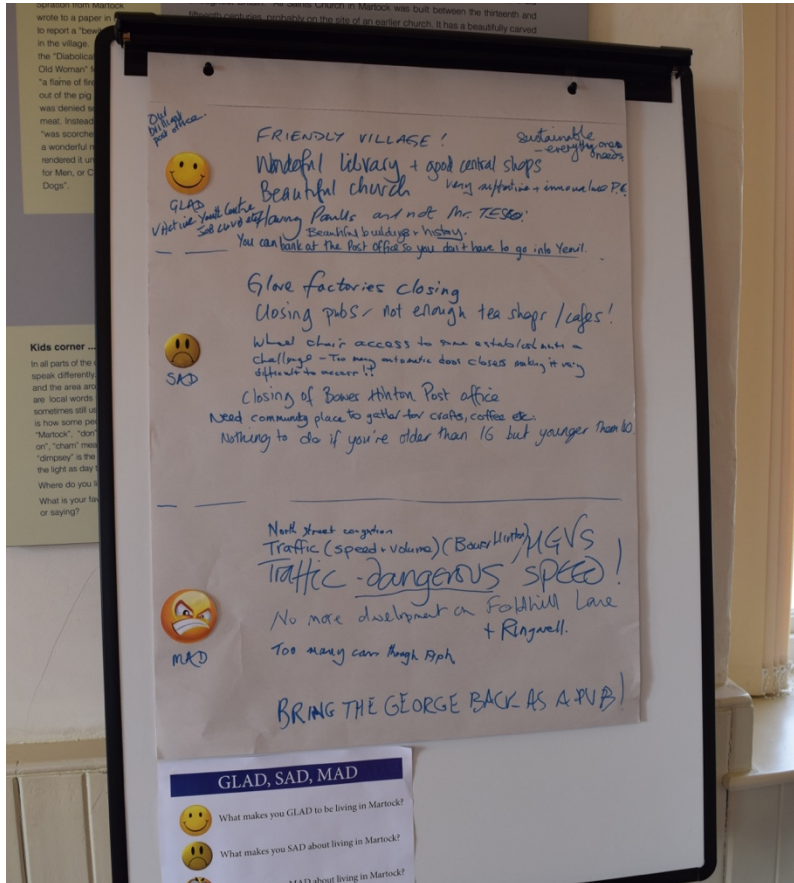


# Martock Neighbourhood Plan Initial Consultation Glad, Sad, Mad Board



our village, our future

March 2016

## **Introduction**

The Martock Neighbourhood Plan Initial Consultation was held on Saturday 12 March 2016 in the Market House and was open to the public from 10 am – 3 pm. The event was organised by the Martock Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group around the 5 core pillars agreed for the plan:

- Facilities
- Local Character
- Housing
- Getting Around
- Jobs

A flipchart was set up as part of the Consultation entitled 'Glad, Sad, Mad'. The aim of the display was to elicit residents' feelings about various aspects of village life or life in the Parish.

The flipchart was available for the duration of the Consultation and was taken down at the end of the afternoon. What follows are the complete transcribed comments from this activity.

### **Glad – What makes you GLAD to be living in Martock?**

Friendly village!

Wonderful library and good central shops.

It's sustainable – everything one needs.

Beautiful church.

Very supportive and innovative Parish Council.

Very active Youth Centre, Job Club, etc.

Having Paul's and not Mr Tesco.

Beautiful buildings and history.

You can bank at the Post Office so you don't have to go into Yeovil.

Hamstone.

Facilities – doctor, shops, Recreation Ground.

Farmers Market.

Voluntary organisations.

Generally friendly community.

### **Sad – What makes you SAD about living in Martock?**

Glove factories closing.

Closing pubs – not enough tea shops/cafes!

Wheel chair access to some establishments a challenge – too many automatic door closers making it very difficult to access.

Closing of Bower Hinton Post Office.

Need community place to gather for crafts, coffee, etc.

Nothing to do if you're older than 16 but younger than 10.

Signposts – not painted/old.  
Bower Hinton signs are terrible.  
No swimming pool.  
Footpaths not cleared.  
Few bus stops near Asda end of Yeovil – all go direct to the centre.  
Litter at south end of village (towards A303).  
No buses in evenings or at weekends.

### **Mad – What makes you MAD about living in Martock?**

North Street congestion.  
Traffic (speed and volume) (Bower Hinton).  
Traffic – dangerous speed!  
HGVs.  
No more development on Foldhill land and Ringwell.  
Too many cars through Ash.  
Bring The George back as a pub!  
Traffic.  
No cycle paths and bike parking facilities.  
Heavy transport – new road??  
Traffic calming through central road all the way through Martock – traffic too fast.  
20 mph who of Martock and Bower Hinton.  
No access for HGVs to Bower Hinton/Water Street/North Street AND weight restrictions.  
Lack of transparent democracy.  
No control over ever increasing development.

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