

# WOODFORD

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.

Six representations were received from residents who did not think that the summary of the neighbourhood was a reasonable reflection of the situation. In particular there was disagreement with the statements in the leaflet that the school had capacity, and that the character assessment did not reflect the true character of the area, and also that more affordable housing was not necessary.

### Shopping

Local shopping facilities were generally felt to be inadequate, resulting in car trips to centres. It was suggested that Errill Retail Park could be developed by small businesses.

### Local Issues

Traffic and particularly on street parking causing congestion is the most frequently referred to issue. Traffic queues at McDonalds and problems in getting into Plympton were also referred to.

The lack of facilities for young people, and litter were other matters referred to.

### Important Greenspaces

All greenspaces were identified as being important. Particular reference was made to irresponsible dog owners using the land at the rear of Cundy Close and Tithe Road.

### Potential development sites

Although it is outside of the neighbourhood Errill retail Park was suggested by two respondents as having potential for additional park and ride, or redeveloped with better shops. Coypool China clay works is preferred for a new mixed use residential neighbourhood rather than a waste facility.

Land at the end of Cundy Close could be developed provided that access is via Woodford Ave.

### Other Comments

There is general satisfaction with the neighbourhood but shortage of medical and dental facilities and a designated community centre have been referred to. Resolution of traffic congestion should be addressed prior to any further development.

**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	Upload
Mrs Denise Morris SNDDP60	resident	No	Your statement about schools in the area. The primary provision IS NOT, I repeat IS NOT adequate as stated by you. During the previous admission process, i.e. 2010/11, 28 children were refused entry to Woodford Primary School, and 30 children were refused entry to Boringdon Primary, which is the closest school to Woodford after Woodford Primary. This probably means that 30 children did not get their first or second choice of school.	Fine if you have a car, and we do still have a post office and a milk delivery round available which is a great boon for the "older generation". However, if you have to walk and are aged or infirm, facilities are very few. However, as this is an estate gradually filling up with young families, these families are of the age that goes by car everywhere.	1. Traffic. In Woodford it needs a complete overhaul. I have no objection to speed humps or traffic calming, but with buses coming onto the estate and most households having two and even three cars, it is necessary to start putting double yellow lines on one side of the road and making traffic park on one side of the road only, especially on the road into Woodford, i.e. Woodford Avenue.	Woodford Green, we have a telephone box and post box there.		None that I know of apart from Coypool.	On the whole Woodford is a pleasant area with a good mix of ages and property types, i.e. detached, semi (either two or three bedroom) and bungalows. There is little anti social behaviour since the local police clamped down on the drinking in the park last year. Problems do arise from time to time, but the police are very good at answering our calls. Traffic and education is the main problem. Just getting into Plympton is hard these days with long queues forming to visit McDonalds and Comet etc. These queues form and extend right back onto the main Plymouth Road. Traffic badly needs attention. I have given my comments about schooling further back.	
Mr David Long SNDDP161	Resident, Home Owner	No	The summary does not reflect the character and atmosphere of the neighbourhood. Woodford is virtually a large residential area in which most people feel safe and comfortable with. Any changes must be empathetic across the whole area, especially the proposed changes within the Coypool site.	These tend to lack diversity and choice of products. Also exterior appearance of some premises are dowdy and therefore uninviting.	Definitely youth facilities are needed for children and some imaginative (i.e. BMX and skateboard facilities) for older youths. Currently traffic flow is very congested. Any traffic flow is very congested any changes that are proposed will need improved traffic flows before hand.	All green spaces are important - we should all respect them and not be in a hurry to fill them with whatever will fit at the time!	Same as above.	Where Errill Park former retail site is concerned. This area could be used for a further Park and Ride facility. Coypool is at its limit at the moment and parking by users is in the manner of 'if a space if available - use it'. That means anywhere.		
J Nicholls SNDDP117	Resident	Yes		There are not many shops nearby but small shops here could not compete with the local supermarkets.	Traffic/Parking, Affordable Homes	WF04 as this backs on to my house		Errill Retail Park should be improved with more shopping facilities with coffee shops included. I know this is not in the Woodford area but is nearer than the other shopping centres.	I do not object to new housing being provided to the west of Cundy Close as long as access to the development is via Woodford Avenue.  Cundy Close is very narrow with residents parking in the road it can be dangerous getting in and out of my driveway now without having extra traffic coming along here.	
Teresa Long	Resident	No	Housing in this area is already reasonable in the main, so more	Poor but the development of Coypool would rectify this.	Youth facilities, more imaginable things for teenagers to do is	There is no significant green space apart	Land behind Cundy Close and Tithe Road	Houses at the end of Cundy Close subject to:	There is no medical centre or dentist in the neighbourhood and	

SNDPD150			affordable housing is unnecessary		required Traffic speed bumps are unnecessary	from children's play areas. The adoption of land behind Cundy close, Tithe Road plus the development of Coypool would help alleviate this situation	used for walking and potential for children play - unfortunately at the moment a number of dog walkers are behaving irresponsibly by not clearing up after their dogs.	New houses should be in keeping with those in Cundy Close  Access should be via Woodford Avenue - parking in Cundy Close is already excessive and prevents ease of access.	a designated community centre would help promote integration of the community.  The proposed waste facility at Coypool is not the best use of this land. The Council has a great opportunity to create a fantastic neighbourhood with a mix of new housing, open spaces, community facilities, shops and employment. It would be a great same if the council could not see the full potential of this area.	
Mr Gary Staddon Imerys Minerals Ltd SNDPD324	See attached.									<a href="#">File Attached</a>
Mr Ian Greenhill SNDPD252	Resident	Yes		Inadequate  Ridgeway could be improved  Errill Retail (South of Plymouth Road) to be developed for small businesses	Litter  Selfish Parking  Green Open spaces	All - in particular WF08, 10,11 pleasing to the eye - when plated with trees can act as a noise filter from industry and traffic.	All existing green spaces should be protected if/when any development permission sought.	Waste management site at China Clay works to include electricity generation providing access road that does not impede the traffic flow on Plymouth Road. Ideally use of railway in and out of site.	Assistance to new day to day business to start in Ridgeway such as grocer, green grocer, hardware etc. Not charity shops or takeaways who give nothing to the area other than increased amounts of litter.  A better traffic management system of Plymouth Road from Marsh Mills to and beyond St Marys Bridge Junction to reduce congestion should be implemented before any new development is considered.	