



EARSWICK
PARISH COUNCIL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING PARTY

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VISION AND OBJECTIVES SURVEY FINDINGS



Based on the issues you raised in the first residents' survey and at the subsequent consultation meeting, the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party produced a Vision and Objectives survey and sent it to every household in the village. We asked you to tell us how important you thought the various objectives would be to our community.

Your responses have just been analysed and an overview of the results are outlined in this newsletter.

But first, a **BIG THANK YOU** for completing the second Survey. Some 206 (60%) questionnaires have been returned.

The views that you expressed will be at the centre of our Neighbourhood Plan, the draft of which is currently being written, and will be available for comment over the coming weeks.

In the meantime we would like to invite all residents to attend a public meeting on **Monday 6th June 2016 at 7pm in the Village Hall** to hear in more detail the results of the survey and what the next steps will be.

Yours sincerely,

Bill, Sian, Derek, Graham, Ian, Jim and Francis

Earswick Neighbourhood Plan Working Party

(Further Information on the Earswick Neighbourhood Plan Working Party or any other aspect of the Earswick Plan, is available on the Earswick Parish Council website: www.earswick.org under the sub-heading Neighbourhood Plan or you can contact us by email at: earswickneighbourhoodplan@aol.co.uk)

Objective 1: Ensure that the village continues to be a safe and secure village in which to live.

Draft Objective/Plan	Strongly Disagree %	Disagree %	Neutral %	Agree %	Strongly Agree %
1.1 Construct the proposed security fencing around the open space areas and to continually monitor the security of these areas.	11.0	7.0	22.0	32.0	28.0
1.2 Consider improved security measures around the village hall to combat antisocial behaviour.	4.4	4.9	18.7	41.4	30.5
1.3 Continue to support and encourage residents to take part in the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.	0.0	0.0	7.8	46.1	46.1
1.4 Continue to have regular dialogue with representatives of North Yorkshire Police with regard to the provision of security and to combat crime.	0.0	0.0	3.4	47.1	49.5
1.5 Ensure that any new developments implement appropriate security measures.	4.2	0.0	8.5	41.8	45.5
1.6 Work with other stakeholders to discourage unwanted cold-calling.	0.0	0.5	4.0	33.8	61.7

Comment: On average 86% of respondents support the proposals set out in Objective 1.

Objective 2: Protect our open space and the landscape.

Draft Objective/Plan	Strongly Disagree %	Disagree %	Neutral %	Agree %	Strongly Agree %
2.1 Protect the unique rural character of our village.	0.0	1.0	8.3	24.4	66.3
2.2 Enhance and maintain the existing acreage of public open space.	0.0	1.0	3.9	30.4	64.7
2.3 Protect as much of the existing Green Belt.	2.0	2.0	6.5	19.0	70.5
2.4 Protect and where possible restore, create and manage existing and potential wildlife sites and habitats within the village.	0.5	0.0	4.4	27.3	67.8
2.5 Protect our existing natural distinctive landscape.	0.0	0.5	6.0	30.3	63.2
2.6 Ensure that all development proposals do not have an adverse impact on existing wildlife sites or habitats.	3.6	0.0	6.6	22.8	67.0
2.7 Ensure that all applications for development should demonstrate within their Design and Access Statements how the need to minimise any negative visual or landscape impact will be addressed in the scheme design.	4.6	0.0	2.5	30.5	62.4
2.8 Ensure that any new housing and development proposals within the Village include an environmental assessment of their potential impact on woodlands, hedgerows, ponds, streams, verges/ditches and any other geological features as well as existing open views and vistas.	4.6	0.0	4.1	27.6	63.8
2.9 Encourage the use in developments of soft landscaping to match and where possible enhance the existing natural environment.	4.1	0.5	5.7	33.5	56.2
2.10 Ensure any applications to fell significant trees must be supported by appropriate evidence.	2.0	1.0	5.9	34.2	56.9

Comment: On average 92% of respondents support the proposals set out in Objective 2.

Objective 3: Seek ongoing improvements to transport facilities, road and pathway conditions.

Draft Objective/Plan	Strongly Disagree %	Disagree %	Neutral %	Agree %	Strongly Agree %
3.1 Carry out a thorough review of all traffic issues within the village.	0.5	2.0	9.3	31.7	56.6
3.2 Engage with the Highways Department to discuss safer routes for pedestrians and cyclists crossing the ring road as part of the reconfiguration of the roundabout on the A1237.	0.5	1.0	2.9	24.4	71.2
3.3 Investigate ways to improve public transport by engaging with relevant stakeholders.	1.0	1.0	13.9	41.3	42.8
3.4 Explore with City of York Council the possibility of providing a cycle lane through the village to Huntington, possibly as part of the ring road improvements.	3.4	2.0	17.6	28.3	48.8
3.5 Ensure that any applications for development identify and consider the additional level of traffic that they are likely to generate. They should assess the potential impact of this traffic on pedestrians, cyclists, road safety, parking and congestion within the Village and include within their proposals measures to mitigate any adverse impact.	5.6	0.0	5.1	16.9	72.3
3.6 Ensure that any applications for development in the Village consider how they will improve safe movement of pedestrians and cyclists to the services and community facilities within the village.	5.2	1.0	7.3	27.6	58.9

Comment: On average 87% of respondents support the proposals set out in Objective 3.

Objective 4: Deliver modest development that is sensitive to the environment, infrastructure constraints and improves the quality of life of all current and future residents.

Draft Objective/Plan	Strongly Disagree %	Disagree %	Neutral %	Agree %	Strongly Agree %
4.1 Ensure that any new development enables proportionate growth, does not exceed 10% of the current village size over the next 15 years, allows for gradual expansion and evolution of facilities and will not undermine the character of the Village.	13.0	4.3	5.9	20.0	56.8
4.2 Identify sites suitable for housing development. Proposals for new housing developments should adopt the approach to design, siting and layout that will be set out in the Plan. To achieve this, there will need to be a mix of sizes and costs with some new housing being affordable to local people.	17.6	5.3	10.7	32.6	33.7
4.3 Ensure any new housing broadens the range of stock available in the Village; the type and cost of new housing should meet the housing needs of the local area for now and into the future.	13.2	5.3	12.7	31.7	37.0
4.4 Ensure developers give consideration to any suitable brownfield sites before putting forward plans to build on open countryside.	5.9	1.1	5.9	16.0	71.1
4.5 Ensure any new development adds to the vitality of the community. Developers should demonstrate how their proposals would help to maintain a balanced community into the future.	8.8	0.0	10.4	31.3	49.5
4.6 Ensure any new development is not prominent in scale or significantly change the character of the village. It should reflect the type and quality of housing as that existing within the village.	9.1	1.6	7.5	22.5	59.4
4.7 Ensure any new development is of a height and appearance that does not adversely affect key distinctive views into and out of the village.	9.1	1.1	4.3	26.2	59.4

Comment: On average 78% of respondents support the proposals set out in Objective 4.

Objective 5: Maintain and improve local facilities for all residents.

Draft Objective/Plan	Strongly Disagree %	Disagree %	Neutral %	Agree %	Strongly Agree %
5.1 Engage with voluntary and community sectors to improve usage of existing facilities and identify areas for improving or adding to those facilities.	0.5	0.5	19.1	51.8	28.1
5.2 Understand the needs of young people and where funds allow extend facilities for them and ensure that their views are heard and addressed as far as possible.	0.5	2.5	16.0	49.5	31.5
5.3 Encourage members of the community to get involved in the activities of the Village.	1.0	1.0	20.7	49.5	27.8
5.4 Ensure any new housing/development identifies the impact on facilities and how the facilities can be enhanced to meet proposed growth. Where necessary, developers should also ensure that there is safe and easy access for residents from their site to local facilities and services.	9.6	1.1	5.9	41.5	42.0
5.5 Any new housing development must explore the economic viability of establishing community health facilities within the village.	12.9	4.3	17.2	26.3	39.2

Comment: On average 77% of respondents support the proposals set out in Objective 5.

Conclusions:

The issues raised by the Parish Council Neighbourhood Planning Working Party through its discussions and consultations with residents have been considered throughout our community and the overwhelming support for the village to have its own Neighbourhood Plan is clearly demonstrated by the fact that an unprecedented 60% of households responded to both residents' surveys.

The results from those surveys have shown that:

- We agree the issues that are important to the village.
- We appreciate living in Earswick and its surroundings.
- The majority of residents do not want to see any housing development on the greenbelt but in the event that some development does occur they feel it is essential that policies are in place to reflect the wishes of the community. On average 80% of respondents support the Vision and Objectives proposals.
- Whilst we are happy to embrace change and progress we want to ensure that we retain the character of Earswick.

Next Steps

- Draw up a draft neighbourhood plan incorporating the results of the consultations to date.
- Send the draft out for consultation within the village.
- When this has been completed, make any changes deemed appropriate and send it to City of York Council for circulation to the statutory consultees.
- Make any necessary amendments to the document.
- Send the document for public examination.
- Submit the Neighbourhood Plan to a local referendum.

It is envisaged that the draft will go out to local consultation in early July 2016 and that the process will culminate in the referendum in late 2016.

IT'S YOUR COMMUNITY - YOUR OPINIONS COUNT

