



SUMMARY OF THE BUSH HEATH LANE, HARBURY PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT

**A summary of the Public Consultation
Event held on 21 May 2009**

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**Proposed Development of 13 New Affordable Homes
& 9 Local Market Homes
in Bush Heath Lane, Harbury.**

Comments Received at the Public Consultation Event on 21 May 2009.

- Approximately 250 people attended the Event.
- 61 people provided written comments.
- The comments have been divided into three sections ; those which are broadly supportive, those which contain specific concerns or suggestions and those which broadly oppose the proposal.
- Examples of comments from each section are reproduced below, whole and verbatim, broadly in line with the number of comments received in each section

Examples of the 29 Broadly Supportive Comments

- I like the idea of a 'swale' for removing surface water. This would make an excellent wild life area ie damp / long grass / self seeding plants natural to the area. Would tree planting be carried out ? Mix of stone & local brick is a good plan. Thank you for putting on the public consultation.
- Excellent plan. Good types of housing. Important that measures to protect housing for local people are firmly in place. Fully support the scheme.
- Brilliant plans & development. The best solution for this village. I hope it goes ahead !
- Like the layout and design. Good location. Very pleased to see that many of the houses are available to rent.

Examples of the 19 Comments Containing Specific Concerns or Suggestions

- I hope that the low cost housing is a priority to be allocated to people who have a long connection to Harbury of at least 5 yrs.
- Although we do not oppose the development, the planned solution for sewerage line is not at all adequate. Currently the drains and pipes are not capable of handling the current capacity and adding 42 homes will

only exacerbate the current issues we already experience with flooding through the year.

- There is a large amount of ground in the centre of the village that would be ideal for development, why make the boundary of the village larger ???

Examples of the 13 Comments Broadly Opposing the Proposal

- We are disappointed that the site chosen is along Bush Heath Lane as it extends the village and it is the only road into the village that is fairly free of traffic and popular with walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Many walkers etc use this road to access the footpaths across land belonging to Thwaites Farms. There other sites that could be looked at within the confines of the village which would be suitable for housing.
- I am against this development for the following reasons :
 - 1 Additional traffic & noise.
 - 2 More destruction of open countryside & wildlife habitats.
 - 3 This is likely to be the proverbial “thin end of the wedge”.
 - 4 I am not satisfied that other options were adequately explored before choosing this option. There are empty houses elsewhere in this region.
 - 5 The “survey” was carried out some time ago. I would like to see another survey carried out by an independent party.

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Photographs of the Event.

