

Notes of public meeting at Tanworth Village Hall on Monday 14th May

74 people registered as having attended throughout the day and provided the following comments between them:

Environmental Policies

- No to spoiling the views to Butts Lane;
- The views to and from our village school and church must be protected at all costs;
- And to make these more accessible & interesting for local young families;

Earlswood Village map

- Proposed housing site next to the pub appears to be the least intrusive site for residents, or the green belt;
- Agree with xxxxx (above). Why not incorporating re-developing the Reservoir Pub as a housing site too?;
- We need a stand-up “no parking” sign in the middle of the Lakes as there is always someone parked on there and it makes it very difficult to get across;
- This area (arrow to the PC land on The Common past the old garage) appears to be ripe for housing development. Would be an improvement on the existing area;
- I couldn't agree more... (i.e. developing the land near 141 The Common);

Wood End Village Map

- None

Tanworth Village Map

- Surely the protected view here should be extended to the end – the whole should be protected (*view at the top of Vicarage Hill*);
- I would agree with the Butts Lane proposed development on this plan but no more and certainly not behind the church

Housing Policy

- We strongly feel that there are not enough smaller houses for my parents to downsize to, or my children to move to. Would it be possible to develop existing farm buildings to allow this to be resolved?;
- No more developments near village centre. Butts Lane is a non-starter as already serves school and Umberslade Children's Farm. It will also spoil view from school/church;
- Build more houses on Cank Farm – entrance at the bottom of the hill (where the chicken houses are). There is plenty of room there for many houses;
- OK about limited housing in Earlswood;
- Has there been consideration made to provide housing at the lower land of Cank farm...where the chicken sheds are. If Cank Farm has had permission granted for 18 houses would this not be a good idea to link up the 2 areas?;
- We have a paddock near the Limes T Junction and we would be interested in developing this into affordable homes. We'd be interested in creating affordable homes to live in;
- I think Cope's should be reconsidered –
 1. It would bring more young people into the parish and create safe places to play walk etc (not only for those new residents but also for Juggins Lane).

2. There could be social benefits and integrating the people from Juggins Lane more (mobile homes)
 3. It would lead to more public transport for more isolated people.
 4. At the moment elderly people are walking on unpaved roads where there is fast traffic.
 5. School children at the moment have to wait on the grass verge by fast moving traffic for the school bus.
- Please, no more than 2 houses in Butts Lane. Keep the village centre free of more development – once gone its gone!!
 - Housing in Butts Lane seems very sensible given school location;
 - Could Copes F/H site be considered as an option?
 - Too many property developers and estate agents encouraging growth in property prices to build only big homes or extend existing properties, make a big profit, then sell up after a few years;
 - Absolutely no development on Butts Lane!! A developer has bought all the land at Butts Lane – No houses. No car parking needed
 - No to Butts Lane, No to [building in the] green belt
 - Downsizing – Trying to move from Aspley Heath Lane to a smaller property in the village or within walking distance. Housing requirement in village – 3 bedrooms, garage and drive – appropriate price 600-650k – nothing available at this price;
 - I think the land behind the Warwickshire Lad would be the best site as it's a great access;
 - The land near Warwickshire Lad is possibly the best option
 - No more development on Butts Lane, Cank farm should be enough
 - There is possibly scope for 1 or 2 small houses on the plot next to 1 Leasowes Cottages, Butts Lane. This is currently the site of a dilapidated block of 4 garages no longer required
 - Housing development on Butts Lane is a terrible idea. This Land has just been purchased by a developer who, if this site gets into the NDP, will not stop until they can build a lot more than 4/5 small houses. We already have permission for 6 small houses at Cank Farm – that is enough
 - Butts Lane site seems acceptable but more smaller properties on Cank farm would be ideal – near school and village centre. Don't think Wood End Lane site suitable, however subject to access and number of properties put on there. No houses at the moment to downsize to
 - The site at Wood End Lane will not have sufficient access. It is difficult enough to get out of the lane for the school run. The turning at top of Wood End Lane has a blind spot
 - Concerned about site at Wood End Lane – road is single file with limited scope to improve vehicle access. A development of 10 houses created a larger amount of traffic trying to access/leave the junction which is problematic already. Also significant wildlife in lane – deer, badgers and birds of prey
 - You need small houses
 - If any development is truly necessary...bearing in mind the urban sprawl from Blythe Valley, Dickens Heath, Cheswick Green, etc, it should be restricted to small developments i.e. 5 or less, protecting Green Belt and open countryside and views that make our area so desirable;
 - Risk for Tanworth – without properties available for downsizers we run the risk of Tanworth becoming a village populated by millionaires in large 4-5 bedroom houses who are working people who do not get involved in community activities
 - I am in favour of lots of small houses (affordable)

Infrastructure and business policy

- The Village centre is all too often congested. Some form of traffic control is essential;
- What provision is being made to ensure that the proposed housing developments also have parking facilities? The village is too busy with cars;
- Earlswood Lakes needs an upgrade. We now walk our dogs at Wythall Park as it feels safe/friendly and more dog poop bins;
- I have reservations in capping biz sites. It would be great to create more digital/remote working businesses to encourage diversity of residents;
- Remove request stop status at train stations (x4)
- A restriction on all heavy goods vehicles on all roads into the village would be the best possible traffic calming measure
- We strongly think there should always be a view from the churchyard across towards the railway (All as shown on plan)
- Plot to be built on The Butts is half a plot – when the proposed half has been built upon, the potential to develop the remaining half is increased
- Straightening the school drive will increase vehicular speed – most vehicles using it are 4x4 and unaffected by speed bumps
- Broadband – continues to be a real issue. We run a small business and employ locally & the broadband is prohibitive (*postcode supplied*) + mobile phone reception also poor;
- Road maintenance is very poor. There are many cyclists and pedestrians on dangerous roads. Traffic speed on Forshaw Heath Lane should be controlled;
- Traffic Speed – Forshaw Heath Lane traffic is too fast. There are elderly people on the road and the school bus stop where children have to wait on the verge (mud, wet);
- I would very much support traffic calming;
- Traffic at Valley Road /the Common junction is increasing with the ever growing Dickens Heath development. Roads are in poor condition. Speeding, especially through the junction, is an issue;