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## **1. Objectives and Approach**

Event	2 Public Consultations - No. 7 – Young Families
Objectives	To obtain ideas and opinions from young families relating to development within the Parish of Colerne
Time / Date	29 June / 7 July 2017
Location	Jumping Jacks
Facilitators	Jane Mellett, Mary Mellett
Approach	The attendees were encouraged to offer their opinions via post-it notes and in conversation on the six themes relating to the built environment namely: Housing Needs, Community Facilities, Business & Employment, Transport & Connectedness, Environment Management, and Energy & Utilities. Views were noted for subsequent recording in this document.
Attendees	11 members of the Parish (from Colerne village, North Colerne and Thickwood)

## **2. Summary of Opinions**

### **2.1 Introduction**

This report summarises the perceptions, ideas and opinions of those at the venues and, as such, are not verified facts and figures.

The opinions shared, suggestions made and questions raised have been broadly categorised under the six themes in Section 2.2. Many of the comments, however, span several themes. More general comments and ideas that do not fit neatly under any of these themes are outlined in Section 2.3.

### **2.2 Opinions, grouped by Themes**

#### **2.2.1 Housing Needs**

- 3 bed homes prohibitively expensive and existing young families looking outside village for larger accommodation.
- Only 2 beds affordable are North Colerne but are very small.
- Organic growth needed
- Need more bungalows/maisonettes for very old so 3 bed homes can be vacated.
- There is some affordable rented in Thickwood, but need to improve paths for connecting with village.
- There is no social housing available in Colerne now.
- NB Housing Benefit for Colerne is at a higher(Bath) rate because of cost of housing here.
- Families need grandparent input for children to allow all round care for working parents.

- Self-build provides greater flexibility for building on existing agricultural land.
- Rural/land based businesses need living and business facilities together to ensure protection of equipment.
- Enthusiasm for shared/part-ownership schemes for young people/family housing.
- Need long-term rentals that give some family security.
- Quality of housing important – particularly starter homes. Need to be ecologically sustainable and energy sustainable.
- Good prefabs would be better than small box mass development.

### **2.2.2 Community Facilities**

- Support for increasing play facilities.
- Pinewood use MOD play space and Southwood has its own small play area.

### **2.2.3 Business and Employment Opportunities and Needs**

- Would be good to have more employment opportunities for mums locally as poor transport makes access to work outside of village impossible without a car. Also allows flexibility around child care.

### **2.2.4 Transport and Connectedness**

- Bus service terrible. Not used by families.
- Support for community shuttle service.
- Connecting paths – whilst there are circuitous paths through the estates in North Colerne, takes too long when going to work after. Hence cars.
- Need direct path from village to Pinewood for walking and cycling.
- School crossing is just so dangerous.
- Mums with more than one child from North Colerne or Thickwood feel car bound because of time and distance issues to get to school/playgroup/work
- Effectively no transport to Chippenham after college bus.

### **2.2.5 Environment / Land Management**

- No comments received

### **2.2.6 Energy / Utilities**

#### Electricity

- Support for a community energy scheme

## **2.3 General Opinions**

### **2.3.1 Strengths**

- Friendly, safe environment.
- Half of mums had relatives in village to help with childcare.

### **2.3.2 Weaknesses**

- Housing too expensive
- No affordable public transport

## **2.4 A Vision for the Future**

- Organic growth of quality affordable homes mixed with self-build.

## **3 Future Consultations**

Several consultations have now taken place and one more is planned in July.

## **4. Definitions and Clarifications**

Sale of the Airfield – There is no definitive date for this. Any change to the use of land will have a Master Plan developed by the MOD in conjunction with Wiltshire Council and the Parish Council, so a full consultation with the community will take place.

## **5. Statistics**

**Total number of attendees spoken with: 11**

From Colerne village: 5

From North Colerne : 3

From Thickwood: 2

Out of village due to lack of accommodation but child in Colerne school : 1

Number of men:

Number of women: 11

Of whom: Retired 0

Working age 11

**How people heard about the consultation: The Steering Group came to them.**

Parish Magazine: 3

May Fair stall:

Via email:

Via Facebook: 2

Word of mouth: