**Downton Neighbourhood Plan Survey November 2014**

**Housing Development and Homes for Local People**

**1. Housing development up to 2026 should not exceed the 190 homes allocated for Downton by Wiltshire Council (of which approximately 70 have already been built).**

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| Total | 538 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 405 | 75% |
| 3 | 69 | 13% |
| 2 | 32 | 6% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 22 | 4% |
| No opinion | 10 | 2% |
| Average score | 3.6 |  |

**2. New, or additional, housing, wherever located in the parish should be developed in small clusters rather than large scale developments on one site**

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| Total | 536 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 372 | 69% |
| 3 | 99 | 19% |
| 2 | 31 | 6% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 16 | 3% |
| No opinion | 18 | 3% |
| Average score | 3.6 |  |

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| **3. If you have an opinion please circle preferred maximum size of cluster** |  |  |
| Total | 405 |
| 5 | 87 | 22% |
| 15 | 157 | 39% |
| 25 | 110 | 27% |
| 50 | 34 | 8% |
| 75 | 7 | 2% |
| 100 | 4 | 1% |
| over 100 | 6 | 2% |

**4. To aid community cohesion and minimise pressure on existing services and facilities, there should be phased construction for larger scale developments (over 50 houses)**

Total

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| --- | --- | --- |
| 4 Strongly agree | 368 | 70% |
| 3 | 79 | 15% |
| 2 | 34 | 6% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 34 | 6% |
| No opinion | 14 | 3% |
| Average score | 3.5 |  |

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| **6. More small, affordable homes are required for the elderly of the Parish**  Total | 540 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 278 | 52% |
| 3 | 148 | 27% |
| 2 | 56 | 10% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 18 | 3% |
| No opinion | 40 | 7% |
| Average score | 3.4 |  |
| **7. Priority in affordable housing must be given to people with local connections**  Total | 539 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 328 | 61% |
| 3 | 131 | 24% |
| 2 | 41 | 8% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 21 | 4% |
| No opinion | 18 | 3% |
| Average score | 3.5 |  |

**9. Future expansion of local industry should be focused on the Downton Business Centre rather than rural areas of the Parish**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 536 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 376 | 70% |
| 3 | 109 | 20% |
| 2 | 28 | 5% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 10 | 2% |
| No opinion | 13 | 2% |
| Average score | 3.6 |  |

**10. The Neighbourhood Plan will identify possible sites for development in case there is a government requirement for more housing in the parish**

**Please place a tick against at least one of the following to indicate which areas might be acceptable for new housing:in future (i.e. after 2026).**

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| Total | 535 |  |
| Along the A338 towards Salisbury | 290 | 54% |
| Along the A338 towards Fordingbridge | 220 | 41% |
| Land bordering Lode Hill, top end of Downton | 135 | 25% |
| Along Barford Lane | 89 | 17% |
| In-fill elsewhere in the Parish | 161 | 30% |

**11. New development must not dominate in scale, block distinctive views or significantly change the balance and character of the Parish**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 489 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 428 | 88% |
| 3 | 45 | 9% |
| 2 | 6 | 1% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 4 | 1% |
| No opinion | 6 | 1% |
| Average score | 3.9 |  |

**12. All new buildings should adopt an approach to design and use of materials which is compatible with the local environment (as laid out in the Village**

**Design Statement which was developed in consultation with the community).**

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| Total | 488 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 399 | 82% |
| 3 | 67 | 14% |
| 2 | 9 | 2% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 9 | 2% |
| No opinion | 4 | 1% |
| Average score | 3.8 |  |
| **Environmental Issues** |  |  |
| **13. New houses must be energy efficient and should exceed mi**  Total | **nimum Codes and government building requirem**  537 | **ents** |
| 4 Strongly agree | 342 | 64% |
| 3 | 146 | 27% |
| 2 | 15 | 3% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 5 | 1% |
| No opinion | 29 | 5% |
| Average score | 3.6 |  |

**15. Development must not harm or adversely impact on protected habitat areas or designated Sites of Special Scientific Interest such as the River Avon**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 539 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 459 | 85% |
| 3 | 69 | 13% |
| 2 | 7 | 1% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 1 | 0% |
| No opinion | 3 | 1% |
| Average score | 3.8 |  |

**16. Support the use of natural energy sources, such as solar power, as long as the impact on the environment is considered reasonable by the community.**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 538 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 260 | 48% |
| 3 | 190 | 35% |
| 2 | 53 | 10% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 21 | 4% |
| No opinion | 14 | 3% |
| Average score | 3.3 |  |

**18. Green public spaces and water meadows throughout the parish, including the Borough Greens, Memorial Gardens, Millennium Green, Moot recreation area and the Moot, must always be protected from development and adverse impacts**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 538 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 495 | 92% |
| 3 | 32 | 6% |
| 2 | 5 | 1% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 5 | 1% |
| No opinion | 1 | 0% |
| Average score | 3.9 |  |

**19. There should be natural screening of foliage and bushes on the edge of the industrial centre, and any negative visual impacts of larger scale developments minimised by retention and planting of trees.**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 541 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 392 | 73% |
| 3 | 121 | 22% |
| 2 | 17 | 3% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 4 | 1% |
| No opinion | 7 | 1% |
| Average score | 3.7 |  |
| **Infrastructure, Communication, Transport and Drainage** |  |  |

20. Developers must assess traffic impact on the wider community e.g. congestion and parking, and help mitigate the impact through contributions or solutions.

**21. New development must always include safe access for vehicles and pedestrians and should not adversely affect the free movement of traffic in the vicinity.**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 538 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 486 | 90% |
| 3 | 46 | 9% |
| 2 | 2 | 0% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 3 | 1% |
| No opinion | 1 | 0% |
| Average score | 3.9 |  |

**22. Expanding the school or other community facilities must include plans to increase parking, including drop off/pick up areas**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 538 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 391 | 73% |
| 3 | 100 | 19% |
| 2 | 25 | 5% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 16 | 3% |
| No opinion | 6 | 1% |
| Average score | 3.6 |  |

**23. New footpaths and cycleways should be developed to link communities within and beyond the parish**

**24. Improve connections within Downton by: (a) A cycle/ footbridge over the Avon and pathways between the top and bottom end of Downton village**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 535 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 268 | 50% |
| 3 | 153 | 29% |
| 2 | 41 | 8% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 29 | 5% |
| No opinion | 44 | 8% |
| Average score | 3.3 |  |

**25. Improve connections within Downton by introducing: (b) Shuttle bus service to connect top end of Downton to the Headlands**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 536 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 143 | 27% |
| 3 | 147 | 27% |
| 2 | 104 | 19% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 65 | 12% |
| No opinion | 77 | 14% |
| Average score | 2.8 |  |

**26. If Downton is developed further as a service centre, routes, frequency and evening services on public transport should be improved.**

**27. Additional public parking and improved delivery arrangements must be provided to support retail units in the Borough and High Street**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 528 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 323 | 61% |
| 3 | 136 | 26% |
| 2 | 33 | 6% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 22 | 4% |
| No opinion | 14 | 3% |
| Average score | 3.5 |  |

**28. A slip road at the traffic lights leading off the A338 from Salisbury into the Borough should be implemented to alleviate traffic congestion on the A338.**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 524 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 205 | 39% |
| 3 | 148 | 28% |
| 2 | 65 | 12% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 70 | 13% |
| No opinion | 36 | 7% |
| Average score | 3.0 |  |

**29. Increase pressure on relevant agencies to enforce the HGV weight limit on lorries through Downton.**

**30. Any new development must have a solution to negative impacts on existing foul and surface water systems before planning permission is granted**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 528 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 484 | 92% |
| 3 | 38 | 7% |
| 2 | 0 | 0% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 3 | 1% |
| No opinion | 3 | 1% |
| Average score | 3.9 |  |
| **31. Flood defences should continue to be strengthened in vulnerable areas**  Total | 532 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 456 | 86% |
| 3 | 55 | 10% |
| 2 | 12 | 2% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 4 | 1% |
| No opinion | 5 | 1% |
| Average score | 3.8 |  |
| **The Local Economy** |  |  |
| **32. Encourage a thriving economy by supporting business and commercial expansion in the parish** |  |  |

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| --- | --- |
| **33. Options for the above could be:** |  |
|  | **Exploit our** |

**Support future expansion of the Downton business park to the north along the A338**

**Support the development of new retail units in Downton**

**Support businesses that offer apprenticeships and employment to local people**

**proximity to the**

**New Forest by supporting applications to offer tourism or leisure facilities, including in rural areas**

Total 536 537 537 537

4 Strongly agree 35% 31% 63% 34%

3 33% 36% 28% 37%

2 16% 16% 4% 13%

1 Strongly disagree 10% 12% 2% 8% No opinion 6% 5% 3% 9%

Average score 3.0 2.9 3.6 3.1

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| **Leisure Facilities** |  |  |  |  |

**34. Lobby for public funding and provide support for retention and improvement of the leisure centre.**

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| **35. Identify a suitable area of open space to reintroduce a village cricket ground.** |  |  |
| Total | 530 |
| 4 Strongly agree | 174 | 33% |
| 3 | 189 | 36% |
| 2 | 63 | 12% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 23 | 4% |
| No opinion | 81 | 15% |
| Average score | 3.1 |  |

**36. Improve the quality and availability of premises in the community for societies, meetings and activities**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 530 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 162 | 31% |
| 3 | 225 | 43% |
| 2 | 71 | 13% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 18 | 3% |
| No opinion | 54 | 10% |
| Average score | 3.1 |  |

**37. Engage with local schools to encourage sharing of their facilities with the community.**

**38. Create a village trim trail (open countryside exercise stations) to encourage healthy living in a safe environment**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 533 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 129 | 24% |
| 3 | 173 | 33% |
| 2 | 93 | 17% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 47 | 9% |
| No opinion | 91 | 17% |
| Average score | 2.9 |  |
| **39. Improve facilities in the Moot Lane recreation area.**  Total | 530 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 145 | 27% |
| 3 | 220 | 42% |
| 2 | 57 | 11% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 23 | 4% |
| No opinion | 85 | 16% |
| Average score | 3.1 |  |

**40. Options for the above could be:**

**Increase child friendly and safe play areas**

**Refurbish the pavilion for sports or youth activities**

**Provide public toilet facilities**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 511 | 507 | 512 |
| 4 Strongly agree | 38% | 33% | 36% |
| 3 | 39% | 42% | 32% |
| 2 | 8% | 8% | 11% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 4% | 4% | 8% |
| No opinion | 12% | 13% | 12% |
| Average score | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 |

**Community Facilities and Services**

**41. Primary School capacity must be increased to cater for all children of the parish who wish to attend the school.**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 531 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 387 | 73% |
| 3 | 90 | 17% |
| 2 | 26 | 5% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 12 | 2% |
| No opinion | 16 | 3% |
| Average score | 3.7 |  |

**42. Community buildings such as the library and memorial hall should be supported and improved to meet the needs of a growing community.**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 531 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 367 | 69% |
| 3 | 131 | 25% |
| 2 | 23 | 4% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 4 | 1% |
| No opinion | 6 | 1% |
| Average score | 3.6 |  |
| **43. A Post Office service should be reintroduced in the High street area..**  Total | 535 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 339 | 63% |
| 3 | 108 | 20% |
| 2 | 32 | 6% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 13 | 2% |
| No opinion | 43 | 8% |
| Average score | 3.6 |  |
| **44. Pre-school provision in the village should be expanded to meet the needs arising f**  Total | **rom any increase in deve**  531 | **lopment.** |
| 4 Strongly agree | 274 | 52% |
| 3 | 147 | 28% |
| 2 | 42 | 8% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 16 | 3% |
| No opinion | 52 | 10% |
| Average score | 3.4 |  |

**45. Future plans by the GP surgery to expand their service or premises should be actively supported.**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 531 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 424 | 80% |
| 3 | 84 | 16% |
| 2 | 10 | 2% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 6 | 1% |
| No opinion | 7 | 1% |
| Average score | 3.8 |  |

**46. Developers’ impact assessments must address the question of how they will mitigate any adverse effects or pressure on community services and facilities.**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 533 |  |
| 4 Strongly agree | 459 | 86% |
| 3 | 59 | 11% |
| 2 | 3 | 1% |
| 1 Strongly disagree | 4 | 1% |
| No opinion | 8 | 2% |
| Average score | 3.9 |  |

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| **Demographics**  **47. Approximately how old are you?** |  |  |
| Total | 531 |
| Under 20 | 5 | 1% |
| 20-29 years | 18 | 3% |
| 30-39 | 31 | 6% |
| 40-49 | 71 | 13% |
| 50-59 | 87 | 16% |
| 60-69 | 133 | 25% |
| 70 and over | 181 | 34% |
| I’d rather not say | 5 | 1% |
| **48. Where do you live?**  Total | 531 |  |
| West of the A338 (Wick Lane, Mesh Pond, Greenacres, Barnaby Close areas) | 106 | 20% |
| The A338, Long Close and The Borough including roads off it | 110 | 21% |
| The High St, Church Leat, Lode Hill, Barford Lane, Slab Lane, Hamilton Park areas | 123 | 23% |
| Moot Lane area | 155 | 29% |
| Charlton All Saints/ Standlynch and other outlying areas of Downton Parish | 29 | 6% |
| Do not live in Downton Parish | 8 | 2% |