

STONEHOUSE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: POST-IT NOTES

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This document contains all the comments from the post-it notes. They have been arranged alphabetically beneath eight broad category headings, underneath which they have been sub-categorised.

P1: DEVELOPMENT

Elm Road Youth Centre/Church Hall

- Buy Elm Road site and build youth centre.
- Church Hall for the community not houses.
- Church Hall should be for the community.
- Get on and do something about the derelict youth centre - either housing or community use.
- Houses: Elm Road.
- Make good church hall for use by public
- Old Church Hall youth club.
- Old youth club for community use please.
- Old youth club site (Elm Road) to be used as a community facility and not housing.
- Please support the Elm Road project - it's a good concept!
- Redevelop the Elm Road building eyesore.
- Save the youth centre
- Stop development on Elm Road Youth site!!! BUY IT!!!! and give us a DECENT Youth Centre!!!!!!

Ship Inn

- Protect Ship Inn for community use.
- Save former Ship Inn site for the community.

Location of housing

- Berryfields sports field - good idea for additional housing within the town.
- Having a say in any development plans in Standish that border on Stonehouse e.g. Horsemarling Farm.
- Keep housing on infill basis - don't extend into countryside.
- No housing at Nastend.
- Standish hospital site going to waste.
- We don't want allotments built on or the playing field, or the car park.

Infrastructure/services

- If new housing is to be built it needs to be high quality and have sufficient transport infrastructure so that congestion is not made worse.
- Make housing in places where residents can access services on foot.
- Sewerage can't cope when build too many new houses.

Affordable housing

- More affordable housing.
- We need more social housing.

Too much housing

- Too many derelict housing developments, not enough community facilities. (Don't let GCC sell the library.)
- Too many houses, do not make it a Kingsway. Keep Stonehouse as it is, no more building.
- Too much!

Other

- Covenants on Council land.

- Get Stroud DC to progress localism plan - urgent before developers put in multiple unsustainable planning applications.
- Purchase land (for a green belt).
- Use empty buildings, before building more.

P2: EMPLOYMENT

- Have a training centre as part of industrial estate.
- If there are more industrial buildings then infrastructure must be improved to support it - people travel to jobs!!
- If you are going to put industrial units make them 'easy in' 'easy out' for SMEs.
- More links between industry and local schools.
- Need to encourage those who work on the industrial estate to live in Stonehouse.

P3: TOWN CENTRE & RETAIL

Clothing/shoes

- Need shoes and clothing (mainstream, not just 'fire sale' stuff).
- The only shop we haven't got is leather goods, good shoe shop.

Canalside café

- Café near canal would be good.
- Canalside café at Ship Inn site would be lovely addition to the work already done to improve the canal.
- Like the idea of the old Ship Inn site to be a café with outside space to take advantage of the canal setting.

Supermarket

- Need supermarket.
- No supermarket at Ryeford.

Independent/niche shops

- Identify what is Stonehouse's USP - there is a need for niche shopping.
- We need more independent shops in Stonehouse. Look at Tetbury, Nailsworth!

Other

- A cobbler
- DO NOT sell post office to Co-op.
- The town needs more variety of shops in the High Street. Something different is needed when the Misa Musla shop closes.
- TV & radio shop.

P4: GETTING AROUND

Railway station

- Bristol line station to re-open would be brilliant!
- Bristol/Gloucester railway station needs to be reopened.
- Do not relocate the stations out of town.
- Don't move the station out of town! [And in different handwriting:] Agreed!
- Important to keep the existing station in current location. Have second station for trains in Bristol.
- Keep railway stations in town - walkable.
- Make sure ALL future passenger trains stop at Stonehouse (Burdett Road) station.
- Need Oldends station for easy Bristol commuting.
- New ticket office at Stonehouse rail station - and passenger shelter on northbound platform.
- Re-open Bristol Road railway station.
- Re-open Bristol Road station, provided car parking is adequate (at least 100 spaces).
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- Re-open Midland Road station at Standish junction. Direct trains to Bristol would be a bonus!
- Re-open Midland Road station to give direct trains to Bristol - not building new station at Standish JCT and shut existing one in Stonehouse.
- Re-open old station site.
- Reopen the old station on the line to Bristol.
- Re-open the southbound station.
- Retain the existing railway station where it is.
- Station - put it near Stagholt where the line splits.
- Train station on the Bristol line would reduce congestion.
- Would like to see the former Bristol Road station re-opened. Plus enough car parking space made available for passengers.

Parking

- Control parking outside school.
- Double yellow lines on restricted parking zone. Signs not big enough.
- Enforce parking.
- Free 2 hour parking in town to encourage use.
- Free parking at the station would encourage use.
- High Street parking - signs on wall town council to tell people.
- Roadside parking means that cars pulling out from Co-op need to drive to middle of road to view traffic
- No parking enforcement - too many people park on double yellow lines or other unsafe places with no consequences.
- Parking on footpaths.
- Parking on the high street - should be further off road and clearer when can't park.
- Restrict parking outside Co-op. Make compulsory give way by traffic, needs someone then to enforce and larger signs on pavement and road.
- Sort High Street out. One big car park.
- Stop parking facing oncoming traffic. When wife alive in wheelchair. Should ban parking on pavements.
- Too many people park on pavements. Should be stopped.
- Too many people parking on pavements.
- Too much parking on pavements.
- The road in the High Street is dangerous, no parking on sides, more traffic lights.

Shared space

- High Street "shared space" dangerous and impractical: angle of "sleeping policemen" too steep, damaging cars' suspension
- Zebra crossings - if it's a "shared space" why have them? - only place one is needed is opposite Co-op... where one now isn't!
- Please can we see the next bit of the shared space scheme?
- Shared space traffic needs to understand meaning of "share"!
- Shared space waste of time!
- Shared space not working for pedestrians.
- Stonehouse High Street shared space! does not work - needs enforcing.
- The shared space is great - the High Street looks much nicer - extend it!

Traffic speed

- 20mph throughout the town.
- Enforce 20mph speed limit
- More active 'speeding' management throughout the town. 'Flashing' reminders of the '20mph' limit.
- Speed limit needs enforcing through the town.
- Speed restrictions in Oldends Lane! Please.
- Vehicles going too fast on Gloucester Road. We need a speed trap/bumps by the [can't read next word] coming from J12.

Speed bumps

- Reduce speed humps in size.
- Remove speed bumps.
- Speed bumps too severe. Damaging vehicles.

Pedestrians

- I like that Stonehouse is flat and the people (wheelchair user).
- I would be more tempted to use footpaths if they were wider and better lit.
- Repairs to pavement at High Street end.
- Steps outside shops limit access for less mobile - slopes would be better.
- The tree planting and narrow crossing should not have happened. The pedestrian ability to cross is not easy. Surely along the PO would have been used.

Cycling

- (Adult) cyclists riding on pavements - how about some dedicated cycle lanes around High Street etc.?
- Creating safe routes for cyclists.
- Too many people riding bikes on pavements.

Traffic volume

- A419 needs to be improved to take the excess traffic coming off the M5
- Too much through traffic!
- Traffic congestion on A419 and industrial estate (Oldends Lane) needs sorting out.

HGVs

- Get HGVs out of the town centre.
- More regulations on HGVs.

Access

- Improve access to town centre.
- Improved access to Doverow.

Potholes

- Potholes priority please.
- Potholes!

Other

- Can we have roads laid down before buildings to have better flow.
- More traffic enforcement throughout town.
- No many [?] cars in High Street.
- Open up bottom of Regent Street. Turn left only. Make it one way down from High Street only.
- Slower throughput in M5/poorly drained/not conducive to stopping in Stonehouse and spending money; every trader loathes it as business suffers
- Stonehouse High Street full of cars!
- Trees and cars in site [sight?] of turning should be clear entrance from Co-op.

P5: FACILITIES

Community centre/building/facilities

- Community building with plenty of parking.
- Community facilities greatly needed! Former church hall for children and families and arts.
- Community facility - Oldends Lane with plenty of parking.
- Create community friendly facility.
- More community facilities. Elm Road would be ideal.
- New community building at Oldends playing field

- Not enough community facilities - rooms for hire etc.
- The town needs more facilities. The old church hall should be saved and given back to the community.

Young people

- More facilities available to stop youth doing things they shouldn't.
- Need new youth centre where the old church hall is also can be used for new library.

Pub

- A community pub owned by the town council - to generate income for the town, operating as a social enterprise!!!
- Good community pub!
- Public houses now only two - both grotty to visit and unpleasant. Can not go out socially locally.
- Ship Inn site used for community pub/restaurant.

Toilets

- Public loos by Oldends Lane area.
- Re public toilets, car park. Toilet paper block in toilet is impossible to use - the paper is packed in too tightly or no paper at all.

Education

- Have a (part-time?) offshoot at a FE College to help people with few/no qualifications but having aspirations access classes without travelling.
- Sixth form at Maidenhill required.

Other

- Council office open all day. And more for older people.
- Provision for better lighting that works
- Standish - opened up for people with Alzheimer's.

P6: RECREATION

Swimming pool

- Area 2. We need a swimming pool and also things for the mature people.
- Swimming pool would be great.
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Outdoor/green gym

- An outdoor gym.
- Green gym.
- Green gyms/sport facilities.
- More options/projects for people to stay healthy at low/or no cost (i.e. green gyms, allocated sport facilities).
- Support the Green Gym in Stonehouse.

Tennis courts

- Pressure Wycliffe College to open their facilities for community use e.g. tennis courts, playing fields etc.
- Would like a tennis court!!

Doverow Hill

- Do not overdevelop Doverow Hill for recreational use. Keep it in its natural state.
- Doverow Hill - fantastic views and super for dog walking and exercise. Litter is sometimes a problem in the quarry.

Laburnum

- Keep some green space in Stonehouse e.g. Laburnum/Berryfields etc.
- Laburnum Park facilities for senior citizens, exercise machines, relaxing gardens, flowers, shrubs, seats, boules, dog free areas.

Canal

- Better use of canal footpaths.
- Please can we have the walking dogs on leads along canal towpath etc. removed.

Magpies

- Update Magpies Club/changing rooms/car park.
- Update the Magpies Club. We need a decent Social Club.

Allotments

- Allotments within Stonehouse boundary.
- More projects for local people to use allotments/green spaces.
- More space needed for allotments.

Young people

- Great to see the new skate park and youth centre so well used. Excellent additions to the town.
- More recreational facilities for young (teens) people. Basketball court or similar in Laburnum Park may help reduce 'littering' and antisocial behaviour.

Other

- Lots of classes and groups run in the day - need more in the evening.
- More community spaces for people to get together/do some activities.
- Support for Frocester sporting and community facilities.

P7: HERITAGE

- Don't strangle us with excess heritage protection.
- We need the heritage and green space of our town protected for the future children of Stonehouse.

P8: OTHER ISSUES

Dogs & dog fouling

- Dog fouling - enforce the laws.
- Dog fouling!
- Dog fouling.
- Dog free areas.
- Dog fouling.

Litter & cleanliness

- The alley between Maidenhill School and Arrowsmith needs a litter bin. It now has a dog poo bin but litter is a real problem in this area.
- The tunnel between High Street and Gloucester Road cleaning weekly maintenance.

Crime & safety

- How about a raid on any heroin dealers on roads around Maidenhill? Haven't seen a policeman on the beat in Meadow Road and above for years.
- It has gained a bad reputation. Let's change it! More community space and make our town safer.
- No police on the High Street if needed in an emergency.
- Police on foot!
- Safety for our youngsters. Children school [can't read next word] not allowed. Keep our schools safe, look after our future young children's safety.
- Should not have closed police station. 1 hour a week not enough.

- We need a manned police station.

Other

- Before any project started full cost analysis and contingencies.
- More frequent, less glossy council newsletter. More information about forthcoming events rather than all about what has happened.
- Would it be feasible to create a Stonehouse conservation group relieving SVP of dealing with the newt pond. But also working in all green areas of Stonehouse.