

PLYMPTON ST MAURICE

Sustainable Neighbourhoods Development Plan
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SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

This is a summary of some of the key issues emerging from the consultation process. Fuller versions of the representations can be viewed below.

Four representations were received, three from residents and one from an agent on behalf of a developer. Opinion was that the summary of the neighbourhood was a reasonable reflection of the situation.

Shopping

The view is that shopping facilities are adequate

Local issues

Only one respondent replied listing traffic, play areas and youth facilities as local issues.

Important Greenspaces

The Pathfields, the open space in and around the Castle, and the open land to the south, and Barn Meadow were singled out as being particularly significant. The view was expressed that formal play equipment would not be appropriate on Pathfields. Comment was also made that development should not be allowed on land adjacent St Peters Convent.

Potential Development Sites

Two sites have been put forward as having development potential. These are

Errill retail Park, and part of St Peters Convent site both of which have been suggested for housing

Other Comments

- The Civic Association have raised funds to replace play equipment on Castle Green, but insurance and maintenance for PCC is prohibitive.
- Roads are narrow and parking is difficult.
- Bus service is needed from Cott Hill along Merafield to the Ridgeway.

Q2 – How are you connected with this neighbourhood?

Q3a – Do you generally agree with the summary of this neighbourhood?

Q3b – If not, what would you like to change?

Q4 – What do you think of the shopping facilities?

Q5 – Briefly in order of importance, what do you think are the biggest issues in the neighbourhood? e.g. youth facilities, traffic, affordable homes etc.

Q6a – Which green spaces/parks are important to you and why? (please identify them using the numbers on the map)

Q6b – Are there any areas of green or open space that are not shown which you feel should be protected? Please explain why

Q7 – Identify any sites you feel should or could be developed and for what purpose?

Full Name	Q2	Q3a	3b	Q4	Q5	Q6a	Q6b	Q7	Other comments
Mr E.F Mills Plympton St Maurice Preservation Group & Plympton St Maurice Civic Association SNDPD51	Residents and vice chair Plympton St Maurice Civic Association	Yes		Adequate	Traffic, play area, youth facilities	PM13 PM14	Barn Meadow (the field south of Fore Street). Much valued open space, gateway to proposed Countryside Park.		The lack of children's play area in the Conservation area is very much regretted. The Civic Association has, after many years of fund raising, enough money to pay for the replacement swings that the Council removed from Castle Green. The City now wants us to pay £2000 a year for a minimum of ten years for insurance and maintenance of the swings. Why us?
Mr M Blackley SNDPD79	Resident	Yes		Since your report, Tesco have opened another Tesco Metro near St Mary's Bridge whilst the Co-op has undergone a complete makeover. I feel that the area is now well served by food stores.		I feel that siting play equipment in Pathfields itself would not be in keeping with the atmosphere of the area. At present it has a semi rural feel about it, Introducing play equipment, with associated H&S implications (secure fencing etc) would make it feel like any other municipal park. Some simple equipment could possibly be installed where the old swings used to be on Castle Green.	The report mentions the possibility of building on land adjacent to St Peter's Convent site. I think this would be the thin end of the wedge and should be resisted. This area forms the north west corner of the Plympton St Maurice Conservation Area and as such contributes greatly to the overall 'feel' of St Maurice		
Ms June Witheridge SNDPD233	We are long term residents (over 45 years) at this address, and my husband was born in Plympton, as were family before him.			The 2 food shops on Ridgeway are very useful and for more shopping the large Sainsbury's is nearby.		The idea of greenspace giving a background to Plympton, preserving the hilltop and access to the country is a really excellent idea. The disadvantages however are how people are going to access the park. The roads are narrow and parking difficult.		I think that Errill Park would be an ideal site for housing as nay further retail outlets would kill the shops on Ridgeway and there is no need for them as shown by the fact that the existing ones have closed down.	The roads are narrow and parking difficult. There is no bus service this side of Plympton from Saltram to St Maurice and the hill very steep especially at the Drunken Bridge Hill end which runs with water and is icy most of the winter. The first need would be a bus service serving Cot Hill (Saltram) taking in Merafield and along Copse Road. This was available for a short time and was a godsend for the many elderly people (as you state 24%) needing to reach doctors, library, shops, banks, Post Office etc on the Ridgeway and would also serve as access to the countryside park. You will also notice that there is no access at all to the park
Strongvox Homes SNDPD336	Potential developer. See attached.							Letter and plan submitted proposing land S.E. of junction of Ridgeway and George Lane for residential development.	File Attached