

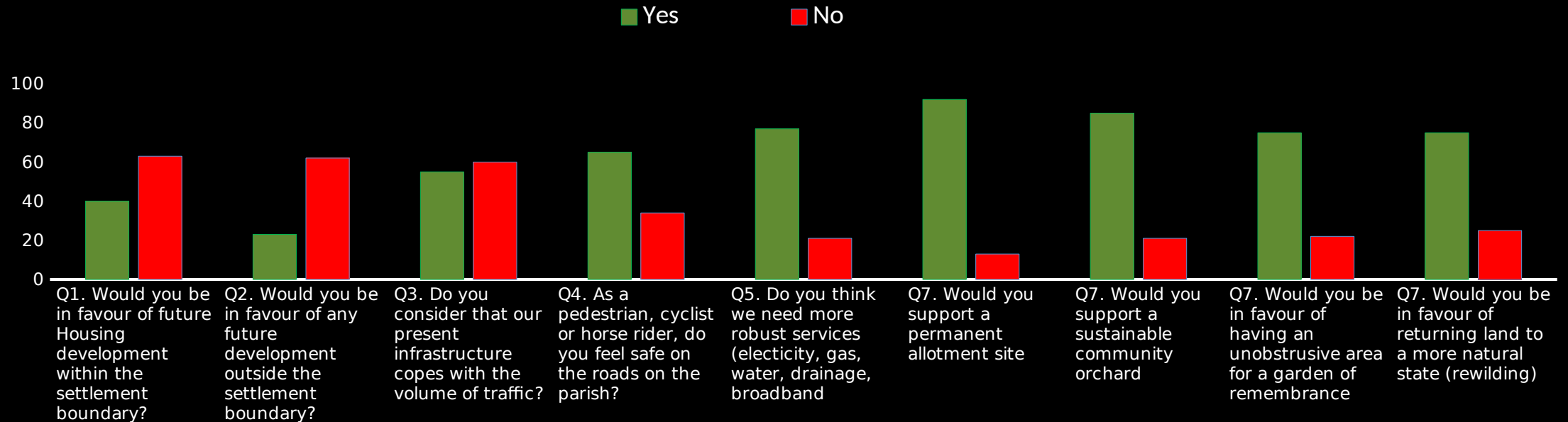


# SOUTH WONSTON NEW VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT – IN PROGRESS

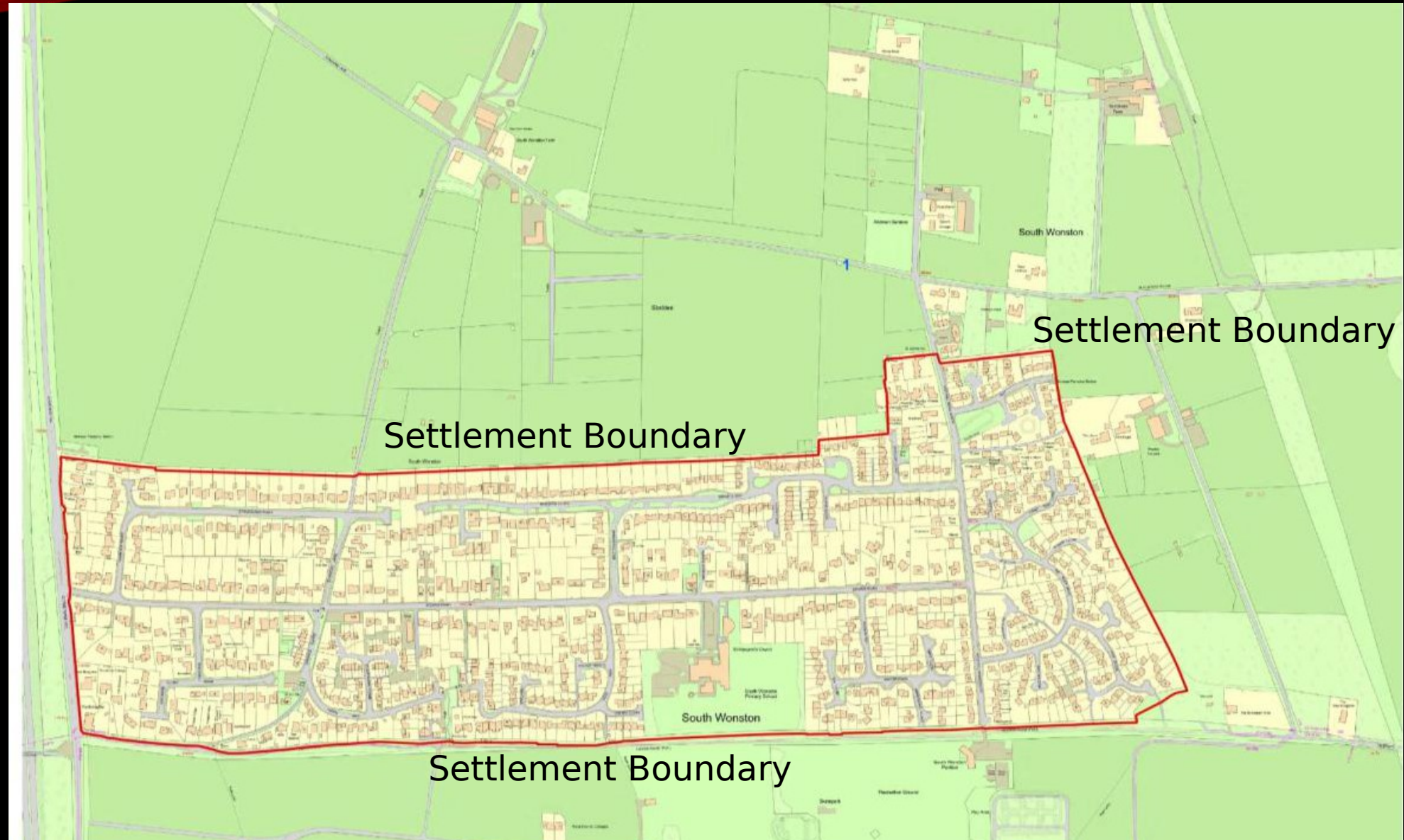
“THE FUTURE”

# INTRODUCTION

South Wonston Parish council  
New Village Design Statement Questionnaire  
May 2025

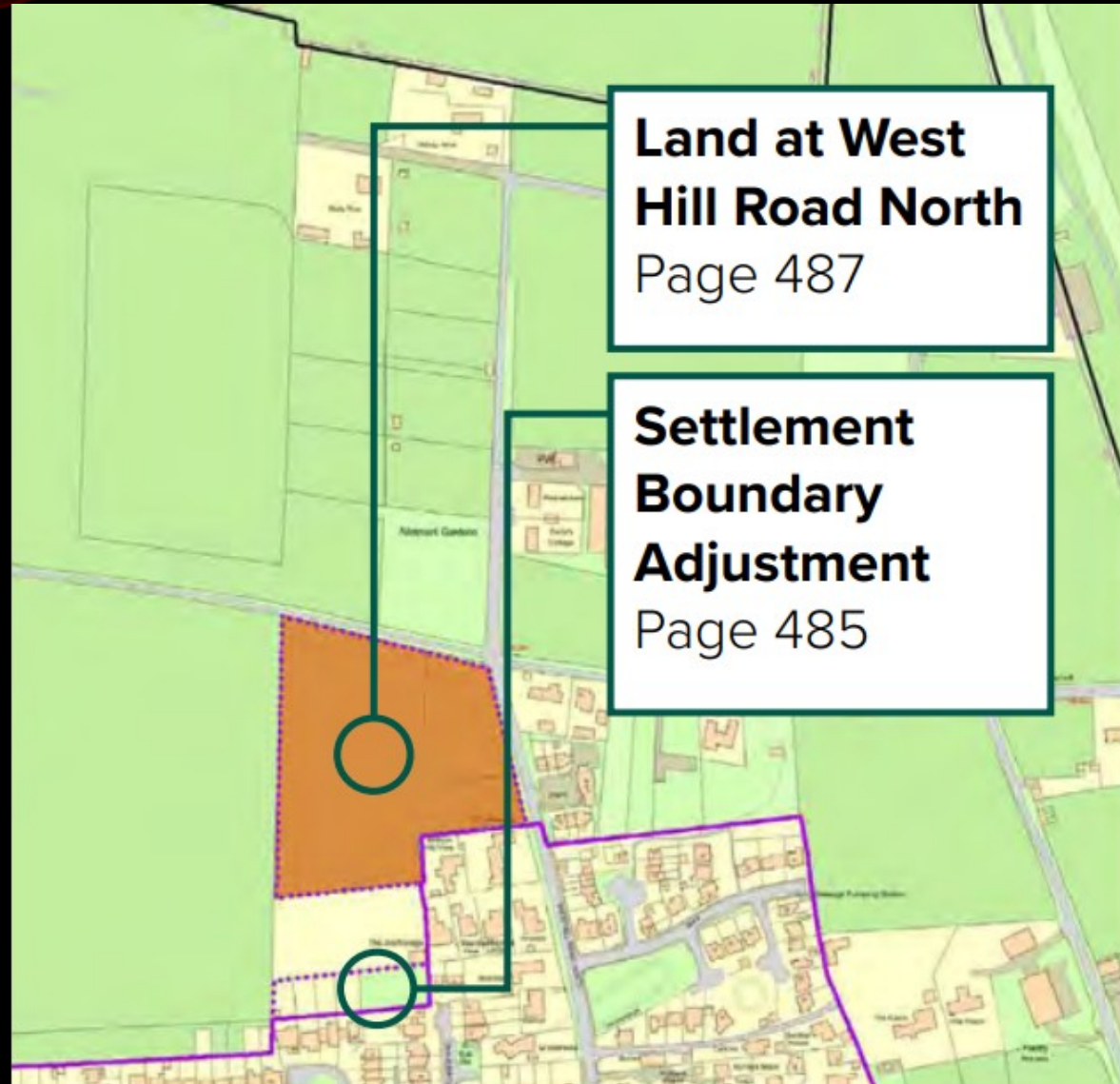


# SOUTH WONSTON SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY





# PROPOSED LOCAL PLAN CHANGE TO SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY



# FEEDBACK

- **Comment Highlights**

**Across all categories 385 Comments have been received.**

**Snapshot of negative views:-**

- Main issues relate to all aspects of the infrastructure related to the village inability to be able to support any additional housing i.e. issues today with water, sewage, electrical outages.
- A considerable number of comments were received concerning poor broadband and mobile phone signals.
- A majority noted that green spaces should be protected and any development should be on brownfield sites only.
- Settlement boundary, why have a boundary if it is going to be breached?
- Village is big enough, more development would destroy the village character.
- The village has grown to twice its size already, we need to preserve the surrounding countryside & infrastructure.
- South Wonston has already undergone massive development and infilling - no more please.
- Village facilities and roads cannot cope with further pressure from added housing.

# FEEDBACK

## **Comment highlights:**

### **Snapshot of negative views Cont'd.**

- Internet, broadband is awful, phone reception shocking too.
- Better/faster broadband, not enough bright streets.
- Broadband is poor, water quality and pressure could be better.
- In addition, a new development would put pressure on drainage, the school population, doctors surgery.
- Traffic is high and will become a bigger problem if dwellings are added. Water and drainage already under pressure of failure.
- Alresford Drove is not suitable for more traffic.
- Village prone to flooding in heavy rain, drainage should be improved to cope.
- Cars travel too fast in the village and a house/garage has been flooded repeatedly due to poor drainage.

# FEEDBACK

## **Comment highlights:**

### **Snapshot of positive views**

- Whilst we live in a rural settlement, we have to accept there is a need for more houses especially social housing.
- Any housing should have low energy/eco features.
- Would be great to have some affordable housing.
- Everything works great as it is.
- Infrastructure ok for our current needs.
- The village is positioned within a unique down land which must be preserved at all costs.
- The countryside immediately outside the settlement boundary, open spaces, greenery.
- The fact it is surrounded by fields in all directions, particularly the view south from lower road.

# FEEDBACK

## **Comment highlights:**

### **Snapshot of positive views Cont'd.**

- The surrounding countryside and historic assets, including the droves must be preserved or the village will lose its identity.
- Public footways and bridleways encouraging exercise.
- Green space for use by the residents especially the young, younger and youngest.
- Village life and still rural and community spirited.
- It is peaceful, pleasant and crime free community and a lovely place to live.
- Safe and friendly community.
- The main positive attribute of the village is its position in the countryside and the access to many rights of way.



# CONCLUSIONS

- A key thread coming through the survey relates to serious concerns about the infrastructure across all utilities.
- Numerous entries regarding broadband and mobile phone coverage.
- Volume of traffic coming through the village and the poor condition of roads and pavements.
- Call to have more solar panels in the village.
- Significant appreciation on the open green spaces, community spirit, peaceful place to live.
- The fact that the village is surrounded by fields in all directions.