

North Kilworth Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Community Consultation Event 12 September 2014

A consultation event took place on Friday 12 September 2014 in Belgrave Village Hall, North Kilworth between 12 and 7.30pm. Its purpose was to assist in preparing the Neighborhood Plan for North Kilworth. It was aimed at both the community and stakeholders, and was advertised extensively, including through the village newsletter, posters throughout the Village and a letter to all key stakeholders. It was well attended with about 36 in attendance.

It was an open drop in session where people had the opportunity throughout the day to present and discuss their views and aspirations for North Kilworth as well as the purpose and progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. To facilitate discussions there was a series of display boards outlining what a neighborhood plan is and some of the key broad themes which previous consultation and research had shown as being especially important to North Kilworth.

Members of the North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and the consultants helping the Parish Council prepare the Plan were present throughout the day.

The key written comments captured are shown below

Natural Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important open spaces should be protected, especially Millenium Green • Important open spaces should be protected, especially the Stoney • Stoney, Millenium Green, Belgrave Paddock and Wood's Paddock should be protected • The whole of the churchyard should be designated as important greenspace • Need to protect green spaces that soak up rain and avoids flooding • The Government's decision to exclude private gardens from green space designations is sensible, but there should be limits to the number of houses that can be built per acre • Private gardens are important to the character of the village and should be protected • Washpit and Spinney should be protected • Washpit, Washpit Lane and Spinney should be protected • The Paddock (Close Paddock) should be protected • Excess water runs down Green Lane. If any development was to take place here it would worsen this. • Trees are important for health and the character of the area, they are being loss and should be protected • More public play space for older children
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Built Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the Conservation Area but extend it to include Station Rd towards Rosedale • Any development should be limited • The character of the village is being eroded at a rapid pace • Parking is an issue that needs addressing
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any development should be sensitive and not affect valuable assets • There should be limited expansion of the village and would be best achieved by building north of the Village • There is a need for more housing for families with young children • Station Rd from Purcett Lane to Millenium Close; further east on station road towards Rosedale and west of South Kilworth Rd opposite Dog Lane from the Tennis Courts are suggested for development • The north side of Station Road from Pinatt Lane to Station road cottages and the other side Millenium Close down to the other houses on east edge may be suitable for development • There are many open spaces in the village whose development would affect the character of the village such as Belgrave Paddock at rear of Hawthorne Road; Paddock on corner behind Westpit between Shoulder of Mutton and Liliac Cottages and School Site
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local employment is required to keep the village alive