

Community Consultation on Housing Options in Chilbolton - Frequently Asked Questions

Why am I being asked to take part?

Chilbolton Parish Council wants to understand local views on housing options within the parish. This consultation has been commissioned to gather those views in a structured and transparent way.

Who is carrying out the consultation?

The consultation is being independently managed by Action Hampshire, a registered charity that provides the Rural Housing Enabler service across Hampshire. Action Hampshire does not build, own or manage housing and has no financial interest in any future development.

Why have I received a Consultation Card?

Consultation Cards have been sent to adults recorded on the electoral register for Chilbolton Parish.

What if I didn't receive a Consultation Card?

If you believe you are eligible to take part but have not received a Consultation Card, please contact Action Hampshire as soon as possible. We will check our records and, where appropriate, arrange for a unique identification number to be issued, blank Consultation Cards are located at the consultation boxes.

Can more than one person in my household take part?

Yes. Each eligible adult has been issued with a unique identification number and may submit one response.

Why do I need a unique identification number?

Unique identification numbers help ensure that only eligible participants take part, each person can respond only once and that the final results accurately reflect the views of eligible respondents.

Will the Parish Council know how I voted?

No. Individual responses will not be shared with the Parish Council or any other organisation. Results will be reported only in summary form.

How is my information protected?

Action Hampshire manages all responses in accordance with UK data protection legislation. Personal data is held securely and used solely for the purposes of administering the consultation.

What happens if I lose my Consultation Card?

Please contact Action Hampshire at housing@actionhampshire.org and we will advise you of your unique identification number, where appropriate. Spare Consultation Cards are located at the consultation boxes.

Can I complete the consultation online?

Yes. The consultation can be completed online using the web link www.surveymonkey.com/r/chilbolton or QR code provided. You will need your unique identification number to access the online response form.

Can I submit a paper response instead?

Yes. You can complete the Consultation Card, place it in the envelope provided and deposit it in one of the designated secure consultation boxes located within the parish.

When does the consultation close?

Sunday 27th September 2026.

Where are the consultation boxes located and when can they be accessed?

- **Abbots Mitre Pub:** Monday – Thursday 11am – 10pm and Friday – Saturday 11am -11pm
- **Chilbolton Village Hall** (Community Centre), Eastmans Field: Access will be available during certain periods when the village hall is in use. Check the calendar page on its website for details of when it is booked www.chilboltonvillagehall.co.uk
- **Chilbolton Village Shop** (Post Office): Monday – Friday 9am - 5.30pm and Saturday 9am - 12.30pm

What are the options?

There are four options you are being asked to rank in order of preference, these are:

- Option 1: Drove Road - 75 homes (Developer-led)
- Option 2: Drove Road - approx. 20 homes (Community-led)
- Option 3: Gravel Hill - approx. 20 homes (Community-led)
- Option 4: No Community-led Development at all

How do I complete the ranking question?

Please rank all four options in order of preference:

- 1 = Most preferred/First preference
- 2 = Second preference
- 3 = Third preference
- 4 = Least preferred/Fourth preference

To ensure your response can be counted, **all four options must be ranked.**

Do I have to rank all four options?

Yes. To ensure the results can be analysed consistently, respondents must rank all four options from 1 (most preferred) to 4 (least preferred). **Responses that do not contain a complete ranking will not be included in the final analysis.**

Can I give two options the same ranking?

No. Each option must be given a unique ranking. For example, you cannot rank two options as "1" or two options as "2". Duplicate rankings will result in the response being excluded from the analysis.

Can I add comments explaining my preferences?

No. This consultation is designed as a structured ranking exercise to measure community preferences between the options presented. Only the rankings submitted will be analysed.

What if I change my mind after submitting my response?

Once a response has been submitted, it cannot be amended or withdrawn. This is necessary to maintain the integrity and auditability of the consultation process. Please ensure you have reviewed your rankings carefully before submitting your response.

Who has decided on the options included in the consultation?

The options included have been agreed by Chilbolton Parish Council. Action Hampshire's role is limited to independently administering the consultation and analysing the results.

Is this a referendum or a vote?

No. This is a community consultation designed to gather views and preferences. The results will help inform future discussions and decision-making but do not in themselves determine planning outcomes.

Will the option with the highest score automatically be adopted?

No. The consultation is intended to provide evidence of community preferences. The results will form part of the information available to the Parish Council but do not, on their own, determine future decisions.

Will the consultation determine whether housing is built?

No. The consultation is intended to understand community views. Any future housing proposals would still be subject to the normal planning process and any relevant statutory consultations.

How will the results be analysed?

Responses will be analysed using a weighted ranking system (sometimes known as a Borda Count). This method takes account of all rankings submitted, rather than looking only at first choices, helping to identify the options with the broadest overall support.

What happens after the consultation closes?

Action Hampshire will verify responses and analyse the results, creating an independent report. The report will include turnout figures, first preference totals, weighted scores and the final ranking of options.

Where can I see the results?

Once completed, the final report will be provided to Chilbolton Parish Council. The Council will decide how and when to publish the findings.

I don't agree with any of the options. Can I still take part?

Yes. Even if none of the options fully reflects your preferred outcome, ranking the options still helps demonstrate which approaches have the greatest and least community support. **You must still rank all four options for your submission to be included.**

What if I submit both an online response and a paper Consultation Card?

Only one response can be counted for each unique identifier. If both a paper and online response are received using the same unique identifier, the paper response will be included in the final analysis, online responses will be disregarded.

What if I make a mistake or spoil my Consultation Card?

If you make a mistake while completing your Consultation Card, please do not submit it unless you can still clearly and legibly indicate the way in which you have chosen to rank the options. If a spoiled card is submitted, we will do our best to interpret your intended ranking. However, if the rankings are unclear, incomplete, or do not allow us to determine your preferences with confidence, the response may be excluded from the analysis.

Spare Consultation Cards can be found at the consultation box locations. You will need to manually write on your unique identification number to your new card in the space provided to ensure it will be counted.

Only one response will be accepted for each unique identification number.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

Please contact the Action Hampshire Housing Team: Email housing@actionhampshire.org or visit www.chilboltonparish.gov.uk for more information about the development options.