



Wootton & St Helen Without NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

our community, our future, our plan

The Neighbourhood
Plan Team will be at
WADS-STOCK
on 29 July 2017
*please come and tell us
what you think and give
us your ideas!*

Your Neighbourhood Plan will enable all our communities to influence the planning of the area in which we live, work and play through new policies that complement the Local Plan.



It can be used to:

- Develop a shared vision for the sustainable development of our neighbourhood
- Choose where additional new homes, shops, offices and other development should be built
- Identify and protect important local green spaces
- Influence what new building should look like and its infrastructure

All your views and ideas will count towards creating the Neighbourhood Plan which will form part of the Vale of White Horse District Council's decision making process for planning proposals and could also lead to new community projects. Help shape your village so that it stays an attractive place to live in the future.

There are plans to build a huge development in Dalton Barracks. It will impact on where you live, work and play. How will this affect you? The Neighbourhood Plan presents a major opportunity to influence this development and any others in the area.

Tell us what you think about challenges such as:

- Large traffic increase in your area
- Disappearing local Green Belt and countryside
- More roads, cars, traffic jams and air pollution
- Limited school places for children
- Longer waits to see a doctor

*Give us your
biggest issues and ideas
for making things better.
The Neighbourhood Plan will
make a major contribution
to finding solutions to
such challenges.*



Get involved in the Neighbourhood Plan debate!

How would doubling the local population affect you?

The Army plans to leave Dalton Barracks by 2029.

To meet Oxford City's unmet housing needs, the Vale of White Horse District Council plan to build a **minimum of 1,200 houses by 2031** on the site. The Council could increase this to 3,500 houses or more.

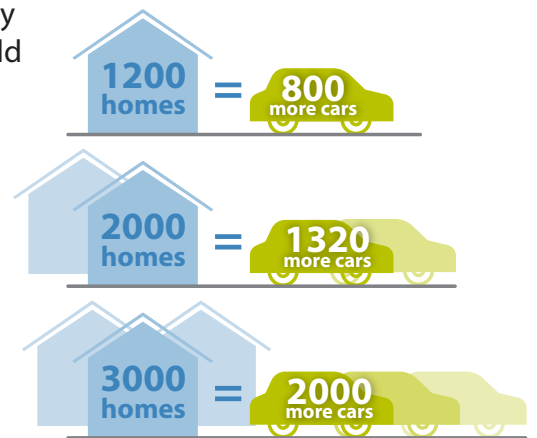
The Council wants to take Shippon and Whitecross out of the Green Belt, would this reduce grassland, mature trees and wildlife?

Wootton and St Helen Without has 2,070 houses (including 370 Army houses). Doubling our local population will affect our nurseries, schools, doctor's surgeries, shops, parking, traffic and pollution.

How long will it take you to get to work, get the children to school or go to the shops?

If 3,000 houses are built, this will create about **70,000 more traffic movements** every week.

Doubling the population will create a lot of extra traffic on our local roads. Impacts could include worse traffic jams and time getting from A to B, more air pollution, speeding and dangerous driving, more traffic noise, lack of parking, illegal parking and reduced opportunities for children to play outside. It could be more dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.



Tell us what you think about these issues

Currently the local area has 4 secondary schools with capacity for 4,250 pupils and 3,460 students. This leaves **just 790 places for future need.**

The doctor's surgery in Wootton closed down due to lack of funding. There are 4 doctors surgeries in Abingdon and 1 in Botley – between them they have 15 full time doctors and 25 part time doctors.

These surgeries are under tremendous pressure. It takes a long time to get an appointment, which could affect your family's health.

If the population doubles, waiting times could be even longer.

Will your children get a place in schools?

If the population doubles, access to local education could deteriorate. In 2016 Oxfordshire County Council estimated secondary school pupils will increase across the County by 14.6% by 2020 and primary pupils by 8.6%. These forecasts don't include the Dalton Barracks development or the 1,730 new homes being built in Abingdon, Kennington, Radley and Sutton Courtenay.

How will your family access healthcare if the area's population doubles?

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Your voice counts in our Neighbourhood!