



Neighbourhood Plan

Your neighbourhood; your future

5A. LAND ALLOCATION - KEY MESSAGES

- There has been considerable interest from landowners in making land available for housing growth in Wootton - many of the sites submitted are large and capable of huge expansion but further significant growth would be unacceptable to the community, adversely impacting on infrastructure.
- Feedback from the consultations undertaken and the evidence gathered indicates that the emphasis should be towards:
 - ✓ resisting further major growth due to the impact on local infrastructure.
 - ✓ providing new housing to meet identified local need on a number of small sites with access to local amenities rather than concentrated in one place.
 - ✓ ensuring that existing views and vistas enjoyed across the open countryside are maintained, and enhancing the provision of open space in the village.



- In terms of the level of housing growth, there was very strong support for allocating suitable sites sufficient to accommodate a total of 145 new homes within the Local Plan period to 2030 in line with the findings of a housing needs survey (about 15 new homes per year, on average); the survey identified a particular need for elderly accommodation and 2/3 bedroom houses and bungalows to meet local need.
- Public consultation was carried out during 2018 on the proposed scale of development within the plan and 73% of respondents strongly agreed/agreed to this level. There was also a very clear preference (over 83% of respondents) that the development required to meet identified need should take place on a number of small sites rather than concentrated in one place.