



Other Comments?

(In response to Question 38)

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Answered: 72 Skipped: 140

Responses

The village is lovely as it is; we realise that the by-pass will bring some change in the form of some extra housing but hope that it won't detract from the essential charm of a friendly community minded village.

In the questionnaire there could be a lot of changes for the village but in Collins Hill we cannot ever get a waste bin provided for children. Not much hope.

Haven't lived in Flore very long, only since Jan 14. Seems in general a friendly village, though not without its general squabbles between folk! Have been told several times that I've chosen the wrong side of the main road to live, as all the best folk live on the other side ha ha; all said is fun though.

It is inevitable that some growth of an area is necessary to sustain the future prosperity of an area. In Flore's case it is not in keeping to permit large scale developments. Any development has to be sustainable and proportionate. The village should not be permitted to develop into one large sub-urban sprawl, especially on the north side. There has to be swathes of green belt territory to retain its village identity. The Brington Rd may be a good location for the siting of a light industrial area as it doesn't conflict with any housing areas and is on the east of the village, which is convenient for transport links to motorway and access. Concern is shown that it would be nice to see some employment area but there is no guarantee that these jobs provided would be filled by local people. We have to consider whether this may end up as an industrial area for commuter

It would be good if a new village hall could be built on proposed new development site by Brington Road, to include a car park.

Thank you for taking time to listen to the villagers views. Sorry for this being too late.

We should ensure that we are not so focused on preserving Flore as it is that we forget to allow it to grow and be alive as a community for the future.

Not happy about Gladman building here spoiling the village. Disgusted

We want to help our youngsters stay in the village but...most of us had to move here because it is a nice village, gone is the right to live where you were born! To live in Flore is an aspiration for a lot of people, houses maybe more expensive, but it's something to aspire to. You can't have everything as soon as you settle down, we've all had to live in smaller homes first. Please don't spoil this lovely village for the sake of new homes.

A big thank you to members of the committee endeavoring to keep Flore a reasonable size (not a small town) with good facilities.

Big housing estates would spoil our village; small ones would help preserve our lovely village.

When children leave home to go to university we would choose to leave Flore if it has become a small town.

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Too many beautiful villages are being ruined by over development in the name of progress. It is the responsibility of Parish Councillors and residents to protect Flore, to fight expansions so that we can keep hold of the essence of the village, the reason we all love it and came to live here in the first place.

Thank you for your hard work.

le business - please remember that it can affect peoples lives - residential and then commercial use - traffic noise. Peoples hours of work (it may not be monday to friday 9-5). It could be 24/7.

Addition comment re Q18 - developments of 26-100 amended to 26-50

You need: Swimming pool, rollerskating park, trampolining, quad bikes, zip wires

It is very important that we protect our village as a village thats why its good to live here.

Flore is a village. If business premises are created it will attract heavy commercial traffic. The character of the village will be lost. There are already several domestic dwellings used as office premises. I have noted large lorries using Spring Lane, Nether Lane, The Avenue to access the barn at the far end of the playing field. These roads were not built to take this type of traffic and add to the destruction of already poor road surface. People use this area to walk and access footpaths around the village. This pleasure will be destroyed if commercial traffic is encouraged into the village.

I think there should be more poop a scoop bins around the village.

Flore is a lovely village. If it has to expand, then please do so in a sensitive way to the existing village feel.

We see Flore as a residential village - not a commercial town. We have not been aware of anyone wanting business premises and not being able to get them by design or plan.

Any new developments should be in character to suit the village ie thatched, stone and rustic fencing

I would like to see the reinstatement and preservation of the Old Oak public house as a village amenity to prevent it being turned into housing and lost forever.

Social facilities. There are two pubs but both have been closed. One has recently re-opened but the Royal Oak, which was the better of the two, is now in a sorry state. No doubt someone waiting until its disrepair allows it to be demolished and the site redeveloped, as proposed. Both were used and skittle teams etc. Now all that has gone and Flore is less desirable as a location.

Flore needs to rethink its identity and become a thriving place people want to visit and not just bypass on the new road. It mustn't become a dormitory village.

Pre DDL - All roads except A45 to be 20mph in village Post DDL All roads to be 20mph in village I note that narrow lanes/roads in Flore are limited to 30mph and that dual carriage ways into Northampton are limited to 40mph.

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Thank you to the Flore Plan Steering Committee

Flore is generally an extremely pleasant and friendly village to live in. Although further development is unavoidable, this should be in keeping with the character of the village and should be planned to maintain and improve the sense of community here.

We are depressed by the continual building of houses in our beautiful country. We will soon have no green spaces nor quaint villages left if successive governments, hand in hand with greedy developers, have their way. Building is the only answer they seem to have for the economic mess this country is in. Additionally, it's because of the 'open door policy' of letting our country be swamped by thousands of immigrants. It is changing our landscape beyond redemption!

Parking through the village is a major problem..."illegal".or "improper "use of walkways etc., will lead to them being damaged, access for emergency is restricted at times.

Too many new people think I'm alright Jack and do not want houses for ordinary people built. If new young people don't move into the village it will die. We have already lost a public house and a butchers and 2 shops since the 1970's. We don't want a ghost village. If they develop Daventry we must have a by-pass and more houses. Also a major concern on my part is the size of the lorries using Brockhall Road. The road was never built for them so no wonder potholes everywhere. The grass cutting in the village is appalling.

Good work Flore Plan team!!

STOP, STOP, STOP THE DEVELOPERS I WILL LEAVE THIS VILLAGE IF THE DEVELOPMENT IS APPROVED AND GOES AHEAD

The Flore neighbourhood plan is a very positive initiative but will only be a success if DDC and other authorities are held to account and abide by its policies in contrast to recent inappropriate planning decisions by DDC in respect of development in Flore. Parish council should appeal High St development or at very least ensure that detailed application for that site has very stringent conditions regarding design, layout, size of houses, tenure and contributions towards village facilities. Neighbourhood planning group need to assist and advise the parish council now.

Well done to the Parish Council and the Flore neighbourhood planning group but the data collected has to reflect the true feelings of residents (albeit balanced against wider needs) and used wisely.

I understand that the government has decreed that Flore is one of many villages that is to be developed with all proposed housing. Flore will become a mini town. Village life gone.

The work and commitment needed to produce this questionnaire is much appreciated. Thank you to all the members of the team.

We strongly feel we should not be building on agricultural greenfield sites.

Good luck with the plan you are working on.

In the paper copy 5 includes "Safety" but I can't find it on line to score it "Good".

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1 The village needs to be kept in a tidier condition. 2 Walking from home to the shop or garage is becoming an obstacle course. 3. Hillside road needs to be resurfaced. It is many many years since it was last done and is in need of upgrade.

The present churchyard will be full in about 20 years and the half acre owned for extension does not have planning permission and access has never been agreed. Trees need felling. A museum is needed to take the archives now in the Chapel schoolroom (full) and artifacts now kept by finders and lost (?). All Saints church will probably close for services in 10 years. Could this be a museum?

Flore is a special village - may it remain so, we don't want it commercialised.

Does the local council take anti-bribery law seriously; where is the development moneys going from High St new homes, smells of corruption going on here.

Sincere wish to preserve the delightful and peaceful nature of this village and keep our shop!!

Disgraceful that 67 to 97 houses were granted planning permission in the middle of the process to develop a neighbourhood plan. With building to the north of Flore, and the warehouses at J16 of the M1, and the new estates west of Northampton there could soon be unbroken urban sprawl from Northampton to Flore; we need guarantees to avoid this outcome.

Some small industrial space in the village would be nice and storage both for those with extra cars or caravans and for village groups such as the Scout group in the village.

There are many new affordable homes being built nearby in Northampton around Duston and Sixfields. Flore has an unusual mix of old and new, small and large homes, that give character to the village. It will lose that character if it becomes much larger or adds high density developments.

I would like it become possible for my elderly parents to be able to move to Flore but in order for this to happen affordable bungalows need to be built or the rules regarding eligibility for council bungalows in Flore need to change.

Need to retain the village atmosphere yet at the same time provide housing and jobs that meet all of the residents needs and requirements. The village must not stagnate yet at the same time housing should be carefully sited. The land between the village and new bypass must not be infilled with development.

Additional comment: We need to keep Flore's identity as the lovely place that it is to live and whilst we need to provide more affordable housing this needs to be kept in proportion to the size of the village so that it does not become another over-large village such as Long Buckby or Woodford Halse. People stay here and there is a great community spirit because of how it is now. My children hated to leave but just could not afford to live here so small development is required so that other young people do not have to be in the same position should they wish to stay. Q18 - 26 to 100 units: If this includes the 67-30 pending Ok but no more.

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Extremely disappointed about the DDC's recommendation for planning permission on High Street site ie size of development. Hope that Flore Plan will have influence over further proposals. Thank you for your time and energy involved in developing the plan. Additional comments Q14 - yes (definitely) Q16 - yes (definitely) Q18 - 11-25 in the right location; 100 plus - **definitely not**. Q21 - Depends on the effect the potential high street development has on our families quality of life. Q22 - Same size with rural outlook.

We like the peace and quiet of country village life, too much development will spoil the place.

Very disappointed in the planning application going through on the High Street. Its as if all the comments against it were ignored so i think that the Flore Neighbourhood Plan is a very good idea.

We need the doctors back; we used to have a doctors, a vets and two pubs. There are too many people who live here only to use the village to sleep at night.

Flore is a village, not a town. The roads, of majority of, are narrow and in some cases windy. Speed can be an issue and parking is a problem. With more housing the road infrastructure will not cope and the ambience, quiet and solitude will be destroyed. Once it is gone it doesn't, wont, come back. In order to protect our village we must protect 'ruralness' and green spaces. Flore does not need more development on a large scale.

I would like to keep Flore as a small village and not to end up over-populated. I would also like to keep our beautiful views all around the village.

I fear that with the increasing development the whole area between Daventry and Northampton will be urbanised and village life will be lost eventually like Harpole and Flore.

Just to say thank you to everyone who has volunteered to become involved in making the 'Flore Neighbourhood Plan' for the village.

Small villages get their charm from being small. A slow steady growth by building homes in small numbers ie 3-4 a year helps to keep the village small and the new people to integrate. If you build a single field full of houses in one go, you've instantly segregated a section of the village and its now becoming a suburban sprawl rather than a village. If people want that, thats what towns and Milton Keynes are for. People move to villages for the sense of a small community, not to be part of a soulless commuter driven sprawl. Locals who want to live in a village will move out and the village will lose some of the links that hold it together.

I am happy about the bypass but certainly very disappointed that the DDC has decided to approve such a large development on a most inappropriate site. There will be endless problems both in the building and thereafter with flooding, traffic, access.

Place protection orders on any old orchards which are within or near to the village boundary. The piece of land at the top of The Green, Flore must also be protected from development forever.

Good luck with the plan. It's an important enterprise and we and our circle of acquaintance recognise that.

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I live on Sutton Street which is already very crowded making parking at times very tricky. I do not have a solution apart from not allowing anymore infilling of houses. As said in my previous comments I worry that this village will expand as others have around us and very much do not want this to happen. A very minor concern, but I am not sure I agree for dogs being allowed on the playing field for obvious reasons. Lastly I very much appreciate and want to hugely thank all that the NP committee as I can imagine it is a time consuming job. I hope you have a good amount of responses and that we do as a village have some say?

I feel its a great opportunity for young people to get on the property ladder and it gives younger people a chance to stay in the village they have grown up in

We moved to Flore from a small village by Towcester last December, we love living here however the recycling facilities are disappointing.

Feels like the council were always going to allow the planning to go ahead for site behind The Crescent. Hopefully they will give respect to plan. Thanks

The village envelope needs to be reconsidered because there are already a number of houses outside the envelope and yet clearly within the village - it seems daft.