

Consultation 16 November 2016

Conclusions

Support for Neighbourhood Plan

There is overwhelming support for residents' views to be expressed in a Neighbourhood Plan, with a majority stating that they are clear about what a Neighbourhood Plan can do.

Support for new development

Only Community buildings receive substantial support. There is significant support for infill building including houses, with a preference for smaller houses for young families.

Types of housing

There is equal support for affordable houses for local people and houses for young families. The majority preferred a mix of house types and sizes, with some resistance to larger developments and larger houses.

Most people want new development, particularly houses, to fit in with the existing character of the village. The resistance to larger homes may reflect this.

The factor of most concern is the spacing of buildings. There is general agreement that the village is attractive as it is and that any development should not alter or impair its character.

Quality of the environment

Various amenities in the village were seen as making a positive contribution; the Church, the Pleasure Ground, the Village Hall, but the most important features by far were green spaces and trees.

Footpaths and Access to the countryside

The vast majority of respondents use footpaths regularly and are familiar with nearly all of them. Most used is Middlegate, followed by the Woodland Glade, Hollows, the path past Ladysmith Cottage, then the Markie Path.

There is total support for circular paths and the need to keep all paths properly maintained.

It is clear that walking is a major activity for respondents and that this should be taken into account in any future development.

Ancholme footpath

Whilst Carr Lane is used by a large majority of respondents, less than half use it frequently. However if the Ancholme Way footpath along the river reaches Worlabby then this figure more than doubles. The Ancholme Way may be set to become a significant asset to the village.

Traffic

Traffic issues of most concern are parking near the school, speeding and large vehicles on narrow roads.

Low Road is generally considered to have the most issues with black spots at the Main St/Low Rd junction and Top Rd/Low Rd junction.

No clear solution to the traffic issues was suggested.

A majority of respondents thought that a public car park was unnecessary.