

HOOK PARISH COUNCIL – Questionnaire

In answering the following questions you will help the Parish Council make an informed reply to the Core Strategy Consultation currently in progress by Hart District Council.

A housing survey by the Parish Council confirms that a greater proportion of shared ownership is required to enable younger members of the Community to enter the housing market.

Q1. Do you support the Parish Council in putting forward a requirement for a greater proportion of shared ownership? **Yes / No**

78 Yes

24 No

6 Don't know / not completed

A housing survey by the Parish Council confirms that a greater proportion of high end retirement properties and sheltered accommodation is required to enable older members of the Community to downsize or remain in the community as housing needs change.

Q2. Do you support the Parish Council in putting forward a requirement for a greater proportion of retirement homes? **Yes / No**

86 Yes

18 No

4 Don't know / not completed

The Parish Council has identified that 4 full size football pitches, 6 mini football pitches, and a cricket square with associated pavilion would be the minimum requirement to meet the current and future need. The pitches can be shared public open space available for football, not necessarily dedicated football pitches.

Q3. Do you support the Parish Council in putting forward this requirement? **Yes / No**

77Yes

25No

7 Don't know / not completed

Our discussions with parishioners indicate that a new indoor sports and recreation facility is not required. The Parish Council believe that a sum of money to improve the current Community Centre at Ravenscroft would be of greater benefit to the community.

Q4. Do you support the Parish Council in putting forward this requirement? **Yes / No**

73 Yes

29 No

6 Don't know / not completed

Our discussions with parishioners indicate that a new community hub is not required and the Parish Council intend to resist this proposal.

Q5. Community hub :

Local retail facilities - The Parish Council intend to resist this proposal

Q5.1 Do you support the Parish Council in resisting this proposal? **Yes / No**
86 Yes
19 No
3 Don't know / not completed

Medical facilities - The Parish Council are awaiting further consultations with the medical authorities

Q5.2 What is your opinion? **Needed/ not needed**
56 Needed
33 Not needed
19 Don't know / not completed

Land retained on-site for a primary school - The Parish Council intend to resist this proposal and to request that a sum of money be agreed with the Education Authority to allow the expansion of Junior and Infant schools

Q5.3 Do you support the Parish Council in resisting this proposal? **Yes / No**
78 Yes
20 No
10 Don't know / not completed

Robert May's Secondary School is currently oversubscribed and will need to be expanded to meet the need of our community.

Q6. The Parish Council intend to support this proposal do you agree? **Yes / No**
102 Yes
5 No
1 Don't know / not completed

The Parish Council consider that cycleways and links to the centre of Hook would be an important part of any new development and intend to insist that a quality solution to the problems of crossing the A30 and the B3349 are offered as part of the planning process.

Q7. Do you support the Parish Council in putting forward this requirement? **Yes / No**
95 Yes
10 No
3 Don't know / not completed

There is no detail as to what environment improvements are proposed or what funding is available.

Q8. Do you have any suggestions for improvements in the village?

We have not yet had time to analyse all the comments in detail – there is however a strong indication that the following points were important (not in any order) :
Redevelopment of the retail centre – some very rude remarks about Grand Parade Parking – a strong indication of concerns
Traffic and the A30 – suggestions for the by- pass of traffic and pedestrian areas
Buses and Public Transport improvements, Cycle routes and Open Space

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Q9. Do you support the Parish Council in putting forward this requirement? **Yes / No**
81 Yes
15 No
12 Don't know / not completed

There may be a requirement in the future for the Allotment Association to acquire additional land as a result of the development. The Parish Council propose to request a sum of money to be held in reserve for future use.

Q10. Do you support the Parish Council in putting forward this requirement? **Yes / No**
87 Yes
11 No
10 Don't know / not completed

Provision of a safe crossing over the B3349 and the A30 together with measures to address traffic issues such as the congestion on the A30 at peak times would be fundamental to any development and needs to be addressed as part of the planning process.

Q11. Do you support the Parish Council in putting forward this requirement? **Yes / No**
92 Yes
9 No
7 Don't know / not completed

Problems with the water supply have been identified in the Village and the Parish Council welcome the major off-site reinforcement works.

Q12. Do you support the Parish Council in putting forward this requirement? **Yes / No**
92 Yes
8 No
8 Don't know / not completed

This is considered to be a crucial element to any development in this part of Hook and the Parish Council intend to insist that the works to replace the pumping station be commenced before any development takes place.

Q13. Do you support the Parish Council in putting forward this requirement? **Yes / No**
95 Yes
8 No
5 Don't know / not completed

The proposal for a development site in North East Hook could only be effectively opposed if the Parish Council and residents could suggest sound reasons why this site is less suitable for development than other available sites in the District. Reasons that have already been addressed and discounted in the Core Strategy document will be disallowed by the District Council.

Q14. On this basis - and taking into consideration the facilities that could potentially be provided - do you think that Hook should support or oppose the proposed development?

Support/Oppose/Don't know

38 Support
48 Oppose
22 Don't know

Please give your reasons below.

We shall need time to analyze the comments - infrastructure looks to be the main basis for objections.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE