

Questionnaire comments from residents

QUESTIONNAIRE COMMENTS TO QUESTION 2:

What do you like most about the community area you live in?

A quiet rural farming community

I moved here because it is generally an unspoilt village that has beautiful countryside and is not overdeveloped

The village is perfect as it is (Pubs, post office)

Dog walking, pub, shop

It's rural

Peaceful & quiet, Green space & size

Peace and tranquillity and not being surrounded by houses

The history – it's a hidden gem: SSSI, SAC, ANOB, CA

It's beauty and charm, open spaces, general friendliness, variety of activities

Nice small, well appointed village feel

Village life

A small friendly village with 2 pubs, shop in wonderful countryside

Small friendly village with good facilities in lovely surroundings

The tranquillity & beauty of this historic village, the community

Friendly with a large community space in the lovely church & small shop & PO

Rural aspect; adequate shop; Active church & 2 pubs

Peace and quiet, great dog walks

Small friendly village

It's a friendly village with good amenities and not much through traffic

Small friendly village with no through traffic and good amenities

People, countryside, river and facilities

Like minded people who do not want a village hall and lots of green space

The rural atmosphere and friendliness, until recent unpleasantness about building

Has everything we need

Village atmosphere

Lots of green spaces – lovely countryside

Rural life in general

Friendly & everyone know everyone, shop & pubs

Its peace and quiet

It has retained the feel of a quiet traditional village

Village life and beautiful countryside

Village community, Local PO/store and pubs

Peace and quiet, community spirit, friendliness

Nice village, nice people

The beauty & wildness of Salisbury Plain

The green space and small community

That we live in an SSI and SLA AONB. The Parish Council's duty is to conserve & enhance and preserve Heytesbury village and our immediate surrounding countryside. Building houses is in direct conflict with that policy objective.

The peace and quiet, but with excellent shop, pub and travel amenities

Rural village, community spirit, close to bigger centres with good infrastructure

The village atmosphere, its peace and quietness

Wonderful surroundings

We are very fortunate to live in this beautiful rural area with lovely people

I moved here 35 years ago for the walks and natural beauty surrounding the village

Its balanced mix of housing, open spaces, community spirit and established facilities

Its rural location

It is an actual community. A peaceful and welcoming place
 Quiet area: river & water meadows and how the village is protected to keep it a village. Excellent facilities
 Rural village community, plenty of open spaces, country walks, rights of way across beautiful open countryside
 The church, pub and walks
 All my family live here, I've lived here for 40 years
 Pubs, shops, mixed skills and professions
 Areas where you can walk (close access to countryside)
 We bought into the village for the beautiful environment and a mix of housing without any identifiable housing estates
 That I can see NO houses to the East the North or the South and can only see 3 (far away) to the west
 The memories it has created
 Friendly people, the green spaces/walks
 Green spaces, peaceful walks, wildlife and an absence of traffic
 Living in a rural area surrounded by green fields. Community minded people interested in maintaining a quiet village ethos
 The character and people of this rural village. It offers a good community, history, rural space, 2 pubs and a shop with Warminster, Salisbury, Bath and others.
 Heytesbury has a friendly community spirited feel. It is peaceful and people are respectful of their local area. If Council start tying our hands, they must as an urgency address the Septic Tank system in the village. Mains drains should as an urgent matter be laid in this village.
 A nice village. Friendly. Peaceful
 Quiet, friendly, rural with good communications, nr Country town of Warminster, has church, two pubs, shop/post office, river, sports grounds, alms-house, surrounded by beautiful countryside, ideal population about 600.
 Because it is a most beautiful area
 Most things!
 Friendly people and allotment space
 Friendly people – lovely countryside
 Its beauty, its peacefulness, it must be preserved
 Quiet, uncrowded, orderly
 The amenities and the location
 Countryside and wildlife
 Pleasant, friendly, large village in lovely surroundings
 Location and peacefulness
 Privacy
 Shop and church in the village. Relatively near to Warminster with supermarkets. Near to Codford with doctors' surgery
 The surroundings, the greenery and the proximity to the river
 Pubs, shop
 The river
 Its natural beauty
 The countryside
 My friendly neighbours. A delightful location
 Village life and people who live in it
 Rural, the shop & pubs, surrounding amenities
 Rural environment, green space, peace & quiet, not overdeveloped
 The fact that we have Post Office, bus service and local GP
 People, nature, surroundings and ambience – this is home

The beautiful valley with its walking (footpaths) – its pubs!

QUESTIONNAIRE COMMENTS TO Q3

Do you believe members of your household will become in housing need now or in the next 5 years?

N: Too late

Y: My children need to live near by

Y: Will need ground level accommodation (rented bungalow)

N: Our children are now over 40

N: I live alone

Y: I will definitely

N: I am an OAP living on my own

N: Children have flown nest

N: It has always been my home and has always grown by natural development

N: At farm

N: Heytesbury is not the place for new housing estates, infill is fine, go to town for a step on the housing ladder

N: All live abroad

N: Only affordable required

N: Already in older person (HA) bungalow

N: That is the purpose of St John's should need ever arise in the future

Y: Maybe

N: Family moved away but would love to move back to village

Y: In the city close to work & friends

N: Too old

N: Our children worked/working hard and saving for their own houses – AS WE DID!

N: I live alone

Y: But unlimited immigration has destroyed any chance they have

N: I assume you mean in Heytesbury, if you do then No

N: My children have all left home, worked hard, saved hard and buying their own house

Y: But not in Heytesbury, near where they work

N: Very unlikely

N: We are very content in our house

N: Houses are lying empty in the village. Holiday Homes! Buy to Let with absent landlords. We don't need more

QUESTIONNAIRE COMMENTS TO Q4

Given the government policy highlighted above do you consider the housing need of 25 cited above reasonable?

N: Already some properties for sale

N: These targets are being in Wilts without the requirement in Heytesbury

N: What proof is there from Wiltshire Council? Warminster has planning permission for 120 houses off Victoria Rd.

N: Large developments are in Warminster, Westbury etc.

N: It's a broad requirement for Wiltshire and is not a legally enforceable requirement. The village does not have capacity to meet the need

N: Having read through recent updates on the local plan, I believe that the focus is on the larger towns rather than villages as they can support the increase in population better than the villages where employment opportunities are fewer and other infrastructure is lacking

N: Because no mains gas & drainage plus limited bus service and possibility of 50 extra cars/pressure on GP surgery

N: Totally unreasonable for a village
 N: This equates to a circa 12% increase in population with no regard to infrastructure
 N: Wiltshire limit has been reached
 N: too much pressure will be added to our community
 N: Only causes division in the village
 N: Too many
 N: Not need any housing or village hall
 N: We have a full quota of affordable housing
 N: Do not need any
 N: Far too many for this village
 N: It feels excessive considering the size of the community
 Y: Housing needs to be in towns & cities with the infrastructure to support people
 Y: But divided between Heytesbury, Tytherington and Knook
 Y: For the younger generation
 N: This has been fulfilled by housing in Warminster. Heytesbury has no requirement to fulfil
 N: Government policy is not to destroy our beautiful countryside. Use brown field sites
 N: I have no idea. Is Heytesbury really a large village
 N: Only affordable required
 Y: Especially if mostly “affordable” housing
 N: Warminster has been given the green light to build 1000 houses, Bishopstrow 35 that more than covers the policy
 N: This is not a valid interpretation of Wiltshire or Government policy – there is no “requirement” for any housing in Heytesbury
 N: Government policy will change under next administration
 N: Heytesbury is not on mains drainage or gas. More houses will mean more cars and pressure on GP surgery – Why more houses?
 N: The empowering rural communities document quotes 1:3 houses to be built each year, over 15 yrs will meet the needs of Heytesbury. I support this but I do not support 25+ houses being built on one plot of land in one go. This is not what was intended y the Wiltshire Council Plan and would be detrimental to the Parish, without increasing the infrastructure, amenities, dangerous road junction into and out of Heytesbury.
 Y: Need more affordable local housing
 N: Reuse abandoned shops, buildings first then build new
 N: It is out of proportion with the size of the village
 Y: If only local people qualify
 Y: That’s no faster than it has already grown
 N: Limited space already
 N: We need to think wider than the village, Housing should focus on infrastructure and employment
 N: There is NO need for a “housing development” The policy means 1-3 houses annually. Infill and separate house annex for aged parents would account for this need.
 N: The village is at capacity regarding access, roads, has no mains drainage or gas and poor water pressure. What is the basis of the 25 houses?
 N: Heytesbury does not need more housing. Landowners should return to farming and provide food for this area
 N: Not convinced Heytesbury obligated to build 25 houses. Written evidence?
 Y: If most are affordable
 Y: We need cheaper rented homes for local people
 N: There are hundreds of houses being built in Warminster. Why more?
 Y: More, if possible
 Y: Very reasonable
 Y: Probably underestimate

Y: There is a massive housing shortage – particularly affordable housing

Y: We have to do our bit

Y: I believe more could be built for low income rent

Y: We need young people in the village

Y: Smaller houses needed

QUESTIONNAIRE COMMENTS TO Q5:

Would you support discussions with local landowners to deliver the Parish's housing needs?

Y: This has been thwarted for a long time

Y: Would like to see talks with Sassoon's restarted

Y: Sassoon Estate!

Y: All should be considered

N: Looking at Warminster, that is now the product of greedy landowners. My experience if housing associations and affordable housing didn't provide you locally they were given to 'problem' families out of county.

N: Greenfield sites should not be used. We must preserve the rural nature and character. If essential (is it?) Brownfield sites could perhaps be used

N: However Brownfield sites would justify this. Not land under SSSI or SAC Ruling: Floodplains etc.

N: The PC is not an appropriate body for this area and lacks the expertise, knowledge & experience.

N: Not the parking/roads for it

By "support" is "Agree with" meant

Y: If housing is required within Heytesbury then the properties be split and not create a Housing Estate or environment

Y: Only if there is a clear idea

N: Landowner or developer? Two very different discussions would be had

N: Not at all

N: The village's building boundary is established & fixed for good reason and should not be compromised

N: This causes more division within the community

Y: to a degree

N: Is it the Parish Councils job to talk to landowners about this?

Y: The Sassoon Trust

N: There is no Parish need

N: I don't believe the parish has a housing need per se

N: Not up to the Parish Council

N: Only causes division in the village

N: Those who stand to profit from it will obviously be in favour

N: I cannot see "needs" that are not better provided elsewhere

N: Definitely not

N: Not at this stage as there is no consensus as to the numbers needed

N: The PC doesn't need to action this as Warminster has already hit the target for us

N: No requirement

N: Not at all

Y: Seems reasonable

N: This will not give social housing which is needed: Needs growth to sustain

Y: That should be our first priority

Y: Of course

QUESTIONNAIRE COMMENTS TO Q6

Should this include other needs and aspirations through a planning gain such as community space and recreational areas? If so, what would you suggest?

Y: A village field and/or hall would be good

Y: Village hall

Y: to try and protect sports fields & provide a village hall

Y: Community centre/hub/ hall, Tennis courts

Y: Maybe a village hall

Particularly Sassoon Estate land by the village playing fields

Y: A community / Village hall

Y: Save pitches & build village hall

Y: Village hall

Y: Village hall, sports field

N: We have football & cricket areas. The school has a playing field

Y: Unrestricted play area, security for our sports clubs

Y: Two of the greatest assets this village has are the Football & Cricket clubs, so important for the health & mental well-being of our youth. I believe we should do all we can to keep the facilities for now and future generations. I would suggest we talk again to the Sassoon Trust to explore a way forward. With careful consideration & cooperation on both sides surely an answer could be found. With sympathetic planning the houses to be built need not have a detrimental impact on houses in Park Street.

N: Affordable housing through infill. In respect of a 'meeting place' I have made comments at the end.

Y: Village hall, Speed limit

N: Our recreational spaces are adequate

N: We already have an active community, rural space, active sports societies and an active church

N: The village already has use of a playing field, playground, numerous walks, a thriving church, use of St John's Hall

N: We need to consider the amenities in our local area

N: We have sufficient community land where the present football/cricket ground is

Y: If the PC/RT could buy the recreational land to preserve the sports pitches this would be preferable to a large scale housing development. I don't think there is much support for a village hall. The church open space, school hall, St Johns & 2 pubs is more than adequate for a village of this size. I haven't heard of anyone who intends to set up a village hall committee to run the hall – this has been a mute point over many years.

N: No need for anything, the village has all that it needs

N: Expand the use and develop facilities in the church/grounds

N: Sufficient facilities for its current population. It has no need for additional facilities in these pandemic times

Y: Meeting venue (that's not the church)

Y: Village hall

Y: Sports fields and changing rooms, very small village meeting room.

N: very content with what we have

Y: Would be beneficial as long as we don't lose the "village" feel

Y: The village hall we get if we talk to Sassoon Estate

N: This is open to abuse & false promises. Builders will renege & simply build to a lower sub standard. They are for profit!

Y: Space for children

Y: Village hall

Y: Village hall (sustainable) and updated sports facilities

Y: Good public transport links, GP services & shops

N: We already have sports pitches, school field and lovely countryside
 N: Other communal spaces available: St Johns, School hall, church
 N: 2 pubs, Raymond hall and church should be better used
 N: Trying to offer other ideas, seems like a bribe for planning permission
 N: What we have is fine
 N: Don't need anything else, the village has enough. We have the church, St Johns, School
 N: To the last Parish survey, it recommended 11 houses. It is unlikely that the developer would provide community space etc for so few houses as it would not be profitable
 N: We already have enough the community
 N: None required
 N: There are sufficient facilities that can be more effectively used e.g. Church, School etc
 N: Nothing else is needed in the village
 N: Village has sufficient community space
 N: We have sufficient
 Y: But NOT a village hall
 Y: Village hall
 Y: Silly not to consider it
 Y: Village hall
 Y: A children's playground
 Y: Great opportunity
 Y: Village hall or meeting place
 Y: Village hall / recreation facilities

QUESTIONNAIRE COMMENTS FROM Q7

Do you think exception sites 'usually outside the village development boundary could offer a way forward? If so, do you have any suggested locations?

Y: At the far East end of the village
 Y: The land beyond Mill Lane going South
 Y: Sassoon's field
 N: Last resort
 Y: At both the East and West ends of the village
 Y: It's happening elsewhere anyway
 Y: BA12 OHL – Ideal
 Y: We don't have enough space within our settlement boundary
 N: I am strongly opposed to any developments outside the village boundary
 N: This area is an area of natural beauty – leave it alone
 N: Unless Brownfield sites are used which do not impact village character or the delicate protected river/rural environment
 N: I am guessing this means greenfield sites which should not be considered. We should be protecting our environment not creating building sites.
 N: Heytesbury is special because of the green space the boundary protects
 Maybe
 N: The village development boundary is there for a reason, to protect and preserve the rural nature of the community so no I don't support that, when there is space within the development boundary to build. It is not necessary or in keeping with the original settlement
 N: We do need to protect the village boundary and not oversize like Codford
 N: Use Brownfield sites
 N: I do not advocate extending the building boundary in any way – this will lead to a precedent of landowners attempting to re-classify 'protected' agricultural land
 Y: Only affordable, strip of land to south of Park Street (not fields)
 N: We are stuck between a flood plain and steep gradients

N: The Parish Council would be naïve to think an exception would stand the test of time. Once the village settlement is breached a flood of building applications will follow

Y: Maybe

N: Not for Heytesbury, but Yes for Tytherington/Knook

Y: But with considerable consultation

Not sure

N: This is just a question to increase the changes of development

N: No building on farmland

N: Why ruin our countryside. That is why I moved here and why many villagers stay here

N: Developing outside of agreed development boundaries is not the way forward, Warminster is the better option

N: Definitely not, the boundary is there to protect the village from development

Brownfield or wasteland

N: Once you agree to one space outside village development space, you may lose all control on other spaces

N: Destruction of our green space is not required. Environment damage is not appropriate

N: We need to protect green spaces and prevent urban sprawl

Y: With cautious planning

Y: Anywhere between the village at present and the bypass. Better than building on the water meadows

Y: Heytesbury family field end of village, going out on left

Y: Big field at Greenlands

Possibly

Y: Far East and far West ends of the village

Y: Little London to Cotley Roundabout

Y: The council appoints a planning consultant

QUESTIONNAIRE COMMENTS ON Q8

Would you be interested in being part of/setting up a Community Land Trust (CLT)?

N: What is this to do with the PC

N: Based on previous experience of Parish Councillors, this is a crooked question

N: This is not required and would detract from the PC main duties

N: This must be made clear that this is totally separate to, and sits outside the PC. The PC do not lead on this. Bearing in mind the housing needs survey indicated only 2% of the Parish are in housing need, I would say this is not even required and sits outside the PC in any event Warminster has had planning permission for 1000+ houses which will adequately meet the needs of the surrounding villages.

N: Why is the CLT invited to participate in meetings even before the questionnaires are collated? Who is pushing this agenda?

N: They can ultimately be commercial entities subject to self interest and not appropriate for Heytesbury

N: If this means selling off our beautiful village – No

Mayne: Unclear what's involved

QUESTIONNAIRE COMMENTS FROM Q9

Do you feel our amenities (shop/school/park/meeting place) are adequate for our current community?

N: The village lacks a hub/ focal point / meeting place

Y: Absolutely adequate

Y: No others are needed but amenities currently available should be supported

Y: A village hall is Not needed

Y: The church open space, St Johns, the school & 2 pubs are adequate. There are many community halls in nearby villages which are failing & have had to be bailed out and are not well used or supported

Y: Including the church & St Johns. These are adequate for current community needs.

Y: A 'Build it and they will come' attitude will not work

Y: We also have 2 pubs, St Johns & space in the church & sports fields/clubs. Thank you for asking for our views

Y: We have a large church in the centre of the village which is used for a weekly sale of produce in the summer as well as concerts, exhibitions, meetings, a Christmas fayre and many other events. There is no need for a village hall

Y: If my partner & I want more entertainment we go into Warminster, Bath or Salisbury. Keep our lovely village quiet and unspoilt

Church could be used more for community

N: A village hall is needed to promote better community living

N: The shop needs to stay open longer

N: The shop is in need of revitalisation and enhancement

Y: A wonderful, useful and valuable village shop as well as the historic Angel Inn make us a lucky village

N: A community hall would be useful, but is St Johns fully used? And we should support the continuation of the village church. This is a practical scheme that would help the community and help the continuation of the church building

Y: More than enough

Y: Y: Adequate, but could be improved

Y: But limited therefore unsuitable to meet needs of extended village

Y: Use church more

Y: Larger shop premises would be advantageous

Y: Except for meeting place

Y: WE are very fortunate to have an excellent PO/Shop, 2 pubs and a church. We do not need more than that

Y: PO – great

Y: Adequate for our current community

Y: We have great amenities, shop, 2 pubs, church, sports field and St John so plenty

Y: Definitely more than enough

Y: There are 5 village halls within a 4 mile radius of Heytesbury. Warminster is close by. Green space and traffic limitations are vital.

I accept there is a need for 'meeting place' of some sort but see my comments below

Need for a village hall

Need updating

Y & N: Our shop and school and pubs need to be supported to keep them viable. We don't really have a dedicated meeting place – there is a trust fund to provide a new hall. The people in charge of that money should use it for what it is intended.

N: Lack of village hall

N: there is not community centre/village hall

N: Village needs a hall. Heytesbury has the funds to do so

N: What meeting place?

N: We need a village hall that is independent of the church, St Johns and school/N: We do not have a common place for activities and cultural enhancement

N: Currently the fewest amenities in the last 100 years

Y: We are well catered for. Definitely no need for a village hall

Y: We have a good selection of amenities

Y: PC should support the church space

Y: I think the number of activities occurring at the school, in the park, in the church and in the pubs indicates that we do have enough space

N: Something to create more integration between different areas of the village

N: The High Street outside Heytesbury School turns into a giant car park twice a day during term time.

None in Knook

Y: Except for meeting place – roll on the Church development

Y: Two pubs & post office just perfect

N: The village needs a community centre/ village hall

N: Meeting place essential for bringing people together and to offer activities. School would benefit from young families occupying new housing. A village parking place is much needed e.g. for events are the church. A village hall with parking area would be excellent

N: A village hall and children's recreation facilities needed.

Y: More housing will put more pressure on the local infrastructure; i.e. roads, congestion, traffic, the primary school will become over-subscribed as a result.

OTHER COMMENTS:

- What is happening to proposals for village hall with housing on Sassoon Trust Land? Also have we got use for Sassoon's park forever or could it become a housing estate?
- The space to develop anything in Heytesbury is limited by its geography. The A36 and the river limit the possibility of the village average needs expanding but even so the only two parcels are the Park and land between the village and the roundabout.
- There is also one field on left going up to Garstons & that house could be re-built and more houses on that site. Not field on right with lovely trees with TPO on them.
- I think it would be lovely to have young families in this village. Far too many geriatrics (yes, I am one of them too!)
- I am not opposed to additional housing but I feel it should be based on our needs and not a government quota (which may be out of date as the larger towns expand) I also think it would be useful to have a list of those members of the FPWG.
- Wasting taxpayers money on this is atrocious! You are trying to bulldoze over this village!
- How many houses are to be built in Tytherington and Knook?
- Vary leading questions. People who want to be surrounded by houses should live in towns and cities
- The village has become little more than a dormitory with no activities for young people. It has an ageing population – more young people would keep our school open
- We all grow and nothing remains the same. Same goes for cities, towns and villages
- Being involved with trying to run Bingo etc. If we had a village hall we would be able to run such events without any restrictions imposed on us.
- What's happened with the abandoned 23 house development of Park Street or will the NIMBY's win again?
- Church facilities should not be used as an excuse for a village hall
- I firmly believe that society should be welcoming and inclusive and supportive. Housing is a crucial factor.
- Better for villagers to agree a plan than wait for developers to move in
- Traffic control
- I write as an individual, not on behalf of the PC. Consequently, I have left your reply number in place although I think the fact that you have numbered each questionnaire undermines any pretence at democracy (page marked with 2G6?) My strong view is that Heytesbury has no need of a new-build village hall because there are other ways of providing for a 'meeting place'.
- We do not need a village hall

- The village itself is of a reasonable size, having been identified as a large village. In creating large amounts of housing, the identity of our Village could be lost. When does a village become a small Town??? Although we are told that housing is required, where is the work for the potential residents and would the current infrastructure have to change possibly for the worst. We do not want any changes to Heytesbury village. Why mend something when it's not broken.
- There is a lack of imagination in the FPWG work to date. Your focus should be infill within the boundary and not destruction of what makes the village environment special.
- This questionnaire is bias toward a housing development and village hall and misleading village folk into believing the government requires new houses to be built. This is not entirely true. Warminster, 5 miles away, have been given the green light to build 1000 new homes, 30 are being built in Bishopstrow. That is at best 1030 new homes in our immediate area. Why would we want to spoil our historical village with beautiful buildings with a blot of new houses plonked on our green spaces that surround us. I say NO to any new housing development that is bigger than 1.
- I love this quiet village and feel we do not need any further developments or infilling of houses or any village hall. With no mains water and extra housing, I worry about effluent in the river. No mains gas, no mains sewage. Not a great bus service, Now GP surgery is struggling enough without another 100 patients added. I question this document and survey and do not agree to any further development.
- In Heytesbury we have no mains sewage or mains gas
- The Sassoon Trust offer should have been accepted years ago
- Numbering the questionnaire (obliterated above – author had blacked out the number) does not make this process anonymous. I'm not sure if it's meant to be.
- Investigate adaptation of church for village meetings/functions but eliminate the snobby attitudes adopted by a few. Village still split over divisive battle for a ridiculously large village hall!
- We think it's very important to encourage young people to live in the village and the village needs a village hall.
- All too many "new affordable" building projects seem to end up as a "buy to let" scheme – even though these are meant for local people. Heytesbury for the best part is still a lovely peaceful village with a community feel; a farming background with lovely green space for all to enjoy. Once permission is granted for "new affordable new homes" it will change – noise while building, construction traffic, pressure on our local village roads (as all contractors/workers take short cuts in our small lanes) Majority of new build homes are never in keeping with their surroundings i.e. Quinton Place in Codford is one example to name but one. The awful houses being built in Bishopstrow, what used to be water meadows is another example. Everyone says our wildlife, habitat and nature are all in decline and needs to be protected; so the question is this – why more houses? We all know who stand to gain from this money making profit, and it will not be the locals, it'll be the property managers and the hangers on who are all for it!
- There are no jobs in Heytesbury so any more houses would only increase traffic and increase the terrible parking in the village
- THIS FORM IS VERY BIASED IN ITS QUESTIONS – DONE BY HEYTESBURY VILLAGE HALL GROUP!!! I HOPE THAT SOMEONE ELSE THAN ... ARE COLLECTING THESE QUESTIONNAIRES!!!
- Town planners need to consider the limitations in building affordable housing in a small village with limited amenities & very little public transport links. Car ownership is essential.
- Why ruin perfection?
- Just get on with it. We have already had a majority referendum. What else is there to discuss.
- The village school has a large playing field and there is a sports ground for football and cricket.
- Encourage NIMBY's to be more ALTRUISTIC and to CONTRIBUTE to the WELL-BEING OF THE ENTIRE VILLAGE.

- Do not remove the soul of our valley for short term gain. This valley is a historic asset, it needs to be protected, maintained and carefully enhanced for the long term. Do not allow perilous developers with no connection to our community to alter its fabric irrevocably.
- There is no requirement for more housing or amenities in the village and no room for either. Trying to squeeze these in will destroy the village. There is no need for an increase in housing in Heytesbury, it is certainly not required in the green spaces which are a large part of the reason people enjoy living here. Your leaflet outlining our “options” is misleading and irresponsible. To make out like there is no choice but to cram in housing where it is not needed or wanted does not reflect an honest appraisal of the situation. Any development plans which threaten the character and tranquillity of the village will be rigorously opposed.
- LEAVE OUR VILLAGE ALONE
- Any more housing would mean more traffic through the village. 20mph should be imposed at St John’s one end and school at the other and speeding cars down the high street are a danger.
- There is insufficient infrastructure (roads, parking, shops, other retail) to support a larger population. Social/meeting, schooling? Public transport, recreational space etc.
- What about utilising the St John’s hall for more community events in the absence of another facility.
- At a Parish/Village level any decisions need to carry the whole community not just majority. The last few years have been very stressful with a minority trying to have their way!
- Heytesbury currently has approx. 28% of its housing stock classified as affordable or social. This is significantly above the average for large Wiltshire villages as a whole at 14.7% with Wiltshire Council’s recent planning approval for the Warminster Jubilee Gardens development, providing for dozens of “affordable homes” of all sizes and its contribution to community funds, infrastructure, parks and open spaces. This is where requirements for the foreseeable future for Wiltshire will be met for many years to come. Wiltshire Council has not ‘Required’ ‘Indicated’ or in any way suggested Heytesbury must provide any housing. The questionnaire has misinterpreted several unrelated reports to ‘spin’ and agenda, to promote certain council members own agenda wishes. Heytesbury does not need to compromise its current building boundary, risk large scale landowner applications to redesignate “protected” land or in any way support large scale developments. Its current boundaries protect village properties from flooding, add to the welcome current community activities & well being of all its residents. Requests for affordable housing should be addressed by Wiltshire Council directly, not by the local Parish Council.
- Heytesbury is a historic village with many listed buildings and has an interesting history. A housing development would not blend in with this village. It would mean an increase of approximately 30-50 vehicles! In a single village where already the High Street has become a single lane street due to parking congestion. Heytesbury has no local doctor surgery (Codford and Warminster are heavily used) Public Transport is inadequate. There is no mains gas, no mains sewage. Extra housing will impact greatly on the increased effluent discharged into the river. The village already has a higher than the national average of affordable homes. If the housing proposal is solely for Heytesbury why are Knook, Tytherington residents invited to comment? Would infill/annex buildings in these parish’s be taken into account?
- We came to live in a beautiful rural village location & community, not a building development site. The character of Heytesbury would be further damaged and more river pollution, loss of greenfield land. I question the basis of this drive by our Parish Council. Has the village agreed that this development should be supported? Has the Wiltshire Council mandated so? I do not believe so and do not agree with the council setting up a working group and seeking consultancy support. The historic character and community of Heytesbury should not be damaged and the whole area is rural with a chalk stream and flood plains. Apart from the questioned suitability of a significant housing development and development regardless of size must comply with protection under SSSI and SAW designation. Also further to my response there is now

inadequate public transport support for Heytesbury now. The roads through and within the village are already extremely congested making access and passage through the village difficult. I am strongly against a new Circa 25 house development which would change and damage the village, increase congestion and damage the river and countryside.

- There is already far too much infill and backhand development, indeed this is a cause of sewage seeping into the Wylfe. Our water is fouled.
- The addition of new houses to the village is inevitable, far better to build 20 or so in a small close now than be forced to “catch up” later with a larger estate. Any development must be realistic about the parking needs of a modern family – the High Street cannot accommodate more overspill. Affordable housing should be mixed throughout the development rather than concentrated at one end where it risks creating a less desirable area and sowing division & resentment. Any development should include amenities for the village. Heytesbury greatest need is for some sort of focal-point or hub. The lack of such a facility has made it very hard to meet people since we moved here. Presently, residents must either travel to neighbouring villages, yet, as the jubilee picnic showed, there is a real appetite for community events in Heytesbury itself. The demographic of the village is wider than attendance at functions in the pub or church would make apparent. A village hall could cater for clubs and social meetings across the full range of residents, from young to old.