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St Mary's Church Guild, 23 January 2018,

WNP Chairman in dialogue for an hour with 32 Guild members.

After a brief outline of Plan progress since January 2016, members took up the opportunity to express concerns.

- The emotional matter of the Wheatley burial ground closing in December 2018 was raised. It touches nerves.
- Concern for numbers of newcomers overwhelming current facilities, particularly water supply and sewerage, was expressed.
- Concern that strangers would not understand village and community life. Housing design was criticised - high walls around gardens; an estate behind such a high wall; wallpaper repeat-pattern housing.
- Pollution in the village was discussed, existing monitoring at village crossroad on High St, and complaints from Old London Rd picked up during Public Consultation.
- Concern about unaffordability of housing and empty formula 'affordable'

Local families unable to buy in their own locality.

Appreciation was shown for the 'stickability' of Neighbourhood Plan Committee. Chairman WNP was frank and hid nothing. This was particularly appreciated.

John Fox.

Chairman WNP