



The Valley, Stanmore – Consultation Feedback

This feedback is from the public consultation on the 19th of July that was held in St Lukes Church, together with feedback from Party in The Park on the 30th of July and the consultation boards displayed in the Tourist Information Centre from the 20th of July until the 10th of August.

What do you like about the initial proposals?

- Ideas presented look promising
- Keeping woodland areas of The Valley and having development in different places
- Land will be used and improved
- New Affordable Homes will be built
- Making good use of the space
- More interesting things to look at and would be educational for local people if wild flowers are used
- Very green, varied, keep walks, cycle routes, could there be places to sit?
- Houses are in keeping with area
- Wildlife, forest green and orchard are great ideas
- Proposal along Wilberforce Close is in a good location
- Very happy with the proposal I saw
- I would definitely use The Valley more if improvements were made
- The proposal to keep the central part of The Valley open space whilst moving the park is a good idea
- I like the idea of a sculpture trail
- Underground car parking
- Keeping the woodland is important to the character of The Valley
- The introduction of a forest garden or orchard would improve The Valley
- I find the plan to build new homes near the church to be a positive move compared with some recent ideas
- Updating the open space within The Valley

If you have any concerns about the proposals, please tell us what you are concerned about.

- Have concerns about demolishing houses to provide new homes
- Slow worms



- Security
- Removal of big trees that house owls and squirrels
- Reduction of wild food/medicine, wildlife
- I am concerned about the provision of car parking
- Concerned about houses near the bank due to the additional retaining costs
- Concerned about providing a driveway to serve new properties behind Battery Hill. This could cause traffic issues because cars currently park on the verges outside houses.
- Uneasy about the cost of demolishing two houses
- The introduction of lighting along the ridge would be bad for wildlife
- Seating may encourage anti-social behaviour at night
- Concerned about anti-social behaviour in an underground car park unless a code system is put into place
- I do not see the need to pull down any existing properties along Battery Hill to provide an access into The Valley
- Clearing the wilderness behind Battery Hill properties will provide an opportunity for burglary, vandalism of homes, and theft from or damage to garden sheds
- The loss of key views from and into The Valley
- Increased levels of traffic around The Valley
- Infrequent bus services to serve new residents

What changes to the initial proposals would you like to see?

- Retain properties along Battery Hill
- I would like to see permit parking or spaces with numbers introduced
- Introduce more accessible space for children to play
- Will each of the houses behind Battery Hill be provided with two parking spaces?
- Will there be parking provision for visitors to the new houses?
- From experience, living in a flat with a difficult to access communal garden can be frustrating. I would like to see an easily accessible communal garden as part of the plans
- Add visitor spaces where tenants do not own a car
- I would suggest building along the lower part of The Valley, opposite the existing housing, as this could be a more viable option and easier to provide access to serve new dwellings



- I hope that any new dwellings will be in keeping with existing housing in Stanmore

What improvements to the open space would you like us to consider

In this section people were given an A3 sized map showing The Valley with the existing paths labelled. We asked people to sketch their ideas for improvements to The Valley.

- The area could be improved with a play area
- Improvement to the walk along the ridge would make it a nice place to walk during the evenings
- I would like to see a nice cycle route
- The area could be improved with seating to rest when walking up the valley to look out onto beautiful views
- Zig zag path going up the ridge would reduce incline for elderly and people with push chairs
- New planting and replace trees in poor condition would make the area more appealing
- Replace trees in poor condition with suitable species
- I use The Valley for medicines. I would like to see good wild plants introduced.
- Seating in the open space with plenty of lighting
- Introduce a zig zag path to reduce the incline for push chairs
- The introduction of a long slide along with other play equipment would be a good improvement
- Reduce the gradient of footpaths
- Keep the trees in good condition to provide homes to owls, jays and squirrels
- Chicken path needs landscape improvements and staggered lighting
- Introduce lighting along all paths
- I would like to see a new path created along Valley Court towards St Lukes Church
- We would like to keep the play area near Thurmond Road because we can see our children playing from our house. To improve the area looking down The Valley we would like to see a nice picnic area
- All paths should be lit around The Valley
- More seating near the current play area with picnic benches. Introduce new seating at the top of the ridge before you walk though the path between 57 and 55 Battery Hill



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- Create a school walk along the ridge and add low level lighting. Keep the park around Thurmond Road and reduce path incline to make it easier for a push chair coming up from the lower end of The Valley towards the ridge
- Introduce seating and lighting along the chicken path
- The relocation of play equipment is unnecessary. The current position of the equipment is within easy reach of homes and there is presently formal/informal adult supervision
- Whilst much of the landscaping looks delightful, how much will it cost and what happens when the government demand further cut backs of council budgets?

There are well over 2000 households on the housing register for Winchester. The greatest need is for small homes of one and two bedrooms, but there is also a need for 3 and 4 bedroom family houses.

We plan to provide a mix of flats and houses to reflect this need and that are suited to the constraints of the site.

Do you have any comments?

- More homes are needed in the area now
- Good idea to provide a mixture of homes
- Development should not adversely affect existing residents

Did you find the information event useful?

- Over 80% of people who filled in a comments form said they found the event useful