

Woodstock Community and Infrastructure
Delivery Plan 2019

WHAT YOU TOLD US –
LAUNCH EVENTS FEEDBACK REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

Woodstock Town Council and Blenheim Estates have appointed Community First Oxfordshire (CFO) to consult the community about the current and future needs of the town. CFO is a locally-based community development charity. The Woodstock Community and Infrastructure Delivery Plan will take shape across 2019.

THE PLAN PROCESS

- **Phase 1:** the first six months (February to July) will see a wide range of opinion and ideas gathered through events, interviews, feedback forms and a Community Survey. Projects will be identified and prioritized.
- **Phase 2:** the second six months will see strategies for delivering prioritized projects set out.

Some projects that emerge from the community conversation may be achievable through the developer contributions (Section 106) process on new development sites; some may be designed into new developments; and some may need a different approach, perhaps more long-term. It is important to say that not all projects will be achieved via forthcoming development.

INITIAL CONSULTATION EVENTS

Phase 1 consultation was launched with a series of events and information sessions in March 2019, at which residents were invited to share their opinions and ideas.

EVENT		FORMAT
<u>LAUNCH EVENT 1</u> 9 th March @ Community Centre, 10–2 pm	80 attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Presentation and question and answer session.</i>• <i>Prioritization exercise:</i> attendees used sticky dots to note what was most important to them with regard to a series of questions 1- about Woodstock in general and 2- about the development of specific sites.• <i>Detailed feedback:</i> attendees were invited to write down more detail ('Tell us More' forms) about the questions asked in the prioritization exercise.
<u>LAUNCH EVENT 2</u> 12 th March @ Marlborough School, 7-9pm	11 attendees	<i>As above</i>
<u>LAUNCH EVENT 3</u>	16 attendees	<i>As above</i>

15th March @ Coach House
Learning Centre, Oxfordshire
Museum, 2-4 pm

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

19th March @ Community Centre,
7.30-9pm

c. 90
attendees

The Woodstock Community and Infrastructure Delivery
Plan was an agenda item.

There was a presentation by CFO, followed by a
question and answer session.

DROP-IN SESSION

22nd March @ Oxfordshire Museum
Café, 11-1pm

c. 25
attendees

People dropped in to find out more about the Plan,
offer their opinions and complete/ take away feedback
forms.

ABOUT THIS REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present feedback from the events listed above:

- In total, over 200 residents attended these five events. Thirty residents had completed feedback forms by the time this report was collated. Their feedback is reported below.
- Collective responses from community groups and organisations will be presented in a separate report.
- Feedback from discussions about traffic concerns took place at the three initial launch events. This is summarised separately in Appendix 1.
- The material presented in this report summaries initial community feedback – it does not set out final priorities.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- Information gathered from this stage of the consultation process has informed the content of a comprehensive community survey, which will be distributed to households in Woodstock in mid-April 2019.
- The results of the forthcoming Community Survey will be presented at community events in May-June 2019. These events will also discuss the feasibility and practicalities concerning the delivery of projects and begin the process of project prioritization.

We are extremely grateful to the many Woodstock community groups and institutions and individuals who have participated in the events and contributed feedback.

SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK

Six questions were asked at the three launch events. Attendees used sticky dots to note what was most important to them. The following table summarises the Top 3 results for each question (*detailed results are presented in the main report*):

What would enhance the appearance of Woodstock?

Improved pavements	41%
More/ improved foot and cycle paths	38%
More dog waste bins	8%

Community life and facilities – what needs improved?

Facilities and opportunities for young people aged 11-18	17%
Indoor sports, leisure and recreational facilities	17%
Range of retail outlets	16%

Infrastructure – what needs to be improved?

Roads, traffic and parking	32%
Healthcare provision	28%
Environment	10%

What would enhance the natural environment of Woodstock?

Minimise light pollution	20%
Encourage wildlife habitats	18%
More trees, wildlife and planting	16%

What do you see as the main impacts of the allocated or potential housing development sites on Woodstock as a whole?

Healthcare provision	26%
Roads, traffic and parking	25%
Environment	19%

What are important considerations for the allocated or potential housing development sites?

Adequate off-street parking	16%
Affordability of housing	13%
- Landscaping	10%
- Suitable for older and disabled people	
- Well connected to existing community	

Section 1 - FEEDBACK ABOUT WOODSTOCK IN GENERAL

The following questions were asked at the three launch events (see above). Attendees used sticky dots to note what was most important to them with regard to four questions about Woodstock in general.

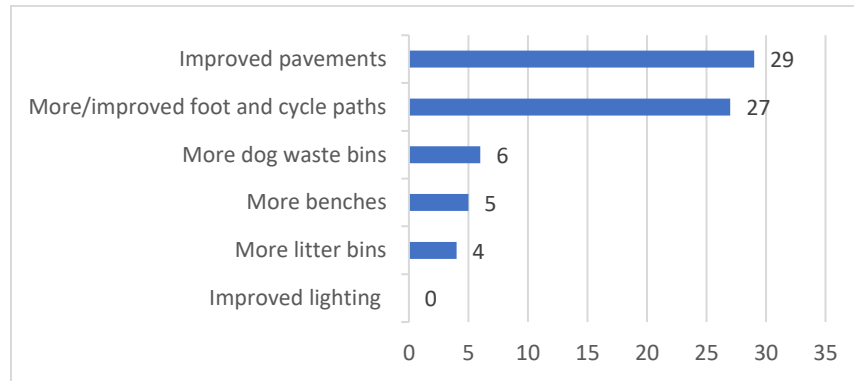
These events were attended by 107 residents.

Summary of comments

- Concern about the impact of new development on town infrastructure
- Concern about the impact of new development on town identity, character, amenities, and services.
- Existing infrastructure for parking and traffic circulation as well as doctor's surgery need attention pre-development.
- More specific support from Blenheim Estates is needed to win Woodstock residents' trust.

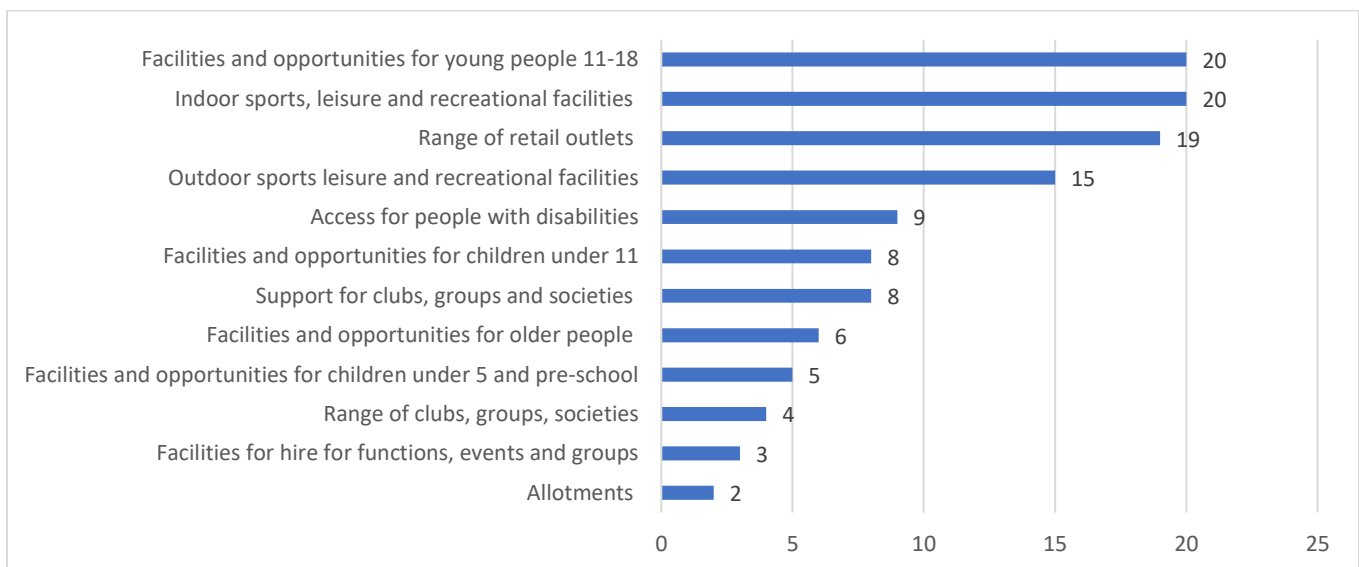
What would enhance the appearance of Woodstock?

71 total choices



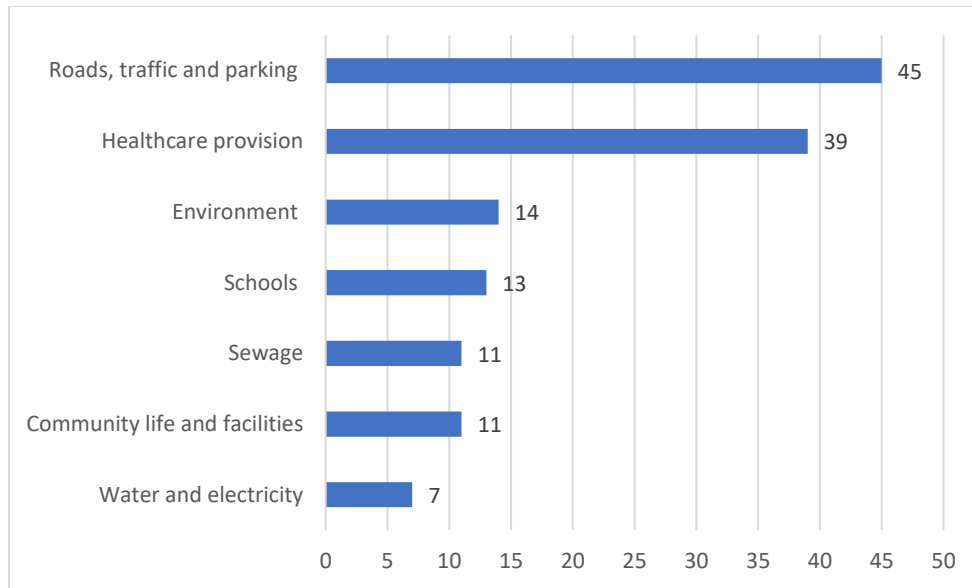
Community Life and Facilities - what needs improved?

119 total choices



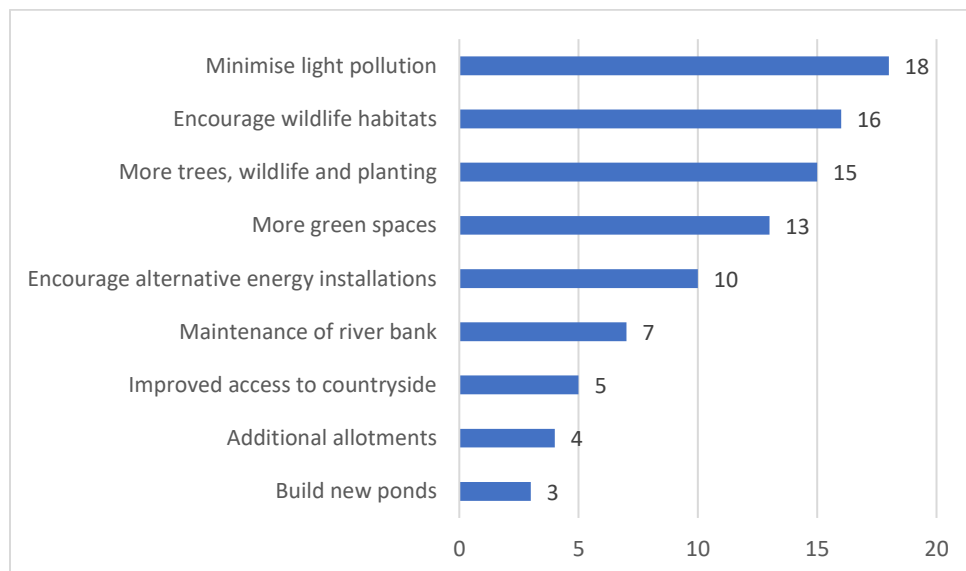
Infrastructure - what needs to be improved?

140 total choices



What would enhance the natural environment of Woodstock?

91 total choices

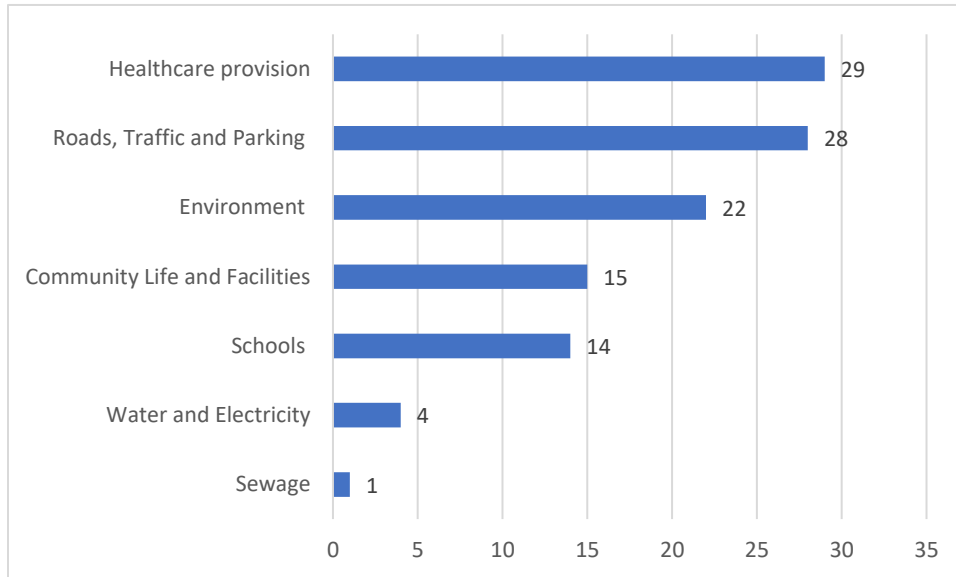


Section 2 - FEEDBACK ABOUT WOODSTOCK'S HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SITES

The following questions were asked at the three launch events. Attendees used sticky dots to note what was most important to them with regard to two questions about allocated or potential housing development sites.

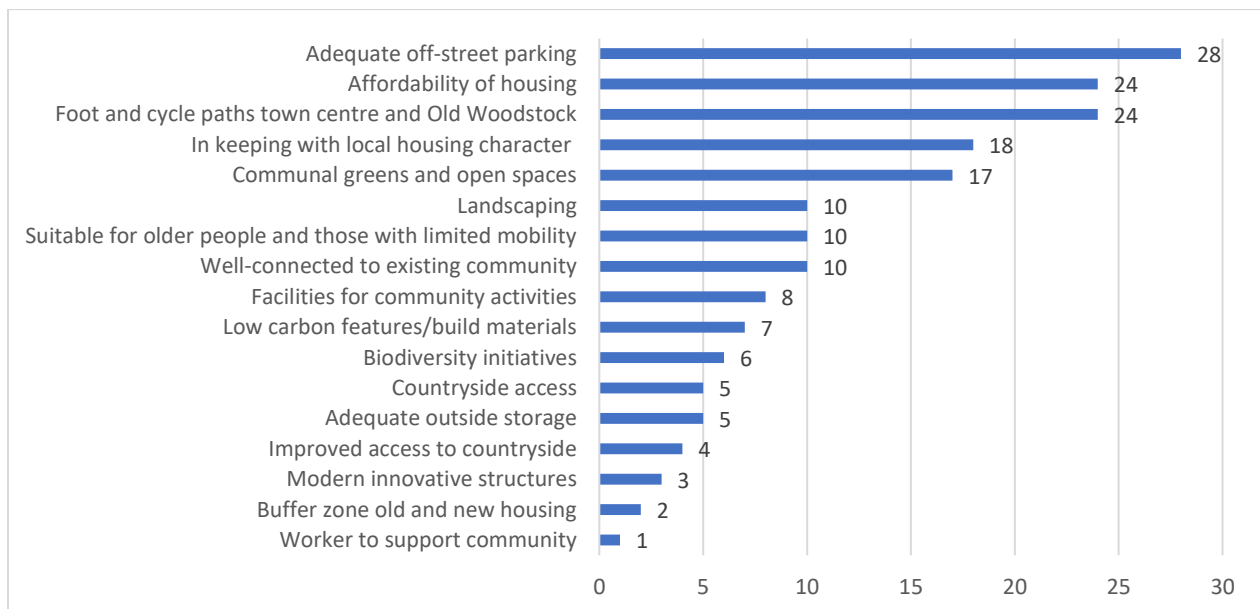
These events were attended by 107 residents.

What do you see as the main impacts of the allocated or potential housing development sites on Woodstock as a whole? **113 total choices**



What are important considerations for the allocated or potential housing development sites?

178 total choices



Section 3 - WOODSTOCK'S CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE - CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS

At all five launch events and information sessions, feedback forms were circulated. Attendees were asked to write down more detailed feedback about the questions asked above and offer any specific ideas to deal with particular issues.

Summary of comments

- General concern about access to town centre - existing traffic, speeding and roads, and number of accidents (Hill Rise area)
- General concern about the potential impact of further housing development.
- General concern about vehicle volumes in town centre arising from Blenheim events and attractions.

30 feedback forms were received. The tables below summarise comments made by theme.

ROADS, TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, SAFETY	
Specific Concerns	Responses
• Road safety due to high volume of daily HGVs and traffic	13
• Pedestrian safety on pavements and crossings	11
• Volume of traffic and current public transport systems inadequate for Woodstock residents and visitors (including pressure from Blenheim events)	9
• Stricter speed and traffic calming measures needed	7
• Separation of traffic and pedestrians needed on A44, Old Woodstock	6
• Pollution levels	6
• Poor road maintenance and street cleaning	4
• Too much single person car use making uncritical journeys	1
Specific Suggestions	
• Management of volume of traffic at peak times and for events and at pinch points	21
• Road and pedestrian safety measures on pavements and crossings	8
• Bypass from Bladon roundabout but protecting Marlborough School	6
• Speed and traffic calming measures needed	5
• One-way system needed on Hensington Road to ease congestion and improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians in Union Street and Upper Brook	4
• Safer zebra crossings and traffic lights	4
• Air pollution monitors actioned by Town Council	4
• Another set of pedestrian lights on main Oxford Road for Blenheim access	4
• Introduce a priority system on A44 in Old Woodstock to reduce risks of collision and danger for pedestrians	2
• 20mph town centre with enforcement cameras from Caroline Court to Upper Brook Hill junction	2
• Widen A44 and A4095	2
• Provide relief road (bypass)	2

• Clean street signs (community volunteers)	2
• Extend 30mph limit to south and north of Woodstock, e.g. to Bladon roundabout	2

PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND TOURIST COACHES

Specific Concerns	Responses
• Control of tourist coaches to Blenheim in town centre	4
• Buses 233 and 500 causing problems turning at town hall	1
• Tension between residents and businesses for parking	1
Specific Suggestions	
• More economic bus service for families incl. preferential rates for residents (currently cheaper for family to use Pear Tree Park and Ride)	12
• More buses and bus stops needed	7
• Electric car lift share scheme needed for school drop offs and commuting	6
• Could buses 233 and 500 turn at Wootton turn as no. 7 does?	1
• Electric shuttle bus between Blenheim and town centre	1
• New bus service to common destinations such as JR and Churchill hospital	1

HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES

Specific Concerns	Responses
• HGV through town dangerous and causing damage (e.g. Black Prince, bridge parapet, barrier)	9
• Blenheim building HGV car park but not more permanent parking	1
Specific Suggestions	
• Restriction/ ban of HGV traffic on A44 through town	7
• Improved barrier and narrowing of road A44 to protect pedestrians on pavement around bend at bottom of hill between Old and New Woodstock	6
• No HGV or coach access from Oxford Street to Town gate except for deliveries/collections	1

PARKING - WOODSTOCK TOWN CENTRE AND OLD WOODSTOCK

Specific Concerns	Responses
• Parking at capacity in central Woodstock	15
• Parking for doctor's surgery non-existent incl. parking for disabled	13
• Retail staff take up bays so visitors parking not enough	5
• Parking near the Co-op an issue	3
• Business people parking all day, limiting spaces for residents	3
• Antisocial parking when Blenheim events on because people don't want to pay	3
Specific Suggestions	
• More disabled parking spaces needed	5

• Greater circulation for parking to benefit visitors and businesses	5
• Park and ride needed	4
• Planned parking areas needed for schools	2
• Charging system for visitor parking over an hour and residents permits issued	2
• Multi-storey car park at Hensington Road	1
• Aim at being 'car light'	1
• Business people to be given alternative parking to stop them parking in visitor spaces	1
• Pedestrianise the High Street	1

SCHOOLS ACCESS AND PARKING

Specific Concerns	Responses
• School parking for primary and secondary inadequate and dangerous illegal parking on drop off	6
• Urgent need for safe cycleway for primary and secondary school access from Bladon roundabout and Old Woodstock via town centre and schools	6
Specific Suggestions	
• Safe cycleway for primary and secondary school access from Bladon roundabout and Old Woodstock via town centre and schools	6
• Create designated drop-off points for cars and school buses further away - walk or cycle in. Needs promotion and incentives. Also, could be used as secondary parking for town	4
• Coach drop off/pick up area with clear signage	4

FOOTPATHS AND CYCLEWAYS

Specific Concerns	Responses
• Alternative footpaths needed to town centre and schools from Bladon roundabout as well as from Old Woodstock as current roads and pavements congested and dangerous	5
• No safe cycleways	5
• Very narrow pavements along A44 (in some places only 70cm wide)	5
• Increased numbers of pedestrians using existing dangerous pavements	3
Specific Suggestions	
• Cycle and pedestrian routes between A44, Woodstock town and old Woodstock established, improved and promoted	6
• Promote healthy walks and walking groups	5
• Alternative safe footpaths and cycleways for school children to schools from East and West Woodstock as pavements narrow and dangerous	13
• East Woodstock safe pedestrian/cycleway (hard surfaced, railed, well lit) suitable for school children, disabled, pushchairs into centre of Woodstock (avoiding narrow pavement beside A44 near Manor Road)	6

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Specific Concerns	Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ageing population need medical and social care 	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people mental health issues and recreational drug use 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crime and disorder issues: young people come to Woodstock from Bicester and Kidlington 	1
Specific Suggestions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New doctor's surgery needed 	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play areas for young people and families must be preserved e.g. Old Woodstock Play Area 	2

EDUCATION

Specific Concerns	Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern about Woodstock primary being oversubscribed whilst some neighbouring village schools are low in numbers 	8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased traffic for school runs 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary school over-subscribed and needs expansion 	1
Specific Suggestions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More capacity in Primary and Secondary 	8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved road access to the Marlborough and coach parking 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs nursery provision linked to primary school 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary school expansion - could use playing fields opposites and parcel of Site 1 area for playing field and drop off parking 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More preschool advertising 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New primary school on new developments 	1

COMMUNITY LIFE AND FACILITIES

Facilities and activities for children, young people and families	Responses
Specific Concerns	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for temporary library good (but not sustainable) 	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve Marlborough sports facilities and make available to Woodstock residents 	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demolish swimming pool and use land to expand school 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming pool – concerns for health and safety, expensive – new indoor pool facilities needed 	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of school playing field adversely affecting well-being 	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for better recreational facilities and activities for young people indoor and outdoor 	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young Mums group go to tennis and bowls club as well as library to meet 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Younger people not joining clubs 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No scout group in Woodstock (have to go to Yarnton) 	1

Sports and recreational facilities

Specific Concerns	Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Old Woodstock has no community facilities except one valued outdoor play area 	1

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns over noise from late night events 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing community halls e.g. social club needs updating, ten pin bowling for tennis and bowls club 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nowhere for running/cycle club to meet 	1
Specific Suggestions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennis courts and indoor swimming pool (e.g. like Thame Leisure Centre) 	8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proper library facility needed - extend as a community hub for different users e.g. primary and secondary school visits, young adults, families, mothers and toddlers, interest group meetings 	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marlborough sports facilities could be improved and made available to Woodstock residents 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for further recreational facilities activities for young people e.g. skate park, cycle tracks 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop new buildings on library, fire station and police station site for community use 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blenheim support new buildings for community use (surgery, library, sports facilities) on the library, fire and police station site with entrance moved nearer to union street to connect these. 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hill rise extension of existing play area with new pavilion for community meetings 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community advisory service: e.g. Blue Pass validation services, tourist information, community café area 	1

Community Groups, Organisations and Activities	
Specific Concerns	Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New library needed 	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Older people use Woodstock social club 	1
Specific Suggestions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New library designed as community hub e.g. for families, older people etc. used as meeting place and resource 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resurrect and promote history of glove-making 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More community clubs and interest groups (e.g. the arts – folk, drama and photography; sports- rugby, fishing, swimming, badminton and cricket club) 	1

RETAIL AND ENTERPRISE	
Specific concerns	Responses
• Inadequate shops - Coop supermarket is limited and congested	15
• Lack of facilities for Woodstock-based small enterprise so workforce commutes	2
• Pressure on internet services	1
• No banks – retaining ATMs especially for older people and disabled	1
• Commercial viability of Woodstock needs addressing in partnership with all stakeholders including Blenheim Estates	1
• Survey of existing businesses to quantify number of staff living and working in town and how can improve numbers	1
Specific suggestions	
• New infrastructure for enterprise development to draw business opportunities to Woodstock and reduce commuting	11
• More supermarkets town centre and on developments, including car parking	8
• Need for subsidised industrial units, businesses, shops and services – greater variety needed e.g. for residents, families etc.	7
• Promotion of town enterprise overall and in partnership with Blenheim Estates to ensure tourist circulation via town centre	6
• Tourist information centre or kiosk mid-Woodstock	4
• Blenheim shop in town to have a retail presence and attract more tourists	2
• Mini-market	1
• Make Woodstock a ‘foodie’ destination (compare with Ludlow)	1
• Resurrect heritage focus on history of glove-making e.g. Museum on site of wine shop (council owned)	1
• Gateway to The Cotswolds Woodstock visitor centre	1
• Subsidised community shop as alternative to coop (e.g. Eynsham fresh meat and veg locally supplied, eco-friendly bulk supplies that serve residents in the community)	1

ENVIRONMENT	
Specific Concerns	Responses
• Pollution due to heavy traffic A44 through Old Woodstock and town centre	6
• More trees in town centre area	3
• Sewage system already to capacity - needs extension	3
Specific Suggestions	
• Protection and better management of green spaces e.g. water meadows	2
• Woodstock needs more outdoor recreational space	2
• Tree planting from Bladon roundabout to Woodstock	2
• Community orchard gardens and allotments	2
• Better community woodland – currently narrow strip next to A44	1

Section 4 - NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN GENERAL - IMPACT AND IMPROVEMENTS

At all five launch events and information sessions, feedback forms were circulated. Attendees were asked to write down more detailed feedback about the impact of new developments, and to offer any specific ideas to deal with particular issues.

Summary of comments

- General concerns about access to Woodstock centre – parking at capacity, existing traffic volume, speeding and road safety

30 feedback forms were received. The tables below summarise comments made by theme.

TRAFFIC, ROADS AND PARKING	
Specific concerns	Responses
• Vehicle access points from new developments onto A4 during and post construction	8
• Issues, pavement safety and the potential impact of further housing development	7
• Need radical, holistic planning for highways and pedestrian and cycle paths, circulation and parking	2
• Service vehicles and air pollution	2
• Anticipate that new residents will be commuting to hospital/ university	1
• Opposition to vehicular access to Hill Rise site via Vermont and Rosamund Drive due to existing safety concerns	1
Specific Suggestions	
• Improved traffic flow needed e.g. A44 and Bladon to Kirtlington (e.g. where site 2 joins A44, roundabout connecting road through to Blenheim park)	6
• Restart 'by-pass' discussions to solve traffic problems and preserve character of town	2
• Increase capacity of single carriageway stretches of A44 (e.g. Yarnton to Loop Farm roundabout)	1

PUBLIC TRANSPORT	
Specific Suggestions	Responses
• Bus services need more promoting and incentives such as bus tokens	5
• Park and Ride facility near Bladon Roundabout	4
• Additional bus stops on A44 for Sites 1 and 2 (East of Woodstock and South-east Woodstock)	4
• Bike/ moped share/ hire rental scheme	1

PARKING

Specific Concerns	Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Existing Parking issues will be exacerbated in central Woodstock	6
Specific Suggestions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Blenheim to provide parking inside Hensington Gate	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Off-street parking needed for residents	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bus stops for all new sites with pull-in laybys	2

FOOTPATHS AND CYCLEWAYS

Specific Suggestions	Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">New cycle and pedestrian route via pedestrian crossing at Hill Rise and creating gap in Blenheim wall allowing safe walk to town via The Causeway, avoiding A44	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pavements in all new developments to encourage walking and suitable for mobility scooters, pushchairs and also new safe cycleways	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cycleway urgently needed from Bladon roundabout to Woodstock town centre for use by residents, school children and visitors	8
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Good connectivity between existing and new developments – communication via footways, cycle routes and roads allowing communities to meet	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none">New footpath and cycleway at Brook Hill towards schools in north-east Woodstock, e.g. crossing river at Glyme Close or Owen Mumford factory. Begun east of new development	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Old Woodstock improved footpath and cycleways connect from Hill Rise, new development and Barn Piece estate would also enable access to wetlands e.g. around field edge, across fields and river	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Public footpath to Wootton must be preserved	1

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Specific Concerns	Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Doctor's surgery at capacity and no parking facilities	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pressure on utilities, sewerage	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Care provision for older people – more needed	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Crime and disorder issues: young people come to Woodstock from Bicester and Kidlington	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Impact of traffic increase on people getting to and from hospital	1
Specific Suggestions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">New doctor's surgery with parking, easy access: e.g. bus stop and access for disabled and patients referred to Yarnton	24
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Older people and disabled need accessible medical and social care	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Residential care facilities need extending	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Woodstock police station site for library/ health/ community centre	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Need for sheltered housing within new developments	1

COMMUNITY LIFE AND FACILITIES

Facilities and activities for children and young people

Specific Concerns	Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Community Centre is too small and will be inadequate post housing development	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Play areas for young people and families must be preserved e.g. Old Woodstock Play Area	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Concerns over noise from late night events at palace	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">No mention of land for recreational use	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Potential loss of community space in Old Woodstock – and pressure on existing valued play area (Hill Rise)	1
Specific Suggestions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Further community halls and recreational facilities will be needed with planned parking, incl. new playing field	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Playground areas for new developments	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Many local organisations that have expertise to contribute to development of towns infrastructure, advise developers and other stakeholders.	1

RETAIL AND ENTERPRISE

Specific Concerns	Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pressure on internet services because of increased population	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Local shops will not benefit but hotels and pubs will	1
Specific Suggestions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">More supermarkets in town centre and on developments including car parking	8
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Promotion of town enterprise overall and by Blenheim Estates to better circulate tourists via town centre	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Blenheim shop in town to have a retail presence and attract more tourists	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Local shops will not benefit but hotels and pubs will	1

ENVIRONMENT

Specific Concerns	Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Obstruction of existing resident's views, parks and community	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Maintenance of landscaping and open spaces	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Proximity to A44	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Destruction of natural habitat and wildlife	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Increase traffic bringing air pollution and damage to buildings	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ensure monitoring all planning expectations relating to environment and conditions to be monitored	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Balance of new development and maintaining 'green lungs' for town	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">'Woodstock in Bloom' need support to manage the 'greening up' of a growing town	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">People cutting through Blenheim estate – litter, noise etc.	1
Specific Suggestions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Green buffer landscaped areas between existing housing and new development	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Areas of grass and trees, avenues of trees along roads	5

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mature trees and hedge planting, open spaces, sympathetically planted – reduce pollution, increase biodiversity, local involvement to increase ownership of natural environment 	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting Woodstock residential areas with wider countryside – cycle and footpath networks 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meadows area could be improved as is a mess - could become an attraction for visitors as well as amenity for residents 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing visual urbanisation with tree planting along A44 from Bladon to Woodstock 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Woodstock advise on landscaping and wildlife areas for new development 	1

Section 5 - NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS: SITE SPECIFIC IMPACTS AND IMPROVEMENTS

At all five launch events and information sessions, feedback forms were circulated. Attendees were asked to write down more detailed feedback about the impact of new developments on specific sites, and to offer any specific ideas to deal with particular issues.

30 feedback forms were received. The tables below summarise comments made by theme.

ALL SITES - BUILDING PROCESS	
Specific Concerns	Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring balance of provision of affordable housing essential as nurses, teachers, radiographers cannot afford to live here 	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality of community life affected by living on a building site for 3 plus years 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Too many houses are being built – housing is developer-led not driven by need 	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current proposals focused on development and not infrastructure 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sympathetically designed houses in keeping with existing building styles 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed of proposed development affects Woodstock’s ability to adapt and grow at reasonable rate 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned development is out of scale with town 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isolation of new developments from each other and from Woodstock – how they will be helped to connect with Woodstock community life 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High density housing affects quality of life, air pollution (traffic increase) and green space availability 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New houses to have garages and adequate off-road parking 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for joined up planning re public services e.g. schools and doctor’s surgery 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are Blenheim’s longer term development plans? 	1
Specific Suggestions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Houses to be main residence of owners and not used for holiday lettings or rental, set conditions to prevent absentee landlords 	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New homes must blend with local architecture (e.g. local Cotswold stone, trees) 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will Blenheim provide protection for residents from impact of construction processes? 	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for sheltered housing in new developments 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident’s committees/ associations for new developments 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landscaping and space allocation in new developments that take existing homes, footpaths into consideration with open spaces and green buffer zones 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure percentage are affordable houses, incl. social housing to ensure mixed community 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure HGV access to and from building sites is considered and properly managed in relation to existing traffic flow 	1

SITE 3 - Hill Rise

Traffic, Parking, Safety

Specific Concerns	Reponses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Increase traffic on already dangerous stretch of A44 through old Woodstock for HGVs and pedestrians	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Safety, privacy, buffer zone	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Eastern edge of new site bounded by wooded lane 'Balliol Lane' (not Blenheim owned) used by residents. (Enclosure Act 1769)	1
Specific Suggestions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Access from the A44 needs to be via a roundabout from a point beyond northern edge of current Hill Rise housing to avoid affecting existing playground and football pitch which are essential amenities	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Better access to Blenheim needed to enable people to access Woodstock centre without using main road	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Protect ancient pathways in fields	2

Environment

Specific Concerns	Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Current homes (Vanbrugh Close) designed with picture windows looking out on fields, safe places for walking, outdoor play.	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">History of water mains site bursting biannually - needs resolving concerns for further problems with new developments	1
Specific Suggestions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">New development must not obstruct privacy, views or share access with existing housing during or after construction	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Trees and landscaping to provide a buffer zone (Hill Rise)	1

Sports and Recreation Facilities

Specific Concerns	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Park and play area (Rosamund Drive) are used by families, for community events, fitness and training – park run	5
Specific Suggestions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Playground and football pitch ideally placed to form a link and social mixing destination between existing and new community	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Encourage residents and surrounding villages with small businesses and local enterprise	1

SITE 4 - North of Banbury Road

Specific concerns	Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poor access roads and fast junctions	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shipton Road and others needs double yellow lines- difficult getting up and down	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Impossible access in school peak times	1

SITE 5 - Woodstock Football Club

Specific concerns	Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase in traffic near the primary school will add to existing traffic problems which are dangerous and raise pollution levels	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep as green space	1

Section 6

APPENDIX 1 - Woodstock Traffic Infrastructure Consultation Feedback

Please see separate document