DRAFT Willingale Public Consultation summary

27th March 2024 for the in person consultation and online consultation 28th March – 28th April 2024

Attendance list: 104 households for the in person consultation

Feedback forms:

	Responses	In favor	Not in favor	Neutral
Person consultation (27 Mar 24)	28	19	3	6
Online consultation (Mar-Apr 24)				
Total				

Housing interest forms: 14x (27th March) 3x 3bed, 7x 2bed and 4x 1Bed.

In person Consultation Comments		In favor	Not in favor	Neutral	**Feedback summary points**							
					Preferred Site	Village hall roof	Local connection	Design	Traffic concerns	Affordability	Noise concerns	Infrastructure
1	Would prefer site A as I like in close proximity to site B and enjoy the views onto the fields. I love the idea and has good benefits. Will benefit the village hall and gain more parking. Local young people will benefit like myself. Just not site B	✓			A							
2	In principle, I think that Plan A would be an appropriate site for the village with the least amount of disruption to the village and residents. I understand that if this scheme is approved it would take place in about two years' time. This is potentially when we would like to replace the village hall roof. It would be very good idea to perhaps assist with the roof construction whilst you have necessary	✓			A	✓						

	skills onsite and perhaps help us lower our costs and reduce disruption to the village.											
3	Regarding the two proposed sites: behind village hall – preferable as a safer location. Access easier and not on a fast road (as Fyfield Road can be). More central for bus service, community events etc. More people around, lighter road, easier access to Chelmsford Station, shops etc. Fyfield Road – not preferable as this is a fast, narrow road, with a hill and blind corner. A bit more out on a limb for families. Accessing/leaving site more dangerous – road very narrow and twisting – extremely dark at night. Access to A414 on road which is almost a farm track, narrow, dark and very potholed. Important that the housing is kept for local people. Also need to remember older members of the village who may live in larger properties and have nothing smaller to rent/purchase and would need to move away from family and friends and do so.	✓			A		✓		✓			
4	I think the scheme is a great idea. Due to wanting to move out and start a family. Would have to move out of the village I've grown up in the village last 31 years. My family loved here in the 40's so it's giving me a change to give my kids the safe environment that I grew up in and to learn the village heritage as I did from my dad and granddad.	✓										
5	Site A: less keen on this: no footpath, bad visibility to the right on egress, I have concerns over the proximity to the village hall and the noise nuisance during the summer. Site B: preferable. I agree with the location of small-scale development in the village. Personally, I would prefer to rural type of development fronting on to the road. This could be of course be done with A & B.	✓			B				✓			
6	We are not opposed to either site. It would be good for younger residents who have grown up it the village to be able to stay here. Site A looks more preferable.	✓			A							
7	1. Prefer site A – road needs consideration and also water flows towards the site. 2. Design of buildings need to fit within the village style 3. No deviation from the 12 properties	✓			A			✓				
8	The south plot enters into the road which some of it is 30 mph which is not always considered.			✓					✓			
9	Site A. With regards to entrance and exit of proposed site perhaps road to be widened and mirror to be fitted for safety with 20mph speed limit			✓					✓			

10	As a young person, my monthly income working full time is £1200 after tax, I do not meet the Council's "Helping hand threshold". This is not affordable housing, it's upsetting and disappointing to see these prices. You need to take into account single income of an average salary 5-day week £13,000 salary a year. considering rent in "the street" is £110 week £440 a month for a 2 bed only 100m less from your proposed price – that's £1000 difference.			✓						✓		
11	I feel the idea of building a small development is a good one. I would prefer site B. It seems a bad idea to build near the village hall as noise problems would be an issue when the hall is being used in the evening.	✓			B							
12	The proposed development is needed in the area, so would be supported by me. Of the two proposed sites, my view is site B would be the better location.	✓			B							
13	Very much needed. I am 34 years old living with my parents in Willingale. I am single and simply cannot afford to get on the property ladder on my own. I work with children with special needs and provide respite care to families. If I move out, I need 2 bedrooms so I can continue to provide this support. Again, I would not be able to afford a 2 bed house on my own.	✓										
14	1. If the development is at the side of "Maltsters Arms" road widening would have to be considered 2. The provision of additional parking at the rear of the village hall would be useful but the loss of beautiful vista would be a great sacrifice. It may lead to a loss of wedding bookings and an increase in the number of noise complaints, particularly if the houses were occupied by young families. VH bookings fund the provision of community support events in the village.			✓					✓		✓	
15	I think it is a good idea and development. My wife was born in the village and has lived here for 30 years, yet we cannot afford to buy. We would and will be applying for a house.	✓										
16	Living in the village for 30 years now. I think the proposal is long overdue. I have wanted to stay in the village but housing prices have made this impossible for me. I would like to start my family here and this is not possible with myself and my partner. I look forward to the future progression.	✓										
17	Longer living in the village requirement 3/5 years to 8/10 years			✓			✓					
18	Our preference would be site a. The reason for this is that site B would be dangerous in the access etc. would be on a national speed limit road. We also	✓			A				✓			

	feel that it would be detrimental to the cottages already situated along Fyfield Road.											
19	Just the sort of proposal this village needs as with a lot of other villages the younger generation are the future of this village	✓										
20	1. I don't feel there is enough infrastructure in Willingale to warrant further homes being built 2. I object to the building on a green belt land 3. I feel there is already a large ratio of affordable homes already in the village 4. We are very close to Chelmsford City where I imagine there are lots of homes that would suit people's needs 5. Unsure of the need to only let people with links to the village have access to these houses.		✓				✓					✓
21	In principle a very good idea	✓										
22	We think this is an excellent opportunity for the village. We would whole-heartedly support your criteria in your presentation. We would favor the option near to the village hall as this will create more parking for the hall. We do have reservations about the homes being allocated to illegal travelers in the village.	✓			A		✓					
23	Site B would be kept if it must go ahead. Yet more traffic				A				✓			
24	Preferred site A – no facility at Willingale, no school, shop, work so I object.		✓		A							
25	1. The entrance to Site B would be very narrow and difficult to navigate 2. Where would the sewerage go to? Would it be on the mains system (site A)			✓					✓			✓
26	Future housing will be good for the village as long as it only stays at the small amount of houses.	✓										
27	Proposal A is well sited but concern over proposal B access. The road is very narrow, not enough room for cars to pass and no passing point. Fyfield Road well used by cars, lorries and bicycles all vehicles turning out of the development towards Fyfield would have to ensure that the road was clear of traffic right down to the bend near Wardens Hall, not easy to achieve.	✓			A				✓			
28	From what the media informs us there is a need for housing in the UK. However, I do feel strongly that is a very real shame that housing is being considered here in Willingale and build on greenbelt land. There isn't any infrastructure in the village and many people most likely brought houses to move here to get away from hustle and bustle. It seems that if more houses were built in an already		✓									

	busy road/space it would add to the village losing its peacefulness. I am also not sure why the houses would be for people with links to the village. Yes and also there is a large proportion of council social housing already in the village i.e. Manns Yard.											

Online Consultation Comments		In favor	Not in favor	Neutral	**Feedback summary points**							
					Preferred Site	Village hall roof	Local connection	Design	Traffic concerns	Affordability	Noise concerns	Infrastructure
1	Site A is located at the most densely populated end of Willingale, which sees the most through traffic to Chelmsford. I'm not convinced it makes sense to add more housing to this end of the village as the growth of Willingale seems better placed at Site B which creates a better natural extension of the village envelope. The development is also laid out in a more logical and less intrusive way, in my opinion.			✓	B							
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