

Eynsham News Insert asking the question-

Should Eynsham Futures (EF) look at all possibilities including large site options or only plan for the bare minimum of new homes?

**200 people responded. 147 for Option 1 or 74%; 52 for Option 2 or 26% ; and 1 for neither Option.*

Analysis of responses

*Number of respondents	OPTION 1	*Number of respondents	OPTION 2
147	"I support EF in looking at all options, even large developments, and will wait until details are available before judging options on their merits."	52	"I don't want EF to consider the option of big developments; they should only plan for as few new homes as will be legally required."
Number of times this point is made	SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	Number of times this point is made	SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
5	Larger developments are needed and will help get school, shops, roads & healthcare.	2	Allow minimum possible new housing to preserve village feel/avoid harm to local shops from out of village shopping areas
4	Strong support to consider all options- gives us more influence		
2	The Primary school is unfit for purpose & needs rebuilding- 1 thought on a new site.		
3	Well planned infrastructure to suit local needs must come first. One person thought this should include dualling the A40.	3	Infrastructure must come first- schools, doctors, roads, parking and grave yard. One person included A40 improvements.
2	Favoured development to North of Eynsham across A40		
3	Favoured development to West with a new link road from A40 to the Stanton Harcourt Road.		
2	Control development so that it benefits residents as well as developers. One person cautioned against laying ourselves open to increasing quotas of housing.	1	Ensure good quality new homes through tighter " <i>completion checks</i> ".
5	The new homes should be mostly small and affordable, including blocks of flats (1 comment) for elderly, young people & Eynsham natives.	2	Only build small, affordable homes including for young key workers.

1	Encourage LPA to build a separate "New Village" elsewhere.		
1	Past performance- was new housing a success?	1	Smaller developments like Hazeldene Close are more easily integrated- helps with community spirit.
1	Past performance- new housing was a success.		
1	Only build on outskirts- no more building on green spaces within the village core	1	Ensure sustainable environmental standards are achieved- solar, green spaces.
1	Impose time restrictions on parking on-street and in car park to discourage use by commuters	1	Impose car park charges after 2 hours free and some Residents only parking.
2	The plan should reduce traffic through the centre and remedy tollbridge congestion- smart pass suggested	1	Include traffic measures to stop "rat run" of commuters through village.
1	Park & Ride should be positioned at the end of the dual carriageway, closer to Witney	1	Cycle routes to west Oxford essential.
1	Address existing retailer's needs eg expansion in the village centre	1	Wanted more shops.
1	Complaint that in the wording of the insert EF seemed biased.		
1	Complaint that a "scrap yard" was developing on the corner of Hawthorn Road & Newland Street.		
1	<i>"Many thanks indeed for all the time & energy that has been given by the team to this subject & the care taken to include as many as possible in contributing to the decisions taken. It is much appreciated. "</i>		
<p>One respondent did not select either option but commented that Eynsham was a "nice village" until about 1975-85 when new estates began to be built whose new residents are said to now be "in the majority in objecting to the new proposed developments (the new NIMBYs)". They are advised – "If you don't like development, move away!"</p>			

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eynsham futures

creating a Neighbourhood Plan for Eynsham

Eynsham's Neighbourhood Plan will shape future development over the next 15 years to meet national, regional and local housing needs in ways that:

- retain the character, style, friendliness and community spirit of Eynsham.
- enhance our community socially, environmentally and economically.
- provide the necessary transport and infrastructure for current and new residents.

The Plan will include policies which

- govern the location, type and style of new buildings and industrial facilities
- keep new traffic off existing village roads while creating new walking and cycle routes
- link village and countryside with green spaces and places for play and recreation
- ensure space is available for enough school places for all local children
- identify locations for community services, activities and facilities for all age groups
- ensure there will be space for new and expanding businesses
- preserve and enhance Eynsham's history and heritage

Without a Plan, the village risks being threatened by developments which

- are built solely to suit developers' profit, not the needs of new or existing residents
- do not provide the roads, school places and community facilities to support more residents
- consist of 'standard' designs with token provision of green space, footpaths and cycleways
- have no concern for providing homes which local families can afford
- won't provide the types of home which the skilled staff (needed by local businesses) can afford

The Plan must be approved by village residents – all of us will all be able to vote 'yes' or 'no' when it is completed, probably in early 2017

To make sure the Neighbourhood Plan has village support, Eynsham Futures – the team preparing the plan on the behalf of the village – is keeping you informed and will ask for your feedback all the way through the process.

There is one really important decision to make at this point and we want to be sure we are still thinking on the right lines, as explained on the next page

Please return this section to tell us what you think we should do:

Please tick one box on other side

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As you can read in our article in this edition of Eynsham news, the outline of a large extension to the village has already been put forward to WODC by a group of landowners.

Eynsham Futures doesn't think this is inherently a bad thing – it could be harmful if done badly but it could benefit the village if it is done well.

If all the new traffic can go directly onto main roads and be kept out of the village and if more facilities such as schools, medical, allotments and the like are provided, a new development could be a benefit, especially now money has been allocated to sort out the A40's traffic.

Without extra facilities a new development of almost any size would be a burden to the village and a Neighbourhood Plan is one way to ensure that this does not happen to Eynsham.

Our choices are

- look at all the possibilities, including 750+ new homes with a new primary school and consider the good and bad points of a large but well-designed extension as well as smaller-scale options.
- ignore large developments and just plan for the 250-400 homes we will be forced to have anyway. However, if a big development does happen, the village will have less say in its planning.

Eynsham Futures would prefer to consider all the options, including the possibility of a big extension. If more homes can be planned with enough school places, facilities and new roads, everyone could benefit.

The **Parish Council** has endorsed this approach, as constructive engagement could lead to a better result than ignoring or fighting developers; a final decision can be taken when we have more details of the various options.

We need to get village opinion to guide us, consider all the options or not, and so we are asking you to return the bottom part of this form with your advice to us.

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