

Misterton with Walcote Neighbourhood Plan



Questionnaire Analysis

December 2017

Introduction

The Parish of Misterton with Walcote has commenced the preparation of their Neighbourhood Plan.

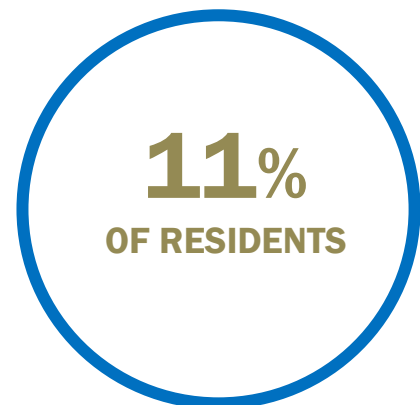
An important part of this inclusive process is, of course, obtaining the views and aspirations of the community. Key to this has been the development and dissemination of a community questionnaire.

The questionnaire contains 30 questions and is based on important themes established following initial consultation work by the Neighbourhood Plan team.

The survey took place during November 2017. It was available to complete electronically and as a paper version. The level of response from the community was good, there being 44 responses. This represents over 11% of the adult population, (391 over the age of 16).

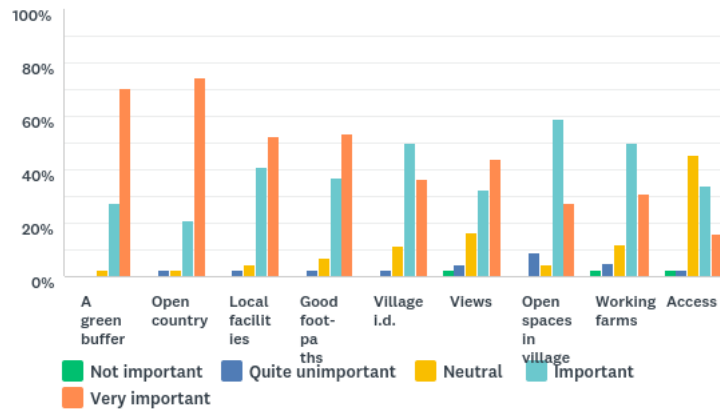
Given that some households choose to respond collectively rather than as individuals; it is also pertinent to consider the number of responses in relation to the number of households in the Neighbourhood Plan area. The number of responses represents almost 22% of the 202 households.

This demonstrates the level of commitment to the Neighbourhood Plan by this small community and, in turn, adds strength to the validity of the collected views expressed.



Population data taken from 2011 Census

Q1 What do you like best about Misterton and Walcote?



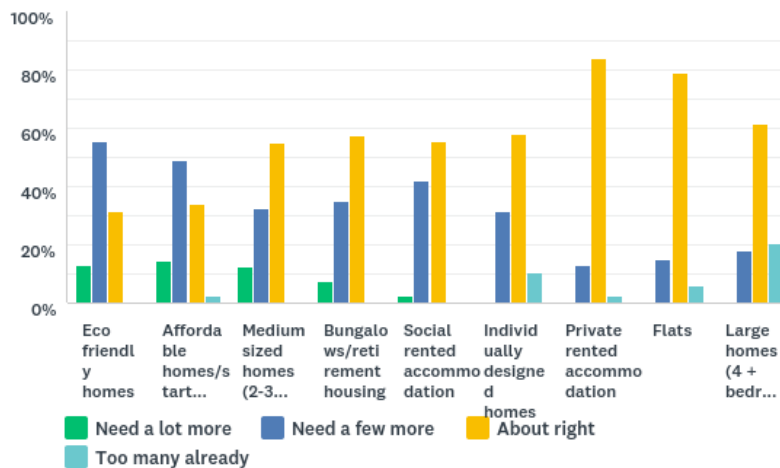
| | NOT IMPORTANT | QUITE UNIMPORTANT | NEUTRAL | IMPORTANT | VERY IMPORTANT |
|---|---------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| A green buffer - separation from other towns and villages | 0.00% 0 | 0.00% 0 | 2.27% 1 | 27.27% 12 | 70.45% 31 |
| Open country reaching close to the centre | 0.00% 0 | 2.33% 1 | 2.33% 1 | 20.93% 9 | 74.42% 32 |
| Local facilities (pub, village hall, play-ground, church, garage) | 0.00% 0 | 2.27% 1 | 4.55% 2 | 40.91% 18 | 52.27% 23 |
| Good footpath network | 0.00% 0 | 2.33% 1 | 6.98% 3 | 37.21% 16 | 53.49% 23 |
| Village identity – feeling part of a community | 0.00% 0 | 2.27% 1 | 11.36% 5 | 50.00% 22 | 36.36% 16 |
| Views on approach to and from Misterton and Walcote | 2.33% 1 | 4.65% 2 | 16.28% 7 | 32.56% 14 | 44.19% 19 |
| Open spaces within the village | 0.00% 0 | 9.09% 4 | 4.55% 2 | 59.09% 26 | 27.27% 12 |
| Working farms surrounding the village | 2.38% 1 | 4.76% 2 | 11.90% 5 | 50.00% 21 | 30.95% 13 |
| Access to major road networks, railways & airports | 2.27% 1 | 2.27% 1 | 45.45% 20 | 34.09% 15 | 15.91% 7 |

Each of these assets are valued by respondents. But most highly valued of all is the rural setting – separation from other settlements and the open country reaching close to the centre of the residential areas.

Q2 How would you like the Parish to evolve over the next 15 years?

30 thoughtful responses to this question appear in the appendix. There is demonstrated a strong desire for the rural nature and character of the Parish to remain. It is clear too that some feel this to be under threat by traffic. There is a desire to control this. There is also a call for a greater sense of community within the Parish.

Q3 What sort of housing do you think the Parish needs?



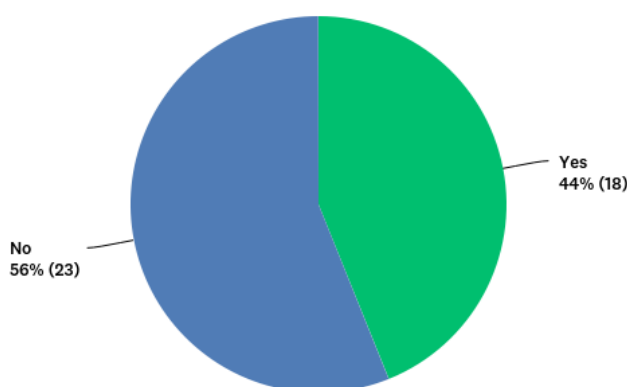
| | NEED A LOT MORE | NEED A FEW MORE | ABOUT RIGHT | TOO MANY ALREADY |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Eco friendly homes | 13.16% 5 | 55.26% 21 | 31.58% 12 | 0.00% 0 |
| Affordable homes/starter homes (1-2 bedrooms) | 14.63% 6 | 48.78% 20 | 34.15% 14 | 2.44% 1 |
| Medium sized homes (2-3 bedrooms) | 12.50% 5 | 32.50% 13 | 55.00% 22 | 0.00% 0 |
| Bungalows/retirement housing | 7.50% 3 | 35.00% 14 | 57.50% 23 | 0.00% 0 |
| Social rented accommodation | 2.63% 1 | 42.11% 16 | 55.26% 21 | 0.00% 0 |
| Individually designed homes | 0.00% 0 | 31.58% 12 | 57.89% 22 | 10.53% 4 |
| Private rented accommodation | 0.00% 0 | 13.16% 5 | 84.21% 32 | 2.63% 1 |
| Flats | 0.00% 0 | 15.15% 5 | 78.79% 26 | 6.06% 2 |
| Large homes (4+ bedrooms) | 0.00% 0 | 17.95% 7 | 61.54% 24 | 20.51% 8 |

There is greatest support for eco friendly homes, followed by affordable starter homes and medium sized homes. Large homes are the least supported option.

Q4 Future Development The Parish has not been allocated any additional housing requirement in the proposed local plan but applications for single dwellings or small developments may be received. Are there any areas in or around Walcote or Misterton that should be protected from development?

28 responses to this question appear in the appendix and demonstrate that there is some consensus about areas that should be protected from development - land at the end of Brook Street for example. It may be appropriate to plot these responses on a map to better evaluate them.

Q5 Would you like to see more employment in the parish?

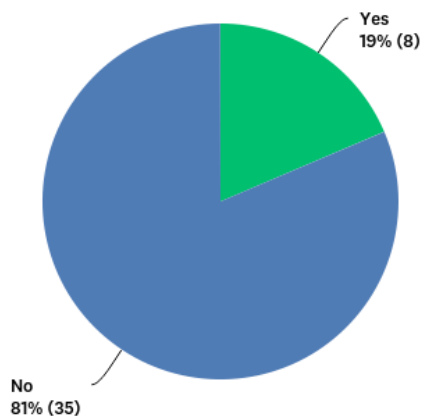


A majority (56%) state that they would not like to see more employment in the Parish. However, the nature of any new employment is not specified. It is perhaps unlikely for example that parishioners would object to more people conducting desk-based work from home or perhaps even small workshop units etc. The 44% who would like to see more employment may have things such as these in mind whereas the 56% may be concerned about larger businesses.

Q6 If so, what sort of employment opportunities would you like to see?

The analysis of Q5 is borne out by the 17 comments made in response to Q6, which appear in the appendix. There is support for homeworking, small units, office space and a village shop. There is concern that any new economic activity should not add to transport issues. There is also comment that nearby industrial, business and retail parks meet the needs of both large employers and some Parishioner's employment needs. It will be possible, in the development of the plan, to explore this issue further.

Q7 Do you operate a business in Walcote or Misterton?

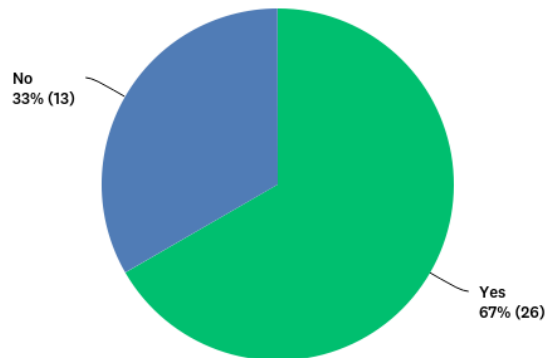


Q8 If so, what is the nature of the business and its scale? (e.g. number of employees)

Of the 19% of respondents who operate a business on the Parish, the following is a list of those businesses and the number of people employed in them.

| Business Type | Number Employed |
|--|-----------------|
| Equestrian | Family business |
| Graphic design | 2 |
| Editing services - just me. | 1 |
| I am a freelance artist. | 1 |
| Engineering consultancy | 2 |
| Farm, | 2 |
| Service industry 6 employees not located in. Walcote | 6 |
| Home office | 2 |

Q9 Is your existing broadband speed adequate for your needs? (please delete as appropriate)



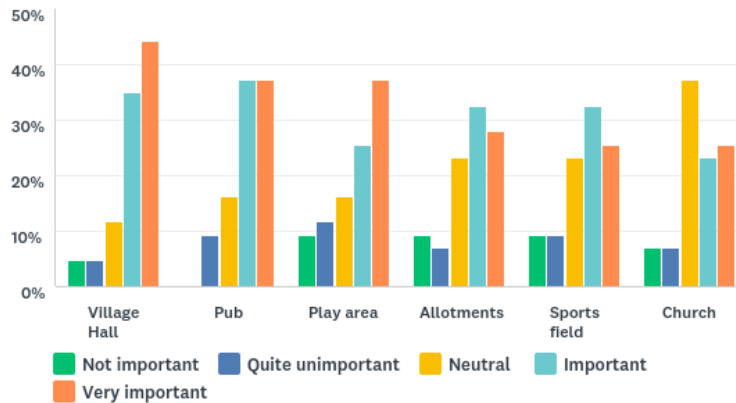
Q10 If not, what speed do you currently get?

- Speed okay but reliability terrible. Keeps dropping out of freezing.
- Variable and intermittent x2
- Download: 13 Mbps Upload: 1.15Mbps
- 10mbps
- Not enough x2
- Occasionally decent, generally slow and it often drops out.
- We have had problems in the past, but currently BT have resolved them
- Unknown, slow to download movies. Often cuts out.
- 2.4mbps
- 15-20 mbps
- 2.6 mbps
- 0.5 mbps
- Speed is ok for basic needs (we don't stream videos etc.) but as a long way from the exchange the reliability of the connection is poor

Q11 What speed do you need?

- What the fibre broadband I pay for should be capable of.
- As fast as possible x3
- If it always ran at the quickest possible speeds it gets it'd be fine, it's more so the unreliability of the network that causes issues x2
- Speeds akin to those achievable in nearby Lutterworth
- Min 50 meg download
- Faster? But I can get by so I'm not that bothered. Others may be so it's worth looking into.
- 75 mbps
- 5.3 mbps
- At least 2mbps
- Very happy with our BT fibre broadband

Q12 How important to you and your family are the following Parish facilities?

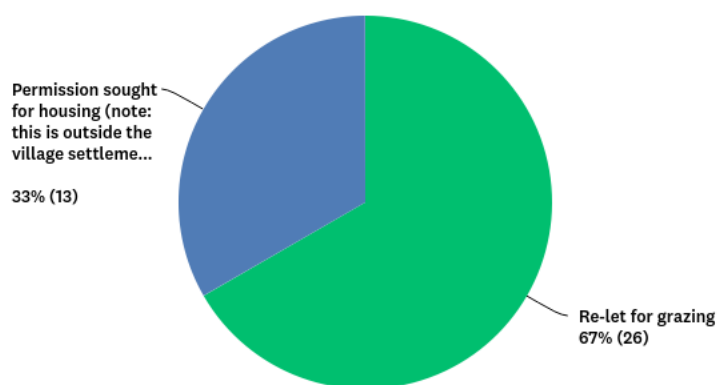


Respondents view each of these facilities positively. The Village Hall (89% important or very important), Pub (74%) and Play Area (63%) are shown to be most important to them.

Q13 What other facilities would you like to see by 2031?

Twenty-one people responded to this question. Their comments appear in the appendix. The most frequent response is the desire for a village shop. There is some concern about traffic and there is a wish to see additional community facilities especially for young people to use.

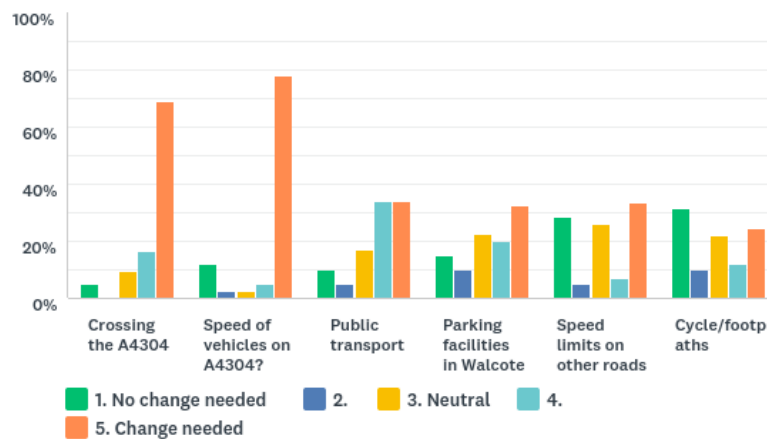
Q14 The Parish Council owns a 2-acre field at the corner of South Kilworth Road and the A4304, which has in the past been let for grazing. It is currently unoccupied, how should this be put to use?



Fourteen comments appear in the appendix. Most respondents feel that the field is a valuable natural asset and income stream. There are suggestions about using it as a wild flower meadow or a nature area for the community.

Respondents reported a total of 87 cars in their ownership of which 81 are parked within the boundary of their property.

Q17 Are changes needed to the following?



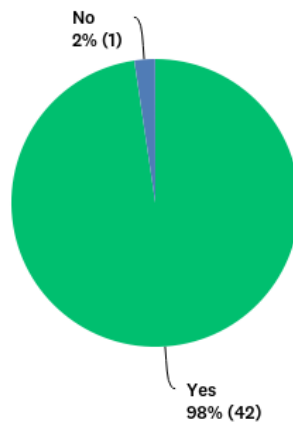
| | 1. NO CHANGE NEEDED | 2. | 3. NEUTRAL | 4. | 5. CHANGE NEEDED |
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| Speed of vehicles through Walcote on A4304? | 12.20% 5 | 2.44% 1 | 2.44% 1 | 4.88% 2 | 78.05% 32 |
| Speed limits on other roads within the parish | 28.57% 12 | 4.76% 2 | 26.19% 11 | 7.14% 3 | 33.33% 14 |
| Public transport | 9.76% 4 | 4.88% 2 | 17.07% 7 | 34.15% 14 | 34.15% 14 |
| Parking facilities in Walcote | 15.00% 6 | 10.00% 4 | 22.50% 9 | 20.00% 8 | 32.50% 13 |
| Facilities for crossing the A4304 within Walcote | 4.76% 2 | 0.00% 0 | 9.52% 4 | 16.67% 7 | 69.05% 29 |
| Cycle/footpaths | 31.71% 13 | 9.76% 4 | 21.95% 9 | 12.20% 5 | 24.39% 10 |

Of greatest need for change, respondents feel, is the speed of vehicles on the A4304. Associated with this concern, respondents also strongly feel that facilities for crossing the A4304 are required within Walcote.

Q18 Please give further details of any changes needed

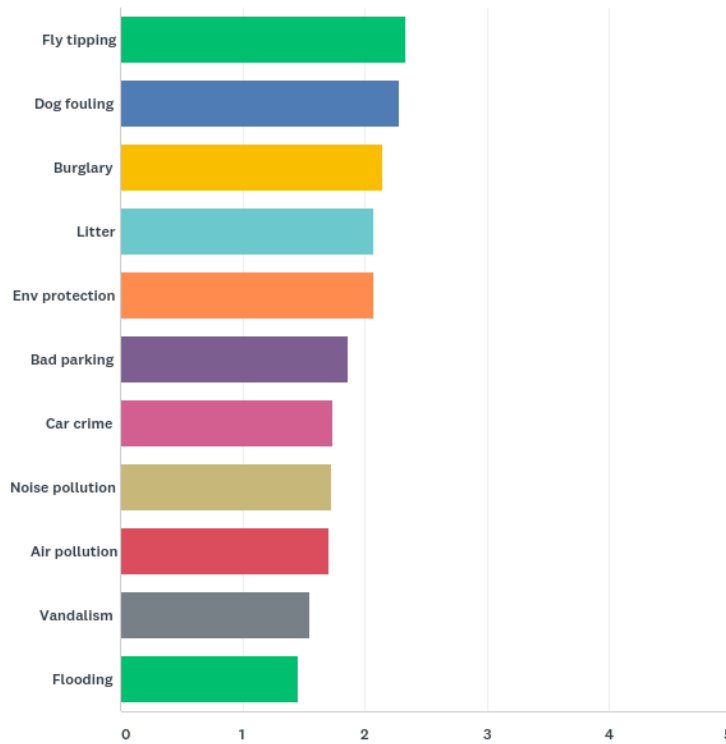
32 comments appear in the appendix. They focus heavily on concern about speeding traffic, especially along the A4304, several positive solutions are suggested.

Q19 The provision of average speed cameras is a 1-year trial. Would you like it to continue beyond this period?



The clearest response to any question in this questionnaire is the 98% who support the continuation of the average speed camera beyond its trial period.

Q20 Do any of the below cause you concern within the Parish?

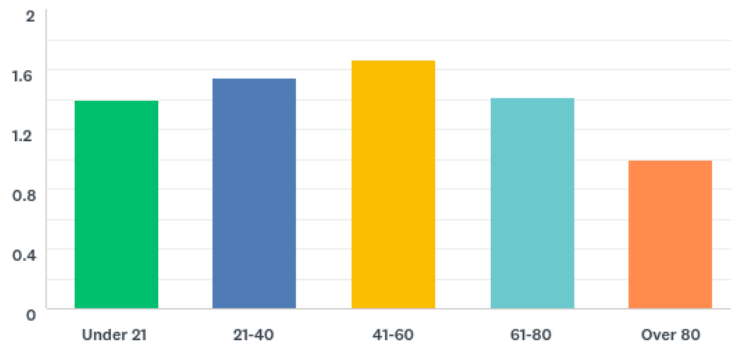


This graph shows an average weighting, where 5 is of the most concern. Fly tipping, dog fouling and burglary are of most concern whilst flooding, vandalism and air pollution are of least concern.

| | NOT CONCERNED | CONCERNED | VERY CONCERNED |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Fly tipping | 18.60% 8 | 30.23% 13 | 51.16% 22 |
| Dog fouling | 16.28% 7 | 39.53% 17 | 44.19% 19 |
| Burglary | 16.28% 7 | 53.49% 23 | 30.23% 13 |
| Litter | 30.23% 13 | 32.56% 14 | 37.21% 16 |
| Environmental protection | 21.95% 9 | 48.78% 20 | 29.27% 12 |
| Inconsiderate parking | 38.10% 16 | 38.10% 16 | 23.81% 10 |
| Car crime | 45.24% 19 | 35.71% 15 | 19.05% 8 |
| Noise pollution | 43.90% 18 | 39.02% 16 | 17.07% 7 |
| Air pollution | 50.00% 21 | 28.57% 12 | 21.43% 9 |
| Vandalism | 54.76% 23 | 35.71% 15 | 9.52% 4 |
| Flooding | 59.52% 25 | 35.71% 15 | 4.76% 2 |

The number of males in respondents' households is 54, whilst the number of females is 49.

Q22 How many people in your household are:



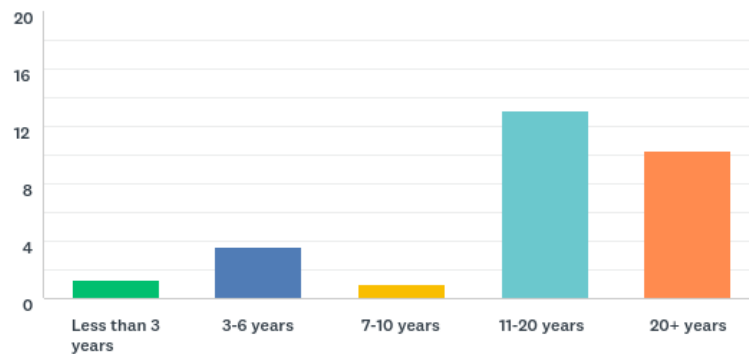
The most populace age group is 41 to 60. Fourteen school children are currently living in respondent's houses.

How many people in your household are?

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| Working | 67.44% | 29 |
| Student | 27.91% | 12 |
| Unemployed | 18.60% | 8 |
| Retired | 58.14% | 25 |

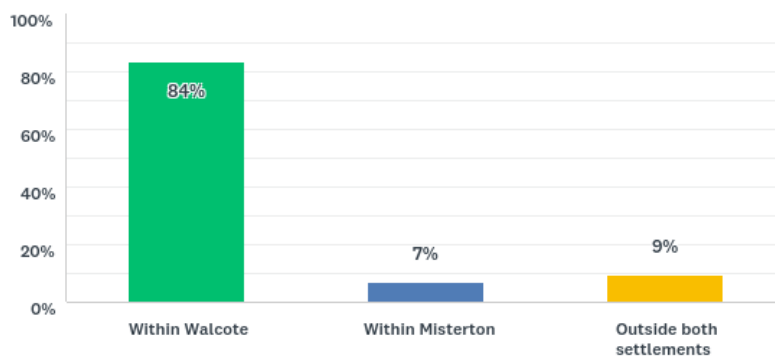
The average number of bedrooms in the houses of respondents is 3.3

Q26 How long have you lived in the parish?



The overwhelming number of respondents (28 out of 43) have lived in the Parish for more than 10 years.

Q27 Where do you live in the Parish?

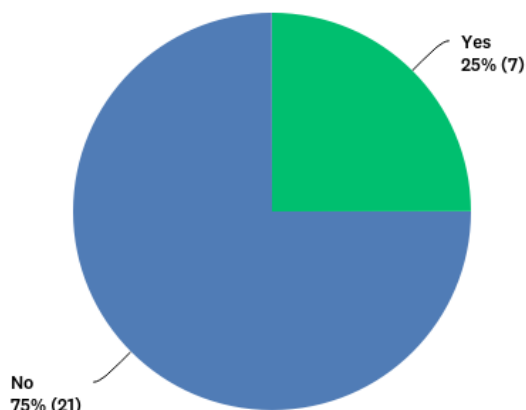


84% of respondents live within Walcote whilst just 7% live in Misterton and 9% live outside both settlements. It is important therefore to compare this figure with the number residing in each settlement, and outside both. This is in order to demonstrate that feedback through this questionnaire is proportionate and representative.

Q28 Are there any other comments you would like to make?

Ten comments were received in this section. The majority expressed concern about traffic - volume and safety for pedestrians. There were also positive comments about the Neighbourhood Plan and the opportunity to have some influence in the development of the Parish.

Q30 Would you like to be involved further in the preparation of the Neighbourhood plan?



Seven people have said that they would like to be involved in the developing the Neighbourhood Plan. These names can be supplied.

Appendix

Q2 How would you like the Parish to evolve over the next 15 years?

30 responses

- Maintain its existing character.
- Important to keep village identity and individuality. A green belt needs to be maintained to prevent Misterton and Walcote being absorbed into Lutterworth.
- Very worried about impact of Lutterworth east on encroaching onto Misterton and Walcote. Worried about traffic issues from increased cars and lorries on the main road. Getting out of the village at certain times will be very very difficult. Also, visual splays are very poor at the T-junction.
- Limited development to preserve the rural character of the parish. Enforcement of the village centre to make it more visually appealing - tidy up the area surrounding the garage and soften the landscaping at the triangular junction.
- Small pockets of development so that you retain character of village. Traffic flows through the village to be given maximum priority. As soon as there is a problem at the M1 roundabout, traffic backs up through the village preventing people getting to work.
- The village has many good features e.g. surrounded by rural outlooks and an excellent footpath network. These should be maintained. Traffic through the village on the A4304 is already at significant levels; when problems ok on the A14/M1 junction we already have tailbacks through the village. The proposed developments of Lutterworth east and

distribution park will need strong planning restrictions to prevent continuous tailbacks blocking the A4304 through the village.

- Existing character to be maintained. Green spaces around the village to be protected. Avoid spreading encroachment from Lutterworth east.
- Slowly. Better bus service - maybe hourly. Farm shop or similar.
- See 'vision' document
- To stay as a village separate from urban development. To have provision for low-cost starter homes for young people with an established link to the parish. To have reliable and regular bus service to Lutterworth and Market Harborough.
- Maintaining and improving community assets. Ensuring affordable housing is available for local people.
- Maintain separate identity from East of Lutterworth development
- Greater sense of community
- Better transport links to nearby towns and villages/cities with rail network connection, but hopefully not at the cost of the rural character of the village
- Small increase in housing enabling a village shop to survive
- To protect important features, whilst keeping the village vibrant
- To meet the needs of it's current residents
- A stronger community with easier access to information on what's going on in the village, a community Facebook page would be nice. A larger food shop so it's possible to walk to buy groceries, maybe this is a farm shop?
- I would like either a bypass or less traffic on the main road.
- Aim to keep rural identity but encourage/facilitate some development to encourage families to the village
- There needs to be a small number of new houses, including some affordable ones. I would like to see amenities maintained and if possible extended
- I would like it to stay mostly the same. We moved here because it is peaceful. Some village shops would be welcome.
- Maintain village feel & adjacent open countryside. Avoid inappropriate housing & business development. Traffic calming measures along A4304 & new road systems built to take HGVs away from village. Maintain country footpaths.
- Sympathetically with 'countryside' image.
- Reduced traffic flow and speed. Restrict the size of vehicles travelling through such a narrow linear settlement.
- It needs to remain an open, green area with no large housing developments
- More community initiatives, pub is a great start
- Minimal
- Like any successful community, Misterton with Walcote needs to evolve and grow at a sustainable pace. We need to attract more younger people and families to the village by increasing the housing stock to accommodate this, and also improve the facilities.
- Increased number of community events held at the village hall - the Allotment Fruit and Produce fair is a really nice event

Q4 Future Development: the Parish has not been allocated any additional housing requirement in the proposed local plan but applications for single dwellings or small

developments may be received. Are there any areas in or around Walcote or Misterton that should be protected from development?

28 responses

- The fields behind Chapel Lane. Grahams Close
- Misterton should not be developed.
- I think it would be preferable if development could be restricted to within the present village boundaries. Development needs to be in keeping i.e. a block of flats built in Blaby completely overshadowed neighboring properties.
- The spinney down the end of Brook Street should not be built on despite attempts of the owner or plans of the owner to do this.
- I feel that Misterton is quite unique and should be protected from future development - also the fields between Misterton and Walcote.
- Yes. Anywhere within river swift flood plain. This has been violated already with existing development.
- The fields and woods between Walcote and Misterton church.
- Protection of the fields from the bottom of Brook Street...and also behind Cromwell Close.
- Misterton marshes.
- Land between Walcote and Misterton church, land to the west and north of the church, the allotments.
- Allotments in the village The 'Misterton Park' area i.e. the original land associated with the Misterton Hall estate
- The SSSI
- Misterton Marshes, the countryside leading towards Gilmorton/Kimcote and Walton, the allotments
- The field to the North of Chapel Lane
- Land to the east of the village and land between Chapel Lane and Brook Street
- The fields behind Chapel Lane - when walking through you can see the allotments, play park and roofs of the village (that shows the mix of old and modern properties within the village)
- The sheep field between Brook Street and the single track lane to Gilmorton - when approaching Walcote along the A4304 from North Kilworth you get views of the village that again show its mix of properties, revealing the evolution of the village.
- Most areas should be protected especially the park land behind Cromwell Close and the fields surrounding the village where the footpaths are and the areas between the village and St Leonard's
- No
- Allotments playground Village Hall field 2-acre field at corner of South Kilworth road.
- Outside of the building lines
- The spinney in Brook Street
- Open green areas. Anywhere with old trees or woods.
- All green field sites should be protected from development.
- Area leading into Minsterton/ Walcote from the motorway.
- The green belts that provide separation from Lutterworth and surrounding villages
- All land adjacent to the River Swift including Waterfield Spinney, Rye Close Spinney and up to

the M1. Field between Walcote and Gilmorton Rd, save the trees.

- Fields immediately surrounding the village in all directions.
- Playing field, children's play area, open space opposite garage. One set of allotments should be retained.
- The copse at the end of Brook Street together with the field behind this which gives a lovely link between the 2 ends of the village.
- The fields behind Brook Street that give a wonderful view of the approach to the village when approaching from North Kilworth.

Q6 If so, what sort of employment opportunities would you like to see?

17 responses

- Employment would not necessarily mean a benefit to the village, employees would no doubt commute by car.
- Possible small offices.
- Employment within existing community, that doesn't involve building non-residential properties.
- Small online ventures.
- Artisan/rural crafts, fabrications.
- Lutterworth East to give rise to a range of opportunities.
- Small start up businesses.
- Locally run companies which benefit the local economy.
- Small workshops. Village shop.
- Small self-employed businesses.
- Small-scale opportunities consistent with the rural nature of our parish. We do not need businesses that will create heavy traffic loads or create large warehouses.
- There is plenty of employment opportunities at nearby Magna Park.
- infrastructure to permit home working for individuals I consider there is not sufficient parking to permit the growth of business that employ people within the village environment.
- Anything for local people who may not have transport to get to jobs elsewhere. Local shops. Why not a team of people to help maintain the village that live locally. Cutting grass, carpentry, general village maintenance. I would happily be a part of that.
- Like to be aware of what skills there are locally so they can be employed by local residents.
- Enterprise business.
- Agricultural, services and tourism.

Q13 What other facilities would you like to see by 2031?

21 responses

- Traffic lights to get out of the village.
- I think the current facilities are about right for a small village. An independent shop

- might be nice but doubt whether there is enough local business to keep it going.
- Improved public transport i.e. more regular. Dog poo bins throughout the village.
 - Start up of a youth club again
 - Improved sports ground facilities, tennis court? Cricket ground and/or five-a-side football pitch
 - A village shop x4
 - A better stocked shop.
 - Village store/ shop. Groceries. A co-op perhaps. Something properly designed to service the community effectively.
 - It would be nice to see the return of a 'proper' village shop.
 - A grocery store or farm shop.
 - A post office or a library, but this is probably quite unrealistic.
 - Community shop and hall space that can be hired (the existing hall is so heavily used it is difficult to hire).
 - A protected network of footpaths to nearby villages and through fields for recreation such as dog walking. Improved public transport links.
 - With an ageing population an affordable/reliable public transport system to enable travel to shops and other facilities. In an ideal world a village shop/post office
 - Better public transport
 - More frequent bus service, pedestrian crossing (A4304), better internet connections.
 - Safe road crossing, footpath from Walcote to North Kilworth
 - Additional facilities within the pub e.g. parcel drop and collection points for some of the courier companies and amazon. This would also bring in money to the pub as well as being a useful resource.
 - If East of Lutterworth development goes ahead I'd want to see investment in the green infrastructure e.g. country park.

Q14 The Parish Council owns a 2-acre field at the corner of South Kilworth Road and the A4304, which has in the past been let for grazing. It is currently unoccupied, how should this be put to use?

- It is good to have this land to use should the need for housing arise.
- Cricket ground or sports pitches.
- Develop into an environmental and wildlife haven with viewing area and seating. Dog poo bin also.
- Re-let, upgrade the quality of the land, reseed, back fence. It must be kept as an open space.
- Possibly with ecological improvement
- Planted up as natural habitat - and open for walking - wildflower meadow.
- Probably needs to be considered on an offer-by-offer basis
- Wildlife, neighbourhood country park style development
- Land owned by the village should be kept in perpetuity for the benefit of the parish residents. It will also allow a buffer should further development be forced upon us in future demands from the district council.

- Maybe this could be where a village store could be.
- I do not believe this land should be sold for building - once gone any potential income is lost forever.
- Local shop, Post office. So using a small area of that space initially.
- Enterprise business units
- Eco, wooded 'quiet area', similar to that at the old pit at Husbands Bosworth

Q18 Please give further details of any changes needed

32 Responses

- Getting onto the A4304 is needed, people driving on the road do not realise you can't see them. Also, vehicles parking in bus stop is a no no.
- Speed cameras needed
- Speed restrictions in place but not adhered to.
- Traffic on A4304 too fast. Also volumes will increase with Lutterworth East.
- I am concerned about the number of car transporters passing through the village on their way from Bruntingthorpe to the M1 but doubt whether anything can be done.
- A4304 - speed limit enforcement needed. A4304 - pedestrian crossing between bus stops (i.e. outside fuel station and opposite).
- More regular bus service.
- Place to park commercial vehicles away from residential properties.
- Activate the speed cameras through the village
- Small but significant number of vehicles travelling at excessive speed on A4304 through village,
- 20 mile an hour speed limit Cromwell Close/Chapel Lane/Franks Lane.
- We need speed cameras through the village. It is a nightmare where we live to even cross the road.
- Street parking on Brook Street and Cromwell Close - particular problem. Speed on the A4304 - cameras?
- Lorry loads carrying cars to Bruntingthorpe frequently speed through the village and sales reps cut through via Kimcote. Auctions at Bruntingthorpe should advise lorries and reps to drive with speed limits.
- Speed should be more enforced.
- Enforcement of speed limit on A4304, day and night. Realistic vision of domestic parking - more and more cars in households are bringing chaotic parking in narrow roads, lanes and closes, causing nuisance and obstruction.
- Even with the new cameras, speed is still an issue. Our house is on the A4304 and you can hear when vehicles are tearing through the village and beeping their horns (often several times a day - it drives me nuts!). There are also still plenty of tailgaters behind on the way into the village, and people travelling much faster in front. A mini roundabout to help getting out of the village would be wonderful - at busy times it can be almost impossible with the continuous stream of traffic from both sides and with such a poor view towards Lutterworth. I think some signage to warn vehicles travelling from Lutterworth direction of the poor view would be appropriate. They can see we're waiting more clearly than we can see them coming, but most of them probably don't realise that. I don't know how it would be possible, but I'd

love to see a way to reduce the number of HGVs hurtling through the village at all hours of the day and night, making the buildings shake. It's also not uncommon to be woken in the night by them using Swinford Road to turn round with their reversing sirens beeping (which must be even more unpleasant for the people in the houses on that corner).

- Speed of traffic needs to be controlled
- Actually put in the average speed check cameras
- South Kilworth Road leaving the village is a narrow unclassified road, which is used as a rat run from the A14 to Lutterworth and the M1 primarily to avoid speed limits and cameras in Welford and North Kilworth. There are two long straights on this road and much of the traffic exceeds the 60 mph national limit, which "protects" it with some vehicles travelling at speeds in excess of 80 mph. The road has wide verges, which the Local Authority cuts at best twice a year, which means that local residents driving onto the road do so at their peril. This road badly needs a lower speed limit.
- Traffic speeds through with no regard for the limit. It makes it dangerous to turn right from Brook Street towards Lutterworth and at peak times this can take up to 10 minutes. Car sensitive traffic lights would help and help people cross e.g. children who need to catch the school bus. Cars are abandoned all over Brook Street and chapel lane making it difficult to drive down either road. Parking must be improved especially for existing businesses that operate within the village of Walcote.
- I think a crossing is needed I see many school children trying to cross the road in the morning and it's very dangerous as vehicles speed through constantly included lorries, I've seen many near misses and one accident.
- Sleeping policemen, wider footpaths and a safe road crossing
- Franks Road should be made a one way route with a speed limit of 20 mph with an adequate footpath to take pushchairs Brook St, Chapel Lane and Cromwell Close should have a 20 mph limit. 20mph speed limit
- Parking for people who come here to work should be provided or arranged by their employer, i.e. not on residential roads, depriving residents of parking spaces, or parking spaces for visitors/trades people
- More signs entering the village reminding drivers to slow down for children and local residents. Kilby have some nice gatework either side of the road on entrance to the village which is good because it makes the village appear more cared for and an actual community. I believe some drivers coming off the motorway at fast speeds forget they are entering a village. Maybe 3 average speed check cameras from entry to exit of the village?
- Reduce speed and volume of traffic that vibrates the foundations of a property along side the A4304 especially large vehicles. Walcote is a narrow linear settlement and large vehicles come unnervingly close to parked car and anybody trying to access the boot!
- Neutral parking spaces so residents who have very restricted parking space can enter the A4304 safely at peak times. Vehicles are so large that they are literally centimeters away from my drive and access to my vehicle is very restrictive when parked within the boundary.
- Road from Walcote to north kilworth needs reducing from 60mph to 50 mph as multiple fatal accidents have happened in the past few years
- Crossing A4304 by car or on foot from Brooke St
- Stricter prevention of lorries parking on main road to use garage shop
- If the village grows further to the east of the A4304, support for crossing the road will become more important. The footpath between Walcote and Misterton is in need of repair.

- Pedestrian crossing between the triangle at the end of Brook Street and the bus stop/garage.

Q20 Do any of the below cause you concern within the Parish?

5 Responses

- Not an easy question to answer, yes I would be concerned, at present none have been experienced.
- Roadside parking on Brook Street not good. Have to weave between cars and a safety concern with children and animals.
- Lorries parking outside fuel station and opposite Swinford Road junction while drivers go into shop.
- Flooding could become a major problem for the village depending on how drainage is handled on the Lutterworth east development. The ability of developers to abrogate planning and building guidance gives no confidence this will be handled correctly.
- An effective neighbourhood watch system should be encouraged.

Q28 Are there any other comments you would like to make?

10 responses

- One of the reasons for knocking down the old school and relocating the village hall was so the hall was available to people not having to cross the main road well when you are trying to cross the road it is so worrying (especially when a family member has been knocked down when there was not anywhere near the traffic there is today). So with the amount of traffic I most definitely feel there is a need for traffic control to get across the road, either walking or driving.
- The east of M1 developments are both within the parish boundary - why are they not included for our discussion? They will directly impact all of the questions in this document.
- Improvement for mobile phone signal would be welcome.
- Traffic levels increasing on A4304 with Lutterworth east and increase to Magna Park. Proposed traveler community camp at new Lutterworth east and seating concerns. Poor roadside parking on Brook Street. Loss of the spinney on Brook Street for houses. Poor broadband in village.
- I have only lived in the village for a couple of months so some of my answers are "best guesses" rather than knowledge of the local area. One of the main reasons I moved to Walcote was the quiet location and I certainly wouldn't like that to change. I have been very impressed by the facilities available in a small village. I also have concerns about parking on Brook Street - on occasions there have been vehicles parked on both sides of the road, which would make it impossible for emergency services (fire engine or ambulance) to get past. I don't want to see any form of parking restrictions introduced but people should be aware that it is not acceptable to prevent larger vehicles getting through.
- What is the parish council doing about the encroachment of proposed Lutterworth East into the Parish?

- Whilst recognizing the difficulty, some form of traffic calming on the A4304 through Walcote should be introduced.
- I welcome the Neighbourhood Plan and hope it will result in thoughtful decision-making about the future of the village
- Appreciate the value of having at least a limited say in the future development of the local community. Being considerate about the design of new buildings is crucial if we want to maintain some integrity of the village environment. Eco buildings will be a great way to connect current village building style with an economical building process that shows forethought. 'A village that thinks about the future and sets a precedence with the planet in mind.'