

PART 2

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Organisation (if applicable):

Please state which part of the Neighbourhood Plan (for example which section, paragraph or policy) your representation relates to:

H1/6 , Section 3.1, TC4, 7.2, 7.7, 9.6-9.8

Please use the space below to make comments on this part of the Neighbourhood Plan

H1/6 Regarding Bungalows for the elderly: ~~I feel these~~
I feel these should not be mixed with general housing, but should be kept together on one site. Warden controlled, with a large community room, containing a medium sized kitchen fitted out suitable for people in wheelchairs that have easy access to make a cup of tea etc, and all get together socially.
People are not in and out of each others homes like they were years ago. Most couples are out to work all day. I think the elderly would feel very lonely and isolated amongst mixed housing.

Please continue on separate sheet if required

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SECTION 3.1

We will have great difficulty in sustaining our High Streets if Councils continue to give planning for building Large Retail Parks. Also putting unnecessary charges onto Local Retailers like the ones about to come in force in April. Retail Parks are massive. The young and fit might like them, but for the elderly and disabled they are a nightmare, wondering if you are going to get run over crossing from one side of a massive car park to the other. Also all the shops are so big they are exhausting. (Please do remember eventually we all get old)

Another thing to think about is Supermarkets were first set up to sell food, but now sell a lot of White Goods, Hardware Goods, Cloths and almost anything one can think of. Most times a lot cheaper than our High Street Shops. This is so unfair and I personally think these large Supermarkets, which have played their part in tempting the customer away from our Town's Shopping Centres should be encouraged to help revitalize our High Streets.

TC 4

While promoting Town Centre Redevelopment Sites please do make sure developers leave enough green spaces for people to relax in. It is important now that back gardens are becoming smaller that children also have a place to play in, at walking distance from their homes.

7.2

The Document States that the Retail Development in Victoria Street has created better links with Market Street. Unfortunately there are no signs close to these shops or where the Buses pull in to clearly state that there are shops in Market Street. When I first researched the area, arriving by bus I could see no signs directing to shops in Market Street. I had to ask a passer by where the Town Centre Shops were.

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7.7

I strongly agree on the policy to safe guard Small Public Open spaces. They are an Oasis in housing estates.

9.6 & 9.8

Picking up on the comments of enhancing market Street how about choosing the colours from the design that is above one of the shops opposite the Miners Memorial to paint some of the shop fronts?

I would like to make an extra suggestion when building new housing estates is to build some infrastructure alongside. If not (like we are seeing already over parts of the country) local doctors surgeries and Schools become over stretched.

On the whole I think the plan for the future of Hednesford has been well thought out. I do hope it will come to fruition.