

## Response from the Tinkers Bridge Residents Association Working Group to WCNP Issues and futures consultation document.

We have put together some points that should be considered in the Woughton Community Plan.

1. The policies that go forward have to be on Land usage. To this end we believe there should be an increase in land allocated for commercial use. This will increase employment opportunities for the local community in a sustainable way. Using more of the land for commercial purposes at Bleak Hall will reduce the cost and the impact on the environment caused by commuting.
2. Educational opportunities. Along with increased employment opportunities, there will be an increased need for training. There should be expanded training opportunities using the Meeting place in such areas as electronics, computer literacy etc. Woughton should advocate a lifelong learning policy.
3. We believe that the present open spaces should be protected in Tinkers Bridge and mentioned in detail which ones are particularly valued:
  - The three playgrounds
  - Land along both sides of the canal
  - The football field
  - Raised flower beds
  - Corridors of green allowing wild life to move from one area of green to another
4. Section 106 allowed money to build community space for Ashland. This could be put to good use by extending the meeting place area towards the subway and using it for a joint community space.
5. There should be a policy to protect the tenancy of the council and Housing Association residents to remove the stress that is currently felt. The people who live in these areas have a right to return to the estate after any redevelopment without financial penalty.
6. We would like to see the present ratio of social housing and privately owned housing maintained with an even dispersal of both throughout the area. We would also like to ensure that the housing built in the area is as affordable as it currently is.
7. We would like to retain the original low building heights policy.
8. In the survey carried out by the Tinkers Bridge Residents Association, the present bus services were enjoyed by the majority of respondents. We would like to maintain this and extend it to outlying commercial areas i.e. Kingston, Westcroft and Bleak Hall to increase employment opportunities.

9. We would like policies to maintain the current health centres, but plan to upgrade them and include vaccination/well baby clinics at the meeting place.
10. We do not want development on the grid roads.
11. The policies should include opportunities for sport and leisure if a need is seen for this. Any facilities should be accessible to all, without membership.
12. Suitable training facilities and clubs to extend the artistic side of Woughton residents at a low cost and in the local meeting place. Funding for these should be available.
13. The existing local meeting places are valued highly. They should be adequate in number, well maintained and available to local residents at suitable times.
14. Provision for parking should be included in the policies going forward. The area of Woughton should be brought up to standard with the existing standards of MK parking policy.
15. There should be an investigation of the possibility to promote eco friendly renewable energy; local employment to minimise travel and include home working friendly policies. This may require infrastructure i.e. maintenance of redway system; wifi improvements.
16. We would like to see encouragement to use land for the production of food: community urban farm; encourage eco-friendly policies and living.
17. There was an 85% positive response to a 20mph speed limit on Tinkers Bridge in the survey done last year. We would like to see this implemented across Woughton away from the grid roads.
18. We would also like the policies to reflect the maintenance of roads and hold the council to account for the maintenance of houses and roads.