

# **Mabels Farm Advisory Group**

## **Report to Ilmington Parish Council on 26 March 2026**

### **Community Survey Results**

The public meeting called by Ilmington Parish Council on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 was a first step in engaging our community in inputting views on the development of Mabels Farm. This development will provide a significant number of new houses in the village as identified in the approved Ilmington Neighbourhood Plan.

The meeting focused on options for access to and from the new development which fundamentally means either via Back Street or Mickleton Road, with a commitment to survey the village to ask for initial preferences.

The survey was conducted in February 2026. We record the results below. Please note that the survey is one step in a wider fact-finding exercise. The survey and analysis of the many helpful accompanying comments provide valuable insight which will inform Parish Council efforts to secure the best possible outcomes for the community.

However, the survey alone cannot establish what is achievable. So, we anticipate conducting significant further work that includes establishing more detail about what is likely to be proposed in the forthcoming planning application, e.g., the housing mix, and whether improvements to Back Street are a genuine option and whether potential planning issues can be overcome in relation to a Mickleton Road option. We will report back to the community as this work progresses.

Thank you all for your interest and a particular thank you to all who completed the survey, commented on access options or who made wider observations about the development.

### **Survey Results:**

350 Survey forms were issued to households (334 households are shown in the 2021 Census with some additional housing developed since then).

140 Households (40%) completed the survey: a return rate of 30 – 50% for a survey of this type is considered good / representative<sup>1</sup>

### **Preferences:**

90 of responding households favoured a Mickleton Road Access (64.3%)

44 of responding households favoured a Back Street Access (31.4%)

6 of responding households recorded no preference (4.3%)

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<sup>1</sup> Sources include Survey Monkey & Kantar

## Analysis of Comments

Rather than list all comments individually, we have grouped them around key themes emerging from those comments.

