

Kelsall Parish Council Village Meeting

Saturday 7th July 2012



Comments from Village Questionnaire



1. *Must retain rural character.*
2. *Develop at 5-10% per decade but with plan so infrastructure improvements occur.*
3. *Co-op area needs improving, esp parking and crossing road.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



4. *Plan and agree development carefully so that it enhances the village.”*
5. *Kelsall has a character. A mixed community of all ages supported by good local amenities. It is vital that this is recognised and sustained. Expansion in an unsustainable fashion will undermine what is a strong community and degrade what Kelsall is.”*
6. *The green and playground have made a big difference to the village - it feels like it has a centre now.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



7. *Enough five bedroom houses.*
8. *Anything to threaten our long lasting folk festival.*
9. *A solar farm is needed.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



10. *Love living here, but don't want character to change too much.*
11. *No more houses or retail. No, no, no, no, no!*
12. *Don't let it get to resemble Winsford (sorry!).*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



13. *Too many "executive homes".*
14. *Where are we supposed to put sports facilities as developers are taking all the land? We know some development will occur but it must be in keeping with village and its surroundings. It must bring something positive to the village that will benefit everyone who already lives in the village, and not detract or take away all that people who live here love about living in Kelsall.*
15. *Small roundabout needed at co-op to prevent parking problems.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



16. *Kelsall seems uncentred architecturally; we lack traditional street development of Tarvin/Tarporley.*
17. *Kelsall is a lovely place to live - Any development needs to be long term, sustainable, improve services and not all concentrated near the school.*
18. *I love living in Kelsall and very proud of it. I like the views and the friendliness. However, my son has nearly been knocked down by a speeding car.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



19. *Must retain rural character/ not become a town – stay a village.*
20. *Traffic calming and a crossing by the Co-Op. Kelsall Green+shops+Binning=very pleasing. Please involve Youth group in assessment of needs – PC to attend autumn meeting?*
21. *No more people moving in or youths hanging around.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



- 22. *Voluntary group to maintain clean pavements/hedges etc. Downsizing homes with large rooms. No flats/apartments.*
- 23. *Strongly opposed to development resulting in suburbs.*
- 24. *Improve the overall environment.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



25. We would like it to remain a rural village.

26. No more houses, village to stay as it is and not to change.

27. We don't want any more houses built we like Kelsall because it is a village not a town.

Comments from Village Questionnaire



- 28. If we must have development it should be at the top or bottom of the village where it has less impact.*
- 29. Housing should be 2-3 bed semis with gardens and parking. Mustn't lose the post office.*
- 30. 1 bed and starter homes needed. Railway station & late night bus service.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



31. *If builders have their way Kelsall will always be as busy as it is during the Folk Festival.*
32. *Kelsall will be ruined if all these housing developments take place.*
33. *Erect "stocks" on village green for vandals and non pooper-scoopers! Tarvin has a football pitch in Kelsall do we?*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



- 34. Housing development should not be infill, ample suitable land at top and bottom of village within boundary.*
- 35. Action needs to be taken to prevent parking on bend in Chester Road by the Co-op/Binning.*
- 36. Energy planning required. Gradual overall development of 10% over 5 years. Required c.f. needed.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



- 37. Don't want to lose the community spirit & friendliness, we have been made very welcome.*
- 38. We need a village centre. Don't want to lose events currently held.*
- 39. Scattered development/New High School/Senior Citizens' Home with restaurant open to all.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



- 40. *Kelsall should remain as a village. Over development will bring problems like petty crime.*
- 41. *Village green is a big success but new housing has been unimaginative.*
- 42. *Development should only be in line with need and should increase 1.5% each year for all sorts of houses.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



- 43. *General lack of parking facilities for school, co-op, Methodist church. Retail should be relocated.*
- 44. *Leave as is. Improve current facilities rather than double the size of the village with houses, cars, families.*
- 45. *I was born in Kelsall, used to like living here but it is one big sprawl. There is no centre to the village.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



- 46. Move community centre and social club near to Co-op. Social Club should be opened up to clubs/societies.*
- 47. We should resist development as neighbouring villages are doing.*
- 48. If an area is to be retained for accommodation for festivals etc it should have dual use i.e. playing fields/soakaway.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



- 49. 10% growth is more than enough, any more would spoil it.*
- 50. Kelsall is a great place to live & has a strong community feel. Development needs to be gradual to maintain this.*
- 51. A satisfied senior citizen. Moved here from Lancashire.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



- 52. A crossing near the Co-op. Children from playground have problems crossing the roads.*
- 53. Kelsall is & should remain a village. We do not want to be a market town.*
- 54. Kelsall is not chocolate boxy and doesn't need to be preserved but new development need to be of the highest standard to reinforce village character.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



55. *I love Kelsall because everyone is friendly.*
56. *I don't believe this questionnaire will serve any purpose. I believe the 150 houses will come regardless of what the people who live here want. I think KPC know that it's going to happen. Money talks so don't let's fool ourselves.*
57. *We should fight against developers ruining Kelsall for their financial gains. Prime example - reliance court - in conservation area but all built with no regard to the original size and form.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



58. *Affordable rentals for young families struggling to buy or afford private rentals of houses big enough to fit their families. Particularly locals.*
59. *Any affordable houses should be pretty and for local residents.*
60. *I know people need housing and it has to be somewhere. I would like it to be carefully controlled and add visual interest to the village but more importantly Kelsall needs a new sewage and drainage system throughout before any building should take place.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



61. *Village in danger of being ruined by change in culture & ethos, due to large scale uncoordinated building by profiteering developers.*
62. *Kelsall is just about the right size to be a personal community. Expansion if necessary should be entered into very carefully.*
63. *How the efforts of local residents to improve the community are callously undermined by outside interests.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



64. Well served by present health service.

65. We think Kelsall is a great place to live but feel the need for more affordable housing.

66. At any time there are many houses on the market for very long periods of time. Efforts should be made to fill them first.

Comments from Village Questionnaire



67. *The infrastructure of Kelsall cannot sustain any more new developments e.g. roads and utilities.*
68. *It is reported that 146 new homes are proposed in Kelsall. If that is to happen and perhaps more later then I would suggest a greater area of recreational space than we now have would be desirable and appropriate. The best way of doing this would be to enlarge the existing area adjacent to the Lord Binning. Therefore I hope that permission is not given for the Taylor Wimpey proposal at Flat Lane.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



69. *Please bring back our local street/park litter cleaning person. This is still a necessary service; particularly in the busy areas.*
70. *Would love to see Co-op bought out or competition, but unlikely as Tarvin now to have Co-op so no competition. Takeaway very important.*
71. *Following any new development of housing, all new residents should be welcomed into the community of Kelsall and encouraged to take an active role in its life.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



72. *Some sort of Parish Council education campaign about the dangers to health of dog fouling especially child health re contamination etc.*
73. *I've lived here nearly 25 years and thought somewhat out on a limb from family and old friends, have found it a haven. While rampant development seems to have cost it some natural charm over decades, at least it hasn't become too precious to offer a home to people over a range of prosperity.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



74. *A zebra crossing from the Lord Binning across to the chemist would be a welcome road safety asset.*
75. *Regular cutting of hedges, open spaces & footpaths clearance required. Improved storm water drainage required water pipe leak performance and repair appears poor.*
76. *Want it to stay a friendly village. Currently has a 'safe' feel to the village. Would not want an increase in crime.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



77. *I appreciate Kelsall is a village where new houses could potentially be built but the vast number of houses that developers want to build will spoil the village. The school/doctors/roads do not have the capacity to cope with the increase numbers of people. Surely the infrastructure of the village needs to be put in place first.*
78. *Kelsall has a good community culture. The Parish Council has historically led well over the past 2 decades. Need to involve more (younger) enthusiasts, e.g. Village Green.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



79. *I like Kelsall. I think family homes should ideally be near the school. Downsize homes right in the Village centre or near transport. Sports, Youth & Commercial nearer to bypass. You have to be very careful not to cause traffic problems in addition to existing drainage problem.*
80. *Don't believe the KPC has any teeth when it comes to planning. Winsford rides roughshod over all of us. We already have a Village Plan but it gets ignored. Limit development - if we wanted a house in a suburban environment, we would have bought elsewhere.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



81. *By enlarging the Village, it could be in danger of losing its character, friendly feel, openness and the reason most of us choose to live here. But recognise need for some affordable houses.*
82. *We appreciate the view that the village must evolve - and it must, but if we can allow it to do so without losing all of the things that make it a fantastic rural community, it would be great*
83. *Developed for local people (mainly). Welcome new business.*

Comments from Village Questionnaire



84. *Kelsall remains a Cheshire village.*
85. *Why are new homes inevitable? Who says so? If Tarporley managed to resist a housing development through real hard work, why can't Kelsall? Surely it isn't inevitable - I do not accept that. It will happen if we just accept that it & let it happen. Why are we being bullied into it?*