

## **NDP Public Meeting January 24 2015**

### **Sign Up**

#### **Names and contact details**

**28 attendees gave their addresses and /or email addresses indicating their willingness to be kept informed or to contribute to the NDP process.**

**MELBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION, 24<sup>TH</sup>  
JANUARY 2015**

**BUSINESS, RETAIL & EMPLOYMENT (16 Post-its)**

- Can the Neighbourhood Plan influence what type of businesses come into the town?
- Local Business Plan to take account of infrastructure links – Melbourne doesn't have the infrastructure in place to support new development
- Controlled growth of housing & businesses to maintain our rural community
- Support local food producers & shops – they are disadvantaged by the likes of Sainsbury's
- Support for local food producers e.g. market gardeners, farm shops, individual food producers
- Re-localise to provide for 'needs' not 'wants' i.e. food services
- Business development for things we need like local food production
- Extend opening times once a week to encourage shopping at butchers etc
- Encourage Business start-ups for services we are missing
- Advise for local businesses to pass on their business to the next generation and keep them in Melbourne e.g. accountants, plumbers, electricians who are 'getting old' !!
- Small business parks to bring high quality local jobs – not more housing
- More quality employment opportunities to discourage it from becoming a 'dormitory town' – need to be sustainable & sympathetic in their use of the local environment
- Help for small businesses & employment for young people (and affordable houses) to enable them to live in the area – do not want large expensive houses with no work and no shops
- Young people should be encouraged to start their own Business
- More opportunities for young people (**2 posts**)
- Apprenticeships for young people
- Create 'co-operatives' to share equipment & facilities
- Melbourne should have it's own Energy Provider – not rely on the 'big suppliers'
- No more Gift/Boutique shops – not sustainable (**3 posts**)
- We have all we need in shopping facilities.
- It would be good to have a Book & Music shop.

## **EDUCATION**

### **General Points**

#### Effect of growth in population

- Urgent consideration of increasing demands on primary and secondary provision for Melbourne. (x3) Schools need to plan and have money to expand. (x2)
- Local schools are not big enough to sustain any more housing (x4)
- Our schools are so over crowded. Children are attending larger classes – classes are about 30 pupils so the children suffer the more there are in them

#### The effect of further development

- Developers must put extra sensible costings into allowing for extra school places, linked to however many houses they want to build. Promising a few places for hundreds of houses is a no goer (x2)

#### Education for all ages

- Need for additional provision across all ages including nursery.
- Need to create opportunities for whole community to develop skills to cope with rapid change – eg Whistlewood permaculture courses

#### Other general points

- Better use can be made of the existing school campus. The Adult education centre is all but redundant and could be far better utilised(see below)
- Sites identified for housing would be better used to deliver new schools and/or leisure facilities for local residents

### **Primary Education**

#### Overcrowding/capacity issues

- It's ok to keep building an extra classroom when we have a new housing estate built, the school corridor and hall doesn't get any bigger (x4)
- School overcrowded and children being put into mixed classes
- Infant school already very large for an infant school – is it beneficial, despite S106 money for it to get any bigger?
- Melbourne schools have expanded by approx. 20% in past 10-15 years. Already turning away Melbourne children due to lack of space (x2)
- Primary school at or close to capacity. Temporary classrooms not the long term solution at expense of playground/outdoor space. (x4) S106 money from developers takes time to filter down and by necessity means more houses! Will there be enough spaces if lots of development occurs? (x3)

#### Other points about primary education

Primary education should be the priority but resist piecemeal extension 'funded' by developers. It must be planned

Need to keep primary education in Melbourne (x3)

Excellent infant/junior schools. Let's not ruin it

### **Secondary Education**

### Overcrowding/Capacity issues

- Educational needs of teenagers need to be carefully considered – Chellaston is at breaking point. Children's education is suffering now.(x3)
- I'm concerned that as Melbourne is growing, where will children go to secondary school as Chellaston also grows. It is irresponsible to go ahead with a huge building plan knowing this. (x7)
- Needs to be a solution to Chellaston being full before planning further development (x2)
- Secondary and Tertiary education is not appropriate to a key village

### Location of additional secondary school capacity

- Decision on secondary school is urgent. It really affects families and their decision to move/stay here (x3)
- Need ringfenced places at Chellaston or new school in village urgently. (x5)
- Secondary school in Melbourne needed urgently (x3)
- Work with council to agree site for new secondary school in Trent Valley (x3)
- No one wants to go to Swad (x2)

### Uses of the adult education centre

- Combine and connect the old adult education centre building to the main building of the infant school and enlarge and turn the infant school into a full primary school combining infants and juniors
- Turn/ convert the existing Junior school into a secondary school for Melbourne and Ticknall children (a secondary school is allowed to build upwards to a second floor)
- Re use the adult education centre building as a junior school. Then use the Junior school and site as a middle school (11-14) so all 3-14 year olds on one site. This would also save on the buses

### Other points about secondary education

- I would like to see an all age school (4-16 years) on one site (x2)
- Need to also be aware of development in Swadlincote and the city which put further pressure on the education system
- Need to prevent Melbourne children from being scattered across several schools(x3)
- If a new school were built in Melbourne, it would mean up to 1000 pupils crossing the Causeway as opposed to around 70 (*it's more than this – M*) at present

## HOUSING

54 individuals posted written comments on the Housing Topic Board. Some raised more than one issue: e.g. 'build more sheltered housing and avoid good market gardening land', and these have been recorded as separate comments in the analysis below. In total, there were 76 separate comments, but many were duplicated: where that occurred they have been grouped together. The number of comments on each group was as follows:

- Build flats for older people/ sheltered accommodation/ retirement homes/ in or close to the town centre. **8**
- Build more environmentally friendly homes/build eco-homes. **6**
- Build a higher proportion of homes for different age groups/ more flexible homes. **3**
- Keep Kings Newton and Melbourne separate. **2**
- Do not build houses on the Blackwell Lane flood plain. **1**
- Build more starter homes for young people. **4**
- More care facilities. **1**
- Build more affordable homes. **4**
- Far too many houses are being proposed too quickly/phase out new houses over longer time period/Melbourne should grow organically. **12**
- Build bungalows for retirees. **1**
- Follow the guidelines in the Parish Plan praised. **1**
- Do not build on good market gardening land/ditto greenfield sites. **6**
- Build homes with bigger gardens. **3**
- Melbourne isn't large enough to absorb the numbers of speculative housing schemes currently proposed by builders and landowners/excessive housebuilding will destroy Melbourne's environment and rural character. **6**
- There should be no more housebuilding until infrastructure has been upgraded/until improved schools, shops, parking, health and recreation facilities have been secured from developers. **10**
- Build more social housing. **1**
- Build no more houses for at least 10 years. **4**
- Increase housing turnover. **1**
- Confiscate development value to discourage speculation. **2**

### Comments:

Both in writing and in verbal comments at the meeting it was evident that most people were not opposed to some additional housebuilding in Melbourne. It was the scale of the current speculative planning applications that was the major concern, together with the failure of these schemes to provide homes to meet the needs of Melbourne's existing residents, especially homes for elderly people wanting to downsize. However, the age profile of the attendees was heavily skewed towards pensioners.

## **PARKING & TRANSPORT (77 Post-its)**

- One way system in centre & surrounding roads and 'pedestrianisation' (**18 posts**)
- No one way system (**3 posts**)
- New/more car parking in Melbourne (**4 posts**)
- Charge for parking (**2 posts**)
- Limit on time allowed in car parks (**5 posts**)
- Any new homes/businesses to have adequate off road parking (**5 posts**)
- Full road width 'Yellow Traffic Box' (refuge area) outside the Baptist Chapel on Chapel St. and at the bottom of Blanchcroft of sufficient length for buses to take refuge
- Stop through traffic using Derby road – better signposting on Cockshut Lane etc. to promote avoiding the centre – traffic census to help determine volumes
- Establish parking away from the centre
- Restrict lorries in centre (**3 posts**)
- Stop parking on both sides of road & double yellow lines (Potter St)
- Make all new houses within walking distance of shops
- Use Sainsbury's for parking
- Stop illegal parking in centre & residential streets & on pavements
- Pedestrian crossing(s) in main shopping area (**5 posts**)
- Car sharing schemes to be investigated
- Swarkestone Bridge – new bridge/bypass/traffic control on bridge (**9 posts**)
- Potter St needs repairs
- Toll booth at Woodhouses
- Main Car park should be a double decker

- Where can we add more parking in the centre if we want to keep all the shops
- Can't cope now chaos at rush hour & school areas/too much traffic/dangerous roads/pavements/traffic calming/poor public transport

### **PUBLIC TRANSPORT (17 posts)**

- Direct service to Derby poor/deteriorating/too long/ why divert through Chellaston estate – why almost an hour to travel 8 miles
- Almost impossible to get public transport to Nottingham
- Service to Ashby
- Service to EMA
- Smaller more frequent buses
- Pricing too high for low wage earners
- Better public transport could reduce traffic congestion
- Bus stop outside B&B on Derby Rd causes chaos – move to more suitable location

### **SEWERAGE & DRAINAGE (22 Post-its)**

- Recent flooding has to be resolved, drains/sewers modernised/improved before allowing further development (**16 posts**)
- “All the problems in Melbourne go down hill, all the old housing is up the hill”
- “Top of Penn Lane has periodic sewerage smells when it doesn't rain – STW visited several times”
- “Major problem in Castle Mills – black gunge caused by Victorian pipes in Castle Square”
- “New STW compressors noisy & noticeable at night time”
- “New homes will create more chance of flooding”
- “Need an honest view from STW – does this need a ‘freedom of information’ request”

## HEALTH - SUMMARY

- there isn't enough capacity now so we can't cope with more development
- fears about increasing need to go to Chellaston for appointments and the difficulty for some patients of getting there
- need for a bigger health centre with more GPs, health care workers , more facilities and a drop in centre
- need for more provision for the elderly
- need for more NHS dental provision

### Health

#### Impact of development

- GP surgery is at breaking point and cannot with additional population caused by new development (x8)
- Developers should be made to produce a sensible cohesive plan and costings for medical care, dental care, and elderly care to cover the additional population
- Pre-emption of coming demand is a must
- S106 payments by developers to health should go directly to Melbourne and not to the general pot of the council
- Healthcare services need to be increased in line with population growth and broadened in scope so that more issues can be dealt with from the surgery. This would minimise traffic especially over the vulnerable Swarkestone bridge

#### Dental care

- More NHS dental provision needed (x9) People having to join the surgery as private patients

#### GP surgery

#### Capacity and use of Doctors

- Very difficult to get an appointment in Melbourne. Long waiting times. Old people and people recovering from surgery can't get to Chellaston (x12) It's difficult to get to Chellaston by bus
- Doctors should look at how the Ashby health service works for efficiency and use of time
- Use Melbourne surgery for one set of doctors and Chellaston for another (x2) Keep Doctors in the village (x5)
- Worrying that Chellaston might become the prime practice with Melbourne a satellite surgery
- Need more GPs, health care workers and extension to facility (x6)
- Address GP recruitment and recruitment of Partners
- Additional services (eg small x-ray facility)
- New or expanded health centre needed to service the local population properly now and in the future. (x2)
- Can't rely on future availability of external resources. Need as much control of own health and other services as possible



- Increase primary healthcare as future of health provision in hospitals moving to 'super specialist' tertiary facilities. Need modern facility able to do minor operations
- Are the roads able to cope for emergency vehicles?

#### Elderly care

- Expand health centre to cope with ageing population (x7)
- More locally provided care for elderly – could be linked to additional 'extra care' provision within the village (x2)
- Walk in clinic for elderly for blood tests (reduces need for travel to Chellaston or hospital)
- Social care provision needs to be increased
- More nursing/residential homes for ageing population

#### Provision for younger people

- Elderly care is excellent. Better balance for younger people

### **HERITAGE/ENVIRONMENT/TOURISM 31 COMMENTS**

#### HERITAGE

The green areas help preserve Melbourne in the top 15 -Without this we become another nondescript town

Can't afford to lose anymore land to housing

Its important to keep the rural countryside environment of Melbourne

Re-localise our food production and markets for woodland resources. Re-localise our energy supply

Although I appreciate the visitor/craft centre is privately owned it seems underused. Could sustain a more thriving community of craftsmen, Already serviced by great tea rooms

We live in such a beautiful traditional small town. We need to keep it this way. I have lived here all my lfe and its really changed already. It will end up like chellaston(built up) This is really got to stop -- no more houses

Protect conservation areas and the areas immediately around them. The feel of the place is our heritage and we should preserve it for the next generation and beyond. We must not build on prime agricultural land. This would be a huge mistake. Need for protection for future generations

Protect conservation areas and the surroundings to them. To preserve the unique character of the settlement

Need to preserve our rural environment whilst encouraging small developments and local industry DO NOT build on agricultural land!! Lets have more market garden shops.

Environment is Key...protect green spaces; productive uses for green spaces is important. If as space is productive (eg forestry, food growing, leisure) it will remain in the long term

For Local People and tourism we need to look after our heritage and support it. Communities can buy land and use rights to buy/protect. EG via share ownership model/community run model (see Whistlewood Common/Assembly Rooms) Don't let potential new development ruin the character and impact the heritage of the area forever.

Valuable farming land for food for the future Encourage WORKING market gardens, not simply as a symbol of heritage but as a way to promote and provide local food, jobs and green spaces

#### PRESERVING SEPARATE IDENTITIES

Both Melbourne and KN have conservation areas. These need to be kept separate TO PRESERVE KN as a rural settlement as outlined in SDDC/ to preserve heritage aspects particularly with regard to Jaw Bone Lane and Main St Kings Newton. Important to keep separateness of communities PLEASE protect the individual villages of Kings Newton and Melbourne

Protect the parish's open spaces, footpaths etc

Concern that potential development between KN and M will merge the two- what a waste to lose their distinct historic characters just so people can make money

#### GREEN AGENDA

Melbourne needs to generate its own electricity energy. Skills need to be shared to make the people of Melbourne more capable of looking after themselves and be independent in terms of food and fuel

#### MUSEUM

Lets have a Melbourne Museum Centre TO provide a heritage museum for Melbourne

Provide space for a museum/heritage centre maybe in one of the underused meeting halls, But be aware the industrial and agricultural days are gone and this is only a means to inform visitors newcomers and children. It is not an end in itself

Have a history wall with Historical artifacts in the assembly rooms

## TOURISM

Should be encouraged. We have a lot to shout about in Melbourne/KN  
Its good to encourage tourism giving people the chance to enjoy this lovely place

Make room for tourism and keep spaces open to concert the parishes character

Need to be mindful of overdeveloping with generic modern housing estates thus eroding the reason that tourists come to Melbourne as an attractive small Georgian town

## CARPARKS (and tourism)

It would be nice to encourage tourism but where would people park We need tourism to keep the village alive- however with better parking Welcome tourism but car parking needs improvement

## LEISURE AND COMMUNITY (25 COMMENTS)

### GENERAL

\*SOCIAL FACILITIES - in the existing and historic buildings we use now. We don't need NEW!

\*NEED for a Community Centre which is fit for purpose and that will cope for all activities. Amalgamate the present scattered provision.

\*WE Must consider leisure and communities activities as important as protecting the environment of a town. Thought must be given when allowing planning permission

\*IF new development does come to Melbourne it should contribute towards the provision of new community facilities

\*PURPOSE built leisure centre. For all sports/pastimes/choir/band etc

\*The assembly rooms provide a good programme of events but maybe a more modern building would be beneficial

\*New leisure facilities required for all age groups; Assembly Rooms buildings are tired and not attractive or fit for all purposes

\*Improved sporting facilities allowing other uses of current leisure centre

### YOUNG PEOPLE

- Where is there for young people to hang out in a safe way. Club house needed or some sort
- A Play Area with café and outdoor seating to encourage socialising at all ages; facilities for TEENS - Skateboarding/Tennis courts (we used to live in Reigate; Priory Park would be a model to aspire to - the council obtained lottery funding to achieve)
- More facilities for young people. Only facility is Atheneum run by Methodist church
- We need more leisure for the kids in Melbourne to keep kids off the street
- More facilities for teenagers PARKS AND LEISURE SPACE Considering the size of Melbourne/KN there is VERY limited parks and leisure space for families to use YOUTH/ SENIOR CITIZENS \*If builders build they must put in

facilities YOUTH SERVICES/SENIOR CITIZENS Facilities/SPORTS facilities

\*Melbourne needs more ""Sports facilities""

- Would like to see all ages catered for . Would like to retain senior citizens building
- Its important to keep the Senior citizen centre.
- Resources at Senior Citizens Center need to be more/better used to ensure it is retained when the lease ends.
- What is happening to the Youth Centre (Adult Education centre) - we seem to have lost all adult education SWIMMING - No swimming pool. Could this be changed? TENNIS - What happened to our tennis facilities The tennis courts next to the courts should be cleared and opened up again INDOOR- More squash/tennis - Need a sports hall -Melbourne needs an indoor leisure centre/ ICE SKATING - What about an ice skating rink SPORTING PARTNERSHIP - Cant believe how long it is taking to get the sports facilities on Cockshutt Lane
- Sports facilities up at Cockshutt Lane! Maximise the common indoor/outdoor facilities
- To complete the sports development at the top of Cockshutt Lane SCOUTS AND GUIDES - Important to keep Scout and Guide facilities. Possibly even develop

#### **OTHER ITEMS (14 post-its)**

- Identify land for future development
- New/replacement Assembly Rooms/Leisure Centre (**3 posts**)
- Joined up thinking about the shared use of facilities e.g. fire & police could share facilities to save money & have a single point of contact
- What happens to the monies from Builders for regeneration
- Keeps Melbourne & Kings Newton separate
- Capitalise more on Tourism – more Guest Houses, development of natural areas available to us e.g. Gardens
- Carr Brook needs dredging from the tunnels under the former Station back to the end of the Sweet Leys development
- Dog mess (**4 Posts**)
- “In 20 years time the world will be different due to climate change, resource depletion & economic uncertainty we must make these considerations central to the NDP”

- “No use planning on the basis of current paradigm, a waste of time. Must consider threats & likely economic scenarios. Planning for resilience & sustainability in all aspects essential”

# **MELBOURNE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**Public Consultation**

**Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**10am till 2pm**

**Melbourne Assembly Rooms**

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**Drop in and make your views known !**

**How should Melbourne Parish develop  
over the next 20 years?**

**Tea & Coffee available**