

Comments from Great Missenden & Prestwood Revitalisation Group Community Vision Update 2018

3. What do you dislike about the area?

Lack of shops

Prestwood is in need of some urgent TLC and we need to take more pride in our village to enhance its appearance. Prestwood in bloom?

Pot holes. Poor upkeep of public spaces.

Lack of street lighting, delivery lorries & vans parking on pavement on High Street. Poor state of pavements & roads. More parking needed around centre of Prestwood.

Overdevelopment

Dirt and litter and the area around the football pitch is a mess

Roads in bad repair, litter throughout the village and dog fouling issue.

Accessing the parking spaces on the A4128 corner shop parking area in Prestwood when it's busy.

Nothing

Lack of parking which threatens local shops and services, traffic on GM High Street, HS2

The future damage that will be done to the countryside

Too much traffic. Roads are difficult to cross and cycling is dangerous. Road surfaces are poor. Lack of parking for visitors to village.

Government Policy- HS2 - Lack of spend - inaccessible medical services- wheelie bins-

The amount of traffic

No swimming pool , no street lights

The lack of good children's play facilities in Prestwood, and shops in Great Missenden

Where we live is full of drug dealers and addicts. Not a place we enjoy raising our family

The potholes, the lack of buses especially on Sundays (Prestwood) No swimming pool- I feel there should be one at the site of Sprinters.

Young children/ teenagers making mischief, being generally rude, disruptive and disrespectful of others.

Too much reliance on private cars and inadequate public transport, lack of a transport and parking plan to remove cars from village centres; lack of plan for improving the local natural environment and biodiversity

not many community events for all ages locally, too many estate agents /accountants, hairdressers taking up prime retail space in the villages which gives a lack of choice in shopping or for business that need actual retail units

Little community spirit

Need more amenities like restaurants, bars, activities

Number of parked cars! Garages not original purpose used. Likely problems with HS2. Uneven pavements in High Street. In general, nothing.

Dog mess and lack of options for teen agers

Ugly building works, HS2, poor roads, insufficient parking

ALL DAY STREET PARKING BY TRAIN COMMUTERS. HELICOPTER/PLANE NOISE. BUSES ON THE ROADS WITH NOBODY ON THEM. LACK OF ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS. CONDITION OF THE ROADS. LACK OF CAR PARKS

parking, litter, costa, lack of community spirit from commuters

so dark at night, nothing much for teenagers to do, difficult access to leisure centre on dark road

Lack of a village centre

Too many cars

Lack of street lighting, lack of small business offices for rent and having no bank

Not enough tree planting, greenery ,lack of new traditional style architecture

Lack of choice / provision of basic amenities

Lack of parking, disrepair of the roads, slow internet

Bad road surfaces

Nothing about the area but those people who leave litter & dog mess and have no regard for pavement users. And the fact that HS2 and its construction is going to spoil it for us for years to come. State of the roads.

Potholes, volume of traffic relative to the capacity of the infrastructure. Infrequency of buses. Likely impact of HS2 construction.

I want a swimming pool! House prices

Hills!

lack of parking spaces

Yobs on common and ugly buildings on common, poor playground

Some trouble makers who disturb the peace

The litter!

The amount of litter that constantly requires clearing. Illegal parking on yellow lines. The mess left by people around the recycling area in central car park, including 'dumped' waste items.

No garage

Too much traffic around the village and especially the Great Missenden roundabouts, on street parking is uncontrolled

Lack of good outdoor play and paved park-type areas (for walking with prams or teaching children to ride bikes, roller skate etc - pavements uneven and with too many dipped kerbs).
Crime and lack of central area, pot holes!
old Prestwood v new Prestwood residents
Expensive - only for rich people
The fact that a high speed rail link will be driven through an AONB.
The speed of traffic through the village. The poor state of footpaths throughout the village.
lack of parking
Potholes; lack of mobile signal; slow broadband; dogs not kept under control; drivers who use the country lanes as a "rat run" and drive too fast
Mainly any socially inappropriate behaviour (littering for example)
It can be "cut off" from elsewhere.
Lack of good children's facilities- parks good playgrounds etc and the sports wall on the common
litter, graffiti, probably drug trafficking outside the front of our home.
No street lights and pot holes
Speeding, littering, unsociable youth element,
Lack of a thriving village centre where you'll see people
Lack of easily available car parking places for visitors and/or locals.
Poor road maintenance (why do so many local residents keep voting Conservative when the local party obviously can't get money out of central Government because they don't want to upset anyone).
Cars got no way too fast on country lanes where there are no pavements.
The busyness of traffic along the High Street, the challenges for workers to park affordably when up against commuters and the school run. The fear that we are already a dormitory town and that could get worse i.e. no 'identity' of our own, just a lot of co-located dwellings next to a railway and A road.
Traffic
No streetlights
The lack of facilities
No swimming pool
The playground facility needs updating and modernising, the Chequers Tree pub no longer has the same family friendly feel that it had when it was first launched, the young people that hang around the common, the litter - especially in the playground and on the common.
The roads!
Condition of roads
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Flats on Hazell Road
Not enough places for youngsters to play
Nothing for the teens to do
The lack of buses, overpriced taxis, potholes and lack of things for young people to do. Great Missenden gets more attention and services than Prestwood.
Doctors are so busy you cannot get appointments, no local swimming pool, lodge lane is a cut through, and drivers drive far too fast down there. It's dangerous.?
Disjointed facilities, they are scattered across the village
Lack of close pub with garden space for kids, choice of restaurants/takeaways and no swimming pool When we have a leisure centre with no real facilities. Also a proper tennis club with clubhouse so people can socialise and get to know each other and lastly a lovely play park for children
Too many youths with nowhere to go. No village fete which is a shame
State of the road network, pressure to expand
Lack of car parks; shortage of zebra crossings to help people crossing the road and would also slow down traffic.
Prestwood is a dormitory village with no centre - it straggles from the Green Man to the Kings Head
Prestwood is getting too big; too many people for the facilities; need to stop new house building; too many "half-way houses".
Little sense of community and attractions for the young
Deterioration of basic infrastructure ie. roads/footpaths - the worst in living memory.
Potholes
Exhaust fumes from cars & lorries waiting for parking space outside Sainsbury's local.
Upsetting to see vandalism in such a lovely area. Sheepwash Pond constantly suffereing from bottles, rubbish thrown in & left by picnic table. This oasis is enjoyed by young & old. Volunteers' work much appreciated with litter picking in village too.
Hardly anything - miss seeing a local policeman sometimes
Lack of public facilities, dog mess
condition of roads and pavements

Lack of bus routes through Prestwood; threat of HS2
Too many cars, not enough buses.
Poor standard of roads and pavements
Sainsbury's rubbish
Infrequent 48 bus - no longer down Cryers Hill & Hughenden Valley
Speeding cars; only one bus an hour; potholes in Wycombe Road
Rush hour traffic - Lack of transport support.
Anti-social activities on Prestwood Common and Great Missenden Park, Footpaths and Roads poorly maintained, blocked drains, unsightly and excessive street furniture, parking chaos since Sainsbury opened, parking on pavements and yellow lines.
Too many noisy vehicles, not enough parking, rubbish play park, not enough family friendly restaurants.
A4128 is in a disgraceful and dangerous state (March)
Speeding traffic and dangerous parking, lack of light for walking / cycling at night
Difficulty with parking
Moat Lane P/wood - entrance near to blind bend; dangerous because of lack of speed limit enforcement. Every rate payer in the area who funds the Community Centre Car Park should be allowed its use when no alternative available. Lack of street lighting; seeming reluctance by the police to impose speed limits. the most uncomfortable buses used on Route 48.
No facilities at all in South Heath; I am utterly dependant on my car. Not good for the elderly
Gt Missenden High Street congestion; dangerous on pavement at peak traffic times. Lack of parking and parking problems on Rignall Road & outside Missenden Abbey
Not good transport
1. Becoming overcrowded - too many cars - not enough off-road parking. 2. Local pub - Chequers Tree - becoming rough and not very family friendly any more 3. Sainsbury's local - dangerous parking access 4. speeding traffic along A4128 (Wycombe Road). 5. Possibility of 50+ houses ? being built behind Lodge Lane estate - overloading current facilities eg. GPs, schools, etc.
Dislike is too strong a word, However, since the Fitness Centre, Pub and Annie Bailey's closed (wholly or partially due to HS2), the only remaining community centre South Heath has is the garden shop. Although other such sites are not very far away (Ballinger Hall, pubs in Gt Missenden and the Lee), it is a shame not to have an anchor point for the local community.
Minor points: Mobile signal could be better; someone to address outcrops of Japanese Knotweed like the one at the top of Frith Hill or in the Co-Op car park, before they spread; widening the junction of Frith Hill with the A413 roundabout to facilitate left-turning traffic.
No heart to the village, resources are stretched
Too many cars parked and just travelling through the village, without putting anything into the community. Commuters, school drop offs, everybody parks here but nobody uses the shops or library. The village is a giant car park. There should be time limits within the village for how long people can stay if they want to commute then use the station.
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No heart or sense of community in Prestwood (PW). Ridiculous bus service
No real attractive village centre for Prestwood
That all main resources are in Great Missenden, despite Prestwood having far more residents. I appreciate that GM serves other local villages, however it feels as if GM is prioritised because it is more upmarket.
No pavement and safe cycle route to Great Kingshill. Children/teenagers have to be driven as road between edge of Prestwood and Great Kingshill lethal.
HS2, woodland management in the wood between Ballinger and the Lee has been very poorly done. Not sure why the recent tree felling project has not been completed... the mess in the wood at the moment is unacceptable and defeats the object of the tree felling because nothing can grow.
Not very snazzy
Lack of shops and amenities
Escalation of violence & traffic
Lack of restaurants and no swimming pool
Traffic
Too much traffic and noise
No answer supplied
Too crowded especially the roads
Far too much traffic, heavy vehicles on minor roads which are used as rat runs.
Poor parking in village centre (Prestwood)
Traffic congestion, especially in the centre of the village
Traffic, too much. polluting causing poor air quality
Only the pot holes which aren't the responsibility of GMPRG
Not enough interest for teenagers, lack of cultural mix. The Great Missenden Public Loos!
Anti social behaviour
The council invest little in uokeepong the appearance
Speeding transport; threats to the environment (not just HS2!)

Traffic.
Recent gang-related incidents, increasing litter and dog poo, traffic speeds
The dirty looking flats on hazel road. Those people deserve better accommodation
Traffic issues (parking & speeding)
streets overcrowded with parked cars, no village centre, Sainsburys!
The park and lack of things exciting for all ages. And lack of street light's
Litter, no street lights, kids swearing and breaking glass
The roads are overcapacity
The real and upcoming threat of HS2!!! Limited ancient history in Prestwood and lack of 'chocolate box' appeal, lack of coffee shops and restaurants
Unlit pavements
Recent occurrences of anti social behaviour is worrying
Feeling that it is difficult for small independent shops to thrive
Prestwood village centre is fragmented
Housing is expensive
High Street traffic congestion
Increased volume and speed of traffic; lots of selfish car parking on pavements causing pedestrians to walk in the road (especially dangerous for people in wheelchairs and people pushing children in pushchairs); vastly increased litter in last few years; dog fouling on pavements.
The rubbish and fly tipping, the road traffic, the quality road surfaces, the cost of housing for the young, the traffic generated by schooling
The glass up the commons and park area
Prestwood isn't very pretty and lacks a centre. Too many people for the facilities eg narrow roads, parking and doctors very over stretched.
Bad roads, potholes, need more community groups, bus services
Traffic roaring through the village
Lack of Police presence within the village
Traffic
Prestwood - narrow path's and lack of street lighting, better use of the sports centre and also the common. Poor bandwidth. The lack of use of Great Missenden and Prestwood village centres.
Coaches going through the village with diesel pollution.
Inadequate parking for the Misbourne School staff & pupils resulting in congestion problems as vehicles try to pass on the London Road.
School parents driving through Church Street instead of parking on Buryfield and walking them across the field to school.
As a mobile adult both physically and with the ability to drive there are no dislikes but HS2 will probably change that feeling!
The only gripe is the condition of the roads because of the winter weather there has been a considerable increase in the number of potholes. A long term problem which is only ever partially addressed!
traffic and parking especially at school arrival and leaving times
No street lights, uneven pavements difficult with pushchair, playground in Prestwood not great for younger children.
The roads are a disgrace and there are not enough facilities for the removal of dog waste.
It feels very dangerous for pedestrians. I wish it felt safer to walk around the village. To walk from one end of the parade of shops to the other you are forced to walk behind cars reversing out of spaces and dodge cars driving over the pavement to park. It is so dangerous, especially with young children who are unable to see clearly where cars are allowed and where is safe. I'm amazed that there aren't more accidents involving pedestrians.
Empty shops, Prestwood is a bit charmless
Too few car parking facilities for too many cars. It really is becoming a problem. We're building more homes which is fair enough but we need the infrastructure to cater for the increased people and cars.
Nothing in particular!
Lack of buses
Too much traffic and far too many low flying helicopters often circling above rural houses in recent years
The lack of a sense of centre and a lack of trees and planting
The prospect of HS2. The invasion of Deep Mill by travellers. Pot holes on the road to High Wycombe and generally.
The thought of HS2
Having to use car to get anywhere/anything. HS2
Potholes, lack of stable and fixed facilities for young, lack of police presence
Litter, speeding, lack of lighting, poor pavement and road and non-existent gully maintenance
State of the roads, lack of Chinese restaurant, swimming pool (Sprinters)
Make the tennis courts at Sprinters into a Swimming Pool as we have a Tennis club in Great Missenden. Anti-social behaviour at the Chequers Pub.
Traffic through the villages, lack of parking, HS2
Potholes; Litter on the roadside, Commuter traffic jams, lack of TLC
Speed of the traffic; volume of traffic; no visible signs of police and/or traffic wardens.
No real village hub. Lack of eating places and a good pub.
Lived here for 10 years still don't know many people!!
No street lighting
Bad parking and road surfaces
Congestion in Great Missenden, drivers breaking speed limits. Litter
Traffic, loss of independent shops

Potential blight caused by building of HS2 line and major problems with traffic and parking, particularly at school drop off and pick up times
Lack of facilities that one might otherwise expect for a community of this size
Speeding; littering; state of the roads (potholes!)
The fact that busy roads cut through the village. Hate the parking on the 'High Street' . Hate the lack of lighting with cars parked along the busy roads, can't be seen until you are on them. Wifi and mobile phone signal abysmal.
The increasing volume of traffic, the extremely pot holed state of the roads. The poor communication signal and wifi if you are not close to telephone exchange cabinet. The prospect of the physical impact and waste of money of the implementation of HS2 in the area.
Traffic speed through village. Disrespect by some youth for facilities provided and/or maintained for the community by volunteer groups.
Too many cars . Litter.
Poor public transport
Untended property that was acquired by HS2 and its consequent evidence of both criminal activity and vandalism creeping in to a formerly almost crime free area.
Traffic; inadequate parking; potential scarring to AONB landscape by HS2
too much traffic; high house prices
Arrival of HS2; low flying helicopters; potholes
Quality of road surfaces
Potholes and general surfaces of the roads
Lack of amenities; no local pub
Lack of bus service
Lack of local convenience store in South Heath; intermittent Wifi & mobile signal
Not many places to go.
Lack of public transport
Poor bus service to Aylesbury/Chesham. Narrow, uneven pavements through GM village.
Poor local transport
Could be more attractive in Prestwood. Parking bad & buses not very regular.
Hate not having street lighting. Have to go out with a torch - dangerous to trip when you are older.
Lack of frequent public transport
HS2 threat in so many ways
Forthcoming HS2
Fast traffic through Ballinger
People that move in and try to start making changes
Almost everything if disastrous HS2 is built
(a) Dangerous lanes for pedestians/dog walkers from S.Heath to Gt Miss eg. school route. (b) No central community feel in South Heath
Due to HS2 many of our friends have moved due to compulsory purchase or potential upheaval.
Not enough recreational facilities - South Heath/Ballinger? eg restaurant, deli, bars. Lack of pavement on Ballinger Road.
Potholes
Some of the amenities could be improved; lack of diversity