

Appendix 3

The information gathered.


Steventon survey 2015



The survey was distributed to every household in the Parish in November 2015 and collected in December 2015. The full survey is available in Appendix 2

STEVENTON 2030

OUR CHANCE TO PLAN FOR THE NEXT 15 YEARS



*THIS IS **YOUR** OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE THE FUTURE OF STEVENTON AND THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR YOU AND **YOUR** FAMILY IN THE VILLAGE OVER THE NEXT 15 YEARS.*

Your views are important. We hope that everyone in Steventon can find a few minutes to answer these 37 questions.

Your answers will remain confidential and anonymous; so be frank! It's easy to complete. There is space for 4* of you (over 12 years old) and a different coloured column for each of you - see the example below.

Example – How to Complete the Questionnaire

The Smith family consists of Bob and Katy and their two children Emma (13) and Daniel (7). They would complete the following question as follows:

Bob picks the yellow column, Katy picks the red column, Emma picks the green column, but Daniel does not fill out the questionnaire because he is only 7.

What gender are you?

a. Male	✓			
b. Female		✓	✓	

Your Distributor: Contact tel. no:.....

Your anticipated collection date:

*Extra questionnaires can be obtained from your distributor.

Headline results:

Majority of the Village responded.

- Almost 400 Completed Questionnaires received.
 - 60% of the original distribution of 658
 - equivalent to 73% of the households in 2011
- Views of 755 Residents – equivalent of 67% of the 2011 population
- Age demographic of responses similar to 2011 Census

Housing:

- 87% against any further large development
- 39% want retirement homes.
- 75% favour development behind the Co-op
- 86% want the Copse protected.

Recreation & Leisure

- 66% are in favour of a Sports Hall by the School
- Badminton, Yoga & music the most popular activities wanted.
- 45% would like an all-weather surface by the Green.

Infrastructure

- 52% want flashing signs warning of speeding.
- 56% favour a height restriction to keep Stocks Lane crossing open.
- 74% are still opposed to the Reservoir.
- 67% are concerned about flood risk with 18% willing to be marshals.
- 52% want more pedestrian crossings.

Open spaces

- 47% would use a cycle path to Milton.
- 61% would like more tree planting near the Copse.

% based on total no. of respondents to the Questionnaire, rather than individual questions.

HOUSING

Statistics:	Conclusion:
General	
Q1 91% (661) Opposed to large developments	Residents do not wish for future large scale expansion of the Village. Their preference is for smaller 'infill' developments.

Type of Housing	
Q2 Preferences for housing for ownership 42% (322) and retirement 39% (300)	First time homes for existing younger residents and retirement homes for older existing residents
Q3 58% (440) want 2 or 3 bedroom houses	Sufficient 4 & 5 bed houses exist
Q7 Semi-detached 59% (449) & bungalows 41% (309) most popular	Smaller affordable houses to own
Q8 31% (220) intend to downsize within 5 years	Downsizing will provide the supply of larger 4&5 bedroom homes
Q9 84% (636) want adequate parking. 59% (451) want gardens.	Recent high density developments are unpopular and not meeting the requirements of local prospective residents
Location:	
Q5 71% (538) against new housing south of the railway	Maintain existing access and volumes over the level crossings
Q6 Over 85% want to safeguard the Copse (653) Allotments (650) & Village Greens (705)	Seek to protect Open Green Spaces
Q4 Preference for brown sites off High Street 75% (572) & Station Yard 73% (557)	Resistance to further erosion of green fields

RECREATION

Statistics:	Conclusion:
Facilities	
Q10 73% (507) in favour of Communal Sports Hall Majority in favour of 3 court size	Proceed with Feasibility Study of facility shared with the Primary School
Q11 Most popular activities: Keep Fit (396), Badminton (371), Music (315), Yoga (312), Football (294)	Multi-functional with room for team sports
Q12 45% (345) in favour of All Weather Court	Expand on uses on the Village Green

INFRASTRUCTURE

Statistics:	Conclusion:
Traffic	
Q14 88% (669) concerned about speeding particularly on Internal roads (402), Abingdon Rd (363) & High St (377)	Speed monitoring required and identify the extent and provide guidance to the Police
Q15 52% (392) support flashing signs	PC to purchase equipment
Q16 45% (304) residents avoid travelling at peak hour	Measurement required to provide data and help design future junctions
Q17 52% (393) wish to restrict HGVs 49% (371) want more cycle paths	Resist further expansion of Steventon Depot and promote cycling as an alternative for commuters
Railway	
Q18 If Stocks Lane crossing closed, 49% (371) would use the Causeway crossing rather than Byway 17	Promote ways to keep Stocks Lane crossing open rather than overload Causeway Crossing
Q19 56% (428)428 prefer a Height restriction at Stocks Lane	
Flooding	
Q20 83% (561) oppose the building of a Reservoir	PC to continue to support GARD's opposition
Q21 59% (513) concerned about flooding 58% (440) want resources in the event of flood	Create a Flood Contingency plan and emergency equipment
Q22 59% (449) concerned about drainage	Monitor frequency of drainage problems More research on future flood risk and measures for mitigation
Travel	
Q23 14% (110) would use a Car Scheme 7% (54) would be volunteer drivers	Commence feasibility study for Volunteer Car Scheme
Q24 6% (45) would make use of a minibus	Insufficient demand to make a minibus viable

Congestion	
Q25 34% (256) thought moving the Pre-school would help congestion at peak times	Investigate pros & cons of various options
Q26 54% (411) were in favour of 20 mph limits	PC to gather data and approach OCC
Q27 35% (268) want more parking 25% (194) want yellow lines	There needs to be more utilisation of common / parish land where possible.

OPEN SPACES

Statistics:	Conclusion:
Q28 55% (356) would use a Cycle Path to Milton	Proceed with a Feasibility Study
Q30 61% (467) want expansion of the Copse. 46% (352) want a pond on the Green	Make more of our existing Green spaces

Steventon survey 2017

Thank you to all those who completed the Steventon Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) questionnaire in 2016. In order to finalise our Neighbourhood Plan we would like your feedback to these supplementary questions on housing needs within Steventon.

Is there a need for affordable homes in the village of Steventon?

Affordable housing is social rented, affordable rented and intermediate housing, provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the market. ...Affordable rented housing is let by local authorities or private registered providers of social housing to households who are eligible for social rented housing.

Steventon NDP wishes to establish the extent of housing need in the Parish. Whether you consider yourself in need or not, the information you provide is very important, so please spend a few minutes filling in the form. The information provided will greatly assist decision making by the Parish and District Councils and form part of the work of the Neighbourhood Development plan.

What do we mean when we talk about being in 'housing need'?

It can include newly forming households, mature children who would like to move out of their parents' home, or possibly older people looking for more appropriate accommodation. If you are an owner occupier you would not normally qualify for affordable housing.

If you know of someone who has had to move away because of the cost of local housing, please make sure their views are expressed if they would like to move back to the parish.

We do not know how many local people need homes that they can afford. Please help us find out.

In completing this questionnaire you should try to answer on behalf of your household – do include your family members, lodgers or other residents and ask for their views on individual questions if applicable.

All of your answers will be treated as strictly confidential and therefore there is no need to supply your name.

While we would like you to answer all questions, some can be skipped if you would prefer. Everything you tell us will help to ensure local views are accurately recorded for the purpose of the Steventon Neighbourhood Plan.

Please return your completed questionnaire to the collection box in the Co-op by 14th April 2017.

Number of returns 183 (22%)

Housing in Steventon

Q1

How many bedrooms are in your current home? (Please tick one box only).

Bedsit/Flat		
One bedroom	10	5.5%
Two bedrooms	29	15.8%
Three bedrooms	75	41.0%
Four bedrooms	53	29.0%
Five bedrooms	13	7.1%
Five or more	3	1.6%

Q2

How many people in your household are likely to need a new or different home now or in the next five years? (Please tick 1 box only)

None	110	60.1%
One	27	15.3%
Two	28	14.7%
Three	8	4.4%
Four	6	3.3%
Five or more	1	0.5%

Q3

If you or someone in your household intend to move in the foreseeable future, is it likely to be.....(Please tick one box only, skip if question does not apply).

Within Steventon	55	30.0%
Outside Steventon	46	25.1%

Q4

If you are considering to move house within Steventon, what type of housing would you prefer and would you be up-or downsizing?

		Upsizing	Downsizing
Flat	11 (6.0%)	23 (13.0%)	60 (33.9%)
Bungalow	47 (25.7%)		
Terraced	2 (1.1%)		
Semi-detached	13 (7.1%)		
Detached	39 (21.3%)		

Q5

The feedback from our 2015 Questionnaire showed that there was an 85% preference for future housing to be 3 bedrooms or less, whilst the approved developments now being built deliver just 64%. In order that we can provide evidence for our policy relating to house sizes, what size of housing do you think should be built in the future?

1 bedroom homes	40	21.9%
2 bedroom homes	84	45.9%
3 bedroom homes	116	63.4%
4 bedroom homes	25	13.7%
4+ bedroom homes	8	4.4%

Q6

If you or someone in your household wish to move but cannot, which if any of the following reasons are preventing this? You can skip this question if no one intends to move. (Please tick all boxes that apply)

Unable to afford to buy housing	39	21.3
Unable to afford to rent housing	13	7.1%
Lack of education choices where I wish to move	1	0.5%
Lack of suitable housing to meet needs	19	10.4%
Unable to afford the costs of moving	9	4.9%
Family reasons	8	4.4%
Lack of social housing	4	2.2%
Lack of private rented opportunities	4	2.2%
Other reasons, please state these here:	4	2.2%

Q7

Has anyone previously in your household moved away from Steventon in the last five years due to lack of suitable housing? (Please tick one box only)

Yes	23	12.6%
No	148	80.9%

Q8

Do you think that people linked to Steventon should be given priority live here if suitable housing is available?

Yes	157	85.8%
No	24	13.1%

Q9

Do you think future housing within the village should be. (Please tick one box in each row)

	Very likely	Quite likely	Not very likely	Not at all likely	Don't know
New housing to buy	62 (33.9%)	48(26.2%)	11(6.0%)	22(12.0%)	7(3.8%)
New houses to rent at market rates	30(16.4%)	49(26.8%)	29(15.8%)	26(14.2%)	8(4.4%)
New affordable rented housing provided by a Housing Association	50(27.3%)	37(20.2%)	22(12.0%)	30(16.4%)	11(6.0%)
New shared ownership housing	44(24.0%)	55(30.1%)	19(10.4%)	18(9.8%)	9(4.9%)
New housing for over 55s	57(31.1%)	46(25.1%)	25(13.7%)	22(12.0%)	6(3.3%)
New sheltered housing for older people (assisted living)	59(32.2%)	56(30.6%)	18(9.8%)	15(8.2%)	10(5.5%)

Q10

If further development was to occur in Steventon what would be your preference for any potential new build.

Infill within Steventon, excluding the allotments and Greens	91	(49.7%)
Peripheral expansion of Steventon	72	39.3%

Q11

The aim of the Neighbourhood Plan is “to protect and enhance the rural identity and heritage of our village”. Historically Steventon has evolved with a wide range of house design, many of which are of a bespoke nature. In contrast recent developments result in houses that promote standardized design. For future housing would you...

Retain features of neighbouring properties	98	53.6%
Contain different design of houses within the same development	82	44.8%
All be of standard design	5	2.7%

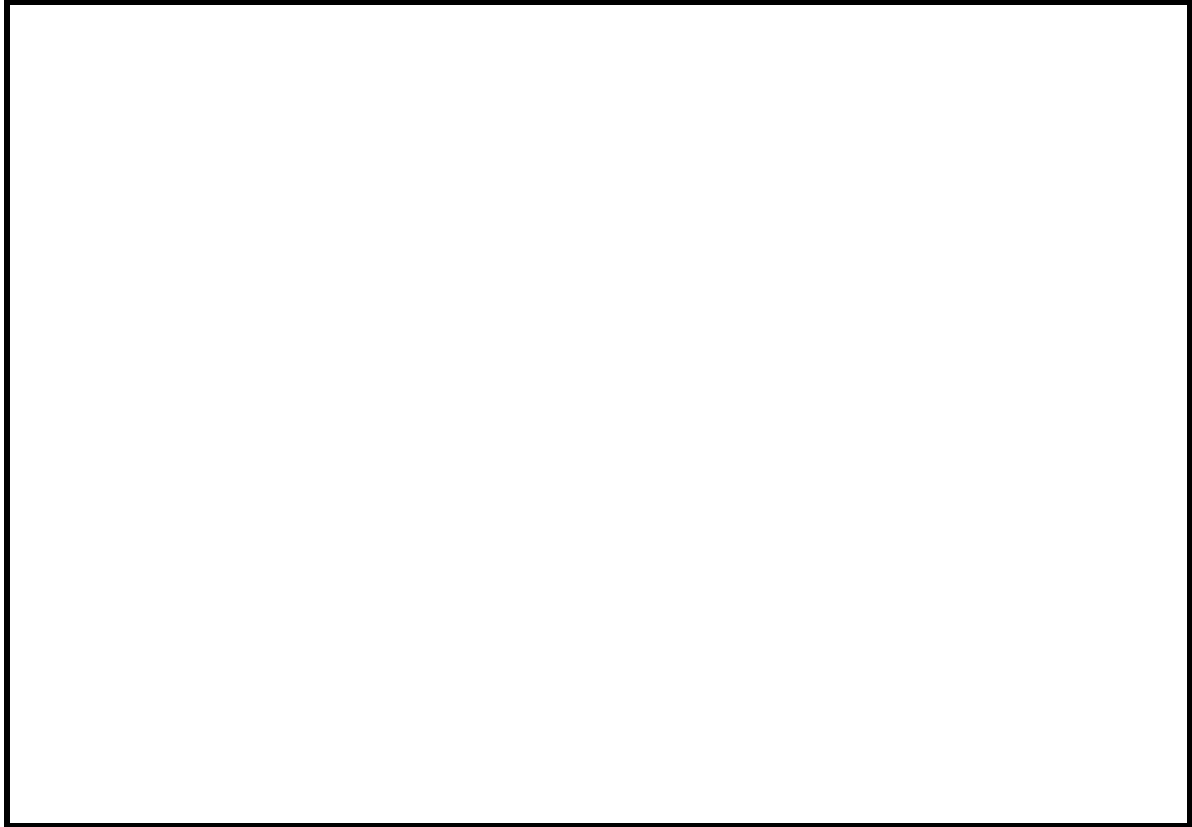
Q12

One of our objectives is to ensure that new developments are well connected to the village centre and amenities. An expanding village leads to new houses being further away from existing amenities within the fabric of the village; shops, school, church, sports facilities and Village Hall. How many minutes walking time are you prepared to do in order to access village amenities?

1-2 minutes	1	0.5%
1-5 minutes	13	7.1%
5-10 minutes	86	47.0%
10-15 minutes	53	29.0%
15-20 minutes	20	10.9%

Q13

Please write your thoughts on your responses to the above question, together with any other comments on housing needs in Steventon now and in the future, in the box below.

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for the respondent to write their thoughts and comments on housing needs in Steventon.

THANK YOU!

RESULTS OF 2020 HOUSING SURVEY

General points about responses

943 questionnaires distributed and 256 returned – response rate 27%

c. 29% of housing stock in Steventon is on the three recent developments (built since 2014)

Not all households/respondents answered all questions.

Not all opportunities for multiple members of a household to respond to a question were taken.

Percentages are based on number of households or people answering each specific question as appropriate.

Results from section 1 of questionnaire – one answer per household

Questions 1 - 6 asked for information about age group, current house type and size and desired house type and size.

256 household responded with 607 residents in total living in those households.

93 in 15 & under age group – not respondents to any questions.

514 in respondent age group, of which

- 243 in 60+ age group – 47.3%
- 213 in 30-59 age group – 41.4%
- 58 in 16-29 age group – 11.3%

81 households with 2 x 60+ residents and no younger members

39 households with 1 x 60+ residents and no younger members

Total of over 60 only households = 120, 46.9%

12 households with 2 x 60+ residents and younger members

19 households with 1 x 60+ resident and younger members

151 households with at least one 60+ resident, 59% of all households.

Age profile and type of house

Households with residents over 60 (including those with younger members)

Detached house -	71
Semi-detached	28
Terraced	9
Bungalows	34
Flats	4
Park homes	5
<u>Total</u>	<u>151</u>

Household with all residents 59 and under

Detached house -	58
Semi-detached	25
Terraced	10
Bungalows	6
Flats	4
Park homes	1
<u>Total</u>	<u>104</u>

Desired difference in size of house – based on number of bedrooms

The majority of households were satisfied with the size of their house at present – just 36 currently wanted a different number of bedrooms.

- 1 bedroom – minus 5
- 2 bedrooms – plus 7
- 3 bedrooms – minus 11
- 4 bedrooms – plus 11
- 4+ bedrooms – minus 2

Desired way to achieve the change was.

- Alteration to existing house – 20%
- Upsize within Steventon – 33%
- Downsize within Steventon – 29%
- Move away from Steventon – 18%

Desired difference in type of house

There was a more marked difference in the type of house people wanted compared to what they currently have. 114 households (44.5%) would choose to live in a different type of house if they could.

- Detached – plus 26
- Semi-detached – minus 31
- Terraced - minus 17
- Bungalow – plus 31
- Flat – minus 6
- Park home – minus 3

Questions 7 & 8 asked if residents had tried to move within Steventon in the last 3 years but been unable to do so. 26 individuals or households had tried to move but not been successful. Reasons given were as follows (respondents could choose more than one reason).

Purchase price – 18

Available houses too small – 7

Available houses too large – 2

Shortage of bungalows – 8

Shortage of social housing – 6

Question 9 & 10 - need for retirement housing.

Residents were asked if they would like the opportunity at some point in the future to move to homes suitable for retirement or to assisted living developments.

253 households answered the question.

Yes – 57 households, 22.5%

Possibly – 112 households, 44%

Of those 60 households (36%) would want to do so within 10 years.

Questions 11 & 12 – car ownership and parking

12 households reported owning no cars..

89 have one car.

127 have two.

18 have three.

8 have 4 or more.

Car ownership averages 1.7 cars per household with no difference between older and newer parts of the village.

In total the difference between the number of cars owned and the number which can be parked on the property was a shortage of 29 spaces, only 4 of which were on the recent developments. Terraced and semi-detached houses had the greatest shortage of parking spaces at 6 and 15 spaces respectively. Social housing showed the biggest shortfall in the number of available parking spaces.

Section 2 – for individual responses

Any resident over 16 was asked to respond to the questions in section 2. Some households with multiple residents only gave one response, others gave multiple responses to some questions but not to all, some households gave multiple responses to all questions.

Question 13 Residents were asked if they were likely to want to move within next 10 years and if so what type and size of houses they would want and preferred tenure type.

100 households responded to this question – 55 households with residents in the 60 and over age group of which 39 wanted to move to a 2 or 3 bedroom house and 21 of these to be a bungalow.

There could be both family group and individual responses within a single household. 59 family groups and 31 individuals responded to this question and 20 responses did not indicate which category they fell in to. A few family groups or individuals responded to questions with more than one choice.

The type of houses required were as follows.

Detached – 45

Semi-detached – 18

Terraced – 7

Bungalow – 39

Flat – 10

Park home – 1

Number of bedrooms

One – 4

Two – 41

Three – 44

Four – 22

5 or more – 5

Tenure type

Purchased – 100

Shared ownership - 5

Private rental – 3

Social rental - 11

Question 14 Residents were asked if they wanted to stay in Steventon for more than 10 years. 413 responded.

Yes – 247 60%

Probably – 110 26%

No – 56 14%

Question 15 Residents were asked to indicate their favoured sites for new development. The Hanney Road was excluded as the land is now reserved in the Local Plan. This is due to Thames Water plans for a new reservoir.

Residents could choose more than one location. A total of 322 responses were made.

Towards Drayton	102	32%
Land South of Castle St/Railway	31	10%
Extension of recent development	94	29%
Infill in the older parts of the village	95	30%

Additional comments on Q15

NO MORE DEVELOPMENT

Land north of railway line to E & W of village.

Location should take into account wildlife “corridors” and habitats.

Land south of railway – DEFINITELY NOT!!!

Infill in the older parts – NO!

Land south of railway – CERTAINLY NOT, IT SHOULD REMAIN AS IT IS

I think the village is big enough, it’s been spoilt. NO MORE HOUSES.

NONE WE HAVE ENOUGH HOUSES

Land south of railway – NO!

Infill – but not sacrificing the greens or allotments or playpark near the school.

NOWHERE!

Overall we’d prefer to see less further (sic) development in Steventon

Too many houses and too many cars – ruining this village! Not enough infrastructure to cope with any more new homes being built!

Infill in the older parts – definitely not

Land south of railway – No

Infill in the older parts – No

Very concerned re flooding in this area & impact to surrounding areas which are already high risk

Re new housing – please consider small developments or self-build plots like at Southmoor where they are carbon neutral/highly energy efficient/environmental. Anything attempting to be “green” should be a priority.

Question 16 Residents were asked if they think it is important for new houses to have "eco-friendly" features such as solar panels, high insulation levels, grey water recycling and ground source heat pumps.

There were 390 respondents with the following breakdown.

Very important	299	77%
Quite important	80	21%
Not important	11	3%

Question 17 Residents were asked if they were concerned about loss of habitat and biodiversity due to housing and infrastructure development.

There were 404 respondents with the following breakdown.

Very concerned	303	75%
Quite concerned	89	22%
Not concerned	12	3%

Section 3 – only for residents on the three recent developments

The aim of this section was to gather residents’ views of their new houses, the local environment and the management of the developments.

Residents in a single household could answer individually.

The responses are given for each development together with the additional comments made by some residents – shown in blue italic text

Questions 18 to 20 were about location and cars/parking. The results show that there generally appears to be sufficient parking on the new developments.

Question 21 Residents were asked if the completion of the development met their expectations.

Development	Satisfied	Mostly satisfied	Not satisfied
The Pitchings	0 (0%)	8 (42%)	11 (58%)
Abbots Meadow	6 (12%)	24 (47%)	21 (41%)
Miller Place/Howden Green	1 (6%)	12 (71%)	4 (24%)

Additional comments to Q21

The Pitchings

Mostly – open space needs more attention.

No – we have been here for 18 months but the development or the house (sic) been completed!!

Mostly – the large green area still isn't finished.

Mostly – some tidying up to be done on Pitchings Phase 1 road into Brind Close from Causeway.

Mostly – access road and landscaping unfinished.

No. We have been so frustrated with ongoing issues with the developer – it has been so disappointing. There were so many faults (some quite major) which were not picked up until after we moved in – the NHBC checks are worthless – we had to fight to get a house that was fit and safe to live in. It took years to get the roads finished and only recently (for whatever reason – I do not know) they have been pulling up parts and repairing. The public area until recently has just been wasteland – I think after more than 3 years it is now being managed. I would really like to see it put to better use – at present it's just where the dog walkers leave their deposits. We love the village, and it was very important to move to a village location with good community spirit – it is important that any new development does not change this – or be too far removed from the centre that the village loses its heart.

No – still waiting for roads into estate to be completed.

No – unfinished roads, lamp posts not working, problems with pumping station, public space not finished.

Abbot's Meadow

Mostly – open spaces **DO NOT** meet plans & expectations. Poor standard. Council should hold to account and not sign off until addressed.

Mostly – landscaping not fulfilled.

Footpaths not as promised.

Sewage plant keeps failing.

No – access is poor with only one access road. Finish of public open space is below expectation.

No – sewage issues across estate, green spaces not finished to a high standard.

Mostly – public areas poor: green area, play area, road kerbing.

No – the landscaping at the rear of Abbot's Meadow has not been finished and the "country paths" are a disgrace.

No – Poor landscaping, sewage problems, managed service that provides no service!! Full rates still apply.

No – The grounds surrounding are in an appalling state. Dead trees, weeds on roads & grass. Continuous blocked drains.

Mostly – just the green areas are disappointing.

No – DWH have not met their planning commitments in terms of landscaping communal areas. Very poor. Still outstanding source of dispute. Management Company is also very poor.

No – land around development still untidy/unfinished.

Mostly – we are delighted with the house but have concerns about the overall development.

1) Insufficient road parking – there needs to be more lay-bys to supplement house driveways

2) Some roads are so narrow to allow short term parking, hence the need for point 1

Mostly – green area needs more work. House is great.

No Terrible shared and green spaces.

Play park equipment is very basic, insufficient and poorly maintained. As a public accessible space it should also be funded and maintained by a public body (e.g. the council) rather than a private management company

Path's across the AM development are very poor, inconsistently surfaced and subject to break-up, overgrown weeds and standing water/mud

Commitments with regard to tree/shrub planting schedules have been missed over multiple years now, with both management company and developer failing to take ownership or responsibility.

Maintenance of green spaces has been severely lacking or not taking place at all. All green spaces are overrun with weeds throughout the year.

Inadequate and/or poorly installed drainage systems have caused both flooded area, and remedial buildings works to damage green spaces (sic); no follow-up work has taken place to rectify that damage.

Howden Green & Miller Place

Mostly – 2 years to complete the roads is too long. Better connectivity by paths to walk into the rest of the village in safety.

Mostly – completion of the roads and green areas took too long.

No – not finished, poor quality.

No – We hate where we live. Landscaping non-existent. Did not finish SUDS. No safe crossing for the Abingdon Road.

Question 22 Residents were asked “If you had the choice, who would you prefer to manage the public areas of the development (roads, pavements, public open spaces)?”

Development	Management company appointed by developer	Management company owned by all residents	Local authorities
The Pitchings	0	3	16
Abbots Meadow	4	17	6
Miller Place/Howden Green	0	6	12

Question 23 Residents were asked how they felt about the size of their garden.

Development	Too small	About right	Too big
The Pitchings	2 (10%)	17 (85%)	1 (%)
Abbots Meadow	5 (10%)	46 (87%)	2 (3%)
Miller Place/Howden Green	6 (38%)	10 (62%)	0

Overall, across the 3 developments, 82% of residents were satisfied with the size of their garden.

Question 24 Residents were asked how they felt about the degree of overlooking of their garden.

Development	Not an issue	Acceptable	Uncomfortable
The Pitchings	5 (26%)	10 (53%)	4 (21%)
Abbots Meadow	15 (26%)	25 (44%)	17 (30%)
Miller Place/Howden Green	2 (13%)	9 (56%)	5 (31%)

Overall, 24% of residents felt that the degree of overlooking was not an issue, 48% found it acceptable and 28% found it uncomfortable.

Question 25 Residents were asked if footpath connections to the rest of the village are satisfactory.

There were 94 responses in total. The results varied considerably for each development.

Development	Yes	No
The Pitchings	20	0
Abbots Meadow	23	34 (60%)
Miller Place/Howden Green	2	15 (88%)

The Pitchings is the only development not separated from the heart of the village by a busy road.

Additional comments to Q25

Abbots Meadow

No – there needs to be a footpath from Abbots Meadow to the bakery

No – we only have Barnett Road exit & connectivity.

No – would be very useful for the less mobile to have a path out from Joyce Way to Abingdon Road to enable easy access to bus stop.

Howden Green & Miller Place

No- this is the biggest factor as to why we are unhappy in Steventon. Trying to cross Abingdon Road with a baby is dangerous. I can't cross Abingdon Road at Miller Place junction safely. I can't cross Field Gardens at junction as blind spot on corner. Can't safely cross to get to The Green. Hanney Road junction is deadly – too much traffic from multiple directions.

No - have to cross 4 roads to get to the bakery next door.

Question 26 Residents were asked if road connections to the rest of the village are satisfactory.

There were 95 responses in total with similar response across all 3 developments.

Development	Yes	No
The Pitchings	16	4 (20%)
Abbots Meadow	47	11 (19%)
Miller Place/Howden Green	13	4 (23.5%)

Additional comments to Q26

The Pitchings

No – condition of the Hanney Road/Harding Vale access and chicane very dangerous

Abbots Meadow

No – too many potholes.

No – with more houses around the area we need better road systems in place – the potholes are horrid.

No – Barnett Road is too busy for residents.

No – we only have Barnett Road exit & connectivity (respondent deliberately made same point in 25&26)

Howden Green & Miller Place

Need yellow lines – street parking is dangerous and unnecessary.

Question 27 Residents were asked if footpath connections within the development are satisfactory

There were 94 responses in total. The results varied considerably for each development.

Development	Yes	No
The Pitchings	19 (95%)	1 (5%)
Abbots Meadow	39 (68%)	18 (32%)
Miller Place/Howden Green	13 (76%)	4 (24%)

Additional comments to Q27

Abbots Meadow

No - Footpath in phase 2 is bad quality.

No - In very wet weather the surface sticks to feet and wheels. Easier to walk on muddy grass.

No – not up to standard, poor condition.

No – could be more even. More doggy poo bins.

No – the footpath layout is satisfactory generally although part of Fuller Way has no footpath on either side. However, the surfacing/construction of some of the paths (phase 2 particularly) is completely unsatisfactory, breaking up in the winter & wet weather.

Howden Green & Miller Place

Yes – but would be good to have link to get to bakery and bus stop without having to cross the road twice.

Question 28 Residents were asked about their level of use of public open space on the development.

There were 96 responses in total. The results varied considerably for each development.

Development	Often	Occasionally	Never
The Pitchings	2 (10%)	11 (53%)	7 (35%)
Abbots Meadow	20 (37.3%)	26 (43.3%)	14 (23.3%)
Miller Place/Howden Green	2 (12.5%)	2 (12.5%)	12 (75%)

Additional responses to Q28

Abbots Meadow

Open spaces are not usable (footpaths are used)

Too many weeds and thistles. Grass non-existent phase 2.

Standard is terrible. Tall weeds in summer. Rough, uneven surface covered in stones.

The stage of the landscaping of phase 2 is appalling. Despite there being a programme of works undertaken in the autumn, the green spaces still look more like scrubland than the open, usable space expected. Weeds were not removed in multiple areas and the paths are in a poor state given their relative newness! I sincerely hope the enforcement officer at the council will not allow the handover to take place in its current state. Phase 1 grass area is leagues ahead compared to phase 2. A positive is that trees have been replaced. Residents should not have to pick up the cost of making the green spaces up to standard.

Howden Green & Miller Place

No useable public open space – have to risk life and limb to go to playpark near school.

Not really useable

Overgrown/not complete

Question 29 Residents were asked which features they would like to see more of on open public spaces.

Development	Paths	Benches	Play equipment	Trees or shrubs	Flowers
The Pitchings	2	8	3	13	8
Abbots Meadow	9	28	15	33	31
Miller Place/Howden Green	6	6	5	12	9

Q29 – additional comments on open space areas

The Pitchings

Wild patch to attract bees and pollinators.

Litter bins

Dog poo bins

Never use at present as area is not completed or maintained.

Abbot's Meadow

Safer play equipment

Better path surfacing

Any wildlife features to increase/support nature, e.g., bird boxes.

Dog poo bins

Paths should be in better condition.

Street lighting

Nicer paths, not horrible clay

Area for dogs to run safely without prickly weeds everywhere.

Low fencing around SUDS pond

Stone free surface needed and grass of quality to run and play on.

The landscaped areas in phase 2 of the development have been left in a dreadful condition – not levelled, covered in stones and with weeds everywhere – and no grass.

Paths could be more even.

More dog bins.

Completion to plan

Play area to be standard checked – bricks get moved too easily

Grass!

Poor quality landscaping. Areas supposed to be grassed are full of stones and weeds – never clear and prepared satisfactorily.

Bins

Howden Green/Miller Place

Overgrown. Not completed.

Sports fields, e.g. tennis, football

Not really useable

Rubbish bins, well lit.

Section 4 – For residents in rented or shared ownership housing. There were just 19 responses to this section. 8 rented from private landlords, 6 from social landlords and 4 had shared ownership.

85% lived in Steventon by choice.

65% were satisfied with the size of their house.

75% were satisfied with the size of the garden.

65% would prefer to buy their own house.