

Public Comments Written/Posted on the “Choose Your Own Acton” Boards

The boards were displayed at: Relay for Life (NARA, 5/21/11), May Fair (West Acton, 5/22/11), Acton Senior Center (May-June 2011), Acton Town Hall (June 2011), and Choose Your Own Acton forum (6/23/11).

Comments written under the “Choose Your Own Acton” title; above the three Alternatives:

- What is the theme here?
- More development is inevitable?
- How does more development support schools?

“Alternative 1: Disperse Growth” Comments:

- Bad Idea
- No – poor use of space, horrible looking, “mish-mosh”. No sense of inter-design. Result is ugly space – lowers sense of pride in the community.
- No – town looks ugly. Historical look destroyed. Traffic poor flow.
- No –
- No – too much already
- Protect the Historic AREAS!!
- No
- Yes. Cluster housing promotes community - cluster also helps with septic systems.
- Yes – restore walking area for shops in W. Acton area
- A lot more info at acton2020.info as of Tuesday.

“Alternative 2: Limit Growth” Comments:

- Yes for open space!
- Yes for employment-oriented Low-impact comm. dvlpmt!
- Would be my second choice behind option 3, but option 3 is more critical. This wouldn't change a lot in my thinking.
- No more home on less than 2 ac. No development. Purchase open land. No more side walks. Less town government. More conservation lands & open space.
- We should manage the growth that has already occurred in the last decade – after that is managed – then considered measured growth opportunities!
- *Not a city but a Rural Town – rural town most desirable
- Parking is limited in West Acton – in late 60-70's Had head in parking which has been replaced with // (*parallel*) parking – less cars.
- Yes – open space, No – development
- No new businesses = higher resident taxes, more commuting
- Yes – limit growth
- Limit building of condo's in density that impacts site or schools.
- Definitely don't want more houses!
- Yes, plenty still waiting to be sold

Comments posted in between (on the line separating) “Alternative 2” and “Alternative 3”:

- Public Transport
- It's not so much the houses, it is the traffic
- Yes, totally agree bike trail!

“Alternative 3: Concentrate Growth” Comments:

- Yes – much more sustainable on many levels.
- Yes for walking, Biking, + PUBLIC TRANSP!
- Yes – town centers require different looks, amenities (housing areas different from commercial spaces). Tune the look + feel to the uses. Concord Center is an excellent example of a wonderfully conceived and disguised commercial area.
- No – won't work – give us an example – Where it worked – that has no seniors!! Nobody likes the changes we've seen in the past 20 years! Nobody thinks a city-sized high school works in an ex-urb 25 miles from the city!
- Yes – walking to shops, biking. Good for business + builds community. Also reduces traffic in other areas.
- Yes – concentrate growth – this trend is appropriate + across the country –
- 1. No, 2. Yes, 3. Yes
- Best of 3 – however, some good things in 1 + 2 too.
- Public transportation is a nonstarter
- My Choice! BD---
- Yes, please!
- Mine To ☺ ---no3.
- Yes for Alt. 3
- Nicer sidewalks
- I like this – walk – and – bikeability improves the usefulness at residential areas + general quality of life, esp. if it focuses on access to commercial dev.
- Need walking + public transit. Villages are the key. Alt. 3 is the best.
- A walking neighborhood builds community. Local shops & restaurants add character & places to gather with family & friends in Acton versus driving out of town. More walking, bikes & transit is better for all citizens to get around!
- Great idea! But lets try and finish Bruce Freeman Rail Trail before adding new bike lanes.
- Public transport is good, especially more sidewalks.
- Bring on the bike Trail!
- √+
- More stores better stores
- One should be independent of a car for the liveliness to live. I like this approach for that reason.
- Really like #3 with addition of preserving and continuing to acquire green space + historical space
- Public Transit PLEASE
- Really want a walkable town center. I keep going to Concord to spend time instead of here. We can do this in Acton!
- Create Bike Trail!!
- Wait. Acton has public transit? Today I learned...
- Yes, very good
- We'd really love a bike trail as a family!
- Bike trail please