

**Question 6 – Comments on questions 3 – 5 particularly if disagreed/strongly disagreed with anything.**

**Parking**

Forty one responses were received

The overwhelming concerns are lack of parking space at the station and at St Mary's School. Parking outside St Mary's school though an important issue is outside the remit of the NDP. The issue regarding station parking is included in the list of projects the NDP needs to address primarily to identify and allocate the most suitable land.

| <b>Comment</b>   |
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| There is no need to close a perfectly good school and move it to the centre of the village. It would be a dreadful waste of money. Provision for drop off only parking is required as the current parking together with the station parking causes traffic disruption and hazards.   |
| Additional parking at the schools - St John's and St. Mary's is critical. It is bad already and can only get worse if the population of the village increases  |
| Any new development must provide "own" parking. Parking for schools must be off main roads in village  |
| Main problems are parking/drop-off and safe cycle access. A more central location does not necessarily address these.  |
| consideration to road traffic is of MAJOR CONCERN. The Street traffic is much faster than 30mph. Any additional traffic will make it feel like the M4 and not a village. Parking at the railway station will also need serious consideration unless you intend The street to become a long car park.   |
| Like many residents, my major worry is traffic. Both the volume constantly passing through (often over the speed limit), and is the parked cars which choke the street towards the station and around St Mary's JS. Any scheme which fails to address the massive and growing problem is going to fail in improving the quality of life for people in the village. |
| People find Mortimer attractive because of the rail links. Currently there is not a large enough car park at the railway station to cater for the current demand. (I have experienced not being able to find a space). Should our numbers increase, this must also be improved as part of the infrastructure.  |
| The drop off & pick up times are so short that wasting space for a car park seems silly. If people in Burghfield didn't take up school spaces then more would be available for local residents   |
| The school is fine where it is ... lots of play space for the children and lovely environment, very near the church. Need to address the parking problem as a priority.  |
| Whilst I agree with the school and surgery I do not agree with the need for more parking. People should be encouraged out of their cars.   |

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| <p>St John's parking is fine. Outside play space should take better advantage of the tennis courts football pitch and open grass on the fairground. We live in a village, the doctors surgery is large and well equipped. There are two chemists. Further healthcare provision should be accessed via reading and basingstoke hospitals. <b>Resolve the issue of parking at St Mary's. Offer free bus to transfer kids between top and bottom of village.</b></p>             |
| <p><b>St Mary's parking need to be safer</b> and there is nothing affordable housing for young adults to live they have to move away</p>  |
| <p><b>St Mary's should remain where it is and provided parking opposite and a proper crossing put in place</b></p>  |
| <p>Rather than relocation of <b>St Mary's perhaps try making it more user friendly with the provision of parking areas and street pastors to walk children or accompany them on their journey from the village.</b></p>   |
| <p>provision should not be a priority, <b>residents should be encouraged to walk/cycle.</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Safe parking at St Mary's school needs to be addressed</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Parking seems fine at St Johns</b>, and there were spaces in my son's year as well as classmates coming from Burghfield. St John's should also be encouraged to use the common for sport / activities. I very much like the fact that the infant and junior schools are separate. Residents of Burghfield should be discouraged from using Mortimer surgery as they have their own facility, so it simply increases congestion within the surgery and on the roads.</p> |
| <p><b>Parking needs to be a priority at St Mary's</b></p>   |
| <p><b>A car park or school bus to mast Mary's would suffice.</b></p>  |
| <p><b>for both schools, particularly St Mary's, parking must be improved as soon as possible</b></p>  |
| <p>With regard to (a) new larger St John's School. This is essential not only for the education of the <b>children but also to relieve parking congestion at school times. This is even more important for St Mary's. Parking outside is very dangerous. Parking at the surgery for an appointment is difficult and blocks traffic flow.</b></p>  |
| <p>St Mary's School has sufficient space to cater for all its needs however, <b>what is required is (a) construction of a car park for drop off and pick up of children (b) car park should be in field across the road from school (c) a pelican crossing and suitable signage to control traffic up and down the street</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Better, safer parking at St Mary's would help in the short term</b></p>   |
| <p>St Mary's is a good school, however if you do have two children in different schools the time allowance for drop off and pick ups is tight. <b>A problem is the lack of parking, especially at St Mary's. Maybe this is something that could be addressed?</b></p>   |
| <p><b>No reason to move St Mary's school as long as adequate parking and safe walking path is provided at existing site!</b></p>  |
| <p>With regard to <b>5(c) Action is urgently needed to provide adequate car parking for St Mary's school. The present situation with cars parked along The Street is unsafe, in some part due to the stupidity of parents. One day there is going to be an accident.</b></p>  |
| <p>Feel it is unlikely to be possible to have all the services (schools, surgery etc.) in the</p>   |

centre or heart of the village as each requires considerable parking. Feel that parking spaces are very important to successful use of facilities (witness difficulties with station). So some services might be better placed towards the edge of the village but not too far out.

MSM shouldn't be moved, just create a car park for families and consider other ways to get children from the village down to MSM.

Insufficient parking facilities at St. Mary's school, which make walking and driving to and from the school extremely dangerous should mean that moving this or providing sufficient parking facilities a priority way before 2026.

ST Mary's School is fine, its the parking/transport arrangements are what need sorting out.

I find the current doctors surgery very adequate for my needs. It is a very good size and fantastic that it can offer physiotherapy- I know residents in Earley for example often have to travel to Wokingham. The car parking facilities are undoubtedly limited but I do not see a solution for that - it is what it is. I'm lucky that I am walking distance. Regarding schools a combined school would be ideal but I have concerns about the traffic pressure that might add to the top of the village. That said it is beyond chaotic outside St Mary's and there is a definite need to find a parking / drop off & collection solution for children attending school and commuters passing at those peak times.

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c) Parking is the main issue for St Marys.

Keep St Mary's where it is and maybe expand it to include St. John's? At least create a car park for St Mary's.

st marys junior school does not need to be relocated it just needs a large car park. the village needs affordable housing/ starter homes 2-3 bed houses not 5bed houses

Both schools are lack of traffic space - both car traffic & foot passenger traffic

The problem is, that Mortimer is being marketed as a "commuter" village. Now the only houses being built are 3-4 bed "executive" "luxury" houses, not aimed at local people, but incomers. They are aimed at people who want a country postcode, with all the amenities of a town. This is resulting in an over populated village, with the loss of village character and rural charm. The estate built at Strawberry Fields (on top of a lovely fruit farm which was a favourite place in my childhood) has created an enclave, of expensive suburban homes, not village properties. These houses are being constructed at the expense of green fields, gardens and the rural character of the village. Most front gardens are now being gravelled for cars (more villageness lost) and the village is being blighted by cars, parking and noisy neighbours blaring music out of garden offices. You want to encourage

more footfall into village shops? Where are these customers going to park? The Café is a case in point: they recently underwent an enlargement and refurbishment of their seating area, and are now open 7 days a week. nearby residents now get no peace from customers making noise, dropping litter and double parking and causing obstructions.

The owners of the café are unwilling to do anything about it. This property is NOT SUITABLE for this type of establishment. It was meant to be an office or a pop in and exit type shop. You want to encourage more people to work from home, with garden offices etc? This does not take into account the noise during the day that this creates. I work from home, as does my neighbour, yet he continually blares music out into the garden, with no respect for anyone else. As someone in their early 30's, who has grown up in the village, been to both St Johns, St Marys, and Willink, in my opinion this place has been ruined by the constant want to encourage commuters to move to this area. It appears as a resident, that you want to improve the village for those MOVING here, rather than the people who already live here, and have lived here for a long time.

Personally I believe that St Mary's is fine where it is, it has room to expand as necessary but the car parking situation needs addressing to sort out the traffic issues at drop off and pick up times.

Separate infant and Junior schools is beneficial. St Mary's is fine except for the parking issue.