

REPORT ON RESPONSE TO WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE/VISION STATEMENT

Documentation was distributed recently to all households in the town with the aim of obtaining a sufficiently representative response to aid us in presenting a community view about the Local Plan aspirations of West Oxfordshire and Cherwell District Councils. The Town Council wishes to thank all those residents who took the trouble to respond. The results of this exercise are summarised below.

In total 210 responses have been received of which almost 50% (93) have been replies to the questionnaire only. Almost without exception (but not quite) these have been in support of the Town Council's stance as implied in the questions posed.

With the remaining 117 responses residents took the opportunity to express more comprehensively their views on the blank sheet provided on the reverse side of the questionnaire. Their comments are summarised as follows:

General elaboration of anti-development stance	42
General concerns about infrastructure inadequacy	13
<u>Concerns about:</u>	
Parking	34
Health Centre capacity	25
School capacity	17
Roads, traffic issues and air pollution	33
Inadequacy of affordable housing	9
Loss of countryside/recreation	18
Inadequacy of retail environment	7
The need for a by-pass	3

N.B. There were a few calls (6) for some development in less environmentally sensitive areas (e.g. Shipton Quarry and airport site.)

Three respondents were additionally critical of our document as badly conceived/skewed.

CONCLUSION

The exercise has been thoroughly worthwhile and will be used to supplement the Town Council's own response to West Oxfordshire and Cherwell District Councils, including an Addendum in elaboration of the above.

Woodstock Town Council
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