

SOS – SAVE OUR STOCKBRIDGE

UPDATE 16TH SEPTEMBER 2018

The Parish Council have now published a report of the responses to their questionnaire. It is available on the Stockbridge Parish Council website under Consultation and then Consultation Report. The link is:

<http://www.stockbridgeparishcouncil.org.uk/community/stockbridge-parish-council-12514/consultation-report/>

In summary some 900 questionnaires were hand delivered to Stockbridge, Houghton, Longstock and Leckford. A total of 355 people responded. 190 Stockbridge residents replied as well as 25 Stockbridge traders making a total of 215 responses from Stockbridge.

All responses have been given the same weighting so that the responses from people from Houghton (41) , Longstock (58), or Leckford (7) and those who responded from other outlying villages (15) or from elsewhere in the UK or abroad (19) have all been accepted in exactly the same way. SOS of course believes that the responses from Stockbridge residents should hold much greater sway than a response from someone, for example, from an outlying village.

Nevertheless in answer to the question:

Q. 4 of the Questionnaire: Should Stockbridge Parish Council enter into discussions with the developers?

Response: **69% of all those who responded said ‘no’**. 142 came from Stockbridge and 97 came from elsewhere.

Q. 6 of the Questionnaire: If the proposed development were of overall benefit to the community would you support building outside the defined settlement boundary?

Response: **80% of all those who responded said ‘no’**. 162 came from Stockbridge and 118 came from elsewhere.

On any view the residents of Stockbridge have made it clear to the PC that they do not want the PC to enter into discussions with the developers nor do they consider it right for a development to be built outside the settlement boundary.

BUT each Parish Councillor is to vote on the question whether to enter into discussions with the developers at **the Parish Council Meeting this next Thursday, 20th September, in Stockbridge Town Hall at 7.30.** This seems to invite Councillors, if they wish, to ignore the responses to their questionnaire and vote as they wish. Please come along so that they can be left in no doubt exactly what the community of Stockbridge wants.

SOS really needs your support at this meeting – so please come if you possibly can. If you can't attend please let us know and tell us why you can't (e.g. away, other appointment, ill etc). Please remember also to tell us how you would want the Councillors to vote on this question. We will then endeavour to make your views known to your Parish Council.

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