

Comments from Great Missenden & Prestwood Revitalisation Group

Community Vision Update 2018

5. What would you like the area to look and feel like in 10 or 20 years time?

A little bigger, still maintaining a village feel, with useful shops and a thriving community

A more attractive and vibrant settlement with a good sense of community spirit and neighbourliness. Not to contain so many grumpy people!

Cleaner. Still maintain the nice village feel

keep it basically the same with the amendments stated above. The proposed road changes on the revitalisation plan is poorly thought out. A bus and articulated lorry trying to pass each other outside the Chequers Tree would be difficult and spoil the traffic flow through the village.

Still village like and to stay with a sense of community - not too large. Think we should discourage high street chains

The common area of Prestwood to have a central modern, welcoming village centre- not a 1970s community centre. A place for young and old alike to meet, for parents to watch their children play sport, a winterproof sports pitch. The mess by the flats to have gone. Better bus services and super fast broadband

A well presented "working village" proud of its heritage but equally embracing the modern age.

Keep its rural village and town feel with a good community spirit. No increase in overall size. No HS2 spoiling the area.

Cohesive. More sense of community. No bigger than it is.

In my ideal Great Missenden, the river would flow through parkland, traffic would be less and cleaner (electric cars, shared cars, buses that connect with the trains, more buses, more cycle paths - greenway to Little Missenden). There would be more parking and people would flock to organic greengrocers, delis and cafes. The High Street would be pedestrianised. There would be more people but they would walk around and the village would be more peaceful and quieter.

Much as it does now.

Much the same but vastly improved parking facilities for visitors. Improved parking at school premises would cause less congestion in village.

Safer roads, clean villages, schools with community swimming pools and gyms that everyone can use,

No empty shops and facilities for all age groups to enjoy a relaxed life style

Have a few more shops

Modern and self-contained, but with its original charm

Better housing

I would like it to keep and enhance its sense of community. More inclusive village events.

Look the same but feel safer during the late afternoon and at night.

Not to feel oppressed and dominated by so much traffic; green spaces, including road verges, cared for with concern for biodiversity and wildlife as well as public accessibility; community feeling pride in its environment, wildlife and appearance.

More retail shops , less estate agents, better bus links, Prestwood village centre to look something more modern and vibrant rather than something out of the 60's

Look much the same but more community events/interactions

More like Tring or Berkhamsted. With more shops, restaurants, bars, activities

Village and environs to be as well cared for as now, under guidance of committed public spirited people as GMPRG .

It would be nice to see more shops in Great Missenden and the George back in use.

Still beautiful, better parking, better ratios in schools

A village that is well kept and looked after - both by residents and the council - that has ownership by the community in terms of its community groups and resources.

Pedestrian led village centres. Mixed housing, semi rural feel with plants and trees. Safe areas for children to walk and play.

shops area more smart, lit up in the dark, more hang out places/skate park for teenagers

The same with more of a community

Even more rural

Same feel but with more choice / provision of amenities.

More family friendly eating places, bike lanes, business friendly (fast internet, office/retail spaces on the High Street for Prestwood)

The same sense of community feeling, but the appearance to be more modern

Not dissimilar to now but that won't be the case with evermore housing and the devastation that HS2 will have caused

The impact of driverless cars should be taken into consideration. This means that the infrastructure to support this innovation must be taken into account now. For example the car park in the village, next to John Hampden surgery, is going to take on an additional use as a parking place for "pooled" cars (and therefore is a valuable resource that should not be built on). This will free up parking spaces in residential areas and reduce the number of owned vehicles.

The village infrastructure cannot support many more inhabitants without major investment. Improved bus services would reduce the pressures of parking in the shorter term and should be a focus of attention.

More modern, more of a sense of community like the spirit of Christmas

An area full of open spaces and wildlife which can easily be found without having to have a car

Retail shops thriving and safe environment

More attractive and easier parking by shops

Remain set up as villages

No litter, slower traffic, more cycle paths, no parking outside the Coop!

Welcoming, attractive, safe environment for old and young alike.

A bustling community

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| Still remain as a village with improved road traffic control |
| Better outside facilities and areas. |
| Smarter and with a definite centre |
| Stylish, quality area, lots of facilities for all, opportunity for sports - pitches, hub etc. |
| It should fully embrace being 'eco' - more places selling local produce and using the natural beauty of the area to make it somewhere people want to visit. Maintaining and improving the look and feel of the villages without destroying them. |
| Much as it is now without housing built on every acre of green space. |
| More shops. A village centre cafe. |
| Please keep the village feel |
| The same but with no potholes, better telecommunications, and more courteous drivers and dog owners |
| Clean and welcoming |
| I really don't know. |
| The same but with better technology links |
| As indicated above. |
| An area that welcomes change and views young people as a positive addition to the community. More pedestrian only areas. Slower cars on Lodge Lane. |
| More "village-ey" with improved shops and activities for local residents |
| No bigger |
| Maintaining its true originality as a traditional English Village!! |
| A mixed age community - living on the estate I live on there are few young couples as house prices are so high. There are many people in the 80s living on their own in 4 bed houses because there are few alternatives for them. More local employment opportunities - building houses on all brown-field sites simply leads to longer commutes! |
| Thriving, but not overly hectic. A few more small businesses, a sense of a business day and a place of leisure in the evening, rather than a purely dormitory town. I think an important part of this could be some kind of a community scheme to make sure that empty shops on the high street do not stay empty, but find some community use, perhaps as cheap studios for artists, or with favourable rates for micro-businesses to get established. A local fund to make this viable for landlords and new business tenants would be very welcome. Every empty building lets the whole side down. |
| The Roald Dahl connection subtly, but charmingly laced through the village: perhaps Roald Dahl quotes on public benches or on a couple of buildings, a sculpture trail in the woods, a new playground for residents and visitors alike - some kind of an eye-catching sculpture on which children can also play. Whatever form this may take it should enhance and show local pride in this connection. |
| Better surfaced roads and slower traffic |
| Still like a village |
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| Street lighting,swimming pool |
| A welcoming and inviting place for all ages, especially young families. |
| Improved area round the pond and swimming pool at the sports centre |
| Better shops and village entertainment |
| The same as now with less dog poo on playing fields!!!! |
| Clean and tidy |
| A safe beautiful haven |
| Better park at Gryms Dyke. Same community spirit, better doctors and transport system, |
| I'd like it have all I mentioned above to help get community spirit going again |
| Not to change too much except for the above at Q4 |
| I would like it to continue to feel like a village, with a community spirit and not a small town/urban sprawl |
| I hope the village (Great Missenden) will not change much; that is the attraction for visitors, especially from abroad. |
| Prestwood - a proper village with something like a centre of activity |
| For Prestwood to be a real Bucks country village like GM. Prestwood is poor by comparison. Less housing and people - not bigger. |
| A balance in the population in terms of age |
| Cycling lanes and a swimming pool (the pool is a bit extreme, though?) I would like the area to feel communal and friendly. |
| Village atmosphere to be as good as it is now but without the pollution. |
| Perhaps some gardens to sit in when out in Prestwood |
| The same but better sports facilities and less dog mess |
| Like it was 30 years ago when I came to live here, subject to items previously stated |
| As it is now, only with a new generation of people who care for the community. |
| Street lighting; improved village centre |
| Much the same but with more up to date frequent buses. |
| No more ad hoc building - better all round maintenance. |
| We hope it stays as is now once HS2 is completed |

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| Reduced traffic, more family friendly, better pubs, more cycle paths and restaurants. |
| more walking and cycling especially to visit the shops |
| Modern, safe, thriving businesses, retention of rural character. |
| As peaceful as it is now; less traffic; no more houses; easier car parking |
| Not suburbia; nor being taken over by Costas etc. No erosion of Green Belt. |
| A much more connected and open community |
| Not too many more houses so that rural life and countryside access is similar to now. |
| No particular changes. Given the slow death of the High Street across the world, it is probably unreasonable to try to revive the Gt Missenden High Street. Parking is good, though; perhaps consideration to more restaurants or re-zoning some of the shops to residential? Would at least enliven it. |
| Better transport links, better pedestrian access, an easy sense of community |
| More people friendly less traffic! |
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| More heart and soul in PW. Not just residential. Bit more fun |
| A quintessential English village |
| I would like it to have as many, if not more community spaces. For example, I think it is critical that we have a library. High Wycombe/Amersham are too far away. And we need more in the way of sports facilities. Sprinters is only relevant for adults who want to pay for a gym membership. It doesn't feel as if it is for everyone. |
| Could more be done with the communal open spaces (e.g. Prestwood Common)? It is a bit bleak. And there really needs to be more for young people to do (my children are currently below 8 - I am wondering what on earth there will be for them to do round here when they are older, particularly in Winter). |
| Thriving community with pavement/safe cycling access to Great Kingshill so future generations of children don't need driving everywhere. Plus 30 miles per hour from Perks Lane into Prestwood. |
| Not very different. Please avoid over development. |
| More snazzy |
| More lively, more up and coming |
| Continue to feel like a rural village |
| Quaint |
| Less traffic. More aesthetically pleasing - Prestwood |

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| Quieter and Peaceful |
| No answer supplied |
| No more houses, more space for wildlife, restoration of the Misbourne River. |
| Not too much development |
| More modern shopping centre in Prestwood with restaurants and outside seating / tables. Underground car park would be welcome |
| More bustling with a diverse range of shops and local pubs. More affordable housing for young families and elderly residents wishing to downsize. |
| Quiet, peaceful, tranquil, friendly, a pleasure for the eye and ear |
| Much as it is today with the addition of the Chequers Corner Improvement |
| More flowers around the village and edge of Buryfield - while retaining the rural feel |
| A close knit community in a well maintained beautiful area |
| Still like a collection of rural villages albeit with modern facilities |
| Pioneering in sustainable living - a happy, thriving community with well cared for rural and semi-rural environment. |
| Essentially the same, more mixed demographically and more accessible. |
| A village that everyone can be proud of with resources being directed to the places that maintain it as a good place to live whatever age. |
| The same as it is. A lovely village with a lovely community. Bring the run down estate back to life and maybe people would unite in a better way by feeling better about themselves. |
| Market its rural atmosphere and surroundings |
| Like a happy pretty village, not a faceless town with no infrastructure. |
| Safer cleaner more modern more to entertain youth so they dont wreck it. We need a closer fuel station |
| A nice area to live & raise kids |
| Great Missenden High Street feeling revitalised with new ideas, cycle connections between the villages and the general open feel to the area maintained. |
| Fairly similar to how it is now (ie no HS2!!!). Pretty and well-preserved with a good mix of planting and countryside |
| no bigger! less cars on roads and pavements well kept green spaces and woodland still there thriving High Streets with retailers (as opposed to service type businesses) - no empty units |
| Much as it does now - peaceful rural villages (but clean and tidy) with lovely countryside around them. No large building developments. |
| Depends on what we do now. If we don't get a handle on how to introduce low cost housing and transport without destroying the environment, (it is possible), we will be joined to the surrounding villages by Tudorbeathan mansions. |
| Clean, |

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| Still with a spacious feel and still a village without being too urbanised. The shopping area to feel more the centre of the village. |
| Not overwhelmed with run down cheap looking houses and flats |
| To have a better defined centre of the village. Very long and sprawling as it is. |
| Perhaps a Youth Club for all |
| Safe & peaceful |
| Focus should be maintaining the heart of the community, great community spirit, providing first class facilities for all ages and maintaining a lovely village setting and protecting the surrounding Chiltern countryside. Ensuring the community maximises all opportunities available for the community. With large infrastructure projects (HS2 and large housing projects) there will be increased volume of people passing through and visiting the community. This provides opportunities and threats. Important the community retains a balance. Important that the community protects the core community values, but also sees this as an opportunity to provide better facilities, such as revitalising the village centres to make them attractive to the community and also visitors. Important that the community recognises the importance of visitors to ensuring the community flourishes, but also managing that risk carefully so that the core values of the village are maintained. Important that the community evaluates the risks and rewards and ensure that there is a strong infrastructure plan to deal with this. |
| To maintain its current happy and relatively unspoilt nature. No big industrial or housing estates should be permitted in this AONB. |
| I wouldn't like the atmosphere of the area to change - most inhabitants of these areas chose to live here for a reason! |
| Definitely no street lighting in the out-lying villages |
| stay as it is now but with improvements in Sustainability awareness and traffic management |
| Keep village feel, street lights to make walking from station to Prestwood safer, more frequent bus service to High Wycombe to provide people with a real alternative to driving. |
| Much more of a community feel. |
| A vibrant and thriving community that favours alternative transport over cars. At least to see pedestrians better protected from the traffic. |
| Whilst maintaining its heritage, clean, fresh and appealing to a range of people and incomes. |
| Little change in the look but more commercial activity in the High Street of GM, and use made of all vacant sites. The George pub back in business |
| Broadly similar, but with a more diverse community |
| Same level of green spaces with efficient public transport and protection of overhead space from too much air traffic. Thriving insects and wildlife, and locally produced food available from our local farms. |
| For the community to share a sense of pride in their village and enjoy being part of it. More trees in my view would give Prestwood a 'feel good' feel! I can imagine the High Street designed similarly to the shopping parade, which would help slow cars down and provide more places to plant trees. Perhaps flowering cherries could work. How much nicer it would look to walk down the street under the canopies of white blossoming Cherry trees. I realise this would be expensive though. |
| Much the same! |

I would like it look and fell pretty similar to what it is now, gently evolving with all the technological improvements that the years will provide. Hopefully there will still be a full range of shops and amenities for the full age rage of the population

Natural environment conserved/improved. Identity of villages maintained. Variety of services/retail/businesses involving and useful to local people continuing

Similar to today with improvements mentioned

As mentioned in 4 above - that's all

Less anti-social behaviour

A revitalised village centre for Prestwood, retaining the charm of Great Missenden and protection of the environment. If the road infrastructure for Bucks was improved, there would be less traffic passing through the villages.

Generally there needs to be more tree planting, cycle ways, places to dwell with benches, wild flower planting, up to date methods of road calming by use of attractive surface materials and build outs and a wider range of shops and restaurants to sustain those that are already here. A new combined school in Prestwood, with new shops and sustainable housing on the current sites.

Well kept; busy towns with large green opens spaces

To continue to be a beautiful small town within the Chilterns.

Subtle street lights

Not over developed. More emphasis on a real village 'centre'

More green areas, flowers, shrubs, trees

Keep the rural parts, tidier and improved parking areas

villages with safe cycle routes unspoiled countryside. Appealing shops in the villages. Social spaces for all ages.

No major changes other than some affordable housing and the suggestions we have made in this paper

An improved biodiversity and better maintenance of the special Chilterns environment. Thriving communities with an emphasis on sustainability in all aspects of the life of the area.

Returned to the wonderful place it is now following HS2 construction. Parking problems solved. Roads improved, pot holes repaired. Ability to be able to walk and cycle comfortably around Great Missenden and Prestwood with some pedestrian only area - ie without cars speeding/polluting

I would like the area to retain the facilities that it has today and not lose anything, very often decisions can be made that reduce services, shopping facilities reduce and less becomes available.

Still a village character, with AONB, green belt, natural spaces observed and retained so far as possible, and in any event avoiding overdevelopment that merges villages into one; a sense of community.

I would like a scheme which slows down traffic to allow pedestrians to cross along the High Street, where they share the space. I feel the crossing is poorly sited and there should be other crossings on humped areas. I would like to see adequate parking facilities for the local shops.

Like it did when I moved here. Less traffic, much more tranquil and friendly.

A village that is cared for. A reduction in speed through the village. Extension of yellow lines at the top of Honorend Road to enable better vision for cars entering from Cheques Tree end. To feel safe!

Pretty much the same with less potholes

peaceful and safe

When we moved to South Heath it was much easier to know our neighbours, we had The Black Horse on Frith Hill, The Barley Mow on the Chesham Road, The Pheasant at Ballinger, The Boot at Lee Common, The Gate at Lee Gate, The Cock and Rabbit at The Lee and The Old Swan at Swan Bottom, all places to meet each other. Today only the last two remain, one of which (The Cock and Rabbit) is unlikely to survive as a pub much longer, due to the need for extensive and expensive restoration/modernisation work. I am concerned that the increasing lack of social interaction between residents in our villages, will continue to dilute our interest in preserving its heritage.

After HS2 is up and running,

- (a) SLOW block-paved High Street with lots of specialist shops including a fantastic deli.
- (b) Take out 2 of the pinch points due to jams and pollution they cause. Refer to slow towns in Europe.
- (c) Ban heavy trucks and coaches in High Street and introduce police-controlled 15 mph speed limit.
- (d) Attractive development behind RedLion not too dense plus plenty of parking plus mix of Affordable housing and other with access from Back Lane or Network Rail owned land via Station Approach, NOT off High Street.
- (e) Misbourne School Sports Centre inc swimming pool also available to local residents.
- (f) Misbourne School to arrange parking for increasing number of 6th form students on site, to take them off the London Road.
- (g) Village focal point at junction High Street/Station Approach now improved but needs refurb inc paving, planters, layout scheme etc.
- (h) Total refurb of Memorial Hall - HS2 CEF to pay?
- (i) More B&Bs and hotels in area - drastic shortage for tourists, friends and relatives visiting local families, wedding guests attending local church - evidence available from St Peter & Paul Parish Office. This shortage has direct effect on viability of local traders. eg. a simple, reasonably priced hotel where Bubbles car wash used to be with second-hand van sales gone. Opposite, a reasonably priced petrol station - does Shell still own it?
- (j) Potholes should be fixed countrywide and if funding not available, HS2 should be stopped.
- (k) Adequate parking in a widened London Road - at the start of Whitefield Lane LHS and beginning RHS, at the Station by a one-storey car park alongside platform; no more price anomalies in Station Car Park - introduce reduced rates parking weekends and BHols for tourists, visitors inc. Roald Dahl Museum visitors.
- (l) Misbourne School to have its own parking for all staff, visitors and pupils.
- (m) Station forecourt area owned by Network Rail and parts leased to Chiltern Rail an eyesore; Now designated Brownfield site for possible development; should be a mixed development of starter housing and shops, with used car sales site long gone. Could Network Rail work alongside owners of land behind Red Lion to design and build a transformational scheme which Gt Miss can be proud of?
- (n) CDC planning dept must think big and into the future not just react to whatever a developer puts before it, which appears to be the case at the moment.
- (o) Traffic & Speeding - A413 increased traffic and speeding monitored and controlled by police. In May 2018 used as a race track frequently, especially early mornings and late at night.
- (p) Finally, I expect our Councils, government and HS2 Ltd to respect our AONB. Little sign of that so far. Respect for ancient woodlands, footpaths must be maintained and landscape left unscarred in 10 years' time.
- (q) Church Street end of High Street - 4 years of derelict state must be ended, even if most goes to residential with the George pub remaining. Sad - but must be realistic - good development will revitalise this end of High Street - Urgent.

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| Still peaceful woods and fields |
| (a) More lively (b) Pavement from Ballinger to South Heath (to walk to nearest "town" - GMiss) |
| Like it does now. Closer community. More community events for all ages. |
| Rural not urban |
| More like it was 20 years ago but with better bus service |
| GMiss peaceful quiet "village" not a "town" - no more houses |
| Improved local transport |
| Thriving and a friendly community |
| Feel safe; little or no crime; no more charity shops - one is good; Nice cross-section of people and ages, as now. |
| Much the same with small improvements |
| Same as it does now but with HS2 coming, this will be IMPOSSIBLE |
| I wouldn't want villages to disappear |
| Same; quiet village; good open spaces |
| The same as it is now within reason, plus few new houses on Mushroom farm site. |
| As it is now but without HS2 |
| Rural, safer pedestrian routes for children from S Heath into Gt Miss. Clean, tidy, maintained roads. A community cafe & play park for old and young, potentially volunteers supporting special needs workers in cafe. |
| Keep it rural; no major development |
| Exactly the same but with better roads and without HS2 |
| A friendly village atmosphere open to all with a mix of the old and the new. Independent retailers without chains... look at Alresford in Hampshire |