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The Aberford and District MasterPlan 2011



Feedback from the Community Consultation

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1. Background to the consultation

Communitask consultants are part of the BlueFish team who were commissioned by Aberford and District Parish Council to in October 2010 to create a Master Plan for the Parish to 2020. The new Master Plan builds on the Parish Plan which was launched in 2003, and was reviewed in 2009.

The Master Plan is a strategic document which will form the basis for a programme of economic, social and environmental projects, which in turn will be aimed at creating a vibrant and healthy village, providing a great quality of life for all sectors of the community

2. Aims

The main aims of the consultation process were

- To get feedback from as many households as possible on the proposed priority themes.
- To encourage people to come up with new ideas and priorities.
- To use a range of engagement methods to ensure all sectors of the community were reached.

3. Methodology

The Aberford Parish Plan of 2003 was underpinned by a comprehensive consultation process, and this was followed up with further consultations when the Master Plan was reviewed in 2008/09. Hence one of the key elements of our approach was to build on that consultation, to convey this latest consultation as part of an ongoing process, rather than a completely new starting point.

Consequently the questionnaire, the workshops, the targetted consultations, and the Launch event all looked to focus on exploring views on established themes and priorities, rather than offering people a blank piece of paper. However, this approach did not preclude people from coming up with new ideas, projects or priorities, and each element of the engagement process provided numerous opportunities for people to come up with new ideas, in addition to commenting on existing proposals.

As one of the key aims was to reach all sectors of the community, i.e. target groups, that don't usually turn up for meetings, or fill in questionnaires, it was decided to employ a range of engagement techniques, including:

- Questionnaires.
- Workshops.
- Public meetings.

- 'Street based' consultations.

Range of engagement activities

To achieve these aims, and with this broad methodology in mind, Communitask planned and implemented a range of consultation events and activities over a 6 week period, between October and December 2010;

- A Questionnaire (see appendix 1 for a copy) was sent out to all households in the Parish.
- A Launch event at the local primary school held on 20th November.
- Workshops based at the local youth club and aimed at young people.
- Consultations in the school playground, the mothers and toddlers group, the mobile library, and the local pub.
- A consultation with residents at Parlinton House sheltered housing scheme.

(A separate consultation process was carried out targetted at local businesses in the village).

4. The Questionnaire

The principal engagement method used in this consultation was the questionnaire. The questionnaire was sent to every household in the village and sought resident views on what was good and bad about living in the village, and what would most improve the quality of life. The reason for using the questionnaire was the need to encourage as many people as possible to give us their views, in a relatively short space of time, and to be able to translate the feedback, relatively quickly and easily, into some clear conclusions.

Questionnaire pros

- They are a very cost efficient method of reaching large numbers of people.
- Data analysis is relatively straightforward.
- They provide easily comparable data, are statistically reliable and the respondent can remain anonymous.

Questionnaire cons

- They are not an ideal method for addressing complex issues and concepts can not be easily explained (such as housing).
- They only provide a snap shot of an individual's preference at a certain time, and do not allow for people to refine their views on the basis of group discussion, or 'expert' analysis.
- They are not an ideal tool for engaging with 'hard-to-hear' groups.

It was because of these shortcomings that we used a wider range of more deliberative engagement methods during the course of the consultation, including workshops, site based project discussions, and targeted consultation aimed specifically at exploring some ideas in more depth, and getting to 'hard to reach' groups.

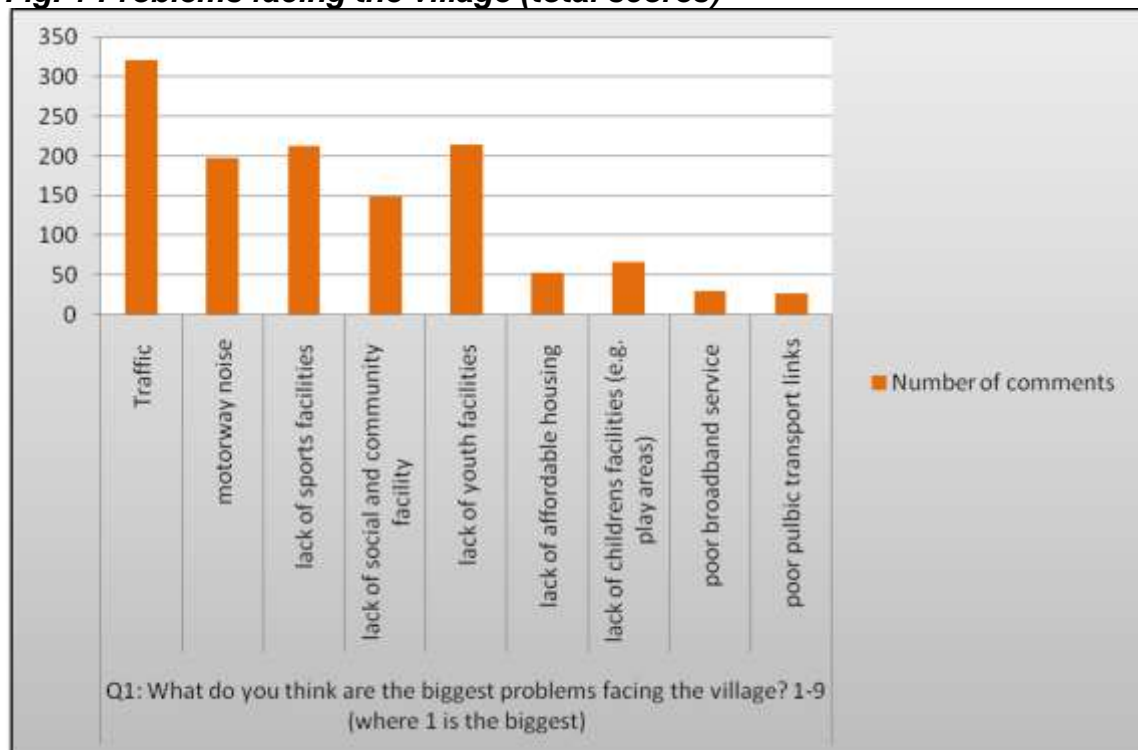
5. Feedback from Questionnaire

In total over 250 people gave us their written views, and/or attended one of the events. To break this down, 100 people filled in a questionnaire, 75 people attended the launch event, 15 young people came to the workshop at the youth club, 25 people attended the event for older people, and 60 people gave verbal or written comments at the informal consultations held at a number of social venues.

Question 1 What are the biggest problems facing the village?

Question 1 asked people to rank the relative importance of a number of issues facing the village, from 1-9. Fig 1 shows the total score for each issue, with the highest priority scoring a 9, and the lowest priority a 1. As this graph shows, the biggest issues facing the village are traffic, and a lack of facilities. Fig 2 shows how many times an issue was voted as the highest priority. Almost one third of all respondents placed traffic as the biggest issue, and this figure rises to more than half if noise from the motorway is included within a broader traffic theme.

Fig. 1 Problems facing the village (total scores)

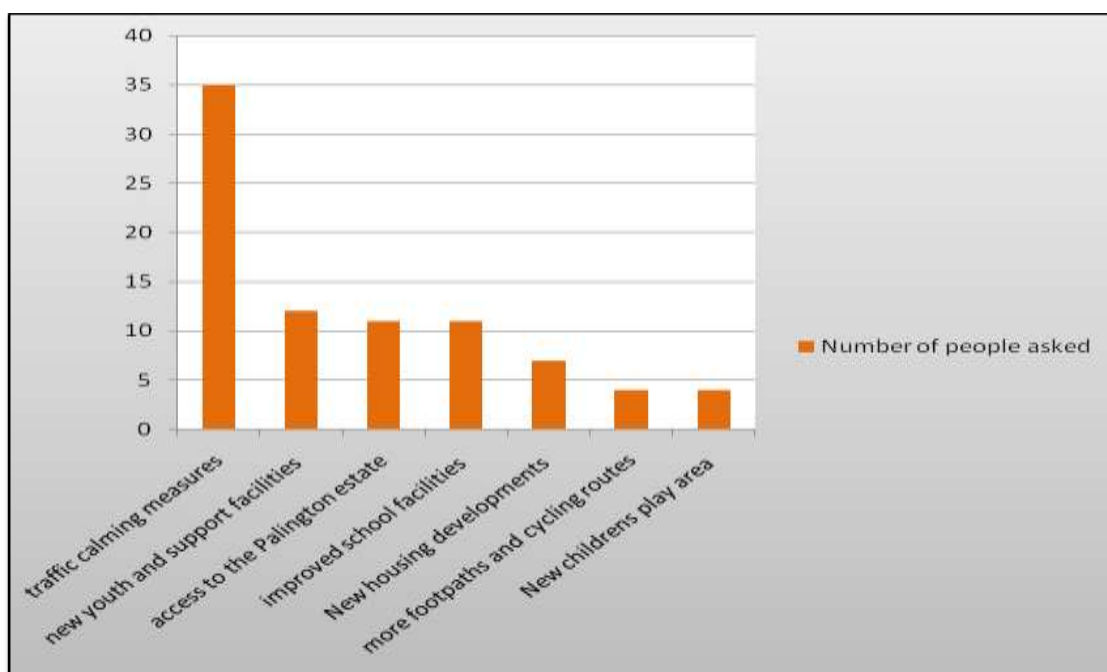


Question 2 What do you think would most improve the quality of life in Aberford?

In Question 2 people were asked to prioritise between a number of possible improvements, or to come up with new ideas. We have adopted a similar method of analysis to question 1, with fig 4 showing which got the highest number of first priority votes, whilst fig 2 shows the numbers of highest priority votes for each possible measure.

As fig 2 shows, the proposal for traffic calming measures is by far the most important, for most people. Just over one third of people, when asked to rank 7 possible measures, stated this as their highest priority.

Fig 2 Highest priority vote for each issue



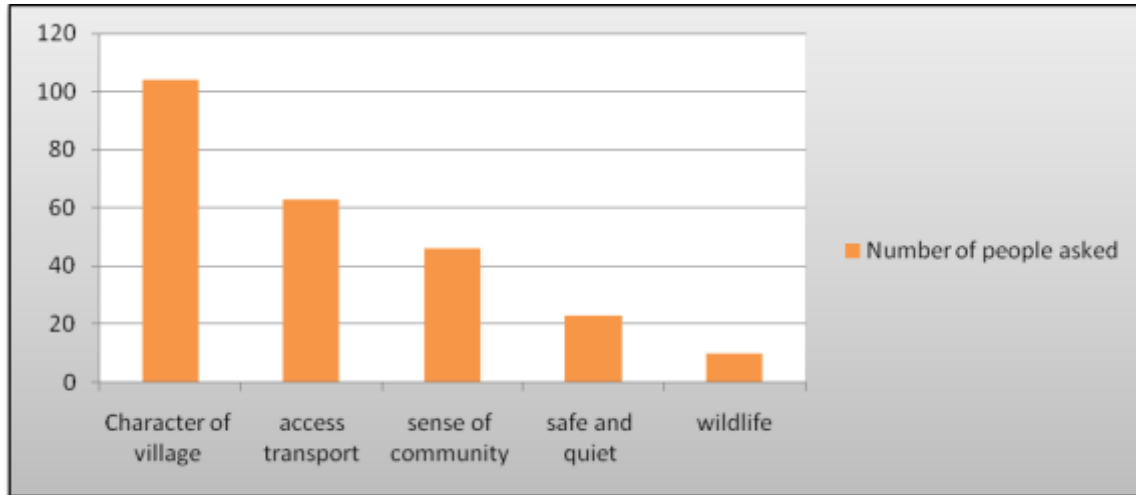
A number of other graphs from question 1, showing all the votes for each proposed measure, can be seen in appendix 5.

Question 3 What are best 3 things about living in Aberford?

This was an open question (see appendix 2 for a full list of comments) and as such the responses are harder to quantify. However, we have grouped together the comments into a number of themes, to give a graphical indication as to what people like about the village. As fig 4 shows, the character of the village was the most popular response, with access to transport and a sense of community also

coming out strongly. One possible conclusion to be drawn from this is that the things that make Aberford feel like a village are very important to people, and this could have implications for the overall vision of the MasterPlan.

Fig3 What people like about Aberford



Question 4 What are the three worst things about living in Aberford?

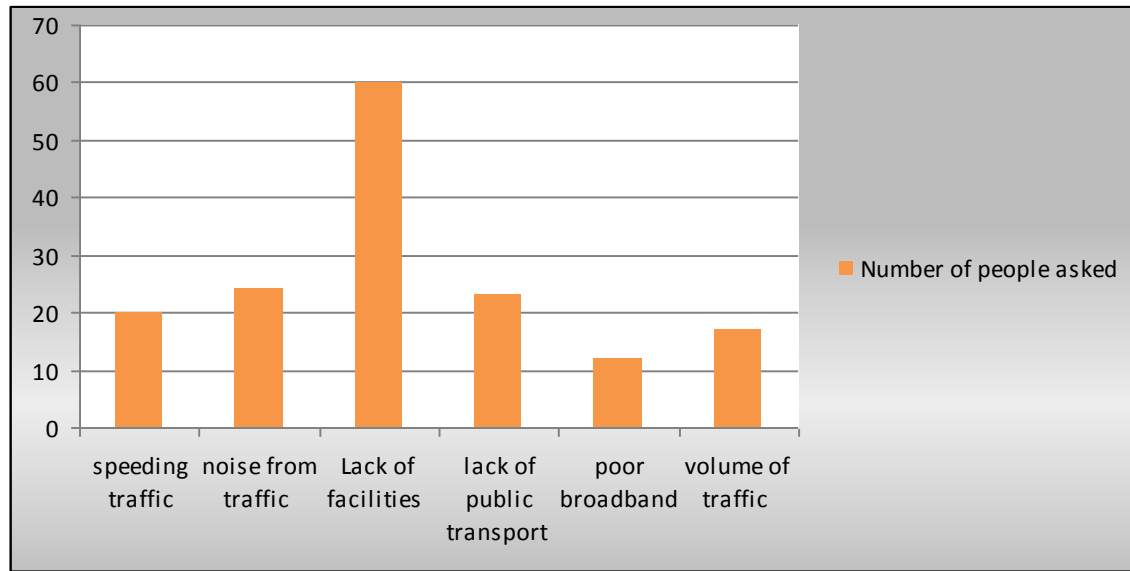
As this was also an open question, we have divided the comments into themes to give an indication as to what people thought were the biggest drawbacks to living in the village (see appendix 2 for a full list of comments). In this analysis the problem of traffic has been broken down into its three key components, i.e. the volume of traffic in the village, speeding traffic through the village, and noise from the motorway. Clearly these are very different issues, albeit under the one theme of traffic, and require very different solutions.

As fig. 4 shows, the largest theme is better community facilities, with no fewer than 60 people referring to this as a major problem in the village as being one of the three things they did not like about living in the village. This is however a very broad theme, and includes sports, community, recreational and youth facilities, as well as amenities such as shops and post offices. One of the largest sub groups within this theme is youth facilities, as 13 of the 60 comments referred specifically for the need for more and better facilities for young people. It is also worth noting that 10 of the comments within this theme referred specifically to the Village Hall, and the need to get more out of this venue as a community facility as many people thought it was under used and under exploited. The closure of the village shop is still keenly felt within the village, and the dearth of shopping facilities seems to be a major issue for youngsters, as well as the wider community.

The other major issue is clearly the poor provision of public transport, with 23 people referring to poor links, to Garforth, Micklefield, and York.

One very specific issue to emerge was the poor condition of the Royal Oak public house, with 10 people lamenting its run down appearance, and the highly negative impact that had on the environment. Ten people also mentioned the slow broadband speed in the village, which is clearly a major issue for anyone running businesses from home in the village.

Fig. 4 What people don't like about Aberford



Question 5, What is the one thing you would most like to change about Aberford?

This question asked people to focus on just one thing they thought would most improve the quality of life in the village. As fig. 5 below shows, traffic and facilities again emerged as the favoured area for improvements. With regard to reducing noise this was usually referred to as a broad aspiration, whilst the comments in favour of traffic calming are evidence of clear support for a type of project.

The other theme to emerge strongly from the responses was a lack of sports, recreational, youth and sports facilities, with roughly 15% of comments falling into this category.

Fig 5, What would you most like to change?

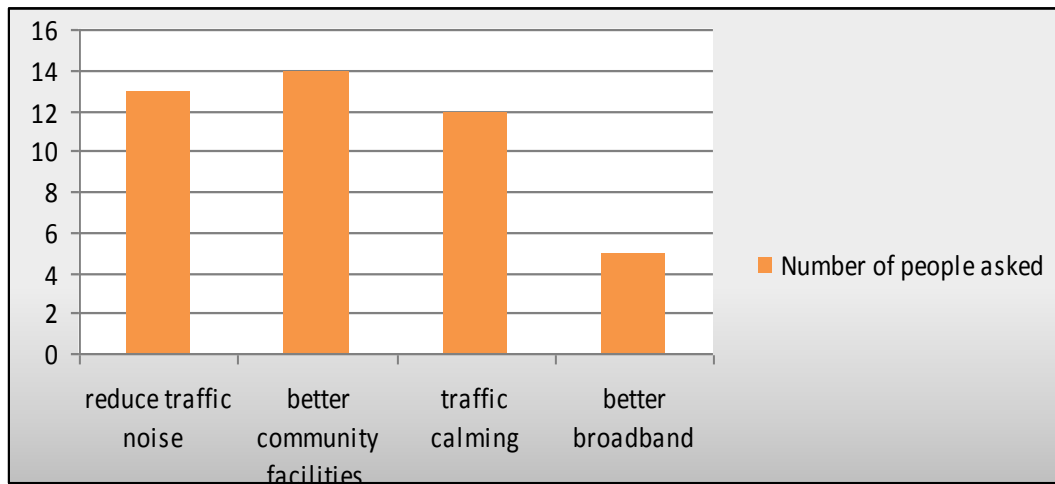
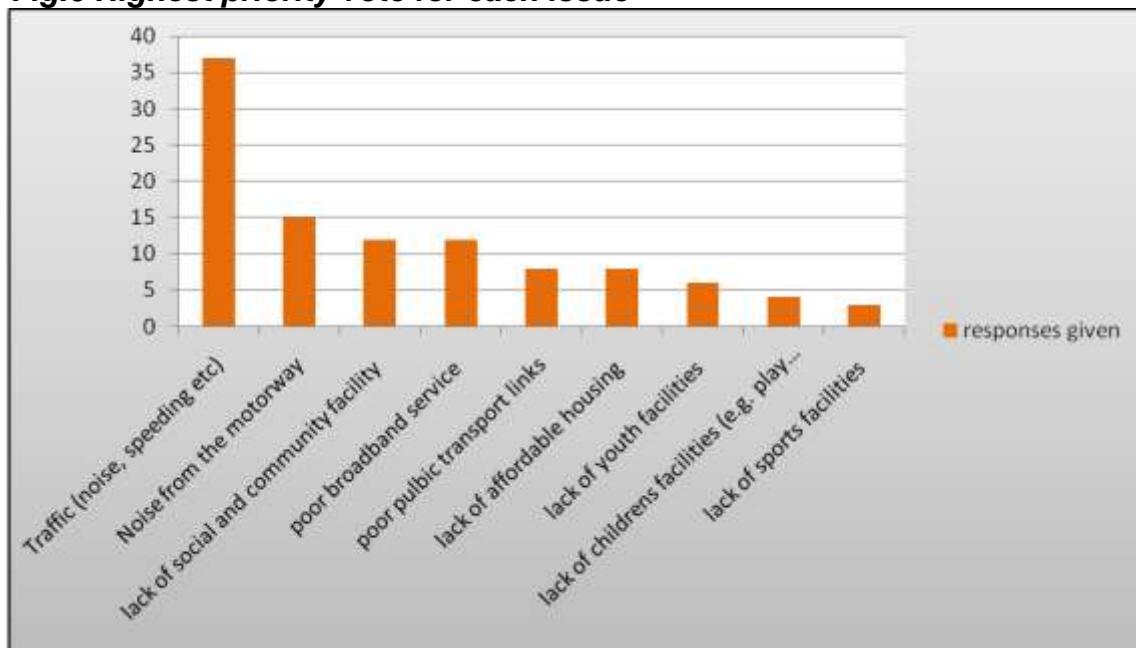


Fig.6 Highest priority vote for each issue



6. Feedback from other engagement activities

(i) The Launch event

Seventy five people attended the launch event held on 20th November, and most left their comments on post it notes. A full list of comments is provided in appendix 3, grouped under various themes, broadly reflecting the themes proposed for the Master Plan. As the list shows, the dominant issues broadly reflect what has emerged from the questionnaire feedback, i.e. traffic, and a lack

of facilities, particularly for children and young people. Another key finding from the launch event was the extent to which housing is a very contentious issue. A number of people throughout the consultation, but particularly at the launch event, articulated very strong views, either for or against, housing developments. Whilst the majority of people have clearly been against, there are also a significant number who appreciate the importance of this issue to young people, and those with young families.

One of the very noticeable aspects of the lunch event was the length of time people spent viewing the display, and giving their comments. The average stay was in the region of 45 minutes, and the majority people went to great lengths to carefully convey their views in respect of all the priority themes. One conclusion to be drawn from this is that there are clearly a lot of people in Aberford who feel very strongly about their village, and are very keen to express their views. It would be great if this energy and enthusiasm could be nurtured, say through inviting people to more deliberative consultations around specific issues and projects as the Master Plan develops.

(ii) Targetted consultations

Communitask attended a mums and toddlers group at the Church hall, spoke to parents in the school playground, attended the mobile library and visited the pub on quiz night, in an effort to get to those individuals and groups that have a low propensity to turn up for meetings.

The key themes and findings to emerge from these consultations generally reflect those that came out of the questionnaire survey, and the wider consultation. Speeding traffic, the noise from traffic, better bus services, better sports and community facilities, better broadband, all feature highly.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the need to deal with speeding traffic came out as even more of a priority for young parents, as it did generally. Whilst people are willing to put forward a range of ideas for dealing with speeding traffic, there is very little support, and a lot of vehement opposition, to the idea of speed bumps.

(iii) Young people's workshop

Sixteen people attended the young person's workshop held at the youth club in November (see appendix iv for a full report on the feedback), and a follow up session held on the site of the old tennis courts. The main aims of these consultations were to find out generally what young people would like to see in the Master Plan, but also to discuss in some detail the possibility of refurbishing the old tennis court site.

The key issue to emerge, perhaps not surprisingly, was the lack of facilities and activities for young people in the village. There was a clear feeling that things

were, with the exception of the youth club, gradually getting worse. The chip shop only came once a week, the youth club was only on once a week, there was now only one village shop, and it closed too early and the youth bus only came on a Tuesday evening. It was also felt the lack of facilities, and places to go, was leading to other problems, as youths had nowhere else to congregate apart from the park, and this was leading to tensions with the police.

On the positive side, they were all very keen on the plans for new sports facilities at the old tennis court site. A few ideas were discussed for the site, and it was agreed to have a further consultation, on the site itself, and this took place on 10th December. The upshot from this meeting was that there was a real need and support for a Multi-Use Games Area, and a skate park. It was also thought that the lower part of the site would be ideal for a general recreational area, for barbeques, picnics and just a nice sitting area. In fact we eventually arrived at a consensus that rather than just looking to develop sports facilities, the whole site should be developed as a local park, with activities and attractions for all sectors of the community.

(iv) Parlington House

A consultation event was held at Parlington House (see appendix iv for a full note of the comments received), and was attended by 25 members of the older community, most but not all, residents at Parlington House. The main proposals put forward were;

- A suitable venue for meetings (e.g. an enhanced Village Hall).
- A more regular bus service to Garforth (although a more feasible option might be to acquire a community bus).
- Safer access into and around the Parlington building.
- Easier access to the Parlington estate.
- Redevelopment of the tennis court site.
- Redevelop the old conservative club as a multi-purpose community venue.
- No need for more housing (although some people did appreciate the lack affordable housing was an issue for younger people).
- No speed bumps!

The residents were particularly enthusiastic about the idea for developing a part of the old tennis court site into a picnic/barbeque area, and general recreation space, with seating and planting and possibly a water feature. Nearly all participants said they would definitely use it.

7. Proposals for a Consultation Feedback Plan

More than 250 people have taken the time to give their comments on the MasterPlan, and on the future of the village generally. From a total population of

approximately 1700 this represents 15% of the population, which is a really good response rate, particularly given that the consultation period was relatively short. Furthermore, the quality of response has been really high, in terms of the input from residents at the launch event, and the extensive, thoughtful and generally very considered comments made on the questionnaires. The response rate from the targeted consultations was also extremely positive, with all sectors of the community making a considerable effort to give us their views and opinions.

The consultation process, as it was designed to do, has built up a considerable amount of enthusiasm, and general goodwill towards the Master Plan and the overall aim of improving the quality of life in the village. It is really important to build on this interest and enthusiasm, and the generally positive attitude that currently prevails towards the Master Plan. The best way of doing this is to make sure that everyone who participated in the process, and who left their contact details, is informed as to what the outcome of the consultation was.

We therefore recommend that the following tasks are undertaken;

(i) A summary of the headline findings, with details of the next steps, is sent to everyone who participated, and who left a contact address (people should also be alerted to where they can find a copy of the full report). This document should be sent with a covering letter thanking everyone for their contributions, and should stress that the consultation is an ongoing process, and many more opportunities will be provided for people to have their say, and get involved, as the Master Plan develops, and particularly as the key projects get developed

(ii) The notes from each of the meetings with the target groups; the young people, the older members of the population at Parlinton House, and the mums and toddlers group, should be sent to a representative from the group (see appendix iv for a copy of the notes from each session)

(iii) All consultees should be invited to the event in the Spring when the MasterPlan will be on display

(iv) Evidence needs to be provided of how the feedback from the consultation has influenced the final version of the Master Plan (this could be done via a display board at the public event, or possibly as an 'epilogue' to the summary consultation feedback report).

Whilst there is a significant amount of work involved in implementing this feedback plan, the benefits will be considerable. Residents will feel like their input has been really valued, and therefore worthwhile, making them much more inclined to participate again when the opportunity arises. The general enthusiasm for the proposals, and the positive energy the process has so far generated, will be sustained. Perhaps most importantly, comprehensive feedback will be vital in helping ensure the community develops a real sense of ownership towards the

Master Plan, something that will be vital when the implementation phase gets underway.

7. Conclusions and Headline findings

The response to the consultation was generally extremely positive. In terms of quantity of feedback, 250 people is a fairly high proportion of the village population of 1700. However, it was perhaps the quality and depth of the feedback from residents that is most remarkable. The evidence from the launch event, the length and depth of answers given on the questionnaires, and the response from the targetted consultations points very clearly to the fact that people feel very strongly about their village, and how it could be improved.

We have made a concerted attempt, notably by recording and including every comment made, and providing as much factual information as possible, to allow people to draw their own conclusions from the feedback, and as to what the implications are for the Master Plan. However, we also thought it would be useful to suggest what we thought some of the headline findings to be, and what types of responses might be required.

(i) Traffic, motorway noise and a lack of facilities emerged as clearly the biggest problem facing the village

Each of these three issues was referred to at least twice as often as any other problem facing the village. The issue of traffic can be broken down into two separate but related problems, the volume of traffic in the village, and the speed of that traffic going through the village, with roughly equal numbers of people referring to these 2 aspects.

(ii) The development of a Community Park is a very high priority

The most popular idea to emerge as a possible project was the conversion of the old tennis court site into a community park, and this was a priority for all sectors of the community, not just the young. In terms of what facilities could be provided there, the clear favourites were

- A Multi-Use Game Area (MUGA), on the site of the existing tennis courts, possibly floodlit, for football, basketball tennis etc
- A skate park, for riders and skaters, situated next to the MUGA
- A community/recreation area, with planting and seating, for picnics, barbeques etc, situated on the grassed area between the school and the existing tennis courts (this is particularly popular with the older generation)

The idea to redevelop this site came out strongly in all the consultations, from the general questionnaire feedback, and also from the discussions with young

parents, young people and the older generation. It is clearly seen as a site that has the potential to deliver benefits for all sectors of the community. However, some issues would need to be resolved, such as the extent to which the school would like to use the grassed area on the site for their activities.

Given the importance of this project, we have designed a further questionnaire which could be used as a basis for a more focussed phase of consultation around this site, and aimed at ensuring the widest possible range of views and ideas are taken into consideration.

(iii) A number of project ideas received significant levels of support

In addition to the community park, a number of other projects, issues and ideas emerged (that were not specifically referred to in the questionnaire) that, due to their popularity, should be looked at closely, namely

- Better bus services (particularly to Garforth).
- Traffic calming (but not bumps).
- A pedestrian refuge in the road at the Cattle Lane/Main Street junction.
- A play area/activities for older children (6-12's).
- A new village shop (or at least extended services at the existing one).
- A better path to Lotherton Hall.
- The Village Hall to be made available for more community activities.
- Better access onto the Parlington estate.
- More community events, such as a farmers market.
- A good meeting room for community groups.

(iv) Some issues need to be explored in more depth

The questionnaire survey, workshop and public meetings have provided extensive feedback on a wide range of issues around the Master Plan themes, and large areas of consensus have emerged as to some of the main issues and how they could be addressed. However, other issues, such as Housing, by virtue of their complexity, and because they are contentious, require more in depth and deliberative consultation if they are to be properly resolved.

Given the importance of housing to the vision for the village, the strength of divided opinions and the complexity of some of the issues involved, we would strongly recommend this is the focus of some much more targeted and deliberative consultations with local people, before any decisions are made.

(v) People like Aberford, the village

Possibly the most popular reason why people like Aberford is that it feels like a village. There is clearly concern amongst this group that over sensitive

development could undermine the perceived benefits associated with being a small community.

(vi) The residents of Aberford feel very strongly about their village

The evidence from this consultation, in terms of the numbers of people who responded, and the depth and passion of their comments, is that people really care about their village, and want to have their say.

(vii) Comprehensive feedback of the consultation results is vital

This consultation process has generated a lot of interest, enthusiasm, and positive energy towards the emerging Master Plan. The implementation of the feedback plan set out above would be highly instrumental in ensuring that enthusiasm, and general good will, is sustained.

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Appendix (i)

Community Questionnaire

1. What do you think are the biggest problems facing the village? Please rank the following in order of priority (1-9), 1=biggest problem, 9=lowest.

traffic (noise, speeding etc)

- noise from the motorway
- lack of sports facilities
- lack of social and community facilities
- lack of youth facilities
- lack of affordable housing
- lack of children's facilities (e.g. play areas)
- poor broadband service
- poor public transport links
- other (please specify)

**2. What do you think would most improve the quality of life in Aberford?
Please rank in order of priority (1-7), 1=highest priority, 7=lowest.**

- New children's play area
- New youth and sports facilities
- Traffic calming/better crossing areas for pedestrians
- More footpaths and cycling routes
- More access to the Parlinton estate
- New housing developments with elements of affordable housing
- Improved school facilities
- Other (please specify) -----

3. What do you think are the best three things about living in Aberford?

- (i) -----
- (ii) -----
- (iii) -----

4. What do you think are the three worst things about living in Aberford?

- (i) -----
- (ii) -----
- (iii) -----

5. What is the one thing you would most like to change about Aberford?

Appendix 2,

6. Are you able to attend the Launch event on the 20th November?

yes no

7. If you are able to attend, would you like attend one of the workshops we are holding between 1 and 2pm on the day, to discuss problems, issues and ideas? If so, tick your choice from the list below.

- Sports, community and youth facilities**
- Transport and traffic**
- Housing**
- Heritage, conservation and the environment**

8. Personal details (optional) – if you would like to get more involved in the plan, let us know who you are and how we can contact you.

Name -----

Address -----

Email: ----- **Phone:** -----

Thank you very much for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire. If you would like to talk to someone about this questionnaire, or the master plan process, please contact Cllr David Gluck on 2812522.

Comments from Questionnaire

Most questions gave people the opportunity to make general, or other, comments, and these are set out below.

Question 2, What do you think would improve the quality of life in Aberford?

- enforce the 30 mph speed limit it's not safe to even walk the dog
- Rural village location with easy access to motorway
- Investigate the absence of fish in cock beck
- safe coverage on footpaths at hook more i.e. from Lotherton micklefield taken up with the then Cllr Alec shelbrook some 3 years ago
- more social events societies etc
- More shops
- stop vehicles speeding and using mobiles at the same time, an accident waiting to happen although broadband can facilitate a higher quality of life too
- nature conservation especially southern road verges and cock beck wildlife corridor
- better policing more litter bins
- Would like to see larger village hall with facilities that could be used by most of village e.g., indoor sports for kids pool ping pong etc
- renovating the village hall and make more use of it
- better public transport links
- broadband increasingly poor for home workers
- less motorway noise
- better maintenance of existing infrastructure e.g. handrails, retaining walls by church and at bottom of bunks hill
- 1 resurface concrete sections of motorway
- 2 library open some mornings and some early with a room which could be hired for classes
- more shops
- see answer to above, better or any social community facilities
- 2 high speed broadband
- replace the 30s sign with islands giving the priority right of way in one direction at each end of the village and one other in the middle. These require less upkeep and cannot go wrong
- noise barriers to motorway
- way of lessening motorway noise
- resurface the motorway introduce noise reduction barriers
- 1 noise reduction from A1M
- a permanent street cleaner

- access to parlington estate and better access to Lotherton hall
- a proper footpath access to Lotherton hall at present not fit for push chairs mobile scooters etc.
- direct bus to micklefield
- net ball bmx track

Q3 What do you think are the best three things about living in Aberford?

- Feeling safe and being able to walk in the dark
- the quietness and lack of claustrophobia
- not over developed, retains traditional character of village
- Excellent links to Leeds, Harrogate, York, jobs inner city
- wildlife of surrounding countryside especially magnesia limestone and woodland flower
- Community
- usually peaceful and quiet village
- Peaceful surroundings friendly community
- Surrounding countryside
- feeling safe
- Focal point of the village schools for all families
- Village renting but close to Leeds
- village life and traditions
- community spirit
- Sense of community
- Quiet area
- Parlington Estate
- Semi-rural location
- being part of a village life, village shop
- open countryside green fields
- Rural village close to big city good motorway links
- peaceful
- The buildings countryside people
- Sense of community
- community feeling
- a friendly community
- Safety
- Motorway links
- easy access to motorways etc but still a quiet village life
- access to the countryside (walking etc)
- nice village
- outside Leeds
- location
- its location, rural but access to motorways and Leeds and York's
- quiet rural location but easy access to cities e.g. Leeds York's Wetherby

Castleford

- good community spirit
- peacefulness of the village
- Proximity to main arterial road links
- school
- Away from Leeds and crowds
- attractive village
- easy access to motorway
- Peace and quiet
- Friendly community
- The Playground
- rural but near enough to both Leeds and York's by car
- Living in a semi rural area
- in countryside
- easy access onto motorway
- Community spirit
- convenient location
- access to countryside
- access to motor roads
- combines rural living with good road and rail links
- its location rural but close to major road network
- village atmosphere and feeling part of a community
- attractive surroundings
- Living on the Garforth side of the motorway it would be strange to be able to answer these questions
- lack of amenities to encourage socialisation of the village
- rural location
- community spirit of the locals
- local pub
- Rural landscape
- Village life
- look of village architecture of buildings
- Access to Leeds York and motorway
- location
- access to countryside Lotherton hall
- quiet rural location
- community
- reasonably safe environment for children and teens
- Rural location but with good access to major cities
- nice friendly neighbourhood
- rural
- Rural location
- pleasant unspoilt village
- separate from Leeds Garforth by green fields woodland

- surrounded by attractive countryside-abused by litter droppers and noise from speeding traffic especially motorbikes
- semi rural location
- a nice rural village
- terrific village great compromise between rural location and access to nearby towns and cities
- close to A1/M1 motorway
- village ambience
- Pleasant semi rural environment and nearby countryside
- plenty of lovely footpaths within easy reach
- quiet laid back
- rural
- a relative unspoilt rural village
- nearness to countryside
- safe low crime area
- Parlington
- being able in general to live and let live
- community spirit local events well attended and supported
- sense of community
- historical character
- access to transport link
- friendly people
- welcoming village pub and village school
- pleasant village environment
- Parlington estate good for walking
- motorway connections
- good pubs
- rural surroundings and lovely pubs
- Access to motorway links for work
- good transport links to Leeds York, etc
- Good Road Access
- good location for work in Leeds York
- green open spaced, Aberford in bloom
- village environment
- Picturesque properties and outlooks
- small intimate village
- the relaxed atmosphere
- rural location
- Arabian house public house
- close to open countryside with footpaths and access for walks
- people
- friendly villagers
- access to motorways
- good pubs for local community

- attractive village
- village pubs
- medical - doctors and pharmacy in the village
- friendly people
- safe and clean environment
- community spirit
- semi rural peaceful setting
- Park
- good comminute / communication links
- easy access to Leeds, York, Wetherby
- country side
- easy access to surrounding villages link roads
- the people
- a restaurant /bars serving food lunch time and evening
- access links to cities
- community atmosphere
- good bus service
- location access to motorway
- picturesque
- community spirit
- low on crime
- some useful local business e.g. garage
- its size and mixture of housing
- walks
- sense of community
- I know we are in Aberford parish but don't you think your funds / resources
- feels more remote than it
- easy access to good road network
- the well preserved older house with new ones in keeping
- rural setting
- small community
- Parish Councillors who care about the village
- access to pleasant countryside walks
- friendly village atmosphere
- good neighbours
- access to motorways
- low crime rates
- school
- still has local school
- distinctive village character
- excellent access to surrounding areas and motorway
- good transport links
- independent identity
- good transport links

- easy access to motorway network
- a degree of privacy
- size of the village small
- good links
- quiet, safe and welcoming
- friendly peaceful community low crime etc
- walks
- ease of access from the village to Leeds York Wetherby etc
- easy access to walks in the area
- access to motorways
- subject to indiscriminate planning ring fenced by green belt
-
- awareness to countryside large belt
- The local pubs
- we have lived here since 1986 so we must be happy and could not live else where
- rural location with good transport links
- good public footpaths
- pub food
- playground for toddlers
- clean and well kept
- Dog fouling
- easy access to pleasant walks
- village hall and church
- feel safe
- ease of motorway access
- friendly neighbours
- Low crime
- well maintained village being a conservative village
- local walks
- Aberford in bloom
- friendly local community
- easy access to Leeds, York, motorways
- the pub shop
- active parish council which is not political but for interests of village as a whole
- scenery
- a nice children's playground
- plenty of outdoor space
- access to local walks, pubs etc
- Good school in village
- village school still viable
- village school
- school

- Arabian horse being a decent pub with guest beers
- easy access to areas of employment
- village shop
- no major anti social behaviour problems
- number of walks, low crime area
- nice people
- being semi rural
- the swan
- can do walks from here e.g. to Lotherton etc.
- Arabian horse and shop
- fantastic pub
- rural well looked after village
- proximity to Leeds
- good choice of high schools
- good access to doctors
- heritage
- its attractive but not chocolate box
- country feeling but accessible
- facilities, Arabian school etc
- for delivering these letters/ stamps for prepaid envelopes would be better used in Aberford - A cedar Ridge Resident
- reasonable proximity to large city facilities
- the approximate of access to the motorway net work
- easy access to motorways Leeds Yorkshire moors
- beautiful and historical
- smallish community
- local school and walks
- pretty village
- the pubs - Arab - Swan
- community feel
- access to transport
- good access to countryside
- ease of access to surrounding countryside for walkers
- pleasant rural surroundings
- good school
- neighbourliness
- friendly inhabitants
- the great improvement already achieved in the last few years by the hard work of the present members of the parish council
- people and Arabian horse pub
- friendly community
- although traffic is a problem, the council has not overreacted with speed humps and cameras , so Aberford maintains its village appeal
- footpaths and countryside nearby

- allotments
- primary school has a strong community spirit
- good frequent public transport
- pleasant community
- quality road links
- excellent school

Q4 What do you think are the three worst things about living in Aberford?

- Lack of facilities for children and youths
- We refuse to shop at the village store, too pricey
- lack of sports / recreational facilities
- Abysmal broadband service
- number of accidents on a64 towards Leeds due to poor road design
- Speed and volume of traffic especially at edge of village
- excessive speeding especially at North end
- Public transport
- Motorway noise
- Dirty streets i.e. by flats at highfields
- vandalism
- Speeding
- great to have a shop now pit these were not more
- traffic noise
- Poor and often missed bus services
- House prices
- Youths vandalising park area
- Lack of community spirit and facilities
- Not enough children, youth social and community facilities
- Cars park in main street at both sides of road
- Lack of community spirit, volunteers etc
- motorway traffic noise
- no meeting point for village
- car speeds through village
- lack of post office
- royal oak public house
- Dog fouling on footpaths particularly beck lane
- Transport links
- no post office
- lack of a village green
- traffic - main road very busy
- cost of housing
- traffic
- motorway noise
- Broadband service inadequate

- lack of facilities for young people
- motorway noise
- lack of regular bus to York
- poor access to surrounding woodland/ countryside
- Graffiti
- traffic
- lack of amenities e.g., amenities, e.g. Post office
- lack of local shops
- my inconsiderate neighbours
- traffic from link roads hen runs
- Royal Oak mess
- cars speeding through the village
- noise from motorway
- bright street lighting
- the royal oak
- only one village shop and no post office
- traffic noise
- no library
- traffic noise from motorway
- traffic / car parking
- underutilised village hall
- Restriction on walking in parlington
- fast traffic in village
- the parish council, the pace of change is morbidly slow no engagement with professional talent that there surely is in this place
- village not high up on council list of priorities
- the proximity of the A1 Motorway
- Lack of post office
- Public transport
- noise from A1
- traffic noise from motorway
- speeding farm machinery that show a total disregard for villagers
- motorway noise
- Traffic noise
- very poor public transport
- poor broadband
- noise from A1M
- background motorway noise
- lack of facilities
- traffic noise from motorway
- indirect transport public links
- traffic too much
- loss of shops over the years especially the post office / fish and chip
- traffic noise and speeding apart from motorbikes huge increase in

agricultural traffic

- Motorway
- speeding traffic particularly tractors and school buses
- poor public transport, travelling to Micklefield takes an hour via crossgate
- Distance time to Leeds on public transport
- motorway noise
- Lack of facilities needs a post office café etc
- considerable excess speeding on cattle lane in particular Motorcycles in summer months
- noise from motorway
- traffic problems parking and speeding
- lack of a post office
- few facilities if you have no transport
- They look intimidating hanging around the park but actually they are good youths and need entertaining and somewhere to be entertained in Aberford
- increase in area being a target for theft from outsiders - need more police on foot
- slow broadband speed
- bin collection
- poor public transport links to railway station at Garforth
- because there is nowhere for the teenagers to hang out they end up taking over the toddler play park
- overcrowding of parked vehicles on main street no central parking lot to get vehicles off the street
- Better access to Lotherton hall and mote access around Parlington estate and Saturday service to fork
- litter/rubbish dumping
- flooding of road just past royal oak has been like this for years
- litter strewn streets
- poor bus services very limited for access to York Harrogate
- nowhere for youth to go (hang around streets)
- litter especially after refuse collection days
- Poor state of village hall
- no post office
- Cars, lorries etc speeding through village
- speeding traffic dirty streets litter etc
- Noise, yobs and appearance of Royal Oak Public house, does not fit the village scene
- poor access to parlington estate
- Lack of sporting leisure facilities
- affordable housing
- shopping facilities
- lack of facilities for young people

- lack of good, public transport
- public transport access
- outside of the oak pub banners and signs make it comparable with an estate pub and poor state of the village hall
- poor bus service to Garforth
- More planting / landscaping in significant parks of village
- poor broadband speed
- lack of pedestrians space
- lack of good village hall
- poor public transport for non car ownership
- noise from traffic (speeding)
- parking
- lack of new housing development
- Can be a bit yobby and the new royal oak makes this worse, Alsatian chained up in backyard plastic tiger and dirty vans. Discos and parties drags a lovely village down
- new street lighting, excessive light pollution
- no links to train station
- allowing traffic through the village
- no shop anymore
- lack of buses esp. to Garforth
- village hall needs investment to improve facilities and appearance knock down and rebuild
- A17 noise
- lack of local facilities particularly shops
- lack of shops especially miss the fish and chip shop and green grocers
- lack of post office
- lack of social community sports facilities
- village hall needs modernising
- volume of traffic through village
- infrequent bus service to Wetherby and Garforth, lack of shops and shop opening times
- speeding cars cutting through
- poor sports / youth facilities
- lack of sports facility tennis and cricket
- limited local services other than the village shop
- not enough clubs or activities available for children
- poor broadband speed
- road noise from M1 / A1 link road
- fish and chips anxiety about travellers and casual crime break ins also dismayed at recent fairground scruffy appearance and grounds of the royal oak public house
- the prospect of the village increasing in size
- Lack of facilities, i.e. shops pub - 2 bad ones no post office.

- isolation in the community and to the wider area due to increase in age
- Parking near village hall and swan
- primary school is badly under resourced buildings need extending not just temporary classrooms need more teaching assistance etc
- lack of speed control on cattle lane
- lack of shops
- threat of major development in green belt areas
- limited public transport
- low income people cannot afford a house

Q5: What would you most like to change about Aberford?

- The village hall to be used for the use of the Aberford people, the name suggest village hall and the committee don't seem to want to share it with their own community. It is in an ideal location for the local kids why are they not using it?
- We would like a petition to send to the government on stiffer penalties for using a phone whilst driving
- Provision of sports and recreational facilities, e.g. tennis court, skate park including area facilities for teenagers
- Improve the broadband service less than 18 miles away from inner city Leeds experience up to 100 mb's, here it is 1 mb, this needs to change
- The A64 heading towards Leeds should have one of the dual carriageways closed a roundabout approach, signs from York changed to the right lane for turning right only
- Slow the speed of the traffic down and reduced amount by stopping us as a rat run
- Aberford is a lovely village that's why we moved here, incompetent drivers are spoiling it
- general tidy up and maintenance of environment we need a permanent lengths man across the parish
- I'd like to see more community spirit and people especially the school being encouraged to take more pride
- clamp down on speeding in the village
- it is a great pretty village which (cannot read) with little growth or expansion needed
- put in traffic calming system like Micklefield
- Overall and good maintenance of sports field, tennis court. Grass too long, no sports posts or lighting at present
- more social and community facilities
- cars parking on both sides of the road in main street it is very dangerous
- Leeds city council to stop dumping problem families on us
- very little main street speeding parking are hazardous
- improve footpaths cycle paths for leisure

- Have scheme to reduce car speeds
- get rid of some of the buildings which seem to be out of character
- Would love to see the village hall renovated and put to more use for the community events e.g., social groups, fitness classes etc
- sport facilities and shops
- shops for Aberford
- facilities for young people
- Regular buses to Garforth and surrounding area
- increased traffic calming, incidentally many speeders seen to be Aberford residents
- improve the broadband
- need to keep local enterprises and businesses functioning, encourages local events
- have a regular bus service to York
- the diversion of significant traffic and creation of functional, pedestrianised public space
- fishing lake
- more parking
- amount of traffic in main street
- Broadband connection
- Traffic quantity, speed/noise
- mess at the royal oak, lack of housing
- reduce the number of cars using it as a short cut speeding through the village sitting 2" behind me as I deliberately drive through at 30mph there's a speed limit for a reason I stick to it because it's my village
- return Aberford to a village not just a commuter village - with social facilities
- reduce street lighting
- to stop all through traffic
- more social facilities and community facilities
- encourage more of a village feel
- without a sop or po or library the community rarely comes together - what about a monthly farmers market
- better screening to alleviate noise from motorway plus silent tarmac on road
- traffic calming and car parking on main street
- see more community events not much seems to happen other than the boxing day hunt and the horticultural society show
- Not much, would like new housing but would like more facilities
- affordable housing
- high speed broadband
- The traffic noise I believe it to be caused by the wrong road surface material
- open post office and fish and chip shop

- noise of motorway
- Noise from A1
- too late now but not straddling a large motorway
- ban farm machinery moving through the village between 08.15-09.15 and 14.45-15.45
- noise reduction from motorway
- better transport links to Garforth
- better broadband
- noise from the motorway
- more facilities
- reduce the motorway noise
- nothing - keep it small
- Traffic using the village as a shortcut to the A1 A64
- being realistic very little pipe dreaming main street so houses can have gardens etc rather than legacy of once being the green north road
- make it a cleaner safe place for everybody
- my girlfriend works at Micklefield school but getting there without a car is a nightmare, I would like to see a direct link
- we need to slow down the traffic coming in to the village from the north end speed bumps do not work we need other traffic calming measure and occasional visits from the police with a camera
- Ease traffic parking and congestion you need a car to live in Aberford so it's only going to get worse. Traffic light at hood moor would be at peak times too
- parish boundary should be in line with the practical one the 2003 plan related to village only as well
- motorway noise
- better investment in facilities at the school possibly to include some community facilities
- Speeding traffic, more things force the 10-16 year olds to do. And improvements to school
- speed control sign on cattle and more police speeding cameras
- nothing really from a practical point of view
- traffic measures speed restorations and culmination of rat runs to A1M etc
- isolation of various groups more social cohesion co operation

Appendix 3

Feedback from the launch event

75 people attended the launch event held on 20th November, and most left their comments on post-it notes. These comments have been grouped under various themes, broadly reflecting the theses proposed for the Master Plan.

Traffic

- Speed bumps, chicanes, traffic calming measures etc. will negatively affect the traditional feel.
- Resurface concrete road surface with noise reducing tarmac on A1 and M1 south of village.
- Noise reducing tarmac surface for A1M and an acoustic barrier to shield the noise as the traffic will continue to increase.
- Noise reduction from A1 would dramatically improve the village.
- Trees do nothing to reduce noise.
- Noise in St John Close originates in 2 ways from A1. Only way to tackle this is to erect close fencing on central reservation.
- Ensure all new developments which increase hard surface areas include balancing ponds wetlands, wet grasslands.
- A64 Dual carriageway towards Leeds is an accident black spot. Lighting has made the problem worse speed of traffic from York to Leeds is main issue. Need to close one lane sign approach from York. This should also improve the safety of through into Aberford.
- Noise barriers why was this never done? Post and rail not enough - noise at St John's is terrible.
- Need to think more about traffic calm in measures speed bumps do work but are not ideal better to use chicanes traffic islands and roundabouts.
- 30MPH speed limit on cattle lane needs moving further out and existing signs cleared of obstruction.
- Speed bumps don't work.
- Agree the flashing speed limit signs work very well though.
- Extend the 30 mph up towards the alms house Aberford Interiors.

- A speed camera on the stretch of road between the top of the village and Highfield road – I am often tailgated or overtaken even when doing 30 mph.
- Yes but there are none on cattle lane so average speed into and out of village is still 40+mph.
- No speed bumps chicanes they are unsightly and have little impact but do increase noise and pollution.
- Pedestrian island at cattle lane - main street junction .
- Traffic island or calming at school crossing area.
- Traffic: more orderly parking on main street as an example cars parked both side where road is 20 mph full length soft surface on at least 2 lanes of bypass. Cars parked by non residents.
- Average speed check cameras on the four main routes into and through the village.
- Noise reduction at north end of village.
- Carry on with footpath on the other side of the tunnel because there used to be a public footpath to the A64.
- Speed control urgent on cattle lane week end motorcycles are horrendous.

Community facilities

- Investment in to the village hall please.
- Reopen tennis courts.
- We need a bigger park.
- Spruce up the village hall.
- Can more use be made of the football area for other sport play facilities.
- A group for young people at heart of Aberford.
- Bigger park.
- Access to GP surgery both afternoons and out of hours on defined days of the week .
- Tennis courts to be sorted out at last.
- More sports facilities the tennis courts have long been the village joke and what are kids meant to do other than hang around.
- Do something about the tennis courts – how many more years.
- Skate / bmx ramps and tennis courts = multi use football tennis.
- More play areas.
- Resurfacing etc of tennis courts and developing area to include some sort of park area facilities for youngsters would make a big difference.
- We need to provide facilities so that youngsters are not just hanging around near the childrens play area / bridge.
- Youth club facilities are difficult as there are few youths - providing free special bus to facilities elsewhere may be the answer.
- Greater access to the Parlington estate.
- Broadband: A community owned and funded broadband can benefit all of us. Business throughout the village will benefit. It will also help stimulate

- the economy here and can contribute future towards any master plan solutions.
- How long before Aberford becomes a town? There are plenty of brownfield sites which could be developed.
 - I thought Parlington was in green belt and protected from development.
 - More playgrounds in the village.
 - Sort out tennis court areas. This has been ongoing for many years.
 - Can we be twinned with somewhere?
 - Play area could be extended to include older children.
 - Park at Highfield is needed.
 - There are a lot of young children in the villages so facilities for them as they grow up must be a priority.
 - I agree with improving the tennis courts this has been suggested many times.
 - Develop the tennis court and fields but it must not then become the teenage drinking den because it is out of the way.
 - Park at far end of the village is needed.
 - Repaint the park.
 - Sort out the tennis court.
 - Better access is required to the Parlington estate.
 - Extend the conservation area full length of village.
 - Would be great if we could access Parlington instead of lots of areas being restricted and out of bounds.
 - More volunteers for children youth facilities.
 - More to do for youths of the village more facilities like Globe.
 - More use of village hall for Aberford children and youths

Environment

- Any increases in land levels in flood zone 3 need to be opposed. Even if they are only small iterative development eating away is in part the cause of the problem.
- Windfarm should not go ahead, it should be away from housing in farmland.
- The grasslands next waterside meadows is an important washland for flood risk mitigation it must not be allowed to be turned into a garden or planted with trees of any other.
- The field behind the Royal Oak pub flood regularly. In the winter it freezes over and children play in the ice, it's very dangerous. Are local parents and schools aware of the danger?
- Wharfe tidal does it effect the flooding sluice gate at south side Tadcaster bypass takes out water from beck?
- Noise reduction resurface to A1M carriageway especially concrete areas fencing next to carriageway.
- The tides don't affect Aberford we are high enough up the catchment that we are outside the zone of tidal influence. Aberford is affected by standard

- fluvial flooding through as well as surface water flooding water that can't reach the river.
- 0 carbon emission wind farm was a fantastic idea-noise levels would have been minimal.
 - Implement noise reduction on stretch of A1M.
 - Residents of Aberford were compensated for noise levels from A1/M1-any new residents choose to live here, noise and all.
 - Field next to royal oak make into a nature reserve wetland community area.
 - Field next to the royal oak is agricultural land-too much of this land has been lost.
 - Make sure no wind farm is developed, noise level increase and vibration would affect Aberford, particularly in wet weather.
 - Windfarm – the application has been refused so no more worries about that.
 - Parlington Estate is a wonderful bonus to this village and should remain as it is.

Public transport

- Encourage First bus to put newer more appropriate buses on route 64/64a. The 61000 series buses are very uncomfortable, and mechanically unreliable.
- A direct public transport link to Micklefield train station..

Housing

- No housing in Parlington estate or allotments
- No more housing.
- Ensure that affordable housing remains affordable as it changes hands, make sure housing association provision is not sold on to people outside of the village.
- Most villagers spoken to want to restrict further housing.
- No development of Parlington estate No new housing in village without facilities first being provided for people to use otherwise will only lead to problems.
- Aberford should not be developed further-it will start to lose its village feel and become like every other town.
- In the past when housing development is proposed affordable housing is initially muted but us never seen in the final build. Why will it change this time?
- Aberford's infrastructure is insufficient to sustain more housing-until this is upgraded no more housing should be built

- If we restrict housing where do our children live? Aberford needs to grow to thrive.
- Aberford is a conservation area-increasing housing will spoil the character of the village.
- No housing on Parlinton or allotments-they are all parts of this village.
- How much more housing do we need?
- No new housing estates, restrict housing to infill and keep our green field and spaces green.

Business and the economy

- It is possible to influence BT government to improve broadband access by upgrading the Barwick exchange.
- Better mobile phone reception and improved broadband speeds.
- We could raise awareness of the villages historical landmarks through geocaching.
- Faster broadband will only be put in by BT if it is financially viable, i.e. more will people will pay for it.
- Faster fibre broadband with increased bandwidth if we are to encourage the village to grow and thrive a group should be formed.
- Need to upgrade broadband internet in village its very poor.
- Faster broadband, either upgrade existing BT network or use a dish as used in villages in the dales etc.
- Set up a business forum network.

Appendix 4

Feedback from the targetted consultations

(i) Mums and Toddlers group and playground

Communitask attended a mums and toddlers group (Aberford Sunbeams) at the Church Hall in December, and the school playground at picking up time, primarily as young parents were one of the target groups for the consultation process.

What do you like about the village?

- Access to other places/good location (7 comments)
- Sense of community (5)
- Picturesque (3)
- school (2)
- Doctors surgery (2)

What do you dislike about the village?

- Speeding traffic (8 comments)

- Not enough for older children to do (4)
- Poor bus services (4)
- Poor broadband (5)
- The state of the path to Lotherton Hall (2)
- There is only one shop (2)
- Litter in the play area (3)
- Certain teenagers in the village (3)
- Youths at the park are a problem

What changes or improvements do you think are needed?

- Traffic calming (7 comments)-although more than half were vehemently opposed to speed bumps
- Better sports facilities, notably at the old tennis court site (5 comments),
- Improved bus services, particularly to Garforth (5)
- Better parking (5)
- Better access onto Tennis court site (4)
- Better paths, to Lotherton, and school (4)
- Have a proper crossing (4) Cattle Lane junction is favourite place
- A larger shop in the village (2)
- A tea shop
- No need for a major housing development
- Should be more community events
- The Youth club is too expensive (£2)

(ii) Mobile library, Arabian Horse pub (including the quiz night)

Communitask spent a couple of hours on the mobile library, and an evening in the Arabian Horse on quiz night, in order to get the views of people who are maybe unlikely to attend meetings. We talked to more than 70 people during the course of the evening, putting forward some of the ideas and issues that had come forward from the questionnaire survey, and getting people's general comments about the village.

The main issues and ideas to emerge are listed below;

- Speeding traffic is a problem (3)
- Traffic calming is needed (4)
- Better bus service needed (2)
- Traffic is a problem (3)
- The village-community (3)
- Motorway noise is a problem (2)
- Explore traffic solutions with highway engineers
- More facilities are needed for young people (3)

- Pinch points are needed (2)
- We need a nursery (3)
- Broadband is a problem (4)
- More tree planting (2)
- Shouldn't be more housing
- More buses needed
- More shop facilities are needed (3)
- Need a pedestrian island near White Swan
- Motorway noise is not a problem
- Housing should be for villagers, not outsiders
- Council might have to lead on housing, as it is a contentious issue
- Not speed bumps

(iii) Parlington House

The consultation was carried out at Parlington House, and was attended by 25 members of the older community, most, but not all, residents at Parlington House. Tony Mullin (part of the BlueFish Consultation team) began by summarizing the results that had come back from the consultation process to date, and on what the biggest issues were namely

- Speeding traffic
- Noise from the motorway
- A lack of facilities

And on the most popular ideas for dealing with these issues

- Traffic calming (although many do not want speed bumps)
- Better access to the Parlington estate
- Better youth and community facilities-particularly the tennis court site
- More footpaths and cycling routes

During the course of the discussion a number of key issues and ideas emerged;

A suitable venue for meetings

The older community desperately needed a permanent venue where they could hold their weekly meetings. They would really like to use the Village Hall, but it is too cold, and the Committee has not been very accommodating. A number of other possible venues were also discussed, including the old conservative club if it was refurbished as a community venue. However, on balance it was agreed that it might make more sense to improve an existing facility, such as the Village Hall.

Hence an ideal outcome could be an enhanced Village Hall, with better heating, and access.

A more regular bus service to Garforth

Currently there is only a very infrequent bus service to Garforth. As this is a place a lot of the older community like to go shopping, a much better service is needed. It was agreed that it might be easier to acquire a community bus, for this and other trips out by community groups, rather than to try and improve the scheduled bus service.

Safer access into and around the building

During the recent cold weather the residents have been unable to go out for long periods (it was the same last year) because neither the roads, nor the footpaths, are gritted.

Possible response

Ask the Council whether the community could play a greater role in making the roads and footpaths safe and accessible-e.g. by being given grit for volunteers to use on pavements and roads near Parlington House (farmers had helped with this in the past).

Access onto and around the Parlington estate

Residents used to have a pass that gave them access around the estate, but this is no longer the case. Consequently their access is limited.

Possible response

Ask Parlington to consider extending access to the estate to Parlington residents (and residents throughout the village, as these has been mentioned in the feedback as a major issue for a number of people).

Redevelopment of the tennis court site

The residents were told about the plans to redevelop the site, and to convert it into a multi-purpose community location, including facilities for football tennis, netball and basketball, skate boarding, picnics and a bbq area. Residents were also told about the idea of having a green gym on the site, incorporating pieces of gym equipment into the natural environment.

The residents were particularly enthusiastic about the idea for developing a part of the site into a picnic, bbq, general recreation area with seating and planting and possibly a water feature, with nearly all saying they would use it.

Narrow pavements

This had been a problem for shopping scoters in the village, but the issue had now been addressed, and pavement in the area in question had been widened.

Housing

The majority of residents were against any proposal in favour of developing more housing in the village. However, there was also the recognition that the lack of affordable housing as an issue for younger people, and that parents with young children would probably be very keen on more provision of cheaper housing.

Redevelop the old conservative club as a multi-purpose community venue

It was thought this would be a good idea, but it was pointed out that the current owners had shown no interest in such a scheme, and it would be a very expensive project. As mentioned above, there was a feeling that the Village Hall, suitably redeveloped and improved, could meet the need for a multi-purpose community venue.

Speed Bumps

Opposition to speed-bumps was loud, and unanimous!

Lack of shops

There is a desperate need for more shopping facilities in the village.

(iv) Consultation session with young people at the youth club

Things young people liked about Aberford

- We know the place, we are in our comfort zone
- The Youth club
- The Youth Bus
- Fish and chip man, on a Monday

Dislikes

- Nothing to do
- Mistrust between older and younger people
- Getting hassled and moved on by the police, although the park and the play area are the only safe place to go
- It's boring
- Lack of public transport-expensive, very infrequent, even into Leeds
- Noise from the motorway
- Lack of facilities
- Lack of people to get a football team going
- Only one shop, and that shuts at 6pm, at 2pm on Sundays
- Village Hall is a no go area
- Little village involvement in the local football team, Aberford Albion

How could things be improved?

- More access to village hall
- More involvement in the football team,
- We need a skate park, there are parks at Garforth and Micklefield, but it needs to be local
- Need a youth shelter, with an open area
- A MUGA would be good

The tennis court site

The youngsters were asked what facilities or activities they would like to see on the old Tennis court site, on the basis this has been identified as the priority site for developing and improving the provision of sports and youth facilities

1. A youth shelter
2. Skate park
3. A MUGA

Appendix 5

Additional chart data

This appendix shows data in connection with responses to questions 1 and 2 from the questionnaire. Charts 1-9 show how each of the 9 problems ranked with respondents, with 1 being the highest priority and 9 the lowest. Charts 10-17 rank the 7 possible responses to these projects, again with 1 as the highest priority, and 7 as the lowest.

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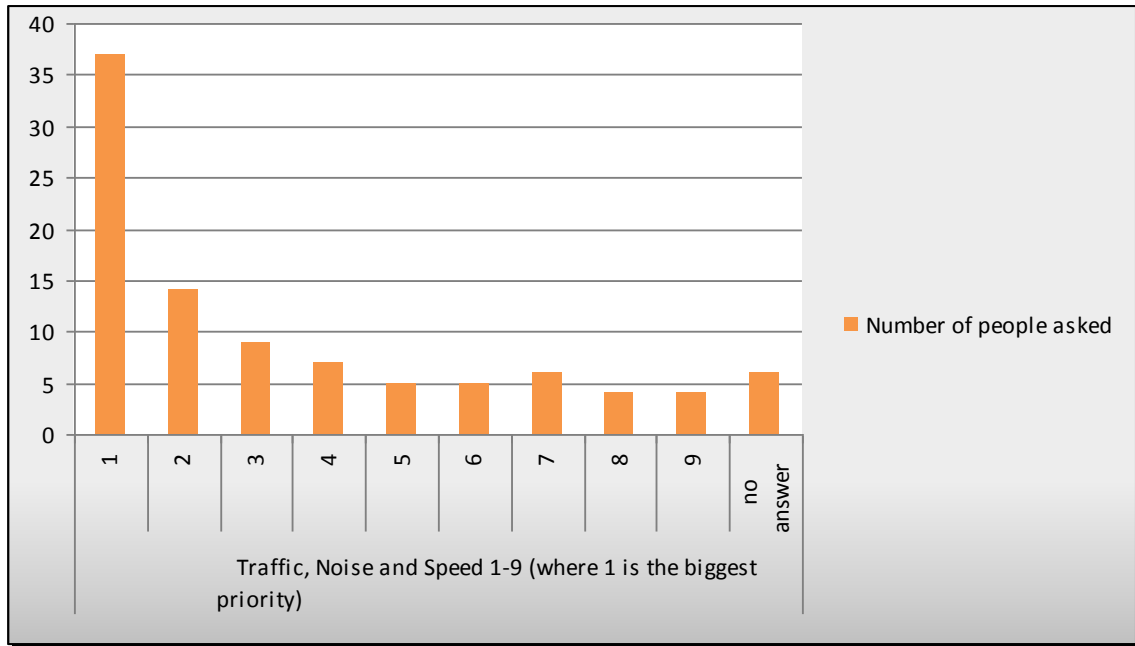


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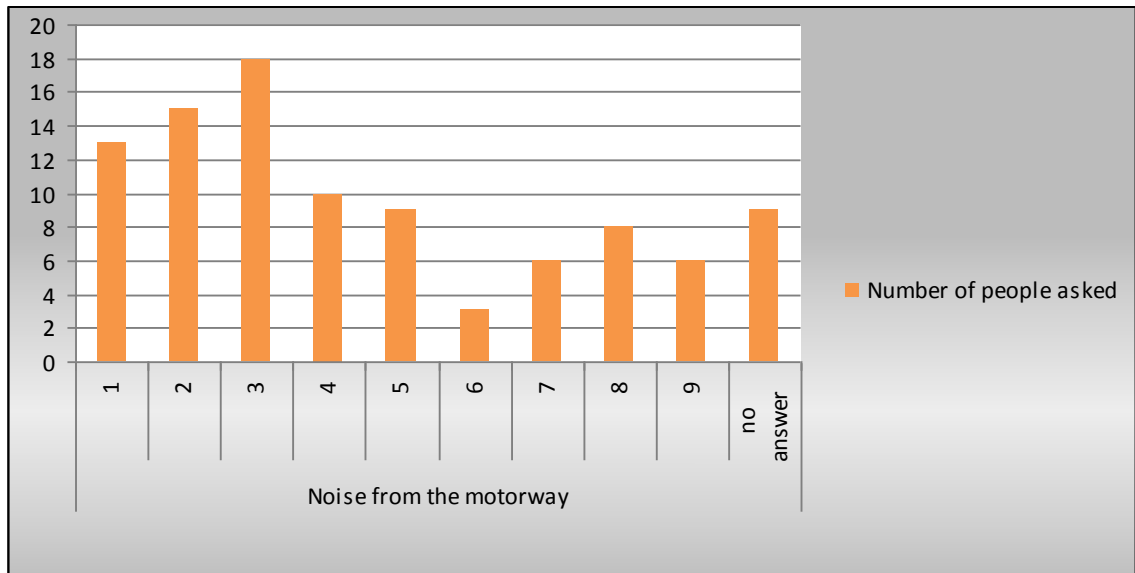


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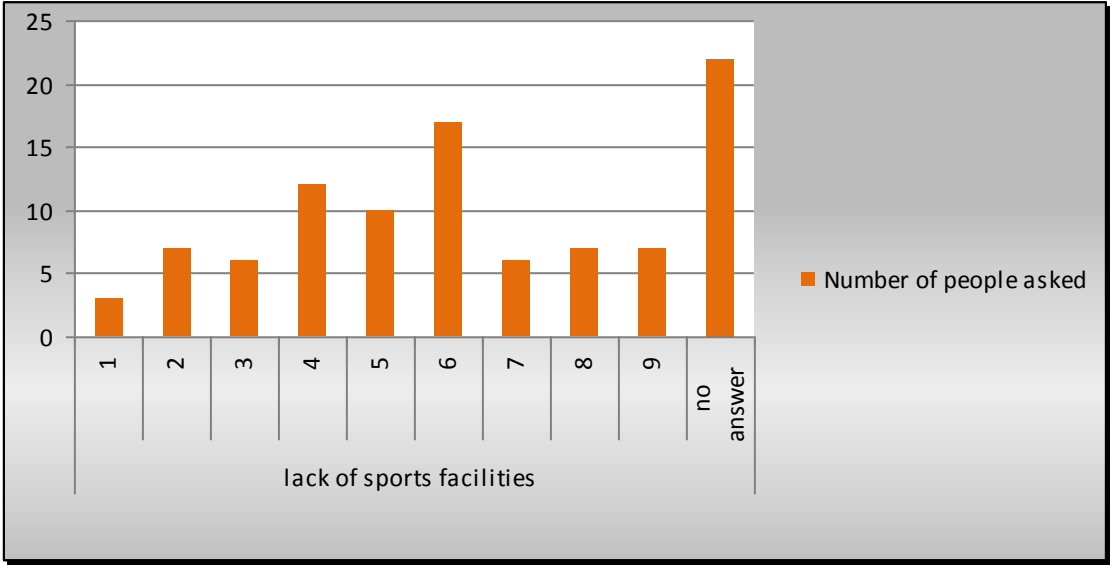


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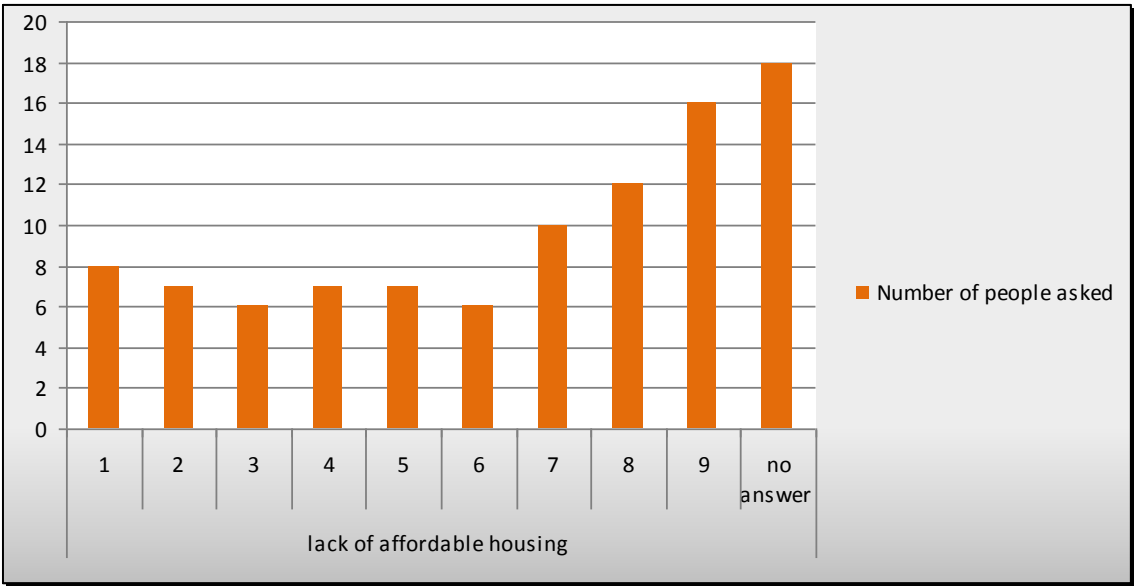


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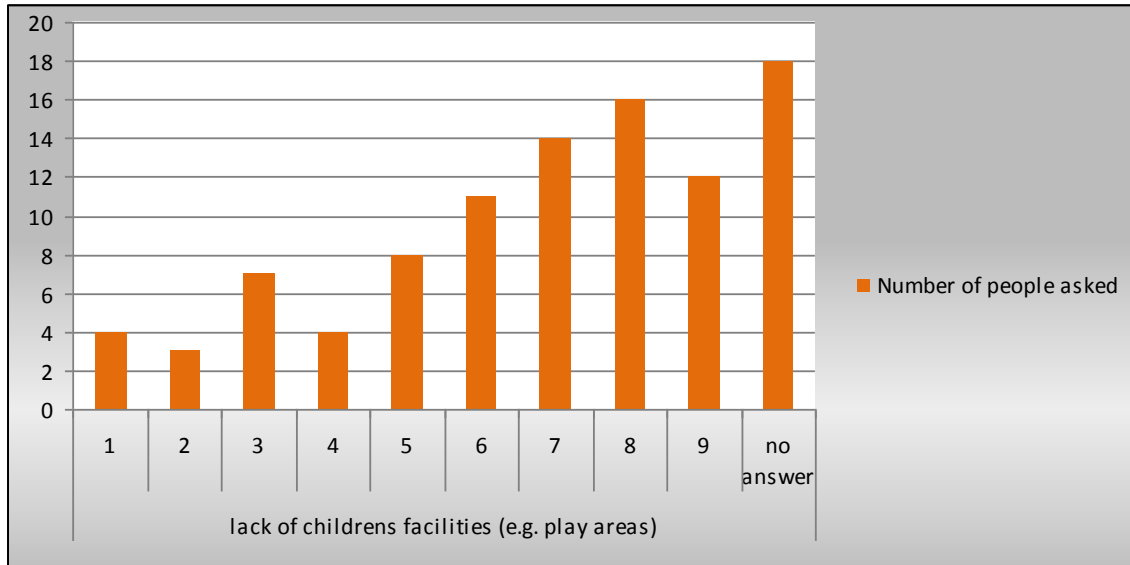


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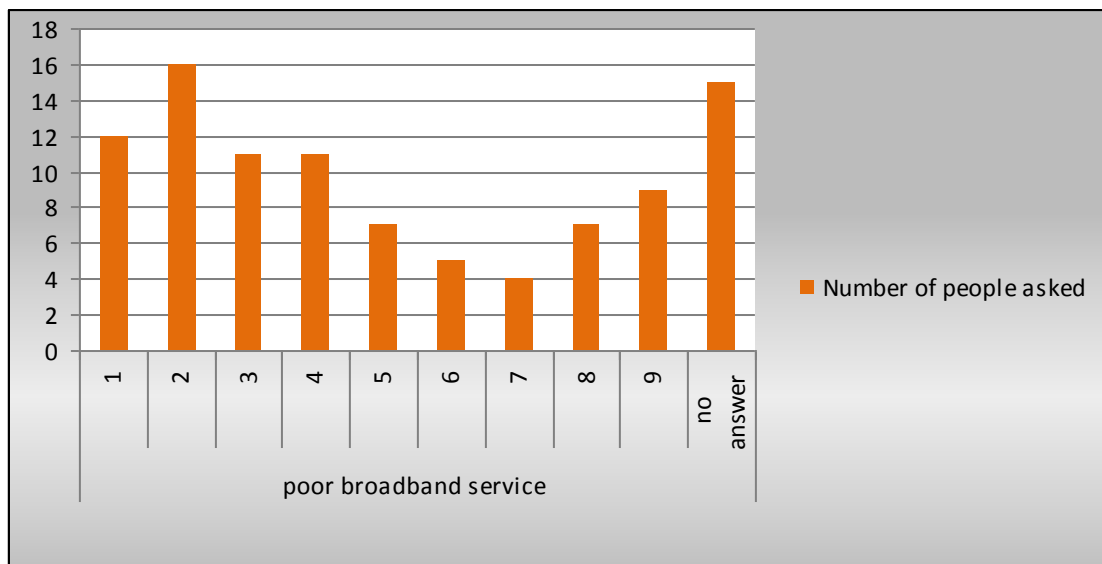


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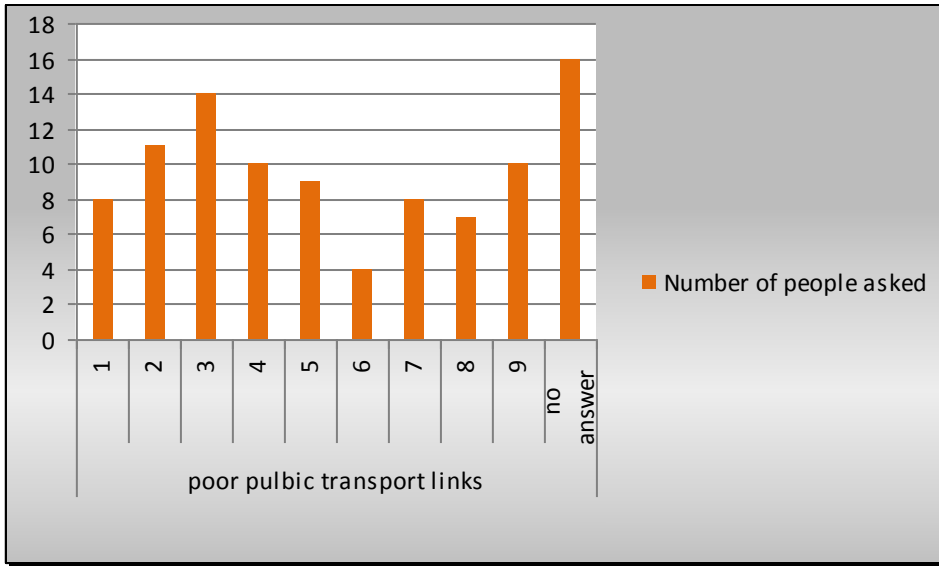
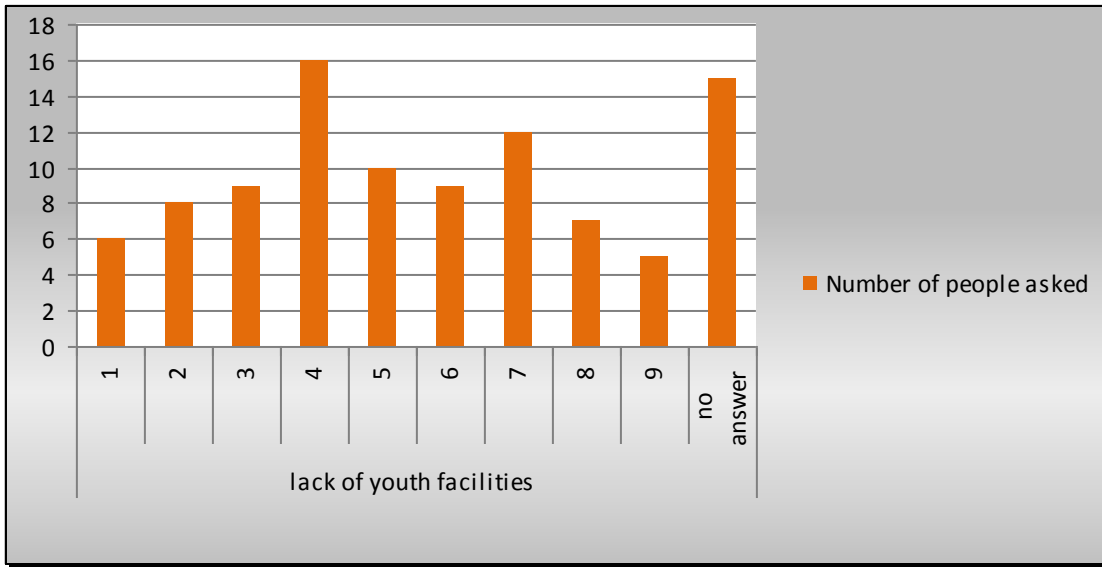


Chart 8



Charts 10-17 rank the possible responses to these projects, again with 1 as the highest priority, and 7 as the lowest. Where an 8th column appears, this is in relation to other ideas that were put forward, and these are picked up in the general comments appendix.

Chart 10

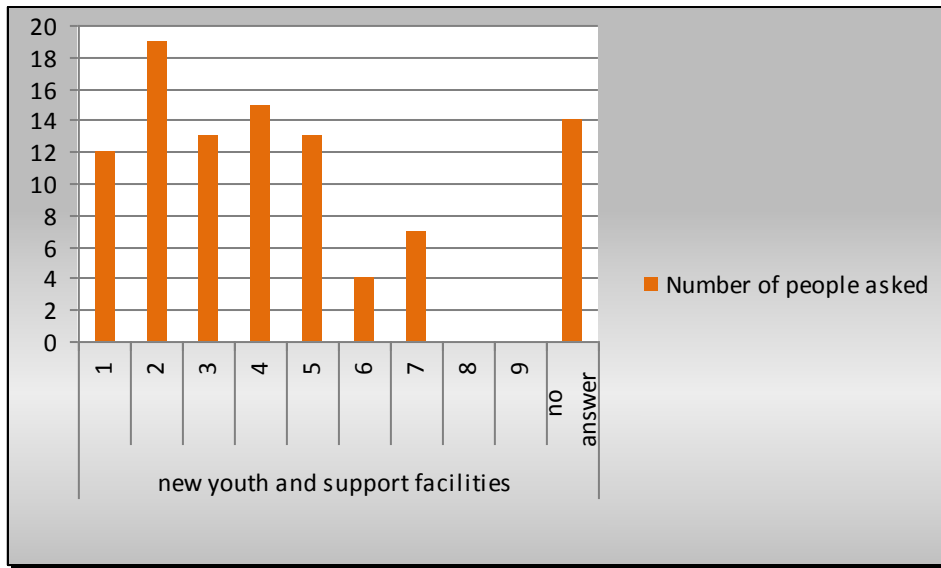


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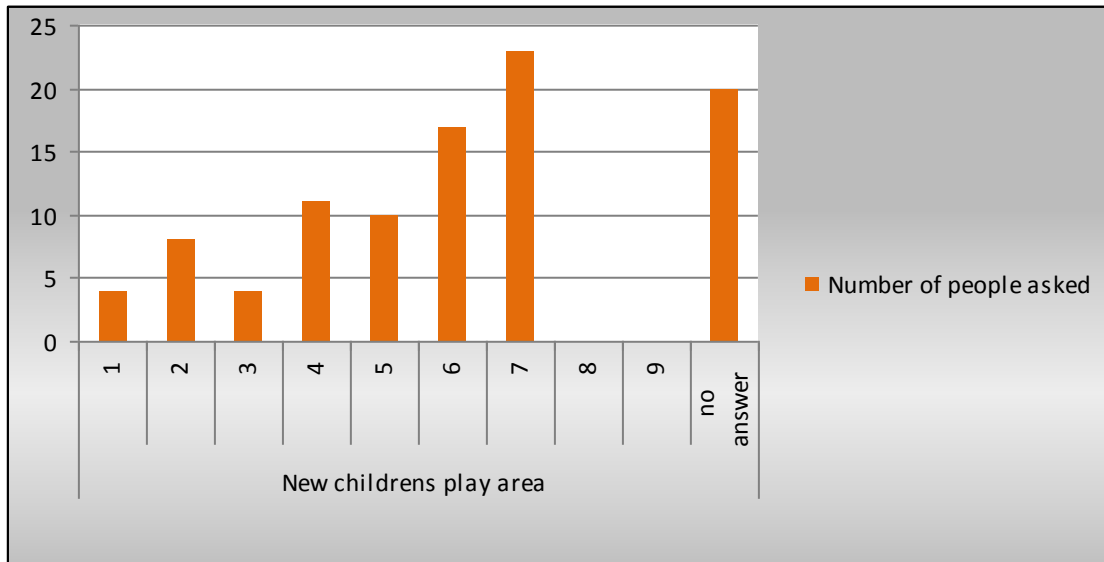


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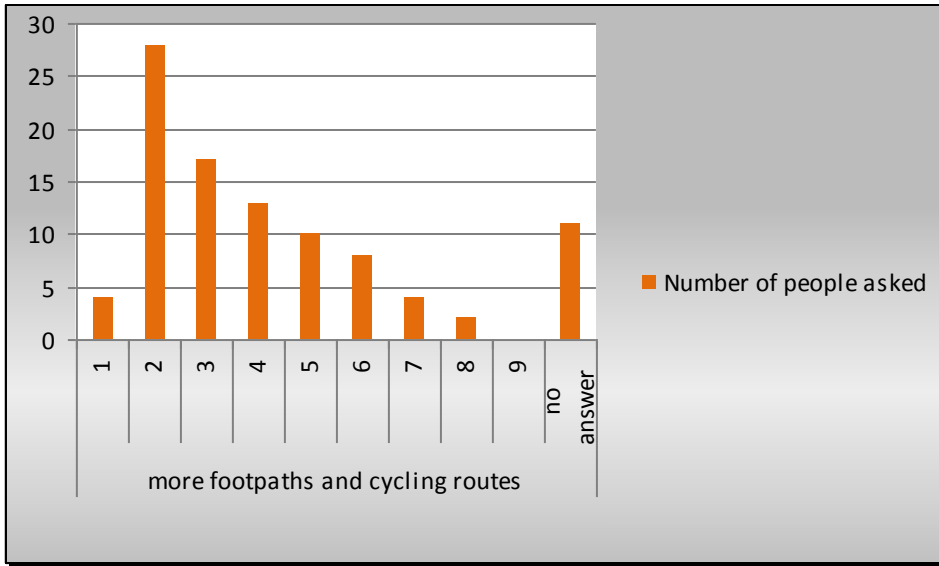


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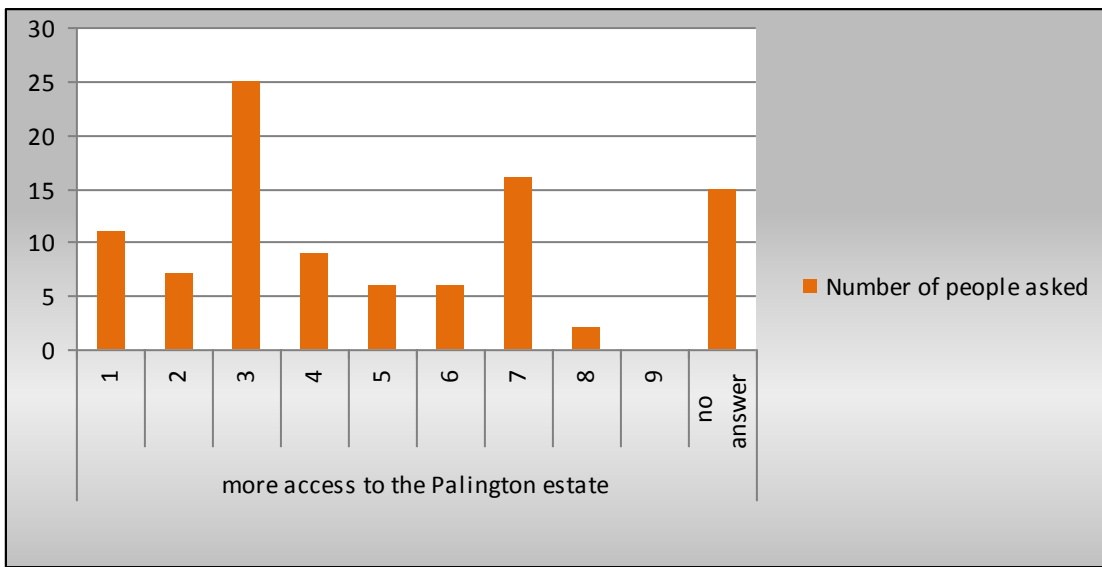


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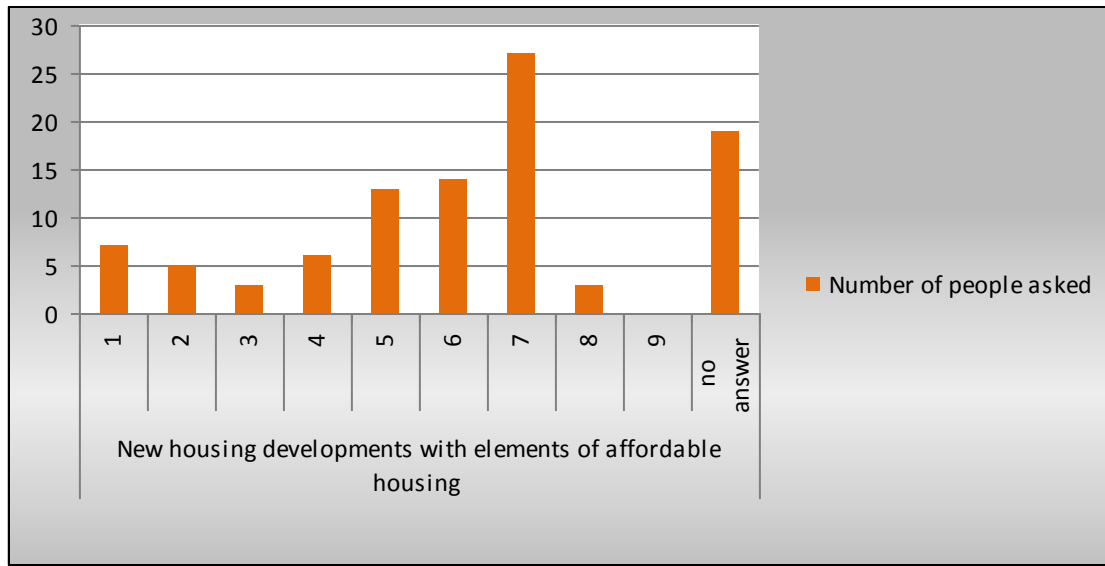


Chart 15

