TILEHURST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Last year we surveyed all households in Tilehurst Parish.

Our aim was to gather information to help create a Neighbourhood Plan - setting out how local people want Tilehurst to develop. Thank you to everyone (more than 900 of you!) who took the time to complete the survey and let us know your thoughts.

Over the page you can see a brief summary of some of the key findings.

Thank you for contributing to our Neighbourhood Plan!

If you would like to know more, we have a video presentation and detailed report online.

We have also published the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan based on your input.



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4 Messages From The Residents' Survey

1. No More New Housing

We asked what type of housing should be built if development were to take place. The response "No New Housing" received by far the largest number of votes. 50% more residents picked it than the runner-up (affordable housing). This very clear message was repeated in responses to other questions throughout the survey. There is a strong feeling that there is no more room for development in Tilehurst

2. Improve Infrastructure

We wanted to know what concerned residents about potential new development. We received a wide range of responses, all indicating that critical infrastructure has not kept pace with housing growth. Three concerns stood out: 79% of residents are concerned about increased traffic; 69% worry about the loss of countryside; 67% selected medical and care facilities.

3. Protect Green Spaces

Residents clearly value all the open spaces and green areas within the Parish and want to protect them. 87% of residents want to protect the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. More than 75% of residents want to protect recreation grounds, woodland within built-up areas, and public open spaces. There was strong support for protecting areas currently threatened with development.

4. Tackle Climate Change

Where development does take place, residents want it to be sustainable and make a positive contribution to tackling the climate emergency. Requiring energy-efficient and eco-friendly construction, renewable energy, rainwater collection and electric vehicle charging points were all policies supported by the majority of residents.