

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY

We asked you about Housing and Future Development

You told us

- There were some objections to any additional new houses but strong support for more affordable houses for the young. There was also support for more houses suitable for the older generation (single storey) and more houses for single people
- No more infill and small scale developments are preferred

We asked you about traffic, pedestrians and cyclists

You told us

- Our road infrastructure is already overstretched. Any further large scale developments will increase traffic congestion and impact on quality of life
- The speed of traffic on our roads is a serious safety concern for residents and visitors. There is support for lower speed limits in some places and traffic calmer measures.
- Narrow pavements on the main through road are a serious safety concern.
- Crossing the main through road to the shops to the west side is difficult. There is support for designated and protected crossing points.
- Designated cycle ways would encourage the use of cycles and promote healthier lifestyles while reducing the number of cars on the roads.

We asked you about parking

You told us

- Parking is a problem in several parts of the village creating difficulties for motorists, residents and pedestrians. A village-wide parking strategy is required and should be based upon wide consultation.

We asked you about Leisure, learning and recreation.

You told us

- Existing community facilities are limited and in some instances in poor condition. New development must bring new facilities and improvements to existing ones to adequately serve our community.
- There must be no loss of recreational facilities as these are considered essential to healthy living and social interaction. There is a need for additional recreational facilities for young people and improvement in the play areas for youngsters.

ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE

We asked you about the Environment

You told us

- We must conserve and enhance the rural nature of our community and protect our greenspaces, landscapes and special vista. We want to take pleasure from the greenspaces and character of our village and more benches should be provided.
- Hedges should be well maintained and trees should be protected with more planted along roadsides.
- Access to the countryside is important for residents and visitors. Our footpaths must be adequately maintained.
- Our natural environment provides an important resource. We want to be able to walk out of our front doors into open green spaces, not to have to travel by car to reach them

ECONOMIC AND INFRASTRUCTURE

We asked you about Infrastructure

You told us

- A robust infrastructure (power, water, mains drainage, communications etc.) must be out in place before housing developments are started.
- Mobile phone connectivity is poor in much of the village.
- The bus service is limited and inadequate for commuting to work. It leaves those without car, and a number of older people, isolated in the village. A bus service should be linked with trains to/from the railway station.

We asked you about Village Character

You told us

- Our heritage is important and vital to the identity of the village and we must conserve and enhance the historic environment.
- A community pub is an important element of a good village life. We need to have the George replaced and established as a lively, friendly, and inclusively-social gathering place.