

# Feedback from Open Morning 29<sup>th</sup> June

## **New Houses and New Housing Developments (15 comments)**

- Ensure Full use of existing houses before building more.
- Happy to see small new developments enhancing Melton. Don't want a spread into fields and along roads. Put off our merging with nearby towns. Fill in gaps in existing towns and villages first.
- New affordable houses for local people. As in the case of Grundisburgh. Not outsiders.
- More affordable 3/4 bed houses with gardens big enough for families or shared ownership.
- Affordable homes for local people esp. younger people. No large developments. Infill only.
- Surely very little population increase?
- The former Girdlestons site is totally unsuitable for commercial use in the C21. Some well-designed housing including affordable housing would be more appropriate.
- Small developments however serious will need to give serious thought to the already overloaded roads.
- Careful consideration of safety and traffic.
- Development of any area is reliant on adequate transport infrastructure. In the case of Melton Road network and local transport is woefully inadequate and therefore any development should be limited.
- Preserve all wooded areas.
- Hall Farm lane green stays green.
- Triangular area end station?? Wilford Bridge Rd to be kept as green space and tidied up.
- Hall Farm Road green kept as a play area for social events.

## **Traffic Issues and How New Development Affects Traffic (29 comments)**

- Melton traffic lights are ill timed and cause congestion.
- Traffic lights and railway crossing create a backlog of traffic am and pm.
- Traffic also backs up in Station Rd and Yarmouth Rd towards traffic lights.
- Traffic on The Street and Wilford Bridge Rd stop and slow from 7am-9.10 + 3pm-6pm.
- Traffic lights should give more time for pedestrian crossing.
- There should be a relief road to link Rendlesham with the A12 to relieve the traffic throughput in Melton by the school and up Melton Hill.
- Relief road from Bentwaters needed to A12 to reduce traffic through Melton.
- Melton should be bypassed. Current roads are already overloaded and cannot cope any more with demands.
- Traffic in Woods Lane is becoming a serious pollution issue and dangerous for children crossing to Farlingaye.

- Worried about pollution.
- Make crossing Woods Lane to Bury Hill safer.
- There is no safe and direct route to Farlingaye. Need safe crossing for Woods Lane and Melton Road.
- Make crossing Woods Lane into Lees Hill safer.
- Make Woods Lane a slower road. Heavy lorries are too quick!
- 'Slow 'flashing sign on Woods Lane Hill as come down hill too fast from A12.
- More speed cameras on Woods Lane A12.
- Traffic calming/speed control of traffic urgently needed in Station Road.
- Flashing 30MPH or even 20-25 MPH restrictions on Melton Road.
- Saddlemakers Lane should have speed restrictions...lots of children, dog walkers, horses etc.
- Station Road is increasingly used as a rat run for those frustrated by the build up of traffic at Wilford Bridge Spur.
- Improved road layout at Railway crossing including improvements to rail station forecast and access.
- A bicycle lane on Melton Road would help safe and healthy travel to Woodbridge.
- Cycling is becoming increasingly dangerous because of non-adherence to speed limits. And increased volume of cars especially between 8am-9.30am and 4pm-6pm. A cycle lane would help but there is little scope for this. More buildings will increase this issue.
- Improve car parking in Melton village.
- Chronic in the village centre and becoming worse as time passes. Huge vehicles using Station Road and v unsafe.
- Stop parking on lawn outside old people home and car park.
- Traffic should control development not vice-versa. Therefore MINIMAL development in Melton. Don't destroy the essence of the village.
- More development for business will mean more traffic and the workforce neither will nor be using bus services but travel to work via car unless car sharing.

### **Facilities for young people (18 comments)**

- Youth Club attached to Lindos Centre
- In park add equipment for older children
- The BMX track was a great idea. Skateboard park in Woodbridge took years but has been well used and has not caused the problems people imagined.
- BMX track for all to use.
- Need a proper youth club and more outdoor space for full size basketball court
- Melton Playing Fields towards the Woodbridge side turn into a marsh during winter months and wet weather. They need draining.
- Sort out drainage problem in the rec.
- Wooden play area in the woods for climbing.
- Play area on green at Hall Farm Road.

- Get rid of Pitstop. The supervisors are rude and loud and don't supervise. Bring in a more controlled out of school club. My children will not be going there.
- The Playing Fields and woods provide open spaces for all to enjoy. I visit most days and there are always people enjoying these areas.
- A new building for young people's clubs.
- Could the building on the playing field be developed?
- We must keep Melton Playing Field for young people, no development ever!
- Play area needed for Hall Farm Rd Green.
- Keep and protect play spaces.
- Preserve Playing fields and Melton Woods.
- The Playing Fields and woods must be protected from development now and forever.

### **Affordable Housing (2 comments)**

- Affordable in lifetime terms?
- Needs to be defined in terms of cost not size.

### **Commercial Spaces and Need for Business Growth (5 comments)**

- Many available units unused.
- Small local businesses needed but not any big business like Tesco's 5 miles up the road.
- Supportive of local business development but not national multiples. Development must be to appropriate scale.
- No more!
- Girdlestone's site should not be reserved solely for commercial use. Some could be used for housing with rest for high-tech type units rather than heavy commercial.

### **Facilities and Amenities for older People (9 comments)**

- Sheltered bungalows with gardens and allow pets.
- Sheltered flats and dementia care.
- With ageing population undoubtedly there should be more provision for sheltered flats, care homes and care for dementia.
- Houses on Guardian site.
- Site opposite John Grose garage should be retirement properties.
- Have seen wonderful 'sports' facilities on recreation grounds for older people in the north of England. Very gentle exercise via special equipment for older people.
- More "quiet areas" for older people.
- More social activities to get elderly people out and about to meet and see people.
- Every Wednesday any parishioners could come over to lunch in the church hall for £3.

### **Preservation of historical buildings and Melton Centre (10 comments)**

- Please leave it as it is!
- Really want to see the look of Melton's two churches kept as they are.
- Keep upkeep of station and old-world style.
- If you look at old photos of Melton is it so changed. We need to keep what character is left.
- Preserve Burness rooms and station.
- Very important, improve and maintain, make a centre.
- Imperative as it provides a sense of identity, belonging and pride.
- It is the reason we come here and is essential.
- Preserve church.
- Conservation areas should be conserved! There has been (sadly) too much development in the conservation area of Melton in recent years.

### **Preservation of Wildlife, Rural areas and river frontage (21 comments)**

- River frontage protected particularly against people like the Environment Agency destroying habitats.
- The green area adjacent to Hall Farm Close must be preserved.
- Maintain as many trees as possible on the former Girdlestons site.
- Must preserve open spaces and green fields around the footpaths and bridleways.
- Protecting the vulnerable means protection of green areas. This is an imperative, a duty and a necessity.
- Preserve the Melton environment and atmosphere. Do not destroy it with over development.
- What has happened to the river frontage? It used to have lovely bushes, small trees have been uprooted and "???" to be left with messy scrubland ripe for nettles.
- What will happen when all the cuts to local gvt etc. kick in? Will everywhere look a mess with no funds to maintain it?
- Preserve river frontage as wild natural area. There has been too much cutting down and tidying up along the river path.
- Preservation of wildlife is immensely important and we must have open green spaces. There is far too much infilling going on at the present time.
- Must be preserved as an amenity for peace and happiness.
- The commercial site across from the station will pollute the nature and wildlife across the road / pond etc.
- Riverside walk and areas on riverfront should be preserved how they are.
- Keep the duck pond and encourage the ducks to return.
- Keep nature reserve by the railway.
- Definitely resist any change to Leeks Hill woodland area.
- Essential to preserve green spaces and be aware of environmental / preservation issues.
- Melton Station front/foreground to be preserved.

- Look after the green space.
- Avocet House would make a great riverside pub!
- Essential to preserve riverside, wildlife and biodiversity.

### **General Comments (8 comments)**

- Need to find a way to communicate complex details boundaries and terminology more simply.
- Allotments: For well-being and sustainability Melton should be more proactive in providing allotments or improving management of existing allotments as required by law!
- More allotments please.
- It would help to have a map to take away and think about possible development sites.
- Maps need to be labelled more clearly i.e. the PnR in yellow if labelled would get more objections.
- Has anyone taken over responsibility for the plant tubs at Melton Station?
- Thanks to all for the hard work. I know you are all volunteers.
- Develop better communication strategy / public awareness of this initiative.