

Westfield Newsletter

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SNG (Sovereign Network Group) owns a number of properties in the Westfield area of Harwell and we are looking at how we can improve the area.



Co-design workshop summary

Thank you to everyone who attended our co-design workshop on Monday 18 May. We had great conversations with 32 residents of all ages, who shared their ideas and concerns for the future of the area.

We're very grateful for all the feedback you provided. We will be reviewing everything over the summer to help shape what we do next.



The presentation from the session can be viewed on the website www.sng.org.uk/westfield-harwell

What we heard

Safer, better-connected spaces

Walking and cycle routes

Existing alleyways and walking routes are important connections through the neighbourhood but could be made safer and more accessible for wheelchairs and buggies. Roads and paths should consider cyclists.

Play spaces

Children and adults both mentioned that play spaces are important for all ages and need to be accessible to all.

Outdoor seating

Existing green spaces and valued community features, including the memorial bench, should be retained. More seating and places to stop and rest and bring people together were also requested.

Nature

You'd like to see more opportunities for wildlife and biodiversity, and the children would love nature trails and educational features; however, it's important that green spaces are easy to maintain.

Parking

There was concern about the potential loss of parking – especially for those without allocated spaces, as well as the possible increase in demand from any future growth in the number of homes the area.

Traffic

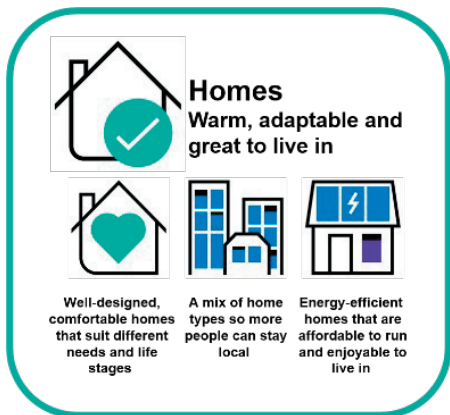
You raised concerns about congestion and speeding, particularly at school pick up and drop off times, with poor visibility on Gaveston Road. Traffic calming measures were suggested.



Shared principles

We discussed the shared principles that have been brought forward from previous engagement with residents. There was agreement on the principles and discussions on how they could be implemented.

Do you have any comments on these principles? Please let us know.



You also told us about the following concerns – we’re listening and will be working to see how we can address them:

- Construction impacts such as traffic, dust and noise
- How existing residents would be supported during any potential redevelopment
- The need for clear and regular communication throughout the project.

Character and feel

We looked at examples of homes and discussed what you felt could work in Harwell. You told us that any future homes should respect the character of the existing neighbourhood by retaining elements of the 'old' while sensitively introducing new ideas. Some suggestions were:

- Façades inspired by the 'half and half' design similar to Gaveston Road and The Styles
- Features such as balconies for flats to provide additional space
- Consideration of privacy, driveways and boundaries.

What happens next

We're now reviewing all feedback from the workshop alongside ongoing technical studies and discussions with stakeholders. We will review this over the summer and be in touch in the autumn with an update.



Stay involved

We appreciate the time and input that local people have contributed to this process. As we review the feedback and consider options for the future, we will continue to share updates with the community. If you have any comments or feedback you'd like to share with us on any of the themes discussed at the co-design workshop or would like further information, please contact us using the details below.

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