

Annex 5

Have Your Say Day - a community consultation event held in preparation for a Neighbourhood Plan

Maids Moreton Neighbourhood Plan

Feedback from Have Your Say Day on 10th September 2016

The comments below are directly taken from the post it notes completed by residents who visited the Have Your Say Day display

What do you like about living in Maids Moreton?

- I like Maids Moreton because everyone is kind and helpful (age 8)
- What she said (above) (age 32)
- I like you can walk around with children and dogs without worry, going from school to church, playground and village pub
- Love the small, community feel of the village – a quality which is getting difficult to find
- My brother likes the park (age 4)
- Village feel, knowing people around the village, young and old. Safe for children. I like the village pub, school, village hall, playing fields and Scotts Lane.
- Scotts Lane and the fields either side help to keep Maids Moreton a village rather than part of Buckingham
- I like Maids Moreton because it is still a typical Bucks village with some history. Lets not lose it by being absorbed into Buckingham
- I wish for more speed ramps or signs to the village/before the village. Cars travel and absurd speed down Main Street. Dangerous. More signs needed
- I like the Scarecrow Day
- I like all that Maids Moreton is
- Scotts Lane and the fields either side
- As a family we appreciate local activities – Scarecrow Day, fireworks etc., a lovely feel of community. We like the footpaths and open countryside
- Scotts Lane and the fields either side – could these be opened up?
- The sound of birds
- Shame the speed alert sign was removed at the Bycell Road entrance to the village – we need to manage speed along the A413

What would you like to change?

- Defined border between Maids Moreton and Buckingham should be made and adhered to. Any new houses should be built for already local people. I myself cannot afford a house in Maids Moreton even though I work here. Any new houses should be prioritised for locals rather than non locals looking for a country life after their commuting working day is over. If not careful, Maids Moreton will be an orbiting village of MK with no community at all. Just commuters and speculators of property values, leaving us 3rd generation locals to slum it.
- I would like to change the quality of the park bins as they are always full of rubbish. (age 8)
- We need a village shop

- A shop would be good. Would be good to get to one without needing the car
- Zebra crossing for school
- Police being moved to the industrial estate
- CO2 emissions
- Parking for village hall
- Play park bins need emptying

If possible, what green spaces, views and areas would you like to protect from future development?

- I feel it is important to protect the green space between Maids Moreton and Buckingham
- Scotts Lane – gives a real feeling of space to the village. Playing fields really important but needs updating and picnic tables
- Protect the village green
- Scotts Lane, village green, all around the village – keep it separate
- Village green, Scotts Lane, playing fields
- I would protect all green spaces in and around the village – we have lost too much already
- We need to keep Scotts Lane and play areas, church green. Protect the village and keep traffic away
- Scotts Lane, land behind Manor Park, Fosco Lane, playing field
- The fields on both sides of Scotts Lane. Walking down Scotts Lane is one of the best things about living in Maids Moreton
- Protect the green space between Maids Moreton and Buckingham either side of the A413
- It would be good to safeguard as much of the village, especially Scotts Lane and the road leading to the A422
- Scotts Lane – amazing green space used by everyone – children walking to school, people walking their dogs, people looking for some peace and quiet
- No backland development. New houses must have good road access
- I feel Scotts Lane and the playing fields provide a natural green space/break between Maids Moreton and Buckingham and it should remain so
- I think building should be more focused on individual properties
- Scotts Lane, playing fields, Holloway down to Buckingham
- Building should be a balance of more affordable property for local need
- Keep the green barrier between Buckingham and Maids Moreton
- Protect the fields leading off of the main road up to Church Street (Mill Lane)
- Scott's Lane Conservation area is critical. As well as the vegetation, the fields on either side provide an essential setting. These must be rigorously excluded from any development in order to retain the character and biodiversity values of the conservation area.
- The green area by Church Close is also very significant to the rural setting of the village and the church. It should be maintained as open space and

not compromised in any way.

- The approaches to the village from Towcester, Foscote and Mill Lane are vital to maintaining the village character, as is the "green belt" separating MM from Buckingham. No development should encroach on this.

What Community Groups, Social and Sporting Facilities would you like to see in Maids Moreton?

- I **don't** want to see **Buckingham** sports facilities in Maids Moreton
- Parking for the village hall
- Do not approve of Scotts Farm Close being used as a thoroughfare to a new housing estate. It is dangerous due to the nature of the road it joins
- Too many cars in the village. Roads getting busier. Create a parking area for dropping off children. Could be done at bottom of school field via gate which is opened for fete days
- Maids Moreton has always had a good following in this area
- I would like to see a gym trail
- Disabled swings in the park
- There are enough groups in the village already. The village hall is booked to capacity as it is
- I value the village hall, the pub, also church coffee mornings and events. Cricket is good. Hate rugby on the playing fields
- Scouts
- Friendly groups that encourage membership
- I don't want to see Buckingham Bowls Club relocating here.
- The Rugby Club should be requested to remind all its members, supporters and visitors of the need for considerate parking in the village and along the A413, where vehicles often park on the grass verges and restrict other drivers' views at junctions.

What are your views on traffic, parking and public transport in Maids Moreton? What would you like to see change?

- Keep buses going even if few use them. It is a vital lifeline for non-drivers and the elderly
- Improve public transport links to Buckingham and MK
- Parking on one side of Main Street. Speed bumps
- Small, narrow roads are already at capacity and can be dangerous to enter/exit junctions, especially when the village hall is in use
- The village is very short of suitable parking
- Stop vehicles parking on pavements
- Any means of having a say in the future development of the village has to be good
- Parking on Main Street is chaotic. Parking just on one side of the street? Speed restrictions needed.

- Is there really a need for double decker buses? Can a single bus suit better?
- 20mph speed limit on Main Street and a weight restriction
- What I don't want is more traffic using Main Street and changes to the road layout to satisfy new housing developments
- Parking problems in both Main Street and Duck Lake – parking ½ on road and ½ on pavement in Duck Lake on and A road – both dangerous and inconsiderate
- Main Street – on some days the infrequent bus is unable to get through
- **More space needed for walking** – especially main road
- Cycling tracks/paths
- Too much pavement parking on Duck Lake
- Reduce parking on roads
- Introduce calming measures (bumps, bends)
- Any necessary housing in the village should be small developments, preferably of small cottage style houses or bungalows, individually designed. Not the wholesale monstrosities as on the Moreton Road! The village cannot sustain further traffic and we need to protect our green spaces
- Extend speed limit on Mill Lane (30) to cover the bends
- Too much heavy vehicle traffic on the A413
- Speed bumps on Southall and Avenue Road
- Cheaper bus journeys to and back from Buckingham – for me and my children the return trip is over £6
- Less traffic and parking on roads around Main Street. No parking on village green
- The whole village should have a 20 mph speed limit save for the A413, although that should have speed reduction measures to control speeding around the junction with Main St. The 20 mph limit should extend along Foscoote Rd well beyond the village and down Mill Lane beyond the public footpath crossing. Mill Lane should have a steel post narrows to enforce the 7'6" width restriction, if necessary close to both ends so large vehicles can reverse and go by an alternative route.
- The PC might like to consider reminding all residents to engage their brain before parking their cars and avoid parking opposite and too close to junctions. The Highway Code is clear but is not backed up by specific regulations.

Why did you choose to live in Maids Moreton?

- The village has a community and a safe feel for someone living on their own. Glebe Close is an ideal small development
- Peace and quiet after town life. **Open fields**, farming, community spirit
- **A quiet village with a community feel**
- Wanted to live in a small community where you would not be anonymous as you would be in a town
- I was born in Maids Moreton – I love it

- Grew up here and enjoyed it so moved back for my children to enjoy the area
- Because we would love to raise our children in a village atmosphere and they can enjoy all the pleasures of the countryside
- Quiet open countryside yet close enough to Buckingham that a car is not essential. The school and Scotts Lane route to it so children can walk there safely
- Because it's a village but close enough to Buckingham to be able to walk into town
- A quiet village with a community feel
- Village feel with proximity to Buckingham
- To live a village life and enjoy great community spirit
- Because it is a village and not crowded with houses and housing estates. Small friendly village
- Lovely small village with a real sense of community. Pub and societies to join
- I support the neighbourhood plan. Building large numbers of houses will destroy the village. Plans to build large numbers in Mill Lane and Manor Park are more than the village can accommodate. Small infill of houses would be acceptable.
- Facilities of schools and health facilities are already overstretched
- Governments should not be able to over call decisions of villages and district refusals
- Small friendly nature, close to a small market town, commutable to Aylesbury
- Peaceful bucolic location. Ideal to bring up our children in village atmosphere

Would you like to see future development sympathetic to the history and heritage of the village? If so, how?

- Keep the distinct village character by restricting development away from behind the current village development
- I think there has been enough development in Maids Moreton already
- Totally disagree with influx of new housing. Green areas to be kept to be in keeping with a village
- 10 -15 houses in 200 village, not 200 houses in 10 villages
- Smaller developments with space for green areas and trees and houses not on top of each other
- Sympathetic design yes. Made to look old? – no!. Plastic prefab chimneys and deliberate mismatched roofing tiles look false and look like every other estate in the whole country
- Future development should be confined to infill of small parcels of land only
- No backland development
- I really don't want to see development behind Manor Park. It is too many and extend the village too far. When will it stop? Up to reservoir?

- More sympathetic development. Can the area and infrastructure really cope with more houses?
- If housing has to be built, it should be for the village sons and daughters, affordable, whilst keeping it to small developments, not huge estates with no green spaces
- Keep village feel, no large developments on Mill Lane
- Keep distinct from Buckingham
- The village is big enough. Why not build in smaller villages like Adington and Thornborough?
- Any development within the village should be small-scale and use materials that maintain the character of the surrounding buildings.
- New development for up to 70 dwellings, if forced on MM, should be confined to the lower part of the All Souls College land adjacent to the A422 and with access into the existing Page Hill development, not directly onto the A422. The wooded strip along the PC boundary should only be breached once to give access to Page Hill and should not involve the removal of mature trees.
- If such a development were to go ahead, it should have binding covenants in perpetuity that prevent expansion either up the slope towards the church or along the slope towards Mill Lane. The eastern and northern edges of any such development should be screened by substantial belts of appropriate native woodland species.