

Worldhams and Hartley Mauditt Parish Priority Statement

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Worldham Parish Council prepared a Parish Priority Statement Survey (PPS). This report outlines the final responses on behalf to the residents of the Worldhams and Hartley Mauditt

Details of public consultation and engagement used in the preparation of the PPS

- The Parish Priorities was first discussed at a Parish Council meeting in March and the parishioners were informed about it at the Worldham Annual Parish Meeting held in April.
- The Parish Council started with drafting some key messages from what we know our Parish needs. All Worldham Parish Council meetings are open to the public and attendance by members of the public are usually in relation to planning applications/housing and traffic calming measures so we know that both of these are particularly important in the parish.
- We used these views and the findings of the previous Parish Plan to develop a household survey which was circulated to all homes in the parish via social media, posters, King's World etc.
- A Celebration event was held on Sunday the 17th September to look at the parish past and future. Residents were encouraged to bring photos/memories of the parish in the past and their completed parish priorities survey. Over 40 parishioners attended the event.
- We finalised the PPS using all this information and feedback. We then debated the final PPS at the Parish Council Meeting on the 4th October which was open to the public. We have subsequently modified the PPS prior to submission.
- Details of the survey, survey response report, minutes or meetings and public events can be found on the parish council webpage

Based on the latest Electoral Register there are 148 households and 276 people on the electoral roll for the Worldhams and Hartley Mauditt. Two copies of the survey were sent to all households.

We received 83 responses. 1 response electronically the rest were hard copies submitted. Some of the returned envelopes had two completed surveys in which suggest that some households sent in responses from two individuals. Below are the results and comments received.

The Vision for the Future

SDNP asked what the key priorities for your parish are in the next 15 years?

Worldham Parish Council concluded:

- 1) To seek to preserve and enhance the landscape, environment and heritage of the parish taking into account the impact of climate change, as well as protecting the listed buildings and three church buildings.
- 2) To develop, foster and grow the social and economic community of the parish playing a key role as a gateway to the SDNPA.
- 3) To significantly upgrade and improve the infrastructure and fabric of the parish and to ensure that the infrastructure, including transport and telecommunications amongst others, is fit for purpose and supports and develops the community. Specifically;-
 - To improve mobile and broadband coverage in Hartley Mauditt, East and West Worldham
 - To upgrade the village hall in East Worldham
 - To provide adequate car parking
- 4) To recognise that the community and landscape will change over the forthcoming years, but the aim is to retain and preserve the rural nature of the parish alongside traditional and more modern agriculture methods of working. Specifically, keeping East Worldham distinct from Alton and the open countryside between the three villages and the other surrounding areas e.g Alton, Selborne, Kingsley and to protect the rural integrity of the surrounding countryside

1. Development and management of land

SDNP asked:

- *What type and level of development would you like to see in the parish?*
- *Are there any areas of the Parish you would like to see developed?*
- *Are there any specific areas you want protected for other uses?*

Worldham Parish Council concluded:

1. As a general principle, new development should be restricted to existing developed areas of the parish, avoiding greenfield sites and extensions of existing development boundaries. Any affordable or social housing should be for people who have connection to the locality.
2. A mix of house sizes is desirable, including smaller houses, to maintain the existing diversity of population in the parish.
3. Any development should not be for speculative purposes and should be either to enhance the business opportunities within the parish or improve the existing housing stock, and to sustain the rural nature of the parish.

4. Support and encourage the diversification of land use by farmers and landowners

2. Housing

SDNP asked:

- What type of homes would you like to see in your local community?
- What size of home is needed locally?
- Any other requirements?

Worldham Parish Council concluded:

1. Development should meet local needs e.g., smaller houses to be built - Affordable housing for young families and opportunities for those looking to downsize and stay in the parish.
2. Any new development should:
 - Be energy efficient, sustainable, and future proof houses.
 - Have adequate off-road parking as parking is an issue in the village.
 - Have electric vehicle charging points.
 - Have the potential for intergenerational living.
 - Have the potential for a work from home space.
3. Smaller properties built for all needs e.g., minimum of trip hazards and with wide enough doorways for wheelchairs – accessible to all but also makes it easier for people to stay where they are longer in older age.

3. Design

SDNP asked:

- Are there any areas of local character which are particularly important to the local community?
- Are there particular features of buildings of local character?

Worldham Parish Council concluded:

1. The design, layout of any new developments should reflect the existing materials used in nearby dwellings, achieving high standards of finish and design and making a positive contribution to the overall appearance and character of the built development within the parish.
2. In keeping with rural setting, any development residential and/or business to carefully consider sight lines/ colour ways and landscaping to protect the rural charm of the village.
3. Design should consider future proofing houses, so they are more efficient and better for the environment.
4. Any new development should be energy efficient and favour green energy such as EV charging, solar panels and air source heat pumps.

4. Natural environment

SDNP asked:

- Are there opportunities to make nature bigger, better, and more joined up?

Worldham Parish Council concluded:

1. To create nature corridors and protect the open countryside between the neighbouring settlement areas within the parish and between the parish and the surrounding communities of Alton, Selborne and Kingsley. This specifically includes protection of Binswood, an ancient semi natural woodland, within the SDNP, a Site of Special Scientific Interest and is registered common land.
2. Improvements to traffic management in the parish to allow all to access the surrounding countryside. Currently the B3004 is a fast major road that cuts through the parish. There are also footpaths that cross the B3006 which are extremely dangerous to cross. There is a need for more and safer crossings particularly for those with slower mobility so that the countryside can be enjoyed by all. A continuation of the pavement all the way down to the bottom of Worldham hill would help pedestrians in the village.
3. To preserve and enhance the local environment for recreation and exercise highlighting that Worldham is a gateway into the SDNP.

5. Public spaces

SDNP asked for information about:

- Public Open Space, Public realm, Pocket Parks

Worldham Parish Council concluded:

1. To seek to preserve and enhance the landscape, sunken lanes and footpaths within the parish.
2. Maintain and upgrade key assets such as the village hall, playground so they offer opportunities for all age groups.
3. Look for opportunities to increase parish owned public space, like a kick about area and where people can meet and hold community events such as a village fete and to support this by looking at opportunities for parking in the village.

6. Infrastructure

SDNP asked for information about

- Active travel priorities, roads / parking, community building needs, waste / water infrastructure, broadband.

Worldham Parish Council concluded:

1. To improve transport links for all, including young families, downsizers and students including a reliable and regular bus service and community transport. There are no local shops, doctors' surgery in the community so access into neighbouring village, and Alton is essential.

2. To ensure the highways infrastructure is improved to prioritise the people that live within the community rather than just those that pass through. E.g., Extend the footpath in East Worldham; a cycle path from East and West Worldham to Alton Lower speed of traffic; Improve sight lines at both ends of Blanket St where it meets the B3006 and B3004 and to declassify the B3004 so that it is no longer a designated lorry route.
3. To implement traffic calming measures throughout the parish. Specifically, a buffer zone of 40 mph entering and exiting the B3004. To include more specific traffic calming measures along the B3004 and B3006.
4. To ensure adequate services to the community for future use e.g., improve telecommunications/fibre to homes, adequate supply of water and renewable energy for the local community.
5. Maintain the rural lanes of Blanket Street, Wyck Lane and Hartley Mauditt Lane. Speed limit on the rural lanes must be reduced from 60 to 30 mph.
6. To support a community shop.

7. Jobs

SDNP asked:

Information about business you would like to protect and business opportunities that should be provided.

Worldham Parish Council concluded:

1. To facilitate support for small local businesses and people working from home.
2. To support networking opportunities such as; -
 - Monthly or quarterly meet ups
 - Making the village hall available to businesses to offer workshops for the local community and surrounding areas.
 - Make use of Worldham Facebook page and use a specific day to promote your business, /jobs/skills etc.
 - Promote the role and need for volunteers within the community.
3. To promote opportunities in the Parish – job vacancies, business recruitment / work opportunities.
4. To support and sustain the industrial / business parks established within the parish for local businesses.
5. To maintain the status of the Three Horseshoes, the only pub in the parish as an “Asset of Community Value.”

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