

RG - SGNP Advisory Committee Member – Summary of findings from the two Consultation Days and the Analysis Report (produced after consultation with local businesses and community groups).

This Summary is intended to form part of the 'Survey Results' data shown top left on the 'Housing Requirements & Site Selection Process and Deliverables' chart. To this end it focuses on Site Evaluation and Housing Requirements. I have also had a 'stab' at Vision & Aims which the consultation process so far has started to establish.

Vision

Stoke Golding to remain a small village separated from it's neighbours. It has diversity of building to support a good demographic spread of people and has retained a village centre at it's heart. Green spaces and walkways have been protected. People like living in Stoke Golding, where it is peaceful, safe and rural.

Aim

To produce a plan that will guide development of Stoke Golding to 2036 (all aspects) in line with the desires of it's residents and government/council policies.

Consultation Days

Very little useful data can be had from the red and green dots exercise Q8. The charts show that all green spaces are liked and important. It seems housing (if it has to) can take place anywhere!

The numbers below refer to how many people expressed that comment. I have ignored all the 1s.

Q1 – Likes

Clear separation from Dadlington 4

Size of Village 12

Green Areas 10

Peaceful 10

Q2 – Dislikes

School Parking 27

Excessive Development 22

Loss of Village Feel 11

Lack of Affordable Housing 2

Q3 – Areas for Improvement

Halt Development 9

Low Cost Housing 5

Separation 6

Create a Village Centre 4

Sports Pavillion 6

Q4 – Facilities wanted

Parking 2

Starter Homes 6

Infrastructure development 4

Small Retail/Gift shop 3

Improve Sports 4

Café 7

Q5&6 – General

Retain Village feel 7

Resist Further Development 7

Starter Homes 5

Business/Communities (CE)

The nature and pace of development needs stricter control to retain character, identity and rural charm. This is of the utmost importance.

Any new housing must be visually compatible with existing.

Affordable housing to address the demographic imbalance.

Only small scale development wanted.

Overall Conclusions - Housing Need and Site Assessment Criteria

The only housing need appears to be for starter, affordable homes. There is a VERY strong feeling that the village has developed too quickly.

The separation from Dadlington must be kept to retain Stoke identity.

The village centre should be enhanced with Café, shop.

Improve sports facilities.

Ironically school parking is a problem so development should not be next to schools – MAR, Morris, Laburnum Cottage!!

My additional comments to address above.

Any development should be in such a location as to re-enforce the village centre. Recent development has been very far away from village centre facilities and surprisingly it is actually closer to Dadlington centre than Stoke Golding. This is threatening the separation desire.

What we have to recognise is that many of the Advisory Committee members (including myself) live to the western side of the village where I am proposing any development should be. We should look at this without bias.

