

Much Birch Parish

NDP LAUNCH EVENT ATTENDEES COMMENTS.

No	Post-it Note Comment	Green	Red
Much Birch NDP General			
Can we help the younger generation ?			
1	Council houses <u>NOT</u> for sale.	Nil	Nil
2	Allow the houses in Tump Lane to be built.	1	1
3	Regenerate the play park on Tump Lane	4	Nil
4	Skate Park	6	2
5	A community area for the village. Play area for our younger children. A nice outdoor space to save miles of travel to use other parks and play areas.	7	Nil
6	Much Birch Football team	5	Nil
7	Re-Make the play park at Tump Lane and add more things to it	5	Nil
8	We must make more use of the millennium field. Too good to be idle all year. We must get some equipment for the Park at Tump Lane. 50 children live there.	9	Nil
9	More social / 1st time buyer housing	11	5
How do these population levels feel to you?			
1	Happy for it to rise - would 1.9 -2.0 be too much?	3	1
2	The population level should be allowed to rise to about 1.9 - 2.0	3	2
3	Increased population requires increased / maintained services e.g. size of GP Surgery, size of MB School.	3	Nil
4	The population appears to be about right. It should be noted that many younger people prefer to live in more urban areas with facilities. It is important to ensure area retains character.	3	1
5	Place for teenagers to meet	Nil	Nil
6	I would like the population of the village to rise - People need somewhere to live, Much Birch is relatively under developed.	Nil	Nil
Community Services & Facilities.			
Do we need more health provision in the Parish?			
1	We will need more social care for our elderly population.	12	Nil
2	If 51 houses are built what about school + doctors surgery. Will we have more doctors / teachers ?	10	Nil
3	Too much traffic (+heavy traffic) on small narrow country lanes, Esp Tump Lane ESP Hollybush Lane.	9	Nil
4	Could a local shop be combined with the pub at Wormelow?	3	Nil
5	There will be a shop again, opening in Wormelow shop (Carrot + Wine) 24.6.17	Nil	Nil
6	Need to ensure that excellent surgery is not overwhelmed by new housing. Surgery needs more parking (difficult!)	7	Nil
7	Required - Shop - Frequent buses - More "Admiral" nurses (only 1 for whole of Herefordshire currently) fewer huge lorries !	18	Nil
How important to you and your family are our community facilities ?			
Which facilities do you use and how often?			
What do you think should be done to maintain or improve our community facilities?			

Are there any other community services or facilities that you think are needed in the Parish?

1	We need a good village shop now - more so if more homes are built.	2	Nil
2	Can the hedge be opened up at the top end of the Millennium Green to make it more accessible?	Nil	Nil
3	Need outdoor facilities, sporting facilities for health and community reasons. I.e. Outdoor sports fields, bowling green, tennis courts.	1	Nil
4	Community area + playground to suit all ages of our children in the area. Would save lots of miles / time driving to other areas to play.	4	1
5	Why not more use of the Millennium Green. This was given to the 3 local Parishes to use.	5	Nil
6	We need a community shop and to ensure Castle pub stays open and is not converted for domestic use.	11	Nil
7	New shop opening soon at Wormelow ! Is there going to be a post office ? We need one.	5	Nil
8	Millennium Green?	Nil	Nil
9	Graveyard capacity - is it adequate? Worried I won't get a space!	1	Nil
10	Need to promote the Friday morning playgroup as a meeting place for families who are new to the area to go to.	Nil	Nil
11	Safe accessible play area for children.	2	Nil
12	Parish Council may need to further finance (out of its Council tax) facilities at Community Hall & increase size if possible.	1	Nil
13	A little play ground for oarents and children to meet. Definitely!	7	Nil

Environment & Heritage.

Are there any environmental or heritage assets that you think need to be noted and protected or enhanced?

Are you aware of any specific drainage problems in the Parish? If so, what are the causes?

Has you or your neighbour's house or garden been flooded in the past 10 years?

Are you aware of any unauthorised land use within the Parish?

1	The delight of the area is its character & open spaces & footpaths etc. These should be maintained & not built on. Development should not be near flow of water.	4	Nil
2	Noise emanating from Boiler feed lorries is an issue for houses nearby.	1	Nil
3	We walk to school to Much Birch Primary and the drainage is terrible on the corner of the junction with the main A49. So much so it forces pedestrians into the road. Still puddles there now during summer.	7	Nil
4	In extreme weather the brook can flood & in dry weather it smells, nobody appears to maintain it.	Nil	Nil
5	<u>Drainage</u> In the winter, water runs down The Thorn on the left going up the hill. They may have fixed it.	6	Nil
6	Tump Lane dangerous to walk on where there is no pavement especially walking children to school. Pavement would help.	7	Nil
7	We have many large hedges surrounding fields which house certain bats / dormice and wild birds - building would disturb these protected species. We want to be helping wildlife and protecting it. We need to conserve nature. More cars, houses, amenities around certain areas will destroy what we have.	3	Nil
8	No more stinky chicken houses + big chicken lorries going down small lanes.	6	Nil
9	Houses / gardens along bottom end of Tump Lane flood after large amounts of rain - I think due to drainage problems in South Hfd Hunt field behind.	Nil	Nil
10	We should only consider 'green field' sites when there are no 'brown field' sites left in Herefordshire. Brown field sites are also typically closer to a persons place of work leading to less transport pollution. Also please consider the lack of gas main services and sewers will lead to further pollution by oil heating and septic tanks.	2	Nil

11	<u>Tickle Withy Pitch</u> Improved drainage near Wriggle Brooke Cottage during heavy rain, that part of the road floods - Caused by field next to lane.	4	Nil
12	Encourage everyone to maintain ditches / verges near their properties. If unable to do so use lengthsman more to keep ditches open. Ensure farmers take responsibility to ensure drainage off fields does not flood local roads / properties e.g.. Tickle Withy Pitch + bottom of Thorn.	4	Nil

Infrastructure & Roads

What can we do to improve road safety within the Parish?

1	More control over the parking outside the School.	6	2
2	Safer <u>OFF ROAD</u> parking provision for Much Birch School	11	Nil
3	More speed restrictions	8	3
4	Put speed bumps on A49 road to ensure compliance with the law.	2	Nil
5	Flashing warning signs max speed	5	Nil
6	30 MPH speed limit Tump Lane	10	Nil
7	Re: Parking. A development like the school would never be allowed if it was commercial and the School doesn't bother about it.	Nil	Nil
8	Cycle paths	2	2
9	Bus & Minibus	3	Nil
10	Better bus service	Nil	Nil
11	People need to maintain their hedges +verges that encroach upon the lane + make it difficult for walkers.	3	Nil
12	Mend pothole - hazardous	4	Nil
13	Ensure speed limits are observed - particularly where there is no pavement. Frightening for those of us on foot!	2	1
14	Why don't people who live close by walk to school rather than go in the car.	4	Nil
15	Too much traffic on narrow lanes	5	Nil
16	Some sort of pedestrian crossing near the school (ideally a pelican or zebra)	9	Nil
17	It is not possible to have a pedestrian crossing on a main "A" road.	Nil	Nil

What would encourage you to use public transport regularly?

1	Walking up/down Tump Lane could be improved with pavements or a traffic priority system to slow cars down.	Nil	Nil
2	Sides of roads / verges being eroded by large unsuitable farm traffic e.g. Hollybush Lane.	1	Nil
3	More affordable and more frequent bus service.	3	Nil
4	Ensure bus service is maintained.	3	Nil
5	A lift to the bus stop.	Nil	Nil
6	More and more frequent bus service - covering a greater variety of routes. Incl. help alleviate traffic load. Nice idea but is it financially viable?	11	Nil
7	Put an island at the top of Tump Lane on A49	1	2
8	30mph limits from Kingsthorpe to Much Birch school. YES! Cannot emphasise how important this is to our children's safety ! (School parking is chaotic!)	2	2
9	Encourage Park & Walk to Much Birch School.	Nil	Nil
10	Footpath down whole of Tump Lane	1	Nil
11	Inexpensive dial a ride type taxi service to enable more of the elderly / people with mobility issues to get around e.g. to appointments.	5	1

Housing

Where would you like the minimum remaining quantity of 18 to be built?

1	Only on brown field site !	20	2
2	In the next 14 years 18 will be built by natural infill.	3	Nil
3	What about drainage / sewage - not on mains ! > goes into local water courses	2	Nil
4	Not on fields that define the essence of the villages.	7	Nil

5	In-fill : Small areas of land which can accommodate a few houses - no big housing estates which would be a shock to the village.	1	Nil
6	Near village utilities & infrastructure	8	Nil
7	More homes - more concrete bigger impact on environment. All damaging - once destroyed it cannot be regained.	Nil	Nil
8	Should not promote unsuitable accommodation for character of area. Need can be met by small infill (one here & one there sort of thing).	4	Nil
9	Not on land that has wildlife including flowers and animals as we need to maintain the balance of nature and sustainability including ensuring protected species remain in their chosen environments.	3	Nil

What size of houses do you think we need in any new developments?

1	Improve the rented sector	1	4
2	More homes for retired people especially if they are downsizing	14	1
3	Young people have no wish to live in a village such as ours they want to either move away or live in Hereford where there are facilities / shops restaurants etc.	5	9
4	More starter homes - cheap enough for younger buyers	15	4
5	More starter homes for young people and no 4 bed detached. Smaller better !	12	Nil

What tenure do you want for the 57 new properties?

1	57 too many	7	Nil
2	Owned or mortgaged would be better from view point of keeping well maintained and in keeping with current housing.	5	1
3	Social housing	3	3
4	A mix of social + private houses.	Nil	Nil
5	Shared ownership (part owned part rented / housing association) housing is needed to allow people to get on the housing ladder.	4	3
6	57 new homes is fine if we get better facilities as a result i.e. Play field, tennis courts, new school buildings	2	Nil

What do you think would be an appropriate size of house in any new development?

1	More 2 & 3 bedrooms	13	1
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Economic Development & Employment.

What can we do to improve the local economy ?

1	Local shop.	Nil	Nil
2	Worry over Brexit and losing migrant workers for fruit farms and other local business	5	Nil
3	Have schemes to promote / sell local produce at nearby outlets. Profits growers and consumers alike AND provide additional employment.	8	Nil
4	Managed Wormelow shop as proposed by the Duchy	6	Nil

Is there more that could be done at a local level to enable you to use or improve your skills & qualifications ?

1	IT training for the elderly.	5	Nil
2	Adult learning and U3A would be helpful to upskill and as a resource to prevent loneliness + depression from under use of one's brain	7	Nil

Have you had difficulty finding local employment or getting to your place of work ?

1	More frequent buses + cheaper.	1	Nil
2	I have to commute to Cardiff hospital to find work at an appropriate specialism - only possible by car!	1	Nil

And Finally.....

1	Much Birch is a wonderful place to live. Hope development is done with <u>common sense</u> and sympathy for surroundings.	Nil	Nil
2	Too much traffic a huge detriment to safety and well being	Nil	Nil
3	More funding for MB School - maintain / develop building + playground + parking.	1	Nil
4	We need a footpath all the way up Tump Lane. More speed checks. Very dangerous for children walking to and from school.	5	Nil
5	New builds not on green sites + building materials sympathetic to rural surroundings	3	Nil
6	We can't avoid building more houses. I would welcome that the houses could be built in keeping with the local heritage and environment.	12	2
7	Clear and maintain the footpath on the A49 from Hollybush Lane	Nil	Nil
8	Restrict HGV traffic on Hollybush Lane and other country lanes in the Parish.	Nil	Nil
9	What is the timescale for developments?	1	Nil
10	Lot of good ideas around the room but where is the money going to come from to pay for the developments ??	2	Nil
11	We need a shop somewhere in Much Birch / Wormelow. Proposed Wormelow shop do not let them get away with not opening it.	Nil	Nil
12	A playpark is needed - with play equipment. Currently there are two swings - we could do with more like Little Dewchurch village - its brilliant there!	2	1
13	A reduction in speed between Wormelow and Much Dewchurch. Currently a 60 mph but we walk on the footpath everyday to school and it is unsafe for pedestrians when cars + lorries go past you. It needs a maximum speed of 40 mph to keep cyclists and pedestrians safe. (We walk to Steiner School daily).	Nil	Nil
14	Safe crossing areas for pedestrians across the main roads. This is the A49 and also the A466 (Hereford to Monmouth) as we now have a shop coming, but a scary road to cross when you are crossing with children.	6	Nil
15	We need to encourage more use of footpaths, which have sadly fallen into ruin / overgrowth / fly-tipping.	Nil	Nil

Note:

"Red" dots disagree and "Green" dots agree.