



The vision for the future....

The three key priorities for the Parish are traffic, landscape, infrastructure.

Traffic through the Parish is by far the most pressing issue as detailed in the responses from residents, asking for: less traffic; improved air quality and monitoring; and enforcement of the speed and weight limits. Ideas have ranged from pinch points like the ones in Greatham, speed cameras, a bypass to be built and the Ham Barn roundabout to be changed to divert traffic away from the Parish. Wider and additional pavements were also suggested - people mentioned not feeling safe walking along the pavements.

Protection of the landscape was the second most commented on area, with maintaining the countryside, footpaths and verges featuring highly, with greater biodiversity mentioned. Ideas were planting more trees and wildflower verges.

Infrastructure featured as well, ranging from the need for local shops selling affordable essentials, regular and reliable public transport, cycle paths and electric charging points for cars. Fibre broadband and mobile phone reception featured for all villages - home working and small local businesses all require good quality communications. The need for social and affordable housing was noted, as well as downsizing properties for older residents so they could stay locally and thus free up their houses for new families wanting to buy in the Parish. Many mentioned keeping the character of the village and sustainable, eco-friendly housing.



Development & management of Land

What type and level of development would you like to see in the Parish?

71% mentioned housing to be done of some kind, with the highest being social and affordable housing, followed by downsize homes. 19% want no housing built at all.

Improved community facilities featured heavily throughout the responses. The community facilities requested included a village store with some requesting it to be a community store, access to health facilities and better parking facilities.

Are there areas of the Parish you would like to see developed?

Building on the site of the old pickers huts topped this section (respondents linked this to the SDNPA Local Plan), with “no development” coming in a close second, next the re-development of the old brickworks and some suggesting only infill sites. Many suggested various other sites.

Are there any specific areas you want protected for other uses?

Generally there was a request for land to be protected as Open Space, particularly current open land, including the fields related to the Selborne Hanger open landscape, Local Green Spaces and the green fields backing onto people’s homes.

Homes



What type of homes would you like to see in your local community?

- Small scale developments of social or affordable housing are needed especially for young families. May be self-build.
- Good quality provision for older residents to enable downsizing. This to allow them to stay in the Parish and to free up larger houses for families.
- The developments at Bordon and Alton suggest to some residents that there is no need for further provision. This view varies significantly across the Parish.

What size of home is needed locally?

- The provision of smaller units eg 1-2 bedroom and 3 bedroom is supported.
- These are for older residents, for smaller families and starter homes for couples and single persons.
- Some specific provision for elderly care is noted by a small proportion of the population.

Any other requirements?

- New houses to be energy efficient using latest available technology and innovations.
- Owners of existing houses to be encouraged and helped (by grant) to improve energy efficiency.
- Grey water re-use, EV Charge points, better foul and surface water management, and local energy source provision also mentioned.

Design



Are there any areas of local character which are particularly important to the local community?

A high proportion of respondents, including those outside Selborne village, made reference to the Selborne VDS and the areas described in the VDS as meriting protection. The historic buildings of the villages should be protected: the Conservation Area, listed buildings, village halls, public houses, war memorials, churches and churchyards, Selborne High Street and all the lanes leading off it, the Lions Mouth and the Gilbert White Museum and café. All these are important to our village communities.

Other areas were identified and not just on account of built heritage. The Parish has strong links to the natural world and so all its green spaces both in and around the villages plus their surrounds and footpaths should be protected. Areas such as The Hanger and its apron, open spaces within the villages and behind houses, Zig Zag, Selborne Common, Recreation Ground, Plestor and Lythes, Shortheath Common and Local Green Spaces. Valued features of the landscape also to include open streams, tributaries and watercourses.

On drawing up priorities we note the regulatory purposes of the SDNPA and the Selborne Conservation Area.

Particular features of buildings of local character

There was a strong suggestion for, where possible, local materials that match the aesthetic of the villages to be used in any new small development so that this can sit happily alongside existing buildings whether of traditional or more recent design. The use of timber, local stone and traditional roofing methods should be encouraged where appropriate. A need for energy efficiency should also be prioritised in any design whilst in keeping with the historic nature of the setting.

Any social and affordable housing development could be achieved if preserving the landscape quality, and the VDS recommendations followed wherever possible..



The natural environment

Maintaining the natural environment has featured heavily, with many commenting on a need for improvement in the state of the footpaths through the Parish. Planting trees and wildflower verges were a common comment as was supporting the Selborne Landscape Partnership, South Downs National Park, the National Trust and seeing what collaborations can be done to protect our landscape.

There is a need to ensure the footpaths are kept well maintained and accessible, not only for our own residents but also for visitors, with a knock-on effect in supporting tourism and the local economy.



Jobs

Support for local employers;

Improved provision for home working (technical improvements including Broadband) and the provision of working hubs to reflect changing working practices.

Public spaces



The Recreation Ground in Selborne was mentioned most, with ideas for improved facilities, such as an outdoor gym, wildlife garden and facilities for a greater range of ages than is currently available.

Many areas were mentioned specifically but there were many comments about accessibility to them, from better maintained footpaths, safer crossing of the B3006 and better parking, to enable residents from across the Parish to enjoy the beauty of the area. A need for parking in general has been mentioned in many areas of the Parish Priority Statement so we need to look at how this can be addressed.

We need a playground for the Goslings Croft end of the village and also for the village of Blackmoor, neither of which currently have a playground for children.



Infrastructure

Mobile telephone and broadband services are poor across the Parish. Need for fibre broadband connection to each property to support the introduction of VOIP and home working.

The lack of a frequent and reliable bus service especially at the start and end of the day mitigates against its use to connect with national train services and access to other services at local centres. Both result in increased use of cars for local journeys.

Need to reduce traffic speeds, volumes and HGV movements, and to improve local pavements to safeguard pedestrians.

The provision of a local shop and post office is specifically mentioned by about half of all respondents.

The absence of cheap local car parking is seen to work against residents, businesses and visitors alike.