

Garden Village Questionnaire – Oct. 2016

In late July, a bombshell was dropped on Eynsham when WODC announced that it was about to put in an Expression of Interest to the Government’s Garden Village scheme for the development of a garden village north of the A40.

In the next edition of the Eynsham News, we explained to the village that although this new development was a shock to the EFSG, we had to respond to WODC’s intention, so we had applied the same principles to this new development as we had done so far. In the article, the ramifications of the new development were explained and readers were informed that the Key Documents on the EF website had been updated, but that the ENP had changed very little (as it deals with principles and not specifics). In addition, the question was posed, “Would a new village help?” and readers were invited to fill in a questionnaire inserted into the newsletter.

The [questionnaire and an explanation of the new situation](#) was included as an insert in the September edition of Eynsham News distributed to every household in the village. Again collection boxes were placed in village shops. The article included an invitation to a public meeting at the village hall on October 5th during this consultation period to help people understand the implications of the WODC proposal.

Analysis of this questionnaire was carried out after the public consultation on October 5th and the results are presented in the following table.

Questions.	% yes	% no
Keep the Neighbourhood Plan as it is for south of the A40; this will include around 750 new homes to the west of the village and a 'western bypass'	50%	50%
If a separate 'new village' goes ahead, all new houses should go there to concentrate resources on building the new village.	83%	17%
Separate development to the north of the A40 is a good idea, it should be kept as separate from the existing village as possible.	78%	22%
A large development north of the A40 should only go ahead alongside major improvements to the A40.	94%	6%
Any space between Eynsham and a new village should only be trees or open countryside – no new employment sites.	75%	25%
Plans should include employment opportunities for residents -	80%	20%
A 'science park' industrial campus is acceptable	69%	31%
Retail outlets providing more semi-skilled jobs are acceptable	77%	23%
We should still aim to integrate the existing village with new developments to share new facilities. 'Yes' may mean a new High Street where the A40 is now, but new residents can be part of the community while additional facilities are being built. 'No' means new development is kept separate so new residents will have to drive into Eynsham if they want to join in with us.	31%	69%
I do not want any new village nearby and am prepared to fight WODC all the way. Please sign me up for the campaign.	19%	81%