

High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum

Housing Working Group

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The Forum has to go about developing a Housing plan in relation to the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF). Many have said much on the subject and it has galvanised the community to raise its voice (loudly) against the plan to build 4,000 homes around the Village.

High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum (HLVNF) is not here to protest against this plan, but to consider the logic of adding new homes to our Village, through understanding the needs of the current population. If new homes are needed and if they are to be built, then where should they be built? What type of homes should they be? These are a few of the many questions the Forum hope to answer.

We already have really great feedback from the Open Day in May, which showed the strength of feeling regarding the number of homes people already living here believe should be built, the majority who answered our questionnaire believe that number to be around 500.

The feedback also provided an insight into the types of homes that the current residents feel should be built, not four bedroom executive homes you'll be glad to hear, the majority went for affordable homes - so our children can afford to live here - or smaller retirement homes that will allow older residents to down-size without moving from the area they love to live in.

Key issues for the plan are:

- The need to maintain the area's Green Belt.
 - This is a complex issue and includes both the desire to see no inappropriate development in the Green Belt. It also has implications for what the HLVNF can and cannot do in terms of planning policy and the allocation of sites;
- The desire to preserve the rural character and identity of the area;
- Road safety and overcrowding issues
- The need to protect the local landscape, historical sites and important views
- The mix of housing in the area is limited and should be addressed in the future

The working party from this Forum needs your assistance and input, we need to know where we can build, Brownfield first of course. We need to know the sort of homes that will fit into our Village. We need to know if you can help us understand the needs in much greater detail than we know now.

Can you help?

Contact the team by emailing ourforum@hlvnf.org