

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

Traffic

Twenty One responses concerned 'Traffic'

The tenor of the comments is concern about the volume and speed of traffic which will get worse as the village grows.

Comment
<p>Your questions are heavily weighted to approving all developments in the village centre. It is totally unrealistic to place 110 homes, a new school and a doctors surgery in the centre of the village. The road infrastructure cannot cope with the traffic. Residents will still drive to their kids to school on the way to work as they do now. I assume the old school site would then be developed as housing, increasing the size of the village again. You say the bank and post office are the centre of the village. Both of these are under threat of closure</p>
<p>To maintain the character of the village it is not possible to have a range of housing. Like it or not Mortimer's demographic is wealthy families and older residents. Development should cater for these groups. Relocation of schools and health services to the centre will only promote congestion. Any development of the village centre should focus on commercial, shopping etc. Better parking and accommodation of private vehicle transportation should feature in development plans. Rather than isolate drivers it must be realised that car transportation in rural areas will dominate</p>
<p>The road structure of Mortimer is very poor and does not allow form people parking - it is notable that huge improvements need to be made to the roads throughout Mortimer village before further development of any nature is allowed. Street lights? zebra crossings? visibility displays? traffic lights? poor parking? Too much THROUGH TRAFFIC!!!</p>
<p>The centre of the village is already congested and is the last place to build new schools or surgery etc. Mortimer does not need any more large housing developments that will spoil its rural feel, putting more strain on an already inadequate infrastructure</p>
<p>If you have residential property in the centre of the village this will increase traffic because people drive to their houses. The optimum distance is between 500 - 800 m to encourage walking. The village needs to move closer to the station this is so important to people so developments between the centre of the village and the station should be considered. The doctors surgery is private and they will not fund a move and they provide a good service and are close to the village centre.</p>
<p>You don't have to have everything in the centre of a village we have had schools, doctors in the same place for years. Why not concentrate on roads and parking.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>I strongly believe there should be another doctor / GP practice. Current practice is complacent and uncaring 'competition' would help. I think the schools work ok as they</p>

are although traffic worrying particularly speed down hill and we need traffic crossing near St Johns

What will be done to the incoming and outgoing roads to the village especially The Street as the traffic and road noise has peaked at this point. With 110 new homes comes approx 220 new cars!!

The surgery can hardly cope as it is now. Developing the village further will only make things worse and increase the traffic issue

The road infrastructure will struggle with the centralising schools/health etc. It's not just the local village we should consider but the infrastructure around us for example secondary education and where the 'local' children will be accepted if the schools are not able to take the numbers. The Post Office is currently under threat of services closing so no support is being offered to the services that really matter to some of the community,

The issue we have is the speed limit leading to the junior school currently this is 30 mph however most people are doing 40mph plus we need speed cameras and speed bumps on the street leading to and from the village centre as new houses will further increase the traffic and the speed

at the junction of Mortimer Lane and The Street it is very dangerous for traffic / pedestrians. There is nowhere to park safely. The exit for Mortimer Lane is hazardous. When there is a fatal accident perhaps something will be altered.

1. I believe st Mary's school should stay central to the village and the car park facing the Horse and Groom pub, extended, in order to allow more parking for everyone in the village / centre. 2 - I feel strongly that the (110 site 7) be considered , in order too reduce rush hour traffic flow, from the proposed sites directly filtering into the village. 3 - x 2 of my own adult children have had to leave the village to find accommodation elsewhere, so single person accommodation to residents living in the village - should (as suggested) be made available.

The centre of the village already has traffic problems without adding to them with the total development being option 7 Further development should be in keeping with the village and spread between other options where it will integrate with the village and not a very large housing estate. Two or three smaller developments would be much better. St Mary's junior school should stay where it is and where it belongs, next to St Mary's Church. Generations of villagers have been pupils at that school.

Putting both schools in the center of the village would increase traffic in the village during the school-run

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

Would it cause further congestion to locate two large primary schools in the centre of the village?