

Stanford in the Vale Neighbourhood Plan

Report of June 2015 Community Consultation on Land Use



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INTRODUCTION

Community First Oxfordshire (formerly Oxfordshire Rural Community Council) supports community-led activity across Oxfordshire. It has long-standing experience and expertise in community planning projects and assisting with consultation strategies. CFO is an adviser to the Stanford in the Vale Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and was invited by the NP Steering Committee to analyse the data and produce an analytical report on the July 2015 Stanford-in-the-Vale Neighbourhood Plan community consultation.

CONSULTATION INTENT

The June 2015 Site Allocations Community Consultation forms part of the on-going consultation strategy for Stanford in the Vale Neighbourhood Plan.

In June 2015, all households received a hand-delivered copy of a consultation brochure (available as a separate appendix to this report) and were asked to comment on proposals specific to seven themes: designation of local green spaces; housing (site) allocations; location of the school; sites for business or retail use; sites for live/ work units; sites for allotments; and sites for a burial ground.

Respondents were asked to complete their response online at the Stanford in the Vale Neighbourhood Plan website (http://www.sitvnp.com) or by putting a completed hard copy of the questionnaire in a box at the local Coop supermarket or at the Church. The survey deadline was Friday 31 July 2015.

The responses recorded in this report will be used to inform the policies adopted in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

RESPONSE

Surveys were distributed to 880 households. There were 159 responses, a return rate of 18%.

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

The questions asked were as follows:

1. Local Green Spaces

Local Green Spaces are "demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance, e.g. because of their beauty, historic significance, recreation value, tranquillity or richness of its wildlife" (National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF, para 77).

Which green spaces in- or adjacent to- the village should be designated Local Green Spaces based on these criteria and what are the reasons why you consider them to be "demonstrably special" or of "particular local significance"?

2. Housing Allocations

Five sites have been identified as potentially suitable for housing development, subject to the owner's consent. These are sites 010 (the current Recreation Ground), 023 (Bow Farm – Self Build Plots), 025 (Cottage Farm, subject to retaining the farmhouse and historic barn), 029 (Priors Farm, excluding the fields in the Conservation Target Area - CTA) and 030 (Meadowlands, excluding fields in the CTA).

Do you believe there are other sites near, or within the village, which are suitable for housing development?

Please describe where these are and why you believe they are suitable. Please bear in mind that, under the NPPF and Local Plan Policy, these should be "within or well-related to" the built-up area.

3. School

If, and only if, the school has to move, the NPSC has identified either the QEII Field or the current Recreation Field as suitable locations for a new school. Note that a new school site should be between 4 and 5.5 acres.

Do you believe there are other, better locations where the school might be relocated? Please describe where these are and why you believe they are more suitable.

4. Business and Retail

The NPSC has identified Site 006 (White Horse Business Park) as suitable for expansion. In addition, Site 032 (retaining the existing, historic school buildings) but only if the school has to relocate and subject to the agreement of the Church Lands Trust.

Do you believe there are other sites near, or within the village, which are suitable for retail or business premises? Please describe where these are and why you believe they are suitable.

5. Live/ work units

Site 005A on the White Horse Business Park has been identified as potentially suitable for Live/Work Units. Do you believe there are other sites near, or within the village, which are suitable for Live/Work Units?

Please describe where these are and why you believe they are suitable.

6. Allotments

Three sites have identified as potentially suitable for allotments. These are Sites 009 (NW of Faringdon Road), 013 (Paddock on north side of Cottage Road) and 019 (part of Old Mill Nursery site). Part of the QEII Field may also be suitable.

Do you believe there are other sites near, or within the village, which are suitable for allotments? Please describe where these are and why you believe they are suitable.

7. Burial Ground

The NPSC has identified Sites 013 (Paddock on north side of Cottage Road) and 035 (Field at end of Van Diemans) as possibly suitable for a burial ground.

Do you believe there are other sites near, or within the village, which are suitable for a burial ground? Please describe where these are and why you believe they are suitable.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

1. Green Space

Which green spaces in- or adjacent to- the village should be designated Local Green Spaces based on these criteria and what are the reasons why you consider them to be "demonstrably special" or of "particular local significance"?

Responses to the stated question				
Total number of responses to the question	143	90%		
Total number of site selections made		361		
Total number of sites proposed		52		
No response	16	10%		
Total	159	100%		

Top 10 sites proposed		
Millennium Green (Site 034)	34	21%
Fields south of village, Horsecroft, bridleway down to the River Ock, together with meadows south of the Ock (Wick Closes)	25	16%
Recreation/Football Field (Site 010)	20	13%
Farm Piece Green	18	11%
Church Green	16	10%
Field on corner of Chapel Road and Cottage Road (Site 027)	16	10%
Upper Green	14	9%
Cottage Farm Field (Site 026)	14	9%
Land between Cottage Road, Chapel Road and Church Green (Sites not specified)	13	8%
Playground by village hall	13	8%

2. Housing Allocations

Five sites have been identified as potentially suitable for housing development, subject to the owner's consent. These are sites 010 (the current Recreation Ground), 023 (Bow Farm – Self Build Plots), 025 (Cottage Farm, subject to retaining the farmhouse and historic barn), 029 (Priors Farm, excluding the fields in the Conservation Target Area - CTA) and 030 (Meadowlands, excluding fields in the CTA).

Responses to the stated question			
Number of respondents who expressed agreement with the proposed sites	69	43%	
Number or respondents proposing alternative sites	28		
Total number of site selections		29	
Number of alternative sites proposed	15		
Number of respondents who expressed disagreement with the proposed sites without proposing alternatives	9	6%	
Number of respondents who expressed opposition to any more housing	8	5%	
No responses	45	28%	
Total	159	100%	

Alternative sites proposed by more than one respondent were (in order or number of mentions):-

- The proposed Strategic Site west of the A417 (Sites 007-008)
- Sites north of Cottage Road (Sites 012-016)
- Old Mill Nursery site (Site 018-019)
- Field at the corner of Cottage Road and Chapel Road (Site 027).

3. School

If, and only if, the school has to move, the NPSC has identified either the QEII Field or the current Recreation Field as suitable locations for a new school. Note that a new school site should be between 4 and 5.5 acres. Do you believe there are other, better locations where the school might be relocated? Please describe where these are and why you believe they are more suitable.

Responses to the stated question		
Number of respondents who expressed agreement with the proposed sites	67	42%
Number or respondents proposing alternative sites	6	4%
Total number of site selections	1	11
Number of alternative sites proposed		9
Number of respondents who expressed opposition to moving the school without proposing alternative sites	34	21%
No responses	52	33%
Total	159	100%

Only two alternative sites were proposed by more than one respondent, these were the field adjacent to the QEII field north of Cottage Road (Site 012) and the fields north of Cottage Road (Sites 015-016).

4. Retail & Business

The NPSC has identified Site 006 (White Horse Business Park) as suitable for expansion. In addition, Site 032 (retaining the existing, historic school buildings) but only if the school has to relocate and subject to the agreement of the Church Lands Trust.

Responses to the stated question			
Number of respondents who expressed agreement with the proposed sites	72	45%	
Number or respondents proposing alternative sites	16		
Total number of site selections	21		
Number of alternative sites proposed	14		
Number of respondents who believe no more retail/business provision is required	4	3%	
No responses	67	42%	
Total	159	100%	

Four alternative sites were proposed by more than one respondent. These included:-

- The proposed Strategic Site (Sites 004, 007-008), in particular the Seven Acres Nursery site (Site 007) which a number of respondents thought was suitable for further retail development.
- The paddocks adjacent to the White Horse Business Park (Sites 005b and 005c)
- Old Mill Nursery Site (Sites 018-019)
- The school site (Site 032) should the school need to relocate.

5. Live/Work Units

Site 005A on the White Horse Business Park has been identified as potentially suitable for Live/Work Units. Do you believe there are other sites near, or within the village, which are suitable for Live/Work Units?

Responses to the stated question			
Number of respondents who expressed agreement with the proposed sites	73	46%	
Number or respondents proposing alternative sites	19	12%	
Total number of site selections	2	<u> </u> 27	
Number of alternative sites proposed	10		
Number of respondents who believe live/work sites are not required	7	4%	
No responses	62	38%	
Total	159	100%	

Five alternative sites for live/work units were proposed by more than one respondent. These were:-

- Old Mill Nursery site (Sites 018-019)
- The proposed Strategic Site (Sites 004, 007-008)
- Adjacent to the Coop (site unspecified)
- Fields in Bow Road (Sites 020-021, for agricultural and equestrian use)
- The Vale Garage site.

6. Allotments

Three sites have identified as potentially suitable for allotments. These are Sites 009 (NW of Faringdon Road), 013 (Paddock on north side of Cottage Road) and 019 (part of Old Mill Nursery site). Part of the QEII Field may also be suitable.

Responses to the stated question		
Number of respondents who expressed agreement with the proposed sites	69	43%
Number or respondents proposing alternative sites	27	17%
Total number of site selections	51	
Number of alternative sites proposed	26	
Number of respondents who believe additional allotment sites are not required	1	1%
No responses	62	39%
Total	159	100%

Ten alternative sites for allotments were proposed by more than one respondent. The sites with the most selections included:-

- Field between Bow Road and Old Mill Nursery site (Site 020 which had previously contained allotments)
- Field adjacent to Meadowlands behind Anchor House (Site 030)
- Priors Farm (Sites 029A/B)
- Field east of Bow Road and south of Bow Farm (Site 023)
- Cottage Farm (Site 025).

7. Burial Ground

The NPSC has identified Sites 013 (Paddock on north side of Cottage Road) and 035 (Field at end of Van Diemans) as possibly suitable for a burial ground.

Responses to the stated question		
Number of respondents who expressed agreement with the proposed sites	55	35%
Number or respondents proposing alternative sites	32	20%
Total number of site selections	:	39
Number of alternative sites proposed		17
Number of respondents who believe additional burial sites are not required	0	0%
No responses	72	45%
Total	159	100%

Eight alternative sites for allotments were proposed by more than one respondent. The sites with the most selections included:-

- The existing vicarage garden
- Millennium green (Site 034)
- Next to the existing graveyard (precise location not specified)
- Field opposite Cox's Hall in the High Street (Site 002)
- Along the Horsecroft bridlepath
- Old Mill Nursery site (Site 019).

DETAILED CONSULTATION RESULTS

NOTE: A Proposed Map of Future Site Usage can be found at Appendix 1, p. 41

Green Space

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Which green spaces in- or adjacent to- the village should be designated Local Green Spaces based on these criteria and what are the reasons why you consider them to be "demonstrably special" or of "particular local significance"?

Total number of responses	143 (90%)
Total number of site selections	361

Detailed results:

Sites selected by the most respondents

Site reference	Location Description	No of selections	All comments NOTE- not every respondent making a selection made a comment
Sites along High Street			
002	Field opposite Cox's Hall	4	 Rich in wildlife, provides the only open view south from the High Street towards the Ock and is important for the setting of Cox's Hall Is a natural wildlife haven and should be turned over to BBOWT for conservation management.
	High Street incl. verges	3	1. This is the main route through the village and again gives character to this road.

Sites alongside Faringdon Road (A417)			
004	Field between Ware Road and Faringdon Road	1	
007	Seven Acres Nursery, Faringdon Road	2	 To retain a rural setting Currently have much greater wildlife value as a wide open space surrounded by old mixed hedgerows, and there is great potential to increase its value as well. This site as a whole is already suitable for insects, including butterflies and moths, and small mammals such as field vole which support barns owls. There are also housemartins and even lapwing (whose numbers have declined) in the vicinity. This area could also be enhanced by a large pond, and would provide educational value, particularly for the school. It is also suitable for low impact recreation such as picnicking
800	Field north of Seven Acres Nursery and west of Faringdon Road	2	 To retain a rural setting Currently have much greater wildlife value as a wide open space surrounded by old mixed hedgerows, and there is great potential to increase its value as well. This site as a whole is already suitable for insects, including butterflies and moths, and small mammals such as field vole which support barns owls. There are also housemartins and even lapwing (whose numbers have declined) in the vicinity. This area could also be enhanced by a large pond, and would provide educational value, particularly for the school. It is also suitable for low impact recreation such as picnicking
009	Field west of Faringdon Road and Cottage Road	1	·

O10	Recreation/ football field h of Cottage Road/Upper 0	20	 The football field and club house should be protected in its current location otherwise the sense of possession and achievement will be lost. Members tell me this is what keeps the club going. Recreational purposes and safe play for children. The existing football field should be kept as a local green space as it holds a special place in the history of the village. I understand that in the beginning there was a great communal effort to rid the area of stones, prepare the pitch and build the club house. Since then the club house has apart from football, been the centre of many varied activities e.g. social lunches. It acts almost like another village hall. Recreation Field has recreation and amenity value This is another green lung in what with the Strategic Housing Allocation will become a fairly central part of the village. It should not be sacrificed or built on as we need green space for children to play in as close to the heart of the village as possible. Once it is gone, it is gone forever. Because of its importance as a recreational facility within the village boundary and safely accessible by all villagers.
Sites norti		T	
011	QEII field	9	 To maintain views across to Hatford as local countryside QEII field has amenity and wildlife value
012	Field north of Cottage Road and west of QEII field	6	 To maintain views across to Hatford as local countryside Views to the Folly, wildlife: hedgehogs, hares, woodpeckers, deer, foxes, toads, frogs, bats to name but a few This area provides historic views to the North of the Village and delineates the settlement boundary with open countryside and mature trees Wildlife and views to the Folly
013	Paddock north of Cottage Road	4	 To maintain views across to Hatford as local countryside. Views to the Folly, wildlife: hedgehogs, hares, woodpeckers, deer, foxes, toads, frogs, bats to name but a few
014		6	 To maintain views across to Hatford as local countryside Views to the Folly, wildlife: hedgehogs, hares, woodpeckers, deer, foxes, toads, frogs, bats to name but a few Wildlife and views to the Folly

015	Field north of	5	1. Views to the Folly, wildlife: hedgehogs, hares, woodpeckers, deer, foxes, toads, frogs,
	Cottage Road		bats to name but a few
	behind orchard		2. This area provides historic views to the North of the Village and delineates the
	(Site 16)		settlement boundary with open countryside and mature trees
			3. Wildlife and views to the Folly
016	Orchard north of	7	1. Cottage Farm orchard has wildlife value
	Cottage Road		2. high wildlife value
011-016	Fields north of Cottage Road (unspecified)	5	 Should be kept as green spaces for the views alone. Its the only road with an outlook rather than brick houses as you walk around the village. It also is a very nice dog walking route. All the Fields North of Cottage Road form an important Green Buffer between
			Stanford and Hatford and there are important views across these fields which are of particular local significance. Views of Hatford Manor and Church, plus the historically important Folly at Faringdon, can be enjoyed across these fields, from the public footpaths and highway in Cottage Road. This is the only public through road in the village which affords views across open farmland and unspoilt countryside and this contributes hugely to Stanford's historically rural and open character. There are also views back into Stanford from the Bridleway to the North, where I, and many others, run, horse ride and walk and are able to enjoy the views and tranquillity this very special Green Space offers. This Green Space should be retained and protected from housing development, to preserve these important views and maintain this Green Buffer which will prevent the merging of settlements and prevent inappropriate development and urban sprawl into open countryside.
Old Mill Nurs	ery Site, Bow Road & F	latford	
footpath			
018	Old Mill Nursery site	5	Could be developed into a wonderful village amenity with areas for walking, nature study, archaeological interest and open green spaces.
019	Old Mill Nursery site	4	

018-019	Old Mill Nursery site (unspecified)	8	 1- Views to the Folly, wildlife: hedgehogs, hares, woodpeckers, deer, foxes, toads, frogs, bats to name but a few 2- Very peaceful and good for wildlife 3- Good for wildlife 4- Old Nursery site has good wildlife 5- This area provides historic views to the North of the Village and delineates the settlement boundary with open countryside and mature trees
	Footpath from Upper Green to Hatford	8	1. This includes streams, woodland, marshy fields, hay meadows, thick hedgerows. It is a haven for varied wildlife. Walking dogs, I have heard the cuckoo this year (all too rare), and have often seen deer. I am told that nightingales have been heard (also all too rare). It is a route frequently taken by walkers, dog-exercisers, cyclists and joggers. 2. Forms a valuable wildlife area alongside old mill leat. Regularly used by walkers as safe off-road route to Hatford.
020	Field between Bow Road and Old Mill Nursery site	3	
021	Field west of Bow Road	2	This area provides historic views to the North of the Village and delineates the settlement boundary with open countryside and mature trees
Sites between Church Green	en Cottage Road, Chape en	Road and	
025	Cottage Farm	1	Valuable wildlife area needing protection should be designated as Local Green Space.

026	Cottage Farm field	14	 A beautiful green space, special for a growing village Defines the open nature of the northern part of the Chapel Road Conservation Area, are rich meadows and an integral part of Cottage Farm Amongst the last few open spaces in the village and a refuge against the feeling of being totally built-up and developed Give a feeling of green space making one feel this is a rural village and not suburbia Gives a feeling of space before reaching the built up area towards the west. If this was built up all the area between Chapel Rd and A417 would be solid housing Green heart of the village This would enhance and protect the setting of the oldest parts of the village, which give Stanford in the Vale much of its character. Form a 'green breathing space', which surely should be preserved to prevent the infilling and joining-up of houses to east and west Acts as a key buffer between the older part of the village
027	Field on corner of Chapel Road and Cottage Road	16	 Defines the open nature of the northern part of the Chapel Road Conservation Area, are rich meadows and an integral part of Cottage Farm Amongst the last few open spaces in the village and a refuge against the feeling of being totally built-up and developed Give a feeling of green space making one feel this is a rural village and not suburbia Gives a feeling of space before reaching the built up area towards the west. If this was built up all the area between Chapel Rd and A417 would be solid housing This would enhance and protect the setting of the oldest parts of the village, which give Stanford in the Vale much of its character. Form a 'green breathing space', which surely should be preserved to prevent the infilling and joining-up of houses to east and west
035	Rectory House field	4	

036	Field behind Hatch's Farm Barns west of Chapel Road	10	 Amongst the last few open spaces in the village and a refuge against the feeling of being totally built-up and developed. Give a feeling of green space making one feel this is a rural village and not suburbia Gives a feeling of space before reaching the built up area towards the west. If this was built up all the area between Chapel Rd and A417 would be solid housing This would enhance and protect the setting of the oldest parts of the village, which give Stanford in the Vale much of its character Form a 'green breathing space', which surely should be preserved to prevent the infilling and joining-up of houses to east and west Acts as a key buffer between the older part of the village
037	Field between site 035 and Chapel Road	10	 Amongst the last few open spaces in the village and a refuge against the feeling of being totally built-up and developed Give a feeling of green space making one feel this is a rural village and not suburbia Gives a feeling of space before reaching the built up area towards the west. If this was built up all the area between Chapel Rd and A417 would be solid housing This would enhance and protect the setting of the oldest parts of the village, which give Stanford in the Vale much of its character Form a 'green breathing space', which surely should be preserved to prevent the infilling and joining-up of houses to east and west Acts as a key buffer between the older part of the village

025-027, 035-037	Land between Cottage Road, Chapel Road and Church Green (unspecified)	13	1. They provide an area of tranquillity, with a rich biodiversity (despite being surrounded by the built up area of the village), whilst providing an important setting to Stanford House, Cottage Farm & Rectory House. Additionally, this helps to enhance the rural, "open" atmosphere/setting within the village environs. 2. Fields between Cottage Rd and Church Green are beautiful ancient meadowland and should be retained as 'green lungs' they help to give the village its setting. 3. They contribute to an important green buffer separating older parts of the village from the more dense residential development to the west. Without them the Conservation Area would be detrimentally impacted and the character of the older part of the village would be irreparably damaged. These green spaces ensure existing views are preserved (particularly views of the fine Church tower from Cottage Road and Chapel Road. Without these views the entire character of the original village would be significantly impoverished. They form an important habitat and corridor for wildlife to move into and around the village. They offer a buffer zone of tranquillity between historic older parts of the village and the more dense housing and land use to the west
Sites in SE o			
029A/B	Priors Farm	1	
030	Field east of Meadowlands	1	
032A	School playing field	4	
033	Field behind school	8	1. Has special historical significance (archaeological digs show it has been important for centuries)

34	Millennium Green	34	 Tranquillity, year 2000 secured by villagers. Millennium Green is a public green space in the centre of the village which is enjoyed by many and gives a feeling of openness towards the church. Close to heart of village. A lung and place for parents, children & elderly near School and shops. There are important views of the Parish Church across this open Green Space and there are also views of the historic village pond, which is currently being restored in the adjacent field to the East. The Millennium Green as a recreation and quiet area within the village centre and the meaning of its gift to the village. The Millennium Green is a wonderful place for recreation and tranquillity that is thoroughly enjoyed by young and old alike. Used by all age groups, a safe play area too. A key area of green space, again acting as a buffer and protecting the view of the church tower. It acts as a recreational area and is a feature near to the footpath through to the church. An area of tranquillity in the very heart of the village.
	Playground by village hall	13	 For recreational purposes and safe play for children. It is well used and enjoyed by families throughout the village and its location, next to the village hall and Pre-school make it an important amenity for the village.

Village Greens		
Church Green Upper Green	14	 Due to its central location and historic significance These should be inalienable spaces. They give the village character and are historic. Losing these would turn the village into a new town! Church Green has historical significance established over 100 years ago and is the centre point of the village. For its historical significance Help to add space between houses to aid the people not being on top of each other and give space for recreation Well-established and attractive Green Spaces that play an important role in the history and the social and recreation life of the village Historic significance Beautiful area which ensures that the village does not have a claustrophobic feel These should be inalienable spaces. They give the village character and are historic. Losing these would turn the village into a new town! For its historical significance Has historic significance and provides vital green space in the 'older' part of the village Help to add space between houses to aid the people not being on top of each other
		and give space for recreation 6. Well-established and attractive Green Spaces that play an important role in the history and the social and recreation life of the village 7. Historic significance
Other green spaces in or around Ville	age	
Green spaces along Van Diemans	5	1. That really is special to those of us living next to it. Without it our outlook would be very dreary. Children and dogs love to play there.
Farm Piece Green	18	 Utilised by local children and families within the village - it is a place/area where children are safe from heavy traffic close by. Large Green and Small Green in Forest Grove - a great place for children to run free, play ball and meet to chat.

Areas of grass outside Prior's Close and Burn Orchard (Chapel Road) Small green in	2	While they may be small, these green spaces located just off Church Green, have nonetheless clearly been part of the historical fabric of the village for well over 100 years.
Chapel Road (top of Frogmore Green)		
Green spaces within Ock meadow	1	
Joyce's Road Green	3	
Manor Green	5	
Churchyard	3	1. The churchyard - a valuable wildlife habitat [and] winner of many national awards - should be formally designated a local green space2. Because of the wild life
Allotments	2	
Fields south of village, Horsecroft, bridleway down to the River Ock, together with meadows south of the Ock (Wick Closes)	25	 Used by primary school wildlife watch group since 1991. Important recreational use and due to flooding risks, unsuitable for development. These fields with the footpath and the river would make an ideal location for 'Common Land' with the addition of a few clumps of trees. They are a haven for wildlife and could give older children the ability to fish, climb trees, paddle etc. This area is also ideal for picnics and serves as a natural and accessible southern boundary to the Village. As they are flood plain they are unsuitable for other development. Provides access to ancient downland landscape which would be seriously affected by further development. Tranquillity, the rural idyll and flora. Offers tranquillity in a truly rural setting, as well as variety of wild flowers. It has a wide variety of wildlife, is a popular dog walking route, is a tranquil area as there is no vehicular access and the local School Wildlife Watch Group finds it a very suitable site for their wildlife projects.

Community	8	8. Otters are breeding within the River Ock in the village and are active all along the stretches within parish. They have recently colonised the river and cubs have been observed on the river within the last 12 months. They require the river to stay in good condition along with the surrounding grasslands which are also important as both a buffer zone to hold water and as a rich habitat in themselves. Water Vole (Arvicola amphibius) are also doing very well on the river and good numbers are evident along the parish stretches of the river (protected under schedule 1 Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981). This is a species which has declined in recent years by up to 94% and any detrimental change to the river flow, water quality, loss of emergent vegetation as a result of either, increased sewage outflow from the Thames Water outflow pipe into the river, due to increased sewage volume as a result of housing/business developments. Also changes in the hydrology due to new housing developments and loss of surrounding grassland habitat. Species such as the Barn Owl (Tyto alba) use all of the fields in the target area for hunting. As do Long-eared Owls (Asio otus) both are species of conservation concern and the Barn Owl (circa 4000 UK breeding pairs) is given protection at all times under schedule 1.1 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. The Long-eared Owl is at the last count circa 2000 UK breeding pairs, so both species are of considerable conservation merit to the village and need consideration within the future plans. Curlew (Numenius arquata) also breed and forage in the grassland South of the River Ock. This is another declining species in the UK and very localised in the county. Skylarks and Meadow Pipit frequent and breed in the meadows beside the Ock and again both species have declined sharply nationally (Skylark 75% decline since 1972 and M.Pipit 40% 1970-2010).
woodiand		2. The trees are traditionally ones which offer a typical English landscape.
Stanford Quarry lagoon	2	SSI since 1950 (1st in UK). Should be designated Local Green Space even though not open to public
Hedge at Joyce's Road	1	

Hedge alongside off-road footpath at the end of Van Diemans	1	1. Growing up, I particularly valued the hedge alongside the off-road footpath at the end of Van Diemans. I feel such good quality off-road footpaths contribute hugely to health and well-being. They encourage walking within the village, contributing to fitness and reducing the need for car journeys. They also provide valuable wildlife habitat and the ability for people to see wildlife easily without having to make a special effort. I especially remember enjoying caterpillars here as a child and a particular branch we used to sit on.
Road verges	5	
Fields along Stanford boundary	1	
All existing public green space	13	1. Put all the things round the outside of the village to protect against future development. 2. All current green spaces should be designated. Given the size of Stanford these green spaces only just cater for area of recreation (areas where children can -play near to their homes (safely) 3. All green spaces within the settlement boundary (as proposed) should be protected as they are all 'special' and make the village what it is - a village, not an urban area equivalent 4. All present greens fulfil a visual and/or use purpose 5. All green spaces within the main village should be left open to enhance both wildlife value and the aesthetics of the village - the aerial photos particularly illustrate how attractive the village looks as it is with so many green spaces dotted about 6. We all need to be able to enjoy recreational activities in the natural environment. For my son and most of his friends the ability to play in these green spaces is of great importance and gives safe access to a resource for play and discovery of the natural world. It is of importance to me as it gives a relaxing space to picnic with the family and enjoy some of the village wildlife 7. The nature of living in the countryside if to live amongst nature, not ploughing through it and building houses on all of it. 8. We should keep as much GREEN SPACE as possible as there will be NO WILDLIFE - YOU LOT ARE KILLING IT by building on every bit of land

	9. I love all the green spaces in and around the village which is partly why here in the first place and I think it's really important to keep as much as so the future generations can appreciate the beauty and learn about the	we possibly can
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Housing Allocations

2. Five sites have been identified as potentially suitable for housing development, subject to the owner's consent. These are sites 010 (the current Recreation Ground), 023 (Bow Farm – Self Build Plots), 025 (Cottage Farm, subject to retaining the farmhouse and historic barn), 029 (Priors Farm, excluding the fields in the Conservation Target Area - CTA) and 030 (Meadowlands, excluding fields in the CTA).

Do you believe there are other sites near, or within the village, which are suitable for housing development?

Please describe where these are and why you believe they are suitable. Please bear in mind that, under the NPPF and Local Plan Policy, these should be "within or well-related to" the built-up area. Do you believe there are other sites near, or within the village, which are suitable for housing development?

Total number of responses	28 (18%)
Total number of site selections	29

Detailed results:

Site reference	Location Description	No of selections	All comments NOTE- not every respondent making a selection made a comment
002	Field opposite Cox's Hall, High Street	1	
005-006	White Horse Business Park	1	1. If absolutely necessary, 005A and 005B could be added. The proposed Settlement Boundary could be extended to the West across the A417 to incorporate the above expansions. Further development of these areas would be restricted by the Business Park to the West and the Conservation Area to the South.

007-009	Sites west of Faringdon Road (A417)	8	1. Land west of A417 - this site is the only one actually voted for by the community and the final Neighbourhood Plan needs to make this clear. If the final District Council Plan does not have this as its strategic site then some housing should go there in preference to building within the village. 2. The best site for new development is to the west of the A417 as voted for at the public meeting. (The Recreation Ground was not included in thjis vote). It would be easier for public services to be put in and would mean that people would still have a village to enjoy - whether they live in or on the edge of the village 3. It was agreed by a majority vote at the village meeting that the village would recommend that all new development should be on the west side of the A417. I do not support any building development elsewhere 4. Do not support the 5 identified sites. All new building should be on west of A417 - as was voted for at village meeting. Why have 'potential' sites east of A417 been investigated? 5. Obvious ones (but not popular) would be the fields on the main road (A417) where the nursery is at the moment. This would only be on the basis that there is already a new estate on that side of the road and in preference to building on the older parts of the village identified 6. Why not develop further (if the need arises) the sites to the east of the A417, adjacent to the permitted site which is already under development? Such a site could from the outset be well-planned and well-designed to include all sorts of necessary facilities, and could be made into a pleasant community, near the business park and perhaps even suitable for local small businesses.
012-016	Sites north of Cottage Road	6	
018-019	Old Mill Nursery site	2	
027	Field on corner of Cottage Road and Chapel Road	2	
020	Bow Road allotments	1	
030	Area behind old Anchor and Horsecroft	1	

032	Present school site	1	
	Stanford Business Court	1	
	Vale Garage Site	1	The Vale Garage site is within the boundaries and is currently unattractive and not best 'gateway' to the village. Small select housing would be much better. Garage could be on industrial estate
	East of Bow farm	1	
	Ock Meadow land	1	
	Land near Mill Farm	1	
	Brownfield land	1	

An additional number of respondents also expressed the following:

Number of respondents who expressed agreement with the proposed sites	69 (43%)
Number of respondents proposing alternative sites	28 (18%)
Number of respondents who expressed disagreement with proposed sites Some chose multiple sites, see below	9 (6%)
No to Site 10	6
No to Site 29a	6
No to Site 29b	6
No to Site 30	5
No to Site 23	4
No to Site 25	2
Number of respondents who expressed opposition to any more housing development (non-site specific)	8 (5%)

School

3. If, and only if, the school has to move, the NPSC has identified either the QEII Field or the current Recreation Field as suitable locations for a new school. Note that a new school site should be between 4 and 5.5 acres. Do you believe there are other, better locations where the school might be relocated? Please describe where these are and why you believe they are more suitable.

Total number of responses	6 (4%)
Total number of site selections	10

Detailed results:

Site reference	Location Description	No of selections	All comments NOTE- not every respondent making a selection made a comment
004	Field between Ware Road and Seven Acres Nursery	1	
007	Seven Acres Nursery site	1	
008	Field north of Seven Acres Nursery and west of Faringdon Road	1	
005-006	White Horse Business park	1	
012	Field east of QEII field and north of Cottage Road	2	
015-016	Fields north of Cottage Road opposite Cottage Farm	2	Should be moved to one of the sites next to Cottage Road so that congestion next to the present site does not get worse.
	Periphery of village	1	
	On a new development site	1	
	Anywhere not directly on Main Road (A417)	1	

An additional number of respondents also expressed the following:

Agreement with the proposed sites	67 (42%)
Opposition to moving the school*	34 (21%)

Note * While the question asked for alternative sites for relocation, selection of the Millennium Green implies expansion of the school on the existing site and not relocation. The feasibility of expansion is currently the subject of a study being undertaken on behalf of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) on which a decision on expansion or relocation will be made. This is not within the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan which is consulting on options should the school need to relocate during the planning period.

Site reference	Location Description	No of selections	All comments NOTE- not every respondent making a selection made a comment
034	Keep the school where it is or extend onto Millennium Green	34	1. School should stay in the centre of village seldom used Millennium Field could add to school area 2. I strongly believe that the school should remain in its current location at the heart of village life. Access to Millennium Green could be adapted so that during school hours it is closed to the public and used for school sports and outdoor activities. Millennium Green is currently underutilised and a waste of precious green space in the centre of the village. 3. School needs to stay where it is 4. Keep the school where it is 5. Don't want the school to move 6. The school does not need to move as it can be extended sharing 1/2 the existing Millennium Green for the school and the other 1/2 for burial ground. The Millennium Green can be moved to 027 then use part of 033 for school 7. No, I believe the school should be extended on its current site 8. I understand decisions relating to the school site are outside the remit of the NPSC and would prefer it remains in its current location with additional classrooms 9. Rather than relocate, it could be enlarged by making use of Millennium Green 10. I would like the school to stay where it is - its historic location and close to the village centre 11. Do not wish school to move. We should use Millennium Green as extra land for the school playing fields

	12. The school should remain in its current location and it is
	NOT necessary to expand intake
	13. I do not support the moving of the school from its current
	location. I believe that building a new 2FE school elsewhere
	will be a magnet to developers. The new school will be in
	excess of village requirements and will increase the number of
	pupils from outside of the village which I do not believe is
	socially beneficial to either group
	14. Fundamentally the School should not be moved and if it
	were necessary to expand beyond what the existing site can
	accommodate, Compulsory Purchase of adjacent fields is
	preferable to relocation
	15. There is no better site for the school than its current
	location. Every effort should be made to retain this
	16. In order to keep the school where it is-why not purchase
	the land marked 033 next to the school and split the school
	into 2 halves whilst still using the same facilities i.e. school
	field/hall and catering facilities. School could be divided by Key
	Stages and have separate times for lunches, assemblies and PE
	17. Expand existing school. Allow school to use Millennium
	Green for activities
	18. The school should not be moved. It is at the heart of the
	village. Traffic issues reflect the mind set of parents and can be
	overcome. School expansion is preferable, with negotiation
	with owners of adjacent land to provide (even shared)
	recreation and open spaces for the children. playing fields
	could be developed off site, suitable areas are but a short walk
	away. No other sites are suitable.

	19. I do not believe the school should be relocated. Expansion into Millennium Green should be considered, and pursue negotiation towards the purchase of land behind the school if necessary 20. I now believe it best to leave the school in its present position and expand using the Millennium Green and (034) and compulsory purchase of land between the Mil. Green and the school field (site 033) 21. I think the QEII field or recreation field would be an illogical location for the school. The school should remain where it is, and can expand in the space it has, and children can walk / be accompanied to the recreation field where greater space is needed (for example for sports days) 22. Why not use the existing school house site and Millennium Green (a wasted green space)? 23. I think that the school should remain where it is in the centre of the village and developed there and adjacent Millennium Green 24. School should remain on present site 25. the school should remain on present site. Larger school would bring further development
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	26. The school should stay where it is. It is at the heart of the village and should stay as a village school. There would not be enough children to fill a new 2-form entry school and the village will be open for more development as there would be space in the school 27. No - the school could well be extended to provide a further floor and still be in keeping with its surroundings 28. Extend the school into Millennium field - there seem to be very few people use it Use part of the school field as parking 29. I do not believe that the school should be relocated. Expansion to 2-form entry would completely destroy the character of the school with an influx of children from outside the village in the short term and from inside the village with the increase in housing in the long term. Building on either the recreation ground or QE2 field would inevitably result in building of housing on the other side of cottage road. The school should be kept at the centre of the Village. The issues of parking around the school are mainly due to lack of parking space for the Co-op. Even now during the school holidays the road is full of parked cars. 30. The existing school should be expanded to keep it central within the village. I am not in favour of it moving. Where it is allows the vast majority of families to walk/cycle to it. Few actually use cars (only non-villagers). If it is to move QE2 field would be more suitable provided sufficient parking was available for cars as thee would undoubtedly be more non-

	31. The school would be best retained on the existing site. A limit of 1.5 form entry would provide a strong brake on village expansion that is absolutely required if the village is to retain its character. A larger form entry would lead to pupils coming from outside the village, poor for community cohesion and sustainability. None of the options proposed is perfect, but on balance this is the best one 32. Should stay where it is 33. School should NOT be moved need to consider increasing space/building at local pre-school too!
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Business and Retail

4. The NPSC has identified Site 006 (White Horse Business Park) as suitable for expansion. In addition, Site 032 (retaining the existing, historic school buildings) but only if the school has to relocate and subject to the agreement of the Church Lands Trust.

Do you believe there are other sites near, or within the village, which are suitable for retail or business premises? Please describe where these are and why you believe they are suitable.

Total number of responses	16 (10%)
Total number of site selections	21

Detailed results:

Site reference	Location Description	No of selections	All comments NOTE- not every respondent making a selection made a comment
004	Field between Ware Road and Seven Acres Nursery	2	Could possibly be retail/business and is situated near to other village existing facilities
005b	White Horse Business Park	1	1. White Horse Business Park is the logical place for these as housing has been built west of A417
005c	White Horse Business Park	1	1. White Horse Business Park is the logical place for these as housing has been built west of A417

007	Seven Acres Nursery site	3	1. Especially in the case of retail businesses, the Seven Acre Nursery site would offer good accessibility and convenience to the maximum number of households 2. Retail Business Park near Seven Acres Garden Centre I believe could be developed as well as Millennium field located near to school, never used, always empty. Could be put to better use
			3. Could possibly be retail/business and is situated near to other village existing facilities
008	Field north of Seven Acres Nursery and west of Faringdon Road	1	Could possibly be retail/business and is situated near to other village existing facilities
007-8	Proposed Strategic Site	1	Could shops be built in the VWHDC strategic site? With so many people living on the other side of the A417 retail outlets in that area would be very convenient
018-019	Old Mill Nursery site	4	Better access provision
027	Field on corner of Cottage Road and Chapel Road	1	
032	School site	2	
	Stanford Business Court, High Street	1	
	Vale Garage site	1	
	Behind Coop	1	
	Derelict metal barns	1	
034	Millennium Green	1	Millennium field located near to school, never used always empty. Could be put to better use.

Agreement with the proposed sites	72 (45%)
Business and retail sites not needed or suitable	4 (3%)

Site reference	Location Description	No of selections	All comments NOTE- not every respondent making a selection made a comment
	No sites needed or suitable	4	 I do not believe we need more business premises No, there are presently enough retail sites in the village. Likewise business premises We don't NEED any more retail space! This isn't needed and will not be used.

Live/ work units

5. Site 005A on the White Horse Business Park has been identified as potentially suitable for Live/Work Units. Do you believe there are other sites near, or within the village, which are suitable for Live/Work Units?

Please describe where these are and why you believe they are suitable.

Total number of responses	19 (12%)
Total number of site selections	27

Detailed results:

Site reference	Location Description	No of selections	All comments NOTE- not every respondent making a selection made a comment
004	Field between Ware Road and Seven Acres Nursery	1	I think some should be on the opposite side of A417 near new house sites to limit road crossings otherwise too much activity round Co-op
007-8	Proposed Strategic Site	6	 A small section of the proposed Strategic Site could easily be allocated for Live/Work units. I think some should be on the opposite side of A417 near hew house sites to limit road crossings otherwise too much activity round Co-op

018-019	Old Mill Nursery site	9	Old Mill Nursery site for agricultural links, nursery or equestrian The Old Mill Nursery site and site 022 could be live/work sites linked with agriculture, garden centre or equestrian use That part of Old Mill Nursery currently consisting of derelict agricultural buildings - would replace eyesore with useful and low cost units.
021-022	Fields west of Bow Road (for agricultural and equestrian use)	2	
025	Cottage Farm	1	
032	School site	1	
	Bow Farm	1	
	Vale Garage site	2	Vale garage site could be redeveloped into something more attractive.
	Behind Co-op	3	
	Derelict metal barns	1	Keep the trees - would make for a nice environment.

Agreement with the proposed sites	73 (46%)
Live/ work unit sites not needed or suitable	7 (4%)

Site reference	Location Description	No of selections	All comments NOTE- not every respondent making a selection made a comment
	No sites needed or suitable	7	 No- too far away from people - perhaps this could be part of the new proposed strategic site? Again, is this necessary with Stanford in the Vale being so close to other villages which already have these facilities? We do not need live/work units. Who wants to live in a Business Park? Do not think the White Horse Business Park is suitable for work/live units. Usually people like to get away from their work environment and the people living there would be isolated from the rest of the village. There are no other suitable sites Live/Work units do not work in central London so I don't believe there is any way they will work in a small village such as Stanford. I know that developers in London are making money converting live work units into housing, which shows the general trend is towards housing. These sites will simply be unused and eventually converted to housing, and as such I do not believe they should be developed No - live/work units are an outdated concept, difficult to sell/rent, and should not be included in the Neighbourhood Plan

Allotments

6. Three sites have identified as potentially suitable for allotments. These are Sites 009 (NW of Faringdon Road), 013 (Paddock on north side of Cottage Road) and 019 (part of Old Mill Nursery site). Part of the QEII Field may also be suitable.

Do you believe there are other sites near, or within the village, which are suitable for allotments? Please describe where these are and why you believe they are suitable.

Total number of responses	27 (17%)
Total number of site selections	51

Detailed results

Site reference	Location Description	No of selections	All comments NOTE- not every respondent making a selection made a comment
002	Field opposite Cox's Hall, High Street	2	Perhaps part of Site 002 nearest the road could be allotments and the remaining land for sustainable drainage system and nature conservation area.

005b	White Horse Business Park	1	
005c	White Horse Business Park	1	
007-008	Proposed Strategic Site	1	
010	Recreation/football field	1	In re-locating the school and leisure facilities on 011 (QEII site) and not building on 010 would make 010 available to use as allotment land co-located to the existing allotments on the other side of Joyce's Road. At 4 acres, and proximal to the A417 site 010 could also cater for limited parking for when allotment owners need vehicular access rather than parking on the A417 verges as they do now.
011	QEII field	2	
012	Field north of Cottage Road and west of QEII field	1	
014	Field behind paddock north of Cottage Road	1	
015	Site north of Cottage Road behind orchard (Site 16)	1	
016	Orchard north of Cottage Road	1	
020	Field between Bow Road and Old Mill Nursery site (retain existing allotments)	6	[Use] old allotments, Bow Road easily accessible and land is unused.
021	Field west of Bow Road	1	
023	Field east of Bow Road and south of Bow Farm	4	Could be useful if the VWHDC insists on developing this side of the village.
025	Cottage Farm	3	
026	Field east of Cottage Farm and south of Cottage Road	1	

027	Field on corner of Cottage Road and Chapel Road	1	
028a	Site east of Chapel Road and south of Stanford House	1	
029a	Priors Farm	4	[Would ensure] minimal traffic /person congestion to old/historic part of village.
029b	Priors Farm	4	[Would ensure] minimal traffic /person congestion to old/historic part of village.
030	Field east of Meadowlands	5	[Would ensure] minimal traffic /person congestion to old/historic part of village.
033	Field north of school	1	
036	Field behind Chapel Road	2	
037	Field behind Rectory House	2	
	Along Horsecroft bridlepath	1	Space down Horsecroft to continue rurality. I also feel houses should be built with adequate sized gardens for people to grow from their homes.
	Bow Farm	1	
	Any site not used for housing	2	

Agreement with the proposed sites	69 (43%)
Allotments not needed or suitable	1 (<1%)

Burial Ground

7. The NPSC has identified Sites 013 (Paddock on north side of Cottage Road) and 035 (Field at end of Van Diemans) as possibly suitable for a burial ground.

Do you believe there are other sites near, or within the village, which are suitable for a burial ground? Please describe where these are and why you believe they are suitable.

Total number of responses	32 (20%)
Total number of site selections	39

Detailed results:

Site reference	Location Description	No of selections	All comments NOTE- not every respondent making a selection made a comment
002	Field opposite Cox's Hall, High Street	3	
009	Field west of Faringdon Road and Cottage Road	2	
014	Field behind paddock north of Cottage Road	1	

018	Old Mill Nursery site	1	If not required for allotments then the Old Mill Nursery site, with access from Upper Green would be ideal.
019	Old Mill Nursery site	2	Subject to suitable drainage/water table, it's possible that sites 019, 020, 021 or parts of the land currently suggested for public open space/conservation areas linked to the strategic site could also serve as a burial ground.
020	Field between Bow Road and Old Mill Nursery site	1	Subject to suitable drainage/water table, it's possible that sites 019, 020, 021 or parts of the land currently suggested for public open space/conservation areas linked to the strategic site could also serve as a burial ground.
021	Field west of Bow Road	1	Subject to suitable drainage/water table, it's possible that sites 019, 020, 021 or parts of the land currently suggested for public open space/conservation areas linked to the strategic site could also serve as a burial ground.
026	Field east of Cottage Farm and south of Cottage Road	1	
029a	Priors Farm	1	
029b	Priors Farm	1	
032	School site	1	
034	Millennium Green	5	 I believe Millennium field would make a suitable burial ground - it's still alongside/near to church. Better utilised peaceful and quiet area (otherwise empty the majority of the time) The Millennium Green is underused and could provide some of its space for burials and is very near the church If the school does not expand to the Millennium Green then this could be used. Also, there still appears to be land available around the Church.

Vicarage/ Vicarage garden	8	The most obvious location is the current Vicarage and gardens, which are huge and immediately adjacent to the current burial ground, with good pedestrian and vehicle access to the Church and parking area at the Village Hall
Next to existing graveyard	5	 It makes sense to keep the burial ground as close to the church as possible (I understand about the rocky ground and clay so not everywhere is suitable) For continuity purposes the present graveyard could be extended by utilising part of the present vicarage garden area. This is the lowest cost option as it would simply involve resiting part of the vicarage garden wall.
Edge of village	2	Put the burial ground somewhere on the edge of the village to protect the area from future development. However, it needs to have good vehicular access and be in an area which is capable of being dug up!
Bow	1	
Along Horsecroft bridlepath	3	

Agreement with the proposed sites	55 (35%)

Appendix 1- Proposed Map of Future Site Usage

