

Motcombe Neighbourhood Plan Survey of Residents

Key findings for the Vision

Survey response rate: 49.4% (293 usable returns)

1. *'To keep Motcombe as a separate and distinct, village-based community, rather than it becoming a dormitory of neighbouring towns, Shaftesbury and Gillingham'* **Fully agree 95%**

Contributing factors (where over 60% strongly agree): green spaces/footpaths; views of the countryside; working farms; country style roads; community facilities; community facilities

2. *'The range of important amenities....and the activities provided through them, provide the basis for the strong community spirit and help meet the day to day needs of local residents'* **Fully agree 88%**

Main amenities (those over 50% Very Important): shop/PO; Meadows; footpaths; Memorial Hall; Mem. Hall field/play area; St Mary's church; primary school; Kingsettle Woods

3. *'Protect the important green spaces within the parish that are valued by local residents. Retain the essential rural character of the village, and improve the level of access into, and visual links with, the surrounding countryside'*

Fully agree 95%

90% supported the lower section of Frog Lane being designated as a green space.

71% fully supported the proposal for converting the bridleway to Gillingham into a cycleway

4. *'Ensure housing needs are met at a level that reflects the amount of new homes required by the (NDDC) Plan, and specific needs identified through local evidence. The house types should suit people of different ages and abilities, so that the mix of people living here is well balanced. New housing, when it is built, should be small scale incremental developments that reflect the village character and its linear nature, rather than suburban-style estates'* **Fully agree 88%**

- **Preferred housing developments (Very acceptable/Quite acceptable):** Infill of single houses (88%); Small scale 3-15 dwellings (88%); Larger estates (35%); Large estates (14%)
- **Preferred categories of new housing (Agree strongly/Agree):** Smaller accommodation for single people/couples (79%); Low cost starter homes (73%); Larger homes for families (69%); Independent retirement (62%); Assisted living retirement (55%); Affordable rental (54%); Part buy/rent (58%)
- **Preference for current housing styles:** Limes/Willow Way (49%); Prideaux Drive (43%); Hunter's Mead (28%); The Paddocks (21%); None of these (21%)
- **Future housing need:** Yes (20%); suitable re. age/health (49% of 'yes'); downsizing 36%; starter home (18%); more affordable home to own (18%)

5. *'Ensure that additional traffic from development can be safely accommodated on the rural road network, and that opportunities are taken to support public and community transport options, improve footpaths and cycleways, and make roads safer, in ways that are comparable with the rural village character of the area'* **Fully agree 95%**

6. *'Support existing and new businesses within the parish, including those run from home, which are compatible with the rural village character of the area'* **Fully agree 89%**