. Any more housing would change it from countryside area to village status

**Locations**

* Solely for traffic reasons keep all new houses away from the centre of the village but still within the residential area of the parish i.e. Deep Springs to the north, South Lane to the east
* No development east of the village which would cause traffic through village. There is regular car damage in East Street – weekly!
* NO WAY Long Copse Lane/North Street refused once, at appeal again. No way, the village has spoken on this! GOO petitioned. Flooding, high development destroys rural aspect of village. Development close to Hampshire farm development. Remember only 30% of parishioners filled in NP questionnaire
* Long Copse: Overpowering entrance to the village will damage rural village close to Hampshire in danger of becoming an urban sprawl
* Access to any development on Long Copse Lane affects Ellsmere Orchard; will cause chaos to residents of Ellsemere Orchard
* 600 objectors can’t be wrong. Long Copse Lane to high land flooding roads dominate area

**Miscellaneous**

* Investment into school??
* I don’t want to see Mill Lane become a fully fledged tarmac road, which would be needed to develop 14 & 15, maybe 16
* The land behind Mill Road in map 5. What about the playground?
* If build on map 6 even traffic must turn left
* Whatever development is eventually agreed, essential that infrastructure issues are dealt with before building goes ahead. ie. sewage overload areas where areas prone to flooding, traffic overload/dangers, school places sufficient etc
* South Lane down the hill doesn’t get gritted in the winter
* Cemetery Lane entrance dangerous to enter on bend. More traffic then road would need looking at
* More houses, how about the infrastructure? Driving through Westbourne nightmare
* Please put all the charts on the village website with downloadable PDFs so they can be read and accessed at home

**Views and glimpses**

* Ellesmere Orchard west x 6 (100 houses value it esp. when walking dogs and kids)
* Long Copse east north east x 5 (entry to village from west – walkers | horse riders those using new open space for community, rural feel will be ruined)