

Comments from returned medical facility questionnaires

- Surgery in Newton Poppleford
- One hour by car. 4 hours by bus [round trip to Ottery St Mary]
- I thought the doctors couldn't afford to staff or equip a new one?
- It would be more convenient for everyone in the village to have one [a doctors surgery] here, for obvious reasons.
- The planning permission was granted on a surgery being built. Would they have got planning without? Keep the PROMISE.
- The promised amenity should be delivered. Building more houses without it just exacerbates the problem for us.
- I am 96 years old and find it very difficult to get to any doctor.
- The village is growing. Sidmouth won't take Newton Poppleford residents which is the only direct bus route. I think it's disgraceful the promise of a surgery has been broken and if they don't build one that land should be for community use only!
- Only just moved in to lovely Newton Poppleford. Would strongly request local medical facilities in Newton Poppleford.
- Brilliant to have a GP surgery with all facilities for the village.
- We need a medical centre
- I think it is appalling that we are to lose the opportunity of a new surgery for the village.
- The developers should deliver a surgery as promised.
- When I can't drive where would I go?
- We feel that a medical surgery in this village (with its soon to be expanding population) is a necessity.
- The increase in the number of new homes promised a surgery. We are appalled to discover that CDE have reneged on this provision. The current surgery is not fit for purpose.
- With 3 asthmatic children who need occasional nebulising it is a long way to go in emergency situation and really is a very long time consuming and expensive trip. We were with the Beacon surgery but were forced to move when we moved from Sidmouth to Newton Poppleford.
- Positives – no missing appointments due to delays, reduction of carbon footprint, much easier access when really unwell, less doctor call outs.
- Newton Poppleford like a number of villages in the area have older people that do not drive. This is a high proportion of the community. Myself, like others, find it hard to ask for help, the busses to Ottery are scarce. It takes away independence.
- I feel the current surgery in Newton Poppleford is not easily accessible by the elderly or disabled making it difficult for them to attend resulting in more home visits.
- I am not getting any younger and I worry that if I'm unable to use my vehicle there is no direct bus between Newton Poppleford & Ottery. It can take hours to fit in a visit given the bus times and changes.
- Ottery St Mary is an excellent surgery but I can foresee problems getting there as I get older and possibly stop driving. With the additional houses a surgery makes sense.
- I was disgusted when I heard they were cheating us out of our surgery. That was the reason they got planning.
- Would be good to have a surgery in the village.
- The village would really benefit from the promised surgery
- I would be pleased with local surgery if Sidmouth used it as well.

- Can't keep building new houses without providing facilities. And surely a deal is a deal! If planning permission was granted for houses and a surgery then a surgery should be provided.
- Agree with the parish Council that CDE should not get permission for 2 houses and should stick to all their promises.
- To build a Doctor's surgery was originally promised
- Even if a medical centre is not built that land should be retained in case another community facility is needed
- A medical facility in Newton Poppleford is much needed and will increase as the houses are occupied. The present facilities are overloaded.
- CDE – SHAME ON YOU.
- We would like to see the Doctor's surgery at the new development as promised.
- We don't want the added traffic of a doctor's surgery here.
- I feel that a surgery would be a God-send to go to in Newton Poppleford. For me better than walking to the one near the post office as I am 90 years old.
- Needed in the village without a doubt.
- OK at the moment but not as we get older
- The village is in urgent need of a surgery especially for those with limited travel options and as the population begins to grow.
- Having lived in Newton Poppleford for 4 years it would be more convenient and Clinton Devon Estates should be forced to implement their promise or denied any further planning applications to build houses in the village
- Given the number of elderly residents in the village and that it was originally promised it is essential that a surgery is established here.
- Very very difficult to link appointment times with bus times also hazardous negotiating roundabout at Tolle House on foot. Same problems apply getting to Ottery St Mary if one cannot drive.
- The applicants should not be able to withdraw the promised surgery.
- The agreed surgery should be provided. We attend Sidmouth surgery but not many of the village residents do and so have very poor transport facility to Ottery.
- With a young family a medical practice in our village would make such a difference.
- A doctors surgery is needed
- I feel very annoyed at this decision as I thought it was a condition of the planning. I cannot understand how Clinton can change their mind. It is in the interests of the community to have this surgery.
- One of us is 96 years of age, the other is 76. If we could not use the car we would be vulnerable.
- Very disappointed surgery is not to be built in Newton Poppleford
- CDE should not be able to build houses on land allocated for community use.
- In a village this size, and with the number of elderly and very young people, there is so much need for a surgery in the village.
- I would like to see a manned surgery in the village but would wish to keep contact with doctors who know me from Ottery.
- It does seem ridiculous in this day and age that a village of this size does not have a suitable GP provision.
- Please honour the original plan to have a surgery in Newton Poppleford.
- A village of this size (and still growing) must have a full time surgery as part of its infrastructure. Ottery is too far.

- If a planning application is approved (ie surgery) it should be followed. The increase in family housing, new school and increasing age warrants a surgery provision
- With ever increasing population of Newton Poppleford a surgery as originally proposed and granted is essential.
- We need a surgery DESPERATELY and NO more houses not already planned.
- Being at the outer limit of Newton Poppleford Parish we mainly use Ottery or Sidmouth
- Use Ottery St Mary (Coleridge) 95% of the time because of chemists. Do not need doctor's surgery in Newton Poppleford.
- Newton Poppleford is currently adequate for our present needs.
- Main concern is the inability to get an appointment with a GP at all ("several weeks at least" quote).
- Although we are officially in Newton Poppleford and Harpford we are nearer Tipton St John geographically
- Regarding question 2 [where would you prefer to attend a doctors surgery] and the options, keeping the same GP is more important than where I attend a surgery. If it was the only way to stay with the present GP then Coleridge Ottery St Mary would replace this as option 1.
- Quite happy with my present arrangements. Time might change if we get less mobile.
- If Clinton homes get away with this no further planning permission should be granted in East Devon
- Could the land be "banked" along with a pledge by Clinton Devon to build the surgery – say for a period of 10 years, in case the situation changes? They have, after all, had the benefit of the planning permission for the estate of houses.
- Very much needed is a bigger parking slot for the disabled – Coleridge medical centre far too small, indeed far too small all round.
- We were very much looking forward to a new surgery in the village, particularly as older residents. We feel somewhat cheated.
- This is an absolute disgrace. Clinton Devon Estates clearly had no intention to build a doctors surgery so it is unsurprising. 2 houses should not be allowed under any circumstances as this was clearly their plan all along. A community space should be built which could be used at a later date as a doctors surgery.
- They should stand by their original agreement that was agreed and approval given just because it is CD Estates don't give in!
- Q2 is impossible to answer! Newton Poppleford preferred for geographical reasons but Ottery St Mary for continuation of relationship with existing doctors.
- Increase elderly population and housing. Transport difficulties. Infrequent bus times.
- This application for 2 further houses should not be supported. The developers must fulfil their promise to the village.
- New to Newton Poppleford. Bought here because doctors surgery was nearby. Was shocked & disgusted when told we had to go to Ottery St Mary. Beacon also refused us!
- We desperately need a surgery in Newton Poppleford!! We have new houses increasing the population. IT'S A NO BRAINER!!
- Being able to attend a surgery in the village would be more practical also another surgery hopefully more chance of seeing a doctor the week you need to.
- It probably comes down to landowners and the value of development land
- At 83 and 92 we wonder how much longer we will be able to drive!
- With a growing population and no public transport from newton Poppleford to Ottery it is vital that we have a proper medical surgery in the village

- The site for the new surgery should be retained as promised, until NHS funding is available. The present facilities are very minimal and not sufficient. The site should not be used for housing.
- We are 100% happy with our current practice and have no wish to change.
- It would be wrong to build two more houses at King Alfred way instead of a surgery. The land which was promised should remain for this amenity until such time...
- Dismayed that the original plan is not being honoured. Housing for profit! With new building we need the surgery.
- Surely this is a "no brainer"! Surely we cannot allow developer greed to 'trump' the needs of the community.
- This would cause more traffic hold ups, a dangerous roundabout would be made worse (traffic lights should be there) and Burrow Lane already used as a rat run nearly (speed) been hit by several cars when walking or reversing out of drive
- It's a shame that people break their promises, especially those in elevated positions (rich?)
- We feel the people of Newton Poppleford are being betrayed.
- Without a car a visit to the surgery would be extremely difficult if attending Coleridge.
- My journey relies on bus connections and busses not being late. I have 3 children. Midwives and nurses and female examinations are not available in Newton Poppleford.
- If children need to visit the doctor during the school day they miss much more school travelling to Ottery St Mary
- [Budleigh and Newton Poppleford] new residents would no doubt prefer. Have been with Sidmouth Blakemore / Beacon for over 30 years who look after my needs excellently. Would not wish to change.
- It is insane that the residents of this village should be required undertake a 10+ miles each way journey to Ottery when there is no easy public transport. A triumph of NHS organisation. Or not!
- Very shortly, due to our age, we are 87 years, we will be obliged to travel by bus!
- We have always attended the Sidmouth HC since 1997 and happy to continue to do so. We feel the residents of Newton Poppleford deserve a medical centre here.
- Only one driver. Doing the journey by bus would be tedious when governed by an appointment time.
- I like attending the existing Newton Poppleford surgery but parking difficult by car. Park usually full of school people!! Nothing provided for them on their site!!! The rest of us have to take pot luck!!
- Perhaps from the original planning permission could be used to maintain existing surgery? And 2 more houses be for shared ownership (in perpetuity) not open market. Or 1 house 1 surgery! It doesn't need to be big. Could all local doctors surgeries share a new (or existing) facility?
- A new surgery would be a great advantage to the village.
- More facilities would be nice. The entrance to the local surgery, which has no amenities, is appalling and dangerous to someone without sight and good balance. In fact quite disgraceful for 2019. Also there is little car parking spaces.
- There is no satisfactory public transport to Ottery and we need a suitable practice here in Newton Poppleford.
- I think Coleridge could rent a couple of rooms at the Beacon surgery but still operate independently. CDE to pay for it.
- We are both over the age of 90 years and a nearer medical centre is essential for our well being and for all other residents of our two villages.

- Agree with Parish Council. Clinton Devon Estates should not be allowed to withdraw / change original planning application.
- The biggest disadvantage of living in a delightful village of Newton Poppleford is not having a fully practicing Doctor / nurse surgery – and as we are getting older the likelihood of being unable to drive one’s car – and a bus journey would be impractical.
- I agree that Newton Poppleford has been badly let down by the withdrawal of the surgery
- A promise is a promise! We are sure CD Estates can find another plot of land. Greed!
- Our worry is that if and when neither of us can drive any more the journey to Ottery St Mary would be a huge problem.
- As it appears that Coleridge surgery cannot afford to equip a new surgery the new application for 2 houses should only be affordable, not general market.
- New homes going up everywhere in Ottery St Mary and Coleridge Medical Centre already stretched. New surgery in newton Poppleford much needed and promised!!
- A surgery is for the benefit of the community. 2 x further houses is for the benefit of Clinton Estates! Poor action to take Clinton estates!
- A better equipped and more easily accessible surgery is needed for the village. The present one is not really accessible to disabled people and soon there will be more people living here.
- Would love a GP surgery in the village.
- This is ridiculous. I would like to know how many residents don’t want a surgery, and what’s to decide. It’s a no brainer unless CDE have ulterior motive in respect of the committee cronies.
- A surgery closer to home would make such a difference to our lives.
- If no surgery then the land should be left vacant for any future social need. If not “the surgery” looks like a planning ploy.
- If the parish council hadn’t been so hostile to the King Alfred Way development I’m sure the surgery would have been provided.
- Having just been told to stop driving it is now much more inconvenient to have to go to Ottery and a larger village surgery would help immensely.
- Could use one closer due to sons autism...
- Under no circumstances should more houses be built on this piece of land designated for the doctors surgery! Thank You.
- The medical facilities in Newton Poppleford need to be improved. The site should be kept for a doctors surgery.
- Funding for new Newton Poppleford surgery now not available, site should remain free as green space until funding is available. Currently small surgery very little use - no facilities – with number of new houses in Ottery accessing doctor will become much more difficult in the future.
- Residents who don’t drive need a surgery in Newton Poppleford – no bus to Ottery, most registered there. How did CDE get away with it? I have personally used NP surgery 3 times.
- The community planning gain that benefits Newton Poppleford must not be given back to the developers. The surgery land must be retained by the community for future beneficial use.
- We go to Woodbury as this is where we work – were originally at Ottery but found distance too far in the wrong direction. We feel CDE should uphold their promise of a surgery to the village and NOT build houses on this plot. It is community land – as promised as condition of planning consent.

- While we can currently drive but the time will come, before long, when we will have to go by bus. A nightmare journey.
- If I'm unable to drive I could bus and / or walk to Newton Pop or Sidmouth. NO BUS to Ottery St Mary. Cost for "help scheme" transport to Ottery St Mary is £10 per trip. Prohibitive for many. Appointment wait time at OSM unacceptable.
- If I had to stop driving I am not sure how I would get to the surgery, as no direct bus service.
- If/when I can no longer drive I would have to get a taxi if I can't get a lift – probable cost at least £20 each journey.
- There should be some planning gain for the village in this development. Physio gym?
- If planning permission for houses was given to include a doctors surgery if the houses are built the doctors surgery should have to be completed.
- We fully support the parish council in opposing such a move.
- Luxury houses do not fulfil a local housing need/ We don't trust CDE – you should build the infrastructure – eg the surgery – first
- If Clinton is allowed to build housing on the area supposedly earmarked for surgery ALL profits should go to village – ideally land should be kept for village amenity.
- Developers should not be allowed to bribe planning authorities to give them planning permission.
- We definitely need a practice here.
- Not really interested in Newton Poppleford
- A fully functioning surgery / medical centre in Newton Poppleford would be ideal.
- We have only one car, therefore relying on it to make an urgent, unplanned, journey to see a GP cannot be relied on. So, we would both much prefer to be able to walk or travel by public transport to get a doctors surgery. We could walk to a surgery in Newton Poppleford, or travel by frequent bus to either Sidmouth or Budleigh. It is not practical to use the infrequent bus to get to Coleridge Medical Practice in order to meet constraints of appointment times.
- We are desperate for a surgery closer to us – especially for some of the elderly members of our community who rely on others to get them to the surgery.
- Coleridge Medical centre service is awful. You can't get an appointment to see a doctor. You are always fobbed off. Coleridge Medical centre is not fit for purpose.
- A surgery needed in Newton Poppleford
- Many new houses in Ottery will make waiting for an appointment at Coleridge considerably longer and waiting on arrival will also be longer.
- Would be good to be able to walk or take the bus to the surgery
- A promise is a promise!
- This area is a growing community and requires proper infrastructure, without this the impact on Ottery and Sidmouth is unsustainable.
- Would a surgery built in Newton Poppleford still be a small offshoot of Coleridge or a fully equipped Medical Centre with all facilities (eg. nurse, chemist to provide prescriptions)?
- I am happy with the Beacon Medical Centre however I think there should be a medical centre for those who go to Ottery.
- The surgery at Newton Poppleford is out of date and needs replacing
- Having a surgery in the village would make a big difference to the access to a doctor for our residents. As the surgery would have practice nurses it would also reduce the work load for the district nurses.
- Having a local surgery would make it easier to visit. The shorter travel time means I would miss less work time.

- CDE were never going to build it.
- Would be so much more convenient for us to be able to attend a surgery in our own village
- It is vital we have a surgery in the village that is fit for purpose. The promise of building a surgery must be upheld and the building of further homes opposed.
- We have had to wait several weeks to get repeat prescriptions sorted out, Not once has it been on time.
- We are still with doctors in Exeter due to the fact there is no doctors here.
- We would like a doctors surgery please!
- I dread having to go there [Ottery] because of the time it takes if having to rely on the bus.
- Whether or not there is a perceived need for the builder to complete a surgery it must go ahead since it was part of the reason planning was granted.
- I prefer Budleigh doctors but appreciate other residents rely on a surgery in the village
- Our daughter lives in Newton Poppleford but has not transport
- Especially for the OAPs we would benefit from a LOCAL surgery.
- It would be nice to have our own medical centre
- Planning permission was given on a promise of a new surgery, Clinton Devon Estates should be forced to uphold this agreement.
- I feel very strongly that a community of this size should have its own GP surgery
- My wife is in a wheelchair and unable to use village surgery, the new one would be ideal for access.
- I would prefer to stay with my current practice but transport to Ottery is very difficult and I am concerned for when I do not have my own transport
- Would it be possible to extend the small surgery in Newton Poppleford car park? Has this been discussed?
- There is not a direct bus service to Ottery and should I not be able to drive it would be difficult to get to the surgery.
- Coleridge is massively over subscribed and will only get worse with new housing in Ottery. Newton Poppleford surgery is desperately needed.
- If no GP currently wishes to take on new premises in Newton Poppleford, perhaps the land could be held until economic climate changes and a GP may be interested.
- Newton Poppleford desperately needs a GP surgery – particularly for older folk.
- I would imagine there is a high percentage of elderly people in the village which creates a much bigger problem to attend the surgery.
- It is both time consuming and costly to travel to Ottery, and onerous when you are unwell. It is hard to get an appointment in Newton Poppleford as the situation currently is – and this will only get worse with the increase in population with all the new building.
- I believe Newton Poppleford should be served owing to the distance of main surgeries, cost of travel, and age demographics.
- A surgery in Newton Poppleford would be very welcome.
- It would be great to have a proper surgery not just a room for a doctor. A nurse who could do blood tests etc would help.
- Can they make improvements to existing surgery in Newton Poppleford?
- A medical / doctors surgery is urgently required in our village, especially for those that rely on public transport.
- Just moved to the village. Were with Sidmouth but say we cannot go there now as we live in Newton Poppleford.
- Two of us are pensioners, both driving. For how long? What then? Bus services unreliable.

- The parish councils opposition to the withdrawal of promised amenity should be supported, either that or the parish council should be authorised to withdraw planning consent for the, as yet, undeveloped portion of the King Alfred Way site. Eg. the 2 extra houses.
- As a pensioner I rely on a lift to the surgery. I have no car and don't drive. Ottery is 5.5 miles away with no direct bus. Need access to closer surgery.
- There is no bus service between Newton Poppleford and Ottery St Mary, which makes access to the Coleridge Medical Centre very difficult.
- We are desperate for a medical surgery in the village and hoping this will be achieved.
- With waiting at bus stops for connecting busses takes forever and with a young child in tow its always very hard.
- Haven't changed my GP from Exmouth as I was waiting for the new surgery to open in the village!
- How dare they not fulfil their promise!
- I stayed at Exmouth practice but would prefer to be at a practice in Newton Poppleford
- I would prefer any surgery to Ottery St Mary as it's further away. We need a surgery in Newton Poppleford
- I am with another practice than the above but I would consider a change if it was under the Sidmouth practice, not Ottery St Mary as it is completely oversubscribed as it is.
- Newton Poppleford needs a doctors surgery
- With an ageing population nationally and people living longer and with more complex medical needs, local medical facilities are vital. Young families also need local GP facilities.
- Village needs a doctors surgery
- With all the new houses being built in Ottery it is obvious that Coleridge is going to be overburdened. It will become increasingly difficult to make an appointment there. We need a surgery in Newton Poppleford!!
- In an emergency doctor surgeries are too far away for people who do not drive. If sick you don't want to be travelling on public transport.
- Medical facilities should be available locally. Anything that helps cut down on travel is good.
- I have a number of friends who rely on the bus to get to Ottery St Mary – a very long and expensive trip.
- Has the Beacon shown interest? Newton Poppleford better fit with Sidmouth than Ottery St Mary in my opinion.
- ½ hour journey time to Ottery St Mary. Newton Poppleford 5 mins at zero cost.
- Happy with current surgery in car park. Would prefer more than 2 days a week, but even this is preferable to no surgery in the village.
- Clinton Estates should hang their heads in shame.
- Although it is not too difficult to travel to Ottery by car, many people do not have transport and it is not easy to reach Ottery by public transport.
- I'm lucky I have a car but it would still be better to maintain a surgery in the village.
- We prefer to remain as we are! I would object to change from our ideal practice!
- None of the original plans clearly showed where the surgery would be. I feel conned and believe it was never a serious part of their plans to go ahead with the construction of the surgery.
- We need a surgery in Newton Poppleford. It takes forever to get an appointment in Ottery and we were promised one – so please deliver.
- Disabled patient who needs regular medical appointments. A surgery at Newton Poppleford would be very convenient.

- We was promised a medical centre with the new development at Alfred Gate and this should go ahead.
- A doctors surgery would be ideal in the village especially as we all age and find it difficult to get around.
- The present sub-surgery in Newton Poppleford is adequate although it could be manned more often. Parking can be difficult but so would King Alfred Way. The parish council were naïve in allowing the King Alfred Way development to proceed on a promise.
- Surgery prioritised. Promise should be kept. Why is it being withdrawn? (No surprise anyway! As predicted!)
- Ideally we would like to attend a surgery in Newton Poppleford as we could walk there. Everywhere else requires transport.
- If Clinton Devon had really meant to build the surgery they would have built it first. If they do build the 2 houses would they give the money they sell them for to the village who could build their own surgery? Clinton Devon would be in pocket as they would not have to build the surgery after all – and the 2 extra houses were not part of their plan anyway.
- We need the doctor more recently as my daughter is needing to see him more.
- The promised surgery in Newton Poppleford should have been built before any houses on the new estate in King Alfred Way.
- What a pity the council cannot withdraw its permission for all Clinton Devon Estate houses on this application as they did not fulfil their obligations.
- If the applicants were granted permission to build providing they build a surgery then that is what they should do.
- At our age, travelling is difficult. A clinic here would be a Godsend. Clinton Devon should be ashamed of its high – handed greed. A promise used to be the hallmark of gentlemen.
- We were lucky to register with the Sidmouth practice. I feel sorry for people without a car having to attend Ottery St Mary, as there is no local bus route so it was a daft idea to have to register there. No consideration for people without a car.
- Been with Budleigh practice for 20years+. Happy with service there and want to remain. However the presence of a surgery in newton Poppleford is obviously important to some people (eg those without transport) so I don't think Clinton Devon Estates should be allowed to withdraw their promise to provide one.
- We attend Woodbury surgery and have done for 60 years.
- Thank you, I hope this helps!! Newton Poppleford deserves a surgery
- If there is no surgery in Newton Poppleford then Beacon is convenient BUT we like our Ottery GP. A surgery in newton Poppleford is important for those with limited transport options.
- I would like a surgery in the village provided it is done by the team from Ottery.
- The planning would never have been passed without the promise of the surgery. I need regular blood tests and physiotherapy as well as doctor's appointments and costs of £10 per visit mounts up and takes a good deal of my monthly state pension. Facilities for blood tests and asthma checks in the village would be a great help. To have to travel on public transport when ill would not be appropriate.
- Cavanna should NOT build houses on plot. Really need Doctor's surgery.
- Sidmouth surgery should cover Newton Poppleford making life easier for people that use busses. Ottery St Mary is not easily accessible for bus users.
- Carers have the added problem when an appointment is scheduled for Ottery St Mary – time in short supply when having to leave their patient. A village surgery so much quicker.

- Although we are both car drivers I understand the difficulties that non-drivers must have in getting to any surgery.
- The road from Newton Poppleford to Ottery is narrow and hazardous.
- No more building please – whatever the excuse. This is a country village not suburbia.
- When unable to drive a car I either use public transport or call for a taxi.
- Although it is only 20 minutes away, the surgery in Ottery is even further from where we work so it is not at all convenient for us living in Newton Poppleford for the moment.
- If planning for Alfred's Gate was dependent on a surgery the site should be retained for a future date.
- If you build more houses you need more facilities to serve those people or nobody will want to live her.
- If Clinton Devon Estates made a promise in the original planning application then it should be honoured.
- Friends really helpful usually if able. Annoying if blood tests etc have to attend Coleridge Centre as small surgery in the village unable to do this.
- No direct bus route to Ottery and the busses few and far between.
- The time will soon come when I and many others will not be able to drive to Coleridge due to age. Even if the surgery cannot currently be provided the site should be retained as a need with all local housebuilding will soon arise.
- Clinton Devon Estates shouldn't be allowed to withdraw promise. Surgery would be an asset in the village.
- I think it is disgraceful that Clinton Devon can get out of providing a surgery.
- At 80 years of age how much longer we shall be able to drive to doctors appointments is questionable.
- Ottery is Newton Poppleford's medical practice but there are no public transport services (of note) between the two villages. Newton Poppleford surgery at present is not accessible to those with mobility problems and surgeries are limited to weekly with minimal capabilities / equipment.
- Clintons should stand by their promise to provide a new surgery.
- As it is well known that there is no bus service to Ottery it is essential therefore to have a surgery in the village and growing population.
- If individuals had not caused all the delay in the development we would have had the surgery 5 years ago when the doctors wanted it.
- I think it would be beneficial to have a surgery here – for both young and elderly
- You have to wait a long time for appointments and for someone to answer the phone
- A new surgery is really needed
- We need the surgery in Newton Poppleford
- Yes there should be a full operating surgery
- I worry about being unable to drive to the surgery. It would be an ordeal on a bus and take hours.
- A new surgery is a valuable asset to the village for young, old and all those in between
- Would prefer to go to Beacon surgery as the site is flat and I am in a wheelchair
- It would be beneficial to me to have a surgery in the village as I am disabled. The long car journey to Budleigh is uncomfortable.
- I'm lucky we have a car. If we did not drive we would have to rely on lifts or a taxi.
- As a family we would rather go to a walk in centre than travel to Ottery by bus as it takes so long.

- I go to the doctors often as I have fibro so to be able to not leave the village would be very helpful
- I have recently moved into Newton Poppleford and had hoped to be registered with Dr Riley (Beacon) who had treated me thoroughly as a holiday-maker.
- A multi room surgery is far more important to Newton Poppleford than two extra houses
- If there is no village surgery, then the best option is Sidmouth (Beacon). Regular bus service, virtually door – to – door.
- Ottery St Mary practice is overloaded. Ottery St Mary hospital needs to take more overload from RDE therefore a practice at Newton Poppleford would be very helpful.
- Would be nice to have a bus up to Coleridge for a bus to come through the village to there.
- I do take other people to Ottery St Mary if they cannot drive
- With the considerable increase in houses in Newton Poppleford this surgery is urgently needed. 2 more houses suggests a cynical deception.
- Given the promised medical practice probably will never materialise perhaps revamping the current one is a practical alternative.
- The loss of a new doctors surgery is probably due to the landowner seeking the highest price for development land
- Apart from the journey time I object to having to drive (in the absence of an affordable bus) and contribute to the pollutants of our air. It is not a green approach to travel unnecessarily.
- I occasionally am able to get an appointment at the Newton Poppleford surgery and it is much easier. Disgraceful of Clinton Devon Estates to try to withdraw after getting planning and building.
- If it is not possible to build the surgery now the proposed site should not be used for more housing but preserved for a surgery in the future or another public amenity – eg. a children’s playground.
- If unable to have new surgery then we must retain what we have in School Lane.
- Family has to take time off work to get me to the surgery for appointments
- We need this service even more on this expanding area for new and old. It helps to cut down on cars, with even more vehicles on the road.
- The money for the surgery build is now being spent on what? New hall for the village?
- With a toddler and another baby on the way being able to walk to a GP practice would be significantly easier and more convenient
- Need better range of services and more availability in Newton Poppleford
- I think the GP surgery is essential. Perhaps the developer would consider a shop if they refuse to provide a GP. This is also essential as the village shop is not fit for purpose.
- Rather have a surgery than another couple of houses
- Often get offered appointments at Whimple
- I believe Coleridge desired to have a better surgery than the one they currently are paying for in the car park. CDE initially promised a surgery but then withdrew. They obviously put greed and self interest before the welfare of the community, They should be ashamed of such behaviour. They should not be allowed to build 2 houses instead of a new surgery!
- Believe the population of Newton Poppleford and Southerton plus surrounding areas warrants its own surgery.
- What is the point of the surgery if there is no funds available from the NHS?
- No privacy in current surgery
- Disgrace that developers have a choice to withdraw their decision even though they are building. Opportunity to put in infrastructure.
- Extra capacity at Coleridge

- Would walk to Newton Poppleford / car parking. Important to have a local surgery
- You also have to pay for parking as the free car parks are always full
- When I am no longer able to drive I should be able to walk from home to the surgery in the Newton Poppleford car park if it continues to be available. There is no direct bus service to Ottery.
- I am 63 years old and reasonably fit. However without a car it just feels unreasonable and frankly inhumane to refuse / deny a workable service for those who need it. Surely CDE could be more generous to the community and the GP practice?
- As a disabled person visiting the surgery in Newton Poppleford the parking for blue badge holders is very limited and the access to the surgery is very difficult
- We were refused to register in Sidmouth so have to travel to Budleigh. We are concerned about the effort and cost to us to do this as we are both pensioners.
- Definitely oppose the withdrawal of surgery
- Poor show by Clinton Devon to renege on the promised surgery – the space should be held in abeyance for a surgery in the future.
- Agree with first paragraph overleaf [parish council opposes loss of surgery for 2 houses].
- Back council 100 per cent
- Disappointed in Clinton Devon Estates. Planning permission under false pretences
- We need a medical surgery in Newton Poppleford. People have lived here for years and getting too old for travel.
- When husband unable to take me I have to rely on friends or take 2 busses
- Car parking in Ottery St Mary not ideal!
- Newton Poppleford should have their own surgery as at present older people cannot travel changing busses when ill.
- It is important that developers honour their planning obligations to provide community facilities to mitigate the impact of their development. Consent was granted on this basis.
- With children living here if they need a doctors appointment you have to take them out of school for a long time. If it was in the village it would be minimal time out of school.
- As people age, including ourselves, there is a greater need for local facilities. We need a surgery!
- If the land not used for a doctors surgery, maybe play park or youth centre.
- I will not be able to drive for much longer on account of ageing. It will then be necessary to use the Ottery helps team car service / currently £10 to Ottery. A Newton Poppleford surgery needs to provide a full service including blood tests , dressings etc.
- We are desperate for a surgery in the village. With all the houses being built in Ottery the doctors are stretched as it is.
- If the current surgeries cannot finance the proposal, who will?
- I'm a pensioner and have a bus pass but catching a bus to Ottery to tie in with appointments impossible so I must drive. We are now a growing large village so medical facilities should be within easy travel. Sidmouth Beacon surgery on easy bus route but they will not take residents of Newton Poppleford
- It is disgraceful to bargain for development permission with the promise of a community service such as a surgery and fail to deliver.
- Housing was agreed subject to surgery being built. Finance could be obtained at later date so space should be kept for surgery to be built NOT further houses on the plot.
- Clinton Devon should provide a medical facility as promised. They are clearly putting profit ahead of the community

- At the moment I can drive but if I need to use the bus (as many have to) I am told it takes 2 hours to get there.
- When we moved to the area we were advised that a new surgery was being built in the near future – obviously not! Poor show EDDC and Clinton Devon estates – more houses built need more facilities – fact.
- The permission should not have been given without them going ahead with a surgery – they should have to supply one.
- We predicted this would happen (cynical). We hope the original plan will be reinstated. We have been directly affected by the development for one year already.
- We really need the promise to be delivered on as the current “surgery” is not fit for purpose. It is a shame the planning was held up for so long else it probably would already be done / built.
- Clinton Devon estates should be held to the original application. Profit should not override their promise to provide a surgery.
- I think that it is outrageous that they would seek to change the plan and remove the amenity for profit – say no!
- At the moment I find no difficulty in going to my health centre but it would be a boon to have one locally.
- We would love to see a proper surgery in the village. If not Sidmouth would be so much easier than the current options both in cost and time.
- Newton Poppleford and Harpford has approximately 2,100 inhabitants, A few weeks ago I had to have blood test at Feniton (2,400 inhabitants) surgery. 1 GP + 2 nurses????!! Run by Coleridge medical centre.
- With 45 new houses (at least) in Newton Poppleford there will presumably be 45/90 extra patients in need of medical attention at some time. The Ottery practice will soon be overwhelmed by extra patients from their own new housing in the town. There is already pressure on the space of the waiting room and with little chance of parking near at hand – a very real problem for those of us with mobility problems.
- Perhaps in the future the proposed amenity is built prior to any building commencing. No amenity = no development.
- Doctors surgery needed to look after increase in population and housing development
- A betrayal of trust. We were told we would get our surgery if we agreed to housing. We wait days and days to see our doctor. It is an urgent need. Too many houses not enough facilities.
- Try to avoid having to get to Ottery St Mary as no car. So use A&E drop ins, for flu jabs etc & kind neighbours. Awkward when 80+. Dis. Car service cost £10.
- Failing to deliver a surgery in Newton Poppleford is bad enough. To then request & be granted permission for additional houses rewards this failure to deliver. A solemn commitment was given by CDE to deliver even when credibility was challenged.
- Whimpe surgery is in need of updating. Is Newton Poppleford an opportunity for alternative? Could the Parish seek national lottery funding to buy the building and use as a community hub instead of the cricket ground?
- We are very happy with Ottery St Mary (Coleridge) but would prefer a surgery within walking distance.
- Newton Poppleford surgery needs to be able to deal with all routine matters – blood tests, inoculations, doctor and nurse consultations, prescription issue.
- Village desperately needs doctors surgery especially with so much new housing. How can Clintons even think about withdrawing a much needed resource – this is greed.

- We have a room for the doctor in Newton Poppleford. We need a proper surgery with a nurse & facilities for blood tests etc.
- Distance to surgery not too much of an issue but I dislike the journey down a narrow country lane.
- We are very disappointed that we did not get the surgery at Alfred's Gate as promised (newcomers to Newton Poppleford get directed to Ottery St Mary – they do not get to choose any other location).
- Happy with Ottery medical practice but then we can drive. A Newton Poppleford practice would be better for all if it is fully equipped & staffed. Is there enough money for that?
- ALL residents of Newton Poppleford should be given the choice of surgery. It is ludicrous to expect elderly people to get to Ottery St Mary when the Sidmouth Surgery is on a bus route beside Waitrose.
- If one is poorly one does not wish to travel.
- As the provision of the doctors surgery formed part of the initial planning application it is my view that this should be honoured as this may have affected the decision to grant the application.
- I know nothing of the facilities at the Beacon centre!
- Would like more services locally ie blood test, flu jabs.
- Did Clinton Devon Estates really plan to give us a new doctors surgery or was it just lip service to appease the planning committee?
- So much more convenient at Newton Poppleford or Beacon
- OK while I can drive but not at all convenient in bad weather – would much prefer local surgery. As I get older I will probably move to get local doctor.
- The current surgery in Newton Poppleford is not fit for purpose and it is very important to retain the land originally allocated in the hope of a future surgery being built.
- This facility is necessary to the village, especially for the elderly and those without transport as we are not allowed to register at Sidmouth – on a bus route.
- CDE promised a surgery. Coleridge said the current one is unfit for purpose. There is clear need. Build it and they will come.