

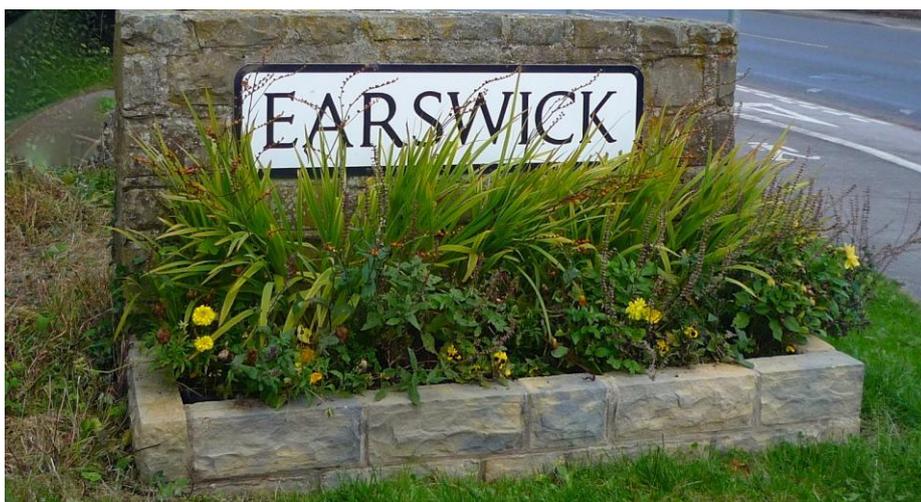


April 2016

Residents' Survey No. 2

Draft Vision and Objectives

- We've taken the comments made in the first round of consultation and identified five sections to form the draft vision of how Earswick could develop over the next 15 years.
- Now it's up to YOU again, we want YOUR thoughts on the draft vision and objectives we've identified.
- Your opinions are valuable, it's YOUR community, how do YOU want it to develop?
- Please send us your views and help us shape future policy, surveys will be collected by Sunday 24th April.



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Further to our February newsletter, please find our second survey of residents' views on the development of Earswick Village over the next 15 years.

As you will see, we have taken your feedback from the first survey and, working with our consultants *YourLocale*, have developed an initial draft vision and set of plan objectives. We would like you to make some time to review this and provide your assessment by rating each of the draft objectives (agree/disagree) and providing comments in the space provided.

As before, to maintain anonymity of responses, we would be grateful if you would hand your completed response in the unmarked envelope to one of the Working Party who will come and collect it from you by Sunday, 24th April. Following independent collation of responses (by *YourLocale*), we will update residents at a Village Hall meeting on Monday, 6th June.

If you have any questions, please speak to any of the Working Party or send an email to earswickneighbourhoodplan@aol.co.uk.

As you are all aware, this is important for our village and your views are extremely important. Thank you again for your continued support in helping to shape and develop Earswick's future.

Yours sincerely,

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

Earswick Neighbourhood Plan Working Party



Draft Vision

Our vision is for Earswick Village to be a desirable place to live for all residents based on its distinctive, semi-rural character and open space, safe and secure environment and community spirit.

Draft Objectives

Our Neighbourhood Plan aims to maintain and improve our distinctive ‘small, green, safe and friendly village’ while accommodating some modest development to support City of York Council’s growth ambitions over the next 15 years. In order of importance of issues identified by you, our plan objectives are to:

1. Ensure that the village continues to be a safe and secure place in which to live;
2. Protect our open space and the landscape;
3. Seek ongoing improvements to public transport facilities, road and pathway conditions;
4. Deliver modest housing development that is sensitive to the environment, infrastructure constraints and improves the quality of life for all current and future residents; and
5. Maintain and improve local facilities for all residents.

We set out below details of each objective with some context, a reminder of the issues you identified and our initial draft detailed objectives/plans for you to rate. For each, please indicate your agreement by placing a ✓ in the appropriate box.

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

Our objective is to ensure that Earswick takes all reasonable measures to maintain the security of the village and its residents.

Context

Earswick is a very safe place in which to live. It enjoys a relatively low level of crime rate and the village already operates a very good Neighbourhood Watch Scheme that covers most areas of the Village. Despite this, residents placed Security and Crime as one of their top 3 key issues.

Issues identified by residents

- Improve security of the open spaces and village green.
- Extend Neighbourhood Watch to cover all areas of the village.
- Anti-social behaviour around the village hall and open spaces.

Draft objectives/plans

	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.					
1.2 Consider improved security measures around the village hall to combat anti-social behaviour.					
1.3 Continue to support and encourage residents to take part in the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.					
1.4 Continue to have regular dialogue with representatives of North Yorkshire Police with regard to the provision of security and to combat crime.					
1.5 Ensure that any new developments implement appropriate security measures.					
1.6 Work with other stakeholders to discourage unwanted cold-calling.					

Residents comments (including any other detailed objectives or plans)

Objective 2: Protect our open space and the landscape.

Our objective is to ensure that policies are set in place that support the existing European and National legislation with regard to nature conservation and to provide an additional layer of protection by ensuring any potential new development within the village is encouraged to mitigate any possible harmful impact on the existing natural environment.

Context

Our natural environment and the biodiversity that it supports are important. In addition to its 30 acres of public open space the Village also has a number of nature conservation areas located throughout the area that are easily accessible via a series of natural pathways. Local distinctiveness contributes to a sense of place and community and natural features such as small woodlands, in-field trees, hedgerows, ponds and meadows are significant landscape components which distinguish the Village.

Issues identified by residents

- Maintain views and vistas across open countryside
- Protect the Green Belt wherever possible
- Protect existing local wildlife sites and habitats
- Protect and maintain the Public Open Spaces
- Keep dogs under control and the clearing up of footpaths and open spaces

Draft objectives/plans

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
2.1 Protect the unique rural character of our village.					
2.2 Enhance and maintain the existing acreage of public open space.					
2.3 Protect as much of the existing Green Belt.					
2.4 Protect and where possible restore, create and manage existing and potential wildlife sites and habitats within the village.					
2.5 Protect our existing natural distinctive landscape.					
2.6 Ensure that all development proposals do not have an adverse impact on existing wildlife sites or habitats.					
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.					
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.					
2.9 Encourage the use in developments of soft landscaping to match and where possible enhance the existing natural environment.					
2.10 Ensure any applications to fell significant trees must be supported by appropriate evidence.					
2.11 Develop a strategy with other stakeholders on how to minimise/eradicate the fouling of our footpaths and open spaces by dogs.					

Residents comments (including any other detailed objectives or plans)

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

Our objective is to improve accessibility for both pedestrians and cyclists to and from the village and to develop a policy that ensures traffic issues are a major consideration in any new residential development applications while continuing to seek improvements in village roads and pathways

Context

In the initial survey, roads and pathways were identified as one of the areas requiring most improvement with many residents commenting on road safety and traffic issues.

Issues identified by residents

- Traffic issues, speed, parking, congestion, HGVs
- Safe crossing over the A1237 northern ring road
- Availability of local public transport
- Provision of a cycle lane on Strensall Road

Draft objectives/plans

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
3.1 Carry out a thorough review of all traffic issues within the village.					
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.					
3.3 Investigate ways to improve public transport by engaging with relevant stakeholders.					
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.					
3.5 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.					
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.					

Residents comments (including any other detailed objectives or plans)

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.

Our objective is to develop policies that are designed to ensure that any new development respects the existing form and function of the various settlements within the Village.

Context

The initial survey results showed that the majority of respondents are highly satisfied with the current housing supply. Some respondents however indicated that they would like to see some housing development over the next 15 years.

Issues identified by residents

- No major developments in the parish
- Better mix of housing
- Any development must be phased over a number of years
- Maintain an appropriate social balance
- Need for sustainable housing
- Small scale housing development
- Development to favour brownfield sites first
- New building reflects the character of the village
- Limited amount of affordable homes

Draft objectives/plans

	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 <u>and</u> will not undermine the character of the Village.					
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.					
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.					
4.4 Ensure developers give consideration to any suitable brownfield sites before putting forward plans to build on open countryside.					
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.					
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.					
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.					

Residents comments (including any other detailed objectives or plans)

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

Our objective is to develop policies that are aimed at ensuring that the current level of services enjoyed within the village are retained and, where appropriate, new services and facilities can be added in the future.

Context

An improvement to community facilities was identified as an issue by a number of respondents in particular the possible future provision of health services within the village.

Issues identified by residents

- Maintain and, wherever possible, extend community and social facilities
- Encourage clubs and other recreational facilities
- Provide better facilities for young people
- Support elderly residents in the community

Draft objectives/plans

	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.					
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.					
5.3 Encourage members of the community to get involved in the activities of the Village.					
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.					
5.5 Any new housing development must explore the economic viability of establishing community health facilities within the village.					

Residents comments (including any other detailed objectives or plans)

Your household – As with our first survey, to enable us to understand the level of age representation in the responses, please tell us the number of residents in your household by age group.

Age Group	<11	12-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	>65	Total
Number							

Thank you for making time for this.



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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.

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