

## **Exhibition 2015 Feedback**

### **Green infrastructure**

31 responses were received. These were analysed into 2 principle themes set out below. All the comments are listed at the end.

- 16 comments were received concerning paths and cycleways. There were a variety of suggestions with wishes for new/improved routes from the village to St Mary's School and station, to Burghfield and Willink school. These need to be taken forward as projects in the NDP
- 10 comments were received on green spaces. This needs to be more fully addressed in the questionnaire
- 1 response emphasised the opportunity the developments and the NDP presents to seek improvement to the design and feel of Mortimer
- 1 response concerned that development of the paths along Foudry brook may make a historical ancient path an urban path.

Paths and green spaces within the new development(s) are seen as positive and highly desirable features.

Ref No           = cross reference to feedback cards

Threads         = colour highlights common threads

If no comment was made the card was omitted from the analysis hence missing ref numbers

30<sup>th</sup> March 2015

## Comments Catalogued into Principle Themes

Ref No	Response	Thread
1011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feel v important to include green spaces in any development. Spaces between buildings as important as the buildings themselves. Also integrated with areas of hard landscaping.</li> <li>• Opportunity here to create 'vistas', 'comons' (mini versin)garens (Front and rear), areas for relaxingand enjoyment.</li> <li>• Also perhaps create a <u>village centre</u> which is lacking at the moment. Creat a sense of identity which is missing.</li> <li>• The village has a big heart only lacks a physical manifestation. (so far)</li> </ul>	Opportunity
1030	I am not sure what you mean on your fact sheet by 'the development of public footpaths (e.g. along Foudry Brook & from the Street southwards'- but the footpath along Foudry Brook is centuries old and should not be urbanised or developed.It is one of the few unspoiled parts of Mortimer.	
1001	Ensure existng paths are not compromised 'cons' on board not constructive or really ?? [cannot read]	Footpaths etc
1004	Better footpath to station.	
1007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To reinstate this 'unofficial route' as legal access for walking, cycling and horses landowner has ploughed fields to discourage access to establish farming rights which is understandable but it seems likely he will benefit from development income to the detriment of agricultural use then give something back.</li> <li>• Downgraded bridleway (Summerlug, Drury Lane and St John's Rd).</li> <li>• Enforce residents with overgrown boundary's to keep clear barely wide enough now for pedestrians.</li> </ul>	
1012	<u>Footpath suggestions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree footpath extension – Foudry Brook from St Mary's Chjurch to station.</li> <li>• Turks Lane into Simms plantation to linkmwith Simms farm footpath</li> <li>• Simms farm and then followWest End Brookto red f Lion pub</li> <li>• Bottom Admirals copse to Pitfield Lane.</li> </ul>	
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1014	Footpaths better than average already Cycleways are inadequate.	
1017	Given the option1 for development I have marked up where new footpaths would be good [see map]	
1018	Connecting paths	
1019	Better and safer walking/cycling routes to Beech Hill, Grazely, Wokefield Park	
1021	Footpath Mortimer to Burghfield	

1024	There has to be a safe segregated cycle path through the village to the train station and to Burghfield. Children & young people need to have the option of cycling to school (The Willink) & commuters will have to walk or cycle to the station.	
1025	Support a project to produce map/guide to the walking routes around Mortimer countryside.	
1028	We have a perfectly good/excellent footpath systems which does not need enlarging. Leave the countryside alone. I don't want tarmac. I like rural paths, not suburban.	
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1032	A green/cyclable/walkable route from village centre to St Mary's school & station is essential. A footpath joining the housing on either side of Option 1 would be very beneficial. The issue of a safer route to the Willink school should be resurrected and solved.	
1033	More guidance on footpath routes is needed as people are walking around field edges at random with dogs off the lead causing crop damage.	
1003	Keep it going green	Green space
1012	<u>New Wood see map</u>	
1013	Green open space is what I moved to a village environment.	
1018	Keep area as mainly recreational	
1020	Green infrastructure can be built into the area behind the Horse and groom. This may not be possible on ?? sites	
1022	New large site developments should include footpaths to link to existing ones + 'green routes'. New large site to include children's play area.	
1023	In favour of allowing for promoting green infrastructure.	
1025	Support the Alfred Memorial Trustees in opening up the field for all the community	
1026	All green/woodland spaces should be preserved wherever possible.	
1027	The woodland behind Strawberry Fields is a vital existing green space, both in terms of sustaining biodiversity and providing valued space used by many in the village.	

## All Comments

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1001	Ensure existing paths are not compromised 'cons' on board not constructive or really ??	1
1002	I strongly support the active policies suggested Ignoring this would have a very slight & short-term effect on prices & long-term and cumulative detrimental effect	2
1003	Keep it going green	3
1004	Better footpath to station.	4
1007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To reinstate this 'unofficial route' as legal access for walking, cycling and horses landowner has ploughed fields to discourage access to establish farming rights which is understandable but it seems likely he will benefit from development income to the detriment of agricultural use then give something back.</li> <li>Downgraded bridleway (Summerlug, Drury Lane and St John's Rd).</li> <li>Enforce residents with overgrown boundary's to keep clear barely wide enough now for pedestrians.</li> </ul>	5
1008	Follow example of Strawberry Fields development in the matter of paths etc Links to public transport, buses and train	6
1009	Make this worthwhile, not just a 'plan', isolated and green infrastructure with housing close by does not help the more timid wildlife to exist in the green/woodland/or wet areas. There is always impingement on these sites, if housing is too close. Cats (as pets) and wildlife are not compatible.	7
1010	Single central site behind St John's school as funding is available surgery and school near social housing which will be required on this planning application	8
1011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feel very important to include green spaces in any development. Spaces between buildings as important as the buildings themselves. Also integrated with areas of hard landscaping.</li> <li>Opportunity here to create 'vistas', 'commons' (mini version) gardens (front and rear), areas for relaxing and enjoyment.</li> <li>Also perhaps create a <u>village centre</u> which is lacking at the moment. Create a sense of identity which is missing.</li> <li>The village has a big heart only lacks a physical manifestation. (so far)</li> </ul>	9
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	<u>Suitable trees to be planted for bluebells etc.</u> Bottom of St John's site great for tobogganing in snowy weather (steep slope.)	
1013	Green route through housing is critical. Green open space is what I moved to a village environment.	11
1014	Footpaths better than average already Cycleways are inadequate.	12
1015	Drury Lane cannot cope with the traffic from the new site. Most green cost effective to take out onto existing main road to ensure copses and woods and fields not distorted.	12
1016	I believe the land behind St John's school and Horse & Groom is most suitable	14
1017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>But the best way of being green is NOT to build loads of new houses (sorry not helpful) But there ought to be a link between local housing development and local employment in order to minimise traffic.</li> <li>Given the option 1 for development I have marked up where new footpaths would be good [see map]</li> </ul>	15
1018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep area as mainly recreational</li> <li>No new business building</li> <li>Connecting paths</li> <li>One way street</li> <li>Where is there an 'emergency exit' that is always kept clear and unflooded.</li> </ul>	16
1019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better and safer walking/cycling routes to Beech Hill, Grazely, Wokefield Park</li> <li>Sufficient parking to be provided to avoid green spaces being used for this purpose.</li> </ul>	17
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1034	See map for suggested green route.	31