

Public meetings - Roads & Transport responses

Three public meetings were held in which members of the public were invited to give their views. This document contains the comments received. For each meeting comments are listed under the relevant category:

- Traffic
- Cycling
- Pedestrians
- Parking
- Public Transport

Martlesham Heath: January 23rd 2014

Respondents age range: P= under 26; O= 26-40; Y= 41-64; G= 65+

TRAFFIC

*What problems do you anticipate with the growth of the population in the area?
How may these problems be addressed to improve safety and convenience?*

“Use time of day traffic lights to control access to A12 roundabouts between Foxhall Rd and Kesgrave Rd to allow ingress/egress to Martlesham Heath” – Y

“Do NOT remove roundabouts on A12. Any plans to abolish the existing roundabouts and substitute with traffic light controlled crossroads (which would be the only ones between the M25 and Lowestoft) must be avoided otherwise increased congestion, pollution and noise will be incurred” – Y

“Traffic around the industrial estate is getting busier with the opening of the new stores. Any further development of retail needs to ensure this situation is not made worse. Cycling to these areas can be hazardous” – Y

“Traffic volumes are increasing creating congestion and difficulties getting around the area e.g. Black Tiles Roundabout, Tesco A12 Roundabout. Need a roundabout in Anson Road at junction with Felixstowe Road and Gloster Road” - G

“The old Felixstowe Road should be closed to through traffic. This would take 80% of traffic out of old Martlesham Village. All through traffic should be directed to A12” - G

“Getting out or across the A12 from Martlesham Heath is very difficult in busy times – not only rush hour but at weekends, holiday times etc” – G

“Old Felixstowe Road should be closed to all except residents and cyclists – this would help keep traffic out of Main Road, Martlesham” – G

“Need to address the road noise from A12 which affects residents in Martlesham Heath” – Y

“Remove traffic lights on A12 and have no new ones. Build underpasses when traffic flow gets too high” – Y

“Any chance of convincing SCC to trial any traffic lights on the A12 before they start digging up roads?” – Y

“Speeding – Too many people (including Martlesham residents) go too fast – e.g. main roads such as Eagle Way and when they drive up the side roads!” – G

“A more thoughtful approach to traffic management in Anson Road and Retail Park. Becoming more congested and pedestrian unfriendly” – G

“Should the BT development go ahead I feel that sports amenities should be provided and transport issues should be considered thoroughly. Traffic congestion is already a big issue – maybe traffic from the new site should be funnelled to Foxhall Road roundabout” - Y

“Traffic calming needed on old Felixstowe Road. Still very unsafe for cyclists. What about a chicane?” - Y

“If A12 has to expand due to further developments, noise pollution must be addressed for those properties bordering onto the road” – Y

“No more traffic lights on roundabouts. They should work on their own” – O

“Driverless cars will be a reality in the planning period. It would be sensible to recognise this in the plan” – Y

“Traffic calming needed in Main Road, old Martlesham” - Y

CYCLING

*What are the advantages and disadvantages of the current provision for cyclists?
How can cycling be made safer for residents?*

“Provide a dedicated cycle track (no predestrians!) between A12 footbridge and Deben Avenue” - Y

“Sheffield stands for cycle parking in preference to other designs please

There is a rumour that shared use of footways on the Heath is in some way official. Is this the case? It could be helpful as keeping to the car routes is a long route around in some places” - Y

“At the moment there is confusion about which routes are cycle paths and which are not. There are many footpaths around the Heath that are only wide enough for foot traffic but cycles use them. We need wide, dedicated cycle paths” - G

“Cycle track and footbridge would be needed to link the two developments over the A12. Would need to be two clearly defined pathways for different users” - Y

“Some cycle routes just ‘end’ – which means cyclists cycle on footpaths. For example Eagle way by bus stop opposite Valiant Rd heading towards village centre” - G

“Dedicated and linked up cycle route please” - G

“Encourage cyclists themselves to cycle safely e.g.
use cycle lanes
good lighting
good cycling behaviour
appropriate dress – high vis” - G

PEDESTRIANS

*What developments are needed to ensure pedestrians have access to all amenities?
How can safety measures for pedestrians be improved?*

“Better pedestrian access to Martlesham Community Hall from Martlesham Heath and Main Road” – G

“Underpass from Eagle Way to Tesco but no ‘safe’ crossings from Tesco to other outlets – especially Next.
Traffic and parking in roads” – G

“Some pedestrian paths go quite a way back from the road and then join it later which makes walking times longer. But shortcuts for pedestrians and bikes would be good, as they could motivate people to at least walk to nearby places” – P

“I hate dual use footpaths. Cyclists should have a dedicated path and leave pedestrians to walk safely” – G

“Need crossing across Eagle Way from the Manor Road path near the Tesco roundabout” – G

“Crossing for Eagle Way by Valiant Road for children going to school” - G

PARKING

What measures can be taken regarding parking facilities, given the anticipated growth in vehicle use?

“Planning permission for commercial premises must be dependent on adequate parking provision being made” - Y

“Parking for residents who have vans for their own business, or have to park their employer’s van e.g. BT Openreach vans” - G

“Lack of employee parking in the retail area to the East of the A12” - G

“New developments should have plenty of parking off road” - G

“New housing estates have inadequate parking spaces as most homes often need two cars despite improvements in public transport” – G

“Traffic parking in Martlesham Heath is inadequate!” – Y

“Since M&S & Next have appeared, ad hoc parking between Tesco roundabout and Jewson’s is causing a traffic hazard to other road users and pedestrians - DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ARE NEEDED NOW!” – Y

“Future developments must have adequate parking plans” - Y

“Provide public charging points for electric cars” – Y

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

What developments in public transport are needed to meet the needs of the community in the future?

“Limited stop busses with priority to Ipswich” - G

“A regular bus service between old Martlesham and Martlesham Heath. I have to go to the doctors in Woodbridge because I can get there by bus” - G

“Bus links to Woodbridge need to be improved” - O

“1) Better bus links to Woodbridge and Felixstowe
2) Better links within Martlesham e.g. bus from Martlesham Heath to Tesco
3) Limited stop service to Ipswich (Route 66 takes about one hour sometimes!” - G

“Bus services need to be available from Ipswich Station that cater for passengers on the last train” - G

“SHORTER waiting times would help people being able to take a bus without having to follow the timetable and therefore being more flexible on taking a bus instead of the car (e.g. Martlesham _ Felixstowe – Woodbridge 7 busses a day)” – P

ANY OTHER

“Having a ‘playing street’ on which cars, bikes and pedestrians can move on one bit of road/path (without pavements/bike lanes/street) would be nice for non-thought residential areas. There would only be a sign at the entrance of the path, stating that this special zone begins. The speed limit would be as ‘fast as pedestrians can go’ for all using the road. Children could play on these roads and give way to vehicles. This would only work with restricted areas and at best cul-de-sacs” – P

“Business – Small, cheap starter units for high tech and high skill craft/design start ups. Retail area linking Adastral development with square to provide premises for high value adding services and shops with high design/craft elements” – Y

“LITTER – The area around Tesco is always covered in litter. Could we speak to Tesco or have one day a month when we all pick up litter? “ – G

“Litter is personal/individual responsibility. Teams doing it is a cop out and make it worse” - Y

“S.C.D.C. has a bye law prohibiting the erection of signs without permission, yet the area around Tesco is always covered in signs. What can be done. Enforce the law?
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Martlesham Heath: March 29th, 2014

TRAFFIC

“Poor road networks. A12 access to Ipswich. No Northern bypass”

“To keep the village spaces and amenities in the new proposed plan will attract and enhance the whole area. BUT the roads, lighting, traffic control, safety with cyclists in mind, sewage works ALL MUST BE CONSIDERED”

“Road network – increase in traffic and congestion”

“Keep the roundabouts on the A12 – traffic lights will top easy exit from the Heath turning left as BT traffic goes right”

“Traffic lights system at new retail parks. Controlled parking areas”

“Martlesham Heath needs more parking. Use of garages to be encouraged”

“Parking on grass verges in the village area is becoming a problem”

CYCLING

”Less cycling on footpaths please – unless you’re a child”

“More cycling routes in new housing area”

“Better provision for cyclists. Particularly with children/families in mind”

“Be clearer on cycle routes re Green etc”

“Cycling safety assemblies at the schools. Also cycle maintenance, lights etc.”

PEDESTRIANS

“Crossing to Tesco (Eagle Way) needs improvement”

“20mph speed limit on Sandy Lane to raise safety for walkers and cyclists”

“Apply / Implement safe crossing for residents going to Tesco. As the traffic from the A12 onto Eagle Way can be very dangerous. A few incidents have taken place recently”

“Avoid subways (overhead bridges only) if you have to build subways make them open – no turns”

“Underpass from Eagle Way to Tesco but no safe crossings from Tesco to other outlets – especially Next”

“I agree we need crossings for pedestrians and cyclists between industrial area and community hall.”

“Safer crossing between Tesco and Next/M&S for pedestrians”

PARKING

“Double yellow lines are not necessary at Next/M&S but staff should police traffic during sales period

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT

“Perhaps a shuttle bus for schools to alleviate traffic issues? (especially once the new houses start to populate)”

“Quicker route into Ipswich (Route 66 is too slow)”

Martlesham: April 9th, 2014

TRAFFIC

“OLD FELIXSTOWE ROAD

- according to SCC traffic data more vehicles on this road than Main Rd (Black Tiles end)
- Path too narrow
- Very dangerous, cars too fast, dodging cyclists – major accident waiting to happen
- Suggest make it one way
- Traffic calming bollards”

“Police Roundabout – turning right into Main Rd – if there are more than two cars turning you are forced to stop in the A12 outside lane. It needs better road markings and signs to warn people that there is traffic turning to the right”

“Traffic lights could probably be necessary given the increase in traffic flow. Consideration should be given to peak time only controls on both roundabouts”

“Turning right onto Main Rd will be even more congested when the Brethren Hall (sic) is built. Extra 200 cars and coaches on roundabout and Main Rd”

“ACCESS TO MAIN RD KESGRAVE/A12

Traffic lights must be increased and addressed due to extra volume of traffic at rush hour times only 2-3 cars can cross road and that is if there is not a large queue of traffic from Woodbridge side then no cars can cross”

“If Adastral Park develops the need for better access on to the A12 will be necessary. Traffic lights at the present roundabout will exacerbate the problem. How about an overpass to allow A12 traffic to flow freely?”

“A12 to Seven Hills roundabout already far too busy – traffic often piled up. Also back roads or A1214 road to Ipswich permanently busy. Real concerns what it will be like after Bloor Homes and BT developments. Infrastructure can barely cope now!”

“Road markings/priority at Tesco Rbt – Right lane markings (leaving village) are dangerous (opinion of long distance lorry drivers)”

“Speeding on Eagle Way is dangerous”

“Speeding issues on Eagle Way”

“Traffic lights on Tesco and BT roundabouts might help traffic flows”

“Main Road:

- A cycle way on one side – it should be on both sides
- The pathway for pedestrians is overgrown on the hill and should be cleared
- Traffic calming measures should be considered on the hill area
- What about an access only road?”

“A12 junctions - if the road layout is too altered it should not be 2 lanes becoming 3 lanes and then reducing back down to 2 lanes, this will cause problems”

“Bloor Homes development

- Too many houses all squeezed in which will cause too much traffic.
- Mixed social housing does not work i.e. Ravenswood development.
- More than one access/egress for cars required off this development”

CYCLING

“Sandy Lane is part of the national cycle route but has an unrestricted speed limit. It is used as a rat run by cars and is a nightmare for pedestrians. A proper footway should be considered and making it one way”

“Cycling safety e.g. paths will need to be increased with the extra houses”

“Existing quality and amount of cycle routes and footpaths need to be maintained and integrated throughout new developments”

“Cyclists should have lights and bells, the hard of hearing are not always aware a bike is behind them”

PEDESTRIANS

PARKING

“Would like to see allocated parking for all apartments/houses near or in the vicinity to properties not in parking blocks”

“Parking around Next is very bad. Need more parking spaces. Stop people parking on the road”

”Parking around industrial commercial area, particularly Next, M&S etc not enough parking!”

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

“A better bus service along Main Rd from Black Tiles into Woodbridge is required”