



## Consultation 2 Question V34

### comments

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3 bed affordable and part buy houses are greatly needed as well as more social housing

A small increase in housing in a pepperpot style would preserve Watlington's current atmosphere.

Add - objectives related to flood management and ensure that development sites are not placed in flood plain areas

Any housing pepperpot as big estate will lose uniqueness

Any large scale development of over 20 homes will alter character of town. Watlington is a hotch potch of different styles which gives it its unique character

Balance between 2 bed and larger houses needs to reflect Watlington's needs not SODC policy. More flats inappropriate. Danger SODC policy making town "dormitory". Home working still for self employed. SODC plan appears as an abrogation of responsibility

Bullet 4 should discourage loss of existing green space to new developments. Expansion of the current residential "footprint" of Watlington should be avoided.

By showing SODC every site that might be developed you could encourage over development. The sooner you decide on the preferred option the better.

Could you give priority to local families who are renting?

Delete bullet 2 and 3 as they relate to traffic and housing

Development sites need to be evolutionary not revolutionary

Do not require new cycle routes or social housing - what are the facilities for home based businesses you refer to?

Don't build more than we have to

Emphasis on small infill developments which tend to integrate better and of higher quality - large developments unsuitable for multiple reasons merging into open countryside and generating more traffic

England is a small country, if residential properties must be provided they should be limited to the city and go upward not outward.

Get rid of "vibrancy"

Get rid of the HGVs way out of the town. A by-pass would retain the town in its current form.

Good modern design is essential including use of new materials and energy efficient structures - emphasis on communal green energy solutions - combined heat and power

Green and recreational spaces encouraged

Hill Road seems a good place for development on left hand side and would not take up too much agricultural land - a good road and not a historic part of town

Home working does not require additional facilities except quick broadband.

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Home working household - I feel no need for home based business facilities

Housing development should be dispersed through all available areas and range from single houses to larger schemes

If OCC cannot afford road and car park suggest building development provides these

Larger houses need larger gardens

Make it clear that the town would benefit from a broad range of housing types to cater for all needs. No particular focus

Mixed developments - families, returned people, young people.

More 3 - 4 bedroom houses to enable people to move up ladder

More emphasis on starter homes and step up homes

More family homes should be the core focus of housing objectives. Watlington already has plenty of provision for older residents.

Most houses built in the last 20 years are 2/3 bed. There is a real need for larger 4 bed properties to allow families to grow and stay in Watlington.

Must address road structure first - any developments must be small max 10 houses

No big housing estate or by pass

No large scale housing considered as it will destroy the character of the town

No mention is made of energy efficiency in buildings. Existing green spaces (such as Masons Wood) within town need protecting. Food growing areas need to be associated with housing areas & existing allotments protected.

No new cycle routes nor more social housing

No not included

Not possible to answer without a housing survey.

Objective 1 is in conflict with objective 3 . Needs and demands should be set against option 6. Illustrations show the benefits of 'peppercot', not the large 'estates' proposed on the western option.

Objective 7 should include the aim "to preserve the surrounding areas, prevent coalescence, respect the setting, environment and heritage of bordering villages and parishes.

Objectives are good but assumption there will be larger scale development. Any sites should be small to retain attractiveness. Housing should be built to high standards of design and energy saving

P18 - design of new housing including the environmental aspect. New houses should be energy efficient not just the minimum

Page 19 larger development sites " to maintain the identity of the town". In the same way the people of Pyrton want and need to maintain this ancient villages identity which would be lost if building is allowed on sites H & G and Pyrton lane changes.

Public green spaces to be encouraged.

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Seems a lot of thought is about cyclists - people are fed up of this town being used as a race track for cyclists every weekend. Delete anything to do with cyclists

Simplify new houses need new access and new facilities nearby

Small scattered sites in all classes of housing preferable

Smallest development preferable for greatest transport impact benefit. Industry located up by Station Road. Weight restriction is currently a joke. Never enforced

Sustainable housing - need for high eco-standards - eg solar panels and rainwater harvesting

There is a limit to how much housing can be increased due to flood plain and traffic problems. Housing should be increased more towards M40 and Lewknor and at Chalgrove with good access roads to M40 and Oxford

There seems to be a strange obsession in these objectives to home working. It gets mentioned more than schooling!

They don't include the basic one of providing homes for Watlington residents. No mention of low carbon buildings

To not use an up to date housing needs survey is absurd, to refer to an out of date policy from 2011 is not good enough.

Watlington is a charming Chiltern village scarred by slip shod careless planning decisions- the eclectic nature of housing in the town greatly detracts from the town's character - therefore we should exclude contemporary designs

Watlington used to have a high proportion of council housing and was better for it - social housing exceeding the SODC target should be built

