

# Affordable Homes Survey

Conducted by Broadland Housing 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2008

A public drop in afternoon was held at Swanton Morley Village Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> November between 4.30pm and 7.30pm to discuss proposed affordable housing in the Middle Camp area of the village. There were two sites under discussion:

Site 1 - Development of 3 affordable bungalows on and behind housing on Middleton Ave/Gray Drive/Ward Crescent.

Site 2 – Development of 4 affordable starter homes between Middleton Avenue and Hoe Road East.

Number of Attendees that completed surveys: **25 (22 adults and 3 young people)**

When asked whether the village was in need of affordable housing:

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Thought there was a need in the village for affordable housing	20	80%
Thought there was a NOT need in the village for affordable housing	2	8%
Did not answer	3	12%

When asked whether the person completing the survey was interested in finding out how to apply for affordable housing, 7 people responded that they were (28%)

When asked whether the person completing the survey would support the development overall:

	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Would Support Overall	10	40%
Would NOT support Overall	10	40%
Did not answer	4	16%
Stated only Support Site 2	1	4%

Comments:

- Please attend to the poor footpaths and blocked drains first and provide play equipment for children and playground.
- Very unsuitable as it would take away a long standing play area.

- Please move them. It is going to be enclosed and people will be overlooked all of the time.
- I think there is going to be a massive problem with parking as the road is overcrowded now. At the moment the areas are a safe place for children to play. I have heard about a new play area near the Middleton Avenue junction and I don't think that it is a good idea. Not enough parking spaces for current residents let alone another 12 cars. I am not against affordable housing but they should go where the other 50 houses are going to be built – I don't want to live in a built up area.
- More housing needed
- Against Site 1 – For site 2. I feel that Swanton Morley needs more affordable housing for couple to get on the property ladder.
- Against Site 1 – All for Site 2. I don't see the need to squeeze houses in, especially in children's play areas. Overall I feel the need for more affordable houses in Swanton Morley for young people to get on the property ladder.
- Site 1 – Against – this is a safe area for children to play. Plan too close to existing houses, more noise, dangerous exit for traffic and adverse visual impact for existing homes. Site 2 – For.
- Site 1 (play area presently). This should remain as it is, a safe area where children can play using their own imagination. If a play area is built over the road on Middleton Avenue they will have to cross the road.
- Site 2 OK – Site 3 two units only. We would like you to provide a new play area opposite Middleton Avenue and remove the old garages.
- We feel the 2 sites should be left as open space for residents to use and enjoy, especially children. Whilst not disagreeing with the need for affordable housing, this should be linked with the LDF proposals and proposed sites. This estate already provides housing for many people with limited communal areas. These plans do not enhance the situation. I hope the Parish Council will take into account resident's views.
- It is a good idea. They need to go to local people.
- Why put houses up in Middle camp when there is plenty of space at the other end of the village.
- Have concerns about access to the bungalows behind Ward Crescent and the impact on parking in the area as it is already a nightmare with multiple vehicle households in the area. Any changes to the garages and verges would have to be carefully done.
- As long as the play area between the garages is built then we will support the project. Street lighting is needed around the village and a light is needed in the alley way between Middleton Avenue and Thompson Close.
- Will be happy if the garages are re-built and the children get a play area between the garages.
- Ok

- Ok
- Not sure that the site at Middle Camp is a good idea. At present this is a safe place for children to play.
- All the children play in this area and without they will play on the road. I feel that there are other places in the village. They could go where houses under the LDF have been identified.
- Middleton Avenue – lower end. 4 houses, good location, mature trees must be kept. Drainage & lighting must be adequate for properties. Building works must accommodate local residents as main thoroughfare for school children. Parking for existing residents must be considered. The play area was once in the centre of Thompson Close – just a thought!
- Site 2 ok – Site 1 too overlooked by houses and loss of play area.
- I don't like it because I play around the areas and enjoy space. I think you shouldn't build them where kids play and build them in a field at the other end of the village. Don't build houses at the bottom of the village and a street light in the alleyway please.
- You are building on my rounders pitch all the kids use both sites during most months of the year. Nobody who lives near the site wants the houses built.
- I play on where you are building you are going to ruin my next summer holidays.