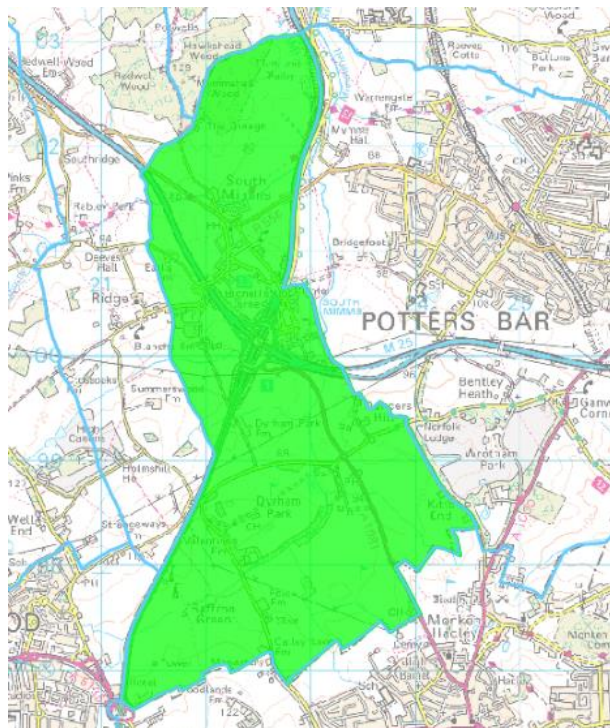


South Mimms Parish Council

Clerks Report on Results of the Summer 2020 Residents Consultation on New Housing.

The Electoral Parish of South Mimms Parish covers an extensive area both north and south of the M25.



However, the majority of the land south of the M25 is farmland or golf courses with very few homeowners.

The Residents Consultation was hand delivered to every residence in the Parish by agents working for Hertsmere Borough Council.

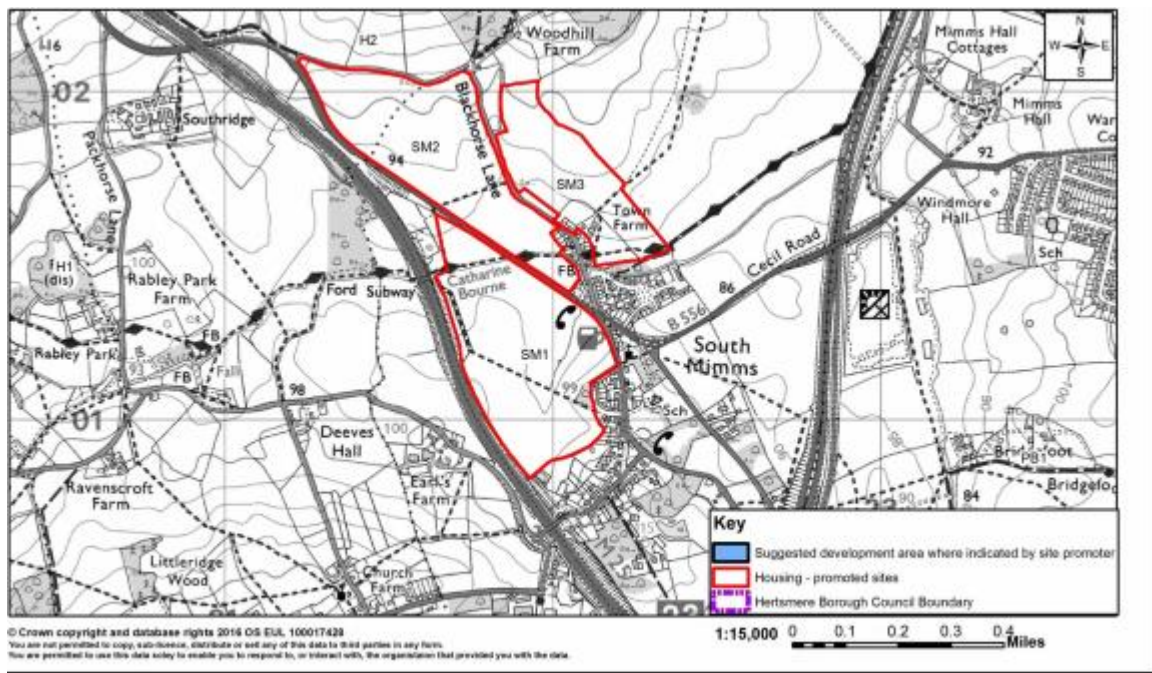
The responses were collected both on paper and on-line. There was approximately a 20-25% response rate combined.

Residents were asked to vote on one of three broad pathways 1) The have all of the new housing beyond the existing South Mimms village area. 2) To fit housing in a number of small pockets in and around the area. 3) To do a combination of 1) and 2) .

Results:

In terms of location, the clear winner, with 62% of the votes, was option 1 - to have the housing on the north side of the village, leaving the current village layout as it is.

Housing is proposed on both sides of St Albans Road (B552). All of this land is owned by Hertfordshire and is promoted as strategic land. There would still be a gap between the new South Mimms sites and the back entrance to the proposed Bowman Cross site.



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The option of building in and around the village gained only 34% , with only a handful of residents liking the idea of a mixture of the both.

The top 5 Priorities for residents were recorded as:

- A village green - whilst many pointed out that there is a green space next to the school, it is clearly not seen as the heart of the village.
- Residents said the village should have a shop / sub post office and a doctors' surgery, both with ample parking.
- Improved noise shielding from the M25 and restrictions to through HGV traffic when the motorway is jammed.
- Road improvements around the village including pockets of off-street parking to relieve congestion which is already an issue.
- It was also mentioned that the village doesn't have fibre broadband and internet connectivity in the village is generally poor.

These results and the residents' priorities and concerns have all been fed back to the planning team at Hertsmere, who are working on the Drafts Local Plans. These will be put forward for full public in the New Year.

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