

Great Witley and Hillhampton Neighbourhood Plan

Questionnaire survey

Comment listings

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For Great Witley and Hillhampton Parish Council

Introduction

This document lists the comments made by respondents to the questionnaire survey which was undertaken to inform the Great Witley and Hillhampton Neighbourhood Plan in February 2023.

A number of the survey questions invited free-write comments or suggestions on aspects of land use and development. The resultant responses are set out in the following tables, taking each question in turn. Comments are repeated verbatim. The comments have been analysed to identify the main themes and issues raised, and the findings of this work are set out in the Results Report.

Free-write comments provided on the printed questionnaires (as distinct from online) were transcribed by Steering Group member Caroline Wright.

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Vision and Objectives

Question 2: If you have any comments on our Vision and objectives please tell us in the box below:

Consider land on Stourport Road should be developed for benefit of the community. NO HOUSES but room for school, village hall and, if needed, expansion of doctor's surgery - keeping amenities within the village.
We need a mix of home sizes and some modern homes - not just boxes.
Great Witley should not be allowed to endlessly grow in size. A village is only a village when its residents ALL have a sense of belonging. Once the expansion of a village is allowed to grow and grow the sense of identity is out and a suburb is born.
I agree with the vision and objectives. However, any new housing should be in keeping with the village. Great Witley, in my opinion, should not become a commuter link for Worcester and Birmingham which would result in Great Witley losing its identity.
Houses should be in keeping with the village ethos. They should be of very high quality, desirable and attractive to suit young professional people into the village
Houses should be in keeping with the environment and should be high quality, desirable homes to attract young professionals
The field should be used for the benefit of the community i.e room for primary school, village hall, doctors surgery if need and open space for residents
The triangle part of Great Witley village including Stourport Rd and Worcester Rd would be safest place to build housing due to all the amenities in this area, doctor's, school, pre-school. post office, playing fields /grounds, all weather tour and mainly access walk ways.
How can we have green spaces for the village, if they are being filled up with houses? And what "economic development" is happening in the village, other than housing?
Key words 'community's needs'. Housing to be suitable for local requirements - young couples and singles especially.
I have selected agree as I agree with some of it but am concerned about proposals for more housing developments. What attracted us to the area was the countryside, the peace and quiet, and the fact it isn't over-run with houses. I think is more and more houses are built it will change Great Witley too much and drive people away. I imagine people living in houses where there view will change from green space to more houses will not be happy. The school will be over-run and there will be more traffic. Yet we have no pub, nowhere for a meal or a cafe like say Ombersley does. If this were included in immediate plan then it may assist! But just more houses full of young families over-running the place with nothing like a pub or something is not something I am keen on. I agree with keeping countryside vision.
Keep a beautiful countryside
All very important issues.
I don't think anyone could argue with the vision, but it's a bit vague
Land directly in front of houses should be protected by careful design proposals that do not negatively impact in those living in the village already
in the vision and objectives industries mentioned for economic development are rural (understandable this is a rural location / boarding semi-rural); would be very interesting to know within the heart of the village centre ie more recent developments how many residents are actually associated within rural industry / enterprise or are commuters living in a rural location with a reduced or nil interest of the local surroundings as opposed to being part of a local / rural community; any such developments should be extremely carefully thought through, affordable

and maybe such a scheme where residents have to be associated / working with rural / local enterprise / business
No
Home for a thriving LOCAL community - I am against any sizeable housing developments private or social
Don't agree with developing the land south of stourport road
I have no objection to development as long as it i line with these visions and objectives
I agree with supporting and keeping developments in line with current industry but I do also understand that growth and mutual development is necessary within the local area.
Agree with it
None
Development within the village should be in keeping with the surroundings so often houses being built in villages seem to be urban style in appearance and not in keeping with the surroundings This is not necessary as attention to both materials used as well as design can create housing more in keeping with the countryside
A Village doesnt need to get any bigger
None
No further comments
The word "educational" should be added to health, social and cultural wellbeing.
None
No comments
None
The vision and objectives are simple and straightforward in nature and I generally agree with the sentiment.
Happy with the vision and objectives as long as traffic issues including speed and amount of traffic driving through the village is addressed . Also infrastructure can cope with increased housing
No
Perhaps include reference to enhancing access within/around the village on foot so residents can move the short distance between facilities without using the car.
No comment
Not at the moment
The vision is too vague and anodyne - it does not specifically reference Great Witley or its unique historic significance with respect to Witley Court. Well-designed development is also too subjective - we need buildings to be designed to be in keeping with the rural and historic environment, while being of high environmental standards. The development of land south to Stourport Road would need to be low density, rural in its nature (not really possible) and with properties that do not resemble those found in every other city/town/development anywhere in the country. We don't need copy and paste development.
The vision is utterly anonymous: it could be for absolutely anywhere. It needs to reference the heritage of the village and the links to Witley Court and our unique parish church, It should emphasise accessibility to the countryside (noting that a huge number of our footpaths are missing, since a wipe-clean of public rights of way in the 1950s, and that many of the roadside pathways are inaccessible to wheelchair or pushchair users. Suggested edits: "clear Parish identity based on Great Witley village with the heritage of Witley Court and the parish church" "distinctive landscape is protected and enhanced, providing attractive and peaceful countryside for all to access and enjoy" On the objectives we should reference that this is a beautiful village with distinctive houses, and add that there should be an objective to promote access to the

countryside and rights of way and that the roadside footpaths should encourage pedestrians for journeys within the village
Great witley has enough housing ,any more would contribute to over development.
No comment
Although I agree largely with the vision I feel that large scale housing is inappropriate and small development is more appropriate.
I agree with most of the vision but I don't think Great Witley needs anymore housing. This will impact on sustainability for resources and facilities (school, doctors etc)
Generally all good but hard to refine further
Or enough infrastructure, schools, doctors, shops, work, bridges to this area - so why try to draw more people here to cover existing fields! No brown area here! You
Clear vision with objectives set for the community
No comment
Unacceptable for this village
No comment
For the objectives in community services I feel this could also include 'to protect AND DEVELOP existing community services...'
I want to continue to live in a village and not a small town
I agree in principle to both the Vision and Objectives in particular in relation to the preservation and enhancement of the natural environment. However, I have strong reservations regarding further housing development and 'economic development'. In particular, the present village infrastructure is creaking under the weight of the present size of Great Witley. The school and surgery are at, or near, capacity and the main Worcester Road is already busy most of the day. I am no expert on these matters but I have been told by others experienced in these fields that the sewerage system and provision of services such as water, gas, electricity and similar are also at capacity.
Existing community services are very limited with just a very small shop for high priced essentials and a village hall. This community will only thrive if there is a proper bar/ restaraunt and a bigger better stocked shop.
As pointed out in the objectives, any further housing developments needs to meet local needs rather multiple housing developments or large scale social housing. I am opposed to the village becoming a commuter hub for Worcester/Birmingham
nil
Housing to be affordable and accessible to all ages young or old, single or families, sheltered or otherwise.
It is difficult to distinguish the primary objectives and vision when promoting development could be seen as being opposed to the others aspects listed here. The perspectives and priorities of the interested development parties will easily out way the priorities of residents.
No
None
I think the vision and objectives are ok but the need to prevent outside influence is crucial
none
New housing must stay within the boundaries of Great Witley and not expand out into the surrounding countryside. Infill of existing space must be considered first.
None
No comment

Priority order of points should be: Vision - 1,2,4,3 and Objectives - 1,3,4,2 There should be no more large scale development in Great Witley particularly on the land south of Stourport Road, as we have exceeded our SWDP quota!
The village has already had its quota of development and more over the last few years and does not require any further large scale development
Objectives in priority: 1,3,4,2 Please no more development in Great Witley. We have exceeded our quota
Large developments of new housing not required
I do not agree with large scale development
I think that there has been sufficient development in this area. We do not want to urbanise our village
Agree.
I strongly object to any planned development on land south of Stourport Road. We do not need a housing estate on our green fields.
People love great Witley for the country side and building more houses is just going to take that away
I own a farm in Gt Witley so live and work in the village
No
No comments
None
no
The objectives are not specific enough to understand where any red lines would be in any specific planning discussion
New Housing should not be allowed to domineer an already fractured village as far as design goes. ie all new housing estates look the same where ever you are in the countryside.
No
No comments
no
None
No
I think this creates a good and reasonable balance between any development that is needed and preserving the nature of the village.
It is hoped the Neighborhood Plan takes into account the fact that the village has already exceeded it's quota of new houses and certainly does not need a large scale development such as that suggested by Bloor Homes
Keeping green space is equally as important as ensuring the correct development of housing. The school needs to be considered and helped to develop bigger space. They currently use a cabin to house two classes.
No comment
I support the vision and objectives but in emphasising peaceful the plan could or should address the traffic noise and disturbance given that the Village has become a thoroughfare.
I have no comments on the Vision and Objectives apart from agreeing with their sentiments.
important to preserve the rural aspect of the village
Particularly clear on the protection of green space- Great Witley is unique in that respect, and i feel opposed to any plans that remove this beautiful environment.
I don't see how building a huge new housing estate is going to keep Great Witley "a little village" when you're taking one the last of the green spaces in the village!

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To ensure that the services we already have are improved to cope with any new builds etc before it happens!
I agree the vision on community services, but in relation to the current medical facilities, maintenance of existing suggests they are sufficient but, evidently, that is not the case and a balanced upgrade is required before any developments are allowed to further strain those services.
The key words for me in the Vision are thriving, sustainable, rural and community.
No comment
Local school and doctors already at full capacity. Large numbers of additional households will require these issues to be addressed also.
good broad objectives
The vision needs to embrace Great Witley as a village. Keep in mind its historical relevance in relation to Witley Court which brings in many visitors - and an empathic approach to future building.
My main concern is for the doctor's surgery and the school being able to sustain any increase in people/children. There does not appear to be any mention of coping with this increase.
To support a housing plan which does not create a further burden on already stretched doctors school & highway services
A step in the right direction
the important words are: "protect" "enhance""scale" and "appropriate"
Footpaths Roads need to be addressed as they are becoming dangerous because of the volume of large lorries coming through the village.
Absolutely support the phrase meeting the community needs, not urbanising the village!
Needs to be a village with lots of green space and low density housing. Should not become a dormitory town satellite to Worcester. There is little genuine local work and almost any new residential accommodation will mean multiple cars travelling to workplaces elsewhere
I would like to see an emphasis on nature and sustainability.
My concern is around 'providing the size and type of properties that are needed'. Who decides what are needed? There are areas of Stourport that are ripe for redevelopment and it is concerning that green space is potentially being lost when there is land less than 5 miles away that would benefit.
Very concerned that Bloor Homes are trying for planning once more in our village!!!!
We are already stretched gp and school wise. There are no real local non-agricultural jobs. So if we expand we become more of a dormitory village
Any additional housing should be linked to additional amenities.
We need country views in the country side. Roads can't take it.
Keep the village small
Amenities are almost non-existent now and can't see how a load of houses will help improve this! GP services can't cope with present quantity of residents- let alone more! Water, sewage, gas infrastructure isn't even here for existing houses-so shouldn't build more! We have been turned down to build a garage to the side of our home & can't build a home on our land - yet planners want to build a complete housing estate! Double standards - WON'T ENHANCE OUR VILLAGE!
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The Parish environment

Question 5: The Plan will be able to identify locally important views of the surrounding countryside for protection. If there are any such views that you think should be protected, please describe them below:

Coppice of spruce trees on Abberley Hill
Views = Abberley Hills
Views from the village looking at Woodbury and Abberley hills.
All should be protected as much as possible
The view as you enter the village on the Worcester Road. Building on the field opposite the historic Stourport Lodge would destroy the current feel of entering a village. It would give the impression of entering an urban area and not a village
Abberley Hill and Clock Tower. Woodbury Hill. Warsgrove Hill.
The amount of traffic coming through our village. The speeding of vehicles coming through our village.
1. Speeding in village 2. Amount of traffic due to overbuilding in area
North and west from rear of school and behind Glendower Way. East from Martley Road/Woodbury Hill.
The view from Worcester Road of Walsgrove Hill
Green space around the Great Witley must be kept as part of the surrounding countryside and not built on. (Farmed if need be.)
ALL views should be protected, for everyone to enjoy. The less disruption to nature the better!
The views around us are so special and we value them. Nearly every day we enjoy looking at the view from the top of Glendower Way towards Redmarley and Abberley hills.
Witley Court. Abberley Hills. Open Spaces.
Abberley School Tower. Witley Court.
Entering the village from Worcester is a view that defines Great Witley - a feeling of open space with the field on the right (by the surgery), a lovely view across to the Abberley Hills and the magnificent hill behind Walsgrove Farm. These aspects must, in my opinion, never her allowed to be cluttered with new buildings.
Abberley Clock Tower. Great Witley Court. Abberley Hills.
The view from the top of The Glebe to the main road, overlooking the field
The clock tower, Abberley Hills / orchards. The entry to the village, (signs) keeping Great Witley's identity.
1. Splendid view on the footpath that goes behind the Hundred House straight up into Abberley Hill woods. Turn around to the view. 2. Another great village view is from the Worcestershire Way footpath - along the ridge from Warsgrove Hill - carry on until path goes through a gate on the left and into field for few yards before the path descends again into Camp Lane. The view back to the village and surrounding countryside is awesome. Both view marked with x on map points.
All surrounding countryside should be protected both from an ecological viewpoint and an historical point of view i.e. clock tower, historical protected buildings and the countryside.
Abberley and Walsgrove hills
Instead of building house on the land south of Stourport Road, plant the land with trees, make and ARBORETUM with walkways. (Dogs not allowed). Build a FARM SHOP supplied with local produces

and CAFETERIA. Parking for the shop etc. Environmentally friendly, benefiting the people of Great Witley and the planet. Also wildlife. Please consider.
Woodbury Hill
All should be protected as much as possible.
Surrounding hillsides to include tree topped woodland areas.
As you enter the village, view of the distant hills with clear space in the foreground before the surgery and other buildings.
The surrounding hills.
Surrounding hills
With 100 more houses in the village, how can any of the above (except the housing?) be kept at the status quo?
The Hundred House side of Stourport Road, both fields and wooded hillside. Open farmland of Worcester Rd opposite Hundred House to corner of Bromyard Road.
All views should be valued.
Woodbury Hill
Everywhere. Beautiful views from shop entrance. The lack of housing everywhere near village hall. The field and land behind village hall. All views Structons Heath way. All farmland around Hillhampton. I can't say specifically but really don't want houses everywhere. It is concerning me after moving here as low density housing attracted us to the area.
Believe houses should NOT be built on this land
The area has so many great views it's difficult to pick any particular one.
Across the village to Abberley Clock Tower; views across the village to Abberley, Walsgrove and Woodbury Hills; distant views of Witley Court and the church tower
The views from the residents' living rooms which are built and oriented to Bowen's Field Picnic Area from The Glebe and Stourport Road. View to and beyond the picnic area not bein blighted.
The view across the road from Great Witley Church yard; scout and guide hut; view from Great Witley surgery; views and walks in the area of Bowens field ; view across to Walsgrove Hill and Red Marley Hill ; in summary views that are at present to remain in keeping
Witley Court and Abbeley Clock Tower
Views of abberley tower, Witley Court, abberley hill and Woodbury hill.
All of the views, in every direction
All views are important, particularly enjoy of gt Witley from Walsgrove lane,
The surrounding hills
Views of the hills as they are well known.
The view from abberley hill should be protected as it is a very important viewpoint. Also view from above Goodmans farm overlooking the village from the worcester way should be protected.
It is not possible to distinguish particular views. The village is beautifully placed between abberlry and walsgrove hills which is it unique character
Local fields and hill
Woodbury and Abberley Hills
The view coming into the village on the Worcester Road (looking across Paynes field towards the hills), and the views from Abberley hill towards Woodbury + Walsgrove hills
Abberley Hill and Woodbury Hill
Abberley Hill, Woodbury Hill
Any view of hills surrounding the village.

3 corner meadow (next to the drs) for it's historical importance as the old road through Great Witley. And the land opposite and behind the hundred house and up the old Red Marley hill
Views of the hills at Goodmans farm
The view of Woodbury Hill and Teme Valley running back down Martley Road. The view of the woods and hills from the footpath field on Worcester Road
Both hill views from the current village periphery, the Abberley clock tower, the views across the field at the bottom of the village from both Stourport road and Worcester road.
View to hills, Abberley clock tower and feeling of openness to East of Great Witley triangle (fields to side of playground/surgery)
The views of the valley as a whole. The view of traffic travelling through the village should be minimised
View of valley and minimise traffic
Views of Abberley clock tower, views of the surrounding Abberley Hills, Walsgrave Hill and Woodbury Hill.
The clock tower
The view towards Abberley Clock tower from entering the village on the Worcester road. The view across the corner field nearest the Worcester road, towards the listed gate house.
Not at the moment
Any views involving Witley Court and the parish Church. The view from outside Stourport Lodge, across the field bounded by Worcester Road and the cut-through and up to Abberley Hill, including the view across to the clock tower.
From the corner of A443 and link road (near to Stourport Lodge), view to the north towards Redmarley, through the dip in the village where the old rectory is with the old hillclimb behind it From the corner of A443 and link road (near to Stourport Lodge), view to the north-west of Abberley Hill and the clock tower. From the Glebe, view south-south-east across to Stourport Lodge From the A443 just to the west of the school, view to the west of Woodbury and Walsgrove hills And from the A443 in lots of places, the stunning view to the west of the clock tower in between Abberley Hill and (Walsgrove? or Merretts) Hill
from Hundred House to Woodbury Hill
Where ever one lives in Gt Witley there are good views all round giving definite "kerb" appeal. One misplaced development could spoil this.
Witley Court, Abberley Clock tower
Keeping the open countryside feel and visual. The more recent development have taken that away when entering from Stamford's Bridge side. Keeping the open land when coming in from the Hillhampton side and view of traffic is essential
The views into the village, which sits in a bowl should be encouraged and mass density housing should be resisted
Views around Witley Court, traffic noise on the road already too much - don't need more. Need to build another bridge to divert traffic away - houses don't bring work - just means they produce more traffic and take services away from existing residents.
Views of the woods and across the fields towards Goldman's geese
No comment
Great Witley already has a traffic problem of cars speeding along the stourport and Worcester road. This is a concern for People walking around village especially with children or dogs . Pavements sling stourport road are not maintained and it is difficult walking with a pram as they are not straight. There is wildlife and lots of birds in this area that would lose their homes which is a concern. Not sure I would want to stay in this village if this goes ahead as it will impact traffic and air quality. Also noise levels would be increased and the countryside feel to village would leave it being like a small town.

The landscape of this village has already changed due to new home developments that have been in the village and we do not need anymore.
No comment
Views from glendower Way up to abbeley Hill (including redmarley) Views from Worcester Road to Woodbury Hill Views of witley Court also from Worcester Road
all views from the centre of the village to the surrounding skyline
The views of Abberley & Woodbury Hills .
Abberley Hall school clocktower
This area is traditionally agricultural and the agricultural landscape should be protected
The clock tower, Witley Court and the approach to the village along both Worcester and stourport roads.
View from the entry of the village on the Worcester Rd from the south east, looking across Pain's field with the hills and clock tower in the background. Views across the fields in both directions (N towards Abberley Hill and S towards Woodbury/Walsgrove hills) from the Hundred House area.
None
The view of the valley down into Stourport. The hills at the top of the valley around Abberley Hill and towards Woodbury Hill
All views in the area are beautiful, so keeping housing and any other builds looking and having the feel of the old Great Witley and hillhampton rather than the new build bland look like towns and large developments. Individuality
All views of surrounding countryside.
Corner Meadow
All views to hillsides
all countryside views
Abberley Hills. Fields to the South of the A443.
Views from village/Witley Court looking towards Martley/Hillside. Views of Woodbury & Abberley Hills
Views of Abberley and Woodbury hills including the clock tower and views towards Martley and Witley Court
Views across the village to Abberley Clock Tower. Views towards Stourport Lodge. Views from Home Farm across village.
- All views form houses in the Glebe (the proposed Stourport Road development will ruin these) - All views of Abberley Hill - All view of Lodge, Chapel, historical houses etc
Great emphasis should be placed on the beauty of the countryside and its history so all views of Abberley Hill, Woodbury Hill, the Great Witley lodges should be protected including those to the clock tower which can be see from land south of Stourport Road.
All the views from our house in the Glebe. All views of Abberley Hill. All views of the Lodge, Chapel, historic houses etc will all be gone
The surrounding hills and approach to the village
The field in question itself provides a lovely view and lovely green space within the village
1. The view of Abberley Hill from Glendower Way. 2. The view of the eastern horizon from The Glebe.
The surrounding hills. Abberley Hill, Walsgrove Hill.
From the village to Abberley and Woodbury hills
Views of the village from the Worcestershire way.
Just the beauty of nature itself should be protected.
Open spaces for the community should be protected

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Views of the hills around Great Witley
Witley Court and the surrounding area.
Anything above existing roof lines will interfere with the surrounding hill views
No
long distance views towards witley court and worcester. Views of Abberley and Woodbury hills
The Hills that surround the village are its most attractive feature.
Views from Hillhampton towards Abberley
The views from the village across the valley to the surrounding woodlands
Witley court clock tower
Views of the green countryside
Views across to Woddbury Hill and woodland as well as views to woodland over towards Abberley
At present there are wonderful views of Witley Court, Abberley clock tower and Woodbury Hill, plus the surrounding countryside and forest area
Witley court and church The oak in the middle of the empty field and Glendower way
Agricultural land at rear of Yewtree cottages, hillhampton.
The views to the rear of Yewtree Cottages
Great Witley sits in a bowl and all the surrounding hillside views should be protected.
I would not like to see houses being built up the bank behind The Hundred House to the left of the Stourport Road as you head towards Stourport. I think it is important that the views towards Abberley Tower are kept open. The gatehouse to Witley Court should not be surrounded by a modern housing estate.
Surrounding hillside views
Behind and in front of the Old Hundred House.
All the green spaces existing. They shouldn't be messed with
No comment
The view toward Abberly Tower.
The hills surrounding the village are stunning and deserve to be appreciated by all. In addition, being able to see trees, unspoilt fields and green views are invaluable to our health and emotional well-being. Many people in the village have paid a premium to enjoy these and it is completely unfair to take these away and replace them with a characterless housing estate.
No comment
The hills
important to have green accessible space within the village.
The approach from Worcester Road, the corner field visually has great impact on the approach to the village. Building on that particlar site would be very difficult to merge into the traditional look of the village.
The hedgerow between acreage and new development to remain is important to me.
Abberley clock tower, Walsgrove hill, Woodbury hill & Abberley hills
Great witley is situated in a bowl/hollow. all views are important.
Local wildlife should protected and not disturbed by building works
The view of the hills and orchards as you drive north on the link road from the Worcester Road to the Stourport Road
Views over open fields as you enter the village from the Worcester road.
The view of the fields and woods behind the Hundred House, the hill in front of and behind Goodman's farm, Bowen's field for Bonfire night and the Field next to the surgery.

Views across the open space beside Bowens fields along with views of the clock tower and Abberley hills
The views to Witley Court & Church and the Abberley Hills that you get from Structons Heath
Filling in all gaps with housing will degrade the area
Country side views
Witley Court
The views across great Witley from Hillhampton. The views of the hills as you drive through the main village.
Views of all fields, water sources, hedges, hills.
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Local Green Space

Question 7: If you selected “Agree” in Q 6, please tell us why you think the land is of particular local significance:

Safe walking away from narrow pavements
This area links the Worcester Road and Stourport Road and is a safe environment for everybody away from busy main roads.
It is a village NOT a town or city
It is already accepted by the village as a sports / leisure area and used as such regularly by villagers.
As stated Q2
It is a link form one side of the village to the other and could be accessed by villagers from the current housing estates without using the very busy main roads. We need more community green space.
By keeping this land a local green space it will help towards keeping traffic levels down and also provide valuable community activities and services.
We have badger setts in this field. We need to keep our village as a village with open green space.
To keep village feeling
For recreation and to maintain open space between developments
Without having to cross one of the increasingly dangerous roads, it gives access to a green space for the school children
The more green spaces in a COUNTRY village should be the norm! NB Before I moved to Great Witley in the 2000 we had lived in three previous properties surrounded by bricks, cars and vans (i.e. estates). I wouldn't like to think that Great Witley is going that way too.
The green space is definitely needed for the increase in the population of Great Witley. More local green space would enable residents to enjoy walking and appreciate nature.
1. It can be used b the school and play school 2. Badgers need to be fenced off 3. No dogs allowed
Wildlife, Safe for children's play area.
Helps keep existing trees and shrubbery, brambles etc
It is the only space in the village where residents can walk and meet without getting run over.
It is home to wildlife, and peaceful, and a lovely open space enjoyed by many locals.
The path is well used, a quiet place to sit and view to the clock tower is important. That and is frequented by badgers and the trees house woodpeckers.
It provides a place for people to go and walk, see wildlife, enjoy the peace and quiet, walk dogs.
Development of this space
The proposed housing development sounds as if it is going contain many houses. So much brick and light pollution. The eastern part needs the local green space designation for the peaceful beauty that it offers, the sports area for all ages and to stop the mass urban sprawl across our beautiful village. It is needed for the well-being of the population.
Great Witley and its surrounding villages are lovely settings in which to live. It is tranquil and rich in wildlife and to expand these villages too much would be detrimental.
This land is a tranquil, beautiful place which is rich in wildlife and a joy to be around.
There is nowhere else in Great Witley for people to walk their dogs or play or picnic.
As stated in Q2
Crossing this land eliminates the need to walk on our narrow footpaths along very busy roads when heading for the school, village hall or doctors surgery. It provides an opportunity for daily exercise and avoids the use of cars.

Less houses, more safe space for walkers, families.
To deter development/building on beautiful green space which is important to the health, both mental and physical, of the inhabitants of the village.
Bowens Field makes the residents feel connected to the countryside. It would be greatly missed
Bowen's Field connects the residents to the surrounding countryside. Especially those living in The Glebe. There is significant wildlife in this area plus the beautiful hedgerows and trees that would be greatly missed.
Because if that small area is built upon the only green space between the Stourport and Worcester roads would be Bowen's Field.
At heart of village for everyone to enjoy.
It is vital that this land and other land is not developed in the village and it is protected for wildlife, farming, recreational use and the wellbeing of the village and its inhabitants. Once a green area is built on it is lost forever to nature.
It should be protected in order to prevent further building. There are very few green spaces left in the village. The whole of the triangle is turning into a concrete jungle rather than a green and pleasant village.
Because why do we want to keep getting rid of green space?! It's beautiful. It's needed for wildlife. Why destroy habitats to put more humans on. Humans are taking over everywhere. Please let's preserve our quiet villages for the benefit of wildlife that is in decline at the hands of humans. It is a nice place to socialise. It is significant for wildlife, reduced pollution, diversity, for farmland, for scenery. It could be used in other ways than housing.
Too many new houses will destroy Great Witley
In the heart of the village, close to the school and easy access with parking at the village hall. It is/was a good area for wildlife (badgers suddenly disappeared around the time the planning discussions started though). Natural watercourse, and tree cover would be reduced or destroyed if more houses were built.
Continues the process of linking the two halves of the village (Stourport Road. Tenbury Road sides)
We believe there are sympathetic designs that could mitigate the devaluing effect of the proposal.
This is a great open space for walking and enjoying the village / countryside and is within walking distance from a high proportion of houses within the village triangle; also the facility of the outdoor gym is great ; it is a community area and great for village and community / social gatherings eg: annual village bonfire // also a relatively safe and secure space for people get some fresh air from their homes nearby
A lovely open space as you enter the village.
We only moved here 12 months ago but the bonfire on this green space brought many people and the community back together. It would also build a perfect extension to Bowens field and could be developed into a park for the community to enjoy and maybe host community events in the future
Because it is an open green space that can be used for occasional village events or left as a wild space/developed into a wild meadow
Adds to the open feel of the village
I did not agree the land is ideal for development because it is enclosed on three sides
I selected disagree because I believe there is enough green space in Bowen's field as it is very rare that I see many people in the field at the same time.
This is a rural community which has had a lot of building encroachment on other areas. This is the only green space left in great Witley which is untouched and doubtless supports wildlife.
The space ensure a green break between the current houses. A lot of the green space surrounding the village is quite challenging across farm field with stiles or steep wooded paths. This space is therefore

a much more accessible green space that people whose mobility is challenged or not what it used to be can walk and exercise.
Ensures the safety of those using the field and keeps the village feel
I disagreed because the land is in an ideal location for development provided densities are sensible and attention is paid to landscaping and providing greenspaces
Not sure that it has any significance
I don't think it is of any local significance
No sensible alternative as a Local Green Space.
I don't
To build here would be disruptive to the continuity of green space in the village and uncertainty of the security of Bowens field
There is so much wildlife in that area. Walking through the park I see dozens of rabbits running across paths back into the field. It is scattered with badger dens. This should be protected
It appears to be an area of wildlife habitat refuge. Development too close to this would negatively impact this.
Wildlife
Gives the village a dog walking area and a place adjacent to the playground where people can play sport
Keep green belt areas
It provides an area of informal open space close to the village for outdoor village activities such as the annual bonfire.
It would mean there were fewer walks that went into green space without having to go up steep hills. Would the cut through be intimidating at night?
It lies beneath the view towards Abberley block tower and many people enjoy this peaceful, scenic walk with the benches to sit and take-in the views. It provides a habitat for wildlife and the primary school enjoy using the field for wildlife walks and sponsored rambles periodically. The village bonfire night has been enjoyed by many the past few years. Building on it would prevent the social activities this land can be used for for the whole village, as well as forever removing the tranquility of the site as a haven between the 2 main roads which encase this parcel of land.
No Opinion
Rural character near other development. Next to the school and Bowens Field - offers opportunity for village events to be accessible for everyone.
It is the only area in the village where there is space for people - especially children - to meet
it is in the heart of the village and should be protected
Not designating this is the thin edge of the wedge. All other areas will eventually fall to the development initiative!
It is vital for maintaining the village feel and creating an environmentally friendly habitat for flora and fauna.
Open fields when entering. There is already traffic going in to school and doctors at this point. Building here will restrict the traffic view and a potential rtc spot. Lovely for dog walking and know you are coming into a countryside village. Used for village activities for community spirit
An area for green space within the village will enhance the local environment. The area identified or within 100 metres would be a local asset.
The school may wish to expand at some point - or develop sports area more - if this land is built on it won't be able to.
Enjoyable walk through the village that is accessible for all.
It will help retain the rural nature of the village and help prevent future development

Due to wildlife and birds in the area it should be kept for the village too for our surroundings.
It will help retain the rural nature of the village and help prevent future development
It is a local green space that has brought the community together at times by hosting bonfires/fireworks and fayres. This green space could continue to host similar events for the local community instead of infilling it with houses. It also adds to the Views that look over towards abberley Hill from the Glebe and Glendower Way. Finally, it continues to give the village a 'village' feel, especially when utilising bowens field and the exercise equipment.
It is a highpoint near to the centre of the village and any building here would interfere with views of the hills
It enhances the village and rural feel of Great Witley and a clear view of the surrounding countryside.
Wildlife habitat and recreation for village residents
The amount of Greenspace in the villages fast decreasing, and it feels important to protect this
It a valued green space which allows people to meet up, exercise and adds to the feel of the village
It would provide a central area of easily accessible green space for the bulk of the community in that area, which is the most densely populated part of the parish.
There wasn't the option for "Other". I don't disagree that it should be designated as green space but if planning is to go ahead I think it is the sensible choice to link the two sides of the village together and in doing so encompass some green space within the design.
Rather than concentrating new housing in the centre of the village it would be more appropriate to extend the concept of Bowens field and increase the available out door spaces for the village. We need more maintained and safe outdoor spaces, not less, with a higher concentration of houses.
If more house are to be built in the immediate area it would be good to have more green space accessible by foot to the school, village hall , post office and GP surgery. Also some allotments would be good ..
Gives a feeling of open countryside.
Open space and used for sheep
no opinion
It is an area of beauty and tranquility where people can walk in complete safety (apart from dog mess!) and also enjoy clean healthy air (although with a large housing estate right next to it that may no longer be the case)
It is the only green space in the village. If the development south of the Stourport Road goes ahead there should be considerably more green space.
It provides an area for community activities and a play area for children
It is the only area for residents between two main roads
*No opinion amended to read 'my opinion'. Local green space is a "box ticking" exercise - Land south of Stourport Rd is already local green space! Used for bonfire etc / fetes.
This land is of particular importance for everyone because of the wildlife and should not be compromised by building
Any green space is for builders as far as they're concerned. Don't give into them.
Because of the local wildlife it has a significant importance to the village
It will act as a buffer and reduce the impact of the housing development proposed on the enjoyment of the existing recreational area
It enhances the village and is beautiful. Once destroyed we can never get it back.
I believe we should protect our green spaces. It would change the landscape and rural environment if built on.
To try and preserve some open space for natural environmental purpose

An environmental green site, hopefully with all the development planned it can still be a nature corridor
Already Great Witley densely housed, school and GP probably full up
It is significant in that it maintains the rural feel and open space within the village
It is a high point which provides unobstructed views north, east and west.
1. It has been a community space for each Nov 5th celebrations (yearly). 2. A breathing space in the village which would otherwise be a complete block of housing.
To give off road walking routes and connect with existing green space. And to protect from high density of housing, allowing for natural drainage and nature corridors
It is the path that links residents of Stourport Rd side to school and doctors.
A lot of people walk there, walk their animals, meet up.
It provides a natural corridor to the facilities in the village
It provides a green break in the housing along the side of Stourport Road
To preserve village feel.
Useful community green space
To protect the environment and not permit Bowens field to then effectively become a green space in the middle of a housing estate
Given the extent of new housing in the last decade this area is the only green space left in the centre of the village
Great Witley doesn't really have a centre so this area might help to create one. It would also save it from future development.
No opinion
Green space is very important to health and wellbeing our community. Research backs this up.
Centre for community activities
It's the main piece of green open space available in the community
It breaks up the housing areas of the village with green space and provides a focal point for the annual village bonfire and associated stalls. I think this should be used for these sort of events more.
This is a wonderful green space for everyone to enjoy and has a diverse wildlife. Any housing in this space will be far too close to the school which could have implications for pupils safety
Maintain open spaces within village
This space is used used by us all the time. It's a great space for the community to meet and children to let off steam.
Open space for people to use.
Open space for people to use
I think if there has to be more development in the village, this is probably the best area.
It offers a large open space in the centre of the village where children and dogs can run safely.
If there is definitely going to be development in the village, this may be the only possible area for it.
Wildlife, keeping the population density of Great Witley down. We don't have the infrastructure to support more housing. I want my son to grow up with green spaces surrounding him.
Would be much nicer for future generations to have green spaces to grow up in rather than surrounded by housing estates
Gives the village a feel of being in the countryside
It is home to various significant wildlife habitats and is remote from both the Stourport and Worcester roads and give the village a countryside ambiance.
Not only is it of huge benefit to people's health and emotional well-being, it is also a real haven for wildlife - pheasants, badgers, rabbits, shrews, song birds to name a few.

This area helps maintain the open ness of the village
An amenity central to village recreation activities.
The location being on the access from Stourport Road into the village.
There is very little green space for locals to access. Bowen's field is actually quite small. If the field adjacent to it goes for development the centre of the village becomes an estate.
As the heart of the village it is important to have a protected green space for wellbeing of all.
To maintain a village feel & offer breathing space
wild life including Badgers sets are there to be protected.
This area is regularly used by locals with the children and pets in the area. People feel safe being able to use this area.
It is already used extensively by the community and this is a village not a town. Preserving green space is really important.
It is important to keep a 'green heart' to the village to provide natural amenity and preserve a village feel. Filling in this land turn great witley into a dormitory town and essence of village is lost
It's where we have our Bonfire!!! And I regularly jog along the edge, enjoying the butterflies and greenery. It's also a sump for excess rain water.
This is the part of the village that people of all ages get to see and walk beside. It gives a feeling of openness within the village as well as supporting biodiversity. If this land is built on it is gone forever and future generations wont have it to enjoy.
It is one of the last green spaces within the village and it is used by the community.
We don't need to concrete all fields g witlet
Natural surroundings and green space must be protected.
Because we all need somewhere lovely to go walking, that's what the country side is all about.
The village is quite a small area which is full enough with houses.
Too many houses expensive already
The land should be incorporated into village space. I feel that it adds to the countryside feel off Great Witley and how the village co exists with its rural surroundings.
School might need to develop and be used for existing community. We no longer have a public house as that got taken for housing! What do we have in Great Witley - a village hall - petrol station - post office/shop! Nothing else!!
goose white eggs

Question 8: If there any other areas of land you think meet the criteria for Local Green Space designation, please describe them below:

None but all existing footpaths, walkways must not be changed.
The field opposite Stourport Lodge with the public footpath running through it. It is used by villagers and walkers regularly. It is next to the Lodge which is part of the Witley Court Estate and should remain undeveloped.
All farm land in and around Great Witley.
ALL the areas surrounding the village. Since we move here in 2004, three housing estates have been built so we have fulfilled the required development. The traffic past our house has increased significantly and crossing the Severn either at Stourport or at Holt Fleet involves increased waiting times.
FARMLAND should be kept as such, not be available for housing of any kind!
Land at the end of the unnamed road where it meets the A443 on the Great Witley triangle.
Are there any plans for the field to the right of the surgery? A much better area and a dog friendly area.
I would prefer to see the field next to the surgery designated as a green space and enhanced to make it look welcoming as the entry point to the village.
The green space adjacent to The Glebe. If this is filled with housing it will no longer be a village, just a conurbation.
The fields next to and behind the park.
The fields that lead up to the hills / outside the triangle of houses.
The land opposite Bowens Field. Also the land on the corner of Worcester Road and the road onto Stourport Road.
Quarterman's Field
Bowen's Field
It is vital that the field opposite the chapel and next to the surgery and village hall car park should be kept an open space. Development here would be a huge blot on the landscape and alter the character of the village.
Surrounding hillside green fields leading to woodlands, local farm land.
Field next to the surgery - three corner meadow - for reason set out in Q5
Green fields leading to hills surrounding village
Fields outside of the village triangle leading onto the hills
There isn't any left, due to housing.
Rest of Quarterman's field
The green space behind village hall. The green space next to doctors surgery/main road. The green space where the fireworks display is held.
No
NO
The local green space is / includes the Western part of the field proposed for housing
maybe the area opposite the doctors surgery and village car park
No
The to the right of Worcester Road when driving towards worcester from the hundred house. It's farm land as far as I am aware but is also a connection of several footpaths which contribute to the attraction of walking in the area. Something that could be explored further and bring more tourism to the area

Any space that is not currently developed on, if it's empty, keep it as a green space in keeping with the village/countryside
Land in front and behind the hundred house. Pain's field adjoining the surgery. Both contribute to the open feel of the village
The land to the east of the doctors surgery
No
None
The land to the east of the doctors surgery bordering the link road
No suggestion
3 corner meadow as footpath used frequently as link Road used as overflow for cars from school for picking up children from school (when weather permits)
The field next to the doctors. The foot path is well used, by hikers, dog walkers and parents picking children up from school in summer when they park on the b4197 as the car parking is no where near sufficient.
None
I think Bowens field is perfect, it's well located for the most populated parts of the field and ample big enough it's rare you see many people in there. I walk a dog every day there and I'm usually on my own. If you really wanted another maybe three corner meadow next to the doctors, as it's used as a regular foot path by many and in summer parents often park down the b4196 and use the foot path across the field to get to the school. It could make that corner much safer for children and dogs being walked off lead which we often see in that field
None immediately identified
Field next to The Surgery on Worcester Road. It is the only open field with a clear footpath that links you through to Worcestershire Way footpaths on Stourport Rd.
Assume that Bowen's field is already designated as such.
Land /field adjacent to doctors surgery
Field next to doctors surgery
Land in front of the village school.
The corner field between the doctors surgery and the gate house. This has the footpath running through, which has seen an increase in local people using for walks since the pandemic. This field also has beautiful views up towards Red Marley and the orchards, west towards the Abberley clock tower and then in the opposite direction to the gate house which is a listed building.
Not at the moment
Field next to the doctors, A443 and link road. Used very heavily as a footpath - which reduces traffic and allows people to walk dogs, access the surgery and school without driving. It is framed by lovely views.
The field between the A443, the doctor's surgery, the link road and the houses in the area of the Old Rectory. This is one of the best-used public footpaths in the village which cuts down car traffic for people using village services, and is framed by beautiful views in every direction
Land south of Stourport rd next to The Glebe.
We have met housing objective numbers, so all others should be protected by designation!
All green spaces should be maintained in the village - they are vital.
Any area which are currently green space should not be developed on
Pains field
No as I couldn't get planning permission to extend my property - why should a whole new housing estate be ok? The pathways aren't suitable for any planning to be agreed! Planners turned down

so many individuals to extend their own properties why would we then approve massive planning changes in the area?
The fields where the bonfire and fireworks are held
The land adjacent to the Doctor's surgery sometimes known as Pain's field
Field next to Gp surgery on corner of Worcester road.
The field adjacent to Doctors Surgery known as Pain's field
Land directly next to the doctors and redmarley
The hillside of Abberley Hills and Walsgrave Hill
Home Farm and the orchards along the Stourport Road.
The field area next to the doctors surgery
Not that I'm aware of
The fields which contain footpaths either side of the road near the Hundred House - the views from Abberley hill towards Woodbury/Walsgrove should be protected.
The fields around Woodbury Hill and Home Farm Lane
None
The corner meadow, it is lovely to see the green field as you drive into the Village
The corner meadow should be designated green space possible sports field at present it's going through a stage of rewilding
none
Rolling fields south of the A443.
The field adjacent to the link road between Worcester Road and Stourport Road
The field between the Surgery and Link Road, fronting the Worcester Road
Land currently being considered for development south of Stourport Road. A village green between the Glebe and any new development could enhance the village and reduce impact of new build.
Houses should not be built AT ALL on the land south of Stourport Road. This whole space should be / remain local green space!
All land around the village, particularly that which has footpaths running through it
This land should remain green space as the government said we all need
Around the village of Great Witley the land needs to be protected
Abberley Hills above the tree line
Abberley Hills which has a preservation society
The 'front' half of the field as you enter the village on the Worcester Road. The A443 side of the diagonal footpath. This will maintain a village feel and give a green area as well as protecting the character of the entrance to Witley Court
Fields on south side of Abberley Hill
The whole of great Witley
none
The field to the right of the doctors surgery
None of which i am aware
none that spring immediately to mind
All areas outside the village triangle. It will not be a rural village if new housing is allowed outside the triangle and farm land is lost.
The field next to the doctors surgery and on the corner of the Worcester road and the link road.
None
no

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All existing at the moment
Field by doctor's surgery and between Worcester Road and Walsgrove Farm.
Bowens Field, Quartermans Field and Pains Field, plus open spaces around the village which need to be preserved
The field on the corner of great Witley by the surgery. This could be linked from the quatergreen, have trees, benches would increase wild life and when entering Great Witley would give the feel of green space and a community feel.
No
None
If as seems inevitable there is some housing on the land between Bowens field and the School, it should become even more important to preserve the 3 Corner meadow adjacent to the Surgery as a green space.
The land between Bowen's Field and the Village Hall and he large field on the right hand side as you enter the village going towards Tenbury Wells.
The 3 corner meadow adjacent to the surgery
The land between the doctors surgery and the link road
The land between the Surgery and the B4197 (link road), which already hosts a public right of way.
Farmland needs to be protected so that wildlife doesn't lose valuable habitat such as that of hedgerows. Plus, there are many public rights of way across the local farms which provide excellent walks, essential for good health. The woods also need protecting.
No comment
Land adjacent to Stourport road cut through.
Pains field should also be considered as part of a comprehensive appraisal of development and infrastructure.
Corner field on the approach to the village on the Worcester Road, next to the Doctors and opposite the entrance to Witley Court Drive. It has a right of way across it, used by the locals. This could be retained as green space extension from the village hall as parkland.
No
The field approaching the village of GW from Worcester opposite the church yard
land off B1497 already has pedestrian right of way across
I feel personally that all areas of land within Great Witley should stay green. There are plenty of brown field sites in Stourport area which could be used for housing if needed.
Anything that is outside the current settlement boundary.
Large field as you enter the village from the Worcester road. This could make a useful amenity such as a cricket pitch which would preserve green space and enhance the village socially.
The field next to the doctor's surgery, the land around Goodman's farm and behind the Hundred House
The area of land next to the surgery
The area Bloor Homes are currently applying for planning on.
Covered
Not sure
Any areas that are currently green should remain so.
The triangle
The land next to the DRs surgery that has the footpath going diagonally across it.
Area around Witley Court - however planners have allowed more farm buildings which has created massive vehicles such as combine harvesters & large HGV vehicles to go down small lanes

next to grade 2 listed buildings that shake foundations of these houses. Double standards to planning not deemed fair. Why is housing the only development that is created on green belt land? It doesn't benefit village life at all but make it busier & noisier with more pollution!

gosh so flsjt u slug out

Infrastructure

Question 10: If you have specific recommendations for improvements, please give details of what and where below:

Restrict / redirect and monitor the construction traffic which is not only dangerous (size and speed) but ruining the road surfaces. This has only appeared in later years (last four years approx).
Litter picking
Traffic speed limits should be enforced.
We need low level lighting as unable to walk round the village once dark as too dangerous!
Widen pavements on main road and/or provide new footpaths from area of Glendower Way and Fountain Court to shop, school, surgery and village hall to avoid main road.
A bowling green on Bowen's Field would be excellent.
FOOTPATHS everywhere in Great Witley.
Parking restrictions on A451 and A443 near entrances to drives, also blocking the pavements by parking on them.
Large HGVs make the houses vibrate on the Worcester Road which happens nighttime and daytime. They fall into drains and rattle manhole covers!
There MUST be stricter controls on both Worcester Road and Stourport Road.
Traffic calming on the main Tenbury - Worcester road coming down the hill should be a priority. NO-ONE goes though the village at 30 mph - there must be physical things put in place to slow traffic. Ditches perhaps!
The pathway leading to the tennis courts.
Additional speed enforcement on Stourport Road and Worcester Road would benefit the environment as well as noise, especially on Shelsley Hill Climb days when no such enforcement is in place.
More speed enforcement on Stourport Road and Worcester Road, especially on weekends when Shelsley Hill Climb is in operation.
Speed camera on road between Hundred House and Witley lodge.
Traffic speed limits should be enforced.
Extend 30 mph zone on Stourport Road leading to Dunley to include sharp bend by pump sewage station.
Keeping pavements clear and maintained.
Widen the footpaths
More buses that go to Stourport / Kidderminster and Worcester more often.
Traffic calming at the bottom of the hill by the service station, to slow fast moving vehicles down. Perhaps a roundabout?
As ticked, better bus service into Worcester would be amazing. It would be nice to be able to go out somewhere for a drink without the mission. Pathway walked down to fireworks night is way too thin and dangerous. If we could have a nice restaurant/cafe and a pub - this would be pleasing. We are such a big village in comparison to others that have these provisions. Considering we do have a post office/shop, a school, a church, a GP surgery, a village hall. We are big enough to have a pub/cafe/restaurant. Would improve village feel, connections and social life for the village. The village hall are great putting on what they do but it would be nice for this to be in addition as opposed to filling a gap. Not agreeing to too much green space being allocated to housing. A pub/restaurant to be part of development. Like what Ombersley have.
No more houses to be built

Road markings around the schools reinforcing speed limits. Hedge cutting/path maintenance through Great Witley village. Very narrow in some places where hedges and verges encroach on the pavement.
The lack of fttp broadband provision is appalling, and has an impact on house prices and ability to work from home. There should be a proper concerted effort by the Parish Council to sort this for the whole village, especially those who don't live right in the centre.
We do not have mains gas in the village or regular public transport or a reliable electricity supply. Roads are often flooded. There isn't employment in the area to warrant the houses being built. Doctors and Schools are at capacity including already a pre-fab building at the school
to slow down the pass through traffic that speeds through the village; especially lorries ; re speed limit signage to have signage that flashes up the speed limit one is going and then thanks you once within the limit like in broadheath (think it is there); bottle neck re parking around entrance / exit to village hall / school car park maybe have a zebra crossing for buses / cars dropping off and to make it easier / safer for when crossing the road going to the scout and guide hut
No
Speed limit enforcement
Traffic problems when parents drop off or collect pupils from school. Encourage more pedestrians, introduce a penalty or charge for parents using the village hall car park
Development needs to be of low density and in keeping with the rural surroundings not urban style development in the countryside
Light pollution is a problem particularly from the petrol station on the main road
N
Nothing specific
Greater attention to style appearance and density of future developments.
No Recommendations
Footpath on worcester road is narrow and traffic speeding especially hgv can take your breath away when walking on the footpath.
Footpath on Worcester road is very narrow especially when the hedges have grown out and traffic comes down quite a speed.
None
Things for the village in the village hall. The coffee mornings are great for the older members of the village, it's just very sad that they can't happen more often because the nursery has such a bulk booking. It's almost like a second hall is needed so someone else can have day time access. We live in a village with a large percentage of older people, but the village hall only caters to small children during the day, if there was space available you could have things for the rest of the village.
None
The drainage and sewerage in the village is already under pressure. The verge in front of our house has a manhole serving a large part of the village and it overflows a few times a year. This is not acceptable and extra provision was not sufficiently made for previous housing developments. The village is not a nice place to walk, which is a shame as there are so many beautiful walks within reach. Out pavements (where present) are extremely narrow with no room to walk safely with a dog or to pass other pedestrians. As the roads through the village are so busy this is a real issue. I also feel that some street lighting is essential in the village. Again, for safety reasons. Footpaths through fields around the village can be very difficult to follow. One signpost sending you into a field and then no more to guide you on is common. This could be improved.
Improvement of public transport links (which would influence my opinion on starter homes / low cost housing / elderly care development.)
Traffic calming measures when traffic comes into and out of the village

Reduce traffic volume
Traffic calming and if possible a wider footway on Worcester Road through the village to make walking between the shop/school/surgery/village hall feel safer and more pleasant and to encourage reduced car use. Currently vehicles pass close to the kerb at speed making the walk feel dangerous and unpleasant.
Stourport Road has seen 2 car accidents in the past few months, which appear to have been speed related. The footpaths are frequently used by parents/ grandparents walking children to school, people exercising their dogs and people generally walking to enjoy the area and access local amenities. The speed 40mph speed limit zone should be revised here and be lowered to 30 and greater traffic speed and calming mechanisms deployed.
Build a roundabout at the junction of the A443 & the A451 by the Hundred House. At the moment the only traffic slowed is that leaving the A451.
Pavements that enable prams and wheelchairs to use them and footpaths that are accessible
We need to improve the accessibility of our roadside footpaths, as well as off-road public rights of way for wheeled users.
foot paths along Worcs rd past Post Office
Before housing plans are extended again, all infrastructure needs putting in place. Definitely upgrading sewerage and water systems, upgrading both surgery and schools. If numbers of new housing are serious a by pass around the village would appear to be essential to take new residents to the numerous new jobs where ever they may be, allow access for shopping/retail and decrease noise and congestion which is already a problem. A dual carriage by pass could allow all facilities to be fringe and not all "crow barred" into our small village space!!!
I don't know.
Some of the public footpaths across farmland are not marked well or kept by farmers as useable. Field in between Great Witley and Hillhampton is often planted over or surface unsuitable for walking due to plowing. The path can be difficult to walk on us to uneven and bushes
traffic speeds should be reduced
No public knowledge of where buses stop. Traffic volume high and massive HGV lorries allowed to go down small lanes rocking grade 2 listed building homes - should never have been allowed by planners! Water source major issue! Severn Trent not improved infrastructure since 1960s! Everyone has to lay own pipe work from Little Witley where mains is! Lay your own pipes over a mile under highways and other people's land - isn't right or fair!
Enforcements of speed limits on both roads but especially the Worcester road between the hundred house and the school. Far too many speeding cars, vans and lorries. Not safe to walk children to school, an accident waiting to happen.
Provision of Community Renewable Energy generation and storage eg Wind or Solar generation and battery storage. The village needs a 7 day bus service extending into the evenings which enables people to travel to work, shops, school, and for social events such as theatres, cinemas. This would reduce traffic levels and pollution considerably
Traffic speeds through village a concern for everyone and pets when walking. Children's safety because of speed of traffic. Improvements to Quarterman's field for children.
Provision of Community renewable energy eg Wind, solar
Improved parking for the school
Footpaths should be provided for pedestrians to be able to reach the school, surgery, village Hall and Post Office without having to use the narrow pavement on the Worcester Road
Great Witley is in dire need of public amenities such as a public house and even a larger shop.
Much better litter control throughout the village and the road marking of the A443 left into the Stourport Rd so that motorists can see it's a left turn and use their indicators. At the moment the

white lines are faded and many motorists consider the way to the Stourport Rd is just straight on at the Hundred House and not actually a left turn.
To ensure pavements are passable, hedging regular maintained to allow people to pass
Nil
Unfortunately I have no recommendations for improvement but would like to add to Q9. I don't feel we need to extend the boundaries for traffic speed limits but they need to be enforced more often. Unfortunately that is difficult with two main roads running through the village. Paths are suitable for purpose if hedges are maintained properly, which is perhaps not always the case.
The speeding vehicles coming through the village are frightening and increasing. Both the primary school and doctors surgery are on the route most speed on. As well as day to day commuters abusing the speed limits at weekends racing takes place through the village.
Infrastructure to support the extra homes . School and GP improvements plus road improvements to cope with the extra traffic.
Enforcement of speed limit between Hundred House and school.
The height of fences around property should be considered we should encourage hedging and not 6' fences
none
None
No comment
Reduce speed limit to 20 mph by Great Witley Primary School or provide mini roundabout at Martley Road junction.
ANY housing development will put severe strain on infrastructure, so no more housing required!
Any more houses will put a strain on infrastructure
Many rural villages have 20 mph limits in place, with the primary school and the car park on the Worcester Road could we not justify the same limit here in Great Witley???
Footpaths from Stourport Road / Glebe to the school, village hall, surgery and post office
A flashing speed sign on the Stourport Road. There has been two accidents in the last few months related to speed.
Speed cameras on both A roads
We get power cuts often. Poor phone and internet connection
access to facilities from Fountain court, Glendower way and anywhere in the triangle without having to walk on the side of the road
Area for allotment
No
None
Reduce Speed limit on the road from A443 through Hillhampton village Improve drainage on A443 the traffic travels to fast down abberley hill. The footpath down abberley hill is too narrow and not maintained to its full width. A path the other side of the fence would be appreciated.
If we could slow traffic down then maybe more people would choose more environmental transport, especially for local, short trips
The speed limit zones need extending beyond the current footprint to include Structons Heath, and possibly the area up to Little Witley. Has anyone ever tried to walk along the path between Structons Heath and Great Witley with a pram, 60 Mph road with path immediately next to it.
Extend double white lines past the turning for Structons Heath
Traffic managment through the village on the main roads and speed reduction or control measures are need. The comment in the village is "not if but when there is serious incident outside the school".
None

Footpath by the post office and school as well as by garage onto Stanford road. Traffic volume and speed through the village.
Drainage in the village is really bad, there have been raw sewage spillages in various areas such as Worcester Road and the Glebe, how can adding more houses be a good idea when we already have these problems. This needs to be resolved by Seven Trent, as does the electricity supply which is constantly being interrupted sometime for hours on end
No
None
None
I have no specific recommendations.
none
I've made my concerns about styles in the area a number of times and nothing has been done! They're very dangerous
No
There are areas of the Stourport road where the footpath provision is not contiguous.
Ensuring that pavements are clear is essential - they are already quite narrow and used regularly by adults and children accessing shops, doctors, school, walking dogs etc. This links with my next point about the very real necessity for traffic calming measures. I realise we have A roads in the village, but very large HGVs regularly exceed the speed limit (so do many other vehicles) which makes walking in the village sometimes feel quite dangerous. I know people who would sooner drive to the doctors or to the field to walk their dog rather than contend with speeding, inconsiderate and dangerous drivers. It is only a matter of time before there is a real tragedy.
As an older man I am concerned that if I am forced to give up driving there is no bus service into Stourport and return
Pavement width increase and traffic calming and speed limit enforcement crucial.
cameras to monitor and control speeding vehicles.
Always wondered why a bus service to Tesco in Stourport wasn't available.
Larger surgery and school to cope with increase in population.
Housing for local people who work in the village & rural area
no recommendations/keep our green spaces
Ensure footpaths are passable for people i.e. hedge/herbage cut appropriately, gates are not locked or blocked
Speed limit enforcement on Stourport and Worcester road and lessen the amount of HGV using the roads. Especially at the Hundred House junction. There is a new small housing development there and traffic coming off the Worcester Road onto the Stourport road is too fast. There will be an accident soon if something isn't done. The thought of even more traffic with a new development is frightening. The roads can't cope with all the traffic it has now let alone additional traffic from a new development and the additional traffic from the Abberley development too.
None
The existing sewerage pumping station is already barely adequate and has had a number of leaks of sewerage outside its curtilage one of which has polluted the local watercourse. If more houses are to be built upstream, this facility may end to be upgraded and re-sited on the land adjacent to the glebe that has been designated for housing. The location adjacent to the watercourse of an underrated nearly life expired asset will only lead to further environmental incidents and prosecutions of Severn Trent by the EA
Speed bumps at the entrances to the village and the school.
no

This is breaking news this week, but Abberley Hall School is in financial trouble and this land is likely to be sold off for development as valuations have already been sort by Malvern College as they have now withdrawn all funding to the school as they look to sell it off.

Use of speed calming measures as some vehicles overnight are excessively fast

Not sure

On Stourport Road speed bumps as you enter the village from Dunley up to Hundred House, the speeds some people through this area is dangerous.

Encourage parents to walk or car share their children to school

All the pavements could do with some TLC. I'd like to see improvements in the path that link Hillhampton and Great Witley. We

Water supply! At present we share antiquated pipe with a farm & another home. The nearest Severn Trent connection is over a mile away near Little Witley! We can't have our own bill & have to pay our neighbour, who we rely on to tell us the truth of what we owe as a meter isn't even on our land! Told if we want our own account with Severn Trent we need to lay our own pipe - which would be down the A443 & across 4 people's land at £10,000s of our own money! Yet the want to build more homes! Terrible infrastructure that hasn't improved since 1960s!

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Housing

Question 15: If you have any other suggestions for how the site should be developed, please tell us below:

Sell plots to individuals to build their own home. Should include as far as possible passive houses. All should have solar panels.
See Q2!
Should be a small development in keeping with a small village and amenities
It should be developed on smaller scale to meet requirements of people in the village
A good mix of sizes and styles as we have on Glendower Way; builders will only build what they know will sell.
Crete the proposed area to feature a natural woodland of different species of trees to encourage wildlife back into the area which I know for a fact has diminished greatly over the years, particularly since the two developments on the Worcester Road were built. We regularly use to get woodpeckers in our garden but their flight path has changed. We don't see them anymore!
No more building! Great Witley is losing its character. To create a woodland of native trees with pathways for local residents to walk through and relax would be the best option
1. Low cost maintenance? Grazing? 2. Area for school and play school if another class room is required. 3. Area for dogs to be exercised.
Access to be made safe during development for people using entrance to Bowen's Field
All new houses in the parish should be required to have solar panels, a garden big enough for kids to play in plus a community space particular to each set of houses.
Vehicular access should not be close to the gate to Bowen's Field, as this is going to be a health and safety problem for pedestrians accessing the field, especially during development.
To ensure the development is in keeping with the appearance of Great Witley, not becoming a commuter hub, meet local needs, and not to create adverse pressures on local infrastructure.
Fewer high quality homes would put less stress on the environment i.e. road traffic, infrastructure and noise and also would maintain the high quality of living in a village setting. Too many houses built very close together will put a great strain on schools and medical services.
Would prefer fewer high quality detached homes for young professionals to maintain high value of living in the village. Also few homes means less impact on the environment i.e. noise, road traffic, infrastructure.
No houses - Trees - Farm Shop - Cafeteria. An arboretum and area of recreation
As stated in Q2
Housing should include fibre cabling for internet, solar panels for producing electricity, rainwater harvesting for us of toilets/wcs reduced bills, overall benefits
Include bungalows
No new houses until road infrastructure can cope with existing traffic volumes
I would prefer this site to remain undeveloped.
Keeping green space. Not changing look of Great Witley. Not having all family homes for children to impact school and GP waiting times. A pub/restaurant on site.
Please do not agree to more houses
Not every home to be 4/5 bed executive homes. First time buyers and low incomes are not catered for in this area.
none
take into account existing sightlines of properties already there

a very low density housing development that has very minimal impact of views / environment and road infrastructure
None
Wild flower meadow
I don't think it should be developed!
The development is not being opposed by all of the parish council nor all of the residents
Not developed!
Develop only once to prevent further disruption to the village and also any possible later updated amendments to the proposal
None except that it is an ideal site within the village for development
Without any major disruption
Note natural landscape and put any pools etc in the dip and not at the top of the field as seen in an old plan for housing development.
Respect natural landscape as well as man made.
None
Mindful of landscape, too many proposed designs for this village put ponds up hill when there are already areas that water is known to gather, sounds like common sense but put the ponds where the water already goes
Limited lighting to prevent light saturation the village
None
As a self builder, I'm heavily in favour of self build over mass development, particularly in rural locations. The uniqueness and visual impact of mass housing in this setting is often poorly undertaken in village. By contrast, self build construct higher quality (not minimum building regs), more sustainable and individuality, thus maintaining the traditional 'random' assortment of buildings in a traditional english village.
Ensure number of new dwellings and associated inhabitants can be serviced by existing amenities such as schools and doctors surgery.
Sympathetically. With the ability for younger members of the village to acquire homes within the village
None
It should comprise well designed development in character with the village in layout, design, materials and hedge/tree planting. It should provide a well overlooked/landscaped frontage to the important existing footpath link between the village hall/Bowens Field/Stourport Road bus stop, so the route continues to feel safe and pleasant for users. Similarly with the frontage to the existing sports area. Some small houses to attract youngsters and also bungalows to enable older residents in outlying family houses to move nearer the village amenities would be an advantage.
No suggestions other than it would be preferable if it was not developed for housing at all.
No
Consider the local need for property, rather than an amorphous speculative development, designed to provide commuter-homes that are not in keeping with area or contribute to village participation.
It should be consistent with housing density in the existing village, should be centred around pedestrian and cycle access to village amenities and should be houses which are distinctive not bulk-build could-be-anywhere monstrosities
Why can,t this field be developed for agricultural use?
Should not disadvantage the existing residential population.
None

No development, there is no provision for the extra load this will place on the doctors and school which is currently unsustainable.
Restrict development to less than 25 dwellings every 5 years to allow assimilation with village
Not developed! Eco homes that provide power off grid and a development of ground source heat pump that court serve the whole village! Should be part of what should be being planned! Off grid power source for whole village!
Consideration to the impact on the school and doctors surgery.
I believe that the development should be in more equal phases (4 Or 5) over the 18 year period between 2023 and 2041. However the infrastructure should be put in place in the first phase.
For wildlife and use by village and community for all ages / conservation areas.
I believe the development should be in more equal phases (4 or 5) over the 18 year period between 2023 and 2041. However the infrastructure should be put in place in the first instance
I feel this site should not be developed on but utilised for the local community for gatherings such as the bonfires, fayres, local groups such as scouts/brownies etc
Houses should have solar roof panels
To be frank, I would prefer the site not to be developed.
Any further development of more than 30 houses/ dwellings should include better shopping facilities eg a mini supermarket
Any new developments meets local needs and maintains the character and feel of the village. Not to turn great witley into a commuter village. To maintain the distinction between Gt. Witcher and it's namely villages.
Nil
It should not be developed. The village infrastructure cannot support this many new homes. This has been clear from the beginning.
Orientation of all house roofs so Photo Voltaic cells can be used on all roofs also solar thermal and air source heat pumps
None
The housing if any should be of the cottage style on stourport rd also a trickle build
none
Not really constructive, but I would prefer the land to be left as it is.
None
No comment
The government intends to scrap targets for new housing in rural areas therefore 44 new houses may not be required. If the SWDP proposes 44 why are Bloor Homes proposing 85 houses? The site should not be developed until the questions are resolved.
*On the paper form Q14 above was struck out. We do not want any new development on land south of Stourport Road OR Pain's field which is also in the SWDP
We DON'T need large developments on Stourport Road
Tree planning and hedge planting on the Western edge of development plan
An old people's home - provides work and care.
Restrict to the 44 houses as in the development plan and ensure green space as set out in consultation plan is protected and cannot be developed in immediate future
This land should not be developed
none
None
None.

None
Minimise impact on traffic disruption whilst site is being developed. So many new build sites cause major traffic delays as road is reduced to single lane (Hallow, Stourport b143 the latest)
If this site has to be developed it should be made as eco as possible
Rainwater capture and recycling (eg underground storage for garden watering, car washing, toilets); solar power/battery storage
Make sure the site cannot be further developed. (no infill or space left for future development). i.e the space that is left cannot be developed on
None
If it must be developed then keeping some of the green space as a wide non landscaped area.
The only suggestion I have is that we do not need any further houses in the village, especially on such a scale. I also question how can such a development even be considered when small infill applications, which would have no impact on the village, have been declined
Please dont overcrowd this beautiful area and ruin it for everyone.
Don't allow the development at all.
The Neighbourhood plan should try and ensure that total development in the Parish is limited to no more housing than is forced on the Parish by the Local Development Plan.
I have nothing to add to the above apart from feeling this development should not be permitted.
Restrict development to the minimum enforced by the local plan
Maybe you should be developing the school as well to accommodate for all the new people
Sewage is already a problem in the village so that should be a priority
The existing sewerage pumping system has recently proved inadequate for current needs and would require a significant upgrade if the historic spring water, currently used by several houses south of the Stourport Road, and the surface water that feeds local ponds is not to be at risk of further contamination.
No
No comment
Limit the numbers further.
Larger size housing to accommodate multi families with appropriately sized gardens.
Talking about the field under application by Bloor Homes. This should not be more than the 44 houses originally suggested. Currently its 85 and no reasoning for that. Great Witley has already had three developments. If this goes ahead, and subsequent development of the corner field, inevitably it will lead to development of the corner land on stourport road as there will be no reason to contest it.
None
Sympathetic to existing housing & landscape
developed into a nature reserve for visiting school children with study center ect. Run by local volunteers.
Keep the amount of houses down to a minimum if it is agreed.
It is really important that the housing density is not eroded as shown in the document from Bloor Homes. The land should have no more than 44 homes with decent size gardens for all homes and preserve open and green spaces with plenty of planting, screening and salvage strips to prevent development creep.
Include lots of trees in and around the development to provide screening and habitat. Provide the village with a Salvage Strip of ownership surrounding the development so that contiguous development is prevented without explicit agreement of the village. Ensure the development is un-lit to preserve village feel and avoid light pollution. Provide bat boxes on every property and a

wildlife hide on designated green space (adjacent bowen’s field for badger watching. Introduce red kites to the area that can also be watched from the hide. Collaborate with a local nature conservancy for the development of the green space. Relate the sewerage pumping station away from the watercourse and enclose and disguise by earthworks and planting. ‘

Emphasis on modern, sustainable, eco-friendly building materials and practices. If we MUST overpopulate our village we should strive to make it future-proof and attract families who will prioritise the environment and the countryside by building the type of houses the future generations will want and NOT the old-fashioned brick blocks our granddads would choose.

Not be developed

I disagree with the development

Insist developers increase amenities for use by whole village

Not sure

Don't really want a new site

Don’t build the site! Disagree with it and don’t see what advantages are except council getting more council taxes - which ARE NOT SPENT ON OUR VILLAGE!

Community Services and Facilities

Question 18: If you have any other suggestions for how the Parish Council could improve life in Great Witley and Hillhampton, please describe them below:

Improvements to pavements so that you can access these services safely
Provide facilities as Q2
Better bus service to Worcester and Kidderminster
Control traffic flow and speed on main roads and be proactive with County in those respects and the smoothness of road surfaces; support any applications to move the school and surgery onto Pain's field fronting the link road and the rest to be public open space; allow redevelopment of school and surgery sites. NB the church as been designated a Major Church.
One area which has been greatly NEGLECTED for years are the FOOTPATHS. The WORCESTER ROAD and STOURPORT ROAD are in need of a CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF WORK. THEY NEED WIDENING! THEY NEED RE-TARMACING
Provision of safe footpaths around the Great Witley village main roads. Also safe dropped kerbs for wheelchairs. Also a no parking sign at Bowen's Field entrance on Stourport Road (A451).
1. Volunteers needed to care for outdoor facilities?! 2. A smaller and more frequent bus to Worcester / Kidderminster. Can Yarringtons provide?
Encourage neighbours - particularly the elderly - to call in on each other like in the good old days. Encourage those not working to offer help to others - sharing their time, meals, skills to enhance a sense of community. How many people know their nearest 10 neighbours!
Improve footpaths so wheelchairs and pushchairs can use all footpaths with ease and safely.
As stated in Q2
Front of Great Witley School road side. Should have pull in road one way system to drop off children at set back school gate new entrance. This would reduce village hall and doctors' car park from being overcrowded. Majority of parents agree to this.
More buses and things for children to do.
Improve footpaths, make some wider as traffic is very close when walking or using mobility scooter.
Widening road between Holt Heath and Great Witley / Abberley, for safer cycling, pedestrian and horse riding activities
Life in the RURAL village of Great Witley is fine as it is. My concern is that the scale of proposed dwelling increase will turn this rural village into suburbia.
A pub or restaurant!
No
Traffic. Speed and noise has increased dramatically in the last 5 years. Our property vibrates when some of the larger HGV's thunder passed day and night. Speed is a major issue through Great Witley village especially when walking along roadside pavements with narrow footpaths and overgrown hedging.
See earlier comments about fttp broadband.
The Bowen's Field facility is a tranquil place enhanced by its locality beauty spot encompassed within a green field area.
to have / create an online an interactive parish magazine / notice board / with information / events in some form of social media unless there is already one / so to encourage more community involvement / have a quarterly 'parish council social' at the village hall linked with fish n chips / the charlie's bar thing .
None

No sizeable developments of housing
Open a pub/bar at the hundred house as agreed, finish the hundred house development
None
I wish for more outdoor gym equipment to promote healthy lifestyle and got people out together using the equipment in the village
A pub and better public transport
Look after the pavements we have to ensure safety of pedestrians
Creation of retirement homes with associated facilities
Don't build any new houses
Most daytime activities in the week at the village hall appear to be for children. I know nurseries are needed however should these be accommodated within the school grounds? or perhaps part of future development could include an additional purpose built building for pre school. This would not fully book the only village meeting space.
More week day time activities for the whole village like the coffee mornings to be more regular so older members of the community, or those that are self employed can feel included and have more community spirit.
None
Cater for everyone not just children, most of our village aren't children
Maintain the pavements to make it easier underfoot walking around the village
None
None I can think of.
Develop greater community spirit through events / activities including communication of these
Reduce volume and speed of traffic coming through the village at peak times , especially the congestion around the school at school times
Less volume of road traffic
All the above facilities provide vital infrastructure for the village and should be well maintained/improved into the future. There should be support for bus services and the improvements of pedestrian access through the village, traffic calming etc.
We would welcome more communication with what is happening with the Hundred House public house/ bar provision as this would be a welcome asset for the community.
No
More local participation - new residents enabled to feel part of a rural community. The protection of our environment and the ability to enjoy it through footpaths etc
Protect our natural environment, protect the distinctive look of the village with a diverse range of interesting houses (not a housing monoculture), protect the beautiful views of the village set in between the cluster of hills, celebrate the heritage of the village and its origins near Witley Court and the parish church.
Parish Council to continue objecting to further housing developments.
See comments on sewerage and by pass!!!
None
Develop more village activities in the village hall
encourage greater participation by residents
Enough land to create ground source heat pump to take whole village off grid! Another village has managed to do this for its residents.
It would be good to have an annual/quarterly family fun day. To meet other families in the village and surrounding villages

Since the demise of the Hundred House as a pub/restaurant/hotel the village hall is the only place where people can socialise. The provision of a pub/bistro would give us another option.
Traffic speed restrictions
The village hall is the only place where people can socialise following the demise of the Hundred House. The provision of a pub/bistro would be an attractive option.
Further facilities for children to safely use bicycles or other wheeled exercise equipment/toys away from roads and car parks and dog walkers.
none
Increase and improve local amenities as a matter of urgency.
Support the completion of and long term protection Henry's Bar at Hundred House.
prompt village events to nurture a village feel and identity such as the royal coronation, Remembrance Sunday or harvest festival.
nil
Traffic calming measures
Not sure
None
Pushing for the 100 house as an asset of community value
build the new housing in Hillhampton
Get the GP surgery working well as it used to be 10 years ago when we moved in. The last 3 years have seen a large decline in performance (and the pandemic has not been a real issue for almost 12 months now). Reduce HGV traffic along the A443. (Realistically this is not possible though). Give FULL consideration to over capacity of school, surgery and local roads when the housing development on the Stourport road is inevitably given the go ahead.
None
No comment
Provide a warm space for residents having difficulties hearing their homes. Open the pub at the Hundred House!
Use of Scout and Guide hut for "warm space" provision and/or more regular coffee mornings.
A local public house where people could meet and socialise
Oppose developers wanting to build housing estates.
none
None
None
None
no
If the village is to have more open space area it would be wonderful to have a community garden or allotments. This in turn would increase community feeling and involvement.
extend the speed limit areas beyond great witley out to structons heath
No comment
More adveturous park for older children
None
None
A more frequent bus service into Worcester plus a bus service from the village into Stourport/Kidderminster. Public footpaths kept clear of overgrown weeds and traffic calming measures on both the Stourport and Worcester Roads
Do not keep building and over crowding this area.

Do not allow the development south of Stourport Road
The noise and disturbance caused by the increase in traffic over the last ten years is my biggest concern. This has been caused largely by the increase in housing west of the Severn, where traffic has to travel through the village towards bridges over the river which are inadequate to handle the increased traffic load.
This is a great place to live. Don't let it become overrun with too many more people who will be a draw on the school, the doctor and the already too busy roads.
Ask the owner of the three corner meadow to reinstall the footpath across it and tidy the field which is now an eyesore.
If development of new houses is going ahead, then there needs to be a great infrastructure in place.
You need to provide the facilities / make changes to the school, the shops if there's going to be lots more people in the village!
Traffic calming
Keep the hedges beside footpaths under better control.
No
No comment
Signage on the Tenbury road indicating the speed of traffic not just flashing 30 which is ignored.
1. Ensure Henrys wine bar opens. 2. Require larger house plot sizes on new development to avoid massing and urbanisation of the village.
Pavements - keeping clear. Public right of way signposting/maintenance.
To help school and surgery to cope with additional people.
Get the pub opened at the hundred house development
Parish Council do a good job difficult to identify any major improvements.
Great Witley have a large amount of older people so there is a need for care in the community and other things maybe at the village hall.
None
Let's turn this lovely place into much more of a wildlife haven by actively encouraging wildlife rather than trying to move the badgers out so that houses can be built.
A library within the village hall.
Enjoy what we have.
The need to protect our current green spaces is very important. I worry that if the existing planning is approved that the green space between Great Witley & Hillhampton will be the next area looked at.
Provide site, planning permission for pub/restaurant
Public transport is not good.
Not sure.
A lot of the newcomers don't seem to join in village life
Teenage children need to be thought of! Developing skill sets eg mechanic, carpentry, music etc for teenagers so they have somewhere to go. Public transport diabolical!
fakjlg; you fed gowlfd hen duck

Many thanks for getting this far

If you believe there are other matters relevant to the Great Witley and Hillhampton Neighbourhood Plan that you think we have missed, please give details below:

Safer roads, pavements and a workable bus service are basics that need to be looked at and monitored before expansion of the area and more people and cars are brought into the area. (My own personal experience living in the village of Great Witley.)
Consider bias of questions is regarding development NOT how people of Great Witley want to live!
Re Q3 Added an option 'doctors' and ticked.
The baroque church now has Major Church status; more tourism needs to be catered for. The school and surgery both need to be enlarged; they and the shop serve a larger catchment area. The shop and PO may need to be subsidised to maintain financial viability, and also the parish magazine. Make sure conditions attaching to planning consents are enforced/observed. Have another survey in five years time.
Q11. No option chosen. Written note: 'None of the above.'
Now so many people are living on the Worcester Road please can the bus call into the Village Hall car park as well as Stourport Road. Re Q16 added 'bus' to the list of options and ticked.
Lightings on main street junctions should be provided. Drawing indicates points with an 'x' at the Junction of the Stourport and Worcester roads and at the junctions of the Stourport and Worcester Roads with the link road (B4197)
Great Witley does not need to be any bigger. There are more appropriate areas that should be converted to house people such as brown field sits and a this hundred of empty living spaces above shops in towns. Maintain this area as a series of VILLAGES and hamlets. There is no public transport from here to Stourport or Kidderminster and minimal to Tenbury and Worcester. Therefore, it is not suitable for endless LA houses and commuters.
What has happened to the 'village facility' at the Hundred House? Re Q 19 Would make a big difference if we had a cafe
A safe place to live is a desirable place to be and has a large effect on property values. TV programmes such as 'Escape to the Country' suggest a busy main road is not desirable. The footpaths are unsafe. People are having to walk in the road to pass. Only at the school and new development has it improved. Safety is paramount and has an overall effect on the quality of life for all.
Please leave our village just that, A VILLAGE. There have been enough houses built.
Note by Q14 option 'Provide affordable housing in line with South Worcestershire Development Plan' - But disagree with permitting,
Re Q12. I would prefer no housing.
The questions do not reflect how the people of Great Witley wish to live and why they chose to live in this village.
Footpaths required widened all around village for elderly people and wheelchair access for parents not much passing space unsafe mainly due to speed of traffic through village, more slow down signs required with impact slow down light up units with enforced speed camera zone signs, reduced speed to 20 mph when school drops and pickups take place.
I do NOT agree with anymore housing to be built. As the doctors' and school can't cope with all the new buildings that have gone up over the last 10 years. And like the Hundred House, that is a white elephant. And you have taken our local away. Village feel NOT.
No answer given to Q17.

I would just like to say building new house in Bowen's Field would make the existing residents feel as if they were in the middle of housing estate and totally disconnected from the surrounding countryside. With none of the services and facilities needed. Being RURAL is the whole point of living here.
Please consider the views of the current residents who are appalled at the scale of the proposed developments. Re Q19 - I understand that currently there are a) glass houses to be let (Hillhampton) b) workshops etc (Hillhampton) c) storage and distribution (Martley). There is already a cafe at Great Witley church (very good) and a plant nursery at Stanford Bridge and cafe. Q 17 - No answer given
More social events/groups/chances to meet enhancing village feel and community. Involving the 20s-30s-40s-50s community. More places to walk dogs off lead.
The very worst place anyone could build is the Bowen's Field adjacent site as it is integral to the character of the village. There are many other sites that don't affect the vast majority of the village residents like this.
it is all about getting the balance; reality is there is to be considered for more building / housing development; however how about considering for development in more brown field sites which are within a 5 to 10 mile radius Great Witley and Hillhampton; one of the key challenges is the sheer volume of traffic that commutes / passes by within / around the village; what impact shall additional developments have ; hence the question of public transport; when considering social / affordable housing what employment infrastructure is there locally ? access to any new developments to minimise road infrastructure ; to have some type of clause for whoever is to come to live in the new developments to work within the area / community as opposed to commute and have business interests elsewhere; ie give back locally to the community ; in other words not to have a commuter type village environment ;
I realise that change is inevitable but also realise why I choose to live here, we are very lucky to enjoy "the quiet life" and naturally resist any change. We are blessed with the current amenities but do suffer from the trend in the current economical climate of small businesses (read pubs) closing. To fight against this would be futile in the current climate, but fighting against development should be encouraged. They are not making any new land, once our current land is developed there is no going back.
I am not against development within the village it is what enables the existing infrastructure to be retained survive and be improved through infrastructure levies. I find it very sad that so many people are against change. Change is what breathes life into areas as well as enabling the existing businesses to expand and develop. We must always think laterally and embrace this change rather than fight it continually. Let us be part of it
just keep Great Witley a village
Although we need to encourage new life into the village and make changes accordingly we also need to consider those of us that are already here . We have thoroughly enjoyed raising our family as have generations before us and would like to be able to stay here for the remainder of my life.
Cater for the demographic of the village that is already here. Everything seems to be focused on new families and small children, but the people who are here will still be here for many years to come, and getting older, the country has an aging population that does and will need catering for too. Our family on both sides has been here for over 4 generations, which just shows we need to cater for all ages from birth to death, as many remain here for all years, through different needs.
None
More enforcement on speeding traffic coming through the village and traffic calming measures.
More speed traffic enforcement

<p>1. The essential character and significance of the village, based around Witley Court and Church, should be identified based on heritage, character and local distinctiveness. This would enable criteria to be set out to ensure this character and significance is protected and enhanced into the future. Buildings and landscape features important to this character could be drawn up with the opportunity later to perhaps develop a Village Trail walk. 2. How might the vitality/viability of existing facilities be enhanced or new facilities developed in the future to meet the needs of the village and its surroundings. 3. Traffic calming along Worcester Road through the village should be a priority. Even 30mph feels fast to a pedestrian, and many vehicles are going faster.</p>
<p>The plan doesn't explicitly mention the threatened development of the field between the doctor's surgery and the link road, A443 and the houses close to the Old Rectory. This is a beautiful area and should be protected from development.</p>
<p>Ensure all land is protected. There are a number of sites and land being put up for rent and sale at the moment. Ensuring land that is currently set as arable / farming land and is used as such remains. Livestock and farming is part of the community. This is not a leisure / tourist village and doesn't have the facilities as such. I would also consider some bins around the local footpaths or community litter pick days</p>
<p>Creating own power to take village off grid! This would be extremely rewarding and powerful as a village!</p>
<p>There isn't a requirement for many new homes in the village of the scale of recent developments which are built like suburban estates cramming too many homes built in a small area. I believe that there is possibly a requirement for small bungalows to allow single persons and the elderly to downsize to. This would release a family home for another family.</p>
<p>If anything there is a requirement to provide the option for people to downsize from family sized homes to smaller bungalows within the village. This would release larger homes for occupation without the need to build new homes.</p>
<p>The objectives cover all the importance aspect of Gt. Witley's future</p>
<p>None</p>
<p>none</p>
<p>One area of business operation that has been omitted is a solar farm. I believe there is possible scope on some of the surrounding fields for such a development. I am not against such a development so long as it does not heavily visually impact on existing residents. Also I have seen a village development that has installed a ground source heat pump and solar solution for the whole village to get them off LPG/OIL. That also may be very welcome in this day and age and be a good sustainable use of land. It was in the Sunday Times, dated 12/2/23. The village was Swaffham Prior in Cambridge. https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/climate-change-energy-and-environment/climate-change-action/low-carbon-energy/community-heating/swaffham-prior-heat-network</p>
<p>None</p>
<p>No comment</p>
<p>Emphasis should be given to encouraging and enabling young people to live, work and stay in the Parish. They are the future after all.</p>
<p>Just because the land south of Stourport Road is in the SWDP, we should NOT accept it as a foregone conclusion, because of past failed applications including at appeal and the fact that Blood Homes want to get rid of the land asap because the government are tabling a motion blocking "banking" land. From previous experience and local villages we know that local opinion is not taken into account and the house are always built factory-style no matter where they are. We are not opposed to small-scale development such as the 5 houses that Van Tongerens wanted and were refused. We are totally opposed to LARGE-SCALE development which doubles the size of the village and looks the same as every other Bloor Homes / Barretts etc development e.g. by Tesco Stourport!</p>

Why does a small village to have large scale development which is completely inappropriate and only serves the developers profits? Local opinion should really take precedence and we should not have "towns in the countryside". Two landowners should not be able to make decisions for the whole village!
We should not accept that all rural development should be "large scale " "factory style" development which is totally inappropriate for village communities, does not fit in with the village setting and puts too much strain on local services.
The land of Stourport Rd SWDP should not accept it as a foregone conclusion. This failed application and an appeal and the fact that Blood Homes wants to get the land asap, no care for the community and what the village wants and there are no town houses, this is a village, not a town. Why does a small village be put under so much pressure by greedy builders who don't care as long as they get money for spoiling the village. In relation to Q11 - WE were told we had fulfilled the quota of housing on Stourport Road. Now they are forcing another plan. Take note, they said 44 houses then 87 and where will it end just because the land is in the SWDP In relations to Q14 - No options chosen. Comment: We don't need more development.
It cannot be acceptable that development like this should happen. The impact on people's lives because of the sudden increase in population is huge.
I would like to see all new homes provided with solar panels and rain water collection tanks to supply brown water - toilets, car wash, gardening.
I think all new developments should have solar panels and be as 'green' as possible
No further comments
More objections to 'spurious' planning permissions Ensuring where planning permission is given that proposals are abided by
I have nothing further to add.
no
A development of this size in such a prominent part of the village should be wholeheartedly discouraged as it would turn a beautiful village into an urbanized small town. I understand that the PC is not in favour of the development and would entreat them to vehemently make this point at any/all meetings. The PC committee are there to carry the voice of the people in the village and it is quite evident that the majority of those do not want this development to take place. The village does not have the infrastructure to cope with the extra amount of traffic or the strain on facilities such as the school, doctors surgery, drainage, water supply, electricity supply, as well as the devastation it would cause to the nature and wildlife which is abundant in the village.
30 mile an hour zone to be implemented in from main road through Hillhampton.
Extend 30MPH speed limit from main road through Hillhampton
The NPPF and the current Local Plan make very good sense as strategies for developing sustainable local Communities. A major priority being developing housing adjacent to sources of employment. Great Witley, which is a Category 1 Village suffers from several disadvantages. 1.Limited Employment opportunities. 2.A thoroughfare for traffic needing to cross the river to access work and return. 3.Bottlenecks and poor transport infrastructure relating to the Severn. These factors have had a very significant impact on the peacefulness of the village over the last ten years. Therefore, short of a By-pass for the village, the Neighbourhood plan should focus on limiting future housing.
Not sure
None
No
Well devised plan.

Supporting and enhancing wildlife areas in the village and making sure we stay a village and not just urbanised into effectively a small town.
The next upcoming concern is that Abberley Hall is likely to be for sale as the school is in serious financial difficulties as Malvern College has withdrawn funding. Notice has been given to staff and parents of the students this passing week. The site has already been valued and is likely to be sold off. It is historic site that will need protecting from mass development.
Not sure
Keep the village as a village
How do planners disallow garages being built next to a home, or a building disallowed in a garden - then expect people to be happy planners approve a development of 44 houses? The planners turn down small extensions that can help people live better in their homes - but only want to approve large quantities of houses with the excuse this will benefit the village! THESE DOUBLE STANDARDS DO NOT WORK AND SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED! PARISH COUNCIL SHOULD BE HERE TO SUPPORT EXISTING COMMUNITY! ALL I SEE IS POWER MISUSED AND NOT FAIR!
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