

OBSERVATIONS FROM COMMUNITY CONSULTATION 13.5.2017

The organisation, displays and facilities for the public were first class and the audit will show from the attendance and the public participation that they are being consulted.

Thanks to all members of the Parish Council and steering group who participated.

The public who spoke to me were very keen to learn about the Neighbourhood Plan and it's advantages and disadvantages. All except one person, even though some of them were concerned about building on the Willink Field, they asked questions in a polite and pleasant way. They were a pleasure to talk to.

The one exception thought he would have his say by firing questions at me and then questioning my answers. I did not have a problem and he thanked me for participating in the consultation.

I was also disappointed to hear the way the arguments and questions were put to Nigel and Tony at the public meeting between 12noon and 1pm. The public were entitled to put questions, but not in an aggressive and bad tempered way. It is not necessary.

Some other questioners put their valid points across in a pleasant and constructive manner.

A number of residents have told me they refrained from asking questions at the public meeting because of the attitude of some of the public at the meeting.

It is interesting, and has shown the value of, the leading members of the team taking part in the discussions on the B.P & P Facebook Group. They are very brave to do so.

Some very interesting suggestions have been made and so far no disrespectful or bad tempered comments have been made.

Have arrangements been made to record all the comments on Facebook? If not, I think they should be.

