

Local Plan Review consultation

Response from Hillesley & Tresham Parish Council

KEY ISSUES

(consultation papers list 40 issues and ask for our top 5 priorities)

Interim top 5 issues for H&T:-

5. Improving the vitality and viability of our town centres within a changing environment of regional and on-line shopping.
12. Ensuring that new housing development is located in the right place, supported by the right services and infrastructure
13. Provide the right size of accommodation to meet local needs
25. Providing resilience to flood risk
27. Maintaining and improving the sustainability of our villages as places for living and working, by improving access to services, such as health and education, and jobs.

OUR TOWN CENTRES – Wotton-under-Edge

(SDC ask whether we agree with their proposals), which for Wotton are:-

- Marketing the town for its tourism potential
- Finding a solution for lack of car and coach parking

Interim comments:

Agreement, adding that all efforts must be made to maintain the vitality of Wotton as a local shopping and service centre.

A LOCAL NEED FOR HOUSING

(SDC ask what our local needs are and about the value of housing needs surveys)

Interim suggestion for H&T parish:

- Smaller family homes; 2/3 beds
- Affordable housing; whilst current need might become satisfied within the next few years, needs should be kept under review
- Housing needs surveys should aim to gather information about both private and public dwelling needs. The results should be used as a guide and not set in stone.

FUTURE GROWTH STRATEGY

(SDC ask for comments on the current strategy and three alternatives, none of which would alter H&T's status)

Interim comments:

Housing development must be supported by essential infrastructure and services at the time of building (not at a later date), whether existing in larger settlements (Options 1 & 2) or newly-provided for the purpose (Options 1, 2 & 4).

OUR TOWNS AND VILLAGES

(SDC ask for comments on the current hierarchy of settlements and whether settlement boundaries should be retained or their function altered somehow)

Interim comments:

Hierarchy: H&T P.C. is happy for Hillesley to remain in the lowest tier

Settlement boundaries: Existing boundaries should be retained, possibly with greater flexibility as to the types of small development permissible outside, to meet local needs (e.g. work/live and small industrial units)

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