

Brainstorming

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Why have a Community Forum?

Need to include everybody's voice

Coherent voice

Unity of views

Organised group to gather momentum – louder / unified voice

Community bonding

Local democracy

Negotiation

Active participation

Saving the village

Character of the village

Preservation

Stop (inappropriate) development

Influencing the future

To develop into a community group – where you can get to know people if new to area

Represent residents

Unknown future – don't know what it looks like

Use it for celebrations – to communicate positives – hope as well as anger

Different views of sustainable development

Mistrust of the council

Who asked for the houses – where did it start?

Better publicity

More credible

Need to reach rest of Alphington – do they know or not care?