First Consultation Event -- 2nd November 2013

Venue – Lady Margaret Hall – Welbeck

Methodology

Local people attending the charity event were invited to indicate their home on a map of the three parishes with a red sticker. They were also asked to complete a short questionnaire and to enter post-its on a board under one of five headings: Environment, Housing, Employment/Business, Community and Community Facilities, and Leisure. There was basic information given on boards about Neighbourhood Planning, and verbal information was also given.

Map Identification

20 Householders placed a sticker on the map to identify their home location.

Holbeck - 10 people

Welbeck – 1 person

Norton - 1 person

Cuckney – 6 people

Outside the area - 2 people

There was often more than one person to each house as families were attending the event

Questionnaire Answers

18 Questionnaires were completed. Some people were happy to identify there home and engage in a conversation but not fill in a questionnaire. Others filled in1 questionnaire, involving the whole family. Though the questionnaires were meant to have a ID Number on them that linked to the sticker on the map, only 7 of the 18 had been numbered.

Question 1

In answer to “Which village do you live in”;

8 People gave Holbeck

1 gave Norton

1 gave Welbeck

4 gave Cuckney

2 gave Nether Langwith

1 gave no location but gave home address as Holbeck

1 gave no location and no home address

Question 2.

Age ranges given were:

26-40 ---4

41-60----8

60+------7

Total 19 (man and wife filled in 1 questionnaire

Question 3.

Male--------9

Female --10

Question 4

Difficult to summarise answers as some respondents just ticked 1 box, while others gave 1, 2, 3, etc numbers to their preferred choices. The Parish Newsletter does appear to be by far the most commonly chosen method, with probably a dedicated website the second choice.

Question 5.

Listed below are all the comments made to this Question. After each comment there is an initial to indicate which village the responder came from

Essential we keep the beautiful countryside, and villages retain their character. (N L)

The Village Atmosphere. (H)

Village feel. Where I live more housing could spoil this. (H)

Rural Outlook, Quietness, Community. (H)

Remain Rural. (H)

I think things should stay as they are now. (H)

The layout and roads/signs need to stay as they are. No roundabouts, crossings, traffic lights etc. The Villages need to stay in keeping. (H)

Small community areas. (N)

Rural community; links to Welbeck; Community Primary School (C)

Cuckney dam and park – lovely place for wildlife and children to play. (C)

Keep Village character and make any new build keep character of old. (C)

The community, the people, the historic buildings. (W)

Question 6.

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The hedges and grass edge near the roads could do with being cut more often. Tours around the estate if possible and maybe the Abbey House. (W)

Having lived in Norton for 60+ years, I am happy with the Village/area, and whilst I believe that small changes/developments could be accommodated, I would not like to see the character of the area affected by large scale changes/developments. (N)

Address public/pedestrian access across the A60. More housing for families and young people. Local jobs, not commuting. (C)

Parking for Park and Cuckney Dam to encourage more people to visit. (C)

Encourage new families to keep the community thriving for the future. Affordable housing to facilitate this. Houses for older people to encourage release of family accommodation currently in single occupancy. Measures to reduce speed of vehicles coming into and leaving the village on Budby road (C)

Cuckney could do with a larger population to support more amenities such as another post office etc. (C)

Bring back community spirit by bringing families into the community. (N)

The new development needs to be integrated with existing houses so there is no “them and us“. A village shop would be good, but no big signed supermarket. (H)

Holbeck Park, more activity things needed for smaller children. (H)

Shop facilities – open more

Post Office – open more. (H)

Please use all the derelict buildings, improve local transport links to the towns – but take into account the poor road infrastructure. ie Narrow roads which are virtually impassable when snow and ice are here. (H)

Bad weather facilities – grit bins, roads cleared of snow. Street lighting. Litter removed form verges and hedgerows. (H)

Shop/café. (H)

There are a few old buildings that I think would make ideal bungalows for the elderly. (H)

Think the post office should re-open but it isn’t going to happen. (N L)

Need more affordable housing for young couples and families. (N L)

Better Infrastructure – street lights, gritting in winter, bus routes, post-office.

Mains gas, mains drains, better Internet. (H)

Comments from Post-its

1.Environment

Maintain our villages’ character

Measures to slow traffic on Budby road

2.Housing

Houses for young people -- Affordable

We need more families in the village

New housing in keeping with villages’ character

3. Employment/Business

Local jobs, not commuting

4. Community Facilities

Services and Facilities to be included – Don’t isolate old people

A restaurant would be great

Park

Car park

5. Leisure

Ideal Area for self-catering holiday