

OLLERTON WITH MARTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF OLLERTON AND MARTHALL

In 2007 a team of local residents produced a Parish Plan for Ollerton and Marthall. The Parish Council now has an opportunity to update these views following an informal approach from two separate developers showing an interest in developing two sites in Ollerton: The Grouse Farm site near to the Dun Cow and the nursery site presently operating as Ollerton Nurseries. Presentations were made at an Open Meeting in May, attended by over 70 residents and as a result, the Parish Council agreed to seek the views of the whole community by means of a questionnaire.

Whilst this has been going on, most of you will have read or heard that the overly centralised national planning system is in the process of being replaced by the Government. Wherever a local plan is drawn up, consulted on and agreed by local residents, it will we understand, take precedence over the presumption of sustainable development and show true localism in action. Local plans, neighbourhood planning and community rights to build and acquire community assets should bring planning power back to the local community.

The Parish Council is taking advantage of this opportunity to widen the scope of the questionnaire to find out how you, the residents, would like to see Ollerton and Marthall develop in the future. For example, do you want to leave everything exactly as it is or would you like to see planned changes agreed by the majority of the community? In order to get a balanced view that is representative of our village it is critical that all households participate in this process.

The parish currently has a population of approximately 500 people living in about 230 homes and should development go ahead at the proposed locations, over 100 new homes could be built, representing a significant increase in the population of Ollerton and of course, traffic. In addition to building homes however, the developers are suggesting that it may also be possible to provide additional benefits to the community. Would you be interested in a small woodland walk being created or does the countryside around us already provide that? What about a village shop? Are you interested in a development of affordable retirement properties or should we ensure continued protection of the Green Belt? Overleaf we have provided a map of the proposals plus some additional information about developments nearby which may be of interest.

Your opinions are important to the future of the village and the Parish Council asks that you please spend a little time answering the attached questionnaire and where appropriate, adding your comments. **We recommend that you read through all the questions first, before starting to complete the survey.** Replies may be submitted anonymously but we do, however, ask that you provide your road name and village as a minimum in order for your opinion to be registered. You may of course provide your name if you wish and phone number if you would like to be contacted about participation in any future discussion. We ask that one form is submitted on behalf of each household, representing the balance of opinion amongst all adults in the house.

The results will be summarised and published (without identifying any respondents) on the village website, the Parish Post community newsletter and in our future village planning documents.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed to enable you to return your questionnaire to our Clerk at Grange Farm, Over Peover, Knutsford, WA16 9RD. If you have any questions, please also direct those to the Clerk by phone (01565 722762) or email (theparishclerk@btinternet.com). We would appreciate you returning your form by the end of October, in order that the results may be analysed and published before the end of this year. If you prefer, you may complete the electronic form at www.ollertonwithmarthall.org.uk/development

Thank you for participating and contributing your views on the future of Ollerton and Marthall.

Robert Weston

Chairman, Ollerton with Marthall Parish Council, October 2013

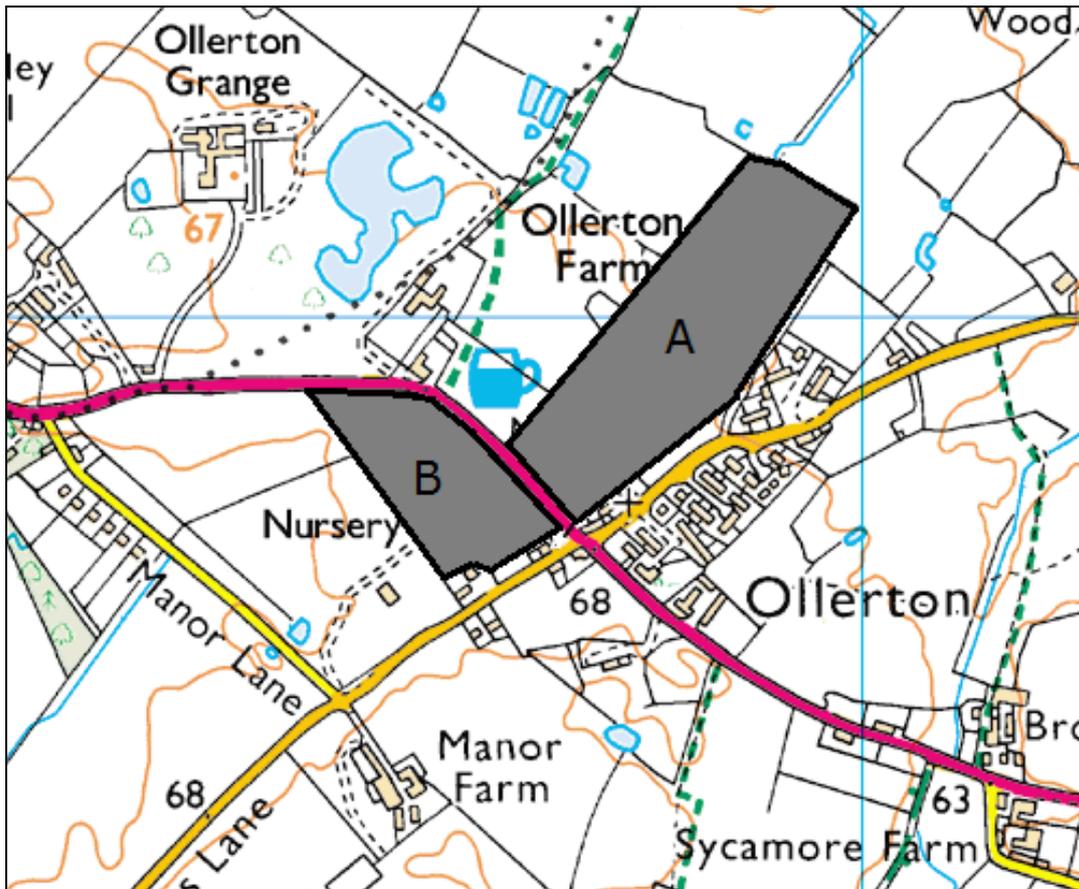
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DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL LOCATION MAP

The location of each proposal is shown on the map below. Access to each site is onto the A537 at approximately the same location as the existing access points. Site **A** is Grouse Farm and site **B** is Ollerton Nursery. It should be noted that within each site there will be some open space and the total number of houses built, if any, will to a large extent be determined by the results of this survey. As currently proposed, the outline layouts indicate approximately 55 houses on each site.



OTHER LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

You may be interested to know that there are also other proposals for large numbers of housing in the locality which will provide a mixture of homes of different types.

Location	Number of Homes
Mobberley	approximately 400
Knutsford	at least 1000
Chelford	up to 900

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OLLERTON WITH MARTHALL VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

1. About You

Your Address (Road Name and Village)	
Your Name (optional)	
Telephone (optional)	
Do you rent or own your home?	<input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Rent
How long have you lived in the Parish?	
Why do you live in the Parish?	

Sections 2 to 5 are about your opinion on the needs of the community and will be used in the preparation of our local village plans. The combined responses will be used to guide all future development, not just the current proposals. For each question, please tick the box that best represents the opinion of your household.

2. Village Amenity

Would you like to see any of the following in the village?

Speed reduction along the A537	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Improved junctions with the A537	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Allotments	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Additional Community Open Space / Woodland Walks	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Community Store	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Village Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

3. Housing Needs in the Parish

The proposed developments contain provision for mixed-use housing. Would you like to see construction of any of the following types of new housing in the parish?

Retirement Bungalows, restricted to over 55s	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Shared Ownership (affordable) housing	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Family Homes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Large Executive Homes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

4. Scale of Future Development

There are currently approximately 230 homes in the parish. Which of the following best represents your view on the TOTAL number of new properties that should be permitted in the parish over the next 10 years?

<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 25
<input type="checkbox"/> 25 to 50	<input type="checkbox"/> 50 to 100
<input type="checkbox"/> 100 to 200	<input type="checkbox"/> more than 200

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5. Some General Questions

Do you think the Green Belt should be protected?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
If some development is to take place, would you prefer the housing to be spread throughout the parish or concentrated in one area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Spread Out <input type="checkbox"/> In One Area
Before receiving this survey, were you aware of the proposals to build significant numbers of houses in Mobberley, Knutsford and Chelford?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Are you concerned about the erosion of the countryside around our village and the loss of village identity?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Which of the statements below most accurately summarises your opinion on development in the parish in general?	
<input type="checkbox"/> I like the parish just as it is and am not in support of additional development.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I would be happy for a small development to take place in return for some limited amenity.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I would be happy for a large development of 50 or more houses to take place in return for some limited amenity.	
Any comment you would like to add:	

Sections 6 and 7 relate specifically to the current outline development proposals and in combination with the responses above, will be used to provide feedback to the developers.

6. Are you in favour of either or both of the current proposals being given further consideration?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
7. If YES, which site(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Ollerton Nursery <input type="checkbox"/> Grouse Farm
If you favour one site over the other, please provide a reason for your preference.	

THANK YOU.

Please return your completed survey by the end of October 2013 to:

The Parish Clerk
Ollerton with Marthall Parish Council
Grange Farm
Over Peover
Knutsford
WA16 9RD

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