

Planning Policy

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the very informative and lucid Consultation Document.

As I approach my ninetieth birthday, I do not expect to be much involved in *Romsey's Future*, but I am concerned for my children and grandchildren, all of whom were born and live in Romsey.

On Question 43, may I make two observations?

1) As you know, Romsey's street patterns and waterways (millstreams) are based on it being a Market Town which makes it such an attractive place to visit, shop, Worship, relax and to live and to do business in.

My plea is that, whatever comes out of this exercise, the "Powers that Be" will always seek to keep it that way.

2) We are promised that 1300 more families are soon to join us at Whitenap. I do hope that our Planners for that scheme will learn from the Abbotswood experience on the matter of roads so densely packed that, (according to our Fire and Rescue Chief) * parked cars would obstruct the passage of Emergency Services.

I am informed that our Planning Dept. was powerless to require one of the the building contractors to comply with County standards, so those particular roads have not been adopted – with all that entails for the householders.

Please make sure that, in future, Planners are given the powers such that the tail no longer wags the dog!

(viz: The Old Romsey Brewery Site)

* as reported in the *Romsey Advertiser*.