

**Whittlesey DRAFT
Neighbourhood Plan
2021 - 2040**



**Consultation Statement
June 2022**



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1. Introduction

1.1. This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the Regulations sets out what a SCI should contain:

- a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- b) explains how they were consulted;
- c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
- d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

1.2. It has also been prepared to demonstrate that the process has complied with Section 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. This sets out that before submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority, a qualifying body must:

- a) publicise, in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area:
 - i) details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;
 - ii) details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected;
 - iii) details of how to make representations; and
 - iv) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised;
- b) consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan; and
- c) send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.

1.3. Furthermore, the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) requires that the qualifying body should be inclusive and open in the preparation of its neighbourhood plan and ensure that the wider community:

- a) is kept fully informed of what is being proposed;
- b) is able to make their views known throughout the process;
- c) has opportunities to be actively involved in shaping the emerging neighbourhood plan; and
- d) is made aware of how their views have informed the draft neighbourhood plan or Order.

1.4. The aims of the Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan consultation process were:

- To make sure the community played an active role in the plan-making process;
- To make sure that the consultations coincided with key stages of the plan making.
- To inform the community along the way, making sure that they understood the process and explaining key aspects e.g. planning and non-planning matters.
- To engage with people using a variety of accessible events and techniques that would not alienate people and would allow people without internet access to participate.
- To make sure that the results of each consultation event and how they have fed into the next iteration of the Neighbourhood Plan are transparent.

1.5. Consultation was undertaken by Whittlesey Town Council in relation to the following stages of the Neighbourhood Planning process:

- Parish Wide Survey – March 2017;
- Vision and Objectives Workshop – October 2017;
- Policy Development Workshop–February 2018;
- Pre-Submission Draft Plan Consultation – 12th July to 23rd August 2021

1.6. We are aware that this has been a long process over a number of years, occasionally with some significant breaks. We have been mindful when resuming the next stage of the plan and re-engaging with the community to get them back up to speed and remind them where we are up to in the process.

- 1.7. This SCI provides an overview of each of the above stages of consultation in accordance with Sections 14 and 15(2) of Part 5 of the Regulations.

2. Parish-Wide Survey

- 2.1. The Town Council wanted to get a sense of what the purpose and content of the Neighbourhood Plan should be. Their aim was that Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan should reflect the views and aspirations of people living and working in the Parish. Public consultation formed an early part of the process of developing the Neighbourhood Plan; an initial scoping questionnaire was delivered throughout Whittlesey Parish to identify the thoughts of the community about their area. This helped to start defining the aims and key issues of the plan at the next stage.
- 2.2. The Town Council produced a survey questionnaire with 19 questions covering a range of issues such as housing, transport, business, community + leisure and environment + heritage. The topics covered and the questions were informed by the existing knowledge within the Town Council about the issues affecting the community and the local area. We also produced separate tailored questionnaires to engage pupils of Sir Harry Smith Community College (ages 11-18) and for pupils (age 4-11) of four local primary schools.
- 2.3. Questionnaires were delivered to every house within the Neighbourhood Plan Area in March 2017. There was also the option to complete the questionnaire online. Questionnaires could be completed by any individual over 18 rather than by household, so multiple people living on the same property were able to give their views. The consultation was promoted via social media, posters in prominent places within the Parish and the local magazines. Councillors held a series of sessions to answer questions about the Neighbourhood Plan process and assist people with the completion of the survey. Separate sessions were held with local schools where the customised versions of the questionnaire were used to collect their views.
- 2.4. The Town Council received 2582 responses in total, made up of 1159 responses to the “Adult Questionnaire” (for all residents over 18), 678 responses to the “Children’s Questionnaire” (for local school children) and 746 responses to the “Young Persons Questionnaire” (for students of Sir Harry Smith Community College).
- 2.5. Almost all respondents lived in the Parish as opposed to working there (the actual figure of 99.56% has been rounded up) and 6% of respondents also worked in the Parish. Response levels to the adult questionnaire were highest amongst older people; 55% of respondents were over 65. This may simply have been reflective of the age profile of the wider area (Fenland has an ageing population) or it may be that older people within the Parish felt more

motivated to participate. This made it especially important that we had undertaken targeted consultation with younger people and children.

- 2.6. The text below summarises the headline results for each theme where a clear response was recorded and attempts to paint a broad-brush picture. More in-depth analysis, including details of some of the less conclusive results, was contained within the detailed reporting.

Summary of Findings of the Scoping Consultation

Adult Questionnaire

Housing

- The majority of people do not agree that Whittlesey will need more housing than is proposed within the Local Plan.
- There is a desire for a greater variety of housing, in particular housing for older people living independently and affordable housing/ starter homes for younger people.
- Road investment and public transport are the most popular suggestions for using money generated by new development through developer contributions.
- Most people feel that new homes should be located outside areas vulnerable to flooding.

Transport

- The most common form of transport is the private car, followed by walking. Public transport services (bus and rail) are used less frequently.
- 83% of respondents say they would make journeys by public transport, walking and cycling if services are improved.
- Both bus and rail services could be improved with more frequent services (in the case of rail, improved station facilities are also important).
- Walking and cycling routes need improving, but there is a less clear preference for specific interventions. Maintenance of routes and lighting scored higher than the other options.
- Respondents are clear that the roads in the Parish are not adequate for the level of traffic and future housing development will create a need for road improvements.

Business

- Respondents would most like to see more shops and retail uses in the Parish.
- There is a clear desire for revitalising the market with local food and drink stalls and evening events.
- There is some interest in additional support for new businesses through land allocation and support for independent and start-up businesses.
- 78% acknowledge that younger people tend to leave the Parish to find work.
- The majority of people do not do their weekly shop within the Parish and there is a strong desire for a supermarket.

Community and Leisure

- There is a general feeling that community and sports facilities could be improved but this was not a strong response.
- The majority of people feel there should be more facilities at both ends of the age spectrum i.e. for younger and older residents.
- The consensus appears to be that there is not a need for more play areas and open space but that the existing facilities should be protected, and maintenance should be improved.
- Provision for healthcare (including dentists) and education should be improved within the Parish, particularly in light of new housing.

Environment and Heritage

- Most people feel that it is easy to access countryside within the Parish and that the countryside should be promoted to tourists.
- There is some confusion about whether the Parish is adequately protected from flooding – more information and capacity building may be needed here.
- A large majority of people feel that local wildlife should be protected.
- Most people feel that mud walls should be protected and maintained, and that Bronze Age heritage should be promoted as a tourist attraction.
- A large portion of respondents are interested in the conservation of historic and special interest buildings.

- The majority of people do not think the Conservation Area boundary should be extended.

Sir Harry Smith Questionnaire

- Young people are far more likely than adults to make journeys on foot, with 60% walking to school. In the comments section “scooter” was also a common mode of transport.
- In the future young people feel they are likely to stay on to take A levels and go to University. Most feel they are unlikely to transfer to another school.
- In their leisure time young people most enjoy spending time with friends (82%). Outdoor activities/sports, social media and watching TV/films were also popular choices. In the comments section many young people added that they enjoy spending time with their family. Reading was also mentioned a number of times within the comments.
- When rating different aspects of the Parish young people generally feel that provision of outdoor spaces is good but evening activities/things to do at the weekend are poor. A common response to many of the options in this section is “average”.
- The response to the question “which of the following are important to you?” is unclear; many young people select all of the options. However education and shops come out slightly higher than the other options.
- Generally young people feel that food and drink uses should be encouraged within the Parish to promote jobs and economic development. Interestingly this reflects a similarly strong preference within the Adult questionnaire for such uses.
- Responses to the question “Which of the following could be improved?” are unclear with most options being popular though “car parking” and “leisure” come out slightly higher.
- In the next 10 years most young people surveyed see themselves living in a house that they own. In the comments a number of people state that they plan not to be living in the area or even the country in the future.
- Respondents feel that the following could be done in the next 10 years to encourage young people to stay in the area: more jobs/more highly skilled jobs; more shops, activities and attractions; better and cheaper public transport.

Children's Questionnaire

- Children say they most like doing sports and playing outside when asked what they like doing though many of the options are popular. In the comments section children list a wide range of activities that they enjoy including roller-skating, reading, rock climbing and singing.
- 65% of children think there are enough places to play where they live. There is some variation on this between the three schools; in Coates a higher proportion of children think there are enough play spaces.
- Children think the best things about where they live are being able to walk to friends, and play areas. Nature and nice buildings are also important.
- Children think the worst things about where they live are litter and too much traffic. They also dislike the lack of play spaces and lack of cycle paths. In the comments many children mention dog poo as a concern.
- Travel to school is a fairly even split between walking and the private car. Some children also cycle but very few use public transport, which is understandable given the age range surveyed.
- When they are older the majority of children would like to live somewhere other than Whittlesey or the villages. Responses were split fairly evenly between Peterborough, somewhere else in the UK and a different country altogether.
- Just over half of children are members of a club or organisation. The comments show a broad range of clubs including football, swimming, Brownies/Scouts, ice skating and dodgeball.

3. Vision and Objectives Workshop

- 3.1. In October 2017 the Town Council held a focused public consultation in Whittlesey Christian Church. They ran three open sessions that anyone could attend. Each session included an overview of the previous consultation results, a presentation on the challenges affecting smaller towns, and an interactive workshop where residents were invited to answer a series of questions designed to develop a vision and objectives for the future of the Parish.
- 3.2. The purpose of the Vision and Objectives workshop was to start to get residents thinking about what the Neighbourhood Plan should be seeking to achieve and establish a vision for the future of the Parish. As the event took place on a weekday the Town Council ran three sessions (12-2pm, 4-6pm and 6-8pm) to ensure everyone had an opportunity to participate, including “after school” and “after work” sessions. Each one offered the same format

and residents were free to come to any session that most suited them. The event was promoted via social media, the Town Council website and advertisements in local publications and in the local area. 52 people from the local community participated in the three sessions.

- 3.3. Each session lasted for two hours and began with a presentation from URBED (the Town Council's consultant team assisting with the production of the Neighbourhood Plan) on the evolution of towns and the challenges facing them, an introduction to the Neighbourhood Plan process and a summary of the results of the scoping questionnaire. Attendees were then invited to get into groups and answer a series of questions about the Neighbourhood Plan Vision and Objectives. Each group was facilitated either by a member of the URBED team or a local councillor.
- 3.4. During the session results were recorded on large flip charts. These comments were then collected by URBED and recorded in an Excel spreadsheet. URBED grouped the comments for each question into common themes and in this way were able to identify which topics or statements came up most frequently. The results below show the most common responses for each question. More in-depth analysis is contained within the Vision and Objectives Workshop Report, which also includes a range of quotes from residents under each question to provide some qualitative insights.
- 3.5. The sessions prompted comments on a lot of non-planning matters that could not necessarily be addressed by the Neighbourhood Plan. Facilitators in each group provided some guidance as the session progressed and a subsequent workshop included some capacity building in this area. As this workshop was primarily about developing a vision and aspirations the non-planning statements were recorded as they told a story about issues residents consider important.

Summary of Findings of the Vision and Objectives Workshop

Question 1: What do we know about the Parish?

Most common responses:

- Lack of public services (GP, Dentist, School)
- Vulnerable to flooding
- Not enough retail choice/too many of certain shops
- Poor public transport
- Friendly/good community
- Historic town
- Commuter town
- Generations of the same family
- Need for more maintenance

Question 2: What should the Neighbourhood Plan do?

Most common responses:

- Improve public transport
- Ensure enough GP/Dentist capacity
- Reflect/highlight opinions of residents
- Ensure enough infrastructure
- Ensure enough school places
- Improve business/employment opportunities
- Protect and improve facilities for vulnerable people - young, old, those with additional needs

Question 3: What should the Parish be like in the future?

Most common responses:

- There's a strong sense of community
- The town centre is thriving
- There is a vibrant market and associated events
- There is a safe and secure environment
- The area has a strong, unique identity
- There are lots of different successful shops
- There are places to meet and socialise in the evening
- The area is well connected by good public transport links

Question 4: What might the barriers be to achieving this future?

Most common responses:

- Wider Policies and Politics/Not enough local power
- Lack of funding/investment
- Lack of facilities/services
- Apathy/lack of motivation

Question 5: What assets do we have that can help achieve this future?

Most common responses:

- Heritage Assets
- Motivated community and Councillors
- Local Culture and Festivals
- Waterways/The Fens
- Environment/Landscape
- Railway Station and Public Transport Potential
- Good Schools
- Biodiversity/Nature

Question 6: What kind of policies might we need to help achieve this future?

- More local autonomy/engagement
- Require more/better consultation
- Policy to prevent developers challenging CIL/S106/Affordable housing
- Mechanism to spend S106 locally
- More developer contributions/infrastructure to support development
- Transport strategy
- Design policy
- Allocate land for industrial uses
- Stronger policy on flood zone development
- Policy on location of new development
- Policy on parking provision for new development
- Policy on housing mix
- Arts and leisure policy
- Encourage a Supermarket
- Engage with developers
- Heritage protection policy
- Highways policy
- Allocate land for housing
- Housing density policy
- Strategy to provide adequate infrastructure
- Landscape/biodiversity protection
- Policy on back garden development
- Sustainability policy for new homes
- Policy to support business
- Village separation policy

**We did not prioritise by frequency of responses here as there wasn't such a clear hierarchy of importance, and all the suggested ideas were worth exploring further in the next stage. There were some policy suggestions that dealt with non-planning issues. These were explored and refined at the next stage of the process, and some were reframed or included as aspirations.*

4. Policy Development Workshop

- 4.1. In February 2018 the Town Council ran a Policy Development Workshop to bring the emerging policy themes identified in the previous workshop to the next stage. The session ran from 11am – 1pm on Saturday 24th February at Whittlesey Christian Church.
- 4.2. The workshop included a presentation from URBED providing a refresher on Neighbourhood Plans, updating attendees on what had been done so far and giving attendees the tools they needed to start drafting their own policy ideas. This was followed by a round table session where attendees worked together to develop policies around a particular theme: housing, design, landscape,

employment, conservation and leisure. Over the session attendees were asked to rotate round to different tables to develop policy ideas for a range of issues. Attendees were provided with large sheets to fill out with the heads “Suggested Policy”, “Reasons Why” and then “Suggested Modifications” so that after rotating, new groups could critique or amend policies from the previous group. We encouraged people to bring their children along and set up a station with creative activities.

- 4.3. The event was promoted via social media, the Town Council website, advertisements in local publications and in the local area and an article in the local magazine.
- 4.4. A report detailing the outcomes of this event was not produced – instead the ideas generated fed directly into the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan Policies, following an advisory meeting with Emma Naylor from Fenland Council to advise on which policy ideas could translate into valid Neighbourhood Plan policies.

5. Pre-Submission Draft Plan Consultation

- 5.1. There was a period of internal work to develop the Neighbourhood Plan immediately following the policy development workshop with support from Fenland District Council. Then due to a combination of factors including personal circumstances and the Covid-19 pandemic work stalled on the Neighbourhood Plan. In part, this was due to a desire for further in-person consultations on the draft plan which were optimistically delayed before there was a full understanding nationally of how long the pandemic would last.
- 5.2. Between the 12th of July and the 23rd of August Whittlesey Town Council began consulting on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. As there had been a pause on the project and many people were preoccupied with the impacts of the pandemic the Town Council undertook a phased approach to the consultation. The first phase (May/June 2021) involved re-engaging with the community, promoting the Neighbourhood Plan, reminding residents about the work already completed and informing them about the purpose of the upcoming consultation. The second phase (June/July 2021) was focused on promoting the consultation on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. Both phases were promoted through social media, the Town Council website, with awareness raising flyers and consultation flyers displayed around the local area and printed in local magazines.
- 5.3. Due to the pandemic the Town Council ran the consultation through a combination of digital and in person engagement. Materials (Draft Neighbourhood Plan, Baseline Report and Green Space Assessment) were available to be viewed online, hosted on the Town Council website and responses could be given via an online questionnaire. Materials were also

available to be viewed in a Covid-safe way at key locations with paper surveys provided for anyone unable to respond online.

- 5.4. The questionnaire asked for feedback on the general content of the Neighbourhood Plan and Vision and Objectives before asking for more detailed feedback on individual draft policies. Each element had two associated questions; the first asked via multiple choice whether the responder was supportive, unsupportive or unsure about the element in question, this was followed by free text boxes with the question “what, if anything would you change, add or remove?”.
- 5.5. The Town Council received 64 responses to the consultation. This is significantly lower than previous response rates and could be due to several factors including: the timescale between this phase of the process and the previous one, not delivering the questionnaire to every household, preoccupation with other matters due to the pandemic and the difficulty of engaging with the more technical language of policies versus the more accessible language of policy themes and ideas.
- 5.6. A range of statutory consultees were also identified and invited to provide comment on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. A full list of statutory consultees is provided at Appendix E.
- 5.7. The following paragraphs outline our detailed responses to feedback from statutory consultees and Fenland District Council. A Determination Statement forms part of this submission and contains detailed commentary on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Fenland District Council and Statutory Consultees

Para. 3.1.3 – Flood Zones

Para. 3.1.3 discusses the impacts of Flood Zones on the Whittlesey Neighbourhood Area and includes a map showing long term flood risk at Appendix A. To aid understanding of the Whittlesey Neighbourhood Area’s flood risk, it may be helpful to include a map showing the location of the Flood Zones. A map is available from the government’s ‘Flood Map for Planning’ service¹.

Response: Added to the Appendix from the Baseline Report

Policy 1 - Spatial Strategy

Policy 1 criterion ‘d’ states *Employment development should be located at existing employment areas*. Map 2 (Appendix A) shows the location of the existing employment area south of Whittlesey Rail Station but does not indicate the extensive employment area at the west of Whittlesey town. The map should be updated to identify other existing employment areas.

Response: *a suitable map could not be found demarcating this area. The Neighbourhood Plan Group took the decision to leave the spatial strategy as it is.*

Policy 1 criterion 'e' indicates that the villages of Coates and Eastrea have *limited opportunities for new development*. To ensure the policy is effective, the policy should clarify what scale and types of development are considered appropriate in these locations.

Response: *Added signposting to Policy LP3 of the Local Plan within the text.*

Policy 1 criterion 'f(i)' requires new development to *reduce the causes and impacts of flooding*. There is potential for confusion to arise from this requirement and the text should be amended to ensure clarity, for example,

...i. Reduce the causes and impacts of flooding, **Minimise flood risk and be resilient to flooding** in accordance with Policy 10 - Flood Risk and national and strategic policies for flooding;

Response: *text amended.*

The adopted Fenland Local Plan's settlement hierarchy (policy LP3) identifies Turves as a "small village" within which opportunities for development are normally "very limited in nature". Pondersbridge is described as an "Other Village", in which development is normally limited to single dwelling infill sites. To ensure general conformity with the Local Plan's spatial strategy, at Policy 1 (g) it may be helpful to clarify that flood risk is not the only factor which limits development at Pondersbridge and Turves. For example, criterion 'g' could be amended as follows:

g. In addition to their relatively small scale and isolation from services and facilities, opportunities for housing development at Pondersbridge and Turves are likely to be limited due to flood risk. In addition, many areas to the North and South of Whittlesey, Eastrea and Coates are also constrained by flood risk.

Response: *text amended.*

Policy 3: Primary Retail Frontages

Policy 3 seeks to prevent the change of use of shops in the Primary Retail Frontage. From 01 September 2020, the *Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020* revoked a number of existing use classes (including the 'A' use classes referenced in Policy 3) introduced the new 'Class E - Commercial, Business and Service' use class.

Class E covers a broad range of commercial activities which were previously defined under separate, and now revoked, use classes. For example, Class E includes shops, professional services, restaurants and cafes, indoor sports and recreation, medical facilities, day nurseries, offices, light industry, and many other activities. Planning permission is not required to change between commercial activities and enterprises within Class E.

However, the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) continues to support the designation of town centres and primary shopping areas through planning policies which make clear the range of uses permitted in such locations. The NPPF defines main town centre uses as:

Retail development (including warehouse clubs and factory outlet centres); leisure, entertainment and more intensive sport and recreation uses (including cinemas, restaurants, drive-

The policy could be amended to omit references to the now revoked 'A' use classes, and instead prioritise the primary retail frontage as a location for "main town centre uses", as defined by the NPPF.

Response: *Inserted revised policy text developed with Fenland District Council*

Para 3.6.2

The planning application reference in paragraph 3.6.2 is incorrect. The text should instead refer to application F/YR14/0991/F, *Land South And West Of 300 Eastrea Road Whittlesey Cambridgeshire*.

Response: *text amended*

Policy 6: Country Park

The fourth bullet point requires the new Country Park to *provide habitats for wildlife, including water-based habitats, natural corridors and spaces through urban areas*. It is not clear which *urban areas* this is referring to. However, it appears the intent of the policy requirement is to provide *connectivity* between habitats. The bullet point could be amended as follows:

Provide habitats for wildlife, including water-based habitats, **and** natural corridors and spaces through urban areas **which create opportunities for connectivity between habitats**;

Response: *text amended*

Policy 7: Design Quality

The policy sets a series of design standards and principles which development proposals are expected to meet, with part c) addressing 'local character and history'. The policy could include reference to the objectives of the Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans for Whittlesey and Coates.

Response: *text amended*

Para. 3.8.6

Paragraph 3.8.6 refers to listed buildings and other assets located within Whittlesey's Conservation Area. It is important to note that there are also designated heritage assets located outside the Conservation Areas. In addition, the

Conservation Area Appraisals can fall out of date as further assets may be designated over time. Therefore, the text should refer to the Historic England website where all current designations can be found and checked.

Response: text amended

Para. 3.8.8

Paragraph 3.8.8 makes reference to the Mud Walls at Whittlesey and Eastrea. Map 7 shows the location of Whittlesey's Mud Walls. To provide greater clarity, a map showing the location of Eastrea's Mud Walls should also be provided in the plan.

Response: This was not plotted in the Mud Walls Survey so we can't include it. The survey was not produced for this plan, it is an external document we are referring to.

Para. 3.8.9

Paragraph 3.8.9 refers to the construction method of the mud walls, using mud bricks. However, Historic England's website for listed mud walls indicates *the mud walls were raised in tapering lifts without forms or shutters and would have been produced in stages over several months*². Therefore, the description of the construction methods of mud walls should be clarified.

Response: Text is quoted directly from the Mud Walls survey – has been left as is

Para. 3.8.12

Paragraph 3.8.12 appears to include an incorrect policy reference. The paragraph should refer to Policy 8.

Response: text amended

Para. 3.10.7

To ensure consistency with national planning policies to manage flood risk, para. 3.10.7 should be amended as follows:

Following the sequential approach in national policy, new development should...

Response: text amended

Para. 3.12.6

Paragraph 3.12.6 refers to the "Whittlesey ward area". It is more accurate and relevant to refer to the Whittlesey Neighbourhood Area.

Response: text amended

Policy 11: Coalescence of Villages

The policy requires development proposals in the green buffers (as identified on Map 8) to be accompanied by evidence of the visual impact of the proposed scheme. There are a number of designated heritage assets in proximity of the green buffers, including listed buildings and a scheduled monument. Such evidence of visual impact should also consider effects of the scheme on heritage assets.

Response: text amended

Policy 12: Delivering Sustainable Transport

Policy 12 should refer to the “Whittlesey Market Town Transport Strategy”.

Response: text amended

Policy 12 may imply that all development proposals must make a financial contribution to support the listed transport infrastructure priorities. However, for some developments this may be impractical and unlawful. The policy could be re-worded as follows to ensure the requirement applies only to relevant development proposals:

Development proposals are expected to contribute toward the above infrastructure priorities, where these are necessary to achieve sustainable development and where directly, fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the proposed development

Response: text amended

Section 4: Supporting Information

Paragraph 4.1 refers to the “National Planning Policy Framework – 2019”. The National Planning Policy Framework was recently revised. The Neighbourhood Plan should instead make reference to the version dated July 2021.

Response: text amended

The publication date of the “Fenland Open Spaces Audit”, referenced at Paragraph 4.3., is 2006.

Response: text amended

- 5.8. The next section provides a summary of comments from the public consultation and our responses. Detailed responses to individual comments from the public consultation are provided at Appendix F.

Public Consultation Responses

Policy 2: Local Housing Need

- Boost wording re: infrastructure/facilities provision and social/affordable housing.

Response: *Unable to do more than currently set out . This is also covered in Local and National Policy.*

- Include wording re: sustainability or include in new climate change policy?

Response: *Inserted new Climate Change Policy*

Policy 4: Open Space

- Is it a problem to rely on the 2006 Open Space Audit?

Response: *This is the best available information*

Policy 5: Local Green Space

- Responses suggested sites on the list that should be excluded and new sites that should be added.

Response: *Wording and map amended to reflect new sites included and others excluded*

Policy 6: Country Park

- Include more of the specifics about what it should be like.
- Include a point on management and maintenance.

Response: *No change required, additions would not strengthen or change the policy.*

Policy 7: Design Quality

- Add reference to public transport accessibility and horse rider accessibility in point a)

Response: *No change required in this policy, addition instead made to policy 12.*

Policy 11: Coalescence of Villages

- Possible revisions/clarification of buffers to provide more defensible boundary?
- Clarification of wording to indicate whether development is or isn't acceptable in these locations?

Response: No change required, additions would not strengthen or change the policy.

Policy 12: Delivering Sustainable Transport

- Mention later evening services for buses (as in the train bullet point below)
- Include bullet point on cycling and walking.
- Include something on joined up bus and train services.

Response: text amended

New Policy: Climate Change

- Responses to the consultation were supportive of the inclusion of a new climate change policy.

Response: Inserted new Climate Change Policy

Other possible additions:

- Include healthy lifestyle policy

Response: No new policy, but wording added to objectives text.

6. Conclusion

6.1. Paragraph 1.5 of this SCI stated that the aims of the Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan consultation process were:

- To make sure the community played an active role in the plan-making process;
- To make sure that the consultations coincided with key stages of the plan making.

- To inform the community along the way, making sure that they understood the process and explaining key aspects e.g. planning and non-planning matters.
 - To engage with people using a variety of accessible events and techniques that would not alienate people and would allow people without internet access to participate.
 - To make sure that the results of each consultation event and how they have fed into the next iteration of the Neighbourhood Plan are transparent.
- 6.2. Whittlesey Town Council believes that it has achieved these key objectives in reaching this stage of the making of its Neighbourhood Plan and that the body of this report demonstrates this. The Town Council has adopted an open approach to plan making and has endeavoured to engage the whole community in shaping the plan.
- 6.3. It is acknowledged that the level of engagement with the draft Neighbourhood Plan consultation was lower than for previous stages. Paragraph 5.5. of this report gives some possible reasons for this.
- 6.4. It is also acknowledged that there was a significant gap between the Policy Development Workshop and consultation on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. This was due to a combination of factors including the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 6.5. Notwithstanding these challenges the Town Council are confident that they have followed the correct procedures and responded to timescale setbacks to the best of their ability.
- 6.6. It is therefore concluded that the Town Council has complied with Paragraphs 14 and 15(2) of part 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (general) Regulations 2012 and the relevant parts of the NPPG.

Appendix A: Parish Wide Survey Report

Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan
Scoping Consultation Report
July 2017

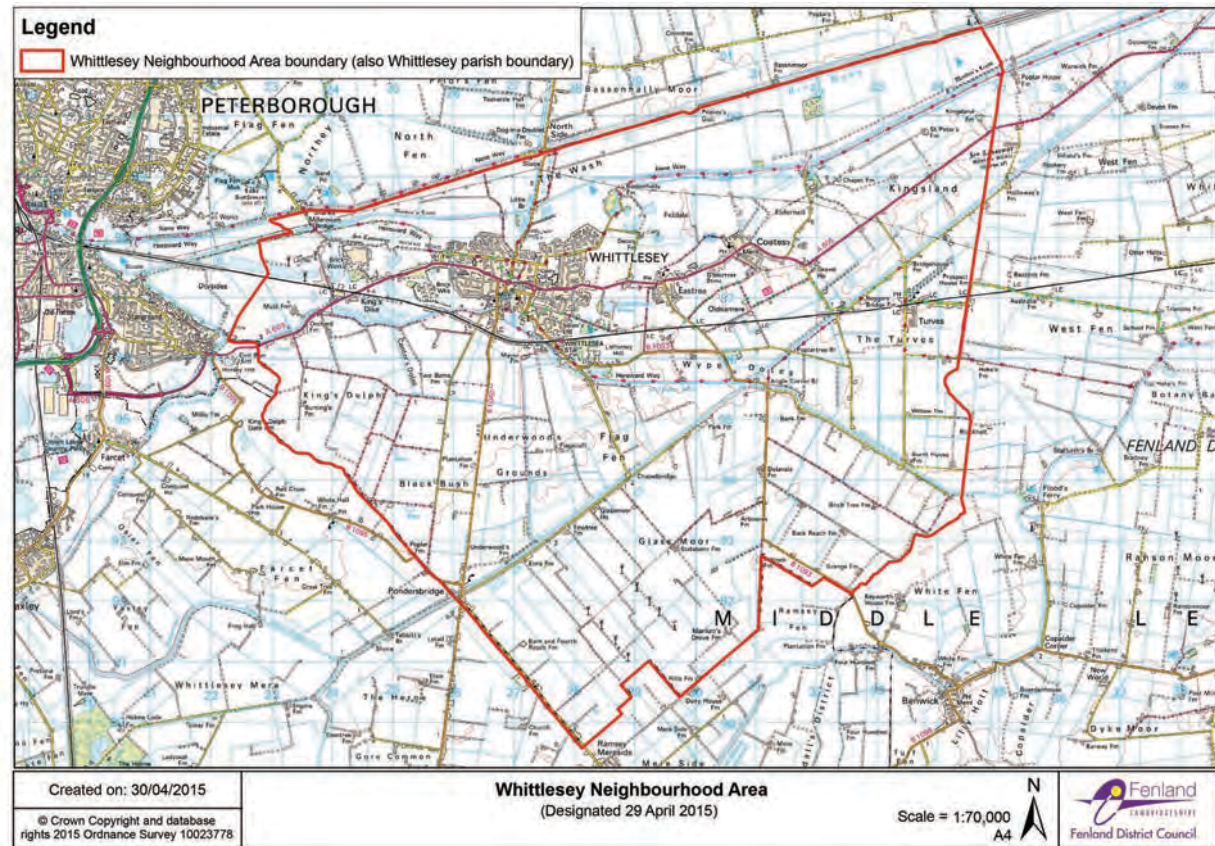
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Introduction

In 2014 Whittlesey Town Council decided to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. Area Designation was applied for, with the boundary of the designation following the Parish Boundary. The designation was confirmed in April of 2015 and a Neighbourhood Plan Committee was set up to begin working on the Plan.

The aim is that Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan will reflect the views and aspirations of those living and working in the Parish. To that end, public consultation is forming an early part of the planning process; an initial scoping questionnaire was delivered throughout the Neighbourhood Plan Area in March 2017 to identify the thoughts of the community before commencing production of the plan. This report documents the results, which will help to define the aims and key issues of the Neighbourhood Plan at the next stage.



Methodology

Questionnaires were delivered to every house within the Neighbourhood Plan Area (see map on the previous page) in March 2017. There was also the option to complete the questionnaire online. Questionnaires could be completed by any individual over 18 rather than by household, so multiple people living in the same property were able to give their views

Councillors held a series of sessions to answer questions about the Neighbourhood Plan process and assist people with the completion of the survey. Separate sessions were held with local schools and customised versions of the questionnaire were developed to collect their views. The following report details the findings of the main questionnaire as well as the results of the school sessions.

2582 total responses

1159 residents over 18 filled out the Adult Questionnaire (621 on paper/ 538 online)

678 children filled out the Children's Questionnaire

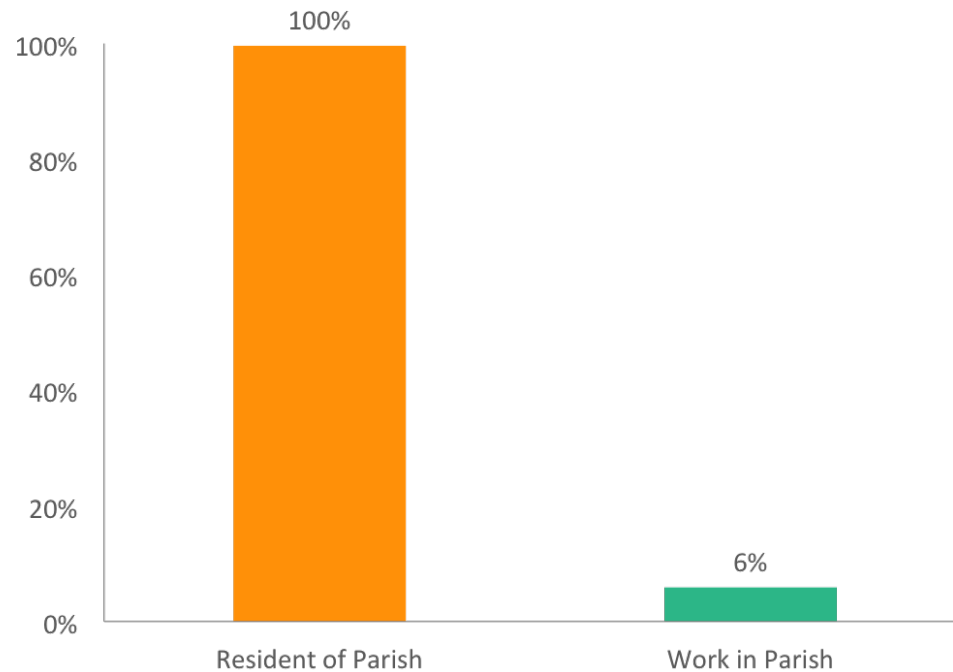
746 young people filled out the Sir Harry Smith Questionnaire



Adult Questionnaire

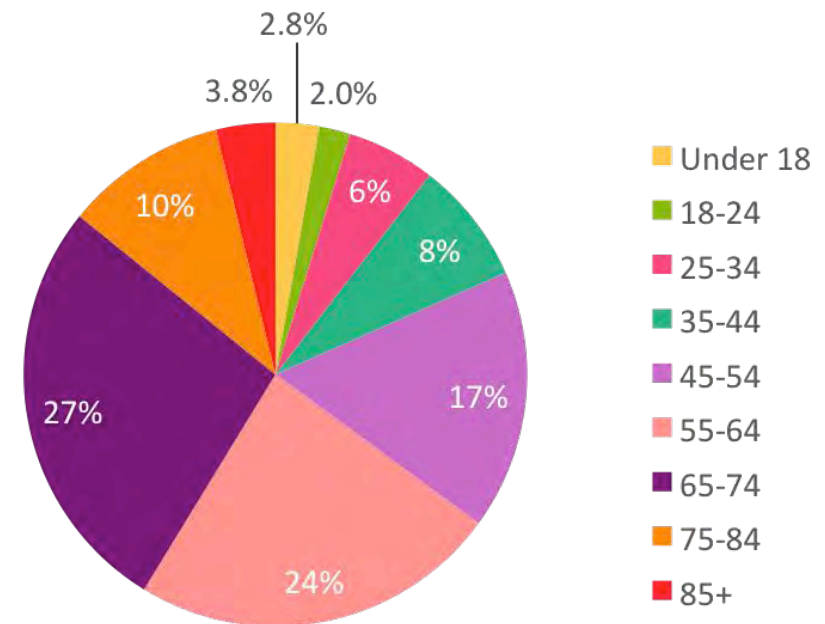
Adult Questionnaire: Who Responded?

Relationship to Parish



Almost all respondents live in the Parish (the actual figure of 99.56% has been rounded up) and 6% of respondents also work there. Response levels are highest amongst older people; 55% of respondents are over 65. This may simply be reflective of the age profile of the wider area (Fenland has an ageing population) or it may

Age Bracket



be that older people within the Parish felt more motivated to participate. This should be considered when responding to the findings of this report to ensure that the views of the whole of the Parish are represented.

Adult Questionnaire: Summary

This summary focuses on the headline results for each section, where a clear response was recorded, attempting to paint a broad-brush picture of the general feeling within the Parish. For more in-depth analysis, including details of some of the less conclusive results, refer to the main body of the report.

Housing

- The majority of people do not agree that Whittlesey will need more housing than is proposed within the Local Plan.
- There is a desire for a greater variety of housing in the Parish, in particular housing for older people living independently and affordable housing/ starter homes for younger people.
- Road investment and public transport are the most popular suggestions for using money generated by new development through developer contributions.
- Most people feel that new homes should be located outside areas vulnerable to flooding.

Transport

- The most common form of transport is the private car, followed by walking. Public transport services (bus and rail) are used less frequently.
- 83% of respondents say they would make journeys by public transport, walking and cycling if services are improved.
- Both bus and rail services could be improved with more frequent services (in the case of rail, improved station facilities are also important).
- Walking and cycling routes need improving, but there is a less clear preference for specific interventions. Maintenance of routes and lighting scored higher than the other options.
- Respondents are clear that the roads in the Parish are not adequate for the level of traffic and future housing development will create a need for road improvements.

Adult Questionnaire: Summary

Business

- Respondents would most like to see more shops and retail uses in the Parish.
- There is a clear desire for revitalizing the market with local food and drink stalls and evening events.
- There is some interest in additional support for new businesses through land allocation and support for independent and start up businesses.
- 78% acknowledge that younger people tend to leave the Parish to find work.
- The majority of people do not do their weekly shop within the Parish and there is a strong desire for a supermarket.

Community and Leisure

- There is a general feeling that community and sports facilities could be improved but this was not a strong response.
- The majority of people feel there should be more facilities at both ends of the age spectrum i.e. for younger and older residents.
- The consensus appears to be that there is not a need for *more* play areas and open space but that the existing facilities should be protected, and maintenance should be improved.
- Provision for healthcare (including dentists) and education should be improved within the Parish, particularly in light of new housing.

Adult Questionnaire: Summary

Environment and Heritage

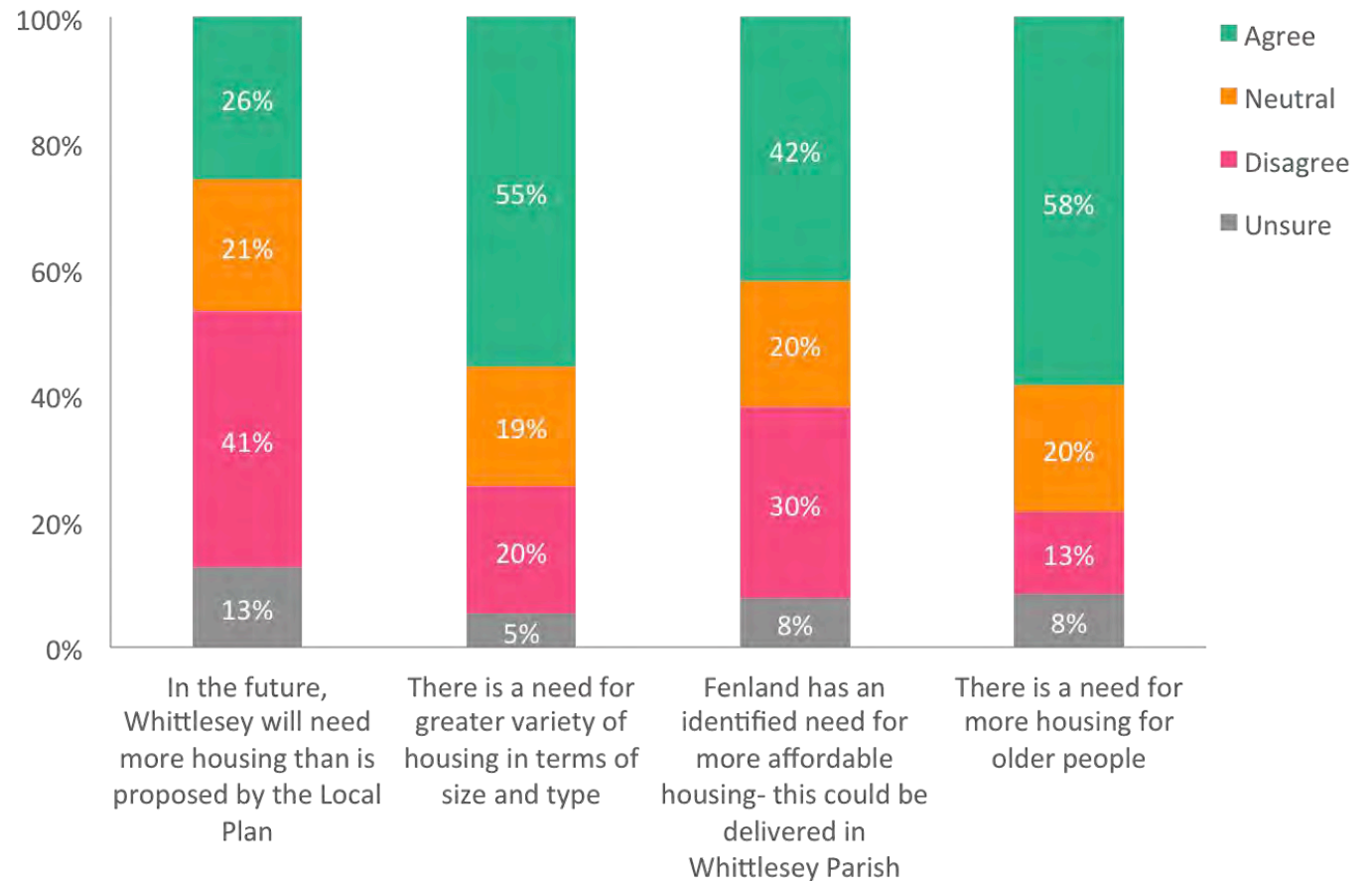
- Most people feel that it is easy to access countryside within the Parish and that the countryside should be promoted to tourists.
- There is some confusion about whether the Parish is adequately protected from flooding – more information and capacity building may be needed here.
- A large majority of people feel that local wildlife should be protected.
- Most people feel that mud walls should be protected and maintained and that Bronze Age heritage should be promoted as a tourist attraction.
- A large portion of respondents are interested in the conservation of historic and special interest buildings.
- The majority of people do not think the Conservation Area boundary should be extended.

Adult Questionnaire Housing

Q. Indicate your response to the following statements about housing

Answered 1095/ Skipped 64

The majority of respondents (41%) feel that Whittlesey does not need more housing than is proposed in the Local Plan. Most respondents (55%) want to see a greater variety in the size and type of housing within the Parish. The majority of respondents feel that Whittlesey could deliver some of Fenland’s affordable housing need. The final statement yields the most clear cut result; 58% of respondents state that more housing is needed for older people.

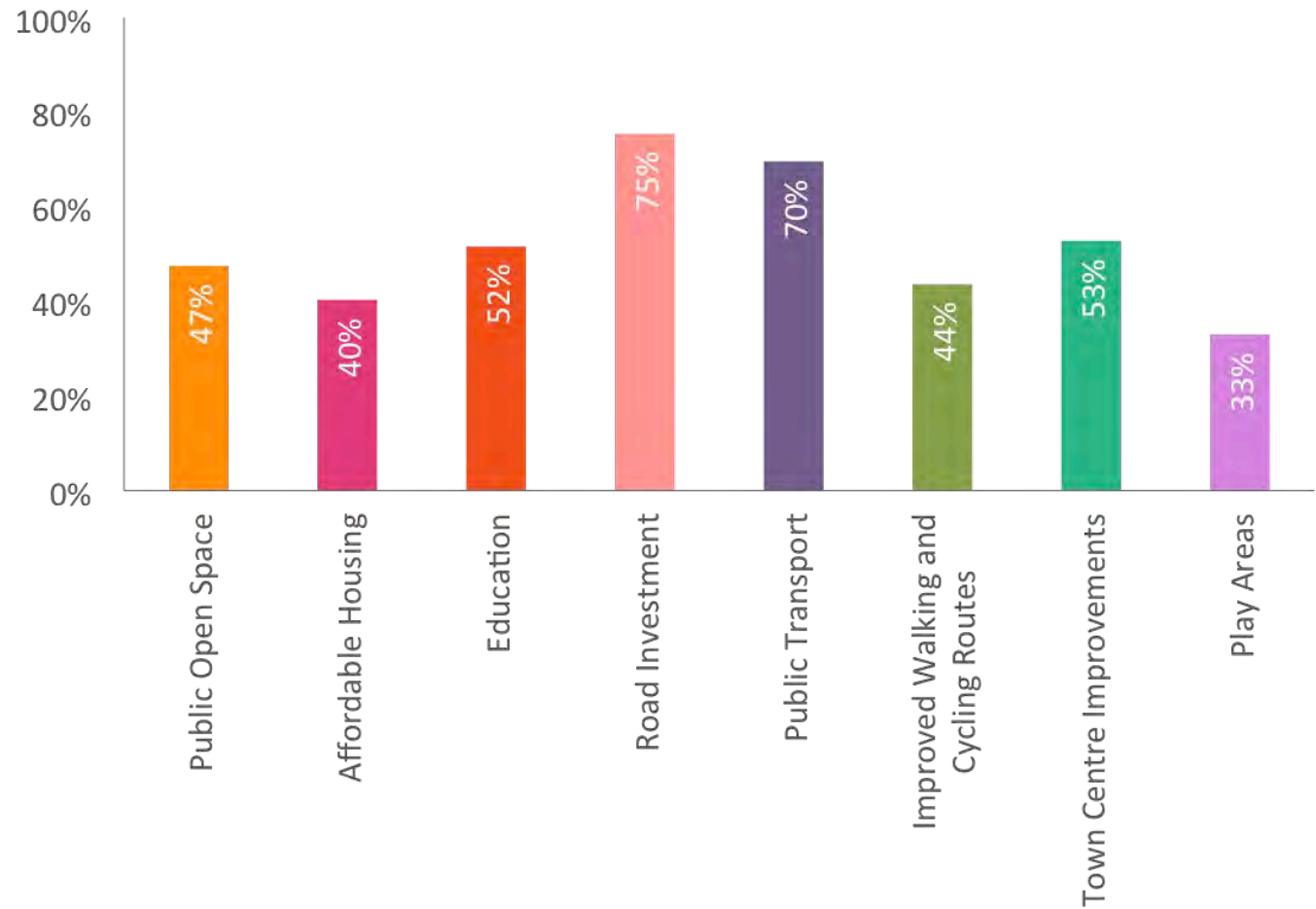


Adult Questionnaire Housing

Q. Local Authorities can balance impact created by new development by requiring developers to make positive contributions to the area and community. If new housing were to be approved, what kind of benefits would you most like to see?

Answered 1094/Skipped 65

All the suggested uses for developer contributions are popular (respondents were allowed to select more than one option) with many respondents commenting that all are necessary. The two most popular options are “Road Investment” and “Public Transport”, indicating that access and movement are important to the Parish. Other popular responses are “Education”, “Town Centre Improvements” and “Public Open Space”.

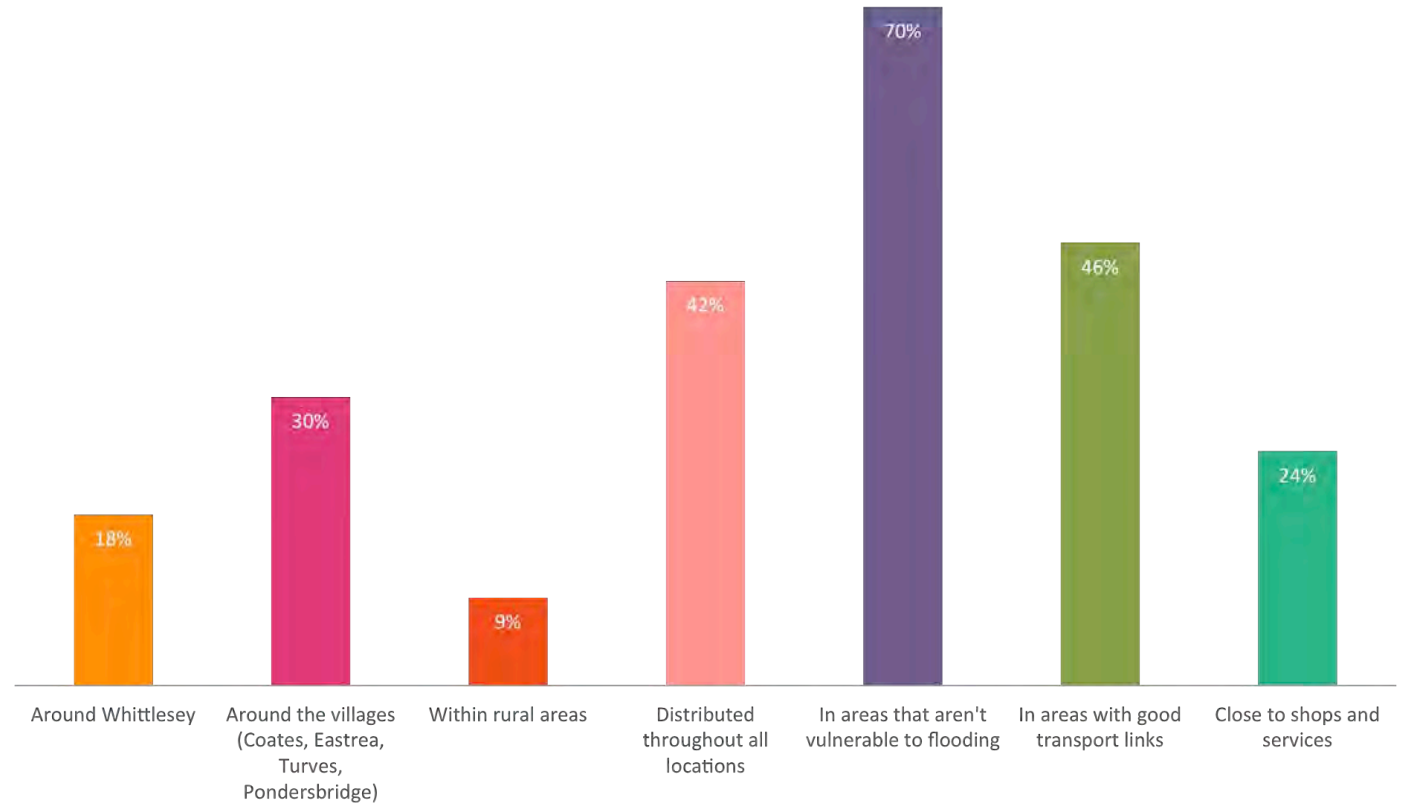


Adult Questionnaire Housing

Q. Where in the Parish should new homes be located? Take a look at the map at the start of this section for information and select from the options below:

Answered 1069/Skipped 90

Flooding is the key deciding factor for respondents when deciding where to locate new housing within the Parish; 70% state that new homes should be located in areas that aren't vulnerable to flooding. Another important factor is transport; 46% of respondents feel that new housing should be located in areas with good transport links. There seems to be a preference for a more even distribution of housing in the Parish; 42% of respondents state that new homes should be distributed throughout all locations and 30% suggest they be located around the villages. Comparatively only 18% feel that new homes should be located around Whittlesey.

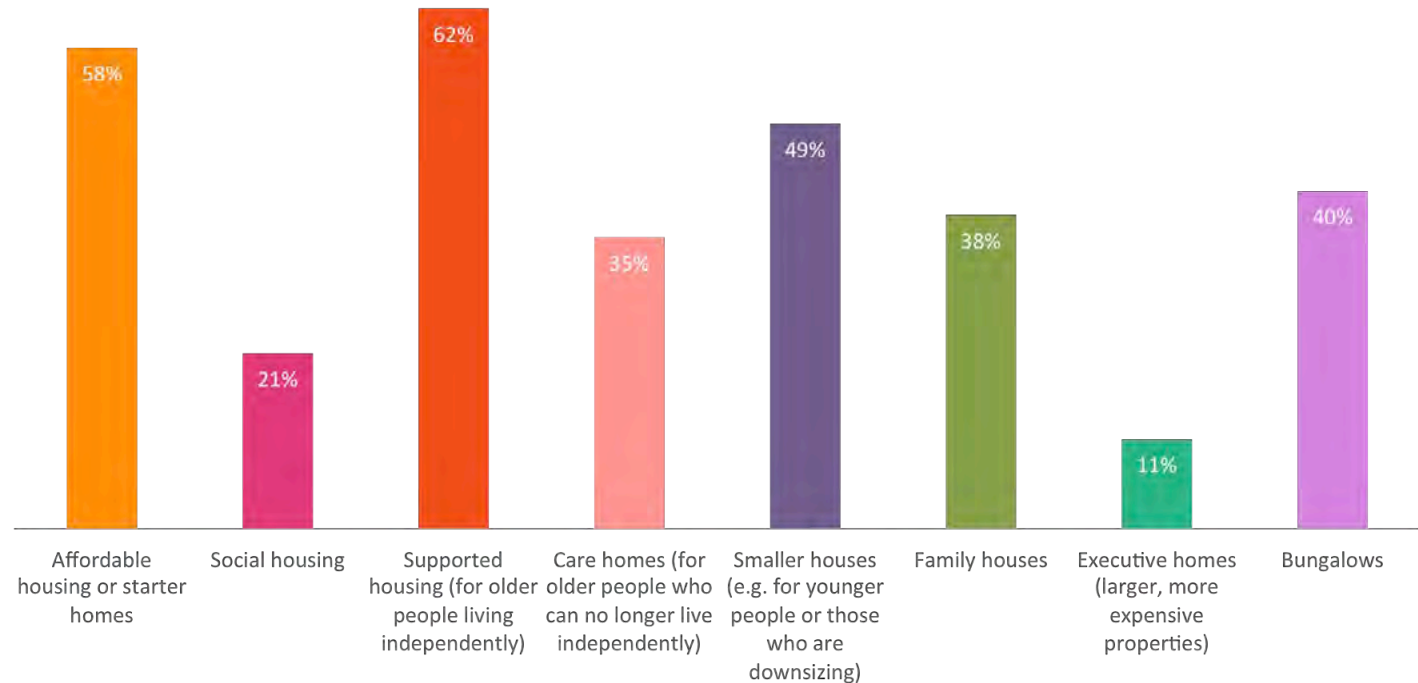


Adult Questionnaire Housing

Q. What kind of homes are needed in the Parish?

Answered 1069/Skipped 90

Responses to previous questions indicate a desire for a wider range of housing in the Parish and this question is intended to give a clearer idea of what form this should take. The two most popular responses are for supported housing for older people living independently and affordable housing /starter homes. 49% also selected “Smaller houses for younger people”. This indicates that more housing choice is needed at both ends of the age spectrum. Very few people selected “Executive homes” indicating that larger, more expensive homes are not required within the Parish.



Adult Questionnaire Housing

Q. Any further comments about housing?

A selection of respondents' comments on housing are set out here.

"Housing needs to be delivered in a sustainable manner using low carbon methods and an emphasis on renewable energy"

"Homes should ONLY be built once the correct infrastructure, Kings Dyke bridge, school places, Doctors, etc are in place."

"We need more high quality new build development"

"Self build should be encouraged and supported"

"No more housing"

"There are more than enough new houses being built in Whittlesey. We need to protect the existing houses from flooding not just put measures in place for new ones"

"Older people don't necessarily want to live alongside other older people so there should be a good mix of house types"

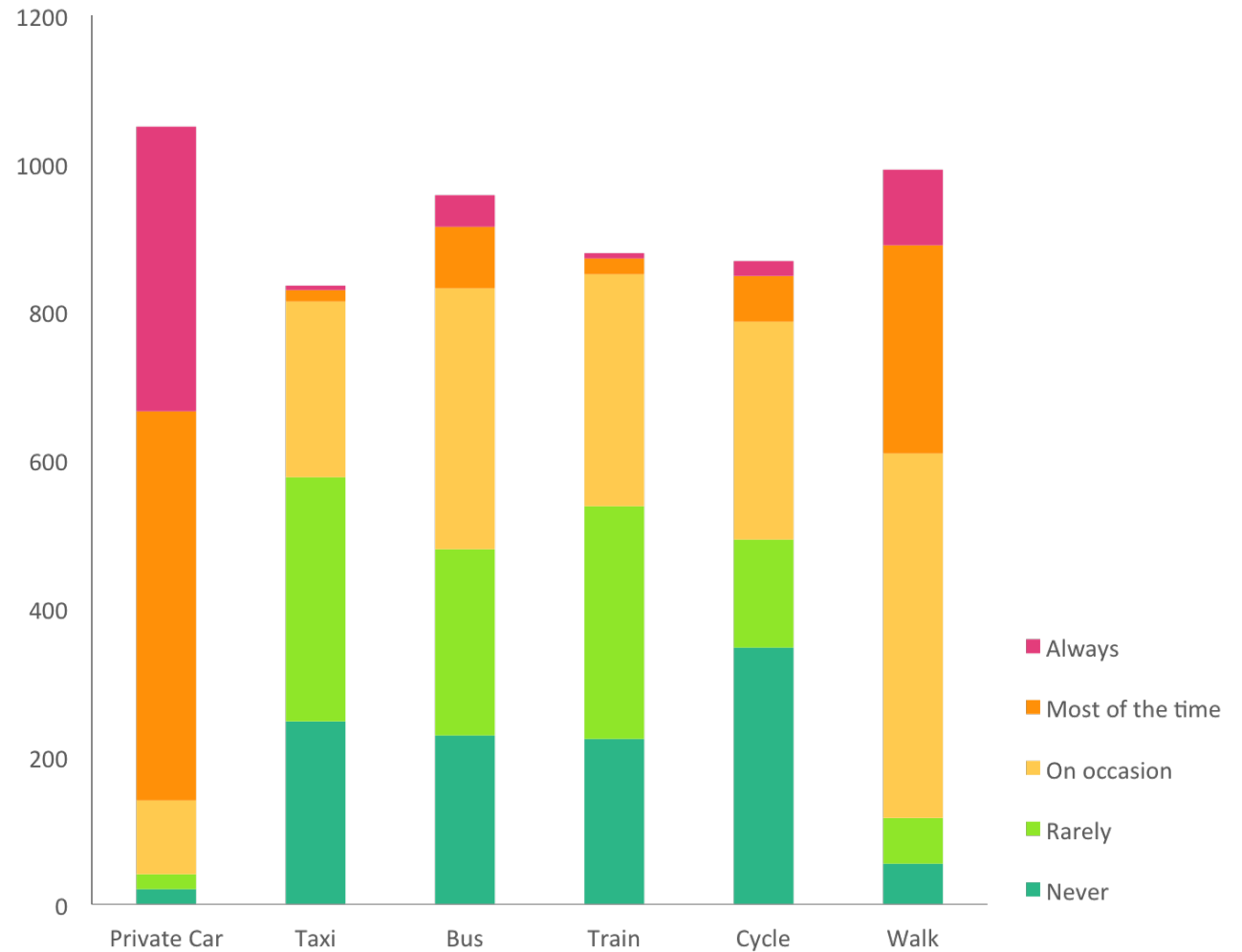
"I moved from a city because I wanted to live in a village. I don't want ANY houses to be built in the area"

Adult Questionnaire Transport

Q. How often do you make journeys by the following forms of transport?

Answered 1093/Skipped 66

Most respondents travel frequently by private car with the majority of respondents making journeys by car "Always" or "Most of the time". A lot of journeys are also made on foot with most respondents selecting "Most of the time" or "on occasion". Buses and trains are used less frequently with many respondents using them "Rarely" or "Never". Cycle and taxi journey are also made infrequently.



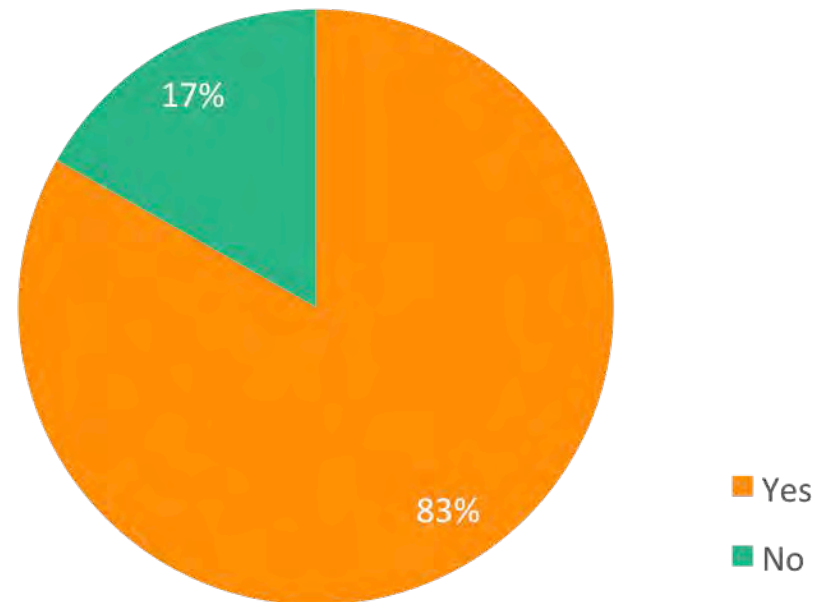
Adult Questionnaire Transport

Q. Would you travel using public transport, walking and cycling more often if facilities were improved?

Answered 1052/Skipped 107

Responses to the previous question indicated that people within the Parish mainly travel by private car. In this question respondents overwhelmingly state that they would make a shift from the private car and use sustainable modes of transport more frequently if facilities were improved. This could potentially have a large beneficial impact on the local road network.

The next series of questions seek to understand what should be done to improve walking, cycling and public transport services.

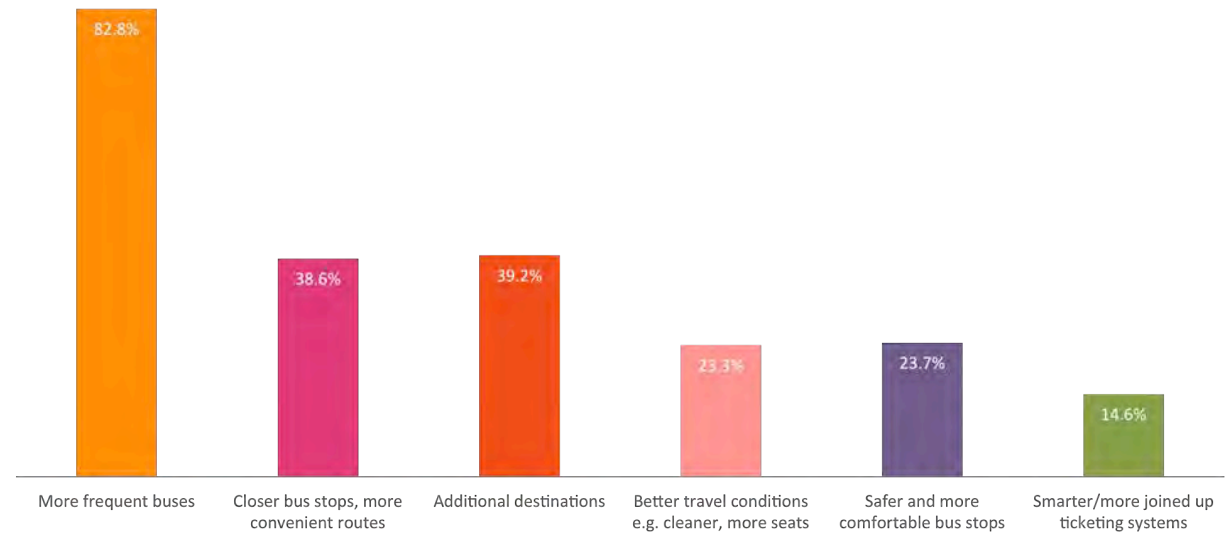


Adult Questionnaire Transport

Q. How could bus services be improved?

Answered 1021/Skipped 138

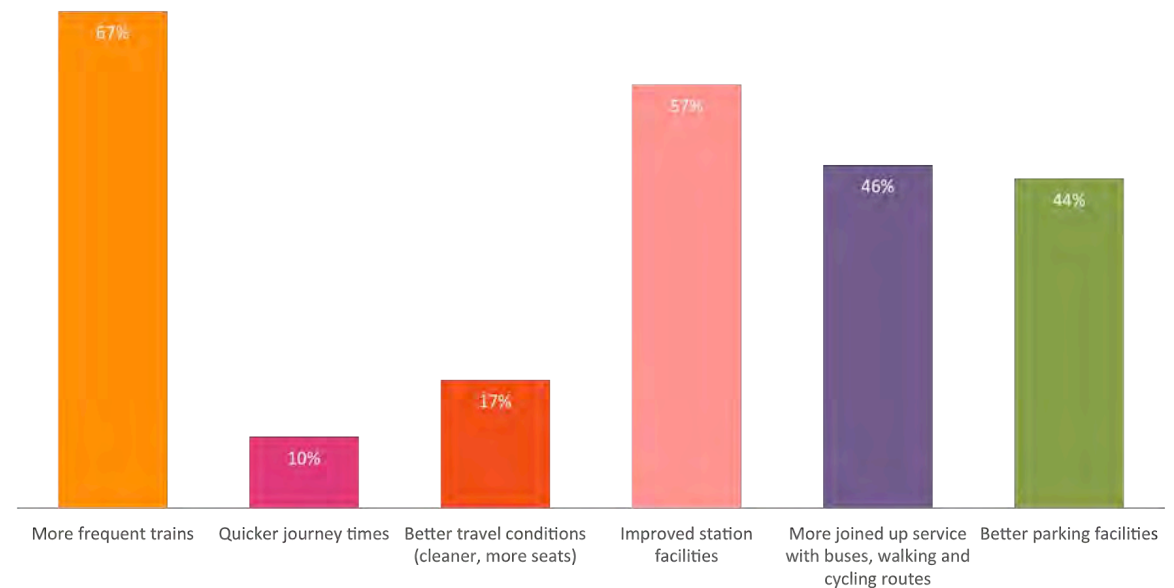
The majority of respondents feel that bus services could be improved through more frequent services. This is a relatively simple measure, as it does not generate the need for additional infrastructure required by route extension/additional bus stops.



Q. How could train services be improved?

Answered 930/Skipped 229

The picture is less clear for rail services. Again more frequent trains is the most popular option to improve services, but improved station facilities are also considered important. There is a high response rate for more joined up services with buses, walking routes and cycle paths as well as for better parking facilities.



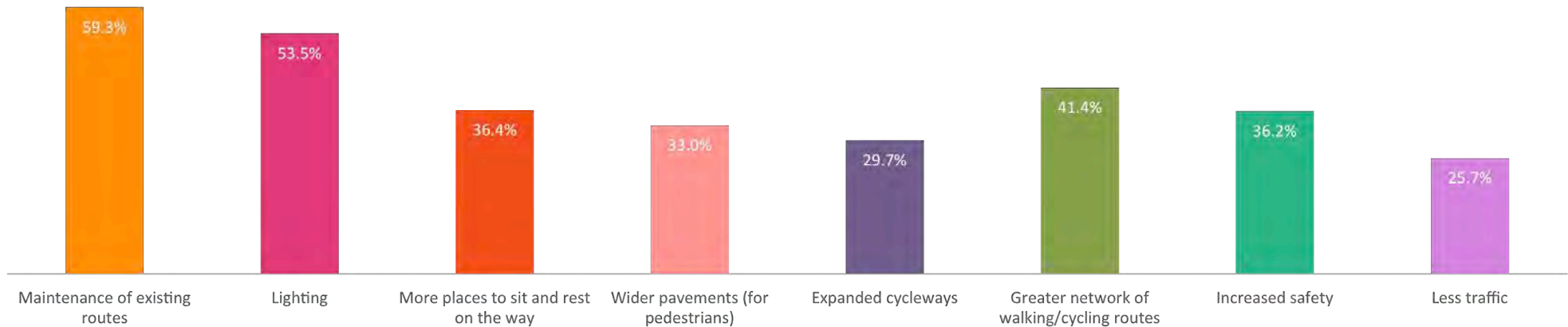
Adult Questionnaire Transport

Q. How could walking and cycling services be improved?

Answered 1040/Skipped 119

The picture for improvements to walking and cycling is slightly less clear-cut than for bus and train services; many of the options for improvements were popular. The two most selected improvements are

“Maintenance of existing routes” and “Lighting”. Respondents also favoured expanding the network of walking and cycling routes, adding more places to sit and rest and increasing safety.

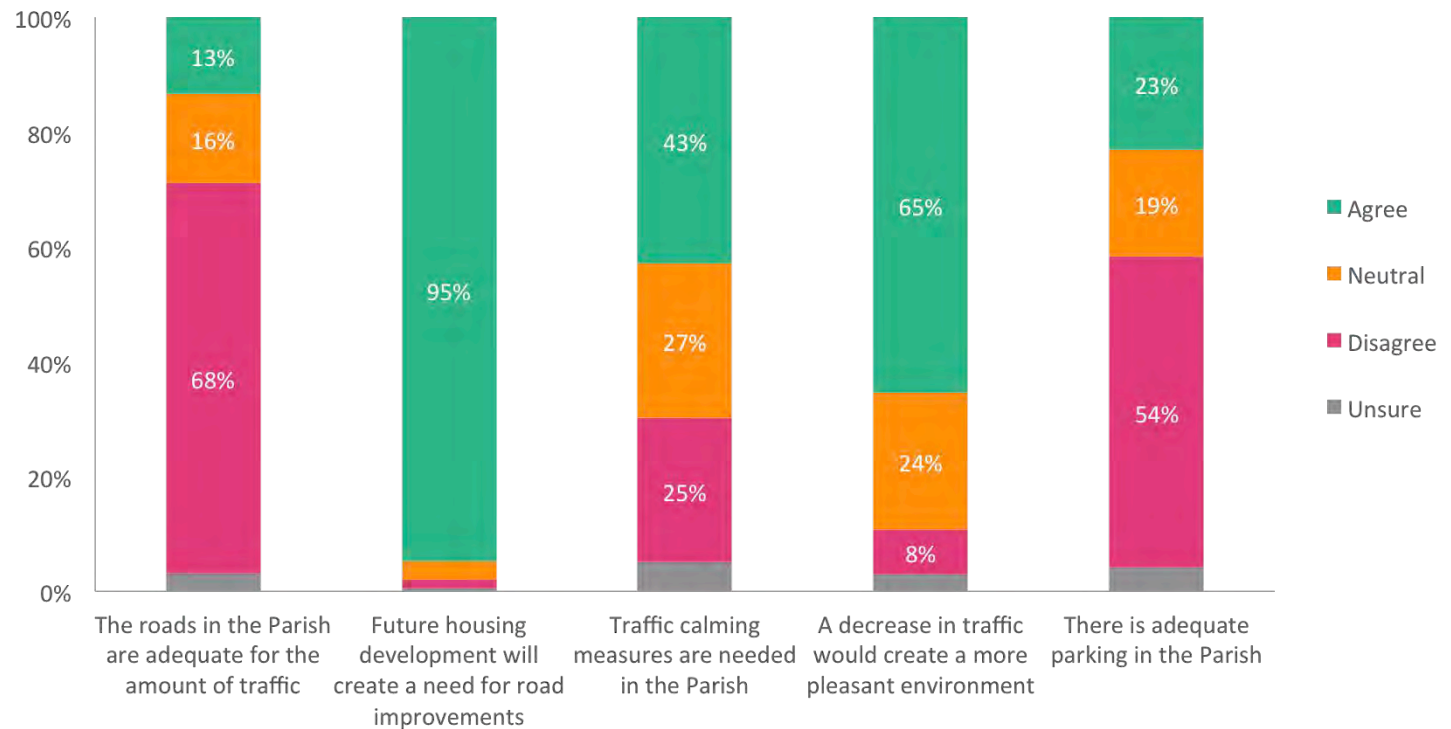


Adult Questionnaire Transport

Q. Indicate your response to the following statements about traffic and parking:

Answered 1094/Skipped 65

The majority of respondents feel the roads in the Parish are not adequate for the amount of traffic. An overwhelming majority also feel that future housing development will create a need for road improvements. There is a less clear response on the need for traffic calming measures, but 65% of people feel that a decrease in traffic will create a more pleasant pedestrian environment. Over half of respondents do not agree that there is adequate parking in the Parish. These responses are slightly conflicting in that they call for road improvements and more parking to facilitate additional car travel while showing a preference for decreased traffic. These responses may relate to different parts of the road network, and this can be drawn out in future workshops.



Adult Questionnaire Transport

Q. Any further comments about transport?

A selection of respondents' comments on transport are set out here.

“The current cycleway between Whittlesey, Eastrea and Coates is a disgrace,”

“Need trains running more frequently, I travel to Peterborough to catch trains”

“Rail fares are prohibitive for short journeys, especially when one has a bus pass ”

“Paths along station road are really bad!”

“There are too many cars and not enough parking in the town centre”

“Need a night bus service into Peterborough and back from Peterborough”

“Far too many heavy goods vehicles rumbling though”

“It would help a lot, if pavements were kept for pedestrians, and not as parking for vehicles”

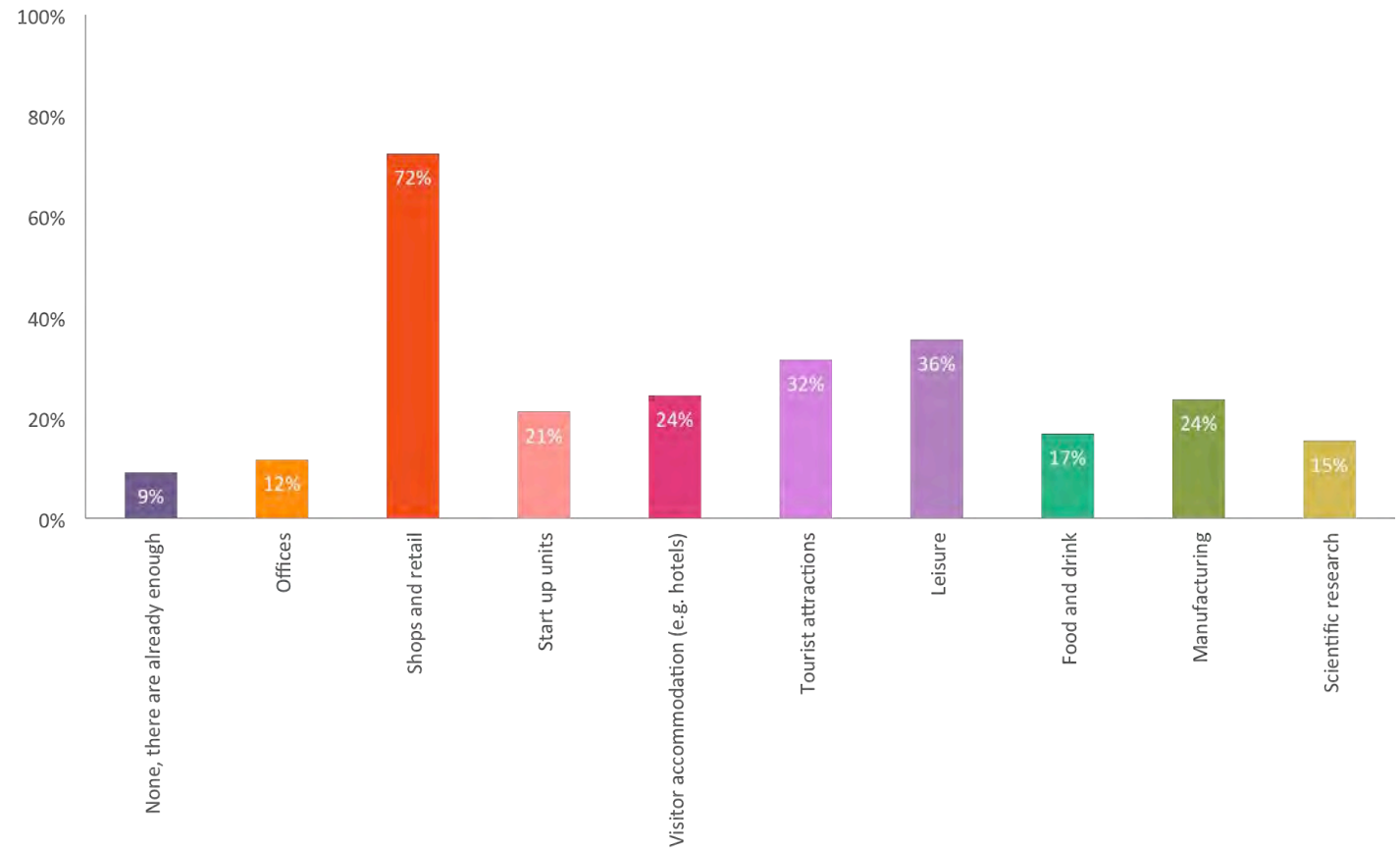
Adult Questionnaire Business

Q. What businesses would you like to see more of in the Parish?

Answered 1052/Skipped 107

“Shops and retail” is by far the most popular response to this question, and is backed up by the comments left at the end of the business section of the questionnaire. Respondents used the comment section to elaborate on their answer, with many of the comments highlighting the need for a supermarket.

Other popular choices are “tourist attractions” and “leisure”. This gives an insight into the kind of place Whittlesey sees itself as and aspires to be; not just a place to live and do business but a place to be visited.

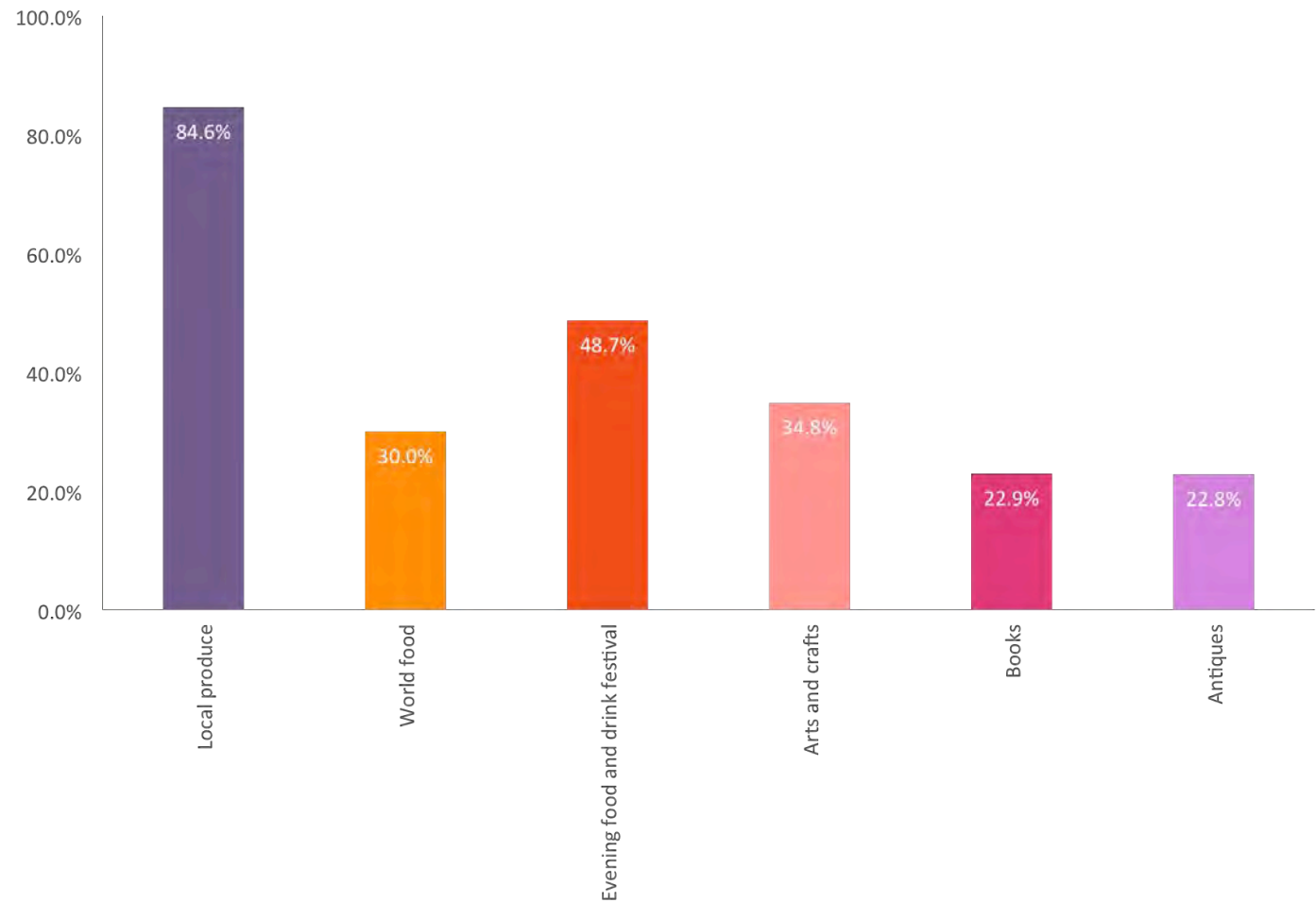


Adult Questionnaire Business

Q. What stalls/pop up markets would you like to see?

Answered 963/Skipped 196

Unlike the previous question this one asks respondents to think about the potential for more temporary “pop up” uses and markets in the Parish. These kind of uses can attract visitors and help to animate public spaces. The most popular answer relates to “Local produce” which 84% of respondents support. This is closely followed by “Evening food and drink festival” so local food and drink may be a good focus for future markets or events within the Parish.



Adult Questionnaire Business

Q. Indicate your response to the following questions about business (see next page for graph)

Answered 1093/Skipped 66

This series of statements covers a wide range of topics and this analysis attempts to group them.

Generally respondents do not feel that the Parish has a good range of shops and businesses (58%) and only 41% state they find it easy to access services and facilities.

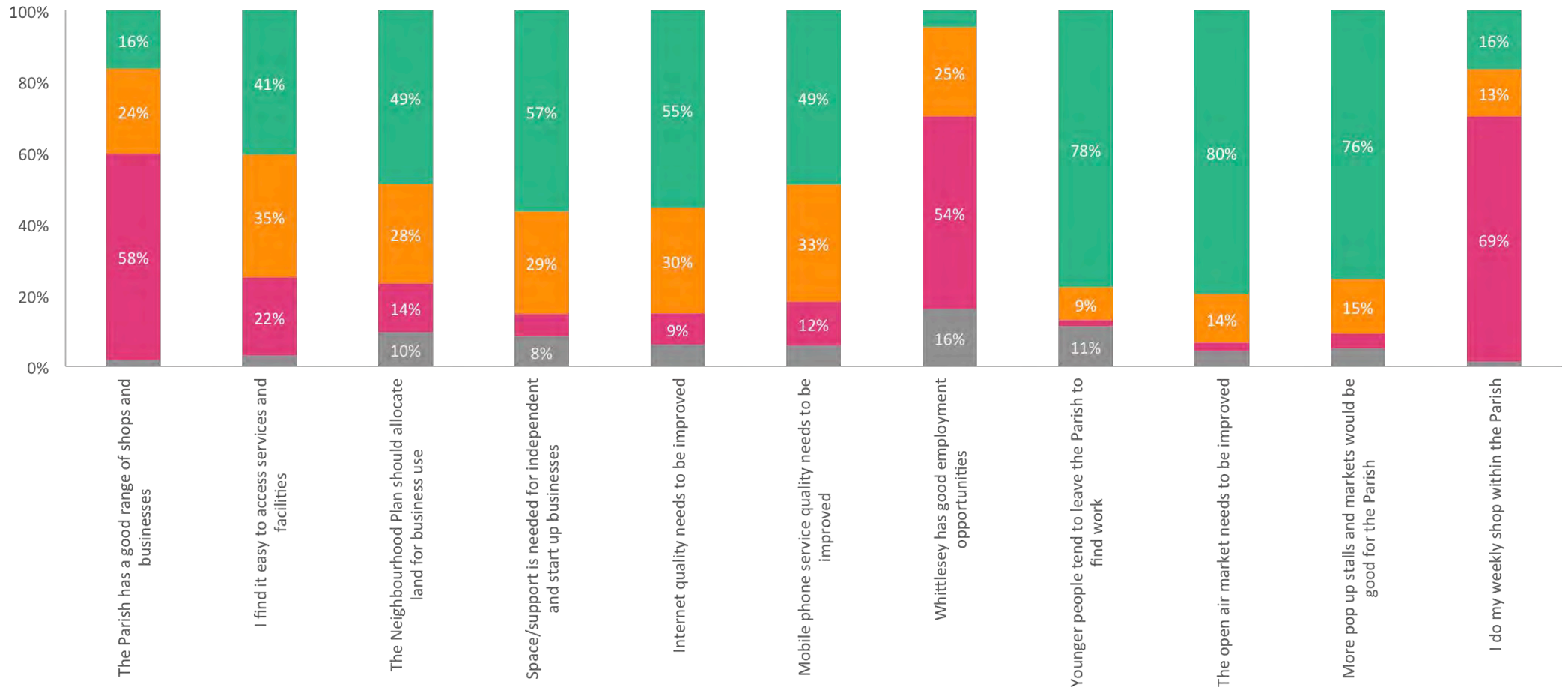
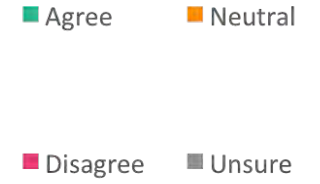
49% feel the Neighbourhood Plan should allocate land for business (28% are neutral and presumably not opposed to this) and 57% feel that space and support is needed for independent and start up businesses. Overall there seems to be some interest in additional support for local business.

55% of respondents feel that Internet quality needs to be improved and 49% feel that mobile phone quality needs to be improved. These are not overwhelmingly strong responses but there seems to be some concern regarding quality of communication technology in the Parish.

54% of respondents disagree with the statement “Whittlesey has good employment opportunities” and 78% agree that younger people tend to leave the Parish to find work. Generally the perception is that there are not sufficient employment opportunities in the Parish.

The final statements relate to markets and shopping. 80% agree that the open air market needs to be improved (answers to earlier questions give some insight into how this could be done). 76% of respondents feel that more pop up stalls and markets would be good for the Parish. The majority of people (69%) do not do their weekly shop within the Parish. Overall there is a desire for a greater retail offer within the Parish both in terms of groceries/routine purchases and “leisure shopping” like markets and more specialist retail.

Adult Questionnaire Business



Adult Questionnaire Business

Q. Any further comments about business?

A selection of respondents' comments on business are set out here.

“Though I support local run businesses, I feel there is a need for banded name shops and food chains”

“Would always try to shop in Whittlesey but the selection of retailers is reducing every year”

“Very little employment opportunities in Whittlesey and surrounding parishes”

“We need some national stores. We must be the only town of our size without a coffee shop in UK”

“More restaurants to eat locally without the need to go to Peterborough”

“One word - supermarket”

(This was the most common comment)

“Mobile phone and internet services poor in Turves”

“We don't need any more hairdressers nail bars or take aways”

Adult Questionnaire Community and Leisure

Q. Indicate your response to the following statements about facilities and leisure (see next page for graph)

Answered 1079/Skipped 80

There is a mixed response to the phrase “Community facilities within the Parish are good”, with the most common response (40%) being “neutral”. The majority of respondents (67%) feel that more facilities are needed for younger people within the Parish and 55% would like to see more facilities for older people.

53% feel that there should be more community events and 37% are neutral – only a very small percentage are opposed to having more events.

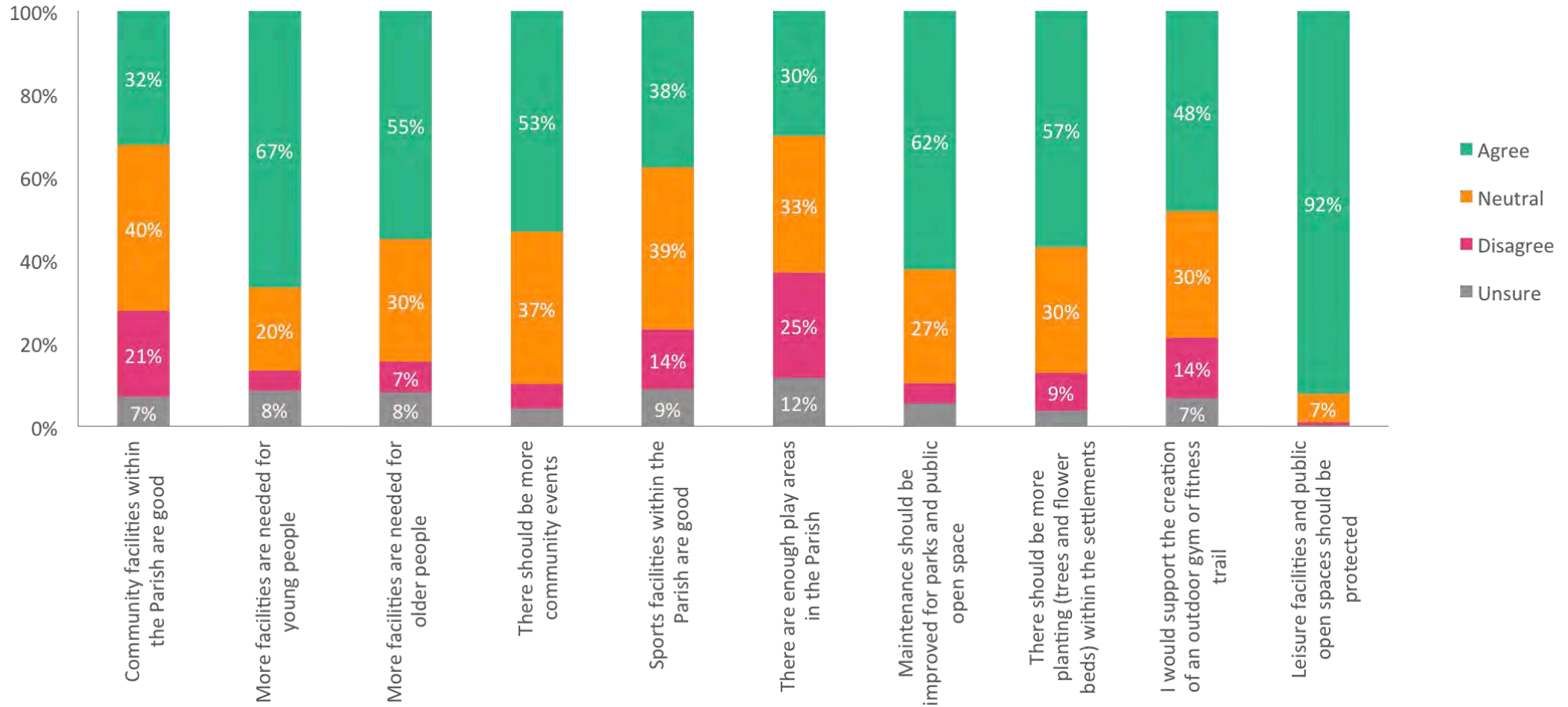
Only 38% of respondents feel that sports facilities within the Parish are good, but 39% are neutral on the issue so we can assume only a small percentage think they are bad.

There is no clear response on whether there are enough play areas in the Parish, most either agree that there are enough (30%) or are neutral (33%). A clearer response is obtained regarding maintenance of existing spaces with 62% agreeing that maintenance should be improved for parks and open space. 57% also agree that there should be more planting of trees and flower beds.

48% say they would support the creation of an outdoor gym or fitness trail and 92% agree that leisure facilities and public open space should be protected.

Overall it seems the protection and improvement of current facilities is more important than new facilities.

Adult Questionnaire Community and Leisure



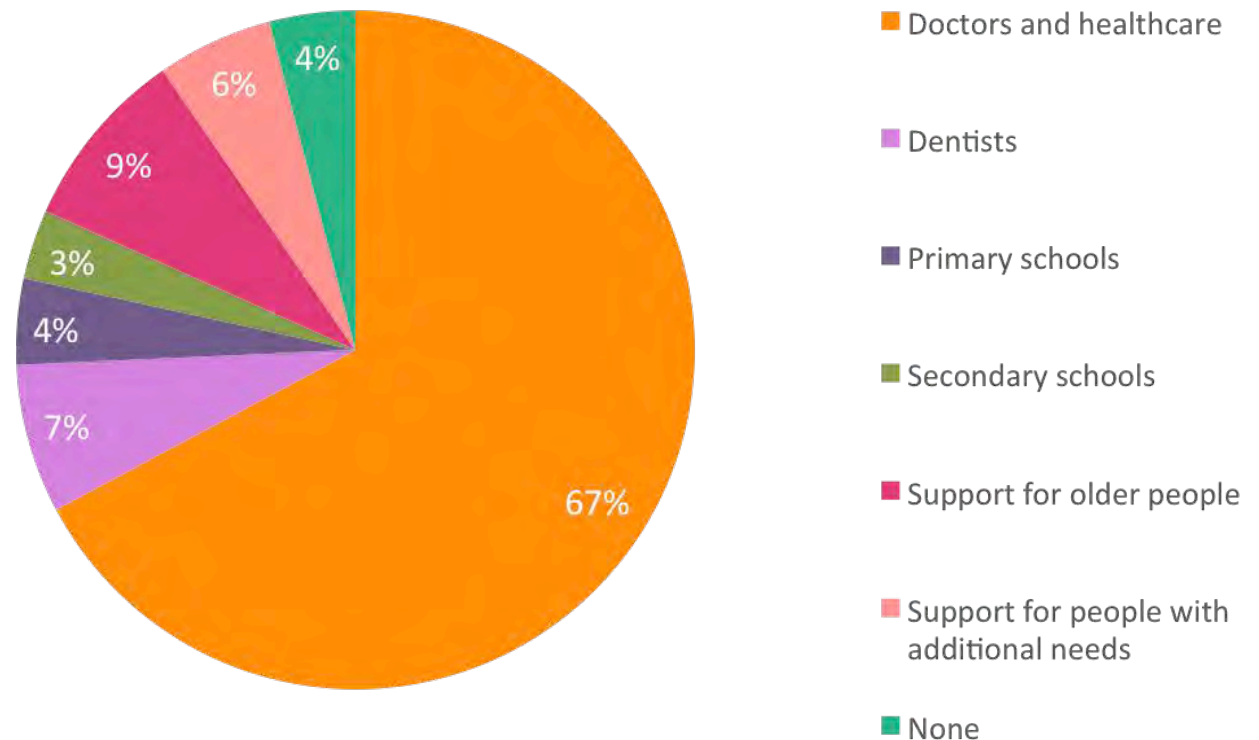
Adult Questionnaire Community and Leisure

Q. Which services, if any, need to be increased in the Parish?

Answered 634/Skipped 525

The most popular answer is “Doctors and health care” with 67%. However an error with the online questionnaire meant that respondents could only select one answer to this question, unlike previous questions which allowed more than one selection.

The responses therefore suggest which is the *most* important service to residents, but does not give a clear idea about the relative importance of the other options. Respondents used the comment box for this section to highlight what their other choices would have been, with dentists and schools being mentioned most frequently. We can assume then that these would have been the next most popular options.



Adult Questionnaire Community and Leisure

Q. Any further comments about community and leisure?

A selection of respondents' comments on community and leisure are set out here. Comments confirming additional selections for the previous question have not been included, as they have been summarised on the previous page.

"Gym membership is too expensive for me to use and is over crowded last time I went i.e peak time"

"Children need the facilities to exercise at an early age. The elderly need the facilities to remain active and healthy into their old age"

"Due to the amount of new houses being built there will be a massive demand for public services"

"The community events on the market square last year were fantastic and we'll supported, we need it more often"

"There should be a parish biodiversity action plan created"

"Better manor fields facility. How about a path way around it?"

"No NHS Dentist in the Parish. Getting a doctors appointment is almost impossible"

"Leisure centre is brilliant but needs upgrading/improving (the pool changing room/toilet area)"

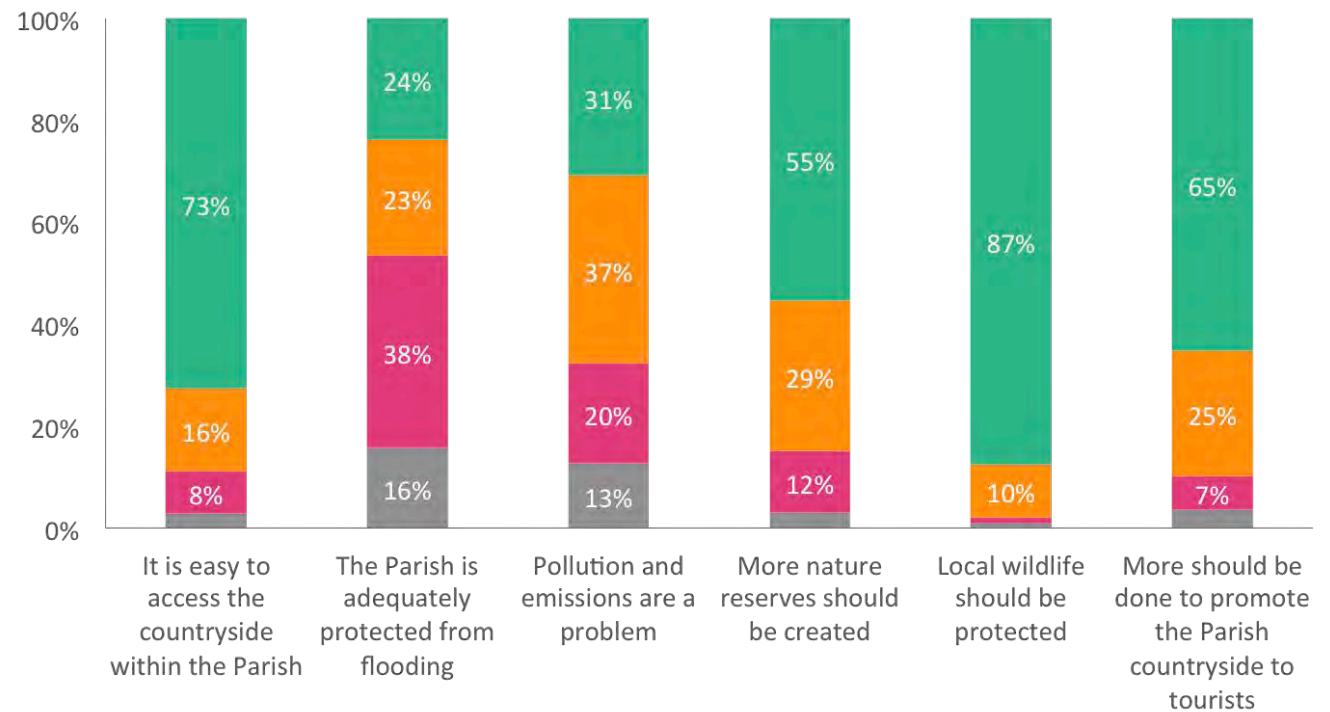
Adult Questionnaire Environment and Heritage

Q. Indicate your response to the following statements about the environment:

Answered 1055/Skipped 104

73% agree that it is easy to access countryside within the Parish. 38% do not feel that the Parish is adequately protected from flooding, however a higher number of respondents (16%) are unsure on the flooding question compared to the other statements; more knowledge and capacity building can be undertaken on this topic in future workshops.

There is no strong response on pollution and emissions, though 31% feel that they are a problem. There is strong support (87%) for protecting local wildlife. 55% would also like to see more nature reserves created. The majority of respondents would like to see more done to promote the Parish countryside to tourists.

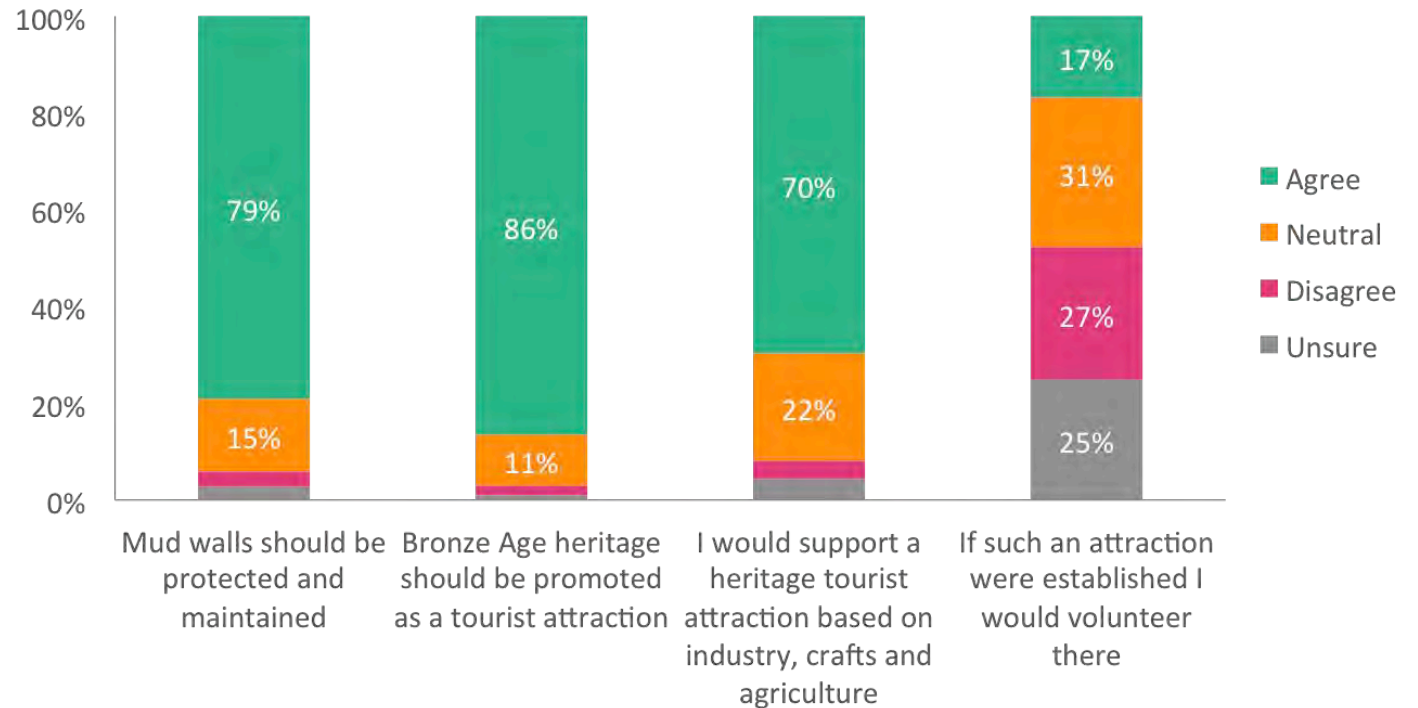


Adult Questionnaire Environment and Heritage

Q. Indicate your response to the following statements about heritage:

Answered 1056/Skipped 103

There is widespread support for the protection and promotion of heritage features within the Parish. 79% feel that mud walls should be protected and maintained, while 86% think that Bronze Age heritage should be promoted as a tourist attraction. 70% would also support a heritage tourist attraction based on industry, crafts and agriculture. However respondents are less sure that they would volunteer at such an attraction with only 17% in agreement.



Adult Questionnaire Environment and Heritage

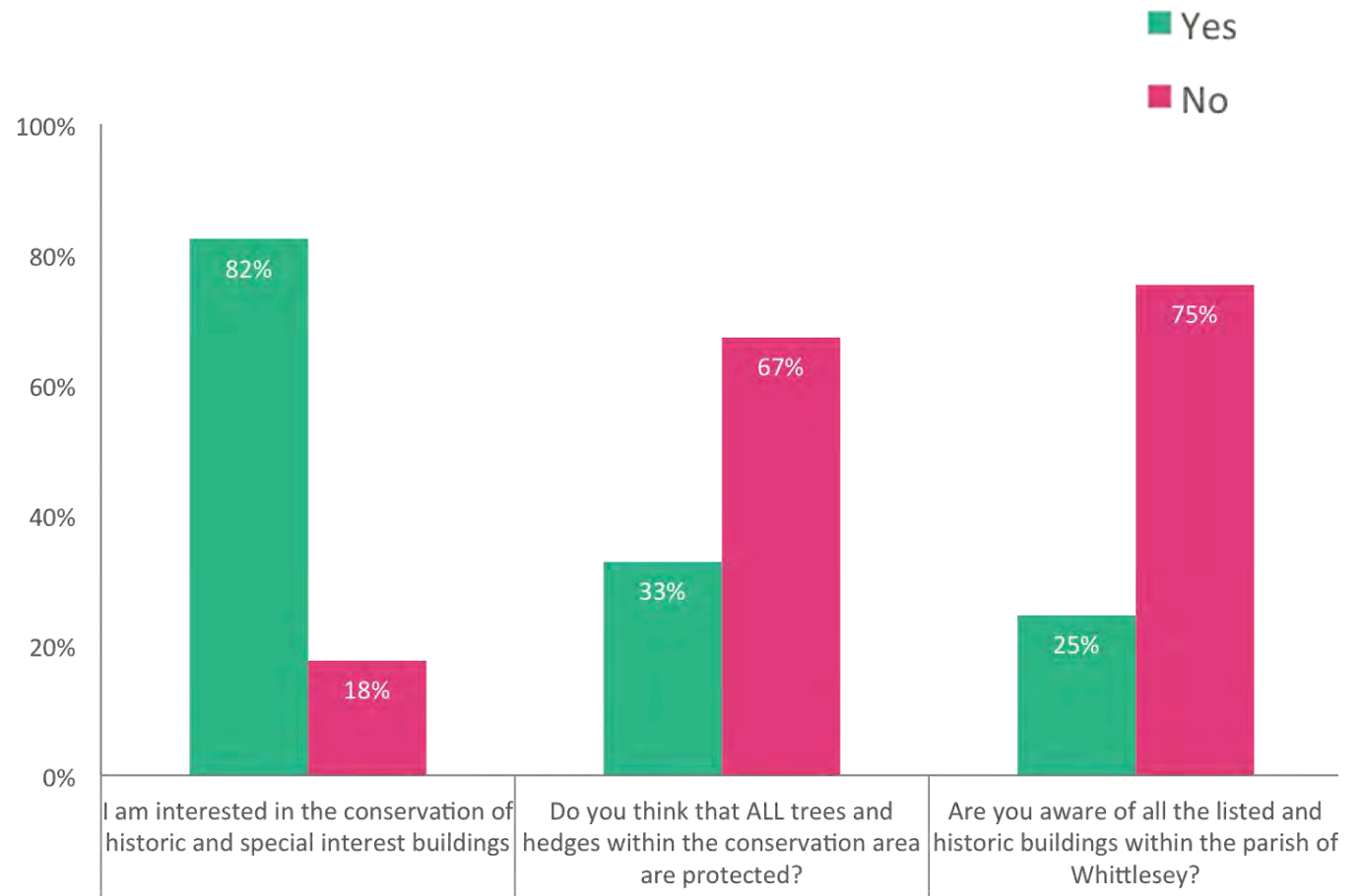
Q. Indicate your response to the following:

Answered 1059/Skipped 100

The interest in local heritage continues in the responses to this section with 82% interested in the conservation of historic and special interest buildings.

67% do not think all trees and hedges within the Conservation Area are protected. However looking critically at this question it is poorly phrased and could either be perceived to mean that trees and hedges *should* be protected OR be testing the understanding of the Conservation Area designation in relation to trees and hedgerows.

75% are not aware of all the listed and historic buildings within the Parish of Whittlesey but again on reflection this question is poorly conceived as one could assume most people will not be aware of *all* the historic buildings in an area.

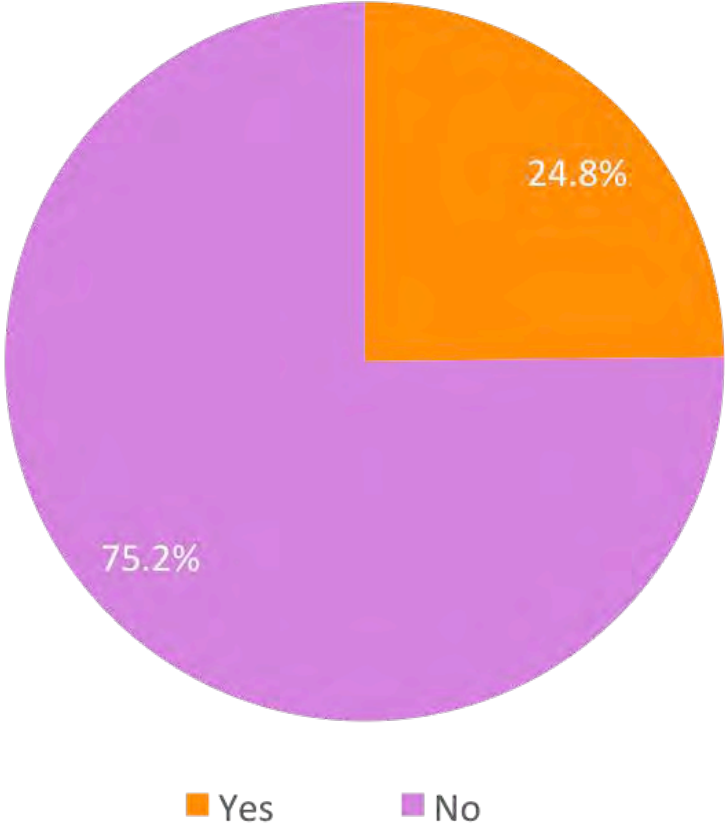


Adult Questionnaire Environment and Heritage

Q. Do you think the current Conservation Area boundaries should be extended?
This question was accompanied by a map.

Answered 793/Skipped 366

75% feel that the Conservation Area boundaries should not be extended. There was a follow up question to this asking for suggestions as to which areas should be included if the Conservation Area were to be expanded. As the consensus is that the boundary should not be extended the responses to this follow up question have not been included.



Adult Questionnaire Environment and Heritage

Q. Any further comments about environment and heritage?

A selection of respondents' comments on environment and heritage are set out here.

“There is a real shortage of trees”

“Essential Must Farm site and artifacts must remain in Whittlesey not Peterborough”

“I think it is very important to protect the environment and we as a community should encourage all new building projects to be sustainable and have a low environmental impact”

“Shouldn't build in flood risk areas”

“More should be done to maintain the buildings within the conservation area and other historic buildings”

“Pollution from the brickyards has a huge impact on residents with respiratory problems!”

“Would like to see more information about the heritage of the parish on boards. Really keen to keep green spaces and enjoy trees.”

“Must Farm needs to be used for tourism locally.”

Children and Young People

Engaging Children and Young People

As part of our initial consultation we really wanted to get feedback from children and young people in the Parish. Engagement will of course be ongoing but as an initial step we devised two additional questionnaires. The Sir Harry Smith Questionnaire is designed for students aged between 11 and 18 and results were collected from 744 students of Sir Harry Smith Community College.

The Children's survey is designed for younger children (aged 4- 11) and results were collected from 678 students from four local primary schools. The following pages provide a summary of the responses.

Sir Harry Smith Questionnaire

Young people are far more likely than adults to make journeys on foot, with 60% walking to school. In the comments section “scooter” was also a common mode of transport.

In the future **young people feel they are likely to stay on to take A levels and go to University**. Most feel they are unlikely to transfer to another school.

In their leisure time **young people most enjoy spending time with friends (82%)**. Outdoor activities/sports, social media and watching TV/films were also popular choices. In the comments section many young people added that they enjoy spending time with their family. Reading was also mentioned a number of times within the comments.

When rating different aspects of the Parish young people generally feel that **provision of outdoor spaces is good but evening activities/things to do at the weekend are poor**. A common response to many of the options in this section is “average”.

The response to the question “which of the following are important to you?” is unclear; many young people select all of the options. However education and shops come out slightly higher than the other options.

What’s good about where you live?	What’s bad about where you live?
Area is quiet and safe, people are nice and friendly.	Not enough to do and not enough shops. The area is perceived as too quiet and boring
Being close to friends, school and amenities	Antisocial behavior e.g. drunk people, drug taking and vandalism. Some also mentioned “dodgy” or “noisy” people
Outdoor spaces and opportunities to play outside	Feeling geographically isolated e.g. long walks to school/ to see friends and poor public transport. Too much traffic

Sir Harry Smith Questionnaire

Generally **young people feel that food and drink uses should be encouraged within the Parish to promote jobs and economic development**. Interestingly this reflects a similarly strong preference within the Adult questionnaire for such uses.

Responses to the question “Which of the following could be improved?” are unclear with most options being popular though “car parking” and “leisure” come out slightly higher.

In the next 10 years most young people surveyed see themselves living in a house that they own. In the comments a number of people state that they plan not to be living in the area or even the country in the future.

Respondents feel that **the following could be done in the next 10 years to encourage young people to stay in the area:**

- **More jobs/more highly skilled jobs**
- **More shops, activities and attractions**
- **Better and cheaper public transport**

Children's Questionnaire

Children say they most like doing sports and playing outside when asked what they like doing though many of the options are popular. In the comments section children list a wide range of activities that they enjoy including roller-skating, reading, rock climbing and singing.

65% of children think there are enough places to play where they live. There is some variation on this between the three schools; in Coates a higher proportion of children think there are enough play spaces.

Children think the best things about where they live are being able to walk to friends, and play areas. Nature and nice buildings are also important.

Children think the worst things about where they live are litter and too much traffic. They also dislike the lack of play spaces and lack of cycle paths. In the comments many children mention dog poo as a concern.

Travel to school is a fairly even split between walking and the private car. Some children also cycle but very few use public transport, which is understandable given the age range surveyed.

When they are older the majority of children would like to live somewhere other than Whittlesey or the villages. Responses were split fairly evenly between Peterborough, somewhere else in the UK and a different country altogether.

Just over half of children are members of a club or organisation. The comments show a broad range of clubs including football, swimming, Brownies/Scouts, ice skating and dodgeball.

Appendix B: Vision and Objectives Workshop Report

Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan
Vision and Objectives Workshop Report
November 2017

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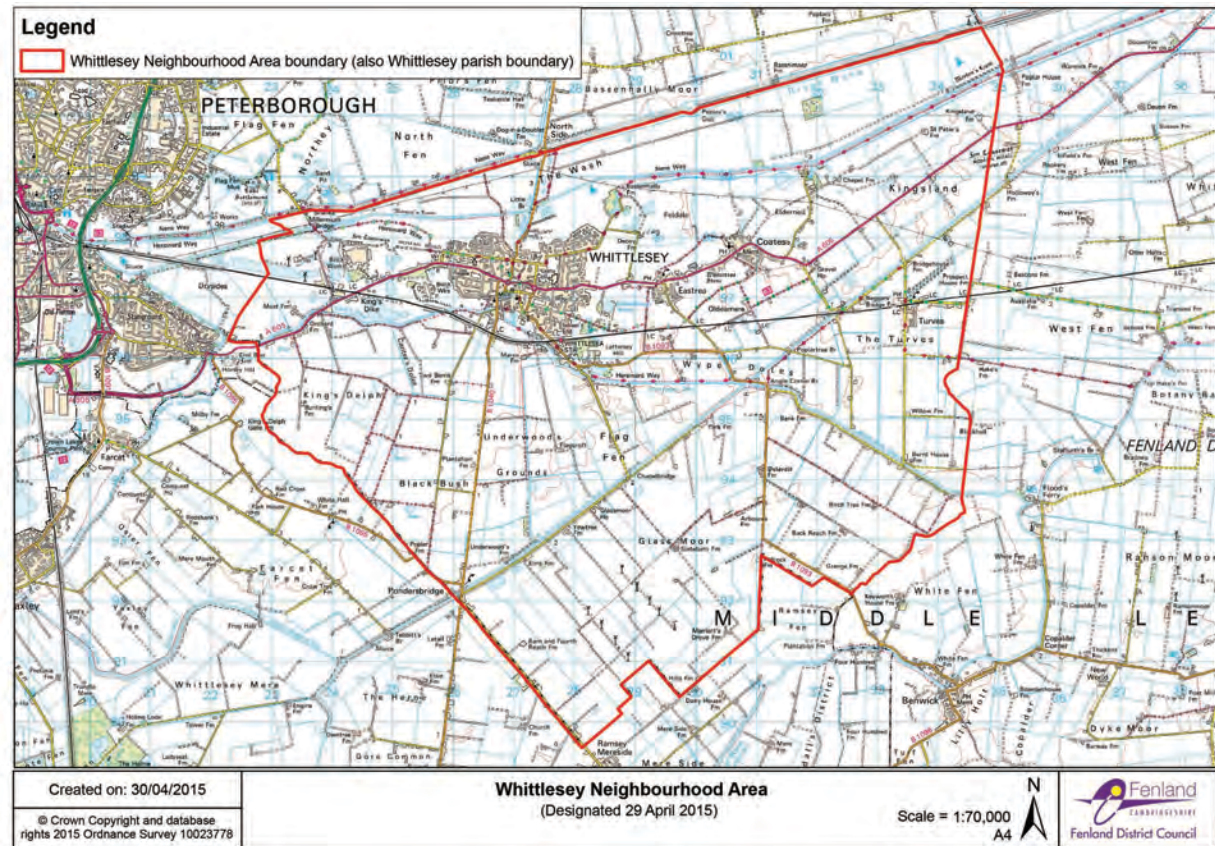
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Introduction

In 2014 Whittlesey Town Council decided to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. Area Designation was applied for, with the boundary of the designation following the Parish Boundary. The designation was confirmed in April of 2015 and a Neighbourhood Plan Committee was set up to begin working on the Plan.

The aim is that Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan will reflect the views and aspirations of those living and working in the Parish. To that end, public consultation is forming an early part of the planning process; an initial scoping questionnaire was delivered throughout the Neighbourhood Plan Area in March 2017 to identify the thoughts of the community before commencing production of the plan. This was followed up by a Vision and Objectives workshop to draw out key themes. This report details the findings of that workshop.



Methodology

Date	13 th October 2017
Time	12-2pm, 4-6pm, 6-8pm
Location	Whittlesey Christian Church
Total number of attendees	52 community attendees 2 URBED staff 7 Councillors 3 Christian Church Team

The purpose of the Vision and Objectives workshop was to start to get residents thinking about what the Neighbourhood Plan should be seeking to achieve and establish a vision for the future of the Parish. As the event took place on a weekday we ran three sessions to ensure everyone had an opportunity to participate, including “after school” and “after work” sessions. Each one offered exactly the same format and residents were free to come to any session that most suited them. The event was promoted by the Neighbourhood Plan Committee via advertisements in local publications and in the local area.

Format

Each session lasted for two hours and began with a presentation from URBED on the evolution of towns and the challenges facing them, an introduction to the Neighbourhood Plan process and a summary of the results of the scoping questionnaire.

Attendees were then invited to get into groups and answer a series of questions about the Neighbourhood Plan Vision and Objectives. Each group was facilitated either by a member of the URBED team or a local councillor.

Recording Results

During the session results were recorded on large flip charts. These comments were then collected by URBED and recorded in an Excel spreadsheet. URBED grouped the comments for each question into common themes and in this way were able to identify which topics or statement came up most frequently. The results in this report show the frequency of the general topics and comments to allow for some analysis of the data. These are also accompanied on some pages by a selection of direct quotes to provide a sense of the discussions that were taking place.

Vision and Objectives Workshop Reponses

Question 1: What do we know about the Parish?

Results

This question was designed as something of a warm up question, getting attendees comfortable with speaking and participating by sharing their knowledge of the local area. It was also a good opportunity for URBED as outsiders to learn more about the Parish from the residents themselves. We can see from some of the responses that people were very keen to begin drilling down into the issues straight away so there is some repetition here between answers to this question and later responses.

Responses were recorded in an Excel spreadsheet and then grouped according to common statements. We can see below that a lot of the comments focused on a lack of services, vulnerability to flooding, poor retail choice and poor public transport. However residents also highlighted positives like a friendly and strong community and rich history.

Most Common Responses	
Lack of public services (GP, Dentist, School)	9
Vulnerable to flooding	7
Not enough retail choice/too many of certain shops	5
Poor public transport	5
Friendly/good community	4
Historic town	4
Commuter town	3
Generations of the same family	3
Need for more maintenance	3

Biodiversity/unique species	2
Festivals	2
Forgotten/Isolated	2
Parking Issues	2
Has a train station	2
High quality agricultural land	2
Market Town	2
Town centre decline	2
Traffic congestion	2
Unique culture	2

Active Town Council	1
Cheap land	1
Developable Land is physically constrained	1
Fenland Council has too much influence	1
Good business rates	1
Good Leisure Centre/Parks	1
High quality landscape	1
Independent shops	1
Lack of employment opportunities	1
Lack of police	1
Lots of small villages	1
Population is changing	1
Not enough infrastructure coming with development	1
Significant heritage	1
Affluent area	1
Unimplemented planning permissions	1
Used to be navigable by boat	1
Vandalism/antisocial behaviour	1

Question 1: What do we know about the Parish?

A selection of quotes/responses

“Historic brickworks, Bronze Age heritage at Must Farm.”

“Families been here for years”

“It’s friendly!”

“It floods!”

“Flooding can be a spectator sport: Fens skaters when the washes flood”

“Unique culture and events – Straw Bear, Whittlesey Festival and Music Festival.”

“An old medieval market town”

“The story of the Straw Bear”

“You could navigate it by boat – Eastrea and Coates used to be islands”

“The ‘forgotten entity of the UK’ that road links have always bypassed, leading to a form of isolationism.”

Question 2: What should the Neighbourhood Plan do?

Results

This question was designed to start drawing out the aspirations for what the Neighbourhood Plan might achieve. This question and subsequent questions prompted comments on a lot of non-planning matters that cannot necessarily be addressed by the Neighbourhood Plan. Facilitators in each group provided some guidance as the session progressed and the forthcoming workshop will include some capacity building in this area.

As this workshop was primarily about developing a vision and aspirations the non-planning statements have still been recorded as they tell a story about issues residents consider important. This report will attempt to provide some commentary on which statements can be considered planning matters. Non-planning matters will be fed back to the Town Council and can be pursued outside of the Neighbourhood Plan process.

Most Common Responses	
Improve public transport	8
Ensure enough GP/Dentist capacity	6
Reflect/highlight opinions of residents	6
Ensure enough infrastructure	5
Ensure enough school places	5
Improve business/employment opportunities	5
Protect and improve facilities for vulnerable people - young, old, those with additional needs	4

Consider a bypass	3
Promote the area/tourism	3
Protect and improve recreation/open spaces	3
Protect and improve the natural environment/views	3
Support/diversify industry	3
Consider utilities/water pressure	2
Improve policing	2
Improve sustainability/be more environmentally friendly	2
Reduce new housing	2
Support local retail	2
Address parking issues	1
Allocate sites and dictate appropriate types of development	1
Define identity for the area	1
Improve design of new development	1
Improve marketplace	1
Improve walking and cycling facilities	1
Include outlying villages	1
Increase funding for existing services	1
Prevent development to the north of Whittlesey	1
Protect agricultural land	1
Protect and enhance heritage assets	1
Provide social housing	1
Retain young people	1
Road improvements	1

Planning and non-planning matters

Neighbourhood Plan policies can only deal with the development and use of land. This is because, if it is successful at examination and referendum, the Neighbourhood Plan will become part of the development plan on which planning permissions will be decided. Because it must deal only with the development and use of land a Neighbourhood Plan has limited scope to address non-planning matters like litter or policing.

However the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan can really inspire people and local businesses to think of ways of improving their neighbourhood. Wider community aspirations like these can be included in a Neighbourhood Plan but must be clearly identifiable and separated in a companion document or annex.

Aspirations can also be turned into valid policies by looking at them differently. For example a desire for improved public transport could turn into a policy requiring new development to be close to bus stops, potentially increasing the number of users and prompting service improvements

Question 2: What should the Neighbourhood Plan do?

A selection of quotes/responses

Planning matters

“Specify locations of development and type of development.”

“Protect heritage assets – mud walls and Bronze Age features”

“Need for social housing”

“Better design”

Non- planning matters

“Improve police facilities.”

“improve leisure/sport facilities”

“Better marketing of Whittlesey”

Question 3: What should the Parish be like in the future?

Results

This question was designed to get residents thinking about the future of the area and in a more long term, strategic way. This question leads on to two follow up questions, which look at the potential barriers to achieving this future, and the assets that can help them achieve it.

We can see that respondents really value the sense of community in the area and do not want to lose this. While this isn't a planning matter as such it is a very positive aspiration to have when starting to develop a vision for the Parish. Common themes center around the idea of Whittlesey Parish being a thriving, vibrant and successful place, as well as being safe and well connected. These responses will help us to draw out a vision and set of objectives to inform the next stage of the Neighbourhood Plan.

There's a strong sense of community	5
The town centre is thriving	5
There is a vibrant market and associated events	5
There is a safe and secure environment	4
The area has a strong, unique identity	4
There are lots of different successful shops	4
There are places to meet and socialise in the evening	4
The area is well connected by good public transport links	4

The area is a destination for heritage tourism	3
Everyone's needs are cared for	3
There's a diverse and sustainable population with a mix of younger and older people	3
There's plenty of facilities and things to do for younger and older people	3
There's plenty of local arts, culture and events	3
There are new job opportunities and a high level of employment	3
The area is visually attractive	3

There is adequate infrastructure	2
The area is clean and well maintained	2
Parking is still free	2
There are plenty of school places, GP's and Dentists	2
Local people have control over local issues	2
Whittlesey has a bypass	1
Whittlesey is a commuter town with money being spent there	1
There's enough affordable and social housing	1
The area has local control of S106 spending	1
Traffic and congestion is not an issue	1
Crime is low	1
The area is part of Peterborough County Council - not Cambridge	1
Local industry is thriving	1
The town centre has a supermarket	1
It's a welcoming place	1
New development is well planned and well designed	1
Young people are engaged with local issues and involved in the Town Council	1

Portrait of a future Whittlesey Parish

It's the year 2037 and a visitor has arrived in Whittlesey. It's their first visit to the area - they were attracted by the fascinating heritage and are particularly keen to see the mud walls and explore the Bronze Age settlement at Must Farm.

Our visitor strolls down Market Street admiring the thriving town centre. There are many different shops and businesses and they don't seem to be short of customers! On rounding the corner they encounter a bustling market. The stalls are bursting with unique local produce and the visitor gets chatting to a friendly stallholder while sampling a local ale.

The stallholder has lived in the area all his life, as have several generations of his family. He's seen the area change over the years; new people have moved into the community, attracted by well - designed new housing in sustainable locations, great public transport access and excellent local services. New residents feel welcome and part of a strong community, and the population is now a sustainable mix of both younger and older people. The growth in population has helped to support local businesses, which is why the town centre and market are doing so well.

Question 4: What might the barriers be to achieving this future?

Results

This question was designed to provoke discussion about the potential limitations of the aspirations in the previous questions and to highlight any barriers to achieving the vision. The aim was to challenge residents to think critically and practically about what can be achieved.

Overwhelmingly responses to this question centred on a lack of local power and the dominance of the District Council in decision-making. In some ways this is a common position for a small town in a wider Local Authority but it did seem to be felt more acutely here. Residents were made aware that although the Neighbourhood Plan cannot contradict or undermine the Local Plan, it will form a statutory planning document and so will carry some weight in decision-making.

Residents also identified the very real financial limitations, recognising that a lack of funding and investment would limit the potential for drastic change.

Wider Policies and Politics/Not enough local power	14
Lack of funding/investment	9
Lack of facilities/services	4
Apathy/lack of motivation	4

Fenland District Council	3
Access/highways issues	3
Poor public transport	2
Plan may not reflect local views	2
Lack of political will/leadership	2

Resistance to change	1
Physical constraints	1
Non planning issues that can't be addressed by the NHP	1
Lack of skills	1
Lack of parking	1
Lack of land	1
Lack of infrastructure	1
Lack of commitment	1
Lack of affordable/diverse housing	1
Economic Uncertainty	1
Developer objections	1
Competition from surrounding area	1
Changing population	1
Business rates/rent	1
Brexit	1

Question 4: What might the barriers be to achieving this future?

A selection of quotes/responses

“Inability to change the system
(authority)”

“Local resistance to
change”

“Capacity of local services”

“Lack of doctors space and
school places won’t attract
families”

“Highway capacity issues – road closures
leave very few alternative routes.”

“Only some issues can
be addressed by NP”

“Not listening to local residents”

“Infrastructure restrictions”

Question 5: What assets do we have that can help achieve this future?

Results

Here we asked residents to think positively about their local area and consider the potential opportunities and assets that could help deliver the vision. The responses highlighted a real sense of pride in the local area and start to provide insight into what assets the Neighbourhood Plan might seek to protect.

Many responses focused on heritage assets, particularly Must Farm. Residents wanted these to be protected and to become a selling point for the area. Responses also highlighted the unique landscape and biodiversity of the Fens, as well as the unique local culture and festivals. The potential to make more of existing public transport links in the Parish was also mentioned frequently.

Heritage Assets	10
Motivated community and Councillors	8
Local Culture and Festivals	8
Waterways/The Fens	6
Environment/Landscape	6
Railway Station and Public Transport Potential	5
Good Schools	5
Biodiversity/Nature	4

Close to Peterborough	3
Fishing tourism	3
Available/affordable Land	3
Road Connections	2
Lesiure Centre	2
Drainage System/Water Management	2

Good Topography for cycling	1
Market	1
Local Businesses	1
Industrial Area	1
Independent shops	1
Hotels	1
Free Parking	1
Attractive Town Centre	1
Architecture	1

Question 5: What assets do we have that can help achieve this future?

A selection of quotes/responses

“Important waterways – used for leisure, tourism, narrow boats”

“Culture- there are things in Whittlesey that you don’t get anywhere else”

“Sunset/sunrise over the countryside”

“Committed individuals, enthusiasm of residents and Councilors”

“Unique culture/very specific identity – festivals, straw bear etc”

“Transport links possibilities”

“Closeness to Peterborough”

“Spire of St Mary”

“Wildlife of the Fens – herons, kites, adders, deer, cranes, owls”

Question 6: What assets do we have that can help achieve this future?

Results

The final question was designed to get residents thinking about the kind of policies that might be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. Most responses to this question did not directly suggest a particular policy or strategy. In grouping the responses to this question URBED have tried to reframe the statements that residents made around the idea of draft policies or strategies, to help with the next stage of the process.

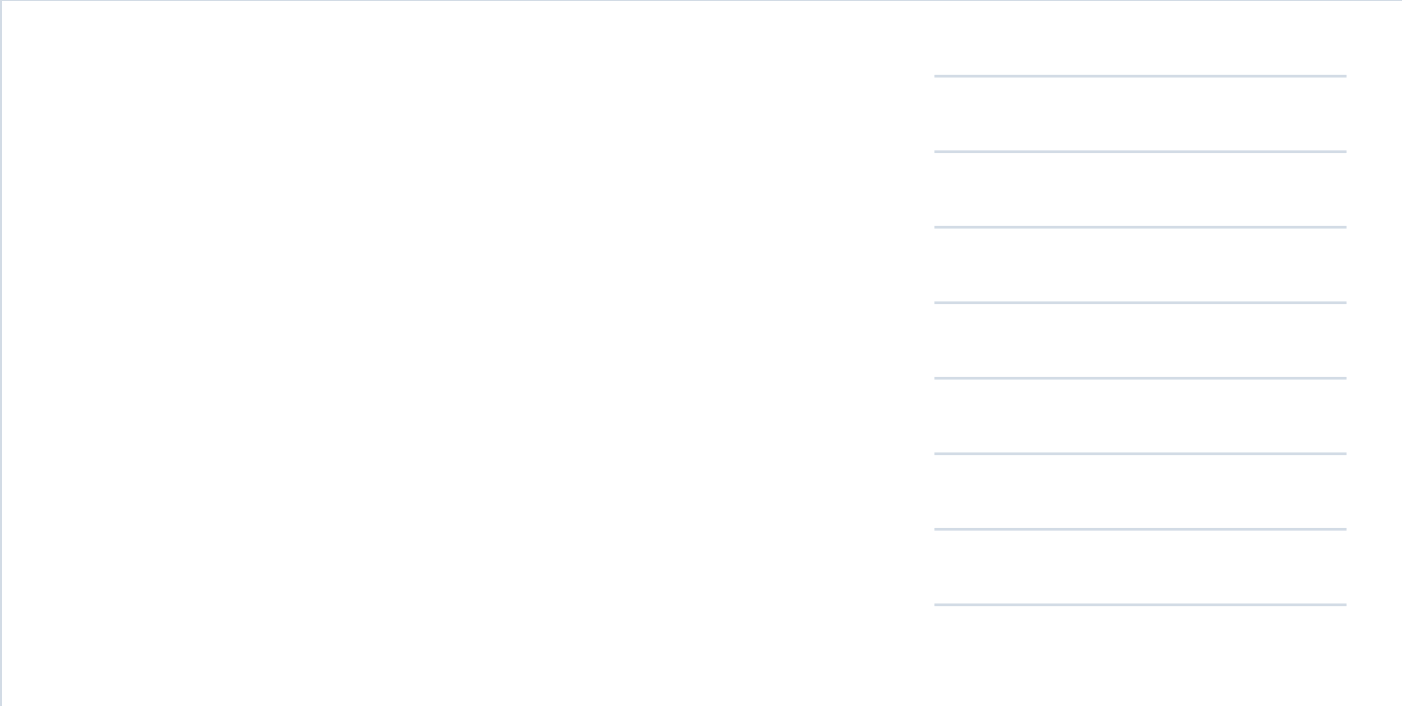
We have not included the frequency of responses here as there was not such a clear hierarchy of importance, and actually all the suggested ideas are worth exploring further in the next stage. Again there are some policy suggestions that could be seen to deal with non-planning issues. These can be explored and refined at the next stage of the process and may need to be reframed or included as aspirations in a separate companion document.

More local autonomy/engagement
Require more/better consultation
Policy to prevent developers challenging CIL/S106/Affordable housing
Mechanism to spend S106 locally
More developer contributions/infrastructure to support development
Transport strategy
Design policy
Allocate land for industrial uses
Stronger policy on flood zone development
Policy on location of new development
Policy on parking provision for new development
Policy on housing mix
Arts and leisure policy
Encourage a Supermarket
Engage with developers
Heritage protection policy
Highways policy
Allocate land for housing
Housing density policy
Strategy to provide adequate infrastructure
Landscape/biodiversity protection
Policy on back garden development
Sustainability policy for new homes
Policy to support business
Village separation policy

Appendix C: Policy Development Workshop Materials

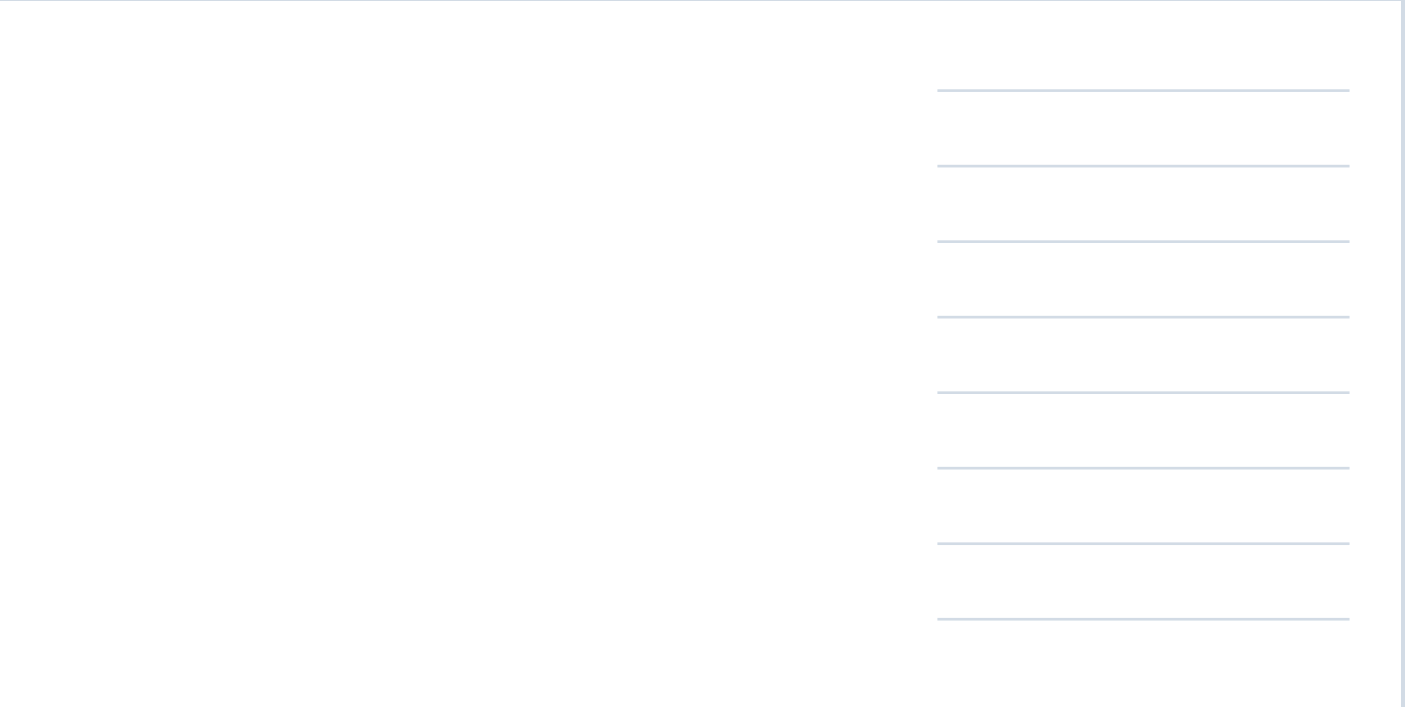
Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan

What should Whittlesey be like in the future?
Describe it and draw a picture:

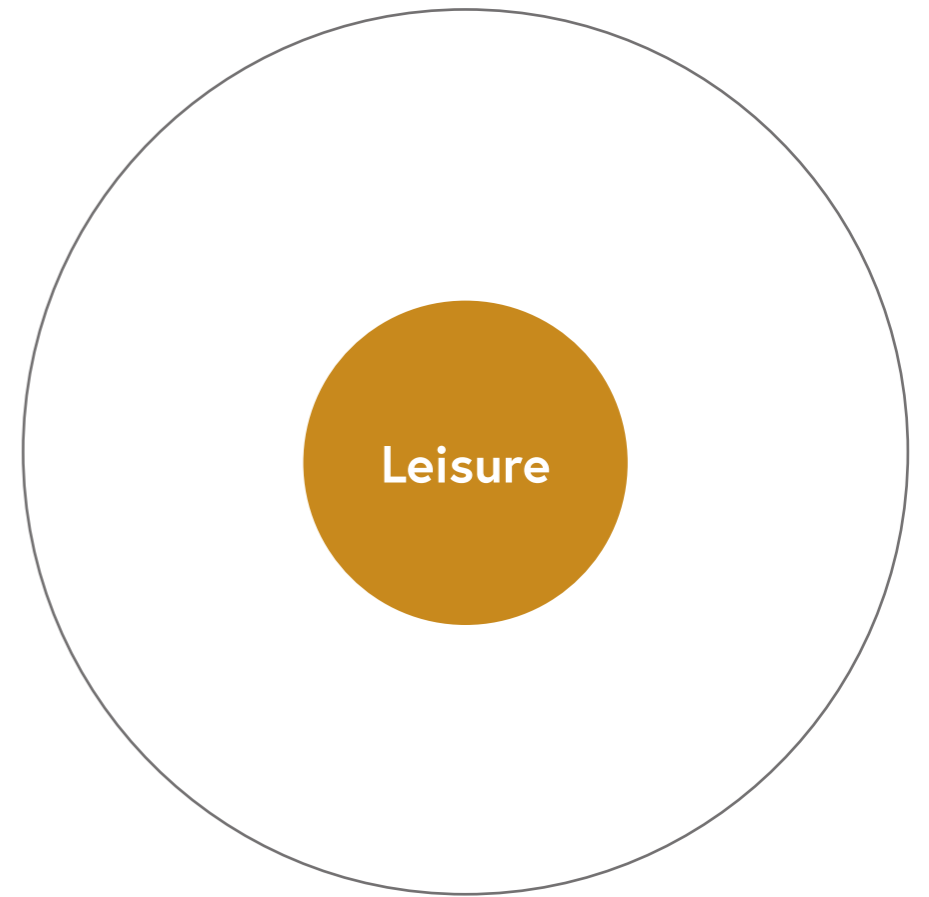
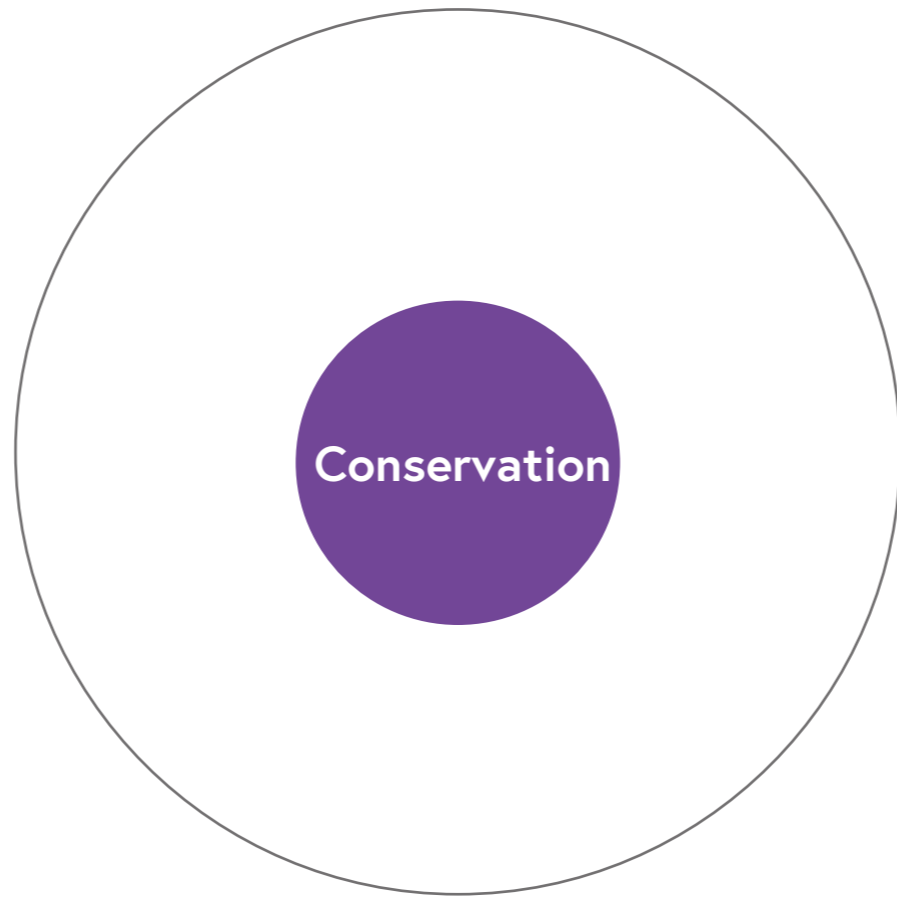
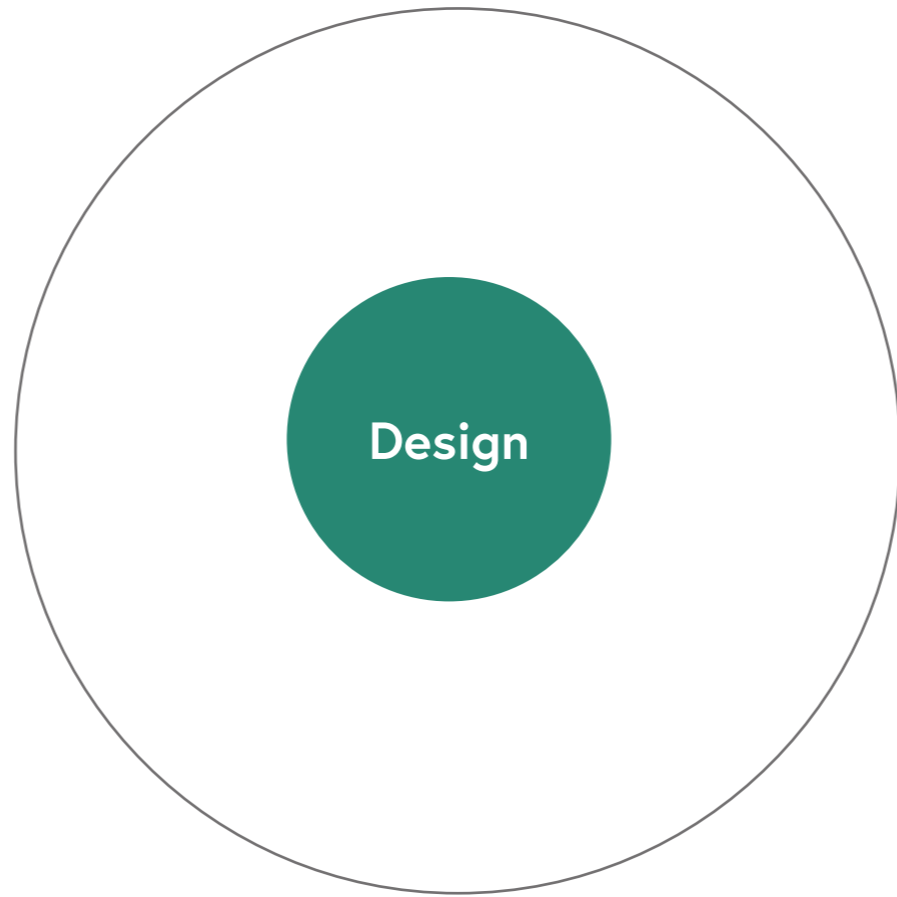
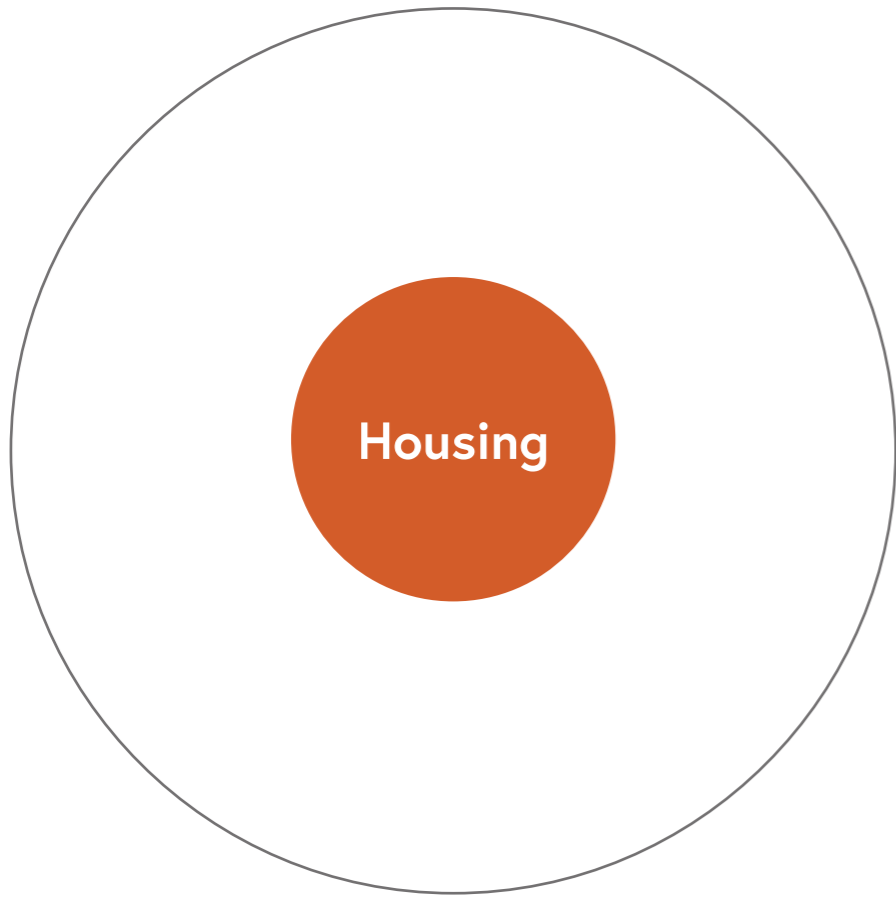


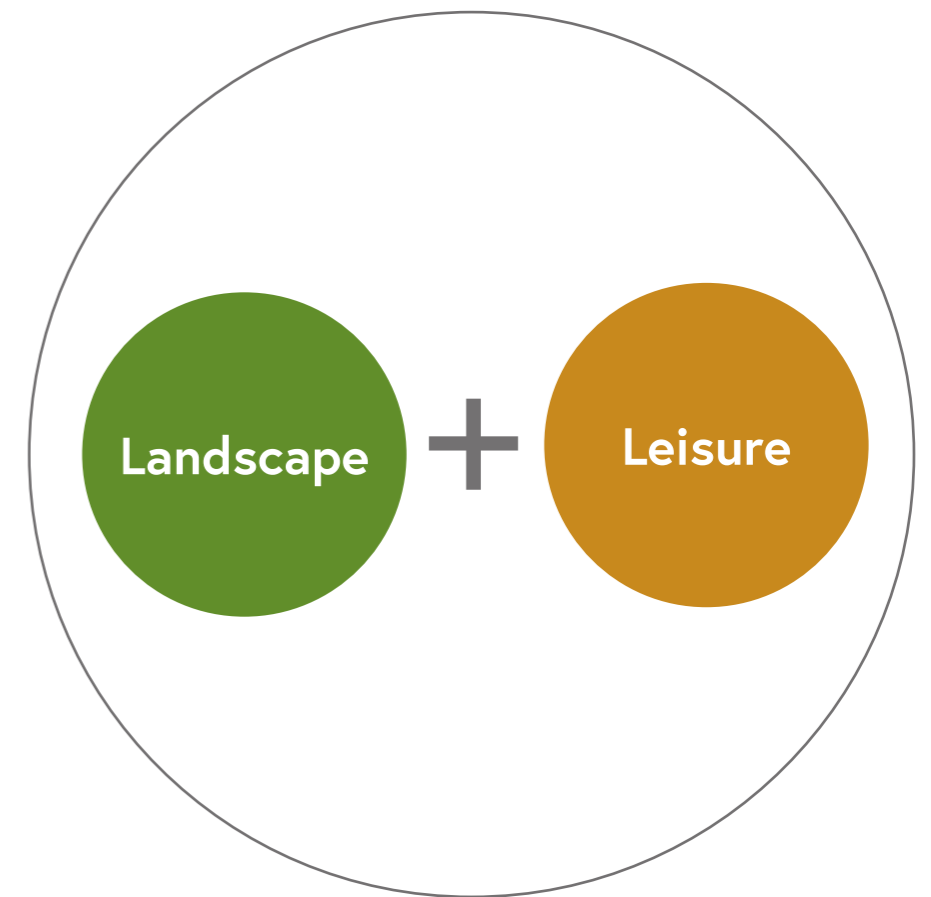
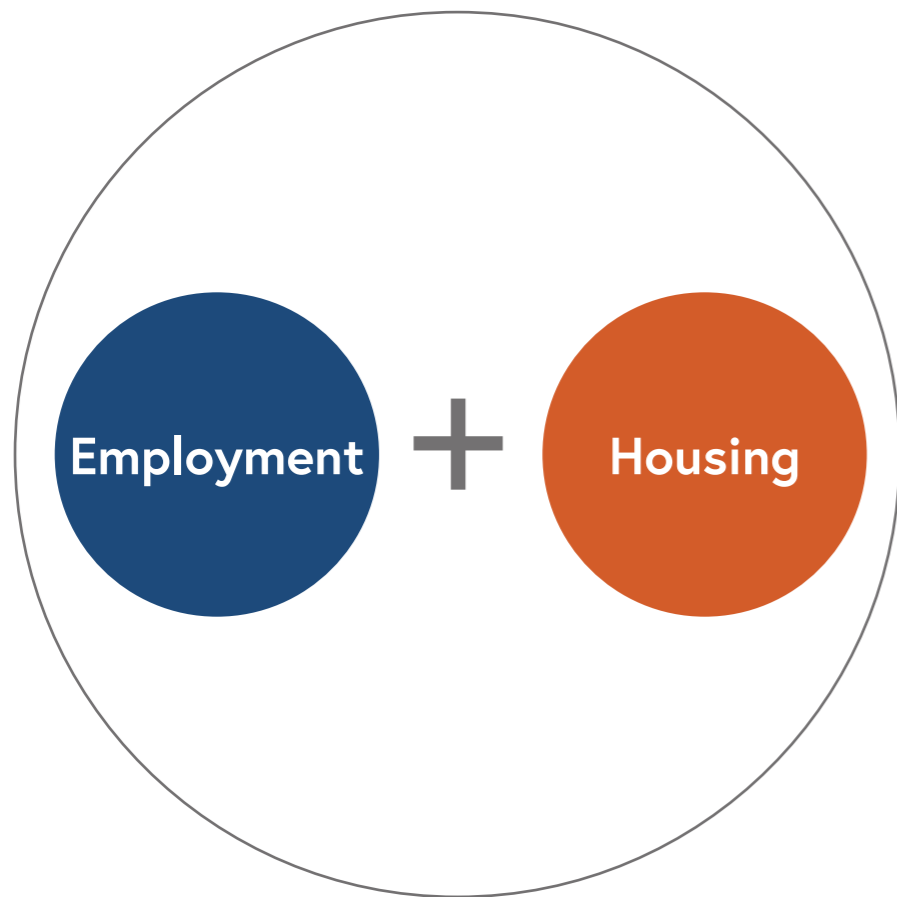
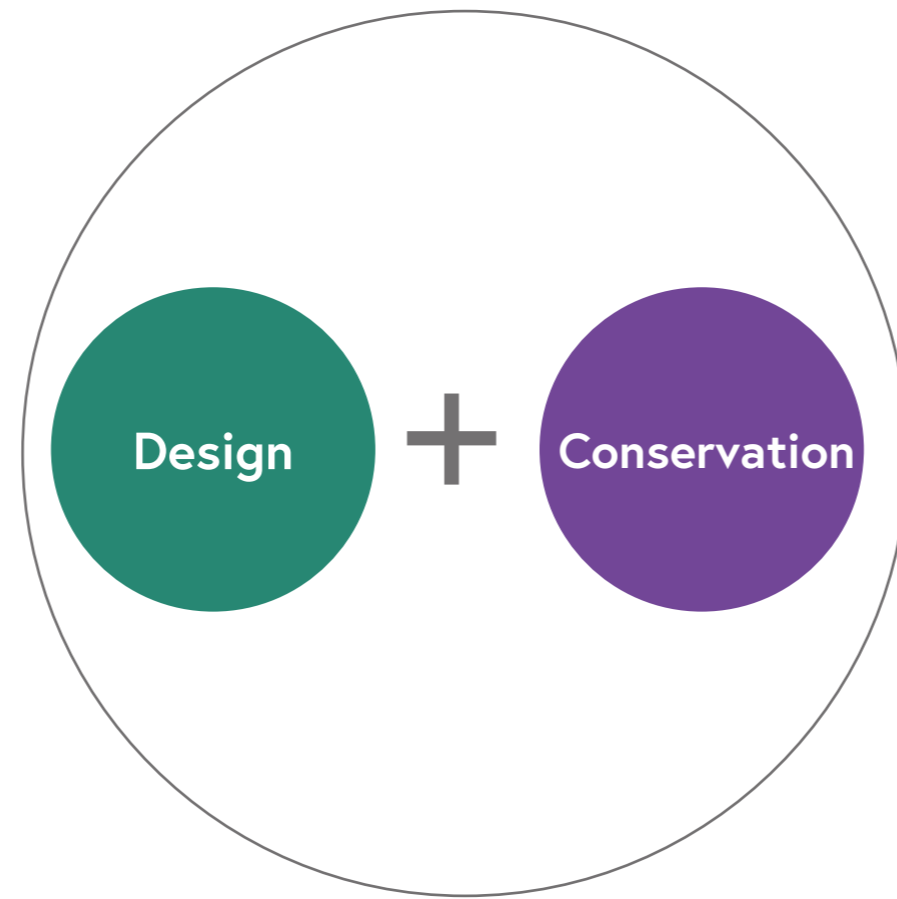
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What kind of house would you like to live in?
Describe it and draw a picture:



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Housing



Design



Employment



Leisure



Landscape



Conservation

Housing Policies

Suggested Policy

Reasons Why

Suggested Modifications?

Employment Policies

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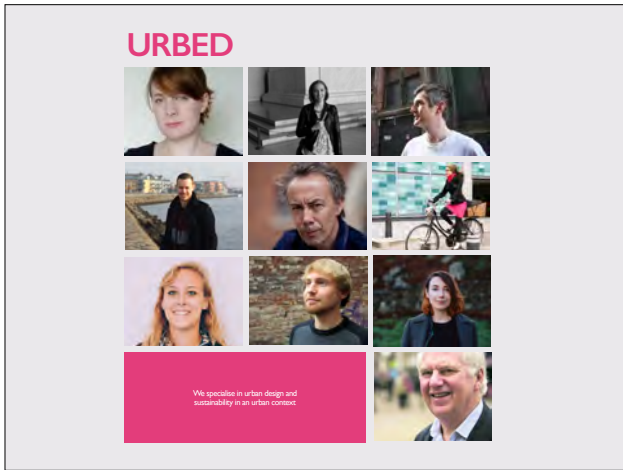
Suggested Policy

Reasons Why

Suggested Modifications?



Welcome/thanks for coming



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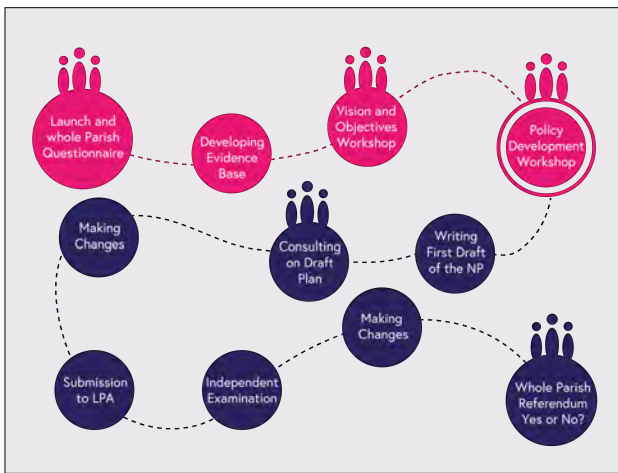
Dee approached David at an event in Wisbech

Rather than producing the neighbourhood plan *for* Whittlesey we are supporting the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and the community to produce the plan themselves.

So far: helped to organise the timetable, guide the Neighbourhood Plan committee through the process and taken the lead on consultation. We'll also be helping to produce the background information to be submitted in support of the plan and do a final review and edit of the document once it is written.



A neighbourhood plan is a policy document produced by the local community - it is used alongside national planning policy and the Local Plan to help decide the outcome of planning applications for development.



This slide sets out very roughly the route that we are taking to get to an adopted Neighbourhood Plan - the people show all the points where the community have a chance to be involved. I'll talk a bit about the work we have done so far in the later slides but looking forward, the next stage after this workshop is for the Neighbourhood Plan Committee to start writing the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan. When it's ready there will be a final consultation event - more like an exhibition rather than a workshop, before the plan is submitted to the Local Planning Authority.

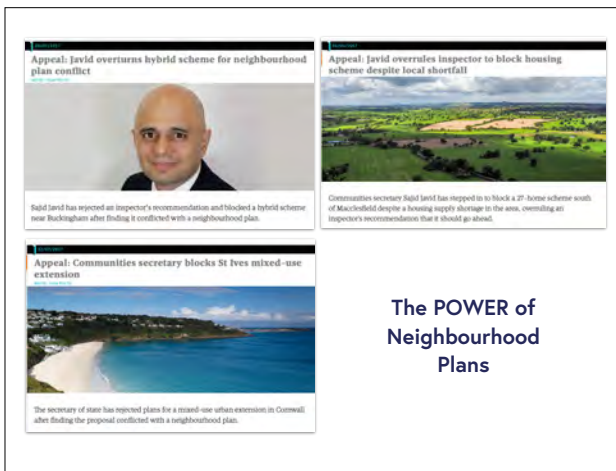
The Local Authority will arrange and pay for an independent examination, where an inspector will test whether the Neighbourhood Plan complies with National and Local Policy, whether it is backed up by enough evidence and consultation, and ultimately decide whether it is a sound policy document

If the inspector finds that the document is sound then it can be put to a referendum. This is the final step to making the Neighbourhood Plan an official piece of adopted planning policy. Again the local authority will organise and pay for the referendum where everyone in the community can vote on whether they want the Neighbourhood Plan to become planning policy. A simple majority of over 50% is sufficient for the plan to succeed.



Why do Neighbourhood Plan groups give up their free time to engage the whole community in planning, learn to write a technical development document when they may have never written one before and go through the process of referendum and examination?

When done correctly Neighbourhood plans can be a powerful tool to take control of development in your local area and the results can have a real impact on the outcomes of planning applications

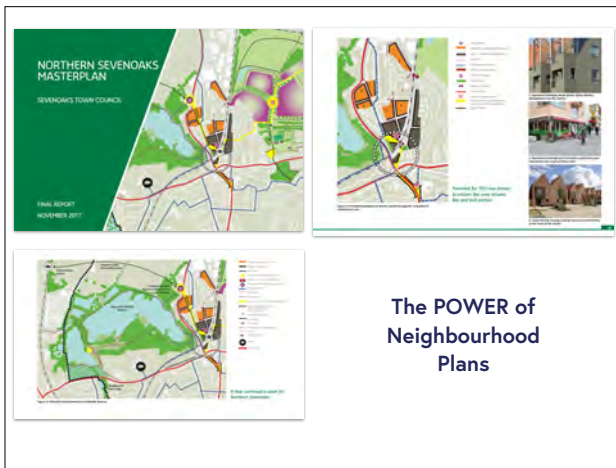


These are just some recent examples of planning appeal decisions where Neighbourhood Plans have been the deciding factor - and there are many more.

130 homes were refused in Buckingham with the inspector stating that “permission should not normally be granted where an application conflicts with a Neighbourhood Plan”

235 homes were refused in Carbis Bay

27 homes were refused in Macclesfield despite a proven local housing shortfall.

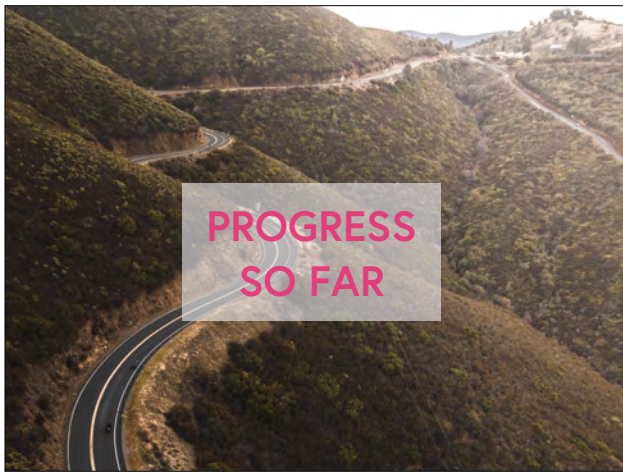


BUT - Neighbourhood Plans are not about refusing housing completely - and any Neighbourhood Plan which tries to do this is unlikely to get through the examination process. The real power of a robust Neighbourhood Plan lies in it’s ability to direct development to the **correct** location and ensure that the benefits of development are maximised for the local community.

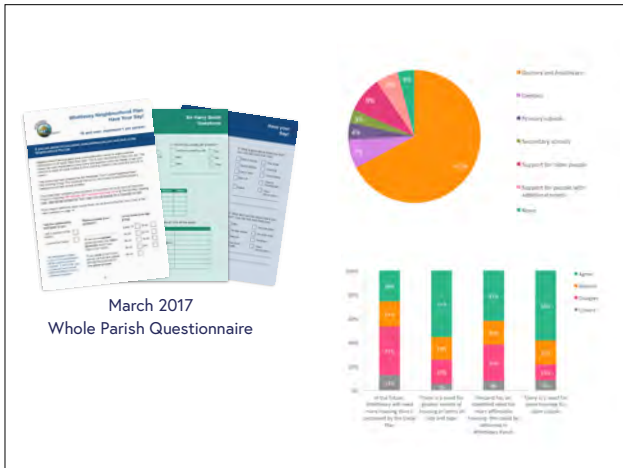
The best Neighbourhood Plans take a positive and proactive approach by allocating development sites in locations that THEY feel are appropriate, giving them the power to protect against development in places where they don’t want it. Some Neighbourhood Plans will even create draft masterplans for each sites they allocate showing what they want development on that site to look like.

In Sevenoaks they’ve created a masterplan report alongside their Neighbourhood Plan - it analyses the constraints and opportunities in the local area, tells developers which sites should be developed and gives guidance on what development should look like.

The plan also sets out policies protecting the local wildlife reserve and sets out ambitions for the improvement of the local recreation ground.



So where have we got to with the Neighbourhood Plan for Whittlesey Parish?



Back in March last year you should all have had a questionnaire delivered to your homes or maybe completed one online - this was an initial survey of the Neighbourhood Plan area to identify the important issues in the area.

We had 2500 responses and it really helped us to understand the things people felt most strongly about. A report summarising the results of the survey is now on the town council website.



Then we had the Vision and Objectives workshop in October - this was the first time that we got the community together in person to talk about the Neighbourhood Plan. The purpose of this event was to develop a vision of what the Neighbourhood Plan area should be like in the future and set out a list of objectives that the Plan should try and achieve. We also started developing some very rough ideas for policies which I will come back to later.

One of the things that I think we didn't explain clearly at the last workshop is the difference between planning matters - things that a neighbourhood plan CAN control.....

and non- planning matters which the neighbourhood plan **can't** control. So we'll spend a bit of time looking at this quickly now.



A quick way to work out whether something is a planning or non planning matter is to think about LAND - if the issue relates directly to building on land or the use of land it is likely a planning matter. There are some exceptions but for the exercise later this is the main thing you need to remember.

Neighbourhood Plan policies can only deal with the development and use of land, and this is because ultimately, when it is finished, the document will only be used in two main ways:

Firstly, by developers preparing applications for a particular site or piece of land. They will look at the Neighbourhood Plan to see which policies their proposed development must comply with.

Secondly it will be used by decision makers to assess applications for a particular piece of land against the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan, and it will help them to decide whether to approve or refuse permission for the development.

Those are really the only ways in which the Neighbourhood Plan will be used, and so the plan can't have any real impact outside of that process

Planning/Non-planning Matters

Set how development should look?	YES
Increase local policing?	NO
Set out where development should go?	YES
Improve the local train service?	NO – you will have to lobby your train company and local MP.
Designate Areas of Green Space?	YES - if it has clear community benefit and is currently accessible
Affect bin collection and street cleaning?	NO
Set requirements for affordable homes?	YES

Here's a few examples of planning and non- planning matters:

So those are a few examples but it can be a bit tricky if you're not used to thinking about planning issues to get your head around which is which. You can ask me at any point during the session later if you're not sure about something.



- More local autonomy/engagement
- Require more/better consultation
- Policy to prevent developers challenging
- CLP/5106/Affordable housing
- Mechanism to spend \$106 locally
- More developer contributions/infrastructure to support development
- Transport strategy
- Design policy
- Allocate land for industrial uses
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- Policy to support business
- Village separation policy

Going back to our last workshop the final question we asked was “ What policies might help us achieve our vision for the future of the Parish?” and the list of suggestions is shown here. Because we hadn't fully discussed the distinction between planning and non planning matters a lot of the comments were more hopes and aspirations than actual policies, but this list is a good starting point for our session today.

Today we will be trying to develop some more specific draft policies to meet the hopes and aspirations shown here.I'll leave this slide up on the screen at the end to get you started.

I'm now going to give you some quick tips on drafting planning policies, but what I want you to remember during the workshop session is that the policies you draft will not be going straight into the Neighbourhood Plan. So just have a go and get some ideas going, and don't worry too much if you're not phrasing them perfectly or you're slightly unsure. URBED and the Neighbourhood Plan committee will take the work that you do today and check it and refine it and develop it as we go through the process.

Set the scene
Why is the policy needed?
What should it achieve?

The Policy
What is acceptable
What is not acceptable
Clear and concise

Justification

3.10 It is recognised that the provision of affordable housing is a key aim of the Fenland Local Plan. Much Town Council believes that sustainable development will only be achieved if all sectors of the community are catered for. In addition to affordable housing, this includes providing opportunities for the young to gain access to the housing market and meeting needs such as executive homes, self build homes and the elderly.

3.11 Where developers are required to meet an identified level of affordable housing, lesser amounts should only be accepted where viability evidence has been robustly scrutinised. Attempts to bring forward developments under affordable housing thresholds inappropriately as a way of avoiding making contributions must also be considered. The site premium is the preferred approach, followed by off-site provision. In exceptional circumstances where this is not possible, any financial contributions in lieu of direct provision will be used to meet a need in March where this is deliverable.

Policy TC1 – Primary Shopping Frontages

In the Primary Shopping Frontages, as show in the plan below and where planning permission is required, change of use from retail (Class A1) to other uses (such as Class A2, A3, A4 and A5) will not be permitted where:

- a) It would result in non-retail frontages exceeding 40% of the Primary Shopping Frontage of the town centre as a whole;
- b) It would introduce uses that do not complement the shopping function of the town centre;
- c) It would create a concentration of 5 non-retail uses that would have a harmful effect on the primary shopping function of the town centre; or
- d) It would have a harmful effect on residential amenity by way of noise, smells and late night disturbance.

The first thing is to just see what a planning policy normally looks like and how it is set out in a document.

This is the format of most policy documents - it includes a bit an introduction to the issues surrounding the policy, followed by the policy text itself.

The introduction or “justification” is an opportunity to set the scene- it tells you why the policy is needed and what the community wants it to achieve. The justification section is like that friend or neighbour that knows everything that’s happening in the area and is always happy to have a chat and catch you up on all the gossip.

The Policy itself is more the strong and silent type. It has the most important role because it is ultimately what planning decisions will be based upon. It doesn’t have time for small talk - it has to get straight to the point, setting out very clearly what is and is not acceptable, and using as few words as possible.

You’ll see that policies often use numerical values to make things absolutely clear - so here this policy refers to 40% of the primary shopping frontage and a concentration of “5 non- retail uses”.

So Emma from Fenland gave me some really good points to bear in mind when developing planning policies , and I’ll run through those with you now:



As we discussed earlier policies must **only** focus on planning matters- That is matters relating to the development and use of land. This is probably the most important thing to bear in mind - but again - don't worry - if you end up including policies that relate to non planning issues they will be picked up at the next stage when the committee come to write the draft document.



Policies must be clear and not open to interpretation they must be concise - using as few words as possible to get the point across - remember you can put any additional information in “justification” section. They must also focus on specific criteria and can use things like numbers and percentages to set out exactly what is and is not acceptable.



Policies **cannot** place burdens on specific individuals or organisations, but they **can** require things of a developer or applicant. For example a Neighbourhood Plan **cannot** include a general requirement for the Council to upgrade public rights of way, but it **can** require a *developer* to provide any on or off site infrastructure to make a windfall development acceptable or require an *applicant* to undertake more meaningful community consultation.

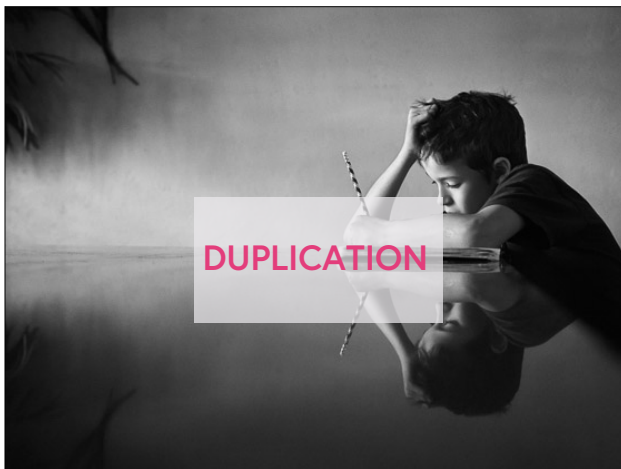


Policies have to be realistic or they will not get past the examination stage.

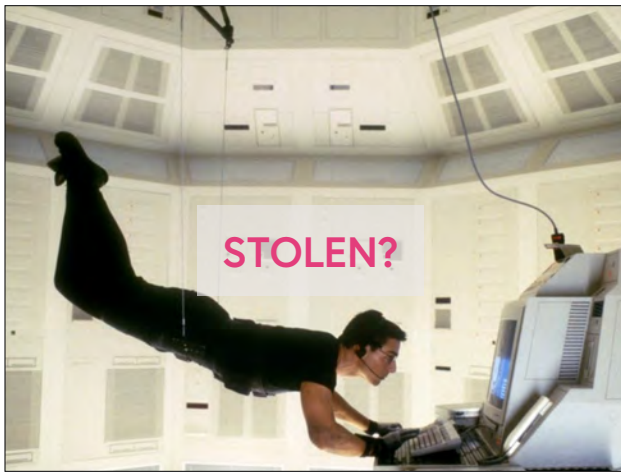
They cannot be overly restrictive and they can't significantly undermine the policies in the Local Plan or in National Planning Policy.

The best way to look at this is that Neighbourhood Plan policies can add **more detail and requirements** to Fenland level policies but they cannot contradict those policies.

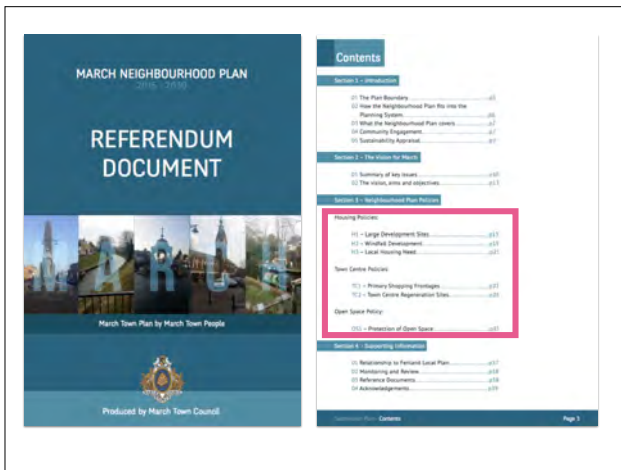
So they can say where housing development should go, they can even allocate **more** housing development. But they cannot provide **LESS** housing or completely prevent any housing development from taking place in the area at all



Duplication - Neighbourhood Plans do not have to re-write policies from the Local Plan, or refer to the need to comply with specific local plan policies. That requirement is already enshrined in Planning Law so we can save ourselves a lot of work by not repeating it!



There are now MANY examples of Neighbourhood Plans that have gone through the examination and referendum process - if you see a policy in one of these Neighbourhood Plans that you like it is perfectly acceptable to take it for yourself. The great thing about taking policies from other plans is that they have already passed examination, so you know the policies are sound.



This leads us nicely on to a completed Neighbourhood Plan from just down the road! Getting inspiration or even taking policies from plans nearby is especially advantageous because they fall under the same umbrella of the Fenland Local Plan, so you know all their policies are compliant with the same wider planning policy as yours.

The March Plan is a great example and shows that these things don't have to be complicated to be effective. The March Neighbourhood Plan has only 6 policies - three on housing, two on the town centre and one on open space. As Dee will tell you it has already started having a real impact on planning application decisions.

There will be a copy of the March Neighbourhood Plan on each of your tables for you to have a look at - it's a short document so have a flick through.



Here's some policies from the March Neighbourhood Plan that I think you'll like (and may want to steal)

The first is housing policy H1. Fenland Local Plan already requires developers to produce a "Broad Concept Plan" for large development sites which has to be approved by the Council, but Policy H1 makes sure that the March community specifically are much more involved in the process and have a role in formally considering the plans. It also requires an infrastructure plan to be produced setting out what infrastructure is needed and how it will be provided. Finally it also states that March Town Council must formally consider the information before it goes to Fenland.

The open space policy OS1 says that any developer contributions for open space are spent on improving existing open space and recreation facilities in the March Neighbourhood Plan area.

The Local Housing Need Policy also prevents developers from getting out of providing affordable housing. Affordable housing is only required on developments of more than 10 dwellings, but developers may try to get around this by putting in multiple applications of 10 dwellings or less. The March Neighbourhood Plan closes that loophole and says that if an application is followed by an obviously linked proposal within 5 years then a 25% contribution to affordable housing will be required based on the total number of houses in both schemes.

The policy also says that when financial contributions are made instead of directly providing affordable housing, that these contributions will be spent on meeting the needs of March as a first option.

I've mentioned developer contributions a few times there so this is probably a good point to talk about the different types of developer contributions that can come with a planning application.



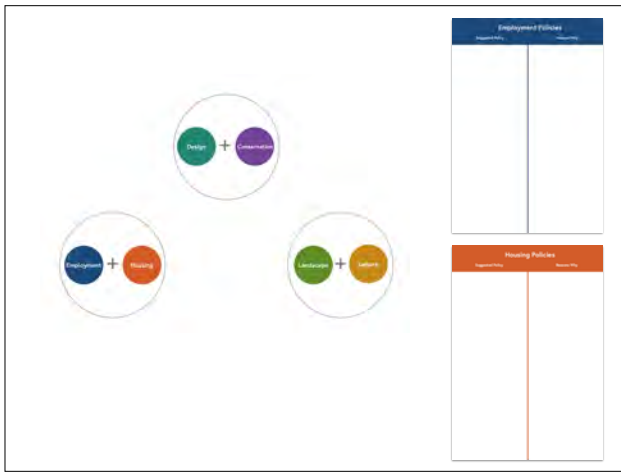
CIL (which stands for community infrastructure levy) and Section 106 are both types of developer contributions - money paid by developers as part of a planning application. They are designed to make development acceptable by attaching certain conditions to the planning permission and help the wider community capture some of the increase in the value of the land.

Section 106 is the name of an agreement between the Local Authority and the developer, where the developer pays a sum of money towards providing things like affordable housing, open space and school places, which are likely to be needed as a result of the development. The important thing about Section 106 agreements is the money paid must be directly related to the development in question.

CIL is different and can be viewed as a more general "tax" on development. It was introduced in 2008 as an option for local authorities to deliver infrastructure to support development in their area. If in place CIL is charged at a fixed rate to all developers and the spending does not have to be related to a specific development. It can be used to fund schools, health centres, traffic calming etc.

CIL is optional though and many Councils, including Fenland have decided not to introduce it for the time-being. Fenland decided not to introduce CIL because the viability of most schemes was seen as being too finely balanced, so the set up costs (which can be very high) would overtake the potential benefits.

The good news is that if Fenland decides to introduce CIL in the future, and Whittlesey has a Neighbourhood Plan then Whittlesey Town council will automatically receive 25% of CIL contributions raised in the area to manage themselves.



So hopefully that has given you a bit more understanding about the Neighbourhood Plan process - or may it has just confused you even more. Either way we're now going to move on to the workshop part of the session and get you drafting some policies.

At each table we have two topics to discuss and develop policies for. What I want you to do within your groups is write down some suggestions for those two topics on one side of the sheet and write your reasons for suggesting the policy on the other. I'm going to give you about 10 15 minutes and then we're going to switch. When you switch tables I'd like you to look at the policies that have already been written. You can decide to modify those policies with a red pen, or write more new suggestions for policies with a black pen. If you modify a policy please write also write down your reasons why in red.

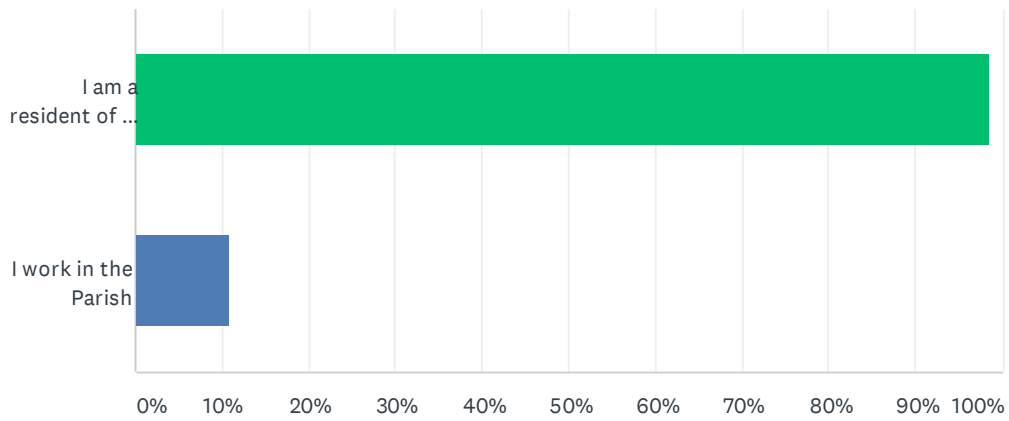
We'll do one final rotation so that everyone has got a chance to contribute to each of the topics, then if we've got time I will quickly ask you to feed back before you all go home and get on with your weekend.

We have teas and coffees available so I'll give you a few minutes to get a drink and get settled and then we'll get started.

Appendix D: Pre-Submission Draft Plan: Consultation Results

Q2 Tick the statement(s) that apply to you:

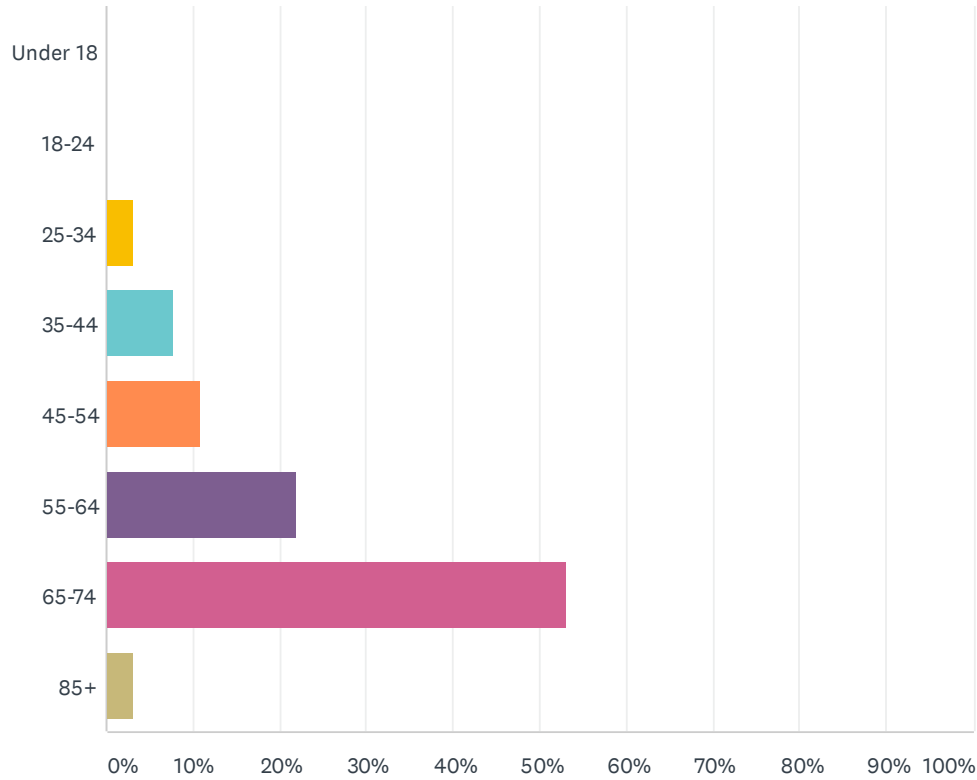
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I am a resident of the Parish	98.44%	63
I work in the Parish	10.94%	7
Total Respondents: 64		

Q5 Let us know your age group

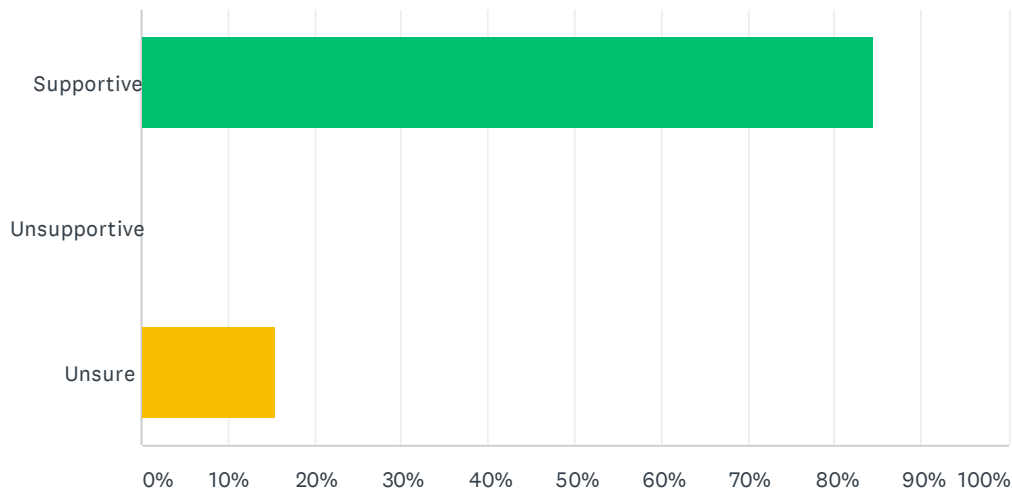
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	0.00%	0
25-34	3.13%	2
35-44	7.81%	5
45-54	10.94%	7
55-64	21.88%	14
65-74	53.13%	34
85+	3.13%	2
TOTAL		64

Q6 How do you feel about the general content of the Neighbourhood Plan?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 27



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Supportive	84.62%	33
Unsupportive	0.00%	0
Unsure	15.38%	6
TOTAL		39

Q7 What, if anything, would you change, add or remove?

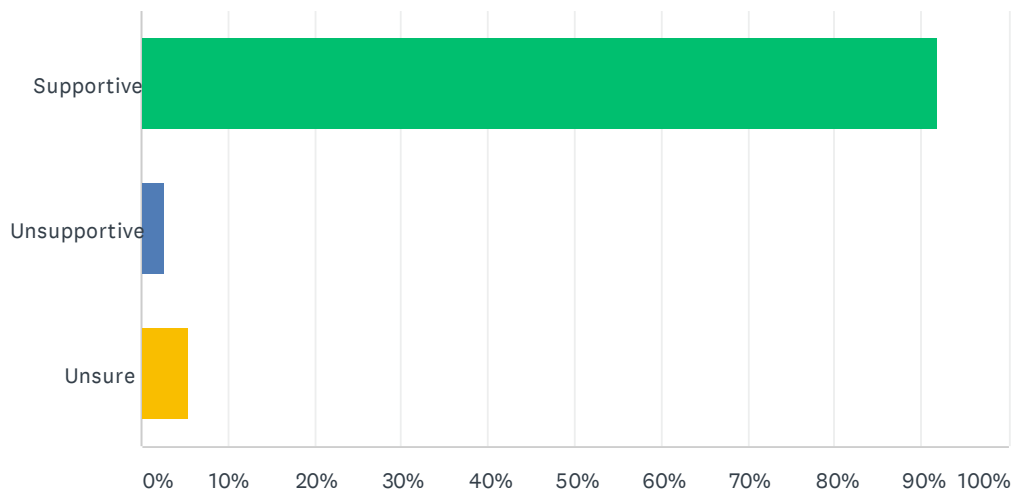
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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	8/23/2021 2:48 PM
2	Overall very suitable well thought out	8/23/2021 9:01 AM
3	Nothing quite happy with it all	8/22/2021 8:17 PM
4	be more direct,do not waffle on about the same thing.	8/22/2021 5:58 PM
5	Happ with it	8/22/2021 5:45 PM
6	Stop building on or near flood plain	8/22/2021 5:16 PM
7	Improve Infrastructure to cope with increase volume of traffic.	8/20/2021 12:12 PM
8	I am doubtful about the policy for future housing development.	8/16/2021 1:29 PM
9	I would add the need for social housing	8/15/2021 6:44 AM
10	I would add more specificity. The Visions & Objectives Workshop Report (November 2017) asked "What should the Neighbourhood Plan Do?" One of the highlighted responses (page 7) was "Specify locations of development / type of development". I feel this Draft NDP is too general and misses that opportunity.	8/12/2021 2:09 PM
11	Greater consideration of infrastructure such as primary school places, secondary school places, doctors surgeries, dentists. Greater consideration of the use of green spaces e.g playgrounds and outdoor exercise equipment. Greater consideration of diversification of the town centre to allow larger brands to locate in Whittlesey as they do in Deeping, Stamford, Ely etc.	8/11/2021 4:23 PM
12	The public transport plan is a bit wishy washy, the plan for more public transport (trains and buses) is fine in principle, but lacks the detail and understanding of the enormous problems involved in actually implementing any of these plans. The same applies to open spaces, these have been consistently neglected in Whittlesey and it feels as if landowners have the power to build or fence off these spaces - eg Teal Road has a pleasant space oppoite numbers 30 - 36, but it has never been improved to have plants or children's play areas and it feels as if builders are just waiting for the opportunity to build.	8/11/2021 3:12 PM
13	The current pandemic has altered shopping habits with home deliveries and less local town shopping. Police presence in town is noticeably lacking.	8/8/2021 2:33 PM
14	-An increase to the amount of green space. -A stronger statement relating to stopping development on existing agricultural land. - A survey of potential brown field sites should be considered, eg unused industrial/commercial sites, vacant commercial buildings etc and use these for housing or retail development.	8/8/2021 12:26 PM
15	There is not enough weight given to reducing Carbon emmissions, promoting the use of alternative energy in homes or in transport.	8/6/2021 7:25 AM
16	There is no mention of Social Housing. There should also be a mechanism introduced to ensure the so called affordable housing is sold to people who will live there and not for private rent.	8/3/2021 3:13 PM
17	Perhaps more reference to the proximity of the City of Peterborough and its possible influences	7/28/2021 3:14 PM
18	I'd like to see a commitment to monitoring all the implementation of the good policies, which the plan contains. Furthermore, I think it could outline the sanctions incumbent on developers who promise in line with policy and then fail to deliver. I would also like to see a commitment to access to NHS (free at the point of access) GP services.	7/26/2021 11:52 AM
19	More provision of affordable housing within developments in the town and villages. More medical facilies. Access to a local NHS dentist.	7/21/2021 11:02 PM
20	Greater emphasis on avoiding houses being built on gardens/heavily populated new estates with small gardens which leads to noise issues in community. More focus on wild flower	7/18/2021 4:17 PM

planting/support for wildlife corridors/bees etc

Q8 How do you feel about the Vision and Objectives on pages 8 and 9?

Answered: 37 Skipped: 29



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Supportive	91.89%	34
Unsupportive	2.70%	1
Unsure	5.41%	2
TOTAL		37

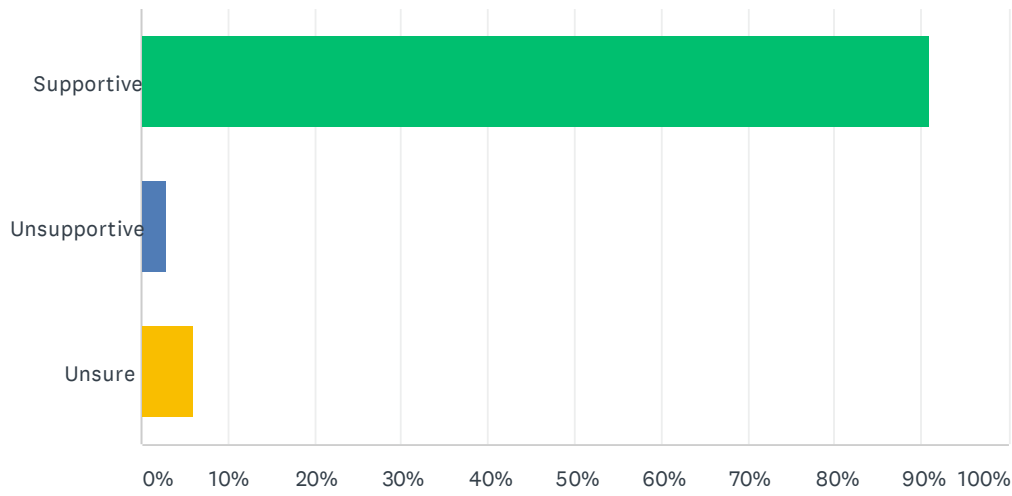
Q9 What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

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1	No	8/23/2021 2:48 PM
2	Nothing	8/23/2021 9:01 AM
3	Nothing	8/22/2021 8:17 PM
4	Nothing	8/22/2021 5:45 PM
5	Importance of attracting a variety of retailers and leisure services to attract visitors to the town . Attracting high net worth businesses for quality employment opportunities and retaining next generation workforce	8/20/2021 12:12 PM
6	Land identified for housing.	8/16/2021 1:29 PM
7	The plan itself is good and full of good intention. Public Transport As Whittlesea station adopter i am particularly keen on the transport plan and the desire to bring a frequent and wide spanning stopping train service to the town. I think the plan does not stress enough that we HAVE a railway station, but that we have very few trains which actually stop. Also we HAVE a station, but it feels like a remote part of Scotland when you arrive and it is not the bustling busy commuter station that it should be. There are no connecting buses, no connecting taxis, no proper car park, no signs to tell you where to go, no stalls to sell you a coffee or cake. As a result hardly anybody uses this tremendous resource and instead everybody travels by car which clogs up the roads into and out of Whittlesey. Also the cycle route to Peterborough could be popular but is poorly lit, never policed and is used mainly by men. Walking routes are similarly poor and not really mentioned in the plan. The "Whittlesey Walk" to Coates is in very poor condition. There is great potential for walks in the Whittlesey area but most walks are in poor condition and many have restricted access - eg Kings Dyke nature reserve is locked, playing fields like Field of Dreams and Feldale are locked, the shooting area is locked, Decoy Lakes are out of bounds, you cannot walk to the Dog in a Doublet as there is no path, the walk along the Bower is lovely but could be extended to Funthams Lane. It would be good to include exercise and people's ability to walk or cycle in the route. It would also be good to see a mention of repairing facilities for sport such as repairing the Manor tennis courts, repairing the Manor 5 - a -side pitch.	8/11/2021 3:12 PM
8	Affordable homes are missing from many developments. A better public transport system should be introduced as more houses mean more children relying on public transport. The more people, the more local doctors and health professionals are required.	8/8/2021 2:33 PM
9	Excellent ideas if a bit unrealistic.	8/6/2021 3:12 PM
10	Excellent ideas but perhaps slightly unrealistic.	8/6/2021 2:58 PM
11	Greater environmental vision that are specific. The objectives are generalisations.	8/6/2021 7:25 AM
12	I feel that this is an ideal but not realistic	7/30/2021 1:33 PM
13	Additional ideas on how to retain young people in the area after education	7/28/2021 3:14 PM

Q10 How do you feel about Policy 1: Spatial Strategy on Page 11?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 33



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Supportive	90.91%	30
Unsupportive	3.03%	1
Unsure	6.06%	2
TOTAL		33

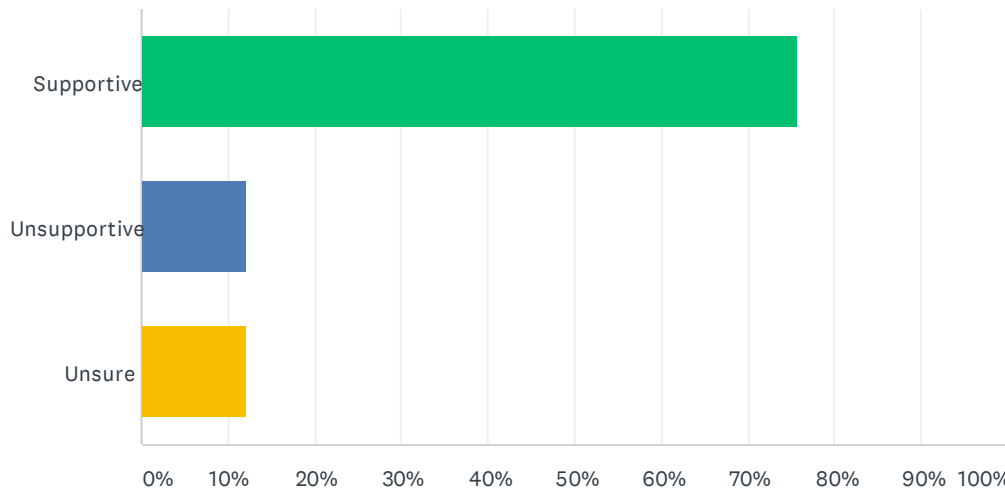
Q11 What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	8/23/2021 2:50 PM
2	Nothing	8/23/2021 9:27 AM
3	Nothing	8/22/2021 8:19 PM
4	With particular support for points b. and e. The land to the east of the Whittlesey, north and south of Eastrea Road, provides the most logical location for new housing in the town. Although smaller in scale, it is also considered that Eastrea provides valuable opportunities for appropriately sized residential developments adjacent to the existing built area.	8/18/2021 6:43 PM
5	The Environment Agency has had a policy of objecting to building at Whittlesey on land that is fewer than 5 metres above sea level, the point being that the highest level of flooding recorded at Whittlesey was just under 5 metres (and that before there were any concerns about global warming). The undeveloped land on the north side of Eastrea Road is almost all below the 5 metre level, which would indicate that the Environment Agency would not be content with its development. Has the Environment Agency been specifically asked whether it is content with development of this land? I ask this in the knowledge that Fenland District Council may have identified this land as an area for housing. If the Environment Agency has not been asked about this specific allocation, it should be so asked before any plans proceed further. Should the land in on the north side of Eastrea Road ultimately be ruled out for development, that would leave no allocation for housing beyond the land on the south side of Eastrea Road which is either already under development or subject to current planning applications. all of which is likely to be developed within the next few years i.e. nothing for the longer term. In that event, I suggest two other areas which could be considered: The areas north and south of the unmade extension of Stonald Road west of Crosswayhand. Access to these areas is difficult at present, but there is a gap in the building line in Peterborough Road, on the bend closest to Whittlesey, which appears to be wide enough to accommodate a junction for a new road to access this area. I believe Forterra plc is the owner of this land. There is an area that is south of the Snoots Road/Saxon Road estate and west of Park Lane, most of which is above the 5 metre mark. Again, access might be a problem. Any of this area that isn't at least 5 metres above sea level could perhaps be made an open space for community use.	8/16/2021 2:47 PM
6	Need a 3rd doctors surgery and an NHS dentist in the East of the town	8/15/2021 10:10 AM
7	While I support many of the Policies in this section, I do not feel that new housing development should be limited only to the East	8/12/2021 2:59 PM
8	The plan of keeping Eastrea and Coates separate seems to be in complete contrast to reality as it seems that more and more houses are being built to join these villages to each other and Whittlesey	8/11/2021 4:10 PM
9	If we have surpassed the housing requirement for Whittlesey and the villages, then why does the FDC pass planning applications that have been recommended refusal by WTC?	8/8/2021 4:19 PM
10	C is very subjective and infrastructure sustainability needs attention in the form of specific direction.	8/6/2021 7:41 AM

Q12 How do you feel about Policy 2: Local Housing Need on Page 13?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 33



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Supportive	75.76%	25
Unsupportive	12.12%	4
Unsure	12.12%	4
TOTAL		33

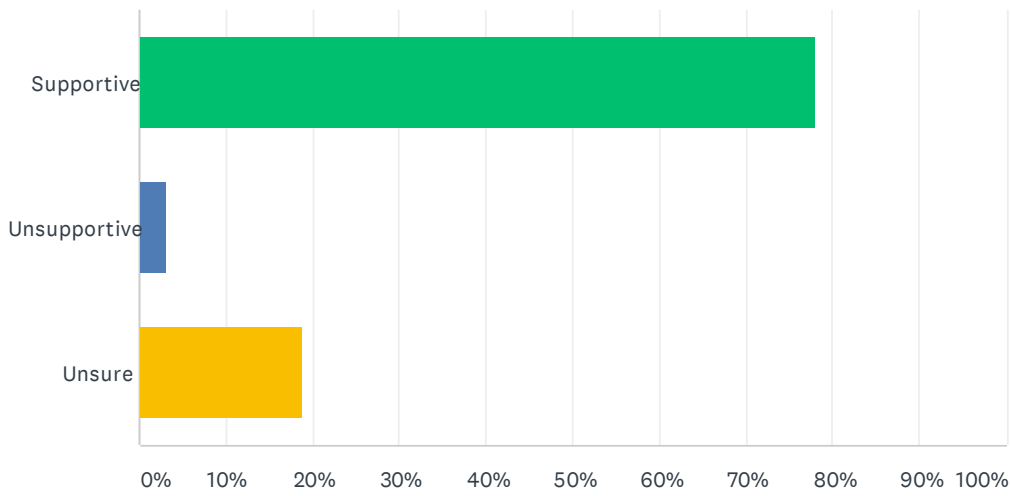
Q13 What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	8/23/2021 2:50 PM
2	I would prefer that there was no further expansion in the area but with current need for expansion it is inevitable	8/23/2021 9:27 AM
3	Nothing	8/22/2021 8:19 PM
4	NO MORE BUILDING,NORTH OF WHITTLESEY.As you have stated,ITS A FLOOD PLAIN.	8/22/2021 6:07 PM
5	Ensure utilities are adequate to support volume of properties	8/20/2021 12:29 PM
6	It is impossible to to predict future housing demand. The country needs the construction of more houses, and Whittlesey must meet its fair share.	8/16/2021 2:47 PM
7	Social Housing isn't mentioned, it's desperately needed	8/15/2021 10:10 AM
8	The policy is supported in principle but I feel that policies elsewhere in the Draft NDP may impact these aspirations.	8/12/2021 2:59 PM
9	Greater consideration of infrastructure is needed. Also it is all well and good building varied housing but there is limited consideration of gardens, parking etc	8/11/2021 4:24 PM
10	Again the plan is good, but it is not what is happening in reality - eg Hartley Grange is going up with brand new houses and yet there is not even a path into Whittlesey. The only path at the moment is one that leads to Teal Road. How can people be expected to walk to the town centre using this route? Also, there is no bus service and no connectivity to the town centre or the bus/rail stations from these new estates. The same applies to Snowley Park and Glenfields where there is no bus service or connectivity.	8/11/2021 4:10 PM
11	More affordable housing, The latest housing developments are no-where near affordable for the average family.	8/8/2021 4:19 PM
12	more facilities needed. Doctors, schools and public transport.	8/6/2021 3:19 PM
13	When considering any housing development and housing needs it is important that consideration is given to healthcare need and any potential impact of healthcare services	8/5/2021 4:40 PM
14	See previous comments re Social Housing	8/3/2021 3:16 PM
15	The need for any development to consider the increased flooding risk due to climate change.	7/30/2021 9:34 AM
16	I would like to see at least mention and hopefully engagement with the need to provide affordable rented accommodation which is NOT controlled by private landlords. Specifically, council, social, housing association provision, which is provided at a guaranteed affordable rate.	7/26/2021 12:06 PM
17	Maximum ratio of affordable housing should be a condition of any new developments.	7/22/2021 3:52 PM
18	There needs to be more affordable housing for local families. Family properties for rental are becoming fewer, whilst demand is increasing.	7/21/2021 11:14 PM
19	Proposed allocated development sites near the railway and level crossings may result in issues regarding the safe operation of the railway. Therefore, discussions with Network Rail must be had at the next stage of the Neighbourhood Plan.	7/21/2021 4:48 PM
20	The infra-structure and local facilities need to be able to support additional housing - eg. gps, dentists, shops, roads, public transport, etc. which at the moment is not the case. This all needs to go hand-in-hand. Additional housing first is not the way forward.	7/21/2021 3:30 PM
21	Fdc need to ensure back garden development stops. Non of it actually enhances Whittlesey or contributes to Whittlesey other issues than the builders who build them	7/18/2021 4:45 PM
22	I think there needs to robust consideration of not having large areas of cheap crammed in housing.	7/18/2021 4:26 PM

Q14 How do you feel about Policy 3: Primary Retail Frontages on Page 16?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Supportive	78.13%	25
Unsupportive	3.13%	1
Unsure	18.75%	6
TOTAL		32

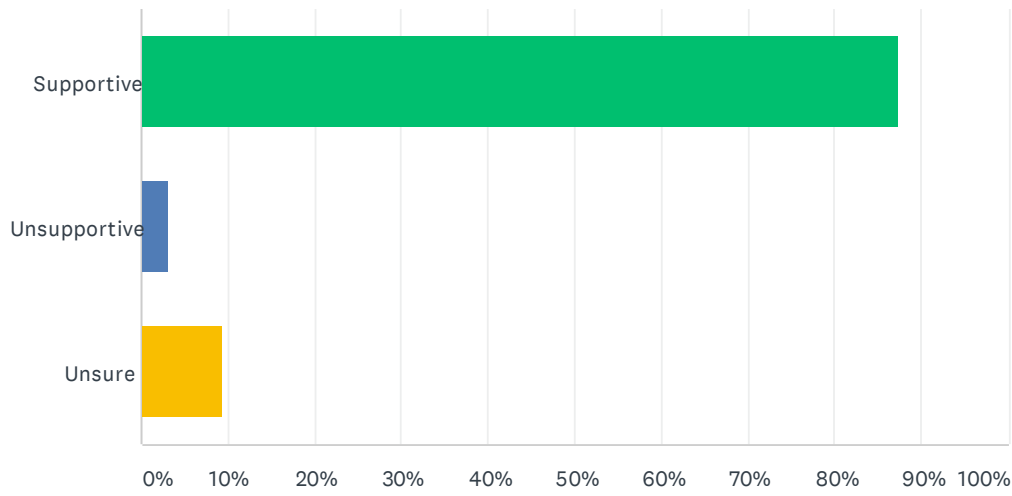
Q15 What, if anything, would you change, add or remove?

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1	No	8/23/2021 2:50 PM
2	Very good just what is needed	8/23/2021 9:27 AM
3	Nothing	8/22/2021 8:19 PM
4	Ideas to attract shoppers from outside and encourage local residents to use local shops	8/20/2021 12:29 PM
5	We've tended to lose shops that sold actual goods [as opposed to food] and it may be difficult to reverse that trend.	8/16/2021 2:47 PM
6	Advertise empty retail premises to bring them back into use as retail	8/15/2021 10:10 AM
7	There are many empty shops that have been empty a long time. The pandemic has not helped the situation but rent and rate reductions may help some recover. Otherwise, town shop closures will continue.	8/8/2021 4:19 PM
8	Support and encourage more independent business'	8/6/2021 3:19 PM
9	The requirement of a shop front has changed since this was written. The purpose of a town centre was changing and now online and remote working has moved faster than the plan.	8/6/2021 7:41 AM
10	Identification and attraction of suitable larger retail employers to the area needs to be addressed.	7/28/2021 3:17 PM
11	Frontages should be in keeping with the Heritage of the area to maintain the ambiance of a market town	7/22/2021 3:52 PM
12	Shop frontages should be encouraged and maintained wherever possible to retain the market town character of the town	7/21/2021 11:14 PM
13	Whittlesey struggles to get high quality shops the town is run down and since covid businesses are struggling even more It would be nice if Whittlesey was quaint unfortunately it is not industry here is manual work and hazardous the town centre reflects this	7/18/2021 4:45 PM

Q16 How do you feel about Policy 4: Open Space on Page 17?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Supportive	87.50%	28
Unsupportive	3.13%	1
Unsure	9.38%	3
TOTAL		32

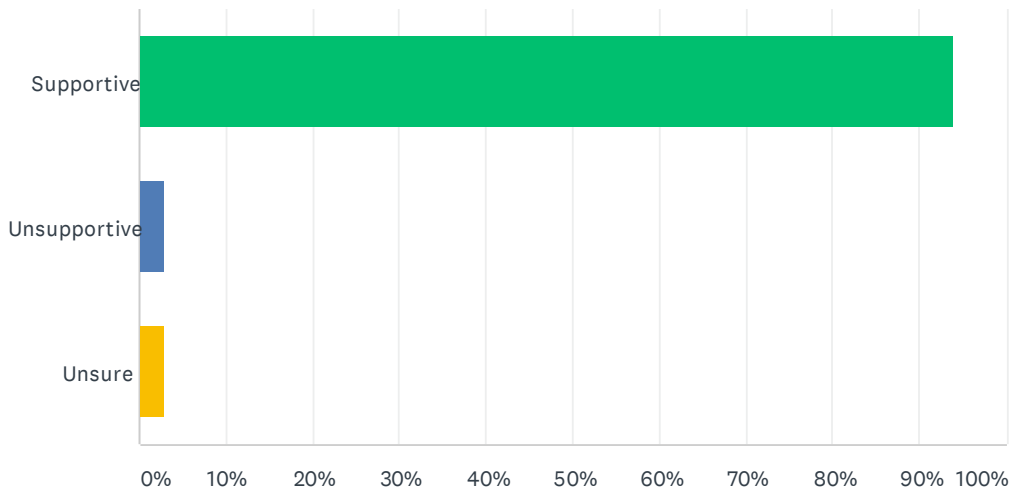
Q17 What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	8/23/2021 2:50 PM
2	Nothing	8/23/2021 9:27 AM
3	Nothing	8/22/2021 8:19 PM
4	Variety and something for all age groups	8/20/2021 12:29 PM
5	A nature trail, wildflower meadows could be used as an educational facility with information boards on types of trees, flowers, wildlife etc	8/15/2021 10:10 AM
6	The justification relies in part upon a 2006 open-space audit, which may benefit from updating.	8/12/2021 2:59 PM
7	The desire to provide more open space is excellent. All open spaces should be labelled and there should be direction signs pointing to them. People should be reminded not to make a mess and clear up after their dogs. All spaces should have bins. Large spaces (eg Manor, new country park) should have toilet facilities.	8/11/2021 4:10 PM
8	Open spaces must be safeguarded and maintained, for the future well-being of Whittlesey and the villages.	8/8/2021 4:19 PM
9	Need to encourage locals to use facilities already in Whittlesey ie. Maonor Leisure Centre and Nature reserves.	8/6/2021 3:19 PM
10	Open space is desirable, more direction in terms of wildlife habitat,, how the space can be used and species of plants and trees could be an appendix	8/6/2021 7:41 AM
11	there needs to be a firm commitment to providing HIGH quality open spaces for specific sporting provision, which is easily affordable.	7/26/2021 12:06 PM
12	New nature reserve should incorporate a cafe, adequate toilet facilities and cycle paths. Wild flower areas too.	7/22/2021 3:52 PM
13	The green spaces we have are not used take church field way a sign no horse riding ? The space isn't even used other than by dog walkers. Saxon Road greenspace sign says no ball games What are the green spaces for then?	7/18/2021 4:45 PM

Q18 How do you feel about Policy 5: Local Green Spaces on Page 19?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 33



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Supportive	93.94%	31
Unsupportive	3.03%	1
Unsure	3.03%	1
TOTAL		33

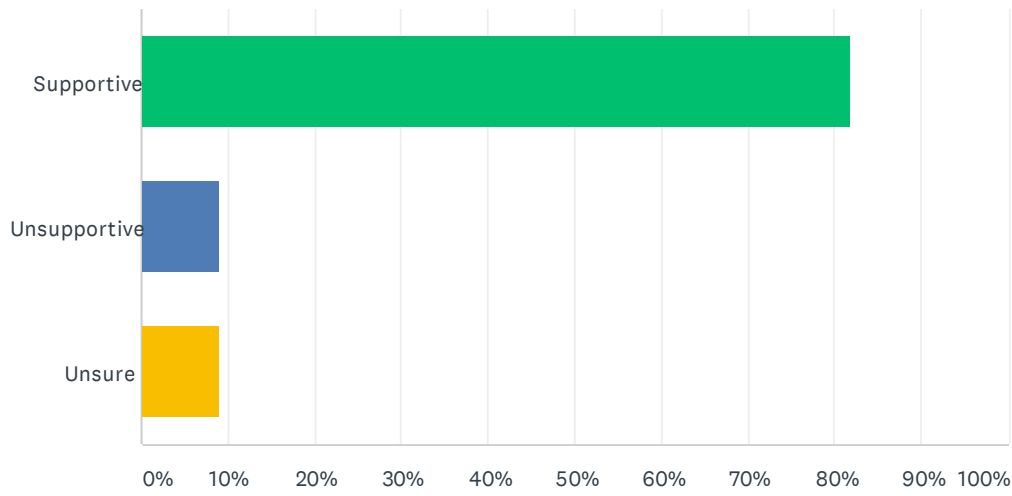
Q19 What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 57

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	8/23/2021 2:50 PM
2	Nothing	8/23/2021 9:27 AM
3	Nothing	8/22/2021 8:19 PM
4	Updating and maintaining the equipment in the older play parks around town	8/15/2021 10:10 AM
5	Insufficient information has been provided regarding the long term maintenance and management of these spaces.	8/12/2021 2:59 PM
6	The country park would be a great asset - but is it really ever going to happen or are we just getting an Aldi supermarket - the country park should be a priority and link up with Guildenburgh Water and Lattersay Nature Reserve to provide a large park area with different landscapes. Money from housing developments should pay for this.	8/11/2021 4:10 PM
7	Local green spaces must be looked after for the sake of human and animal presence. For example, Thornham Way play park is bounded by two hedges and a small stream and pond in the corner. This is ideal natural habitat for birds, animals and aquatic creatures. Yet, the tick-box list, when referring to Tranquility and Richness of Wildlife, state "No" to both! I know that badgers and foxes use this route to run back to the fields and the Drover's Field. I have a badger running towards the play area on film, as proof!	8/8/2021 4:19 PM
8	As above	7/22/2021 3:52 PM
9	See comments above	7/18/2021 4:45 PM

Q20 How do you feel about Policy 6: Country Park on Page 21?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 33



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Supportive	81.82%	27
Unsupportive	9.09%	3
Unsure	9.09%	3
TOTAL		33

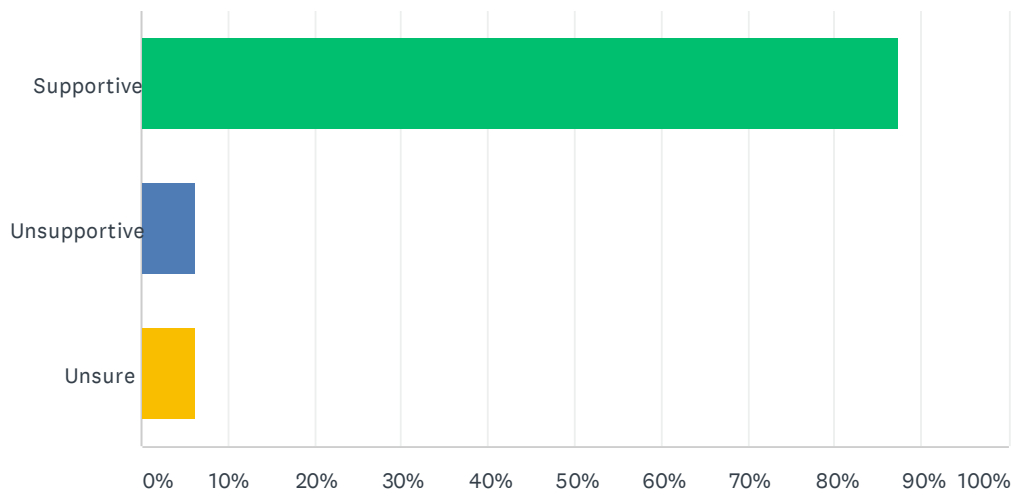
Q21 What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 49

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	8/23/2021 2:50 PM
2	Good idea and much needed	8/23/2021 9:27 AM
3	Nothing	8/22/2021 8:19 PM
4	GET IT DONE.	8/22/2021 6:07 PM
5	Attracting visitors from outside	8/20/2021 12:29 PM
6	Development won't pay for it, so alternative sources of finance would be needed. I query the inclusion of sports pitches etc. Are you advocating a country park or a sports centre? There seems some confusion here.	8/16/2021 2:47 PM
7	Stipulate that it's mainly wood based play equipment to keep a rural feel as in Ferry Meadows	8/15/2021 10:10 AM
8	Given comments elsewhere in the Draft NDP regarding too many car journeys and inadequate public transport, perhaps the current preferred location is not ideal?	8/12/2021 2:59 PM
9	As mentioned in the last answer, this should be a stronger priority. The data shows that Whittlesey and area is short of open spaces and the development of a country park would bring us up to the expected open space provision. This should all be part of a greater drive to open up land to the public so that they can walk or cycle or relax and part of a greater drive to provide public transport and facilities to these locations.	8/11/2021 4:10 PM
10	In reality, I will be very surprised if this happens. Lack of available space.	8/8/2021 4:19 PM
11	How would a country park be managed and maintained?	8/6/2021 3:19 PM
12	Provision will probably be down to the developer in that if they do not offer to fund - it will not happen.	8/6/2021 7:41 AM
13	Remove Country Park element and concentrate on enhancing Manor and river frontage.	8/3/2021 3:16 PM
14	The emphasis for the country park itself should be on a pleasant publicly accessible space. Whilst this could include adjacent playing pitches these themselves by virtue of their use are not always available for public access and are also much less interesting or bio-diverse for general recreation due to a lack of trees.	7/30/2021 9:34 AM
15	As above	7/22/2021 3:52 PM
16	A new country park should include a cafe area, wild flower planting, free parking and cycle paths	7/21/2021 11:14 PM
17	Equestrian access to allow off road hacking access from green wheel. Clear signage as to dogs on leads etc.	7/18/2021 4:26 PM

Q22 How do you feel about Policy 7: Design Quality on Page 23?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Supportive	87.50%	28
Unsupportive	6.25%	2
Unsure	6.25%	2
TOTAL		32

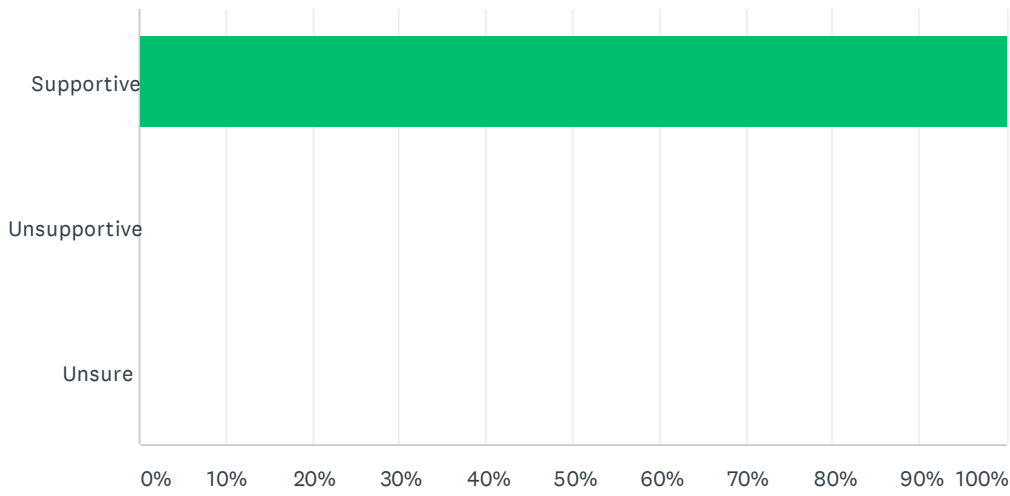
Q23 What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 57

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	8/23/2021 2:50 PM
2	Nothing	8/23/2021 9:27 AM
3	Nothing	8/22/2021 8:19 PM
4	Difficult to enforce.	8/16/2021 2:47 PM
5	Shopping areas - High Street and Market Street should be retail ONLY, no homes unless it's living accommodation above or to the rear of existing retail outlets	8/15/2021 10:10 AM
6	New housing and new buildings should be on bus routes - or a circular bus route should join up new buildings and new estates to the town centre, bus station and rail station. Walking and cycling routes should be constructed so that people can avoid cycling on busy roads. New estates should have a shop so that people can buy items locally without having to travel to the town centre.	8/11/2021 4:10 PM
7	To quote one example. The villagers of Eastrea have been let down by poor planning concerning the lack of an adequate footpath on the corner of Wype Road and Mayfield Road. New bungalows were built opposite without no adequate footpath provided on a blind bend. I see push chairs negotiating a kerbstone-width footpath that drops into a road-drain grille. This is desk-top planning at its worst! I have complained to a County Councillor, with no satisfactory answer.	8/8/2021 4:19 PM
8	Nothing, this a the best policy of the plan and should be law.	8/8/2021 12:56 PM
9	There is no consideration of horse riders in this plan. We are a rural setting and horses are part of a rural setting.	7/18/2021 4:26 PM

Q24 How do you feel about Policy 8: Historic Environment on Page 26?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Supportive	100.00%	31
Unsupportive	0.00%	0
Unsure	0.00%	0
TOTAL		31

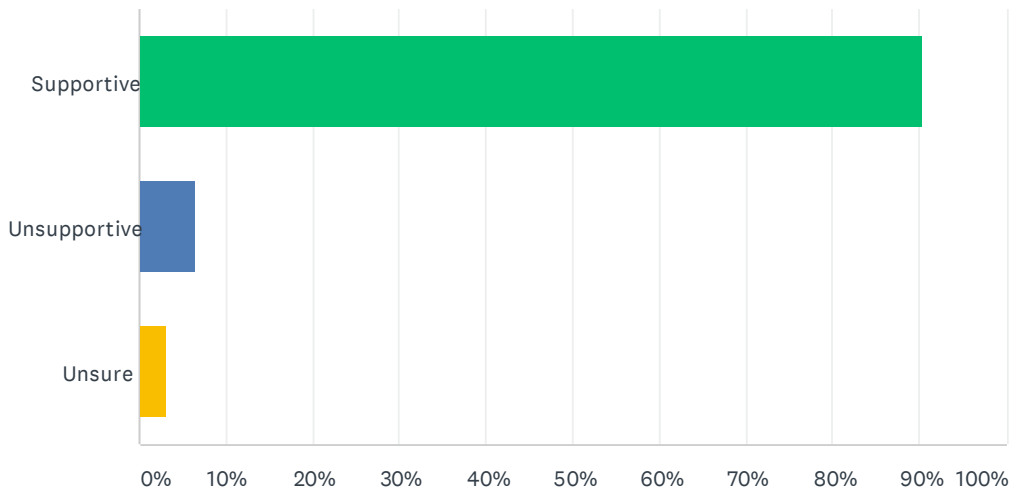
Q25 What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 57

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	8/23/2021 2:50 PM
2	Nothing	8/23/2021 9:27 AM
3	Nothing	8/22/2021 8:19 PM
4	Attracting visitors from outside to unique areas of interest	8/20/2021 12:29 PM
5	Listed/historic buildings should have information boards telling us their history. New buildings should not interfere with views to existing historic buildings.	8/11/2021 4:10 PM
6	Listed buildings should be properly maintained and not allowed to fall into disrepair. Prime example is the very prominent ex. Nat. West Bank.	8/8/2021 4:19 PM
7	It would be nice if the Heritage signage for the new trail and museum included the Fenland Flag. The Fenland Flag campaign has been extremely well supported by Whittlesey residents and businesses and it would be a step forward to have endorsement by WTC	7/22/2021 3:52 PM
8	I would like to see WTC and FDC endorse the Fenland Flag and support the campaign to take it to the flag registry. It has been very well received and supported by business and residents alike, throughout the town and villages. This will serve to promote a sense of community, without politics being involved! It would be a positive to see the Fenland Flag on the new Heritage Trail signposts and at the new museum on Kings Dyke. Also at strategic points such as the garden of rest, boat planters around the area and the railway station.	7/21/2021 11:14 PM
9	Heritage centre for must farm should be bigger	7/18/2021 4:45 PM

Q26 How do you feel about Policy 9: Garden Development on Page 28?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Supportive	90.32%	28
Unsupportive	6.45%	2
Unsure	3.23%	1
TOTAL		31

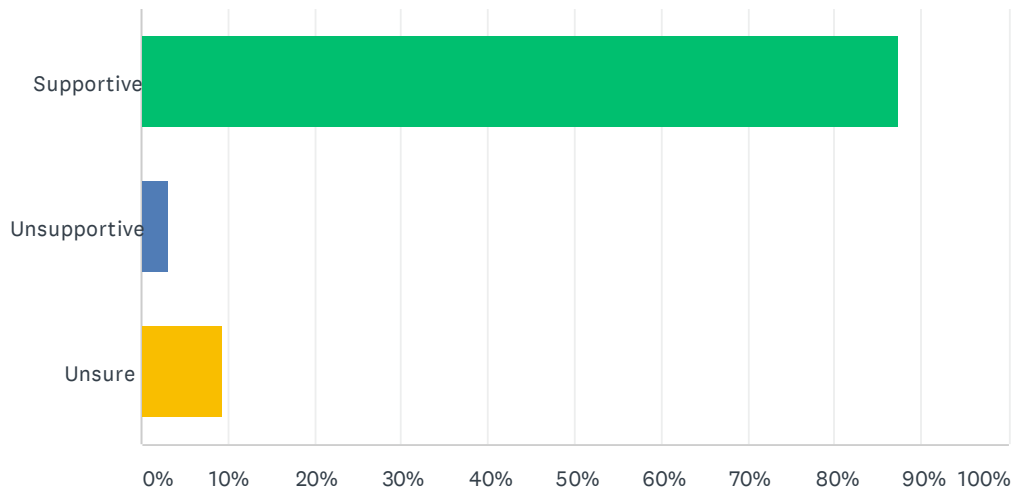
Q27 What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

Answered: 7 Skipped: 59

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	8/23/2021 2:50 PM
2	Nothing	8/23/2021 9:27 AM
3	Nothing	8/22/2021 8:19 PM
4	The social housing at Pondersbridge are a great example of where you could build on the back gardens as they're lengthy and there is an access across the back but this is an exceptional instance	8/15/2021 10:10 AM
5	I do not like to see new properties shoe-horned into back gardens without turning space and lack of adequate parking. I despair at the amount of vehicles reversing onto main roads in a very dangerous manner.	8/8/2021 4:19 PM
6	Needs to include EV charging point with every Garden Development and should not have a fossil fuel supply.	8/6/2021 7:41 AM
7	It contributes nothing at all to Whittlesey	7/18/2021 4:45 PM

Q28 How do you feel about Policy 10: Flood Risk on Page 31?

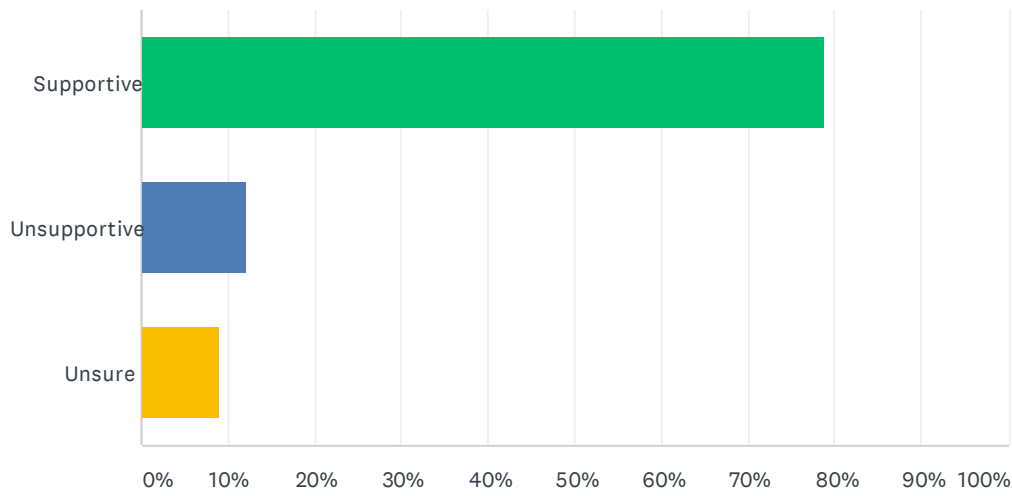
Answered: 32 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Supportive	87.50%	28
Unsupportive	3.13%	1
Unsure	9.38%	3
TOTAL		32

Q29 How do you feel about Policy 11: Coalescence of Villages on Page 33?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 33



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Supportive	78.79%	26
Unsupportive	12.12%	4
Unsure	9.09%	3
TOTAL		33

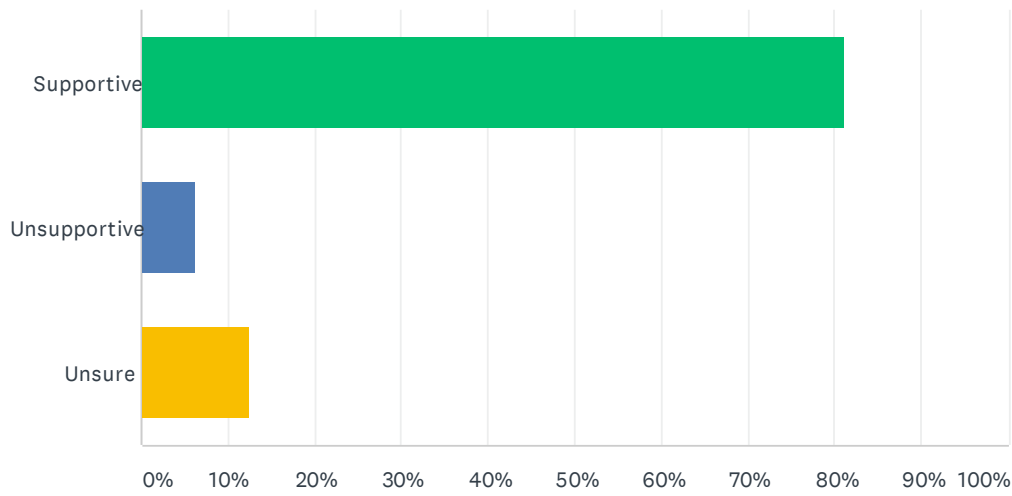
Q30 What, if anything, would you change, add or remove?

Answered: 11 Skipped: 55

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	8/23/2021 2:50 PM
2	Nothing	8/23/2021 9:27 AM
3	Nothing	8/22/2021 8:19 PM
4	BUILD UP,Turves.It does not flood.	8/22/2021 6:07 PM
5	As the villages of Coates and Eastrea are in effect already "joined" on the northern side of the A605 I cannot see why the same should not apply on the southern side. I am fully supportive of the green buffer allocation between Whittlesey and Eastrea, but not of that between Eastrea and Coates	8/22/2021 3:41 PM
6	While the principle of a the Green Buffer is supported to prevent coalescence, it is considered that the boundaries of that proposed between Whittlesey and Eastrea are arbitrary, and potentially illogical in light of other policy. It is suggested that to best achieve an appropriate area of separation between Whittlesey and Eastrea, while still allowing potential for any appropriate development on the east side of Eastrea under Policy 1e, it would be best for the Green Buffer to follow the boundaries of that area in Flood Zone 3 that runs between the two built up areas. This would maintain an effective Green Buffer, providing an appropriate area of separation, while still leaving that higher land east of Eastrea available for potential development in the future, if appropriate, in compliance with Policy 1e and other relevant policy. It is also suggested that, as an existing built up area, the yard at Gothic Farm, north-east of the junction of Eastrea Road and Drybread Road, should be excluded from the Green Buffer.	8/18/2021 6:43 PM
7	In practice, the gap between Coates and Eastrea is closing, as is the gap between Eastrea and Whittlesey - it seems the plan is already just a dream and reality is that everywhere will soon be joined	8/11/2021 4:10 PM
8	The green buffers should be maintained, although landowners are always trying to build between the settlements. Example. Between Eastrea and Coates, a new Planning Application for five houses which would reduce the buffer considerably. WTC recommend refusal but FDC always have the upper-hand.	8/8/2021 4:19 PM
9	It contradicts itself, it says "development will not be permitted if individually, or cumulatively, it would result in the loss of the visual and physical separation" and then says "Any development proposals in these gaps should be accompanied by evidence of the visual impact of the proposed scheme concerning the gap". It needs to be clear that no development is permitted.	8/8/2021 12:56 PM
10	I feel very strongly that the villages should maintain their boundaries and a clear definition between villages and Whittlesey should be kept.	8/6/2021 3:19 PM
11	There are already links between each village on one side of the road or other.	8/6/2021 7:41 AM

Q31 How do you feel about Policy 12: Delivering Sustainable Transport on Page 36?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Supportive	81.25%	26
Unsupportive	6.25%	2
Unsure	12.50%	4
TOTAL		32

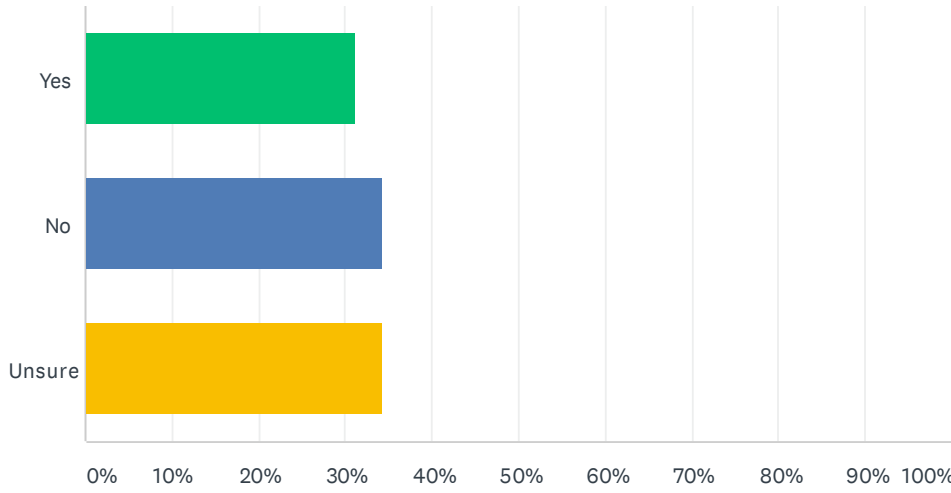
Q32 What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 50

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	8/23/2021 2:50 PM
2	Nothing	8/23/2021 9:27 AM
3	Nothing	8/22/2021 8:19 PM
4	Get more buses but you would have to make them profitable to the carrier, more bums on seats.	8/22/2021 6:07 PM
5	A new relief road to the South of Whittlesey is urgently required	8/22/2021 3:41 PM
6	Some sort of transport link to Whittlesea rail station	8/20/2021 1:48 PM
7	Control of volume of traffic	8/20/2021 12:29 PM
8	A Southern bypass needs to be built asap to take heavy lorries out of the town completely, this would create a direct access to the industrial sites in Station Road and directly onto the parkway at Cardea, freeing up the A605	8/15/2021 10:10 AM
9	It appears to be a chicken and egg situation - it is difficult to see increased bus and commuter train frequency coming ahead of demand. demand will only come with increased development.	8/12/2021 2:59 PM
10	It is disappointing that transport is placed at the end as a kind of afterthought. Public transport in the form of frequent, reliable buses and frequent, reliable trains are the most important features so that people can go to Peterborough or elsewhere without spending hours in a queue of traffic. To make a lovely town we need to look after our buildings and open up spaces, but the most important feature is that people can travel in a clean and sustainable way. Sitting for one hour or more when travelling to Peterborough by car is not sustainable - we have urgently need to improve our public transport - the potential for a good system is there, but there seems no desire to really make this happen - this is perhaps why it comes up as the last item in the plan. We also need a circular and frequent bus service within the town to join up all the new estates to the town centre.	8/11/2021 4:10 PM
11	Bus and train services must be increased and improved for the sake of the young and older people. The more houses built, the bigger the younger population needing transport.	8/8/2021 4:19 PM
12	Not specific enough and could be part of the Combined Authority initiative. Park and Ride from the town centre could only work by taking spaces from existing parking areas unless demolition takes place.	8/6/2021 7:41 AM
13	Need greater emphasis on cycling and Public Transport	8/3/2021 3:16 PM
14	Transport is a massive issue and needs to be radically improved. We must hold the political appointees, higher up the levels of administration, to account and make them actually deliver public transport solutions. Specifically, Whittlesea station must have the number of stopping train services increased to a number commensurate with the size of the town. We need more regular and a greater number of bus routes. Finally we need cycling provision, which actively encourages all age groups to cycle safely as their favourite mode of transport.	7/26/2021 12:06 PM
15	There should also be more emphasis on cyclists and pedestrians.	7/21/2021 3:30 PM
16	Joined up bus and trains, buses need to go to station and match train times...	7/18/2021 4:26 PM

Q33 Do you think there are any policies missing?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	31.25%	10
No	34.38%	11
Unsure	34.38%	11
TOTAL		32

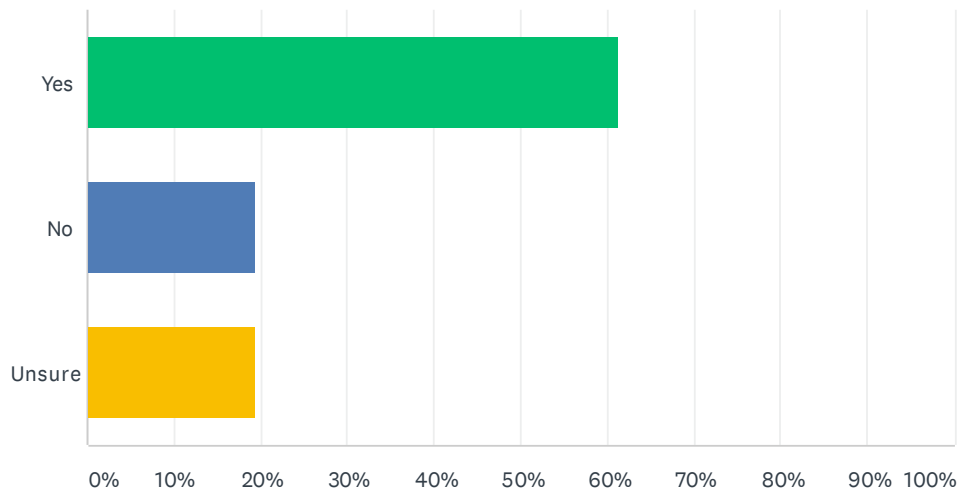
Q34 If yes, please let us know what issues any additional policies should address:

Answered: 12 Skipped: 54

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Nothing	8/22/2021 8:21 PM
2	The Bower river as it goes to Briggate West, there used to be a scrapyard, this area could be enhanced as a moorings/mini marina for canal boats and other sailing vessels, which would bring in more visitors by water and would increase trade in at least 3 nearby public houses and the retail outlets in town	8/15/2021 10:18 AM
3	Specific Site identification and type of development	8/12/2021 3:03 PM
4	Climate change	8/11/2021 4:35 PM
5	Healthy lifestyle policy - there should be waymarked walks and cycle paths with outside gyms in the green spaces, there should be more play areas for children and more gardens. There should be more planted areas and more new areas of trees.	8/11/2021 4:21 PM
6	I think, if possible there should be something to stop what has happened at Saxon Pit and to stop these new applications going through. All the ideas and policies for the town sound great and make it appealing but then you have the whole area of Saxon Pit with it's illegal waste and the planning applications it is intending including bringing in contaminated soil which undermines all what the policies are trying to do. This area is a big blot on the Whittlesey landscape.	8/10/2021 2:51 PM
7	The A.605 through Whittlesey and the villages, needs to be upgraded to an Urban Clearway to prevent roadside parking causing unnecessary hold-ups. Once the new bridge is completed more traffic will be using the road. Also, free flow of traffic will reduce exhaust emissions.	8/8/2021 4:20 PM
8	How this will facilitate County and National Carbon Zero objectives.	8/6/2021 7:46 AM
9	As the neighbourhood develops consideration needs to be given to the changing healthcare needs of the community. The ask of healthcare support will differ depending on whether this is for example retirement homes or homes with young families and it is important that this is factor into any new developments	8/5/2021 4:46 PM
10	There is nothing about arts provision.	7/30/2021 9:39 AM
11	Environmental-wild flowering of grass verges and banks where traffic vision would not be hindered. More local policing. A wider range of workshops etc at the library.	7/22/2021 3:55 PM
12	Encouraging an increase in GP and dental services and social activities that encourage well-being for the elderly and people with disabilities, as well as everybody else, and strengthen communities within easy reach of the town centre especially in view of the inadequate public transport in Whittlesey itself and to Peterborough.	7/21/2021 3:38 PM

Q35 In particular, do you think there needs to be a specific policy on addressing climate change?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	61.29%	19
No	19.35%	6
Unsure	19.35%	6
TOTAL		31

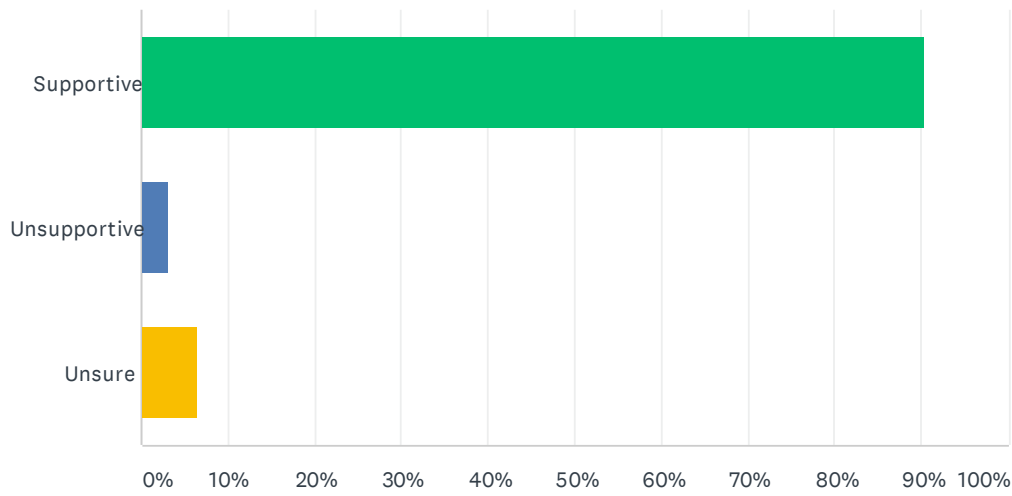
Q36 Explain your answer below if you wish to:

Answered: 12 Skipped: 54

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Reduce traffic and pollution from the brick chimneys	8/23/2021 9:28 AM
2	Cant carry on as we are the national policy should assist a lot	8/22/2021 8:21 PM
3	But what. More buses, less cars.	8/22/2021 6:09 PM
4	Engaging the local community on how we can contribute to this	8/20/2021 12:30 PM
5	This will come from Central Government	8/12/2021 3:03 PM
6	We should address climate change by getting people on to public transport - public transport should involve electric trains and electric buses with no pollution - people should be encouraged to use cycle paths. People should be encouraged locally to obtain solar power and all new buildings should have top quality solar panels, not just 4 panels like the Larkfleet homes. The council should be planting and promoting the planting of trees. A long term project should link us to the Great Fen Project.	8/11/2021 4:21 PM
7	Flooding is only going to get worse with climate change and there should be no more development on the flood plain.	8/10/2021 2:51 PM
8	Industries in Whittlesey need to look at their energy requirements, including emissions and act accordingly to the present government guidelines.	8/8/2021 4:20 PM
9	Any encouragement to help people to work with guidelines on Climate Change.	8/6/2021 3:21 PM
10	Now that the Independent Commission on Climate Change has delivered their deliberations and their recommendations accepted by the Combined Authority a new updated policy should be included that engages with stakeholders.	8/6/2021 7:46 AM
11	The survey itself does not allow comments against the flood policy, as it does against other policies. That policy is fine regarding the tests that need to be applied, but there should not be an expectation of building in flood risk areas as this is denying the reality. There is definitely a need for a separate policy on addressing climate change as this is becoming increasingly important and pressing globally.	7/30/2021 9:39 AM
12	I do not think the flooding policy is sufficient in light of rising sea levels...we are considering moving from area due to concerns and lack of proactive strategy/reassurance	7/18/2021 4:28 PM

Q37 What do you think of the Local Greenspace Assessment that supports Policy 5?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Supportive	90.32%	28
Unsupportive	3.23%	1
Unsure	6.45%	2
TOTAL		31

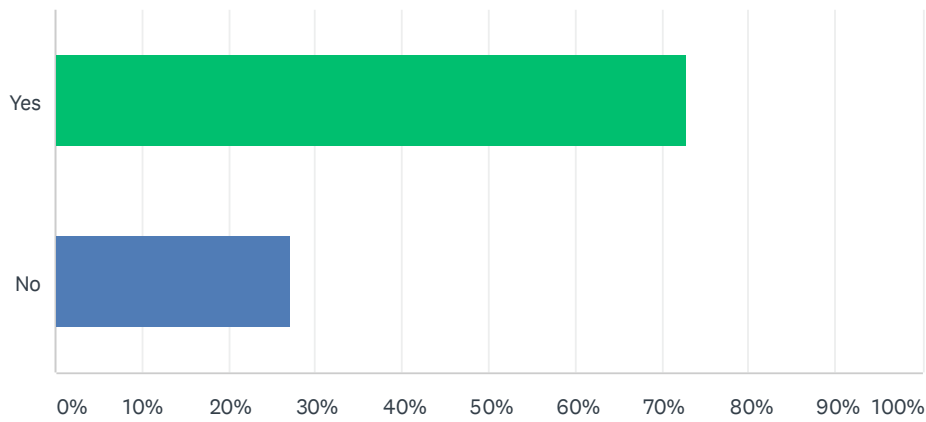
Q38 What, if anything, would you change, add or remove?

Answered: 7 Skipped: 59

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	8/23/2021 2:51 PM
2	nothing	8/23/2021 9:28 AM
3	All for it it isa good scheme	8/22/2021 8:21 PM
4	Requires a means of insuring these spaces are well maintained.	8/12/2021 3:03 PM
5	It is very good that the listed green spaces are to be protected with green belt status, but it would be even better if many of these green spaces were developed to have play areas, garden areas and more trees, rather than just being a flat area of grass - eg Teal Road	8/11/2021 4:21 PM
6	Many areas that receive 'protection' belong to owners that have not necessarily agreed to this process	8/6/2021 7:46 AM
7	Need more green space, larger gardens to reflect family's need for private space, more focus on wildlife support	7/18/2021 4:28 PM

Q39 Would you like to be contacted about future stages of the Neighbourhood Plan via the email address you provided?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 33



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	72.73%	24
No	27.27%	9
TOTAL		33

Appendix E: Pre – Submission Draft Plan: Statutory Consultees

Reg. 14 Consultation Bodies

This workbook provides contact information for Reg. 14 Neighbourhood Plan Consultation for Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan, as listed in the neighbourhood planning regulations:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/si/2012/637/schedule/1/made#:~:text=1.%20For%20the%20purposes%20of%20regulations%2014%20and,adjoins%20the%20area%20of%20the%20local%20planning%20authority%3B>

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1. For the purposes of regulations 14 and 16, a “consultation body” means—
 - (a) where the local planning authority is a London borough council, the Mayor of London;
 - (b) a local planning authority, county council or parish council any part of whose area is in or adjoins the area of the local planning authority;
 - (c) the Coal Authority(1);
 - (d) the Homes and Communities Agency(2);
 - (e) Natural England(3);
 - (f) the Environment Agency(4);
 - (g) the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (known as English Heritage)(5);
 - (h) Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (company number 2904587);
 - (i) the Highways Agency;
 - (j) the Marine Management Organisation(6);
 - (k) any person—
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 - (ii) who owns or controls electronic communications apparatus situated in any part of the area of the local planning authority;
 - (l) where it exercises functions in any part of the neighbourhood area—
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 - (iii) a person to whom a licence has been granted under section 7(2) of the Gas Act 1986(9);
 - (iv) a sewerage undertaker; and
 - (v) a water undertaker;
 - (m) voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area;
 - (n) bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the neighbourhood area;
 - (o) bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area;
 - (p) bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area; and
 - (q) bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the neighbourhood area.

(a) where the local planning authority is a London borough council, the Mayor of London;

Clearly not a London Borough, but Mayor of Cambs & Peterborough Combined Authority is relevant for planning purposes

Type	Title	FirstName	Surname	Position	Company_Org	Address1	Address2	Address3	County	Town	Postcode	Email
CA	Dr	Nik	Johnson	Mayor	Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority							

(b) a local planning authority, county council or parish council any part of whose area is in or adjoins the area of the local planning authority;

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LPA	Ms	Gemma	Wildman	Local Plan Manager	Fenland District Council							
LPA	Ms	Clara	Kerr	Planning Policy Manager	Huntingdonshire District Council							
LPA	Mr	Richard	Kay	Planning Policy Manager	East Cambridgeshire District Council							
LPA	Mr	Alan	Gomm	Planning Policy Manager	King's Lynn and West Norfolk							
LPA	Mr	Richard	Kay	Planning Policy Manager	Peterborough City Council							
LPA	Mr	Rob	Routledge	Planning Policy Manager	South Holland District Council							
County Council	Mr	Colum	Fitzsimons		Cambridgeshire County Council							
County Council	Mr	Stephen	Faulkner		Norfolk County Council							
County Council	Ms	Naomi	Chamberlain		Norfolk County Council							
FDC Parish Council	Mr	Dave	Gibbs	Clerk	Christchurch Parish Council							
FDC Parish Council	Ms	Ruth	Hufton	Chair	Doddington Parish Council							
FDC Parish Council	Mrs	J	Richardson		Benwick Parish Council							
FDC Parish Council	Mrs	J	Melton		Chatteris Town Council							
FDC Parish Council	Mr	R	Wilkin		Doddington Parish Council							
FDC Parish Council		Kate	Waller		Elm Parish Council							
FDC Parish Council	Mrs	Rosemary	Gagen		Gorefield Parish Council							
FDC Parish Council	Mrs	Beryl	Boyce		Leverington Parish Council							
FDC Parish Council		Alan	Melton		Manea Parish Council							
FDC Parish Council		Clive	Lemmon	Town Clerk	March Town Council							
FDC Parish Council	Mrs	Pat	Wilkinson		Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council							
FDC Parish Council	Mr	E	Murat	Parish Council Clerk	Parson Drove Parish Council							
FDC Parish Council	Mr	Dave	Gibbs		Tydd St Giles Parish Council							
FDC Parish Council		Sue	Piergianni		Whittlesey Town Council							
FDC Parish Council	Mrs	Patricia	Amos		Wimblington Parish Council							
FDC Parish Council		Terry	Jordan		Wisbech Town Council							
FDC Parish Council	Mr	Dave	Gibbs	Locum Parish Clerk	Elm Parish Council							
FDC Parish Council	Mrs	Sarah	Bligh	Clerk	Wisbech St Mary Parish Council							
FDC Parish Council	Ms	Suzanne	England	Parish Clerk	Elm Parish Council							
Adj. Parish Council					Colne CP							
Adj. Parish Council					Coveney CP							
Adj. Parish Council					Downham CP							
Adj. Parish Council					Emneth CP							
Adj. Parish Council					Farcet CP							
Adj. Parish Council					Mepal CP							
Adj. Parish Council					Outwell CP							
Adj. Parish Council					Ramsey CP							
Adj. Parish Council					Somersham CP							
Adj. Parish Council					Sutton CP							
Adj. Parish Council					Sutton St. Edmund CP							
Adj. Parish Council					Sutton St. James CP							
Adj. Parish Council					Thorney CP							
Adj. Parish Council					Tydd St. Mary CP							
Adj. Parish Council					Upwell CP							
Adj. Parish Council					Walpole CP							
Adj. Parish Council					Walsoken CP							
Adj. Parish Council					Warboys CP							
Adj. Parish Council					Welney CP							
Adj. Parish Council					West Walton CP							
Adj. Parish Council					Witcham CP							

(c) the Coal Authority;

Type	Title	FirstName	Surname	Position	Company_ Org	Address1	Address2	Address3	County	Town	Postcode	Email
Coal Authority	Miss	Rachael	Bust	Chief Planner	The Coal Authority							

(d) the Homes and Communities Agency;

Type	Title	FirstName	Surname	Position	Company_ Org	Address1	Address2	Address3	County	Town	Postcode	Email
Homes England	Mr	Mark	White		Homes England							
Homes England			East and South Team		Homes England							

(e) Natural England;

Type	Title	FirstName	Surname	Position	Company_Org	Address1	Address2	Address3	County	Town	Postcode	Email
Natural England	Ms	Janet	Nuttall	Sustainable Land Use Advisor	Natural England							

(f) the Environment Agency;

Type	Title	FirstName	Surname	Position	Company_Org	Address1	Address2	Address3	County	Town	Postcode	Email
EA	Mrs	Elizabeth	Mugova	Sustainable Places Advisor	Environment Agency							

(i) the Highways Agency;

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	Mr	David	Abbott	Asset Mana	Highways England							

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					East of England Office							
					Mobile Operators Association							

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(v) a water undertaker;

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Services / u	Ms	Hannah	Wilson	Planning Liaison Manager	Anglian Water Services Limited							
Services / u	Ms	Julie	Spence	Chair	Cambridgeshire & Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust							
Services / u	Mrs	Julia	Beeden	Flood Risk & Biodiversity Business Manager	Cambridgeshire County Council (LLFA)							
Services / u	Mr	Iain	Green	Health Improvement Specialist	Cambridgeshire PCT							
Services / utilities					March West & White Fen IDB							
Services / utilities					Whittlesey & District IDB; Feldale IDB							
Services / utilities					National Grid							
Services / utilities					National Grid							
Services / u	Mr	Spencer	Jefferies	Development Liaison Officer	National Grid							
Services / u	Mr	Spencer	Jefferies		National Grid							
Services / u	Ms	Sharon	Fox	CCG Secretary	NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG							
Services / u	Mr	Ian	Burns		NHS Property Services Ltd							
Services / utilities		Jim	Whiteley		UK Power Networks							
Services / u	Mr	Graham	Halladay	Director	Western Power Distribution							

(m) voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area;
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(n) bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the neighbourhood area;
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(o) bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area;
To be completed by Whittlesey Town Council

(p) bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area;
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Appendix F: Pre-Submission Draft Plan Consultation: Response to Individual Comments

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Previous Question: Q6 How do you feel about the general content of the Neighbourhood Plan?

Q7 - What, if anything, would you change, add or remove?

Answered 21
Skipped 48

Comment	Response
In reality the NP has very limited powers	Noted
No	Noted
Overall very suitable well thought out	Noted
Nothing quite happy with it all	Noted
be more direct,do not waffle on about the same thing.	Noted
Happ with it	Noted
Stop building on or near flood plain	Already reflected in current policy
Improve Infrastructure to cope with increase volume of traffic.	Already reflected in current policy
I am doubtful about the policy for future housing development.	Noted
I would add the need for social housing	Covered in affordable housing wording + Local Plan policy
I would add more specificity. The Visions & Objectives Workshop Report (November 2017) asked "What should the Neighbourhood Plan Do?" One of the highlighted responses (page 7) was "Specify locations of development / type of development". I feel this Draft NDP is too general and misses that opportunity. Greater consideration of infrastructure such as primary school places, secondary school places, doctors surgeries, dentists. Greater consideration of the use of green spaces e.g playgrounds and outdoor exercise equipment. Greater consideration of diversification of the town centre to allow larger brands to locate in Whittlesey as they do in Deeping, Stamford, Ely etc.	It was decided not to allocated sites as part of this Neighbourhood Plan
The public transport plan is a bit wishy washy, the plan for more public transport (trains and buses) is fine in principle, but lacks the detail and understanding of the enormous problems involved in actually implementing any of these plans.	Mainly covered in current policy, new town centre policy wording added
The same applies to open spaces, these have been consistently neglected in Whittlesey and it feels as if landowners have the power to build or fence off these spaces - eg Teal Road has a pleasant space oppoite numbers 30 - 36, but it has never been improved to have plants or children's play areas and it feels as if builders are just waiting for the opportunity to build.	Noted

<p>The current pandemic has altered shopping habits with home deliveries and less local town shopping. Police presence in town is noticeably lacking.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>-An increase to the amount of green space. -A stronger statement relating to stopping development on existing agricultural land. - A survey of potential brown field sites should be considered, eg unused industrial/commercial sites, vacant commercial buildings etc and use these for housing or retail development.</p>	<p>Green space policy amended in line with wider comments/suggestions. Brown field site survey not undertaken as part of this plan, partly as we are not allocating sites</p>
<p>There is not enough weight given to reducing Carbon emissions, promoting the use of alternative energy in homes or in transport.</p>	<p>New climate change policy</p>
<p>There is no mention of Social Housing. There should also be a mechanism introduced to ensure the so called affordable housing is sold to people who will live there and not for private rent.</p>	<p>Covered in affordable housing wording + Local Plan policy</p>
<p>Perhaps more reference to the proximity of the City of Peterborough and its possible influences</p>	<p>Covered in baseline analysis which informed the plan</p>
<p>I'd like to see a commitment to monitoring all the implementation of the good policies, which the plan contains. Furthermore, I think it could outline the sanctions incumbent on developers who promise in line with policy and then fail to deliver. I would also like to see a commitment to access to NHS (free at the point of access) GP services.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>More provision of affordable housing within developments in the town and villages.</p>	
<p>More medical facilities. Access to a local NHS dentist.</p>	<p>Covered in affordable housing wording + Local Plan policy</p>
<p>Greater emphasis on avoiding houses being built on gardens/heavily populated new estates with small gardens which leads to noise issues in community.</p>	
<p>More focus on wild flower planting/support for wildlife corridors/bees etc</p>	<p>Open space policy wording considered strong enough on this</p>

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Previous question Q.8 How do you feel about the Vision and Objectives on pages 8 and 9?

Q9 What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

Answered 15

Skipped 54

Comment	Response
<p>The written visdion is not achievable. The marker should be promoted with, say, Farmers Market, specialist shops such as Bobs Records. Whittlesey travel should be encouraged. In Objectives I would add "seek to improve Primary Care provision (GP surgeries) for Whittlesey existing and increasing population levelsby bringing pressure upon and liasing with Cambs & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group, the Cambs Health & Wellbeing Board and Cambs Healthwatch. In Visions will it be possible for the future visitor to visit and explore the Bronze Age Settlement at Must Farm? Thr site has been covered and there is nothing to see!!!</p>	<p>Noted. Some are non planning matters that can be picked up elsewhere</p>
<p>No</p>	
<p>Nothing</p>	
<p>Nothing</p>	
<p>Nothing</p>	
<p>Importance of attracting a variety of retailers and leisure services to attract visitors to the town .</p>	
<p>Attracting high net worth businesses for quality employment opportunities and retaining next generation workforce</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Land identified for housing.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

Public Transport

As Whittlesea station adopter i am particularly keen on the transport plan and the desire to bring a frequent and wide spanning stopping train service to the town. I think the plan does not stress enough that we HAVE a railway station, but that we have very few trains which actually stop. Also we HAVE a station, but it feels like a remote part of Scotland when you arrive and it is not the bustling busy commuter station that it should be. There are no connecting buses, no connecting taxis, no proper car park, no signs to tell you where to go, no stalls to sell you a coffee or cake. As a result hardly anybody uses this tremendous resource and instead everybody travels by car which clogs up the roads into and out of Whittlesey. Also the cycle route to Peterborough could be popular but is poorly lit, never policed and is used mainly by men.

Walking routes are similarly poor and not really mentioned in the plan. The "Whittlesey Walk" to Coates is in very poor condition. There is great potential for walks in the Whittlesey area but most walks are in poor condition and many have restricted access - eg Kings Dyke nature reserve is locked, playing fields like Field of Dreams and Feldale are locked, the shooting area is locked, Decoy Lakes are out of bounds, you cannot walk to the Dog in a Doublet as there is no path, the walk along the Bower is lovely but could be extended to Funthams Lane. It would be good to include exercise and people's ability to walk or cycle in the route.

It would also be good to see a mention of repairing facilities for sport such as repairing the Manor tennis courts, repairing the

Text amendments to Policy 12: Delivering Sustainable Transport

Affordable homes are missing from many developments. A better public transport system should be introduced as more houses mean more children relying on public transport. The more people, the more local doctors and health professionals are required.

Noted - picked up in curent housing policy
Text amendments to Policy 12: Delivering Sustainable Transport

Excellent ideas if a bit unrealisctic.

Noted

Excellent ideas but perhaps slightly unrealistic.

Noted

Greater environmental vision that are specific. The objectives are generalisations.

Noted

I feel that this is an ideal but not realistic

Noted

Additional ideas on how to retain young people in the area after education

Noted - current policies seek to retail young people, further action may be possible through non-planning means

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Previous Question Q10: How do you feel about Policy 1: Spatial Strategy?

Q11. What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

Answered 12

Skipped 57

Comment	Response
<p>Industrial land on former Hansen land should be encouraged once the bridge is opened. Affordable housing must be insisted upon when new developments are built.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Add: New housing development east of the town will NOT be located on existing agricultural land. Any new permitted housing development east of the town will preserve/maintain/protect the distinct separation of Whittlesey and the villages of Coates and Eastrea. In other words no ribbon development along the A605 should be permitted.</p> <p>No Nothing Nothing</p>	<p>Covered by Policy 1 and Policy 11</p>
<p>With particular support for points b. and e.</p>	
<p>The land to the east of the Whittlesey, north and south of Eastrea Road, provides the most logical location for new housing in the town.</p>	
<p>Although smaller in scale, it is also considered that Eastrea provides valuable opportunities for appropriately sized residential developments adjacent to the existing built area.</p>	<p>Noted, specific sites are not being allocated as part of the Neighbourhood Planning process</p>

that is fewer than 5 metres above sea level, the point being that the highest level of flooding recorded at Whittlesey was just under 5 metres (and that before there were any concerns about global warming). The undeveloped land on the north side of Eastrea Road is almost all below the 5 metre level, which would indicate that the Environment Agency would not be content with its development. Has the Environment Agency been specifically asked whether it is content with development of this land? I ask this in the knowledge that Fenland District Council may have identified this land as an area for housing. If the Environment Agency has not been asked about this specific allocation, it should be so asked before any plans proceed further.

Should the land in on the north side of Eastrea Road ultimately be ruled out for development, that would leave no allocation for housing beyond the land on the south side of Eastrea Road which is either already under development or subject to current planning applications. all of which is likely to be developed within the next few years i.e. nothing for the longer term. In that event, I suggest two other areas which could be considered:

The areas north and south of the unmade extension of Stonald Road west of Crosswayhand. Access to these areas is difficult at present, but there is a gap in the building line in Peterborough Road, on the bend closest to Whittlesey, which appears to be wide enough to accommodate a junction for a new road to access this area. I believe Forterra plc is the owner of this land.

There is an area that is south of the Snoots Road/Saxon Road estate and west of Park Lane, most of which is above the 5 metre mark. Again, access might be a problem. Any of this area that isn't at least 5 metres above sea level could perhaps be made an open space for community use.

Need a 3rd doctors surgery and an NHS dentist in the East of the town

While I support many of the Policies in this section, I do not feel that new housing development should be limited only to the East

The plan of keeping Eastrea and Coates separate seems to be in complete contrast to reality as it seems that more and more houses are being built to join these villages to each other and Whittlesey

If we have surpassed the housing requirement for Whittlesey and the villages, then why does the FDC pass planning applications that have been recommended refusal by WTC?

C is very subjective and infrastructure sustainability needs attention in the form of specific direction.

Noted, specific sites are not being allocated as part of the Neighbourhood Planning process

The Neighbourhood Plan is not able to allocate specific services

Noted, this is due to the physical/environmental constraints

Noted, hopefully the policy will help

Query for Fenland District Council

Noted

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Previous Question Q12: How do you feel about Policy 2: Local Housing Need on Page 13?

Q13 What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

Answered 23

Skipped 46

Comments	Responses
<p>Builders/Dvelopers use "viability statements" to show that social/affordable housing cannot be afforded. Hence prices in Whittlesey are higher than Fenland prices and match those in Peterborough. No</p>	Noted
<p>I would prefer that there was no further expansion in the area but with current need for expansion it is inevitable Nothing</p>	Noted
<p>NO MORE BUILDING,NORTH OF WHITTLESEY.As you have stated,ITS A FLOOD PLAIN.</p>	Noted
<p>Ensure utilities are adequate to support volume of properties</p>	Dealt with in Local Plan Policies and Building Regulations
<p>It is impossible to to predict future housing demand. The country needs the construction of more houses, and Whittlesey must meet its fair share.</p>	Noted
<p>Social Housing isn't mentioned, it's desperately needed</p>	Dealt with in Local Plan Policies
<p>The policy is supported in principle but I feel that policies elsewhere in the Draft NDP may impact these aspirations.</p>	Noted
<p>Greater consideration of infrastructure is needed. Also it is all well and good building varied housing but there is limited consideration of gardens, parking etc</p>	Noted. Infrastructure dealt with in Local Plan Policies

Again the plan is good, but it is not what is happening in reality - eg Hartley Grange is going up with brand new houses and yet there is not even a path into Whittlesey. The only path at the moment is one that leads to Teal Road. How can people be expected to walk to the town centre using this route? Also, there is no bus service and no connectivity to the town centre or the bus/rail stations from these new estates. The same applies to Snowley Park and Glenfields where there is no bus service or connectivity.

Noted

More affordable housing, The latest housing developments are no-where near affordable for the average family.

Reflected in current policy wording

more facilities needed. Doctors, schools and public transport.

Dealt with in Local Plan Policies

When considering any housing development and housing needs it is important that consideration is given to healthcare need and any potential impact of healthcare services

Dealt with in Local Plan Policies

See previous comments re Social Housing

Noted. Dealt with in Local Plan policies

The need for any development to consider the increased flooding risk due to climate change.

Picked up in current Policy 10 Flood Risk and new Climate Change Policy

I would like to see at least mention and hopefully engagement with the need to provide affordable rented accommodation which is NOT controlled by private landlords. Specifically, council, social, housing association provision, which is provided at a guaranteed affordable rate.

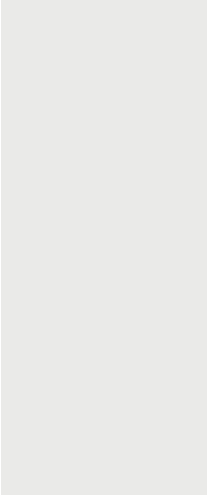
Maximum ratio of affordable housing should be a condition of any new developments.

There needs to be more affordable housing for local families.

Family properties for rental are becoming fewer, whilst demand is increasing.

Proposed allocated development sites near the railway and level crossings may result in issues regarding the safe operation of the railway.

Therefore, discussions with Network Rail must be had at the next stage of the Neighbourhood Plan.



The infra-structure and local facilities need to be able to support additional housing - eg. gps, dentists, shops, roads, public transport, etc. which at the moment is not the case. This all needs to go hand-in-hand. Additional housing first is not the way forward.

Fdc need to ensure back garden development stops. Non of it actually enhances Whittlesey or contributes to Whittlesey other issues than the builders who build them

I think there needs to robust consideration of not having large areas of cheap crammed in housing.

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Previous Question Q14: How do you feel about Policy 3: Primary Retail Frontages on Page 16?

Q15: What, if anything, would you change, add or remove?

Answered 14

Skipped 55

Comment	Response
FDC has made nonsense of Policy 3a!!!!!! FDC has approved change of use of 6 Queen Street to a take-away which will affect the residents by way of noise, smells, and late night disturbance.	Noted, Fenland level issue
No	Noted
Very good just what is needed	Noted
Nothing	Noted
Ideas to attract shoppers from outside and encourage local residents to use local shops	Policy wording does all it can to create the right circumstances for this, other avenues likely to be more appropriate for attracting people in
We've tended to lose shops that sold actual goods [as opposed to food] and it may be difficult to reverse that trend.	Noted
Advertise empty retail premises to bring them back into use as retail	Beyond the scope of what a Neighbourhood Plan can do

There are many empty shops that have been empty a long time. The pandemic has not helped the situation but rent and rate reductions may help some recover. Otherwise, town shop closures will continue.

Noted

Support and encourage more independent business'

Policy wording does all it can to create the right circumstances for this, other avenues likely to be more appropriate

The requirement of a shop front has changed since this was written. The purpose of a town centre was changing and now online and remote working has moved faster than the plan.

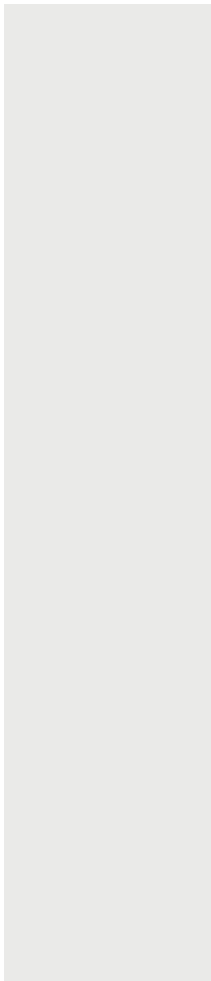
Policy wording has been updated to include the new Class E use class, which links to this point

Identification and attraction of suitable larger retail employers to the area needs to be addressed.

Noted

Frontages should be in keeping with the Heritage of the area to maintain the ambiance of a market town

Policy 7 Design Quality helps address this



Shop frontages
should be
encouraged and
maintained
wherever possible
to retain the
market town
character of the
town

Policy 7 Design Quality helps
address this

Whittlesey
struggles to get
high quality shops
the town is run
down and since
covid businesses
are struggling even
more It would be
nice if Whittlesey
was quaint
unfortunately it is
not industry here is
manual work and
hazardous the
town centre
reflects this

Noted

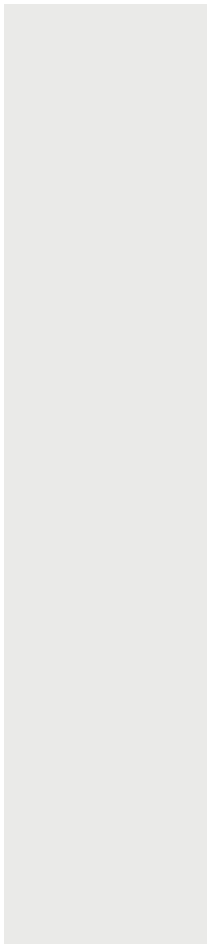
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Previous Question Q 16: How do you feel about Policy 4: Open Space on Page 17?

Q17 What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

Answered 14
Skipped 55

Comment	Response
Sports facilities are now much better in Whittlesey than in 2006. Better use should be made of tthe Manor Fields,	Noted
No	Noted
Nothing	Noted
Nothing	Noted - picked up in
Variety and something for all age groups	Policy 6 Country Park
A nature trail, wildflower meadows could be used as an educational facility with information boards on types of trees, flowers, wildlife etc	Part c picks up on this sufficiently checked with Fenland - this
The justification relies in part upon a 2006 open-space audit, which may benefit from updating.	is best available evidence
The desire to provide more open space is excellent. All open spaces should be labelled and there should be direction signs pointing to them. People should be reminded not to make a mess and clear up after their dogs. All spaces should have bins. Large spaces (eg Manor, new country park) should have toilet facilities. Open spaces must be safeguarded and maintained, for the future well-being of Whittlesey and the villages. Need to encourage locals to use facilities already in Whittlesey ie. Maonor Leisure Centre and Nature reserves.	



Open space is desirable, more direction in terms of wildlife habitat,, how the space can be used and species of plants and trees could be an appendix there needs to be a firm commitment to providing HIGH quality open spaces for specific sporting provision, which is easily affordable.

New nature reserve should incorporate a cafe, adequate toilet facilities and cycle paths.

Wild flower areas too.

The green spaces we have are not used take church field way a sign no horse riding ? The space isn't even used other than by dog walkers. Saxon Road greenspace sign says no ball games What are the green spaces for then?

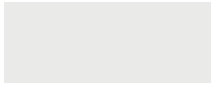
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Previous Question Q18 How do you feel about Policy 5: Local Green Spaces on Page 19?

Q19 What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

Answered 10
Skipped 59

Comment	Response
<p>In my view any developer would rather pay a "financial contribution" than set aside an area for open space use. Developers aim to maximise their profits by building as many houses as possible on their sites. The "financial contribution" is small beer to them.</p> <p>No</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>Updating and maintaining the equipment in the older play parks around town</p> <p>Insufficient information has been provided regarding the long term maintenance and management of these spaces.</p> <p>The country park would be a great asset - but is it really ever going to happen or are we just getting an Aldi supermarket - the country park should be a priority and link up with Guildenburgh Water and Lattersay Nature Reserve to provide a large park area with different landscapes. Money from housing developments should pay for this.</p>	<p>Beyond the scope of this type of policy, which is designed to simply project important sites from development</p> <p>Beyond the scope of this type of policy, which is designed to simply project important sites from development</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>for the sake of human and animal presence. For example, Thornham Way play park is bounded by two hedges and a small stream and pond in the corner. This is ideal natural habitat for birds, animals and aquatic creatures. Yet, the tick-box list, when referring to Tranquility and Richness of Wildlife, state "No" to both! I know that badgers and foxes use this route to run back to the fields and the Drover's Field. I have a badger running towards the play area on film, as proof!</p>	<p>Noted, assessment reviewed</p>



As above
See comments above

Noted
Noted

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How do you feel about Policy 6: Country Park on Page 21?
What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

Answered 18
 Skipped 51

Comment	Response
The original Country Park off Eastrea Road is now not going to happen.	Noted
No	Noted
Good idea and much needed	Noted
Nothing	Noted
GET IT DONE.	Noted
Attracting visitors from outside	Noted
Development won't pay for it, so alternative sources of finance would be needed.	
I query the inclusion of sports pitches etc. Are you advocating a country park or a sports centre? There seems some confusion here.	
	Noted
Stipulate that it's mainly wood based play equipment to keep a rural feel as in Ferry Meadows	Beyond the level of policy detail
Given comments elsewhere in the Draft NDP regarding too many car journeys and inadequate public transport, perhaps the current preferred location is not ideal?	The policy doesn't specify a particular location and requires ability to access by sustainable transport for any chosen location

As mentioned in the last answer, this should be a stronger priority. The data shows that Whittlesey and area is short of open spaces and the development of a country park would bring us up to the expected open space provision. This should all be part of a greater drive to open up land to the public so that they can walk or cycle or relax and part of a greater drive to provide public transport and facilities to these locations.

Noted

In reality, I will be very surprised if this happens. Lack of available space.

Noted

How would a country park be managed and maintained?

To be determined when A site comes forward

Provision will probably be down to the developer in that if they do not offer to fund - it will not happen.

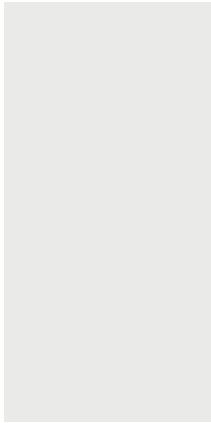
Noted

Remove Country Park element and concentrate on enhancing Manor and river frontage.

A country park was an aspiration for a number of participants in the consultation process

The emphasis for the country park itself should be on a pleasant publicly accessible space. Whilst this could include adjacent playing pitches these themselves by virtue of their use are not always available for public access and are also much less interesting or bio-diverse for general recreation due to a lack of trees.

Noted, current policy reflects this.



As above	Noted, current policy reflects this.
A new country park should include a cafe area, wild flower planting, free parking and cycle paths	Noted
Equestrian access to allow off road hacking access from green wheel. Clear signage as to dogs on leads etc.	Noted

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Previous Questions Q22:How do you feel about Policy 7: Design Quality on Page 23?

Q23: What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

Answered 10
Skipped 59

Comment	Response
The Town Council do not have the power to make changes to design. National builders will build what they always build. The exception to building sites is Peterborough Road where designs are good.	Noted
No	Noted
Nothing	Noted
Nothing	Noted
Difficult to enforce.	Noted
Shopping areas - High Street and Market Street should be retail ONLY, no homes unless it's living accommodation above or to the rear of existing retail outlets	Policy 3 addresses this
New housing and new buildings should be on bus routes - or a circular bus route should join up new buildings and new estates to the town centre, bus station and rail station. Walking and cycling routes should be constructed so that people can avoid cycling on busy roads. New estates should have a shop so that people can buy items locally without having to travel to the town centre.	Noted/picked up in other policies

To quote one example. The villagers of Eastrea have been let down by poor planning concerning the lack of an adequate footpath on the corner of Wype Road and Mayfield Road. New bungalows were built opposite without no adequate footpath provided on a blind bend. I see push chairs negotiating a kerbstone-width footpath that drops into a road-drain grille. This is desk-top planning at its worst! I have complained to a County Councillor, with no satisfactory answer. Noted

Nothing, this a the best policy of the plan and should be law. Noted

There is no consideration of horse riders in this plan. We are a rural setting and horses are part of a rural setting. Considered adding wording but phrasing around access to "all users" felt sufficient

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Previous Question Q24 How do you feel about Policy 8: Historic Environment on Page 26?

Q25 What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

Answered 9
Skipped 60

Comment	Response
No	Noted
Nothing	Noted
Nothing	Noted
Attracting visitors from outside to unique areas of interest	Current policy wording protects heritage assets so supports this
Listed/historic buildings should have information boards telling us their history. New buildings should not interfere with views to existing historic buildings.	Noted, current policy reflects this. Boards go beyond what the policy can prescribe
Listed buildings should be properly maintained and not allowed to fall into disrepair. Prime example is the very prominent ex. Nat. West Bank. Heritage signage for the new trail and museum included the Fenland Flag.	Reflected in Local and National Policy
The Fenland Flag campaign has been extremely well supported by Whittlesey residents and businesses and it would be a step forward to have endorsement by WTC	Beyond what a Neighbourhood Plan can prescribe

WTC and FDC
endorse the Fenland
Flag and support the
campaign to take it to
the flag registry.

It has been very well
received and
supported by
business and
residents alike,
throughout the town
and villages.
This will serve to
promote a sense of
community, without
politics being
involved!

It would be a positive
to see the Fenland
Flag on the new
Heritage Trail
signposts and at the
new museum on
Kings Dyke.

Beyond what a
Neighbourhood Plan
can prescribe

Heritage centre for
must farm should be
bigger

Noted

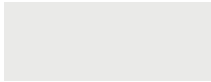
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Previous Question Q26: How do you feel about Policy 9: Garden Development on Page 28?

Q27 What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

Answered 9
Skipped 60

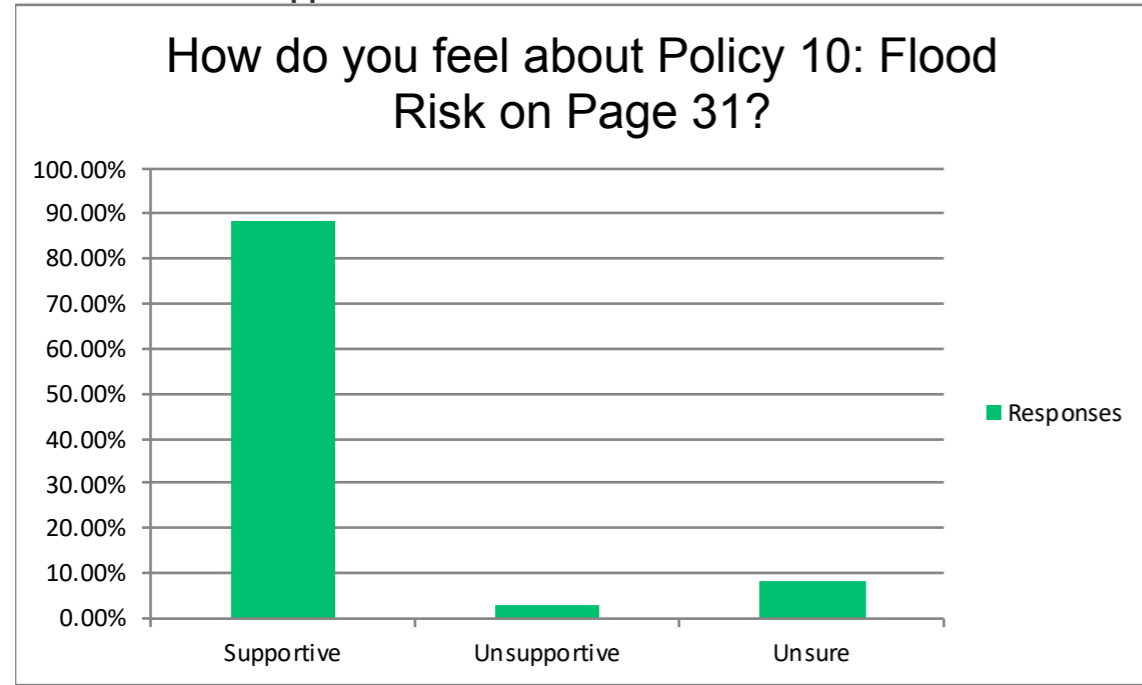
Comment	Response
This policy, although always in place, has not been supported in the past. Rules now are too strict sometimes.	Noted
I would prevent ALL future garden development. Whittlesey already has enough!!	Noted
No	Noted
Nothing	Noted
Nothing	Noted
The social housing at Pondersbridge are a great example of where you could build on the back gardens as they're lengthy and there is an access across the back but this is an exceptional instance	Noted
I do not like to see new properties shoe-horned into back gardens without turning space and lack of adequate parking. I despair at the amount of vehicles reversing onto main roads in a very dangerous manner.	Noted
Needs to include EV charging point with every Garden Development and should not have a fossil fuel supply.	Noted, beyond what the Neighbourhood Plan can specify



It contributes nothing at all
to Whittlesey Noted

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How do you feel about Policy 10: Flood Risk on Page 31?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Supportive	88.57%	31
Unsupportive	2.86%	1
Unsure	8.57%	3
Answered		35
Skipped		34



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Previous Question Q29 How do you feel about Policy 11: Coalescence of Villages on Page 33?

Q30 What, if anything, would you change, add or remove?

Answered 13

Skipped 56

Comment	Response
This is very important and must be maintained.	Noted
Add: There will be no future housing development permitted on existing agricultural land between Whittlesey Eastrea, and Coates along the A605.	Policy 1 h addresses this as far as possible. This Neighbourhood Plan is not allocating housing sites so further prescription isn't possible
No	Noted
Nothing	Noted
Nothing	Noted
BUILD UP, Turves. It does not flood.	Noted
As the villages of Coates and Eastrea are in effect already "joined" on the northern side of the A605 I cannot see why the same should not apply on the southern side.	
I am fully supportive of the green buffer allocation between Whittlesey and Eastrea, but not of that between Eastrea and Coates	Noted

supported to prevent coalescence, it is considered that the boundaries of that proposed between Whittlesey and Eastrea are arbitrary, and potentially illogical in light of other policy.

It is suggested that to best achieve an appropriate area of separation between Whittlesey and Eastrea, while still allowing potential for any appropriate development on the east side of Eastrea under Policy 1e, it would be best for the Green Buffer to follow the boundaries of that area in Flood Zone 3 that runs between the two built up areas. This would maintain an effective Green Buffer, providing an appropriate area of separation, while still leaving that higher land east of Eastrea available for potential development in the future, if appropriate, in compliance with Policy 1e and other relevant policy.

It is also suggested that, as an existing built up area, the yard at Gothic Farm, north-east of the junction of Eastrea Road and Drybread Road, should be excluded from the Green Buffer.

Noted and approach reviewed

In practice, the gap between Coates and Eastrea is closing, as is the gap between Eastrea and Whittlesey - it seems the plan is already just a dream and reality is that everywhere will soon be joined

Noted

The green buffers should be maintained, although landowners are always trying to build between the settlements. Example. Between Eastrea and Coates, a new Planning Application for five houses which would reduce the buffer considerably. WTC recommend refusal but FDC always have the upper-hand.

Noted

It contradicts itself, it says "development will not be permitted if individually, or cumulatively, it would result in the loss of the visual and physical separation" and then says "Any development proposals in these gaps should be accompanied by evidence of the visual impact of the proposed scheme concerning the gap". It needs to be clear that no development is permitted.

To account for aother forms of development that require planning permission but do not have a change in the visual or physical separation

I feel very strongly that the villages should maintain their boundaries and a clear definition between villages and Whittlesey should be kept.

Noted

There are already links between each village on one side of the road or other.

Noted

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Previous Question: Q31 How do you feel about Policy 12: Delivering Sustainable Transport on Page 36?

Q32 What, if anything would you change, add or remove?

Answered 18

Skipped 51

Comment	Response
Bus Services must be improved. Train services must be improved. Relief Road must be given priority.	Noted
More Bus Services later in the evening.	Wording added
No	Noted
Nothing	Noted
Nothing	Noted
Get more buses but you would have to make them profitable to the carrier, more bums on seats.	Noted
A new relief road to the South of Whittlesey is urgently required	Noted Policy wording talks about "joined up" transport options
Some sort of transport link to Whittlesea rail station	Noted
Control of volume of traffic	Noted
A Southern bypass needs to be built asap to take heavy lorries out of the town completely, this would create a direct access to the industrial sites in Station Road and directly onto the parkway at Cardea, freeing up the A605	Noted
It appears to be a chicken and egg situation - it is difficult to see increased bus and commuter train frequency coming ahead of demand. demand will only come with increased development.	Noted

it is disappointing that transport is placed at the end as a kind of afterthought. Public transport in the form of frequent, reliable buses and frequent, reliable trains are the most important features so that people can go to Peterborough or elsewhere without spending hours in a queue of traffic. To make a lovely town we need to look after our buildings and open up spaces, but the most important feature is that people can travel in a clean and sustainable way. Sitting for one hour or more when travelling to Peterborough by car is not sustainable - we have urgently need to improve our public transport - the potential for a good system is there, but there seems no desire to really make this happen - this is perhaps why it comes up as the last item in the plan. We also need a circular and frequent bus service within the town to join up all the new estates to the town centre.

All polices have the same weight irrespective of the order they appear

Bus and train services must be increased and improved for the sake of the young and older people. The more houses built, the bigger the younger population needing transport.

Noted

Not specific enough and could be part of the Combined Authority initiative. Park and Ride from the town centre could only work by taking spaces from existing parking areas unless demolition takes place.

Noted
Policy

Need greater emphasis on cycling and Public Transport

wording reviewed

Transport is a massive issue and needs to be radically improved. We must hold the political appointees, higher up the levels of administration, to account and make them actually deliver public transport solutions. Specifically, Whittlesea station must have the number of stopping train services increased to a number commensurate with the size of the town. We need more regular and a greater number of bus routes. Finally we need cycling provision, which actively encourages all age groups to cycle safely as their favourite mode of transport. There should also be more emphasis on cyclists and pedestrians.

Joined up bus and trains, buses need to go to station and match train times...

Noted, some is beyond the scope of what a Neighbourhood Plan can achieve
Policy wording reviewed
Policy wording references
"joined up services"

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Previous Question Q33 Do you think there are any policies missing?

Q34 If yes, please let us know what issues any additional policies should address:

Answered 14
Skipped 55

Comment	Response
Carbon reduction / capture. Improved air quality	Climate change policy added
Increase the provision of Primary Care Services (GP surgeries) because 1000+ new households will be living in Whittlesey by 2031. The existing GP provision is already stretched.	Picked up by Fenland Distict Council policies
Nothing	Noted
The Bower river as it goes to Briggate West, there used to be a scrapyard, this area could be enhanced as a moorings/mini marina for canal boats and other sailing vessels, which would bring in more visitors by water and would increase trade in at least 3 nearby public houses and the retail outlets in town	Noted This Neighbourhood Plan did not go through a site allocations process as there were not sufficient resources to support the pocess/ provide the evidence needed.
Specific Site identification and type of development	Climate change policy added
Climate change Healthy lifestyle policy - there should be waymarked walks and cycle paths with outside gyms in the green spaces, there should be more play areas for children and more gardens. There should be more planted areas and more new areas of trees.	Climate change policy added Wording added to objectives text to guide application of existing policies which pick up on this sufficently

I think, if possible there should be something to stop what has happened at Saxon Pit and to stop these new applications going through. All the ideas and policies for the town sound great and make it appealing but then you have the whole area of Saxon Pit with it's illegal waste and the planning applications it is intending including bringing in contaminated soil which undermines all what the policies are trying to do. This area is a big blot on the Whittlesey landscape.

Picked up by local and national policies

The A.605 through Whittlesey and the villages, needs to be upgraded to an Urban Clearway to prevent roadside parking causing unnecessary hold-ups. Once the new bridge is completed more traffic will be using the road. Also, free flow of traffic will reduce exhaust emissions.

Noted

How this will facilitate County and National Carbon Zero objectives.

Climate change policy added

As the neighbourhood develops consideration needs to be given to the changing healthcare needs of the community. The ask of healthcare support will differ depending on whether this is for example retirement homes or homes with young families and it is important that this is factor into any new developments

Noted/picked up by Fenland Distict Council policies
Noted/consider - specific arts policy not felt to be needed

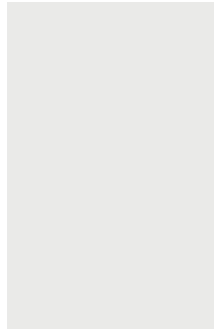
There is nothing about arts provision.

Environmental-wild flowering of grass verges and banks where traffic vision would not be hindered.

More local policing.

A wider range of workshops etc at the library.

Non- planning matters that can't be addressed through this plan



Encouraging an increase in GP and dental services and social activities that encourage well-being for the elderly and people with disabilities, as well as everybody else, and strengthen communities within easy reach of the town centre especially in view of the inadequate public transport in Whittlesey itself and to Peterborough.

Noted/considered - sufficiently dealt with through existing policies

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Previous Question Q35 In particular, do you think there needs to be a specific policy on addressing climate change?

Q36 Explain your answer below if you wish to:

Answered 13

Skipped 56

Comment	Response
Trees should be planted along pavements if possible, and encouragement should be made for each property to have a small tree at least.	Picked up in national policies
Reduce traffic and pollution from the brick chimneys	Noted
Cant carry on as we are the national policy should assist a lot	Noted
But what. More buses, less cars.	Noted Noted - this policy will be
Engaging the local community on how we can contribute to this	introduced after this consultation but will reflect comments of residents
This will come from Central Government	Noted

we should address climate change by getting people on to public transport - public transport should involve electric trains and electric buses with no pollution - people should be encouraged to use cycle paths.

People should be encouraged locally to obtain solar power and all new buildings should have top quality solar panels, not just 4 panels like the Larkfleet homes. The council should be planting and promoting the planting of trees. A long term project should link us to the Great Fen Project.

Noted

Flooding is only going to get worse with climate change and there should be no more development on the flood plain.

Noted

Industries in Whittlesey need to look at their energy requirements, including emissions and act accordingly to the present government guidelines.

Noted

Any encouragement to help people to work with guidelines on Climate Change.

Noted

Now that the Independent Commission on Climate Change has delivered their deliberations and their recommendations accepted by the Combined Authority a new updated policy should be included that engages with stakeholders.

Noted

The survey itself does not allow comments against the flood policy, as it does against other policies. That policy is fine regarding the tests that need to be applied, but there should not be an expectation of building in flood risk areas as this is denying the reality. There is definitely a need for a separate policy on addressing climate change as this is becoming increasingly important and pressing globally.

Noted

I do not think the flooding policy is sufficient in light of rising sea levels...we are considering moving from area due to concerns and lack of proactive strategy/reassurance

Noted

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Previous Question Q37 What do you think of the Local Greenspace Assessment that supports Policy 5?

Q38 What, if anything, would you change, add or remove?

Answered 8
Skipped 61

Comment	Response
I would want North and South Greens in Coates to be shown as "protected village greens" to clarify that they cannot ever be encroached upon.	Noted, the current policy wording presents the maximum protection that can be achieved by this policy
No	Noted
nothing	Noted
All for it it is a good scheme	Noted
Requires a means of insuring these spaces are well maintained.	Noted, beyond the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan
It is very good that the listed green spaces are to be protected with green belt status, but it would be even better if many of these green spaces were developed to have play areas, garden areas and more trees, rather than just being a flat area of grass - eg Teal Road	Noted, beyond the scope of what this policy can do. It is designed to protect spaces from development/alternative uses.
Many areas that receive 'protection' belong to owners that have not necessarily agreed to this process	Noted
Need more green space, larger gardens to reflect family's need for private space, more focus on wildlife support	Noted

Appendix G: Examples of Promotional Materials

Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan

Have your say about development in your local area

Over the last few years Whittlesey Parish has been working on a Neighbourhood Plan - a plan for the future of the area that the whole community can get involved with.

The draft plan is nearly ready and we'll be asking for your thoughts on it soon. Stay up to date with progress on Twitter @WhittleseyNP or on the Town Council website:



www.whittleseytc.com/neighbourhood-plan/



Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan

Have your say about development in your local area

Consultation on the Draft Plan

12th July - 23rd August



What is it?

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What's in it?

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan has policies on:

- Where development should go
- What type of housing is needed
- The main shopping area
- Open spaces, local green spaces and country parks
- The design of new development
- The historic environment
- Garden development
- Flood risk
- Gaps between villages
- Sustainable transport

Where to View and Comment:



Online

All the documents will be available to view on the Town Council website: www.whittleseytc.com/neighbourhood-plan/ There you will also be able to share your views via a simple online survey.



In Person

Copies of the plan will be available to view at:

Council Office, Peel House, 8 Queen St, Whittlesey, Peterborough PE7 1AY

Tuesday 20th July and Saturday 24th July from 10:00 until 16:00. *the room has separate entrance and exit doors.

There you will be able to fill out paper copies of the questionnaire or get help to respond online.

If you can't get online and aren't able to visit in person please contact:

Sue Piergianni, Clerk to Whittlesey Town Council Address: Whittlesey Town Council Offices, Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY, Phone: 01733 351296 to arrange for a copy to be posted to you.



HAVE YOUR SAY ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

By the **WTC Neighbourhood Planning Group** (Cllrs Dee Laws, Alan Bristow, Eamonn Dorling, Ray Whitwell and Robert Wicks).

You might remember that earlier this year, Whittlesey Town Council published the results of its Neighbourhood Plan survey, in which residents responded enthusiastically to give their views across a wide range of issues including housing, transport, community, leisure, environment and heritage.

Neighbourhood planning gives local communities the chance to shape potential development within their area, and help influence decisions that will have a lasting effect on the town. The most important part of the process is to engage with residents.

A meeting has been arranged to give local residents, businesses and groups a further opportunity to share their views and speak with Councillors. The 'Vision and Objectives Workshop' will take place on Friday October 13th at the Christian Church in Broad Street, with three sessions throughout the day at 12-2pm, 4-6pm and 6-8pm. All sessions will cover the same content, but all are welcome at any of the times.

The meetings will not simply involve passive listening, but rather engaging with speakers and local Councillors – there is no such thing as a bad idea or silly question. Understanding what may be possible and making others aware of your concerns and desires will make it a very productive meeting.

This will be your chance to contribute – the greater the number of residents attending, the better the Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan can reflect the wishes of the people who matter most: you, the residents of the parish.

No booking required – just turn up! Refreshments will be provided. Remember, this is your chance to have your say!

Whittlesey & District *Business* **FORUM**

Our October meeting will be held on the 18th at the usual place and time:
The Falcon Hotel, Whittlesey,
6pm for a 6.30pm start.

We are pleased to have our keynote speaker *Justin Winfield* from FDC, who is responsible for business development in the Fenland area. Come along and hear his informative talk. In the meantime, be sure to check out our website and Facebook page for updates on the Forum. I look forward to seeing you on the 18th.

Steve Hodson 01733 203064



COUNCILLOR SURGERIES WILL BE HELD IN GROSVENOR HOUSE FROM 9.30AM TO 10.30AM ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH THROUGHOUT 2017.

Councillors present on Saturday October 7th will be:

Councillor Alex Miscandlon
(District and Town Councillor)

Councillor Julie Windle
(Town Councillor)

If you have any matters of concern and wish to discuss them with a Councillor, then please come along and let us know.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE

What is a neighbourhood plan?

Neighbourhood Plans were brought in by the **Localism Act in 2011**, as a tool to help feed the voice of local communities into local decision-making on planning issues. Neighbourhood planning is in its early days and is still something of an experiment. However they are a recognition that **local communities know their area best – its assets, its challenges, and its potential.**

Neighbourhood plans are drawn up by a Neighbourhood Forum made up of **local residents, employees, and sometimes local businesses.** Unlike other documents, it is not merely a series of suggestions or grievances but carries real legal weight. Once a plan **passes a referendum** (with over 50% of the votes) it **becomes 'statutory'** and so forms part of the documentation that has to be consulted by planning officers when they are deciding whether to grant planning permission. Previously, only plans drawn up by the relevant Local Authority or national government formed the basis for these decisions.

Since 2015 there has been some **grant support** available from the government for the neighbourhood planning process – to pay for events, engaging the local community, printing leaflets and employing experts. However putting a plan together still rests largely upon **voluntary time commitment from energetic members of the community.**

WHAT A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CAN DO....

- Create rules to guide future land use
- Make “site allocations” (eg. for housing or employment)
- Create a forum for community debate
- Draw the attention of your local authority to community needs
- Help get funding for local infrastructure

WHAT A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CAN'T DO...

- Block all development
- Contradict national policy (the NPPF)
- Contradict the Fenland Local Plan
- Address “non-planning matters”, like policing or refurbishing local parks.

What are “developer contributions”?

Imagine that a developer proposes a housing estate that would bring benefits to the wider community. The Local Authority agrees in principle but is concerned about the extra strain the development will place on **local infrastructure such as roads, schools and hospitals....**

Developer contributions (or ‘**planning gain**’) are a way to make that development acceptable by attaching certain “conditions” to the planning permission. It is designed to help the wider community **capture some of the increase in the value of the land** that tends to happen when planning permission is granted, and can be away of funding local infrastructure like roads, schools and parks. Developer contributions come in several forms - the major ones being **S106 agreements** and, more recently, **CIL**.

S106 AGREEMENTS

A “Section 106” is an agreement between a local authority and a developer, where the local authority requires the developer to contribute funds to mitigate the impact of their development on local infrastructure and services. They are commonly used for affordable housing and the provision of parks, for example, and must be directly related to the development in question.

CIL (COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY)

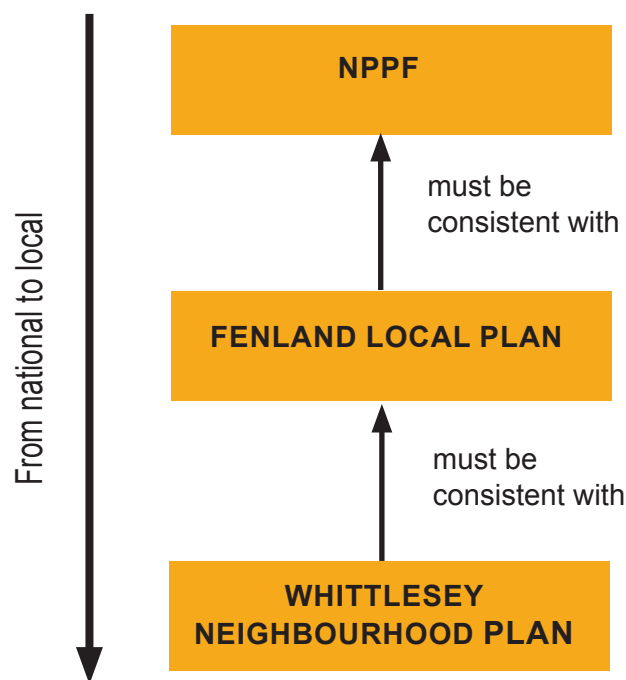
CIL, like an S106, places obligations on a developer seeking planning permission. What makes CIL different is that it is effectively a ‘tax on development’, charged to all developers on a fixed rate set by the local authority, and need not be directly related to a particular development. CIL is optional, and Fenland District Council made a decision in 2014 to not introduce it for the time being, instead relying on S106 agreements for “planning gain”.

What are the ingredients for a successful plan?

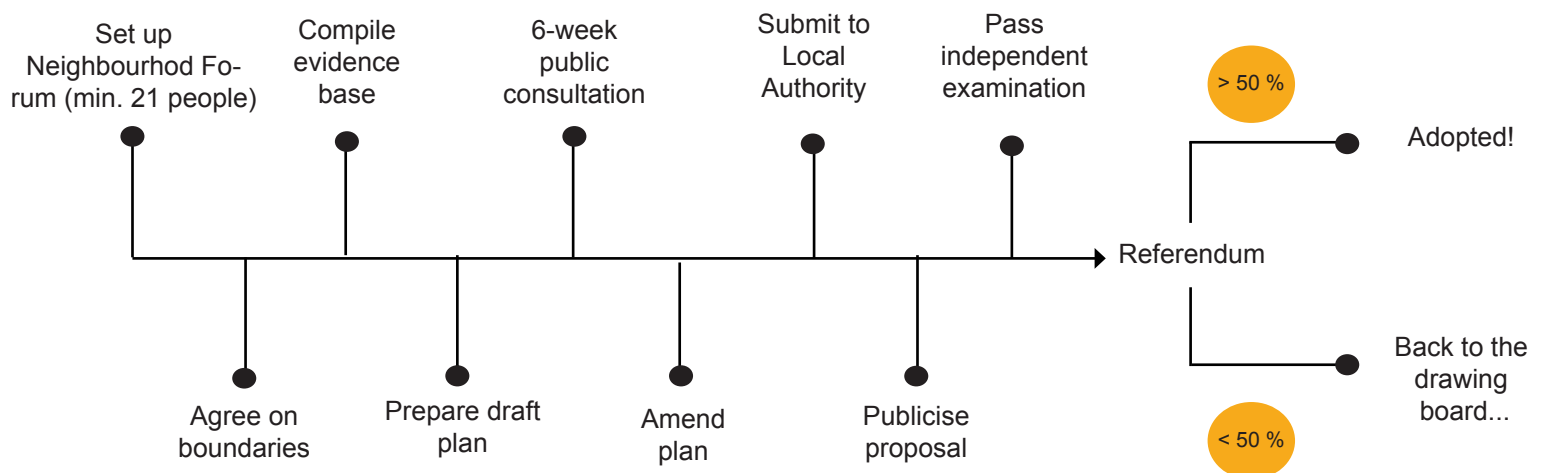
Based on experience in other neighbourhoods, a good plan will have the following...



The ‘nesting’ of plans



A Neighbourhood Plan: from first draft to adoption



Jargon Buster

The world of planning is unfortunately strewn with jargon and acronyms. This glossary clears a few of them up.....

“AFFORDABLE HOUSING”

Not only social rented, but also affordable rented and intermediate housing, for households whose needs are not met by the market. The thresholds are controversial!

CHANGE OF USE

Changing the permitted use of a building from one ‘use class’ to another eg. from a takeaway to flats. Depending on the change in question, a developer must apply for planning permission, even if there are no structural changes.

EVIDENCE BASE

The data that supports your plan – this might come from data held by local government, census data, or from community consultations and surveys.

LOCAL PLAN

The plan drawn up by your Local Authority, which ‘nests’ in the NPPF. It replaced the suite of documents known as ‘local development frameworks’ (LDFs) and set out local planning policies and how land will be used in the area.

“MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS”

Any matter that should be taken into account when deciding on a planning decision, whether or not it is dealt with in the Neighbourhood or Local Plan.

NPPF

The National Planning Policy Framework, a document introduced in 2012 that simplifies and sets out national policy on planning. Replaced the previous, more maze-like system of Planning Policy Statements (PPS).

VIABILITY

An assessment of whether a development scheme provides a ‘competitive return’ to the developer ie. whether it is worth developing? It should be taken into account when setting CIL charges.

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Remember, those who take part make decisions!

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PETERBOROUGH REVELLERS REVEAL FORTHCOMING PANTOMIME, GEORGE AND THE DRAGON

OH YES SHE WILL.....Whittlesey make-up artist, business owner and mother of two young boys, Sarah Goodman will be smelling the greasepaint and hearing the roar of the crowd close up as she takes on the role of principal boy in the Peterborough Revellers, forthcoming pantomime **GEORGE AND THE DRAGON**. She is really excited to be playing the thigh-slapping Prince George, her first principal role, and as well as a lot of practising and rehearsing, Sarah is taking singing lessons with Whittlesey-based singing teacher and fellow Revellers member, Joanna Linford, who is also starring in the panto as one of the 'squabbling' sisters.

GEORGE AND THE DRAGON, written by Peterborough playwrights Clive and Sue Read, and directed by Helen Linford, is being staged at the end of October. Why? To get in first before the Dick Whittingtons, Aladdins etc and avoid the Christmas rush.

And it's one that the vast majority of panto lovers will have never seen as this will be only the second time it has been performed since it premiered thirty years ago in 1987, oh yes it did!

The play includes all the essential ingredients; the traditional panto dame played by a male, the principal boy played by a woman, a beautiful princess, an evil villain and his wicked sisters, a befuddled fairy and a non fire-breathing dragon. There's audience participation, oh yes there is! it's fun for all the family and there is the obligatory happy ending.

George and The Dragon runs from October 24th to the 27th, starting at 7.30pm at the Peterborough Indoor Bowls Club in Burton Street, where there is ample parking and a licensed bar. Tickets cost £8 for adults and £5 for children under 12. To get yours please phone **01778 349534**.

AWARD GIVEN TO WHITTLESEY CHURCH



At a recent happy service, Whittlesey Methodist United Reformed Church was given a "Child Friendly Church Award". The Award was presented by Mrs. Jane Henderson, on behalf of the Children's and Youth Work Committee of the United Reformed Church, in acknowledgement of the "high standard of provision for children and young people within the church".

You can find out more at www.whittleseyqueenstreetchurch.org



OUR SAY ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Neighbourhood Planning Group (Cllrs Dee Laws, Eamonn Dorling, Ray Whitwell and Robert Wicks).

Remember that earlier this year, Whittlesey Town Council presented the results of its Neighbourhood Plan survey, in which residents responded enthusiastically to give their views across a range of issues including housing, transport, community, environment and heritage.

Neighbourhood planning gives local communities the chance to influence potential development within their area, and help make decisions that will have a lasting effect on the town. An important part of the process is to engage with residents.

It has been arranged to give local residents, businesses and councillors a further opportunity to share their views and speak to councillors. The 'Vision and Objectives Workshop' will take place on Friday October 13th at the Christian Church in Broad Street in three sessions throughout the day at 12-2pm, 4-6pm and 7-9pm. All sessions will cover the same content, but all are at different times of the day.

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It's your chance to contribute – the greater the number of people attending, the better the Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan will reflect the wishes of the people who matter most: you, and the rest of the parish.

No fee required – just turn up! Refreshments will be provided. This is your chance to have your say!

Whittlesey & District *Business* **FORUM**

Our October meeting will be held on the 18th at the usual place and time: The Falcon Hotel, Whittlesey, 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

We are pleased to have our keynote speaker *Justin Winfield* from FDC, who is responsible for business development in the Fenland area. Come along and hear his informative talk.

In the meantime, be sure to check out our website and Facebook page for updates on the Forum. I look forward to seeing you on the 18th.

Steve Hodson 01733 203064



COUNCILLOR SURGERIES WILL BE HELD IN GROSVENOR HOUSE FROM 9.30AM TO 10.30AM ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH THROUGHOUT 2017.

Councillors present on Saturday October 7th will be:

Councillor Alex Miscandlon
(District and Town Councillor)

Councillor Julie Windle
(Town Councillor)

If you have any matters of concern and wish to discuss them with a Councillor, then please come along and let us know.

Neighbourhood Plan



In 2014 Whittlesey Town Council decided to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. A Neighbourhood Plan is a statutory planning document that, if approved, will be used to determine planning applications. It will sit underneath the Fenland Local Plan and National Planning Policy to provide more specific planning policies for Whittlesey Parish. The aim is that Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan will reflect the views and aspirations of

those living and working in the Parish so the community is being involved throughout the process. Find out more about Neighbourhood Plans [HERE](#).

This web page provides information about the process so far in chronological order – check back here regularly for up to date information and ways to get involved.

Follow us on Twitter [@WhittleseyNP](#)

Consultation on the Draft Plan has begun, see details below

July 2021

From 12th July until the 23rd August you can review and comment on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

What has been done so far?

We did lots of research about the Parish, including a residents survey and we ran a number of workshops and consultation events where residents helped to develop a vision for Whittlesey Parish and the future, decided what topics we needed to develop policies for and came up with ideas about what those policies should do.

What is this consultation about?

All of that work helped us to write this draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan. Now this is an opportunity for

everyone to read and comment on the policies before we create a final version that will be taken to a local referendum to be voted on. This is one of the final stages of the process so is a good opportunity to share your views.

What information is being consulted on?

The main document is the Draft Neighbourhood Plan which contains all the draft policies.

We made our Baseline Report available which gives you an overview of the Parish and the research that has informed the policies.

We have also made our Local Greenspace Assessment available – this provides more information on Policy 5 “Local Green Space” There is an opportunity to comment on this document specifically at the end of this survey if you wish to.

All the documents can be viewed as pdf's below OR at: Council Office, Peel House, 8 Queen St, Whittlesey, Peterborough PE7 1AY on Tuesday 20th July and Saturday 24th July from 10:00 until 16:00. *the room has separate entrance and exit doors. Councillors will be on hand to help you complete this survey if needed.

Can't get online or visit in person?

If you or anyone you know can't get online and aren't able to visit in person please contact:

Sue Piergianni, Clerk to Whittlesey Town Council Address: Whittlesey Town Council Offices, Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY, Phone: 01733 351296 to arrange for a copy to be posted to you.

Give us your views:

Read the Draft Neighborhood Plan Documents below. The first one is the main one, and the other two can be read for more information if needed:

[Whittlesey Draft Neighbourhood Plan](#)
[Baseline Report](#)
[Green Space Assessment July 2021](#)

2. Fill out the **online questionnaire**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WhittleseyNP>

June 2021

The draft plan is nearly ready, and we'll be asking for your thoughts on it soon! Stay up to date with progress on Twitter [@WhittleseyNP](#) and here on the Town Council website. You'll also see flyers and promotion around the local area.

When the consultation starts on the 12th July you'll be able to view and respond to all the documents here, as well as in person at the Council Office.

FEBRUARY 2018

Public Consultation

We'd like to invite you to the Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan Workshop!

As you may already know the community is in the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Whittlesey. The community have already been involved in finding out the key issues affecting the Parish through a questionnaire as well as developing a vision and set of objectives for the plan at our last event in October 2017.

We're now at an exciting stage – developing ideas for draft policies to go into the Neighbourhood Plan. We'd love you to get involved in this by attending our workshop – no experience required!

The session will run from 11am – 1pm on Saturday 24th February at Whittlesey Christian Church. The workshop will include:

Presentation from URBED – telling you (hopefully) everything you need to know about Neighbourhood Plans, updating you on what we've done so far and giving you the tools you need to start drafting your own policy ideas.

Policy Workshop – a round table session where you will work together to develop policies on a particular theme: transport, housing, employment etc. Over the session we'll ask you to move around to different tables so you get to develop ideas for policies on a range of issues.

Everyone is welcome – we'll have a table set up with some more creative activities for the smaller members of the Parish so feel free to bring the kids along!

OCTOBER 2017

Public Consultation – Neighbourhood Plan Workshop

In October 2017 we had a more focused public consultation held in Whittlesey Christian Church. We ran three open sessions which anyone could attend. Each session included an overview of the previous consultation results, presentation on the challenges affecting smaller towns, and an interactive workshop where residents were invited to answer a series of questions designed to develop a vision and objectives for the future of the Parish.

You can see the results of the Neighbourhood Plan Workshop [HERE](#)

JULY 2017

Housing Needs Assessment

As part of the Neighbourhood Plan process we are entitled to apply to have certain technical documents produced for free. In July of 2017 Aecom produced a Housing Needs Assessment for the Parish, which looks at the type, tenure and quantity of housing needed, to inform Neighbourhood Plan policies.

You can read the Housing Needs Assessment [HERE \(Large File 45MB\)](#)

MARCH 2017

Public Consultation – Resident Survey

In March 2017 we delivered a questionnaire to everyone in the Parish to get their initial thoughts about various issues within the Parish and what the Neighbourhood Plan should do. The questionnaires were accompanied by more targeted consultation with younger people in the local schools.

You can see the results of the initial Resident Survey [HERE](#)

APRIL 2015

Designating the Neighbourhood Area

Whittlesey Town Council applied to Fenland District Council to designate the whole of the parish of Whittlesey as a

neighbourhood area. The application was determined by Planning Committee on 29 April 2015: the whole of the parish was designated as Whittlesey Neighbourhood Area. The area was not designated as a business area.

[Map of Whittlesey Neighbourhood Area](#)


[Statutory Notice: Designation of Whittlesey Neighbourhood Area \[41kb\]](#)


The Neighbourhood Plan Committee


The Neighbourhood Plan Committee is made up of a number of different Councillors who will be driving the plan forward.

Click [HERE](#) to see which Councillors are on the committee.

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Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan

Have your say about development in your local area



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The Parish of Whittlesey is developing a Neighbourhood Plan to shape development in their area. Follow us to stay up to date and have your say!

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Whittlesey's Draft Neighbourhood Plan Consultation is now in full swing.

Head to the Town Council website to see the documents and give your thoughts - or come to an in person event!



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WE NEED YOU!
We'd love some more people to join the Neighbourhood Plan Group
- Help to shape the future of your area
- Bring forward the ideas of the whole
- Looks great on your cv!
- No previous experience required



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