

Kingsclere Village Plan - Housing

Introduction

Basingstoke & Deane BC has to make provision for many new homes over the next few years. Kingsclere has to accommodate an extra 50 new homes by 2029 as part of the Borough's overall requirement. We have an opportunity to influence where these homes are built by developing a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) which is responsive to the views of villagers. This NP will go to a vote and if supported will mean that our wishes will be observed. If the plan is not supported then new homes will still be built but all decisions will be taken by Basingstoke & Deane. Consequently we have sought the views of villagers by survey, questionnaires and presentations and are now developing our draft Neighbourhood Plan. There have been a wide variety of useful suggestions and ideas put forward by you. This summary lists the main points that were commonly put forward. There were many other specific comments and suggestions raised (not included here for the sake of simplicity) which are summarised in the attached spreadsheet S "Survey".

Type of Housing

The majority of requests were for a mix of all types of 2 and 3 bedroom homes with no major preference for any one type of home style (e.g. detached, semi, bungalow etc). It appears that the villagers desire is to keep a balanced community by incorporating affordable private housing and social housing and including a number of homes suitable for senior citizens. You also expressed a desire to see more sustainable, environmentally friendly homes.

Type of Development

Given the requirement for us to incorporate 50 new homes, your preference was that these should not all be incorporated into a single major development. Rather there should be 2, 3 or 4 smaller developments. (Note: Each development must have at least 10 homes in order for it to count towards our target of 50. So whilst a number of you suggested small centralised infill sites these will not be featured in our NP. Such developments may however still go ahead in addition to the developments identified in our NP).

Location of Housing

There were 3 frequent suggestions for the location of new homes. These were:

- Alongside the A339 (see KI02 and KI03)
- Foxs Lane/Old Chicken Farm - no longer available (KI01)
- Basingstoke Road/Kevin Close (KING004)

Other less common but significant suggestions were:

- Yew Tree Farm/top of Queens Road/back of Poveys Mead (NP6)
- Gaily Mill/Winchester Road (KING005)
- Union Lane/Behind Nelsons Diner/Field behind Business Park
- Behind Garrett Close/Behind Hardys Field (NP5/NP8/Porch Farm)

Our progress to date in narrowing down these options to a formal proposal is summarised in the attached spreadsheets C - "Under Consideration" and R - "Rejected".