



WHATLINGTON PARISH PLAN 2010

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This plan has been drawn up in response to a questionnaire distributed to all households in the parish. The survey was undertaken in May 2009. There was a total response of 22%. The council has been advised that this is a sufficient level on which to base this plan.

Households

With over two thirds of households having residents of working age the council's policies will reflect the needs of a working and school age community whilst seeking to balance such needs within the resources available with those who are retired.

Transport

The majority of the community (61%) do not use public transport facilities. Of those that do few have any particular difficulties. However a number of respondents said that they would be prepared to use such facilities if the services were improved.

The council's policy will be to continue seeking improvements and enhancements in the rural infrastructure while pressing for effective services, including cross transport linkages.

Road safety

This is seen as a major issue in the village, with 86% expressing concern about the issue. The survey showed an even spread of support for speed cameras, rumble strips etc. The council will continue to pursue and investigate measures to reduce speeding through the village and to protect the needs of pedestrians and other road users.

Walking

Some 43% of the community seek more footpaths in the village, whilst 57% do not. As a result the council's policy will be to maintain and improve the existing provision of

Objectives of the plan

The council's overarching strategic aim is to continue to deliver services and support to the parish and to continue to develop, improve and enhance the communal environment across all its facets.

It supports the wishes of parishioners to live in harmony through a neighbourly code of behaviour whereby individuals consider the effects their actions have on others by respecting the rural and tranquil nature of the village.

This is particularly relevant to activities that give rise to noise, smoke and odour pollution.

footpaths and footways wherever possible. Where this is not possible, the council will seek alternative walking routes.

Health

The community is satisfied with current health provisions. The council's policy will be to ensure that this position is sustained.

Housing

Nearly 90% of respondents did not feel there was a need for more housing in the parish. The Council's Policy will therefore be to discourage the establishment of new buildings that are not extensions, conversions and enhancements to existing commercial, domestic or agricultural properties, which

The area is noted for the relative absence of light pollution and all efforts should be made to minimise the glare of exterior lighting. These matters have been highlighted as areas of concern by parishioners.

We seek in this plan:

- **To add, enhance or modify current policies of the council**
- **To identify (where appropriate) strategic aims in response to specific and significant concerns**
- **To implement action on areas of immediate and significant issues of concern.**

themselves will be considered in line with current planning guidelines by the Council, and relevant planning authorities.

Public safety

Questions regarding policing in the parish showed that 47% of respondents were aware of the presence of a Police Community Support Officer. However, and as a reflection of the majority being unaware of his presence, 71% of respondents considered that there was insufficient policing in the area, citing that higher visibility of such activity was required.

The council's policy will be to maintain pressure on the local Police Commander and work with local officers

to ensure that the population, in line with policing targets, has rising confidence in police and policing activity.

Environment

The village was not considered tidy by 57% of respondents, with major causes of concern being litter and damage to verges. The council's policy will be to vigorously pursue any instance of littering and will continue to exert pressure on highway authorities to maintain the local roads infrastructure.

Services

With over 75% of respondents supporting local business and more than 90% having attended events in the village hall, as well as 93% willing to support a community shop, the council's policy will be to provide appropriate and measured help and assistance to local enterprises to the benefit of the community. This would recognise potential impacts of such assistance on the community in terms of over-commercial development.

Parish Council

The majority of respondents (90%) considered that the council was doing a good job and communicated well with the Parish. The council's policy is to continue its work in involving the community in its deliberations and will continue to seek ways of improving communications in emerging technologies.

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