**MILTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING FORUM**

**RESIDENTS SURVEY RESULTS**

**Demographics and Life-Styles**

553 residents responded and 70% were aged over 50. Only 10 were under 25.

553 is about 13-14% of households in the Plan Area.

Half the households had one car and a third had 2. 2/3 of the residents used cars as their main form of transport.

One in 5 used a bus.

45% were retired; 30% were F/T workers & just under 10% were self-employed.

There were more adult females than males (53% & 47%) and of those families with children most were aged 6-12.

I suspect the higher number of females is due to them living longer.

Nearly 60% lived in a terraced house and just under 30% in a semi-detached. Just under 90% were owner-occupiers.

**What Do Residents Think of Milton?**

54% said Milton was a very good place to live and 42% said it was good.

**What’s Important to Local Residents in Milton?**

85% regard Parks and Green Spaces as very important with Milton Common at 76% and the Foreshore 65%

72% also said a friendly and safe environment was very important

**What Do You Think About The Ability of Milton to Meet its Future Needs**

68% think our Community Facilities will meet our needs and 69% our shops.

Less than 30% thought our schools would & not much more for our GPs (41%)

Surprisingly nearly half thought our main roads and public transport would meet our future needs.

**What Concerns the Residents?**

Biggest worry is traffic congestion 83% and parking 62%. I guess from the previous question this means residents think the Eastern Rd is OK as a main road but the rest are all poor.

53% were fed up with dog-fouling and slightly more were worried about air-pollution and pollution of the Harbour (54% and 56% respectively)

**What Future Uses For St James's Hospital and the University Site**

This question was misinterpreted by a number of respondents who didn't appreciate the options/choices were meant to elicit a scale of preference.

However it’s clear there’s an overwhelming preference for Healthcare at St James's & education on Furze Lane as evidenced by the comments.

**St James's**

**Healthcare** followed by recreation and then education

**University**

**Education** followed by recreation and then renewable energy generation.

There's the obvious theme around an **already over-developed Portsmouth coupled with no more housing.**

There's a positive feeling for the **preservation of the green-spaces** & an opportunity for **wildlife & conservation** & for a **secondary school.**

One idea was for a "City Farm" to educate children. Sensible if we’re after a Sustainable Community & there’s a consensus we’re over-urbanised; short of school places; & many of our children are divorced from the nature & food production.

**Housing:- What Type?**

This had to be asked even if unpopular (and, according to the majority of responses to this Survey, very unsuitable!).

I think the only way to answer this is the 2 **"Least Worst"**options were:- **"Individual Plots"** (18% said they'd accept it) and "**A number of Smaller Developments** (as in less than 10 houses) but only 25% thought this was suitable!

There was support for **retirement homes** or **supported housing** for the **disabled** and the written comments on St James's Hospital did acknowledge a **re-use of the main Grade 2 Listed Hospital building could be for flats/apartments**.

**What’s The Preference for Renewable Energy?**

Great support for Solar (over 75%).

Wind and Ground Source Heat Pumps were about 1/3 each. Many commented on tidal power from the Langstone Harbour entrance but recognised the environmental and commercial risks.

**What Do You Think About Business Uses in Milton?**

Most thought there was sufficiency in Light Industrial Units, Shops & Pubs.

Most thought there wasn't enough Health-care or Tourist uses.

The comments expressed a need for Public Toilets, an NHS Dentist and the usual "No More Homes!"