

Village Plan 2007

Questionnaire

The Plan and the proposals contained in it have been informed very significantly by the results from a questionnaire sent out to every household in the Community area in May 2006. The questions which were asked covered many of the aspects of community life and asked for views on some of the more significant issues facing the community.

A summary of the sections in the questionnaire is as follows:

- Your Household population, housing
- Village Development development, conservation, design statement
- Recycling black box and waste facilities
- Transport commuting, vehicles, parking
- Traffic issues, possible solutions, paths
- Local Amenities existing importance & adequacy, wish list
- Local Community communications
- Employment Opportunities new businesses, other views

Data from the questionnaire is used throughout the Plan to illustrate and support the information.

Out of the 430 questionnaires sent out, 158 were returned in a substantially complete form, which is a 37% return. This level of return is to be expected from a voluntary survey and was the result of considerable efforts to encourage participation. It is appreciated that, because those households returning the form self-selected, this can introduce a small bias into the results, but the level of response was sufficient for the more statistically significant views to be considered representative of the community as a whole.

Moving Forward

It is noted above that the last main plan was over 25 years ago. It is felt this is too long a gap and that the community has changed very significantly in the intervening period. It is therefore recommended that a plan be produced at least every 20 years, with a review, and revision as necessary, every 5 years. It is hoped that by producing this plan in the current style, members of the community will understand how it has been derived, feel some ownership of it, and wish to contribute to keeping it updated and relevant for the future.