

Summary of Pertinent Comments: Questions 1 - 7

(plus background information)

General comments on location

Some respondents wanted to clarify their choices in the first seven questions, such as

- *"In small clusters if along B road, 1 location if along A road, individually if in rural areas"*
- *"Areas listed were not properly defined... eg B4009 is nearly 2km long...so circled several locations"*
- *"Ticking low density and clusters we mean groups of dwellings with some space for gardens" and*
- *"...if question had asked "would you like to see new housing developed in a way that compliments the rural character of the parish with appropriate use of traditional materials whilst still allowing scope for innovation and individuality" our response would have been a resounding "yes"'"*

Others made comments on the general location, such as being along main roads, reusing existing brownfield land and redundant farm buildings, integrating housing into the community whilst preserving identity and having a blended approach with small groups and individual sites throughout the parish. One respondent suggested that new housing was built at least back from main roads as recent research on car pollution indicates that housing right beside roads is unhealthy for those residents.

Suggestions for specific locations

1. One respondent commented:

- *Priority should be to avoid impacting outlook of existing residents so, in order, 1. Option "c" between Kimble Station and Bernard Arms. 2. Option "f" along roads without going in front or behind other.*

and another suggested that careful planning would allow most existing residents to keep at least an open country view – probably not important for new build [as they would not be losing amenity].

Others suggested specific parcels of land, although it should be recognised that there was some self-interest in the responses. Suggestions included:

- Along the main roads (in order to ensure no traffic issues and to keep our countryside safe). Marsh Lane. Between Redding Court and the railway bridge. On the fields between Griffin School and the Bernard Arms. The Bernard Arms site. Holly Tree farm. Off Grove Lane. Opposite Horstone Cottages. Land NW side of Moat Cottage. Between main road and houses along Kimblewick Road (across road from Swan). Between garden of Swan and Smokey Row. Corner of B4009 and Wendover turning by All Saints Church. Land opposite Little Kimble Station. Around Kimble mainly, Clanking and limited infills in Marsh/Kimblewick

Comments on size of increase in housing numbers and on keeping the area rural

Several respondents had calculated the percentage increase in housing to be 34%, which they thought was disproportionate and would change the character of the area. One commented *“Doubling size of the village will make it suburban not country village”*.

Others accepted that the country needs extra housing and that the parish should play its part. One suggested the number would be fine if spread over the 20 years, so about 8 a year; others commented that large developments would urbanise the village and that the housing should be spread across the entire area of the parish. Several commented that high quality housing in keeping with a rural environment was important.

One respondent asked for more housing and over a shorter time span [possibly a potential developer?]. Several others commented that it was too many for a rural parish and would spoil the area. Comments were made that destroying rural areas is wrong and new housing should be built around major existing settlements, one pointing out *“People it seems wish to live in a small village (otherwise why do they come?)”*.

There were several comments about the fact that our rural roads cannot support the extra traffic, being too narrow and already having heavy through traffic. The issue of traffic was returned to by many in later questions in the survey.

Comments on infrastructure

One respondent commented *“Our infrastructure won't take this amount of development.”*

Others were concerned that extra infrastructure would be needed to provide more school places, deal with sewage and cope with the extra traffic and also that amenities would need to be improved. One commented *“As long as school expanded, station upgraded, also bus service & improve roads”*.