

Summary of comments submitted by residents in connection with the survey carried out in 2017, in relation to the proposed Neighbourhood Plan

(This is a resumé of resident's comments - many said the same sort of thing, but using different words and phrases. See the full report for a complete set of comments)

Agree with Principles of Neighbourhood Plan?

Yes:

There will inevitably be more building, but it seems to be a disproportionate amount in the Cheswick Green area;

Yes, I do support the concerns put forward by the Parish Council. No, I do not support the ideas put forward by Solihull Council. The proposed plan will totally change the nature of the area - and have an adverse effect on residents;

We should be protecting the rural character of Cheswick Green, Illshaw Heath and Hockley Heath, and the area around Dickens Heath. The Parish Council needs to make sure there is a clear boundary between Dog Kennel Lane and Cheswick Green or it will disappear.

No:

No problem with TRW site, but nowhere else.

Too much strain on local infrastructure, including roads, local schools, and medical facilities.

Too much being taken out of the Green Belt when there are still brownfield sites in the WM region.

Need to retain the rural community.

It is vital that green belt land is not built on. To do so creates a giant Birmingham conurbation and leaves wildlife with nowhere to go.

No more should be built until current developments complete & fully occupied. More amenities & infrastructure are required.

Housing:

Yes:

Only on land that is not on Green Belt land, and in keeping with the road network, bus service, doctors and other facilities.

No:

The beauty of Solihull is the green areas. Use brownfield sites first.

Green belt is precious and should be kept.

We need to protect the character and quality of life in the area.

Too busy already, can't cope with extra demand on local roads, doctors, schools, etc.

The number of dwellings is being more than doubled. The infrastructure needs to be put in place to cope.

We need to assess the effect of the existing developments before any further housing is considered.

Importance of green spaces:

It is for our children and grandchildren, so it's very important to keep it rural.

Green spaces are vital for environmental reasons, as well as health reasons.

They are the 'lungs' of the local community.

Highways:

Safety measures:

Present speed limits to be enforced.

Chicanes, speed cameras (inc. "average speed" cameras), reduce speed limit to 20mph.

Digital speed limit signs on roads in the local area.

Roads:

Most roads in and around the parish, including Tanworth Lane, Cheswick Way, Creynolds Lane, Illshaw Heath Road, Warings Green Road, Kineton Lane.

Schools:

Which existing school?:

Cheswick Green Primary, St Patrick's School, Hockley Heath School & Monkspath Primary.

New Primary school location:

Blythe Valley

Near to any new development in the area.

Access to Secondary education:

Subsidised school buses.

If up to 4000 new houses to be built, then a new school should be built.

Medical Facilities:

Comments on medical facilities:

Expand the Cheswick Green surgery by providing more doctors.

Each new development should have its own medical facilities.

Need the hospital issue addressed. No A & E locally, 10+ miles to a hospital - crazy!!

Blythe Valley should have its own medical centre, especially for the proposed care home facility.

Flooding issues:

Suggestions:

Stop building houses!

Don't build on flood-prone areas.

Dredge the river and local watercourses.

We need to see how the new flood defences works, if at all!!

Employment:

Sufficient in area?:

There is enough here already - the peace and quiet hardly exists now.

There are empty offices already, and space for more on Blythe Valley and other existing sites.

JLR & supply chain.

Not enough?:

Perhaps more companies and businesses could be enticed to the area.

Need a broader range of employment opportunities.

Support for new businesses.

Access to employment:

Improved public transport, particularly for access to Blythe Valley, Shirley, Widney Manor Station, and into Birmingham.

More direct access to Blythe Valley for cyclists and pedestrians.

Existing bus service to start earlier in the morning.

Suggestions for other infrastructure and facilities:

I wish there was a way to stop littering and fly-tipping - better education in schools on subject.

Youth club for teenagers.

CCTV in car park to deter drug dealers.

Stop half-parking on paths and verges.

Another park is required with play and sports facilities.

Outdoor recreation facilities, e.g. outdoor gym equipment.

Improvement in road lighting.

Better bus service, and more leisure facilities.

Off-road parking for Cheswick Green School.

Roads and lanes should be maintained better, i.e. hedgerows, ditches cleaned, potholes repaired, etc.

Footpath/cycle path linking Cheswick Green with Blythe Valley, to be safer than the roads.

More local social events for all age groups.

Better food provision in Cheswick Green, e.g. a mini supermarket.

The Saxon pub needs to be appropriate for a residential village location - PC to work with the owners to reverse its downward spiral.

More litter bins and dog waste bins.

Mains gas (to Illshaw Heath, and fibre-optic broadband).