

Astwood and Hardmead Neighbourhood Plan, Reg 16 consultation responses

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I have been a resident in Astwood for 21 years now and 22 new homes have been built here in that time. The character of the village would be changed forever if more development took place. We are a small rural community with limited amenities. More housing built here will create a greater need for private car travel as there is very little public transport available, increasing pollution at a time when our Government pledges to reduce carbon emissions by 78% by the year 2035.

Loss of green spaces here, which are important habitats increases pressure on our environment. Astwood & Hardmead are surrounded by a vast arable mono culture of farm land, featureless & devoid of much wildlife & a serious loss of biodiversity. Our villages are fast becoming an urban sprawl detrimental to the wellbeing of humans & our flora & fauna.

I strongly support this neighbourhood plan which reflects the views of the majority of residents in Astwood & Hardmead.