



Consultation 2 Question V30

comments

Are the objectives listed on Page 16 correct? - we asked for your comments and your exact responses are shown as received

Add "and at all times seek to retain the current small market ambience by not encouraging unnecessary development"

Add encouraging tourism. Ensure that infrastructure including power, water and drainage/sewerage are adequate for expansion over next 50 years

Affordable housing

Although infrastructure is mentioned, so should schools

Appropriate parking and facilities for increased population - swimming pool etc

Balance of traffic that is moved around Watlington. The West through Pyrton Lane is already heavily overused as a rat run between villages such as Chalgrove to the M40

Biggest employer in Watlington are the schools - the vision should include a "centre of excellence of education"

Bullet 6 should include reference to AONB and Conservation Area. Plan should specifically discourage inappropriate business development.

Delete bullets 1 7 3 or reword into plain English so they are meaningful

Delete objective 1 . This presumes that houses and new roads are required, and this will have an adverse effect on Watlington.

Delete objective 4 no need for economic growth unless to support growing community - eg retail and leisure

Do not agree that business development should be encouraged

Don't know

Free up the beauty and function of the town while providing more housing and more jobs

Further development is totally incumbent on an improved strategy which then determines volume of housing that can be supported

Housing growth requires growth of schools. The primary school is already stretched to capacity - where will the extra children go? NP needs to encompass this impact?

I only agree with developing small areas of houses up to 10 houses. Dotted around the surrounding area of Watlington. One of the reasons we now have this national housing shortage is too many immigrants. Sort that before you increase housing.

Keep values and environment that makes Watlington so attractive - the spread of villages such as Chinnor shows how easy it is to alter the ambience and attraction of a location through growth and expansion

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Keeping heritage is important. Business growth hasn't been as high as it should be, we have shops then lose them because of high rents, how will you solve that? The plans should not effect the attractiveness.

Last bullet point could be restrictive suggest " ..the plan + development in Watlington should enhance this"

Much more emphasis on sustainability and social cohesion/inclusion needed.

No business development

Not labelled! No idea what talking about

Objective 6 should include "to prevent coalescence with neighbouring villages and their conservation areas"

Objectives are vague needing quantified outcomes. Ideas broadly correct but not clearly expressed. Specific individual aims need to be identified in each area

Objectives do not go far enough to improve, protect green areas , AONB, and in terms of conservation area or environmental sustainability of the town with local food and energy production for example.

Option 5 says "expansion of the parish" and "quality of life in the parish" - it is dangerous to be so inward looking. Consider the adjoining parishes.

Please drop "vibrant" - it is planner's gibberish

Point 4 - tourism should be specifically mentioned - business consideration in Chilterns Point 6 - add adversely after "impact"

Point 4 needs a specific restriction involving HGV use otherwise 'business development' and 'employment opportunities' could be at the risk of more HGV and other traffic to and from businesses.

Strong emphasis on affordable family housing

Suggest "to develop Watlington in a way that retains its unique historical and cultural heritage, ensuring that the qualities and characteristics are not compromised through the implentation of the NP with interests, aspirations,needs of town"

The qualities you talk about that attract people to Watlington will be lost if we overdevelop and create by pass with lorries racing along. Faster busier roads will make walking and cycling much harder

These are so bland and obvious that they say nothing. There is no vision that articulates what a future Watlington will be.

They need rewriting in plain English. The first sentence is obviously both historically incorrect and just wishful thinking.

Under objective 1 is the implication of such large scale development as to require investment in major infrastructure e.g lots of houses and roads. This will spoil Watlington.

Would like more about people, future generations, tourism and stronger points on protecting and supporting local business