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## The Parish of Desford Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire



## The Results

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# Residents Survey

## 1) Introduction

The Neighbourhood Plan process will provide residents, businesses, service providers and local organisations with a unique opportunity to help guide development within the designated area, plan the future delivery of local services and facilities, and ensure that the Parish of Desford remains a vibrant and sustainable place to live, work, and do business.

To support the successful development of the Parish of Desford Neighbourhood Plan, the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire & Rutland) supported the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group to undertake a consultation with households in the designated area.

## 2) Survey Methodology

A questionnaire was developed by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group. The final version of the questionnaire (see Appendix 1) and the basis of this report, was delivered to all households in the designated area for every person on the electoral register to complete. The questionnaire was 20 sides of A4 in length including the instructions, guidance notes providing further background and context and a map of the designated area. Those completing the Parish of Desford Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire also had the opportunity to enter a free prize draw.

In addition, any residents in need of a home in the Parish were also able to complete a separate *Housing Needs Survey* which was being facilitated by Midlands Rural Housing, with the support of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council.

A total of 1820 questionnaires were delivered to households in the designated area during March 2017 by members and volunteers of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group. Completed questionnaires were collected week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 by Working Group members. Residents could also leave their completed questionnaires at the Parish Office, Desford Library or Manor Farm Cottage, Botcheston.

Completed questionnaires were returned and then uploaded by volunteers of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group onto a survey software system for analysis by the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire & Rutland).

## 3) Results

### **Response to the survey**

The total number of completed Questionnaires returned and submitted onto the survey software system was 627. This equates to a 34% response rate of the questionnaires distributed.

### **Presentation of the results**

This report includes tables and charts which describe the results of the survey.

The tables show the number and percentage of respondents who selected each option. The percentages are calculated as a proportion of the number of respondents to the survey as a whole.

This report summarises the responses to the open text questions. A sample of the comments is also included to illustrate the points being made. A full list of all the comments made is available along with all other data in a separate excel spreadsheet.

## 4) Summary

### Life in the Parish of Desford

#### **Describing your village:**

The majority of respondents identified the Desford parish as being a *Nice place to live*.

Several comments reflected on how Desford parish is peaceful, friendly and nice, while others identified Desford parish as losing its village feel and becoming more of a commuter village with less people getting involved in community activities. Desford parish growing too rapidly and traffic density were also highlighted as negative aspects, while local schools along with sports and recreational facilities were seen as good.

#### **Crime and anti-social behaviour:**

The majority of respondents did not answer this question, but from those that did respond, the majority felt that the village suffers from *Crime*, followed by *Anti-social behaviour*.

Although a small number of respondents stated that they did not identify any crime or anti-social issues, the majority of the additional comments provided did highlight the need for a more visible Police presence within the parish. Concern was also expressed in relation to the following issues, listed here in order of popularity ***Burglaries - Speeding - Anti-Social behaviour - Street lights - Dog fouling - Neighbourhood Watch - Litter - Traffic - Traffic Wardens & Motorists***.

### Housing

The majority of respondents indicated that they have lived in the parish for over 10 years, identified '*Couple*' as the category best describing their household and that they live in a '*House*' and identified '*Own your own home outright*' as best describing their current accommodation.

The majority of respondents also indicated that there was no one in their household currently living away, intending to return within the next 5 years and that there was no one currently living in their household who needs to set up home separately in the parish over the next 5 years, but 31 of the respondents did identify such a need.

Although the majority of respondents indicated that no former members of their household had left the parish over the last 5 years, a smaller number of respondents did indicate that former household members had left the parish, totalling *108 persons*, the majority indicated '*To take up employment elsewhere*' as the main reason for leaving the parish, followed closely by '*Marriage or separation*' and '*To go to university or college*'.

Only 20 of the respondents identified *Lack of affordable housing* as a reason for former household members leaving the parish. Other reasons for members of the household leaving the parish included: *Death, Bought a house, Lodging, University, Moved in with partner*.

The majority of respondents indicated that they feel there is sufficient housing in the parish. Those that didn't think there was sufficient housing in the parish identified a range of housing as being needed in the parish, the top 5 of which include *Bungalows, Affordable home, Homes for first time buyers, Retirement homes/ elderly people – Sheltered accommodation and Council houses*.

Although the majority stated '*No more houses*' when asked '*If additional housing development is required within the parish, where do you think it should be?*' the following top 5 areas within the parish were identified, in order of popularity, as places where housing development could go if additional housing development is required, *Re-developed land/ brownfield sites. Within or close to village. Leicester Lane. Desford. Fields/ outskirts*.

## **Commuting**

The majority of respondents indicated that members of their household regularly commute to Leicester for *Work*, to Desford for *Education* and to Leicester for *Recreation*.

In addition, the following top 5 locations were identified, in order of popularity, as places where members of the household regularly commute.:

1. *Coalville*
2. *Enderby*
3. *Coventry*
4. *Loughborough*
5. *Across Leicestershire*

### *Mode of Transport:*

The majority of respondents indicated that the mode of transport members of their household use regularly is the *Car*, followed by *Walking* and *Public transport*.

### *Road Network:*

The top 4 roads that household members use regularly is *Leicester Lane (B582)*, the *A47*, *Peckleton Lane and Manor Road (B582)*.

In addition, the following were identified as other roads that members of the household use regularly. The top 5 in order of popularity.

- *Station Road*
- *A46*
- *Lindridge Lane*
- *A5*
- *Desford Road*

## **Community Facilities and Services**

### *Leisure:*

Respondents indicated that members of their household never use the facilities listed. Those households who did use the facilities identified '*playground/play areas*' as the most used facility on a daily and monthly basis, with '*Sport in Desford*' the most used on a weekly basis and the '*Tropical Bird Garden*' the most used on an annual or occasional basis.

### *Retail:*

The majority of respondents indicated that members of their household use the '*Local Shops*' and the '*Post office*' on a weekly basis. The most used facility for retail is the '*Local Shops*' and the least used facility for retail is the '*Hairdressers*'

### *Food and Drink:*

The majority of respondents indicated that members of their household never use the '*Cafe*' and only use the '*Pubs*' and '*Takeaway food shops*' occasionally. The most used facility for food and drink are the '*Pubs*' and the least used facility for food and drink is the '*Cafe*'

### *Community Facilities:*

The majority of respondents indicated that members of their household never use the '*Cemetery*' '*Botcheston Village Hall*' - '*Desford Free Church*' – '*Sport in Desford*' – '*The Church Centre*' and '*St Martins Church*'. The most used community facility is the '*Library*' and the least used community facility is the '*Cemetery*'

### *Childcare & Education:*

The majority of respondents indicated that members of their household never use the facilities listed. Those households who did use the facilities identified '*Bosworth Academy*' and '*Desford Community Primary School*' as the most used facility, with '*Childminder*' as the least used.

## **Health Services**

The majority of respondents indicated that members of their household never use the 'Chiropractor' followed by 'GP Referral (SID)' and 'Physiotherapy'. The most used health service facility is the 'Pharmacy' followed by the 'GP Surgery'

The majority of respondents identified 'Desford' as where their GP is based.

## **Shopping**

The majority of respondents identified 'Fosse Park/Grove Park' as where they go for their main grocery shop.

## **Traffic & Transport**

### *Issues of concern:*

The top 5 issues rated as, a very important issue that concerns them most, was 'High number of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV)' followed by 'Speeding vehicles' – 'Volume of traffic' – 'Inconsiderate parking' and 'Availability of public transport' The top 2 issues rated as least important were 'Frequent damage to street furniture' and 'Availability of parking spaces'

### *Traffic & Transport Improvements:*

The top 5 traffic and transport improvements that respondents rated as very important was 'Enforcement of speed limits' followed by 'Speed reduction measures' – 'More frequent bus services / New routes' – 'Lower speed limits' and 'Improved road signage'

The top 2 issues rated as least important were 'One way streets' and 'A bypass for Desford village'

## **Employment**

The majority of respondents indicated that they were retired. For those that indicated they were in work, most of these are working outside of the parish. The majority of those working in the parish are working from home.

## **Economy**

The majority of respondents indicated their support protecting pubs against closure. Areas with the least support included 'Development of heavy industry' – 'Diversification of rural agriculture businesses' and 'Development of light industry'

The following top 5 locations were identified in relation to where any business development should take place:

- Existing sites
- Peckleton Industrial Site - existing location
- Outskirts of the parish
- No more / no where
- Brownfield sites

## **Recreation**

The majority of respondents indicated that they were not aware of the existing recreational provision in the parish. 'The Three Villages Walking Group' was the only provision respondents were most aware of.

Respondents identified the 'MacMillan Cancer Activity Club' and the 'Over Fifties Fun & Fitness Club' as being very important to the parish.

The majority of respondents identified that the '*Protection of recreation areas from development*' was very important to the parish, followed by '*Increased recreational areas*' and '*More play equipment & facilities*'

The majority of respondents rated the '*Protection and enhancement of open spaces*' as being very important to the parish, while '*Electric fences alongside footpaths to separate people and livestock*' was rated as the least important.

### **Sports Activities**

The majority of respondents rated the existing sports provision in the parish as not important to them or their family, but they did rate the provision as very important to the parish.

### **Heritage**

The majority of respondents rated the '*Villages separated by fields and countryside*' as being a very important essential characteristic of the parish, followed by '*Retain the appearance and character of the Conservation Area & historic buildings*' The essential characteristic of the parish rated as not important was '*Do you want gardens to be developed for housing*'

### **Environment**

The majority of respondents indicated that there is enough street furniture (Bus shelters, benches, litter bins etc.) in the parish. Those respondents that indicated that there was not enough street furniture in the parish, wanted to see more '*Dog bins*', followed by '*Litter bins*', '*Benches*' and '*Bus Shelters*'

The top 5 amenities respondents rated were:

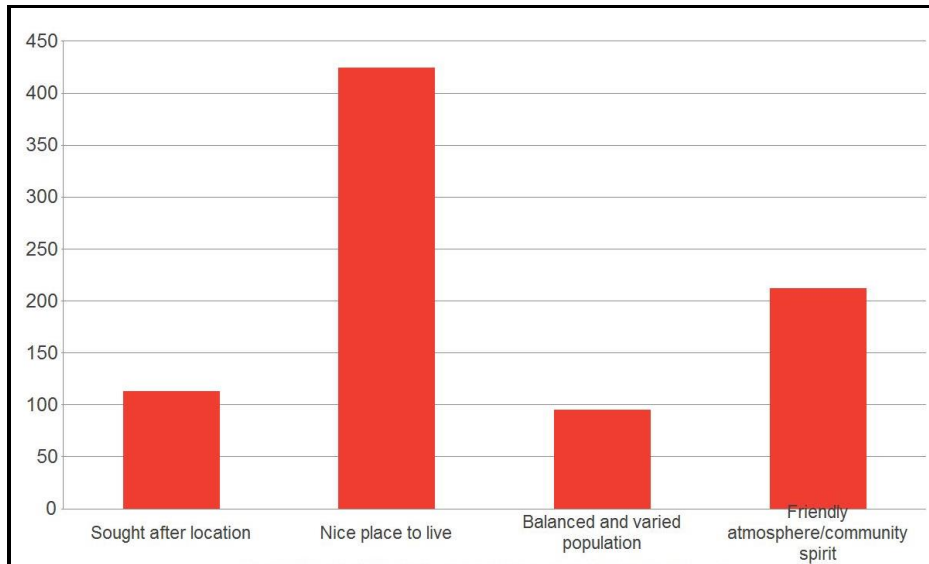
1. *Trees and hedgerows*
2. *Desford in Bloom*
3. *Wildlife areas*
4. *Planting flowers on grass verge*
5. *Provision of allotments*

The majority of respondents indicated that they would support a '*Local campaign/project to encourage lower energy consumption (and lower bills)*' in relation to Energy Consumption.

'*Future development of large renewable energy projects (e.g. wind turbines/solar farms)*' received the least support from respondents.

## 1. LIFE IN THE PARISH OF DESFORD

<b>Q1.1</b>	<b>Which of the following best describes your village?</b> <i>Please tick appropriate box</i>	
	113 (19%)	Sought after location
	424 (70%)	Nice place to live
	95 (16%)	Balanced and varied population
	212 (35%)	Friendly atmosphere/community spirit
	Please add any other thoughts: 52 comments	



The majority 424 (70%) of respondents identified Desford village as being a *Nice place to live*.

*Please add any other thoughts:*

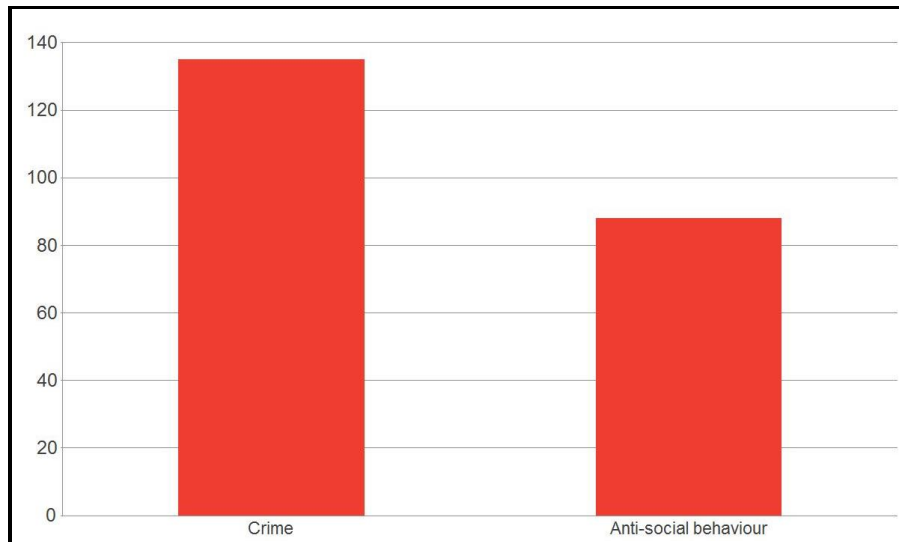
52 additional comments were provided in relation to what best describes your village. Several comments reflected on how Desford parish is peaceful, friendly and nice, while others identified Desford parish as losing its village feel and becoming more of a commuter village with less people getting involved in community activities. Desford parish growing too rapidly and traffic density were also highlighted as negative aspects, while local schools along with sports and recreational facilities were seen as good.

*Example comments:*

- *Lovely and peaceful in a busy world*
- *Commuter village - lost village touch.!*
- *Sadly, many moving into the village do not get involved with the community*
- *Growing too quickly*
- *Too much through traffic*
- *Good schools and excellent sports and recreational facilities. Lots of community groups*

<b>Q1.2</b>	<b>Do you feel that your village suffers from any of the following?</b> <i>Please tick appropriate box</i>	
	135 (70%)	Crime
	88 (46%)	Anti-social behaviour
	If you ticked any of the boxes to question 1.2, what would you like to see happen to improve the situation?	
	181 comments	





The majority of respondents did not answer this question, but from those that did respond, the majority felt that the village suffers from *Crime*, followed by *Anti-social behaviour*.

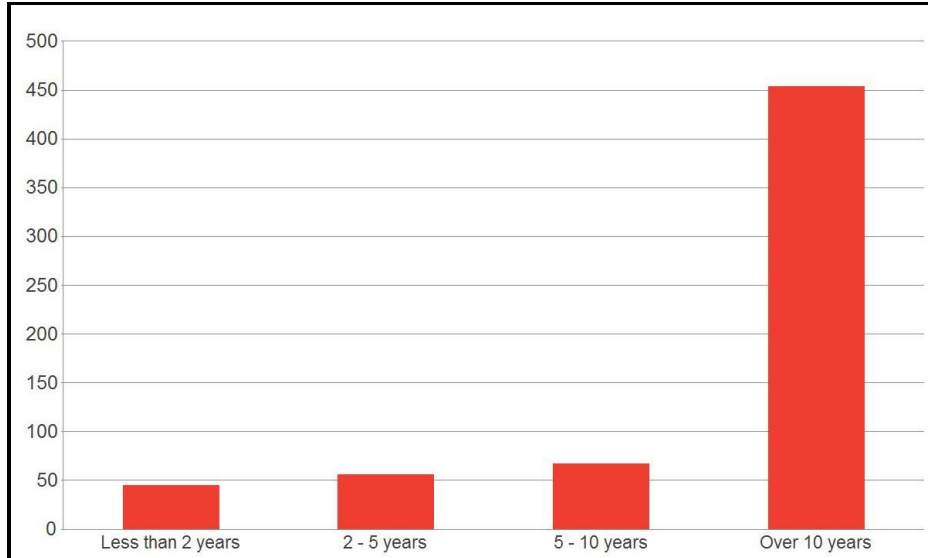
*What would you like to see happen to improve the situation?*

Although a small number of respondents stated that they did not identify any crime or anti-social issues, the majority of the 181 additional comments provided did highlight the need for a more visible Police presence within the parish. Concern was also expressed in relation to the following issues, listed here in order of popularity along with example comments:

- **Burglaries** - number of house and vehicle burglaries
- **Speeding** - more control of speeding traffic through the village and installing speed cameras
- **Anti-Social behaviour** - more police and council to take stricter action against anti-social behaviour
- **Street lights** - street lights dimmed rather than turned off overnight
- **Dog fouling** - anti social behaviour - Dog fouling! Many more dog bins, occasional dog patrol
- **Neighbourhood Watch** - an effective neighbourhood watch and police presence
- **Litter** - more litter bins
- **Traffic** - lorries/coaches abusing traffic regulations
- **Traffic Wardens** - parking wardens as too much parking on double yellow lines
- **Motorists** - HGV drivers breaking the law and drivers driving on the footpath to avoid speed ramps should be prosecuted

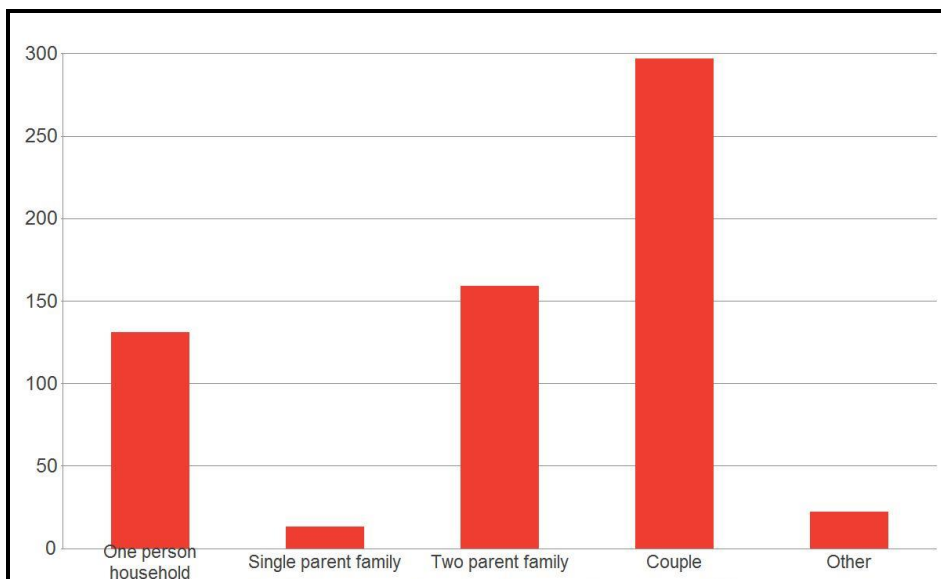
## 2. HOUSING

Q2.1 How long have you lived in this parish? <i>Please tick appropriate box</i>		
45 (7%)	Less than 2 years	
56 (9%)	2 - 5 years	
67 (11%)	5 - 10 years	
454 (73%)	Over 10 years	



The majority 454 (73%) of respondents indicated that they have lived in the parish for over 10 years.

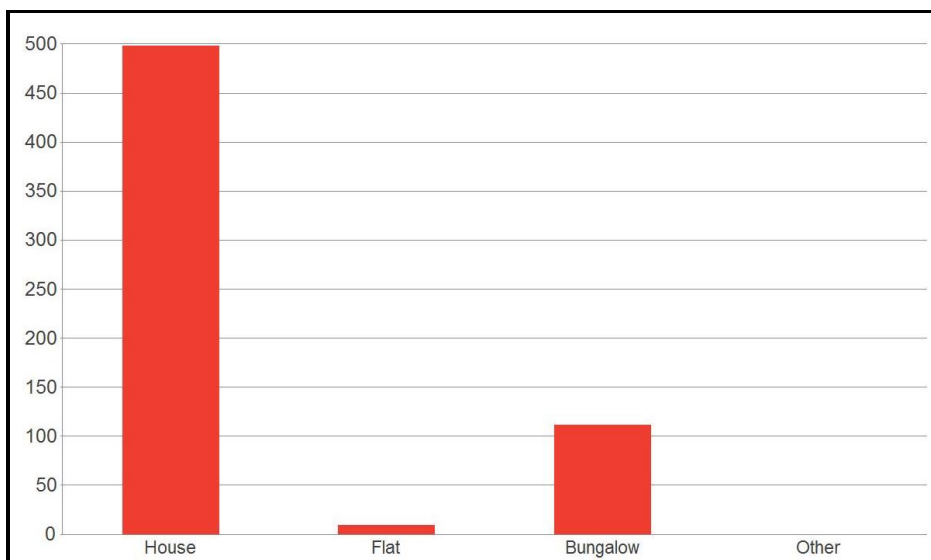
Q2.2 Which category best describes your household? <i>Please tick appropriate box</i>		
131 (21%)	One person household	
13 (2%)	Single parent family	
159 (26%)	Two parent family	
297 (48%)	Couple	
22 (4%)	Other	
Other - Please specify: 27 comments		



The majority 297 (48%) of respondents identified *Couple* as the category best describing their household. The following descriptions, were also identified from the 27 additional comments:

- *4-person household*
- *3-person household*
- *2-person household*
- *Retired/ empty nesters*
- *Family household*
- *3 generations*

<b>Q2.3 Please tick appropriate box Do you live in a:</b>	
498 (81%)	House
9 (2%)	Flat
111 (18%)	Bungalow
0 (0%)	Other
Other - please specify: 2 comments	

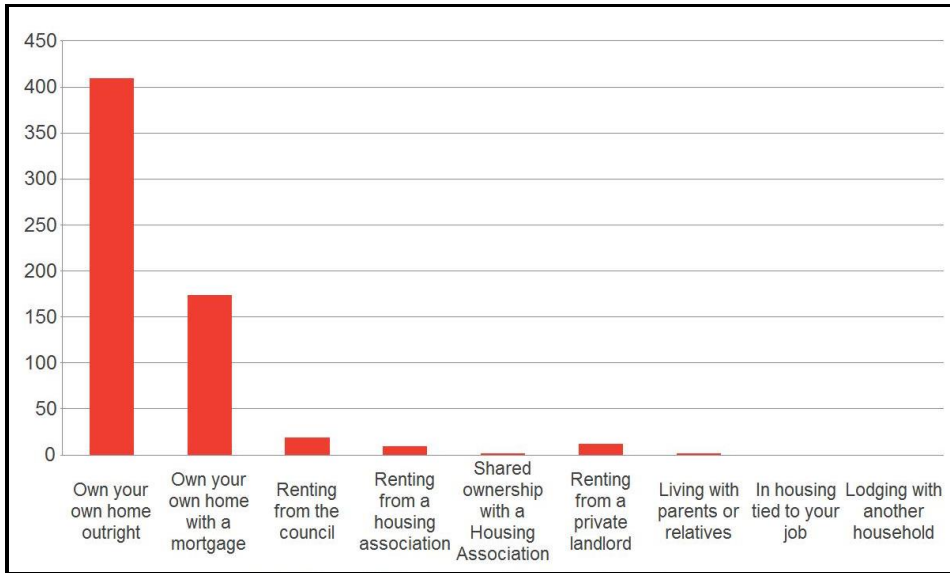


The majority 498 (81%) of respondents identified that they lived in a *House*.

*Other - please specify: 2 comments*

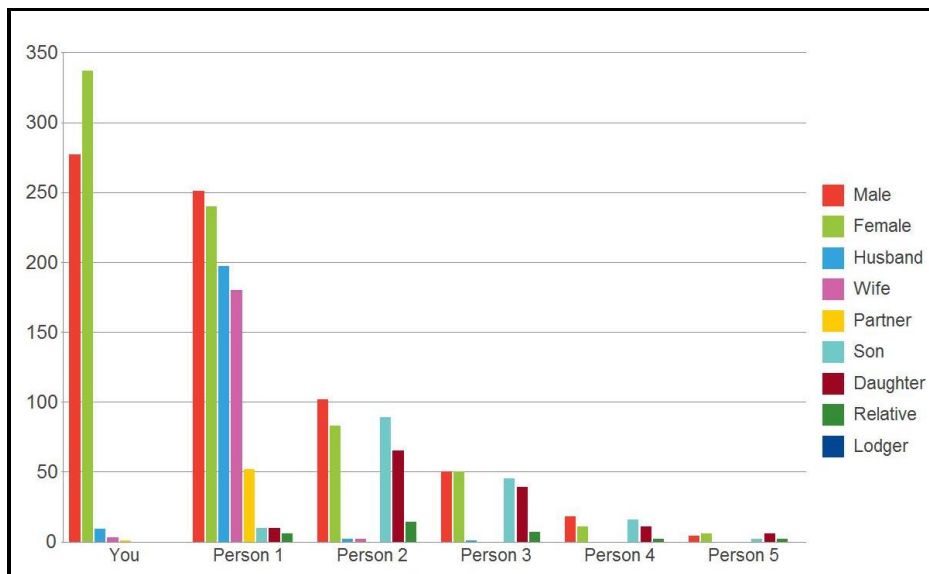
- *More than one house owned in the Parish, one outright and one with a mortgage.*
- *Terraced cottage.*

<b>Q2.4 Which of the following best describes your current accommodation? Please tick appropriate box</b>	
409 (66%)	Own your own home outright
173 (28%)	Own your own home with a mortgage
19 (3%)	Renting from the council
9 (1%)	Renting from a housing association
1 (0.2%)	Shared ownership with a Housing Association
12 (2%)	Renting from a private landlord
1 (0.2%)	Living with parents or relatives
0 (0.0%)	In housing tied to your job
0 (0.0%)	Lodging with another household

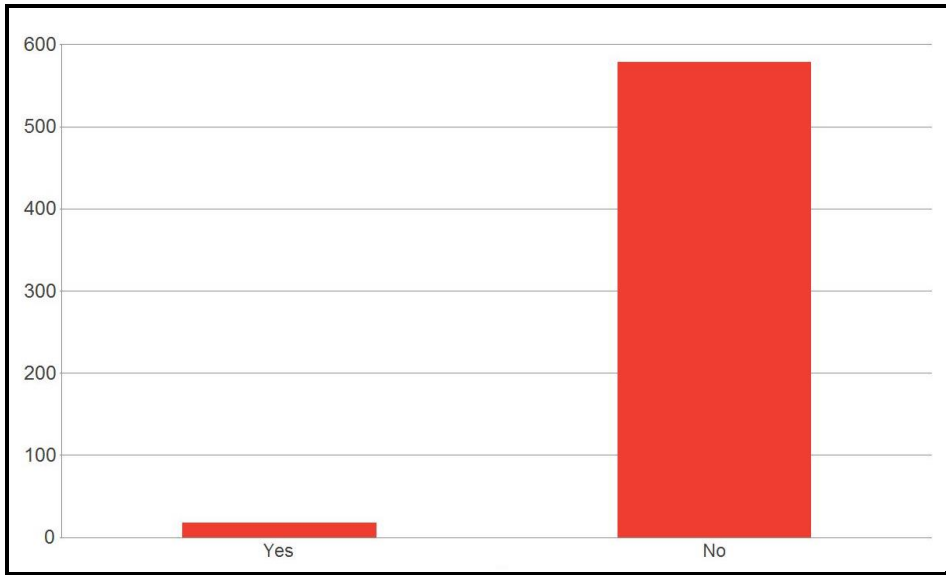


The majority 409 (66%) of respondents identified *Own your own home outright* as best describing their current accommodation.

Q2.5 Please indicate all those currently living in your household <i>Please tick appropriate box</i>										
		Male	Female	Husband	Wife	Partner	Son	Daughter	Relative	Lodger
	You	277 (45%)	337 (55%)	9 (2%)	3 (1%)	1 (0.2%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
	Person 1	251 (51%)	240 (49%)	197 (40%)	180 (37%)	52 (11%)	10 (2%)	10 (2%)	6 (1%)	0 (0%)
	Person 2	102 (55%)	83 (45%)	2 (1%)	2 (1%)	0 (0%)	89 (48%)	65 (35%)	14 (8%)	0 (0%)
	Person 3	50 (50%)	50 (50%)	1 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	45 (45%)	39 (39%)	7 (7%)	0 (0%)
	Person 4	18 (62%)	11 (38%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	16 (55%)	11 (38%)	2 (7%)	0 (0%)
	Person 5	4 (40%)	6 (60%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (20%)	6 (60%)	2 (20%)	0 (0%)

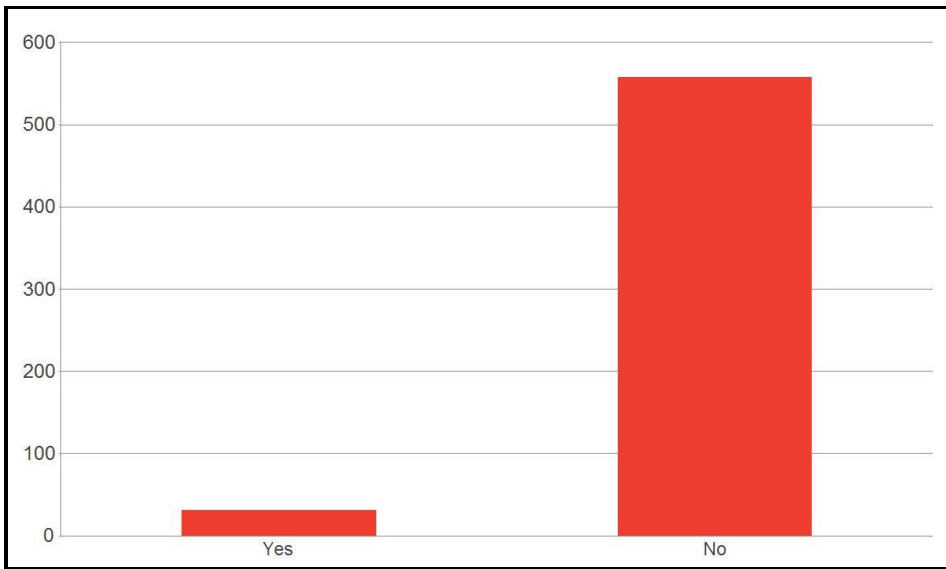


<b>Q2.5.1</b>	<b>Is there anyone currently living away, intending to return to the household in the coming 5 years?</b>	
	18 (3%)	Yes
	579 (97%)	No



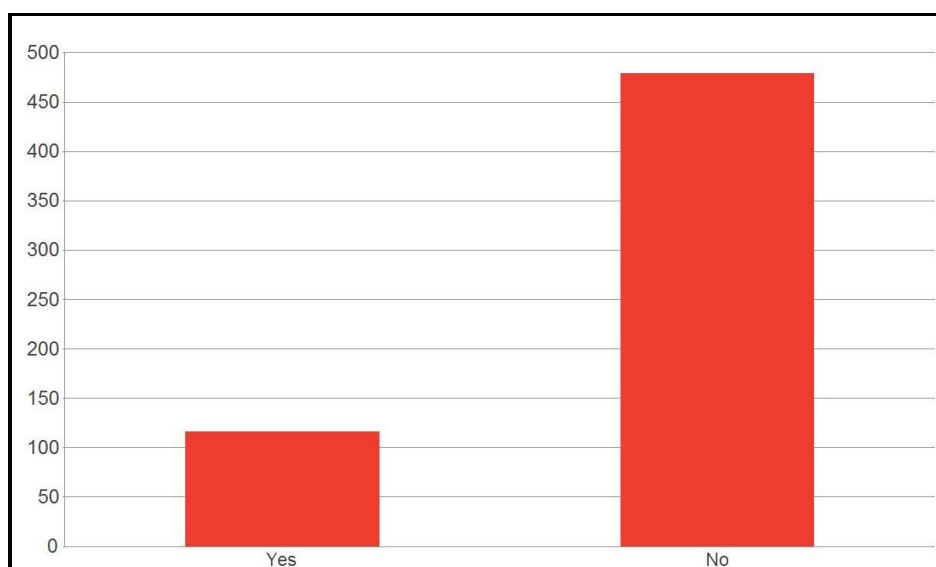
The majority 579 (97%) of respondents indicated that there was no one in their household currently living away, intending to return within the next 5 years.

<b>Q2.5.2</b>	<b>Does anyone living with you now, need to set up home separately from you in the parish, now or in the next 5 years?</b>	
	31 (5.3%)	Yes
	558 (94.7%)	No



The majority 558 (94.7%) of respondents indicated that there was no one currently living in their household who needs to set up home separately in the parish over the next 5 years, but 31 (5.3%) of respondents did identify such a need.

<b>Q2.5.3</b>	<b>Have any former members of your household left the parish over the last 5 years?</b>	
	116 (20%)	Yes
	479 (81%)	No
	If Yes, how many people? 108 comments	



The majority 479 (81%) of respondents indicated that no former members of their household had left the parish over the last 5 years, whilst 116 (20%) of respondents did indicate that former household members had left the parish.

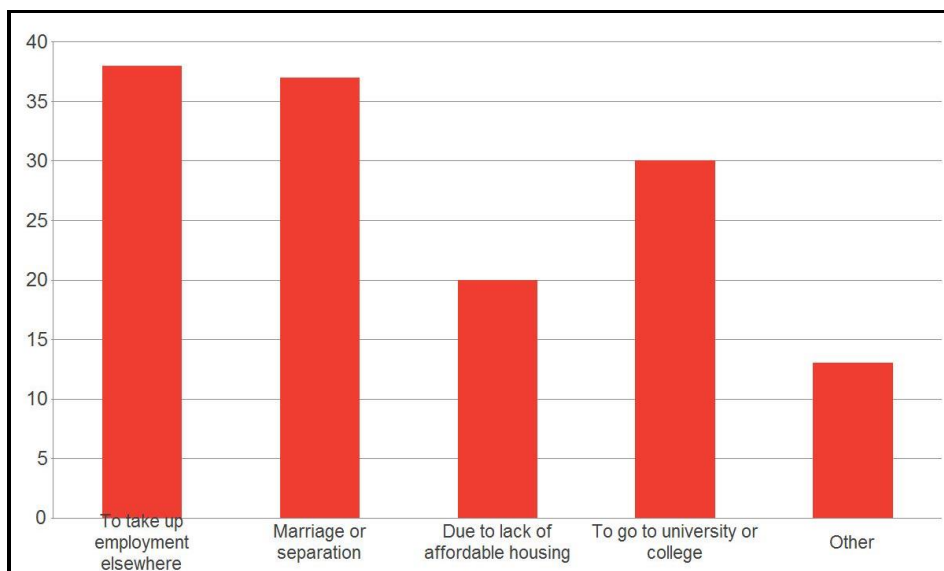
If Yes, how many people?

From the additional 108 comments received, the following indicates how many people had left the parish over the last 5 years:

- 1 former member of the household x 66
- 2 former members of the household x33
- 3 former members of the household x7
- 4 former members of the household x2

*Total:108 persons*

<b>Q2.5.5</b>	<b>If yes, was this:</b>	
	38 (33%)	To take up employment elsewhere
	37 (32%)	Marriage or separation
	20 (17%)	Due to lack of affordable housing
	30 (26%)	To go to university or college
	13 (11%)	Other
	Other reason - please specify: 20 comments	



The majority 38 (33%) of respondents indicated 'To take up employment elsewhere' as the main reason for leaving the parish, followed closely by 'Marriage or separation' and 'To go to university or college'.

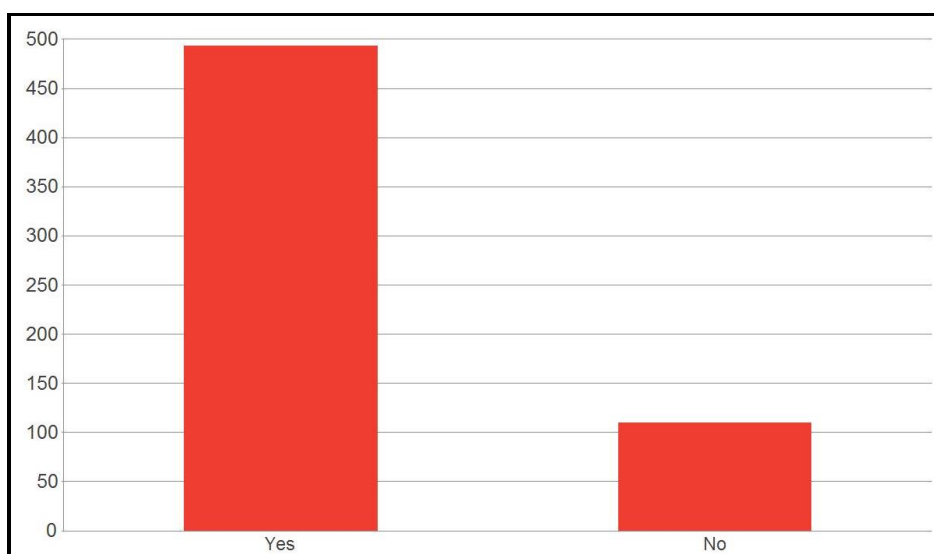
Only 20 (17%) of respondents identified Lack of affordable housing as a reason for former household members leaving the parish.

Other reason - please specify:

From the additional 20 comments received, the following were identified as key reasons for members of the household leaving the parish:

- Death
- Bought a house
- Lodging
- University
- Moved in with partner

Q2.6 Do you feel there is sufficient housing in the parish?		
	493 (82%)	Yes
	110 (18%)	No
If you answered No, what types of homes do you think are needed? 117 comments		



The majority 493 (82%) of respondents indicated that they feel there is sufficient housing in the parish.

If you answered No, what types of homes do you think are needed?

From the 117 additional comments provided, the following types of homes were identified as being needed in the parish, listed here in order of popularity:

- *Bungalows*
- *Affordable homes*
- *Homes for first time buyers*
- *Retirement homes/ elderly people- Sheltered accommodation*
- *Council houses*
- *Family homes*
- *Smaller/ medium sized homes*
- *3+ bedrooms*
- *Mix of homes*
- *Single occupancy homes*
- *Flats*

<b>Q2.7</b>	<b>If additional housing development is required within the parish, where do you think it should be?</b>
	197 comments

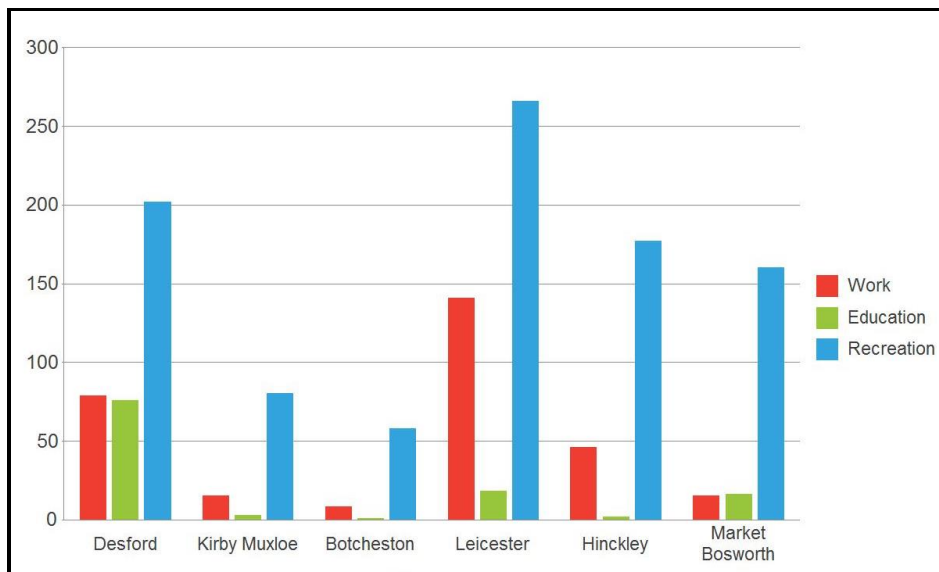
Although the majority of the 197 comments stated ‘*No more houses*’ the following areas within the parish were identified as places where housing development could go if additional housing development is required. The areas are listed here in order of popularity:

- *Re-developed land/ brownfield sites*
- *Within or close to village*
- *Leicester Lane*
- *Desford*
- *Fields/ outskirts*
- *Opposite/ near Bosworth Academy*
- *Opposite/ near caterpillar*
- *Bellway Estate/ Hunts Lane*
- *Peckleton Lane*
- *Near schools*
- *Near current/ already built areas*
- *Barns way area*
- *Botcheston area*
- *Lindridge Lane*
- *North/ East of village*



### 3. COMMUTING

Q3.1 Where do members of your household regularly commute, including education and recreation? <i>Please tick appropriate box</i>		Work	Education	Recreation	
	Desford	79 (29%)	76 (27%)	202 (73%)	
	Kirby Muxloe	15 (16%)	3 (3%)	80 (83%)	
	Botcheston	8 (12%)	1 (2%)	58 (89%)	
	Leicester	141 (39%)	18 (5%)	266 (74%)	
	Hinckley	46 (22%)	2 (1%)	177 (84%)	
	Market Bosworth	15 (8%)	16 (9%)	160 (88%)	
	Other	56 (48%)	15 (13%)	60 (51%)	
Other - please specify: 172 comments					



#### Work:

The majority 141 (39%) of respondents indicated that members of their household regularly commute to Leicester for *Work*.

#### Education:

The majority 76 (27%) of respondents indicated that members of their household regularly commute to Desford for *Education*.

#### Recreation:

The majority 266 (74%) of respondents indicated that members of their household regularly commute to Leicester for *Recreation*.

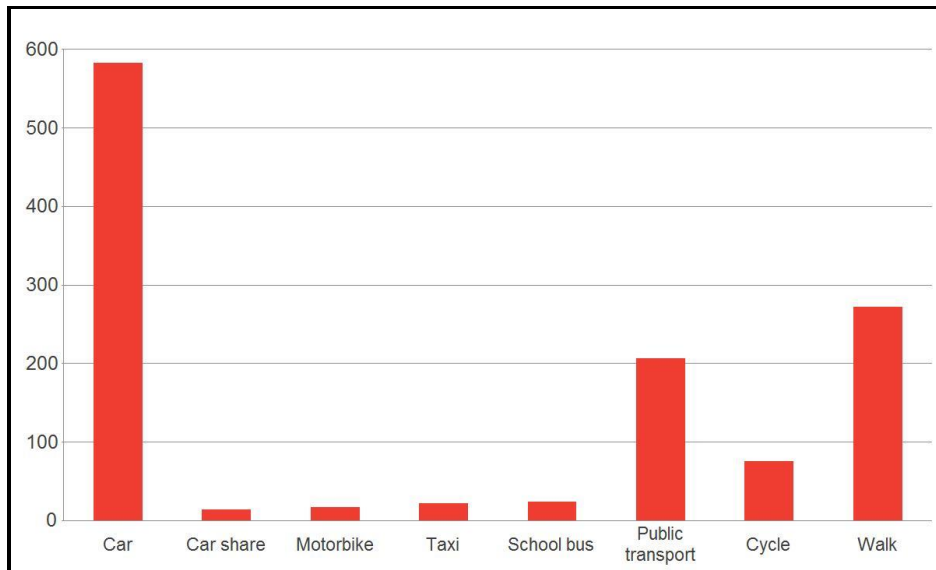
#### Other – please specify:

From the additional 172 comments received, the following were identified, in order of popularity, as places where members of the household regularly commute. Please note that not all respondents stated whether this was for work, education or recreation.

1. Coalville	11. Nottingham	21. Ratby
2. Enderby	12. Barlestone	22. Warwick
3. Coventry	13. London	23. Glenfield
4. Loughborough	14. Birmingham	24. Leamington
5. Across Leicestershire	15. Bagworth	25. Blaby
6. All over the country	16. Groby	26. Barwell
7. Newbold Verdon	17. Leicester Forest East	27. Atherstone
8. Earl Shilton	18. Markfield	28. Ashby
9. Derby	19. Thornton	
10. Ibstock	20. Whetstone	

Mode of Transport:

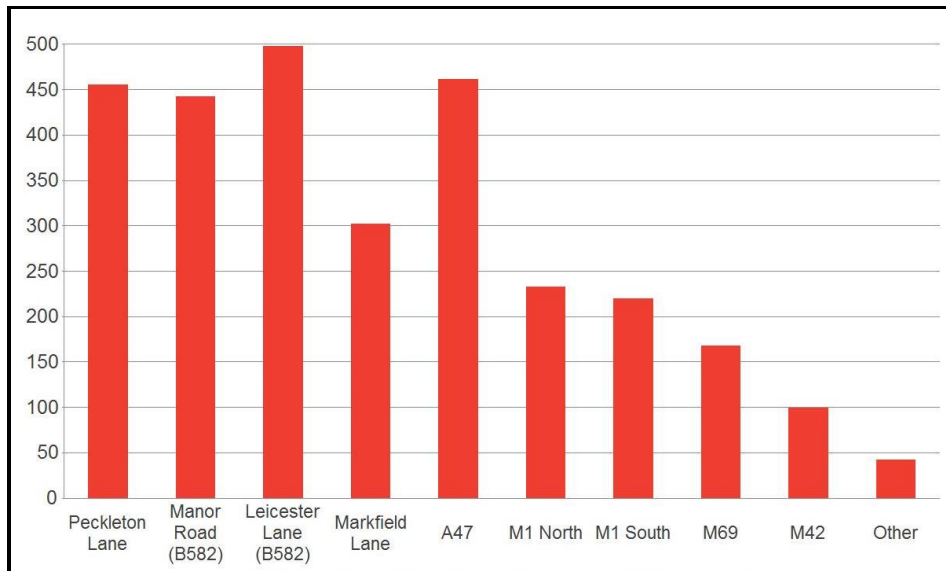
Q3.1 What mode of transport do members of your household use regularly? <i>Please tick all that apply</i>		
583 (95%)	Car	
14 (2%)	Car share	
16 (3%)	Motorbike	
21 (3%)	Taxi	
23 (4%)	School bus	
206 (34%)	Public transport	
75 (12%)	Cycle	
272 (44%)	Walk	



The majority 583 (95%) of respondents indicated that the mode of transport members of their household use regularly is the *Car*. followed by *Walking* 272 (44%) and *Public transport* 206 (34%)

Road Network:

Q3.3 Which roads do members of your household use regularly? <i>Please tick all that apply</i>		
455 (76%)	Peckleton Lane	
442 (73%)	Manor Road (B582)	
498 (83%)	Leicester Lane (B582)	
302 (50%)	Markfield Lane	
461 (77%)	A47	
233 (39%)	M1 North	
220 (37%)	M1 South	
168 (28%)	M69	
99 (16%)	M42	
42 (7%)	Other	
Other - please specify: 63 comments		



The top 4 roads that household members use regularly is *Leicester Lane (B582)*, the *A47*, *Peckleton Lane* and *Manor Road (B582)*.

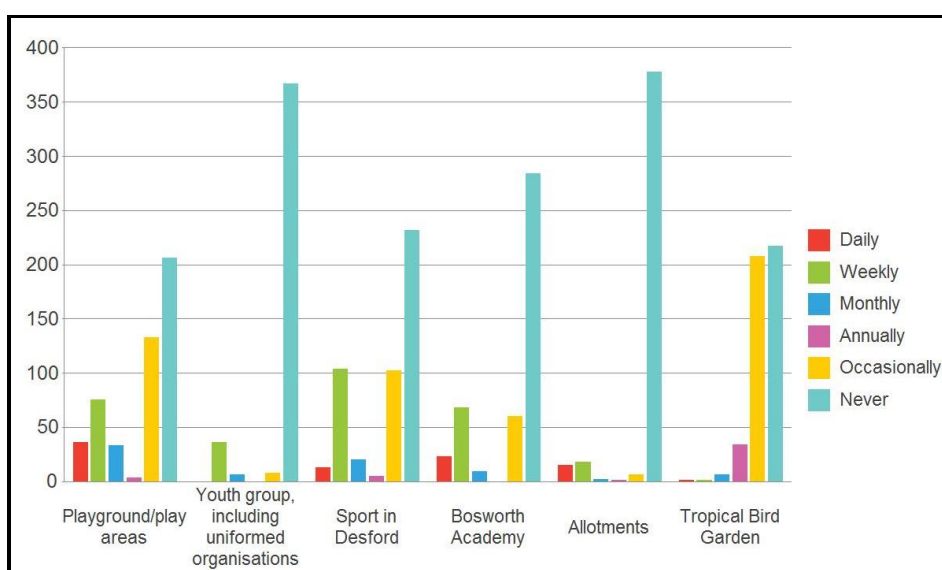
Other - please specify:

From the additional 63 comments received, the following were identified as other roads that members of the household use regularly. This list shows the top 10 in order of popularity.

- *Station Road*
- *A46*
- *Lindridge Lane*
- *A5*
- *Desford Road*
- *A50*
- *M6*
- *A6*
- *A447*
- *A444*

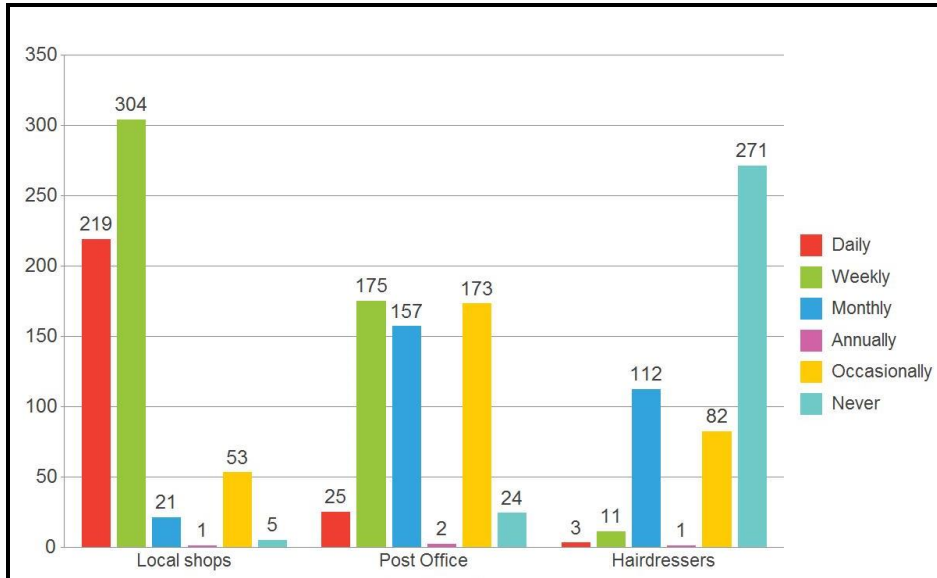
#### 4. COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES

Q4.1 Which community facilities & services do members of your household use for LEISURE? Please tick all that apply		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	Occasionally	Never
Playground/play areas		36 (7%)	75 (15%)	33 (7%)	3 (0.6%)	133 (27%)	206 (42%)
Youth group, including uniformed organisations		0 (0.0%)	36 (9%)	6 (1%)	0 (0%)	8 (2%)	367 (88%)
Sport in Desford		13 (3%)	104 (22%)	20 (4%)	5 (1%)	102 (21%)	232 (49%)
Bosworth Academy		23 (5%)	68 (15%)	9 (2%)	0 (0%)	60 (14%)	284 (64%)
Allotments		15 (4%)	18 (4%)	2 (1%)	1 (0.2%)	6 (1%)	378 (90%)
Tropical Bird Garden		1 (0.2%)	1 (0.2%)	6 (1%)	34 (7%)	208 (45%)	217 (47%)



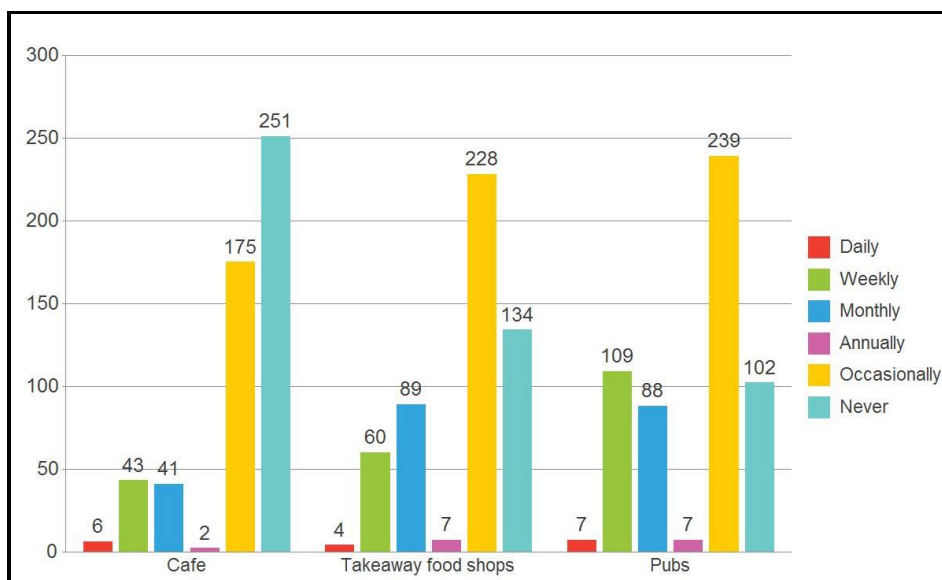
The majority of respondents indicated that members of their household never use the facilities listed. Those households who did use the facilities identified 'playground/play areas' as the most used facility on a daily and monthly basis, with 'Sport in Desford' the most used on a weekly basis and the 'Tropical Bird Garden' the most used on an annual or occasional basis.

Q4.2 Which community facilities & services do members of your household use for RETAIL?		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	Occasionally	Never
Local shops		219 (36%)	304 (50%)	21 (4%)	1 (0.2%)	53 (9%)	5 (1%)
Post Office		25 (5%)	175 (32%)	157 (28%)	2 (0.4%)	173 (31%)	24 (4%)
Hairdressers		3 (1%)	11 (2%)	112 (23%)	1 (0.2%)	82 (17%)	271 (57%)



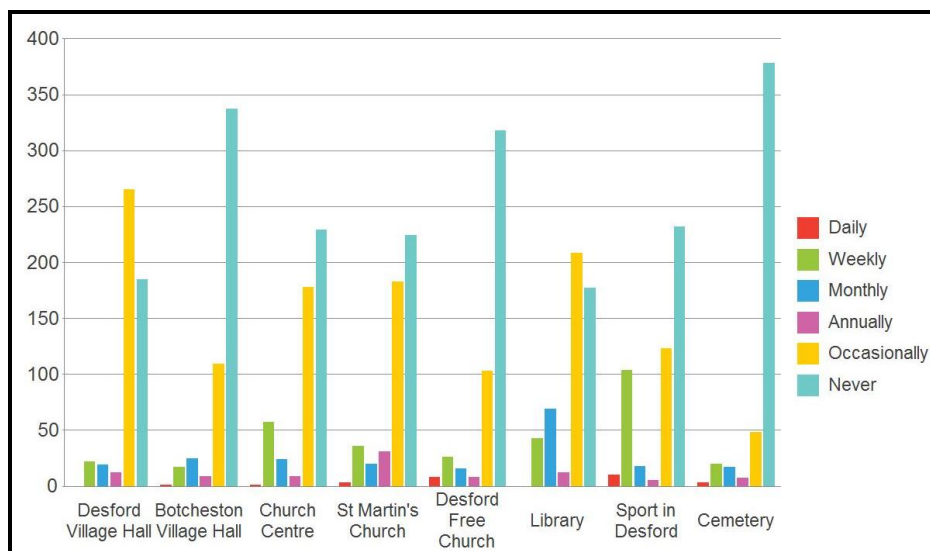
The majority of respondents indicated that members of their household use the 'Local Shops' and the 'Post office' on a weekly basis. The most used facility for retail is the 'Local Shops' and the least used facility for retail is the 'Hairdressers'

Q4.3 Which community facilities & services do members of your household use for FOOD & DRINK?		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	Occasionally	Never
Cafe		6 (1%)	43 (8%)	41 (8%)	2 (0.4%)	175 (34%)	251 (49%)
Takeaway food shops		4 (1%)	60 (12%)	89 (17%)	7 (1%)	228 (44%)	134 (26%)
Pubs		7 (1%)	109 (20%)	88 (16%)	7 (1%)	239 (43%)	102 (19%)



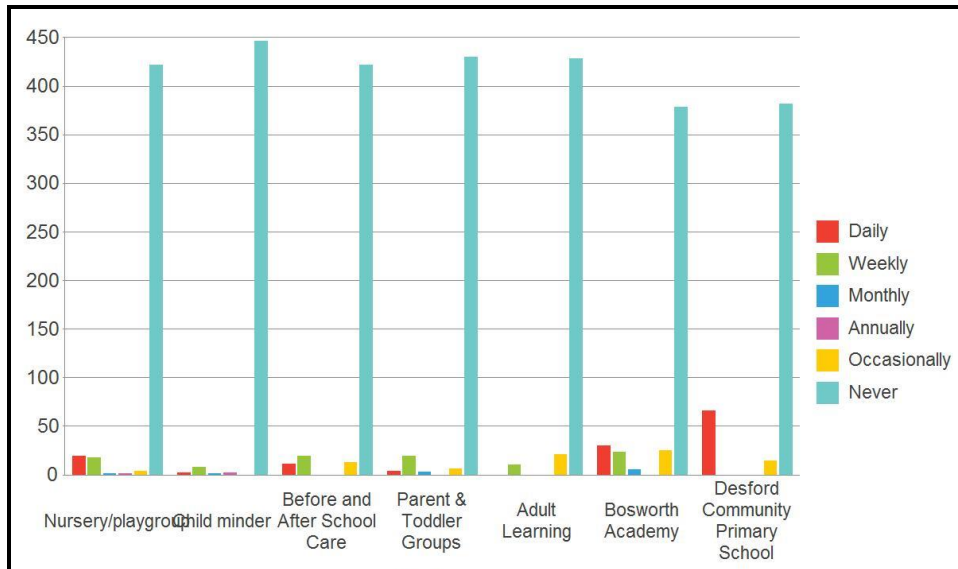
The majority of respondents indicated that members of their household never use the 'Cafe' and only use the 'Pubs' and 'Takeaway food shops' occasionally. The most used facility for food and drink are the 'Pubs' and the least used facility for food and drink is the 'Cafe'

<b>Q4.4 Which community facilities &amp; services do members of your household use for COMMUNITY FACILITIES?</b>		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	Occasionally	Never
Desford Village Hall	0 (0%)	22 (4%)	19 (4%)	12 (2%)	265 (53%)	185 (37%)	
Botcheston Village Hall	1 (0.2%)	17 (3%)	25 (5%)	9 (2%)	109 (22%)	337 (68%)	
Church Centre	1 (0.2%)	57 (11%)	24 (5%)	9 (2%)	178 (36%)	229 (46%)	
St Martin's Church	3 (1%)	36 (7%)	20 (4%)	31 (6%)	183 (37%)	224 (45%)	
Desford Free Church	8 (2%)	26 (5%)	16 (3%)	8 (2%)	103 (22%)	318 (66%)	
Library	0 (0%)	43 (8%)	69 (14%)	12 (2%)	208 (41%)	177 (35%)	
Sport in Desford	10 (2%)	104 (21%)	18 (4%)	5 (1%)	123 (25%)	232 (47%)	
Cemetery	3 (1%)	20 (4%)	17 (4%)	7 (2%)	48 (10%)	378 (80%)	



The majority of respondents indicated that members of their household never use the 'Cemetery' 'Botcheston Village Hall' - 'Desford Free Church' – 'Sport in Desford' – 'The Church Centre' and 'St Martins Church'. The most used community facility is the 'Library' and the least used community facility is the 'Cemetery'

<b>Q4.5 Which community facilities &amp; services do members of your household use for CHILDCARE &amp; EDUCATION?</b>		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	Occasionally	Never
Nursery/playgroup	19 (4%)	18 (4%)	1 (0.2%)	1 (0.2%)	4 (1%)	422 (91%)	
Child minder	2 (0.4%)	8 (2%)	1 (0.2%)	2 (0.4%)	0 (0%)	446 (97%)	
Before and After School Care	11 (2%)	19 (4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	13 (3%)	422 (91%)	
Parent & Toddler Groups	4 (1%)	19 (4%)	3 (1%)	0 (0%)	6 (1%)	430 (93%)	
Adult Learning	0 (0%)	10 (2%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	21 (5%)	428 (93%)	
Bosworth Academy	30 (7%)	23 (5%)	5 (1%)	0 (0%)	25 (5%)	378 (82%)	
Desford Community Primary School	66 (14%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	14 (3%)	382 (83%)	



The majority of respondents indicated that members of their household never use the facilities listed. Those households who did use the facilities identified 'Bosworth Academy' and 'Desford Community Primary School' as the most used facility, with 'Childminder' as the least used.

<b>Q4.6</b>	<b>If you think any of the community facilities and services could be improved, please let us know how.</b>
	89 comments

#### Bus routes/ services/ improved public transport

- A bus route to Hinckley direct from Desford. At the moment, you have to catch a bus going in the opposite direction and then catch another
- A bus to a supermarket
- Bus service from Botcheston via Kirby Grange
- Bus service to Hinckley. Without a car you have great difficulty accessing Hinckley. Buses pass regularly along the A47 why can they not be diverted through Desford. Good for Caterpillar and Desford residents
- Improved public transport
- No Sunday or Bank Holiday bus service - there is a need!!
- Don't use the Post Office as much since it moved Need buses to Hinckley Fosse Park etc.

#### Village hall/ Church hall/ space

- Do we need a village hall and church hall - could these be combined?
- Insufficient space for people to congregate in venues (i.e. cafe) that aren't pubs. Could create this space at the academy or other central locations (i.e. convert the library) to make them better community hubs for more of the village!
- Modernisation of the village hall and church centre
- The church rooms could do with some TLC
- For the church centre to have a lick of paint. I know much more people would hire it out if it was given a bit of a face lift!!!
- St Martin's Church could benefit from modernising, a larger family friendly

<b>Library</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absolutely imperative to retain the library. Even if staffed by volunteers. Vital too to keep Desford &amp; Botcheston Village halls to retain community spirit</li> <li>• Library needs to be open 5 whole days a week!</li> <li>• Library open longer hours</li> <li>• I don't agree with the county policy of not supporting the Library service</li> <li>• Funding repairs to Library and keeping Library open</li> </ul>
<b>Shops</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Variety of shops Banking facilities</li> <li>• Shops- shopping centre like market Bosworth, Newbold, Kirby</li> <li>• The two shopping areas need to be smartened up</li> <li>• Also, more local shops</li> <li>• Maybe an artisan/homemade bakery/flower/gift shop</li> </ul>
<b>Leisure facilities</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bosworth Swimming pool open to the public more often</li> <li>• A home ground for the Desford Football Club</li> <li>• More public swimming @ Bosworth Academy</li> <li>• In door bowls would be good at SID. Better changing rooms at Bosworth Academy</li> <li>• It would be nice for the baths to be improved</li> </ul>
<b>Pubs</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It's a shame to have lost the pubs so that there is only one centrally, and that is focused on food</li> <li>• Make sure village pubs are kept as pubs</li> <li>• More access to daytime opening at local pubs (Greyhound) and (Botcheston) Village Hall for coffees/snacks, including Mondays</li> <li>• More pubs &amp; cafes. Huge lack of community spirit!!</li> </ul>
<b>Another café/deli</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Another café/deli</li> <li>• Café</li> <li>• It would be nice to have a cafe that is a little bigger</li> <li>• Café would be great</li> </ul>
<b>Local green grocer/ butcher/ food stores</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A local greengrocer/butcher</li> <li>• Desford needs a larger food store. The two co-ops stock almost identically. One larger store would provide a greater range</li> <li>• Having 2 Co-ops in the village is not good. There needs to be competition between retailers to give customers a choice</li> </ul>
<b>Playground areas/ play areas</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playground at back of Manor Road need dog mess sorting out, fines cameras don't really know how to sort it, but it's ridiculous how many times kids step in it</li> <li>• Playgrounds need improving - addition of larger swings Skate park for older children would be well used (similar to facility in Ratby)</li> <li>• More groups / play areas for children and a toddler group</li> </ul>

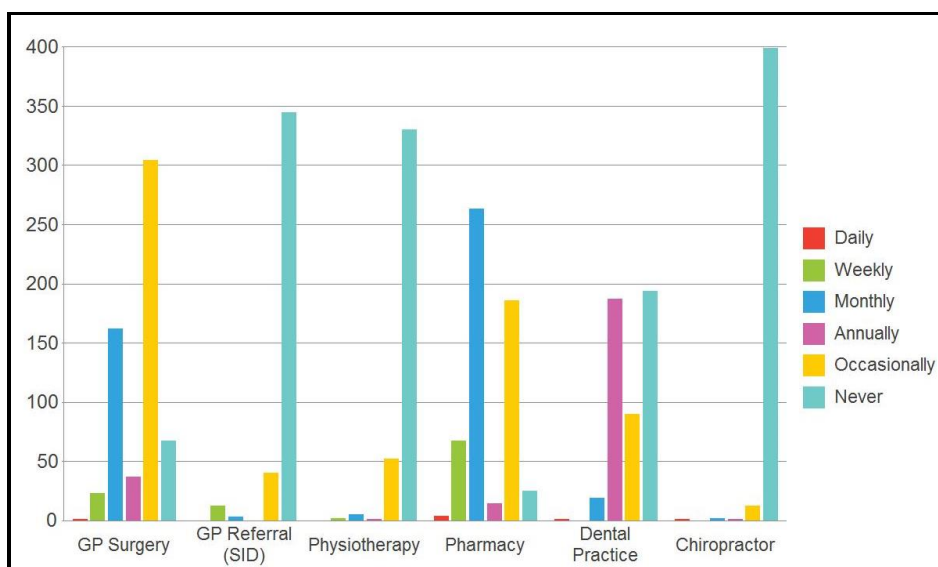


<b>Post Office</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheap evening classes at Bosworth Academy Post Office more central Village Hall more central</li> <li>• We do not use the Post office facility in the village since we lost a "proper" post office. Will travel to Kirby Muxloe now. Desford is fortunate to have the village and church centre as meeting venues. The co-op at the top of Lindridge Lane is regularly used by us and has staff who are very friendly and welcoming</li> <li>• The vacant post office looks very sad the co-op is a real asset</li> </ul>
<b>Dog walking areas</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog walking areas that are safe</li> <li>• Somewhere safe, enclosed and clean for dog walkers to exercise their dogs, where they will be free from criticism and where their willingness to bag their dogs poo will be recognised</li> <li>• I am a female dog walker and use the small park as it is safe for me and my dog, but feel awkward as the children use it. Is there somewhere we could use that is both safe and secure for me and my dog but doesn't impact on children?</li> </ul>
<b>Primary schools</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvements are needed to Desford Primary school. More children are there but no new toilets, no increase to assembly space/dinner halls, no increase to the size of the playground or library. These extras are urgently needed</li> <li>• Primary school used to be hub of village but loss of Gala Day and other local school events have diminished the community spirit</li> </ul>
<b>Car parking</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More car parking near shops and village hall. Speed bumps Leicester Lane, Pedestrian crossing (or Zebra Crossing) Leicester Lane near to Bluebell pub.</li> <li>• More parking near co-ops</li> </ul>
<b>Restaurants/ Take Away</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasonable (good) quality restaurant</li> <li>• Better quality take away</li> </ul>
<b>Youth Facilities</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More youth facilities</li> <li>• More clubs for younger children</li> </ul>
<b>Public house</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public houses - Bluebell only really attracts regulars who wish to watch sport. Could be improved with better restaurant facility. The village could attract visitors with an established restaurant/public house</li> <li>• Sadly, there is only one public house to visit in the village, compared to when we first lived here. Another would give better options</li> </ul>
<b>A directory of facilities available in village</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A directory of what is available in the village i.e. activities and services - plumber, electrician etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Adult learning</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult learning is almost non-existent. classes for skills development for working residents need to be increased. Classes/groups for retired and elderly need to be increased.</li> </ul>

<b>Better gym facilities</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better Gym facilities that have longer opening hours</li> </ul>
<b>Bridle path</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Bridle path from Peckleton Lane in Desford to Peckleton is one of the most used recreational resources in the Parish, used by walkers, cyclists, joggers, horse riders etc. and should be better maintained, path clearance, tree pruning etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Better traffic management</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better traffic management, Pedestrian crossing, and prevention of Illegal HGV incursion.</li> </ul>
<b>Office space</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More office space. (I am looking to rent a room in a new business)</li> </ul>
<b>Parks</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extra park benches in Picards Park at the back of the park sunlight in the morning</li> <li>Improved playpark facilities for older children (teens) e.g. - skate park</li> </ul>
<b>Community Garden</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community garden in central location - develop ground in front of library once run by volunteers</li> </ul>

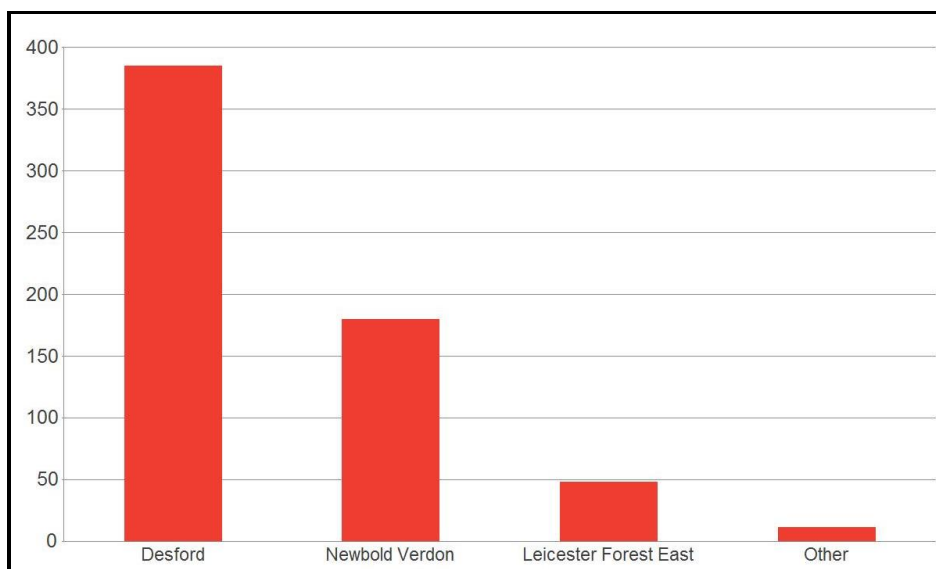
## 5. HEALTH SERVICES

Q5	Which health service facilities do you use? <i>Please tick all that apply</i>	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	Occasionally	Never
	GP Surgery	1 (0.2%)	23 (4%)	162 (27%)	37 (6%)	304 (51%)	67 (11%)
	GP Referral (SID)	0 (0%)	12 (3%)	3 (1%)	0 (0%)	40 (10%)	345 (86%)
	Physiotherapy	0 (0%)	2 (1%)	5 (1%)	1 (0.3%)	52 (13%)	330 (85%)
	Pharmacy	4 (1%)	67 (12%)	263 (47%)	14 (3%)	186 (33%)	25 (5%)
	Dental Practice	1 (0.2%)	0 (0%)	19 (4%)	187 (38%)	90 (18%)	194 (40%)
	Chiropractor	1 (0.2%)	0 (0%)	2 (1%)	1 (0.2%)	12 (3%)	399 (96%)



The majority of respondents indicated that members of their household never use the 'Chiropractor' followed by 'GP Referral (SID)' and 'Physiotherapy'. The most used health service facility is the 'Pharmacy' followed by the 'GP Surgery'

Q5.1	Where is your GP based?	
	385 (62%)	Desford
	180 (29%)	Newbold Verdon
	48 (8%)	Leicester Forest East
	11 (2%)	Other
	Other - please specify: 33 comments	



The majority 385 (62%) of respondents identified 'Desford' as where their GP is based.

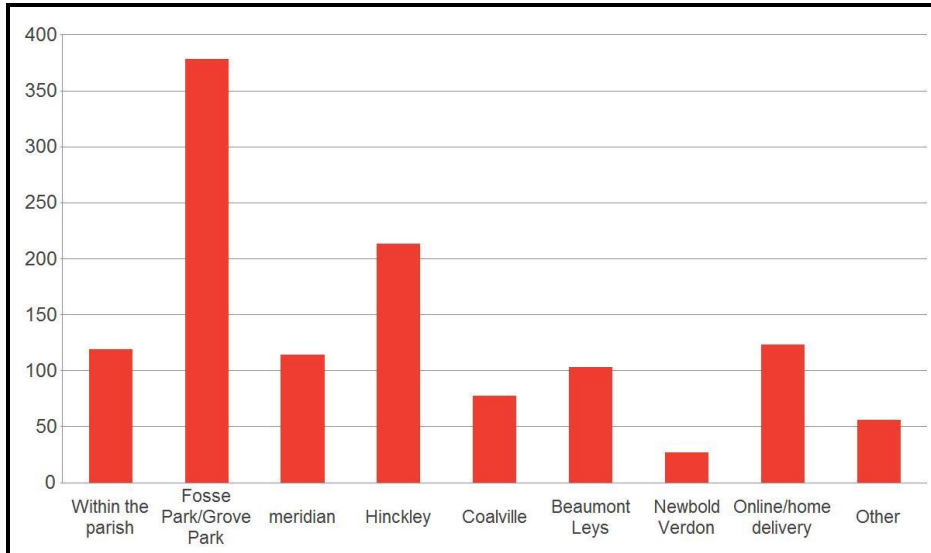
Other - please specify:

From the 33 additional comments received, the following locations were identified.

<b>Hinckley</b> <b>Ratby</b> <b>Enderby</b>	<b>Kirby Muxloe</b> <b>Birstall</b> <b>Coalville</b>	<b>Leicester</b> <b>Market Bosworth</b> <b>Leeds</b>
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## 6. SHOPPING

Q6	Where do you go for your main grocery shop? <i>Please tick all that apply</i>	
	119 (19%)	Within the parish
	378 (61%)	Fosse Park/Grove Park
	114 (19%)	meridian
	213 (35%)	Hinckley
	77 (13%)	Coalville
	103 (17%)	Beaumont Leys
	27 (4%)	Newbold Verdon
	123 (20%)	Online/home delivery
	56 (9%)	Other
	Other - please specify: 79 comments	



The majority 378 (61%) of respondents identified 'Fosse Park/Grove Park' as where they go for their main grocery shop.

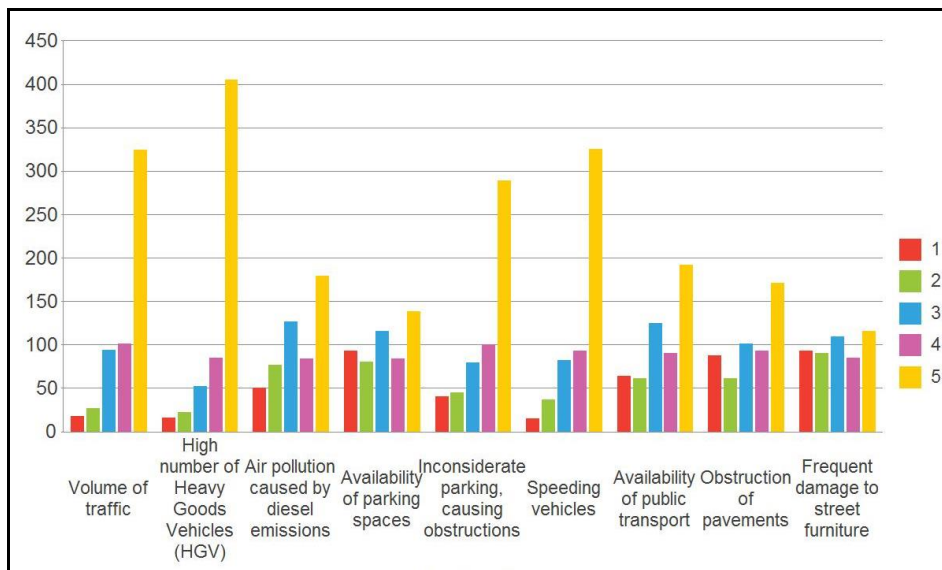
Other - please specify:

From the 79 additional comments received, the following locations were identified as other places households go for their main grocery shop.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Glenfield</li> <li>2. Leicester</li> <li>3. Blaby</li> <li>4. Earl Shilton</li> <li>5. Loughborough</li> <li>6. Ashby</li> <li>7. Beaumont Leys</li> <li>8. Blaby</li> <li>9. Thurmaston</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. Coalville</li> <li>11. Coventry</li> <li>12. Emmaus Shopping</li> <li>13. Enderby</li> <li>14. Frog Island</li> <li>15. Freemans Common</li> <li>16. Hinckley</li> <li>17. Leamington Spar</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18. Lutterworth</li> <li>19. Melton</li> <li>20. Market Bosworth</li> <li>21. Mountsorrel</li> <li>22. Ratby</li> <li>23. Wigston</li> </ol>
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## 7. TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Q7.1 Please rate what issues, if any, concern you most. Please score from 1 to 5 where 1 is not important and 5 is very important						
		1	2	3	4	5
	Volume of traffic	18 (3%)	27 (5%)	94 (17%)	101 (18%)	324 (57%)
	High number of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV)	16 (3%)	22 (4%)	52 (1%)	85 (15%)	405 (70%)
	Air pollution caused by diesel emissions	50 (10%)	77 (15%)	127 (25%)	84 (16%)	179 (35%)
	Availability of parking spaces	93 (18%)	80 (16%)	116 (23%)	84 (16%)	138 (27%)
	Inconsiderate parking, causing obstructions	40 (7%)	45 (8%)	79 (14%)	100 (18%)	289 (52%)
	Speeding vehicles	15 (3%)	37 (7%)	82 (15%)	93 (17%)	325 (59%)
	Availability of public transport	64 (12%)	61 (12%)	125 (24%)	90 (17%)	192 (36%)
	Obstruction of pavements	88 (17%)	61 (12%)	101 (20%)	93 (18%)	171 (33%)
	Frequent damage to street furniture	93 (19%)	90 (18%)	109 (22%)	85 (17%)	116 (24%)
	Other	8 (5%)	5 (3%)	13 (8%)	16 (10%)	122 (74%)
Other - please specify: 152 comments						



The top 5 issues rated as a very important issue that concerns them most, was 'High number of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV)' followed by 'Speeding vehicles' – 'Volume of traffic' – 'Inconsiderate parking' and 'Availability of public transport' The top 2 issues rated as least important were 'Frequent damage to street furniture' and 'Availability of parking spaces'

Other - please specify:

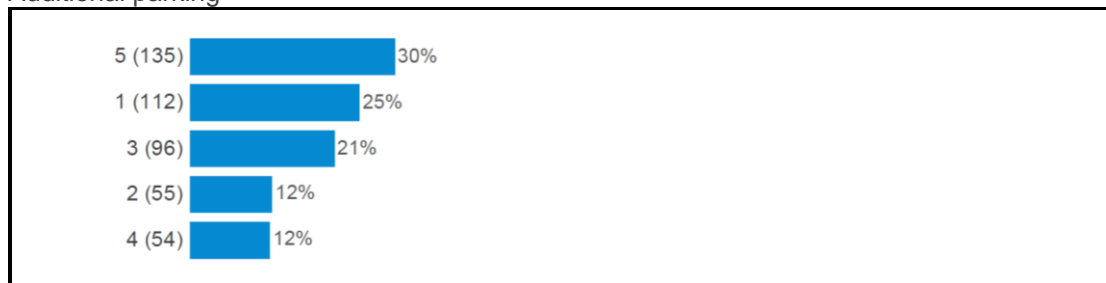
From the 152 additional comments received, the following issues were highlighted and are listed here in order of popularity

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Traffic Volume</li> <li>2. Parking</li> <li>3. HGVs</li> <li>4. Roads &amp; Pavements</li> <li>5. Speeding</li> <li>6. Bus Service/Public Transport</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Air Pollution</li> <li>8. Cyclists</li> <li>9. Highway Code</li> <li>10. Speed Humps</li> <li>11. Speed Limits</li> </ol>
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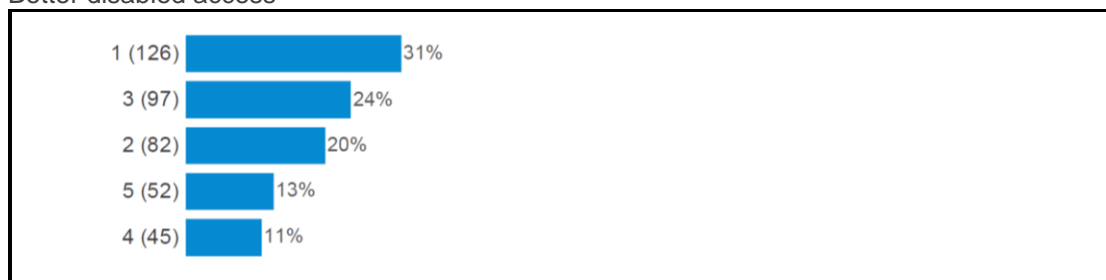
## 7. 2 TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENTS

Q7.2	Please rate what improvements, if any, you would like to see. please score from 1 to 5 where 1 is not important and 5 is very important.	1	2	3	4	5
	Additional parking	112 (25%)	55 (12%)	96 (21%)	54 (12%)	135 (30%)
	Better disabled access	126 (31%)	82 (20%)	97 (24%)	45 (11%)	52 (13%)
	Improved road signage	92 (21%)	54 (12%)	67 (15%)	62 (14%)	171 (38%)
	Enforcement of speed limits	27 (5%)	31 (6%)	77 (15%)	100 (19%)	288 (55%)
	Maintenance of pavements	52 (11%)	60 (13%)	128 (27%)	85 (18%)	142 (30%)
	Road junctions	65 (16%)	56 (13%)	93 (22%)	67 (16%)	136 (33%)
	Installation of cycle paths	137 (32%)	65 (15%)	75 (18%)	65 (15%)	86 (20%)
	More frequent bus services / New routes	70 (15%)	67 (14%)	90 (19%)	76 (16%)	178 (37%)
	One way streets	202 (48%)	59 (14%)	54 (13%)	38 (9%)	65 (16%)
	A bypass for Desford village	147 (31%)	49 (10%)	59 (13%)	46 (10%)	168 (36%)
	Safer pedestrian crossings	63 (15%)	45 (11%)	101 (24%)	63 (15%)	156 (36%)
	Lower speed limits	86 (19%)	55 (12%)	82 (18%)	59 (13%)	177 (39%)
	Speed reduction measures	84 (18%)	50 (11%)	69 (15%)	60 (13%)	205 (44%)

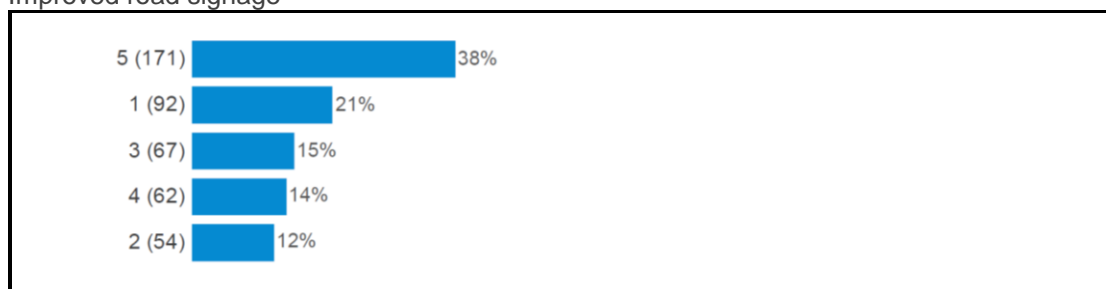
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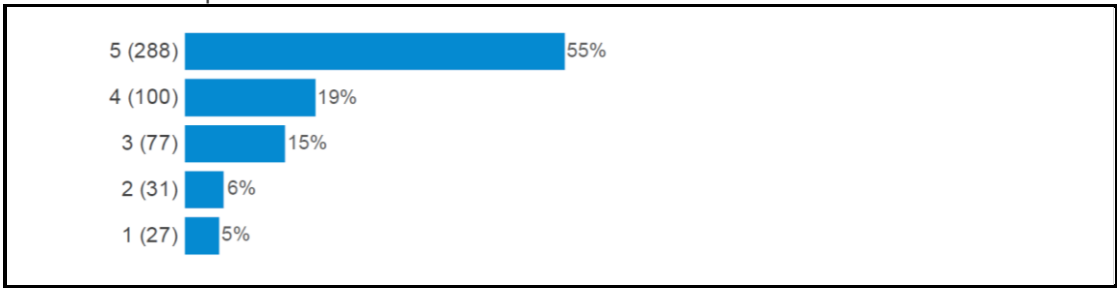
### Better disabled access



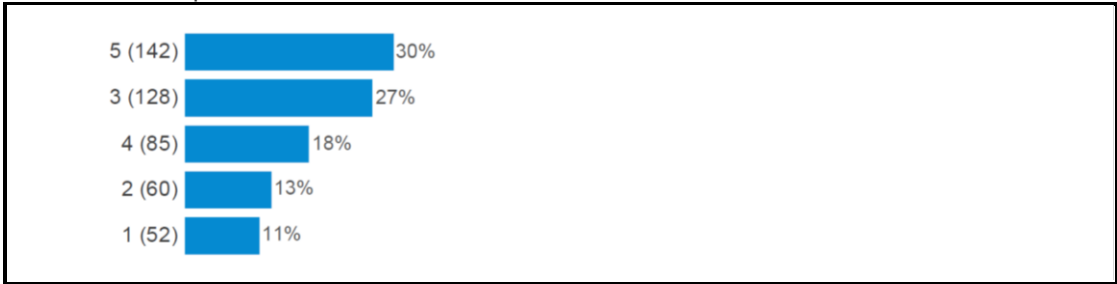
### Improved road signage



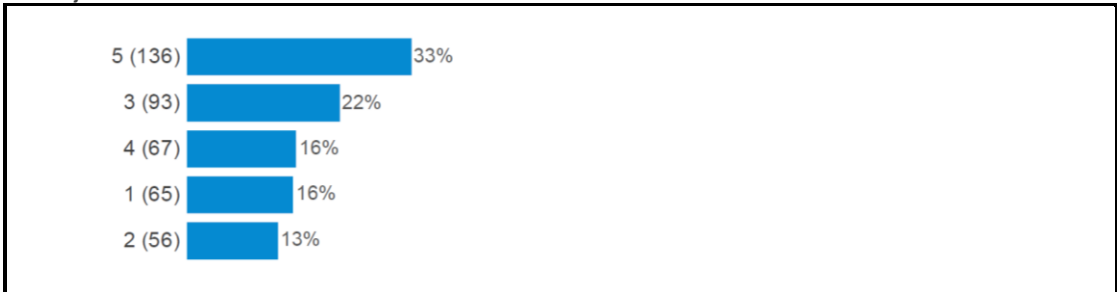
Enforcement of speed limits



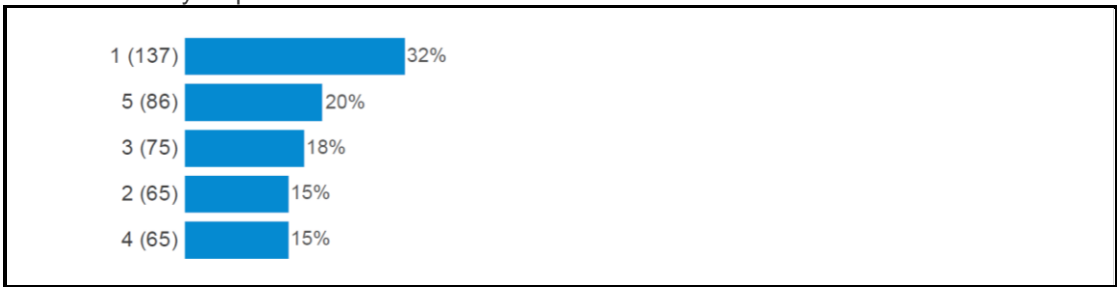
Maintenance of pavements



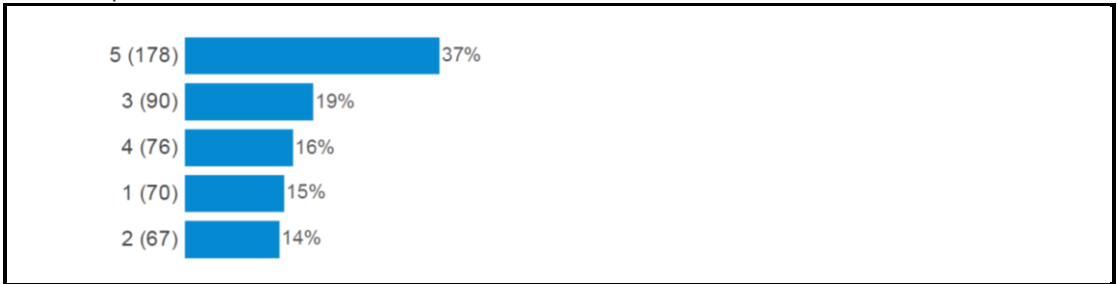
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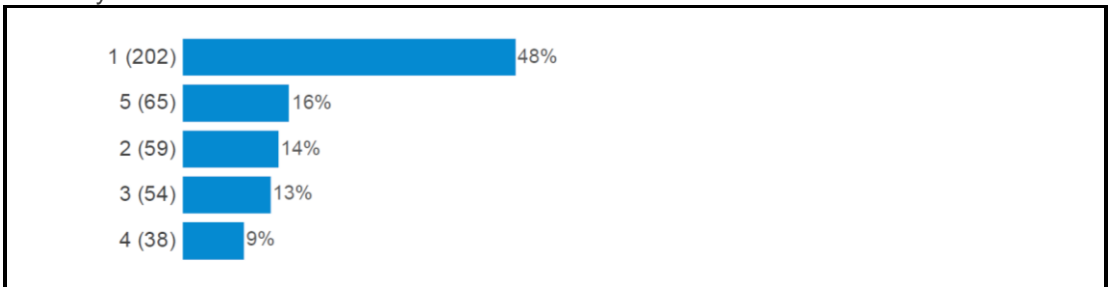
Installation of cycle paths



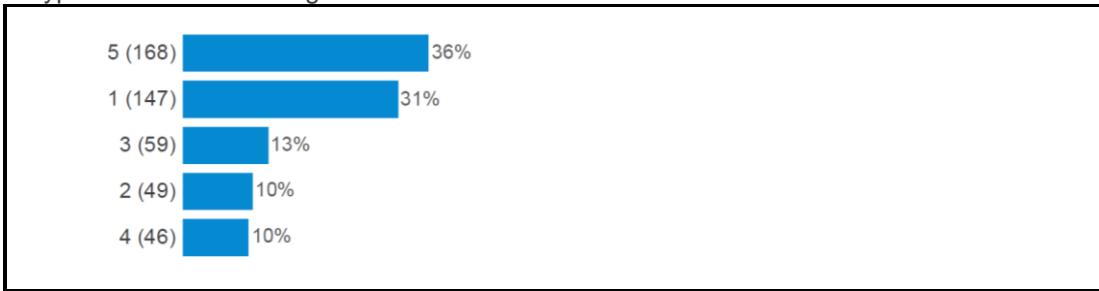
More frequent bus services / New routes



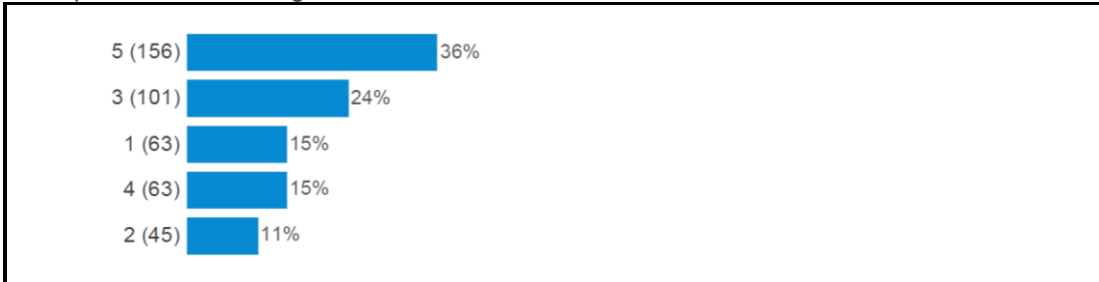
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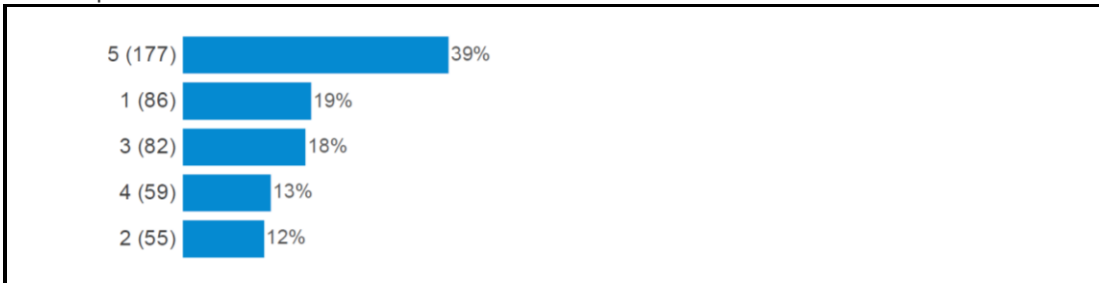
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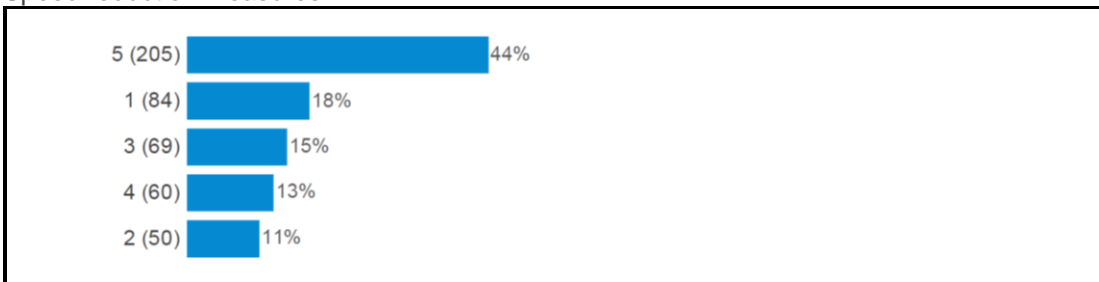
Safer pedestrian crossings



Lower speed limits



Speed reduction measures



The top 5 traffic and transport improvements that respondents rated as very important was 'Enforcement of speed limits' followed by 'Speed reduction measures' – 'More frequent bus services / New routes' – 'Lower speed limits' and 'Improved road signage' The top 2 issues rated as least important were 'One way streets' and 'A bypass for Desford village'

**Additional parking** - Please indicate specific locations for improvements

From the additional 125 comments received, the following locations were identified:

1. Desford Main Street/village centre	9. Village outskirts
2. At both Co-ops	10. Goulton Place
3. Brownfield Sites	11. Near/around college
4. Bellway Site, Hunts Lane	12. Near/around school
5. Barns Lane	13. Near/around GP practise
6. Caterpillar	14. Near/around Nursery
7. Kirkby Road	15. Pharmacy
8. Lindridge Lane	16. Peckleton Lane



**Better disabled access features** - Please indicate specific locations for improvements

From the additional 29 comments received, the following locations were identified:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pavements</li> <li>2. Pharmacy</li> <li>3. Pavement parking</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Co-op Stores</li> <li>5. Shops</li> <li>6. Parkstone Road</li> </ol>
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**Improved road signage** - Please indicate specific locations for improvements

From the additional 134 comments received, the following locations were identified:

HGV / Caterpillar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desford crossroads</li> <li>• All roads to Caterpillar/Neovia</li> <li>• On A47 for Caterpillar</li> <li>• A47, B582 Junction HGV's</li> <li>• Access to High Street - NO HGV</li> <li>• At all entrances to the village to prevent HGVs from going the wrong way</li> <li>• For HGVs around Peckleton Lane</li> <li>• To deter HGV vehicles near Co-op and roundabout.</li> <li>• To prevent HGV's coming down Kirkby Road</li> <li>• In places to prevent HGVs trying to drive to CAT via Main Street.</li> <li>• Banning HGV's from estates.</li> </ul>
Other/general	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Manor Road</li> <li>2. Parkstone Road</li> <li>3. High Street</li> <li>4. Roundabout near library</li> <li>5. Station Road</li> <li>6. Cottage/Chapel Lane</li> <li>7. Barns Way</li> <li>8. Bosworth Academy</li> </ol>

**Enforcement of speed limits** - Please indicate specific locations for improvements

From the additional 162 comments received, the following locations were identified:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Manor Road</li> <li>2. Peckleton Lane</li> <li>3. Main Street</li> <li>4. Botcheston</li> <li>5. Leicester Lane</li> <li>6. Markfield Lane</li> <li>7. Station Road</li> <li>8. Kirkby Road</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. All into village</li> <li>10. Parkstone Road</li> <li>11. High Street</li> <li>12. Main routes through village</li> <li>13. Newbold Road</li> <li>14. Lindridge Lane</li> <li>15. Hunts Lane</li> <li>16. Newbold to Desford</li> </ol>
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**Maintenance of pavements** - Please indicate specific locations for improvements

From the additional 59 comments received, the following locations were identified:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All over the parish</li> <li>2. Main Street Botcheston</li> <li>3. Station Road</li> <li>4. Manor Road</li> <li>5. Main Street Desford</li> <li>6. High Street</li> <li>7. Co-op</li> <li>8. Kirkby Road</li> <li>9. Leicester Lane</li> <li>10. Centre, Desford roundabout</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. Markfield lane</li> <li>12. Peckleton Lane</li> <li>13. St. Martins</li> <li>14. Parkstone Road</li> <li>15. Newbold Road</li> <li>16. Barns Way</li> <li>17. Near the Pharmacy</li> <li>18. Main Road by pub</li> <li>19. Near Caterpillar</li> </ol>
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**Road junctions** - Please indicate specific locations for improvements

From the additional 91 comments received, the following locations were identified:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Peckleton Lane and Junction</li> <li>2. High Street/High Street Junction</li> <li>3. Roundabout centre of village</li> <li>4. Kirkby Road to Holmfield Road</li> <li>5. Newtown Unthank-need roundabout</li> <li>6. Newtown Unthank T Junction</li> <li>7. Manor Road</li> <li>8. Desford Road/Lane</li> <li>9. Botcheston Lane Junction</li> <li>10. Dan's Lane to A47</li> <li>11. Junction with A47</li> <li>12. Caterpillar</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. Outside Co-op</li> <li>14. Main Street Desford</li> <li>15. Markfield Lane/Main St Botcheston</li> <li>16. Newbold Road</li> <li>17. B582 turn to Bosworth</li> <li>18. Cottage Lane</li> <li>19. Hunts Lane</li> <li>20. Manor Gardens</li> <li>21. Maple Way</li> <li>22. Parkstone Road</li> <li>23. Station Road</li> <li>24. St Martins Drive</li> </ol>
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**Installation of cycle paths** - Please indicate specific locations for improvements

From the additional 45 comments received, the following locations were identified:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everywhere through village</li> <li>2. Leicester Lane</li> <li>3. Main Roads</li> <li>4. Manor Road</li> <li>5. Peckleton Lane</li> <li>6. Desford to Newbold</li> <li>7. Desford to Kirby Muxloe</li> <li>8. Station Road</li> <li>9. To Caterpillar and Neovia</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. High Street / roundabout</li> <li>11. Parkstone Road</li> <li>12. Lane to Newtown Unthank</li> <li>13. Co-op</li> <li>14. Hunts Lane</li> <li>15. Through Desford centre</li> <li>16. Desford from rail crossing</li> <li>17. B5380</li> <li>18. Join up with public bridleway</li> </ol>
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**More frequent bus services/New routes** - Please indicate specific locations for improvements

From the additional 104 comments received, the following services/routes were identified:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sunday/Bank Holiday &amp; Eve service</li> <li>2. Service direct to Hinckley</li> <li>3. Service direct to Fosse Park</li> <li>4. Service to Coalville</li> <li>5. To Leicester / return every 2 hours</li> <li>6. Kirby</li> <li>7. Botcheston</li> <li>8. Beaumont leys</li> <li>9. Dan's Lane</li> <li>10. Earl Shilton</li> <li>11. Neovia</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. Evening service to Market Bosworth</li> <li>13. Service to Loughborough</li> <li>14. Service 153</li> <li>15. Service 159</li> <li>16. Ratby</li> <li>17. Station Road</li> <li>18. Parkstone Road</li> <li>19. Markfield lane</li> <li>20. Lindridge Lane</li> <li>21. Glenfield hospital</li> </ol>
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**One way streets** - Please indicate specific locations for improvements

From the additional 61 comments received, the following locations were identified:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Main Street, Desford</li> <li>2. High Street, Desford</li> <li>3. Newbold Road</li> <li>4. Through Desford</li> <li>5. Church Lane</li> <li>6. Station Road</li> <li>7. Kirby Road</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Leicester Lane</li> <li>9. Peckleton Lane</li> <li>10. Near School</li> <li>11. Parkstone Road</li> <li>12. Manor Road</li> <li>13. Barns Way</li> <li>14. Between Co-op and Post Office</li> </ol>
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**A bypass for Desford village** - Please indicate specific locations for improvements

From the additional 55 comments received, the following locations were identified:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Around caterpillar to stop HGV traffic</li> <li>2. A447 to A47 via Brascote/Peckleton</li> <li>3. Bosworth Academy out to Peckleton Lane</li> <li>4. Hunts Lane to Leicester/Peckleton Lane</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Leicester Lane &amp; A47 as a bypass</li> <li>6. Warehouse at Peckleton straight through to A47</li> <li>7. South of village</li> <li>8. Not practical/Unlikely/Where?</li> </ol>
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**Safer pedestrian crossings** - Please indicate specific locations for improvements

From the additional 97 comments received, the following locations were identified:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Manor Road/for access to the primary school</li> <li>2. Near Bosworth Academy</li> <li>3. Top of Peckleton Lane</li> <li>4. High Street</li> <li>5. Desford centre/Roundabout</li> <li>6. Outside SID</li> <li>7. Near Blue Bell Pub</li> <li>8. Botcheston Road</li> <li>9. Outside Co-op</li> <li>10. Desford Lane</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. Holmfield Road</li> <li>12. Kirkby Road</li> <li>13. Parkstone Road</li> <li>14. Near shops</li> <li>15. Station Road</li> <li>16. Topsham Nursery</li> <li>17. Post Office</li> <li>18. Junction of Peckleton Lane and Grace Rd</li> <li>19. Junction of Peckleton Lane and Kirby Road and High Street Co-op</li> </ol>
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**Lower speed limits** - Please indicate specific locations for improvements

From the additional 77 comments received, the following locations were identified:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Manor Road</li> <li>2. Main Street</li> <li>3. Peckleton Lane</li> <li>4. Near Bosworth Academy and Primary School</li> <li>5. Around village centre</li> <li>6. Botcheston</li> <li>7. Main roads through village</li> <li>8. Parkstone Road</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Hunts Lane</li> <li>10. Kirby Road</li> <li>11. Lindridge Lane</li> <li>12. Markfield Lane</li> <li>13. Main Roads</li> <li>14. Station Road</li> <li>15. Residential side roads</li> <li>16. Leicester lane</li> <li>17. Holmfield Road</li> </ol>
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**Speed reduction measures** - Please indicate specific locations for improvements

From the additional 130 comments received, the following locations were identified:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Peckelton Lane</li> <li>2. Manor Road</li> <li>3. Main Street</li> <li>4. Station Road</li> <li>5. Botcheston</li> <li>6. Main roads where housing</li> <li>7. Both schools/school hours</li> <li>8. Parkstone Road</li> <li>9. Newbold Road</li> <li>10. Kirby Road</li> <li>11. Leicester Lane</li> <li>12. Hunts lane</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. High Street</li> <li>14. Entering village</li> <li>15. Lockymead Drive</li> <li>16. St Martins Drive</li> <li>17. At roundabouts</li> <li>18. Topsham Nursery</li> <li>19. SID</li> <li>20. Markfield Lane</li> <li>21. Lindridge Lane</li> <li>22. Church lane</li> <li>23. Holmfield Road</li> <li>24. B582</li> </ol>
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Other - please specify and indicate specific locations

From the additional 97 comments received, the following top issues/locations were identified:

<b>Parking</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Enforce parking restrictions especially by Co-op in High Street</i></li> <li>• <i>STOP parking on blind bend Newbold Rd/ Main Street</i></li> <li>• <i>Parking / speed near the school</i></li> <li>• <i>Enforcement of parking restrictions, Peckleton Lane from High Street to SID</i></li> <li>• <i>Main Street should have double yellow lines on one side to stop double parking</i></li> <li>• <i>Enforce Highway Code so that cars are not parked at junctions</i></li> </ul>
<b>Speed/Speeding</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Speed reduction measures and lower speed limits on Station Rd, Barns Way, outside</i></li> <li>• <i>Less Speed reduction measures</i></li> <li>• <i>Due to heavy and speeding traffic along Manor Rd, there is a need for additional pedestrian refuges, one at the footpath crossing and bus stop near Manor Gardens and one at Holmfield Rd. (NB the installation of a roundabout there would cut down the speeding)</i></li> <li>• <i>Speeding through centre of village. Bypass needed - Please note all traffic comes through the centre of the village from Mkt Bosworth, Barlestone, Newbold Verdon/Heat and Ibstock area. This really is a very busy commuter route</i></li> <li>• <i>New traffic roundabout on Manor Road has been very badly designed - allows vehicles to drive across without reducing speed!!</i></li> <li>• <i>The speed cushions on Main Street, Botcheston, are a joke and ineffective. Stand and watch traffic on this road and it's proven</i></li> <li>• <i>Current speed limits on Kirkby Road total waste of time needs speed blocks before some child gets killed during caterpillar speed run 3.30-5</i></li> <li>• <i>Speed reduction measures should NOT include humps</i></li> <li>• <i>20mph limit in High Street, Main Street and Newbold Road Desford</i></li> <li>• <i>We live on the apex of Station Road / Leicester Lane (nearly 50 years). The junction does not deter motorists from reaching 50+ mph as they go down Station Road</i></li> <li>• <i>As well as ridiculous 50mph limit for short distance past Hunts Lane cottages going down to 30mph at large roundabout at new estate, the cars, vans etc. just speed over the roundabout without reducing speed. They continue along Manor Road well above 30mph. Continuous speeding of all types of traffic</i></li> <li>• <i>Speed management should ideally be via anti-speeding measures such as chicanes/ humps rather than income raising fines which have short lived effectiveness</i></li> <li>• <i>Speed reduction measures: Outside SID - The entrance to SID - an accident waiting to happen (already a motorcyclist)</i></li> </ul>

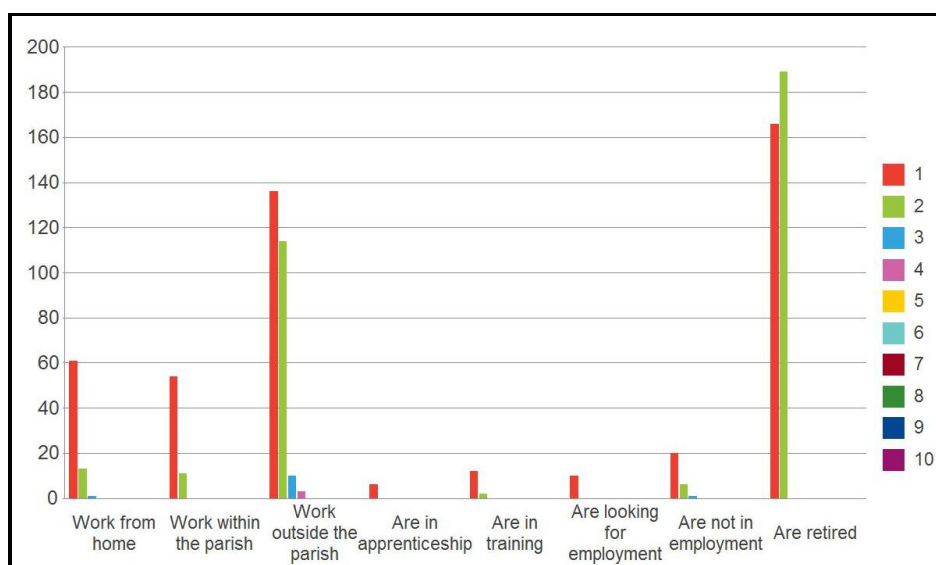
<b>Speed/Speeding</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The 30mph speed limit beyond SID on Peckleton Lane is consistently ignored and cars travel at high speed starting making the SID junction extremely dangerous. Enforcement is necessary: suggest speed bumps and electronic speed 'smileys'. In general: Most of Desford seems to be regarded as a speed track</i></li> <li>• <i>Safety considerations and enforcement of near schools</i></li> <li>• <i>Speed tables are an irritation to those that live adjacent to them - lorries, trailers rattle</i></li> <li>• <i>Need crossings, humps etc. to SLOW traffic down and 20mph to discourage through traffic</i></li> </ul>
<b>Traffic</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Traffic relating to Caterpillar and Neovia should be directed onto A47 so avoiding our village</i></li> <li>• <i>Prevention of Caterpillar traffic usage of Parkstone Rd as 'rat run'&amp;/on avoidance of village</i></li> <li>• <i>Coming from Newbold Verdon traffic doesn't slow down but goes straight over the island instead of round it</i></li> <li>• <i>Traffic calming measures/ signs on lower part of Station Road, Desford</i></li> <li>• <i>There's a great need for major traffic calming at the junction of Peckleton Lane and Grace Road /Parkstone Road</i></li> <li>• <i>Control of traffic on Peckleton Lane and rat runs especially at Neovia and Caterpillar leaving/starting times Barring heavy vehicles</i></li> <li>• <i>Through traffic Manor Road/High Street/Leicester Lane and reverse has a very serious speeding traffic problem. e.g. damage to railing on corner of Forest Rise</i></li> </ul>
<b>Signage</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Clearer signage to prevent HGVs going through Desford to get to Neovia &amp; Caterpillar</i></li> <li>• <i>Signs to Caterpillar avoiding the village are LONG LONG overdue. No good telling the drivers they can't go along High Street, they shouldn't have reached the village!!!</i></li> <li>• <i>Excessive signage can be an eyesore</i></li> <li>• <i>Signs indicating the actual speed of vehicles</i></li> <li>• <i>Better signs on Hinckley road to help foreign drivers to Caterpillar and stop them coming into village and getting stuck</i></li> <li>• <i>Larger signage on A47 near Desford Crossroads to deter large vehicles turning into Leicester Lane and hence into village blocking narrow roads e.g. Holmfield road, Parkstone road, Kirkby road and High street</i></li> <li>• <i>"Improved" road signage rather than "increased" signage for HGV's &amp; access to Neovia</i></li> </ul>
<b>HGV/Large vehicles</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Large vehicles coming into village by the old post office to get to Caterpillar are a hazard. More signage at Desford Xrds would help stop this</i></li> <li>• <i>Physical HGV restriction into High Street</i></li> <li>• <i>Restrictions on HGV using the village centre.</i></li> <li>• <i>Direct lorries away from the village</i></li> <li>• <i>Height barrier to prevent HGV's going down High Street</i></li> <li>• <i>All HGV and delivery vehicles should access the village via Dan's Lane. Change post code to assist</i></li> <li>• <i>Lots of HGVs over 7 tons come though Main Street. There will be a terrible accident one day. As Main Street s conservation area, why do we have to put up with this. Could be much improved!!!</i></li> <li>• <i>HGV vehicles that should not come down Peckleton Lane - DO!!!</i></li> <li>• <i>HGV's ignore the weight restriction signs. We regularly see 6 axle vehicles come up Station Road, down Leicester Lane and back up Station Road, their sat navs obviously unfit for purpose</i></li> </ul>
<b>Pavements</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Pavement to Desford Crossroads.</i></li> <li>• <i>Pavements in village are a total disgrace.</i></li> <li>• <i>Footpath to Desford from Desford cross roads as there is a lot school children walking from Desford cross roads</i></li> <li>• <i>A path extended from where it stops at factory to crown crest on Desford Lane to Kirby Muxloe &amp; Ratby. This would encourage people to walk, run or cycle more. It is currently very dangerous to walk/run on the road from Desford to Kirby Muxloe &amp; Ratby</i></li> </ul>

<b>Peckleton Lane</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measures to stop parking on the corner Peckleton Land? High Street near co-op. Stop parking on pavement on Peckleton Lane</li> <li>Peckleton Lane - A47 traffic lights For HGV's but provision for local traffic to access village</li> <li>Put speed restriction /humps/ chicane on Peckleton Lane</li> </ul>
<b>PublicTransport</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public transport into Kirby Grange where many residents are non-drivers and sometimes limited physically</li> <li>Passenger Railway Service (Leicester - Coalville)</li> <li>Why can't the 159-bus come to Desford from Newbold</li> </ul>
<b>School/College</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When the children walk to school they have to cross at the Desford roundabout which is very busy and not a safe place to cross</li> <li>Especially important to allow children to walk to primary school</li> </ul>
<b>Co-op</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Co-op delivery vans are almost obliged to park on double yellow lines at the top of Peckleton Lane</li> <li>Restrictions on deliveries to Co-Op on High Street between 8am and 7pm to ease traffic problems. Encourage all traffic including employees to access Caterpillar &amp; Peckleton Common via A47</li> </ul>
<b>Hazards</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bus stop after large roundabout Manor Road/Hunts Lane is very badly positioned. In the morning if it waits (sometimes 5 minutes) traffic backs up and cannot overtake due to oncoming traffic. It is dangerous</li> <li>Dangerous farm access on Bend/hill - Leicester Lane near Bosworth academy roundabout</li> </ul>
<b>Grass Verges</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grass verges to be cut past the first lamp post on Markfield Lane, to at least the last house before the golf course, heading towards Thornton</li> </ul>
<b>CCTV</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCTV at mini roundabout high street</li> <li>The Parish Council should install a CCTV on High St to trap HGVs using it illegally</li> <li>Put cameras in the village and work with H&amp;BBC to profit share the proceeds, helping to develop the community further (EG Desford in bloom, cycle path expansion plan) Markfield Lane</li> </ul>
<b>Hunts Lane</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hunts Lane - We have had numerous crashes and also walls fencing porch and windows smashed in. this causes great distress. Traffic is horrendous now with 2 new estates either end - trying to cross road to cars is terrifying outside Hunts Lane cottages</li> <li>Roundabout at Hunts Lane Houses</li> </ul>
<b>Junctions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The junction of Maple Way and Manor Road near the Bellway Estate is not wide enough for two-way traffic. The corner could be widened</li> <li>The junction with High Street at Peckleton Lane is currently overwhelmed with traffic and congestion causing obstruction and dangerous conditions for pedestrians crossing</li> </ul>
<b>Leicester Lane</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leicester Lane very dangerous in the dip near the school - speeding and overtaking inappropriately. I have seen many cars in hedges here</li> </ul>
<b>Manor Road</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pedestrian crossings on Manor Road</li> <li>Pedestrian controlled traffic lights for crossing Manor Road during hours of heavy traffic</li> </ul>
<b>Botcheston</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bypass for Botcheston Enforce weight restriction to include council vehicles</li> </ul>
<b>Tractor</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excessive Tractor / Trailer traffic into Preston's farm contract hire business, Leicester Lane, (Near Pesto) Pedestrian access between housing developments eg Grace Rd</li> </ul>
<b>Road Maintenance</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintenance of roads, in particular Main Street. Maintenance of Chapel Lane, Cottage Lane and jitty to park</li> </ul>

<b>Character of Village</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any improvements should retain character of village. We have too many awkward min-roundabouts &amp; signage clutter etc.</li> </ul>
<b>One Way</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One way system around village would be advantageous</li> </ul>
<b>Neovia</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Size of Neovia expansion - could be smaller and needs its own transport policy to reduce expected traffic</li> </ul>
<b>Mini Island</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mini island at the Zebra crossing or lights. This is impossible to cross at peak times and you are relying on the goodwill of some drivers</li> </ul>
<b>Main Street</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Main Street is terrible for speeding motorists</li> </ul>
<b>Lighting</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved lighting on footpaths</li> </ul>
<b>Kirby Road</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kirkby Road speed bumps - better/clearer identification</li> </ul>

## 8. EMPLOYMENT

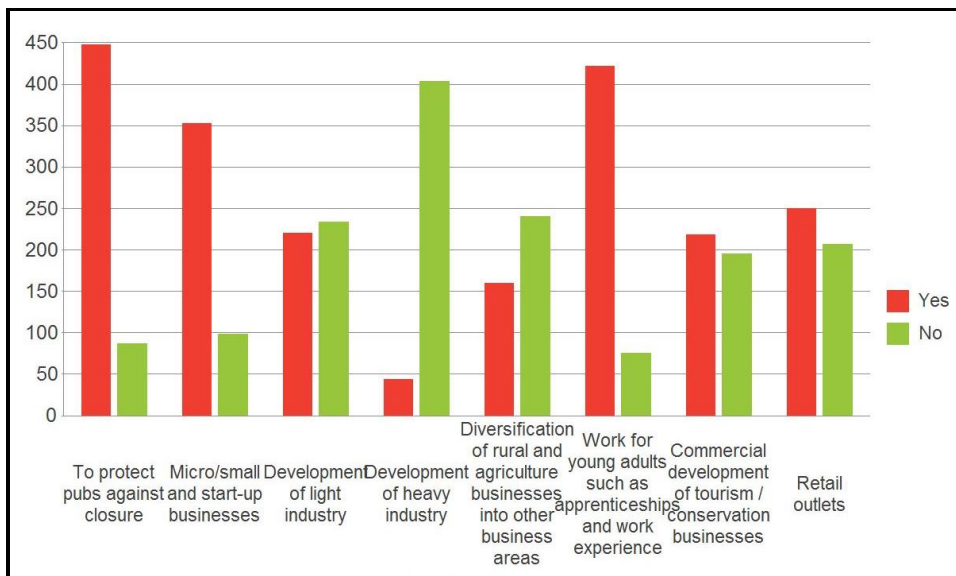
Q8	Please indicate how many people in your household are currently in employment, training or retired	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Work from home	61 (81%)	13 (17%)	1 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
	Work within the parish	54 (83%)	11 (17%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
	Work outside the parish	136 (52%)	114 (43%)	10 (4%)	3 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
	Are in apprenticeship	6 100%	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
	Are in training	12 (86%)	2 (14%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
	Are looking for employment	10 100%	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
	Are not in employment	20 (74%)	6 (22%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
	Are retired	166 (47%)	189 (53%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)



The majority of respondents indicated that they were retired. For those that indicated they were in work, most of these are working outside of the parish. The majority of those working in the parish are working from home.

**9. ECONOMY**

Q9.1 Do you feel there is a need to support business development in the parish such as:			
		Yes	No
	To protect pubs against closure	448 (84%)	87 (16%)
	Micro/small and start-up businesses	353 (78%)	98 (22%)
	Development of light industry	220 (49%)	234 (52%)
	Development of heavy industry	44 (10%)	403 (90%)
	Diversification of rural and agriculture businesses into other business areas	160 (40%)	240 (60%)
	Work for young adults such as apprenticeships and work experience	422 (85%)	75 (15%)
	Commercial development of tourism / conservation businesses	218 (53%)	195 (47%)
	Retail outlets	250 (55%)	207 (45%)



The majority of respondents indicated their support protecting pubs against closure. Areas with the least support included 'Development of heavy industry' – 'Diversification of rural agriculture businesses' and 'Development of light industry'

Comments: Key issues and comments

Pub
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Now down to one pub per village</li> <li>• Pub is the hub of the community/sense of community</li> <li>• Only 1 pub so need protection</li> <li>• Pub - Very important to raise the profile of the village</li> <li>• Another pub needed</li> <li>• Protect pubs - Too late now</li> </ul>
Retail Outlets/Shops
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better supermarket</li> <li>• A supermarket at Desford</li> <li>• Aldi or Lidl</li> <li>• Larger Co-op</li> <li>• If there was a supermarket, bakery, greengrocer, butcher we would use them</li> <li>• Retail outlets needed are DIY and motor accessories</li> </ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Small business start-up - Butchers shop / Deli</i></li> <li>• <i>We need little shops</i></li> <li>• <i>Would like to see community use /shop at the pub</i></li> <li>• <i>Retail outlets - Barns way</i></li> <li>• <i>Shops in the centre - Desford has no heart</i></li> <li>• <i>Shops/Pubs can be built on spare ground within the estates in the village</i></li> <li>• <i>Put shops on new build estates</i></li> <li>• <i>Retail outlets - Already 3 shops and 3 Co-ops in Desford</i></li> <li>• <i>No retail outlets - have Fosse Park/ Already surrounded by businesses, no need for more</i></li> </ul>
<b>Rural and agricultural businesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Diversification of rural and agriculture businesses into other business areas - important to support local agriculture</i></li> <li>• <i>Diversification of rural and agriculture - solar / wind farms. Former tube mills site - large expanse of unused concrete - could be used for light industrial units &amp; start ups</i></li> <li>• <i>Diversification of rural and ag. bus - Needs Strict regulation, can lead to scrap yards not good idea!!</i></li> <li>• <i>Agriculture businesses - huge vehicles are a MENACE</i></li> </ul>
<b>Heavy Industry</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Heavy industry - There is enough</i></li> <li>• <i>Development of heavy industry - Neovia - over development</i></li> <li>• <i>Neovia plans are too large for infrastructure</i></li> <li>• <i>Possibly develop heavy industry</i></li> <li>• <i>Start-up businesses, and development of light / heavy industry</i></li> </ul>
<b>Employment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dev light industry - to offer employment / Apprentice / work experience - To motivate, encourage and retain community</i></li> <li>• <i>To improve local employment Rural and agricultural - farming is an important activity</i></li> <li>• <i>Existing industrial parks, more permanent job security at local OEM's maintaining existing business, encouragement of apprenticeships and graduate schemes, links from industry to local schools/college</i></li> <li>• <i>Apprenticeships only at Caterpillar/Neovia</i></li> <li>• <i>Development of light and heavy industry and apprenticeships- Employment opportunities</i></li> <li>• <i>Opportunities for young people</i></li> <li>• <i>Work for young adults - current businesses only</i></li> <li>• <i>Work for young people - Where possible</i></li> </ul>
<b>Location</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Could any ground around the Caterpillar area be used ?</i></li> <li>• <i>Around Caterpillar or Desford tubes</i></li> <li>• <i>In the existing industrial estates</i></li> <li>• <i>Use existing buildings where possible. Use existing light industry on outskirts of village</i></li> <li>• <i>Anywhere that is not on green belt land</i></li> </ul>
<b>Tourism</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Commercial development of tourism / conservation businesses?</i></li> <li>• <i>Tourist Accommodation - link up with Market Bosworth and Countryside Support existing businesses e.g. Coffee Shop/Deli</i></li> </ul>
<b>Traffic</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Heavy traffic to existing sites already causing damage &amp; danger.</i></li> <li>• <i>Diversification of rural and ag. businesses - we are a rural area Retail outlets - Traffic problem</i></li> <li>• <i>Diversification of rural and agriculture businesses into other business areas - increase traffic</i></li> </ul>
<b>Post Office building</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A new business in the old Post Office Building</i></li> <li>• <i>Useful and appropriate, retail outlets would be very welcome! The old post office is an eyesore, remaining empty in the centre of the village</i></li> <li>• <i>The old post office needs something. - used to be a focal point.</i></li> <li>• <i>Great shame the old post office closed and unused.</i></li> </ul>

**Other**

- 12 retail outlets closed in last 50 years
- I need an office to rent
- By reducing business rates

**Q9.2 Where in the parish should any business development take place?**

155 comments

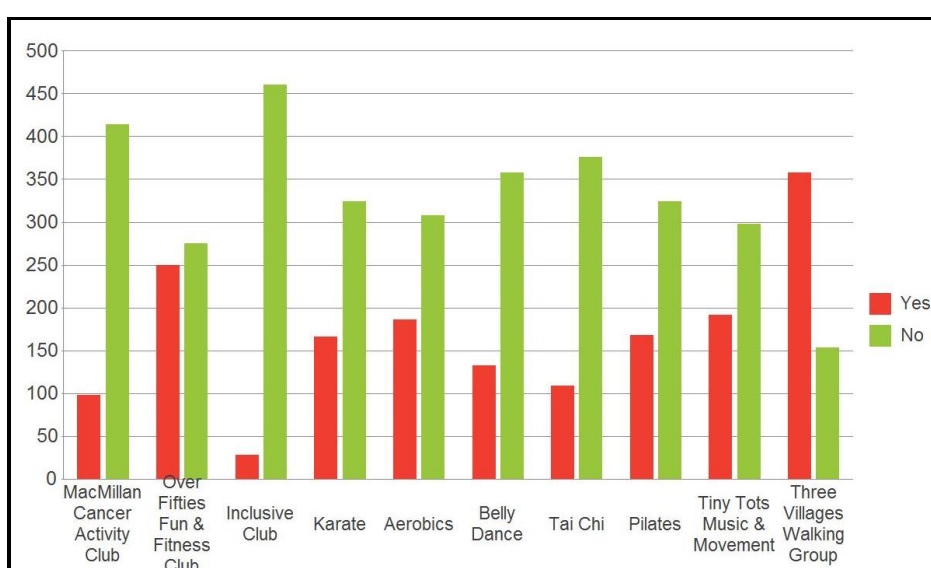
From the additional 155 comments received, the following locations were identified in relation to where any business development should take place:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing sites</li> <li>Peckleton Industrial Site - existing location</li> <li>Outskirts of the parish</li> <li>No more / no where</li> <li>Brownfield sites</li> <li>Caterpillar / Neovia</li> <li>Newtown Unthank</li> <li>Central point for retail - have a centre</li> <li>Merrylees</li> <li>Suitable/available locations-non-obtrusive – traffic impact</li> <li>Outside Desford</li> <li>Old Post Office building</li> <li>Adjacent to A47</li> <li>Away from housing</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Desford Hall</li> <li>Leicester Lane</li> <li>Lindridge Lane</li> <li>New business park</li> <li>Tubes</li> <li>Station Road</li> <li>SID</li> <li>Farms/farm buildings</li> <li>Along railway towards Botcheston</li> <li>Old railway station</li> <li>North of B582</li> <li>Shops on Bellway estate</li> <li>Newbold side of Desford</li> </ol>
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## 10. RECREATION

### Recreational Provision:

Q10.1 Are you aware of the existing recreational provision in the parish?			
		Yes	No
	MacMillan Cancer Activity Club	98 (19%)	414 (81%)
	Over Fifties Fun & Fitness Club	250 (47.6%)	275 (52.4%)
	Inclusive Club	28 (5.7%)	460 (94.3%)
	Karate	166 (33.9%)	324 (66.1%)
	Aerobics	186 (37.7%)	308 (62.3%)
	Belly Dance	132 (26.9%)	358 (73.1%)
	Tai Chi	109 (22.5%)	376 (77.5%)
	Pilates	168 (34.1%)	324 (65.9%)
	Tiny Tots Music & Movement	191 (39.1%)	298 (60.9%)
	Three Villages Walking Group	358 (70.1%)	153 (29.9%)

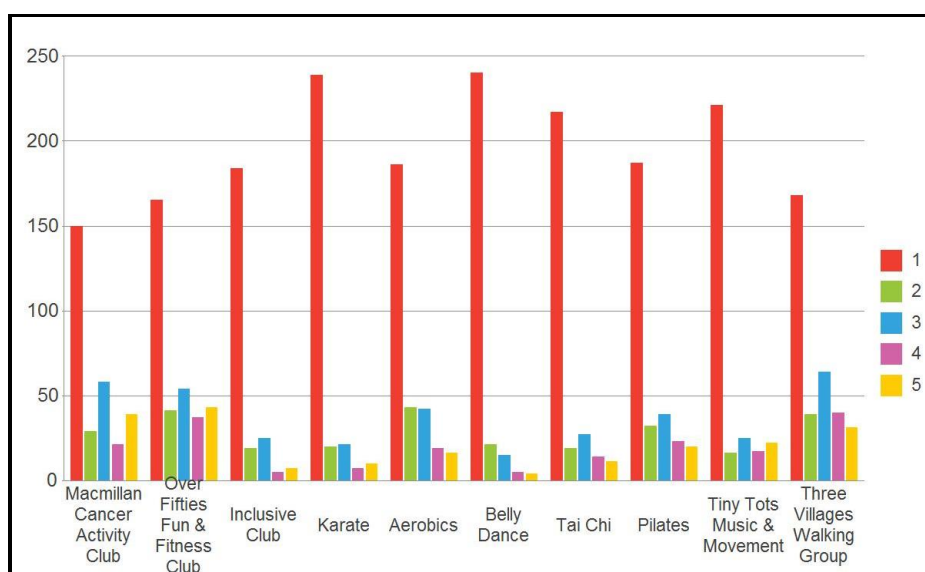


The majority of respondents indicated that they were not aware of the existing recreational provision in the parish. 'The Three Villages Walking Group' was the only provision respondents were most aware of.

From the additional 58 comments received, the following recreational provision/activity was highlighted:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tennis</li> <li>2. Swimming</li> <li>3. History Society</li> <li>4. Scouts/Cubs &amp; Guides/Brownies</li> <li>5. Men's Group</li> <li>6. Inclusive Club</li> <li>7. Zumba</li> <li>8. Running</li> <li>9. Coffee &amp; Chat</li> <li>10. Church</li> <li>11. Desford Good Neighbour Scheme</li> <li>12. Bowls</li> <li>13. Football</li> <li>14. Toddler Group</li> <li>15. Wine Circle</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16. Women's Group</li> <li>17. Yoga</li> <li>18. Youth Groups</li> <li>19. Village Hall Films</li> <li>20. Village Quiz</li> <li>21. Squash Club</li> <li>22. Slimming World</li> <li>23. Netball</li> <li>24. Lunch Club</li> <li>25. Mature Movers</li> <li>26. Knitting Group</li> <li>27. Dance</li> <li>28. Clay shooting</li> <li>29. Cycling</li> <li>30. Allotments</li> </ol>
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Q10.1a	Importance to you / your family	1	2	3	4	5
	Macmillan Cancer Activity Club	150 (51%)	29 (10%)	58 (20%)	21 (7%)	39 (13%)
	Over Fifties Fun & Fitness Club	165 (49%)	41 (12%)	54 (16%)	37 (11%)	43 (13%)
	Inclusive Club	184 (77%)	19 (8%)	25 (10%)	5 (2%)	7 (3%)
	Karate	239 (81%)	20 (7%)	21 (7%)	7 (2%)	10 (3%)
	Aerobics	186 (61%)	43 (14%)	42 (14%)	19 (6%)	16 (5%)
	Belly Dance	240 (84%)	21 (7%)	15 (5%)	5 (2%)	4 (1%)
	Tai Chi	217 (75%)	19 (7%)	27 (9%)	14 (5%)	11 (4%)
	Pilates	187 (62%)	32 (11%)	39 (13%)	23 (8%)	20 (7%)
	Tiny Tots Music & Movement	221 (73%)	16 (5%)	25 (8%)	17 (6%)	22 (7%)
	Three Villages Walking Group	168 (49%)	39 (11%)	64 (18%)	40 (12%)	31 (9%)

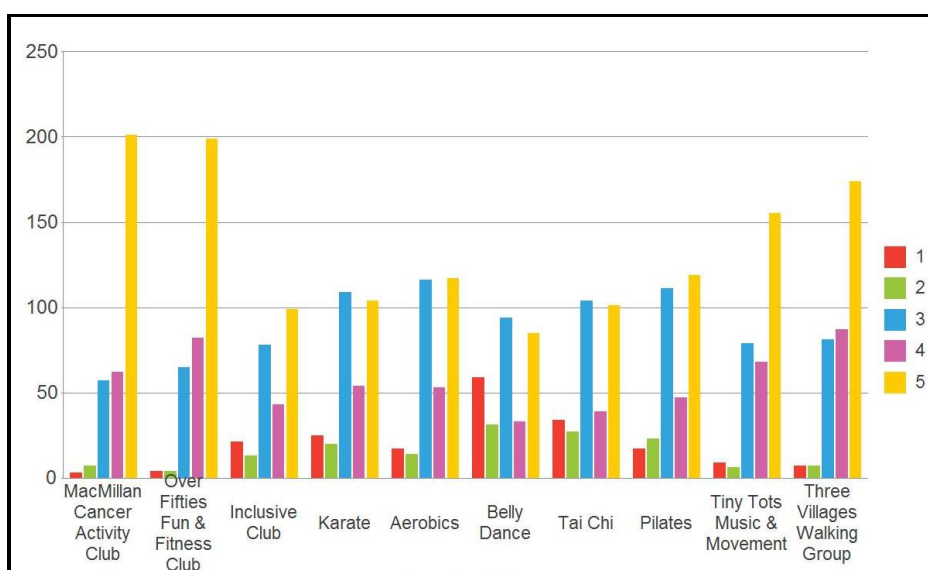


The majority of respondents indicated that all the recreational provision listed was not important to them and their family.

From the additional 40 comments received, the following recreational provision/activity was highlighted:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Zumba</li> <li>2. Swimming</li> <li>3. Tennis</li> <li>4. Scouts/Guiding</li> <li>5. History Group</li> <li>6. Coffee &amp; Chat</li> <li>7. Church/Chapel</li> <li>8. Football</li> <li>9. Allotments</li> <li>10. Running</li> <li>11. Yoga</li> <li>12. Youth Groups</li> <li>13. Wine Circle</li> <li>14. Women's Group</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15. Village Quiz</li> <li>16. Villages walking group</li> <li>17. Tuesday lunch</li> <li>18. Squash</li> <li>19. Swimming world</li> <li>20. Men's Group</li> <li>21. Living hands</li> <li>22. Mature movers</li> <li>23. Inclusive Club</li> <li>24. Good Neighbours Scheme</li> <li>25. Dance School</li> <li>26. Craft</li> <li>27. Bowls</li> </ol>
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Q10.1b	Importance to parish	1	2	3	4	5
	MacMillan Cancer Activity Club	3 (1%)	7 (2%)	57 (17%)	62 (19%)	201 (61%)
	Over Fifties Fun & Fitness Club	4 (1%)	4 (1%)	65 (18%)	82 (23%)	199 (56%)
	Inclusive Club	21 (8%)	13 (5%)	78 (31%)	43 (17%)	99 (39%)
	Karate	25 (8%)	20 (6%)	109 (35%)	54 (17%)	104 (33%)
	Aerobics	17 (5%)	14 (4%)	116 (37%)	53 (17%)	117 (37%)
	Belly Dance	59 (20%)	31 (10%)	94 (31%)	33 (11%)	85 (28%)
	Tai Chi	34 (11%)	27 (9%)	104 (34%)	39 (13%)	101 (33%)
	Pilates	17 (5%)	23 (7%)	111 (35%)	47 (15%)	119 (38%)
	Tiny Tots Music & Movement	9 (3%)	6 (2%)	79 (25%)	68 (22%)	155 (49%)
	Three Villages Walking Group	7 (2%)	7 (2%)	81 (23%)	87 (24%)	174 (49%)



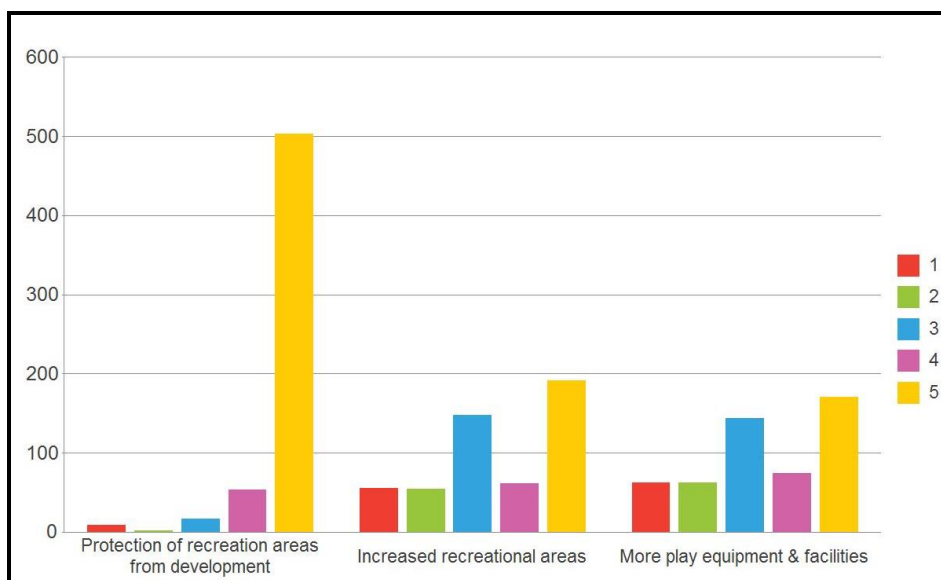
Respondents identified the 'MacMillan Cancer Activity Club' and the 'Over Fifties Fun & Fitness Club' as being very important to the parish.

From the additional 39 comments received, the following recreational provision/activity was highlighted:

1. Tennis	17. Crafts
2. Scouts /Cubs	18. Dance School
3. Swimming Club	19. Desford Good Neighbour Scheme
4. History Society	20. Inclusive Club
5. Guides	21. Knitting
6. Zumba	22. Living hands
7. Coffee & Chat	23. Mature Movers
8. Men's Group	24. Squash Club
9. Village walking Group	25. Slimmer's World
10. Lunch Club	26. St. Martins Saturday
11. Football	27. Toddler Group
12. Church/Chapel/Church Groups	28. Village Quiz
13. Allotments	29. Wine Circle
14. Brownies	30. Youth Group
15. Bowls	31. Women's Group
16. Clay Shooting	

Recreational Facilities:

<b>Q10.2 Please rate what issues, if any, concern you most. Please score from 1 to 5 where 1 is not important and 5 is very important.</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	Protection of recreation areas from development	9 (2%)	2 (0.3%)	16 (3%)	53 (9%)	503 (86%)
	Increased recreational areas	55 (11%)	54 (11%)	148 (29%)	61 (12%)	191 (38%)
	More play equipment & facilities	62 (12%)	62 (12%)	144 (28%)	74 (15%)	170 (33%)

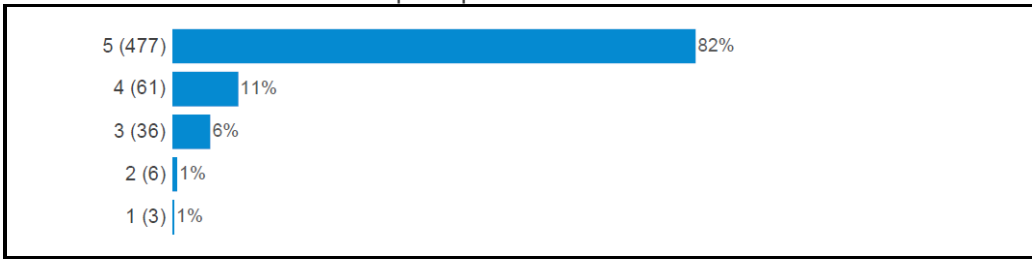


The majority of respondents identified that the ‘*Protection of recreation areas from development*’ was very important to the parish, followed by ‘*Increased recreational areas*’ and ‘*More play equipment & facilities*’

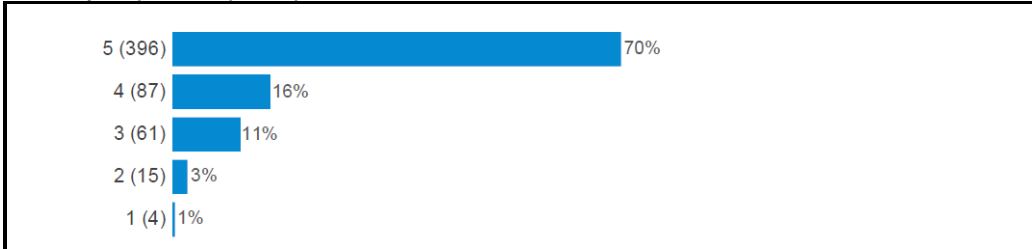
Open Spaces:

<b>Q10.3 How do you rate the following? Please score from 1 to 5 where 1 is not important and 5 is very important</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	Protection and enhancement of open spaces	3 (1%)	6 (1%)	36 (6%)	61 (11%)	477 (82%)
	Security of public open spaces	4 (1%)	15 (3%)	61 (11%)	87 (16%)	396 (70%)
	Easy access to the surrounding countryside	8 (1%)	9 (2%)	49 (9%)	103 (18%)	401 (70%)
	Protection and maintenance of footpaths, bridleways & green lanes	5 (1%)	5 (1%)	43 (7%)	100 (17%)	438 (74%)
	Clear information/signage about footpaths and bridleways	11 (2%)	20 (4%)	68 (12%)	118 (21%)	351 (62%)
	Replacement of stiles with kissing gates	58 (11%)	59 (11%)	151 (27%)	83 (15%)	201 (36%)
	Electric fences alongside footpaths to separate people and livestock	100 (19%)	94 (17%)	157 (29%)	64 (12%)	126 (23%)
	Provision and maintenance of pavements/footpaths	5 (1%)	29 (5%)	94 (16%)	124 (22%)	323 (56%)
	Provision of cycle paths	90 (17%)	69 (13%)	148 (27%)	84 (15%)	153 (28%)
	Litter picking	4 (1%)	16 (3%)	98 (17%)	139 (24%)	317 (55%)
	Anti-dog fouling public awareness campaign	8 (1%)	12 (2%)	57 (10%)	81 (14%)	434 (73%)

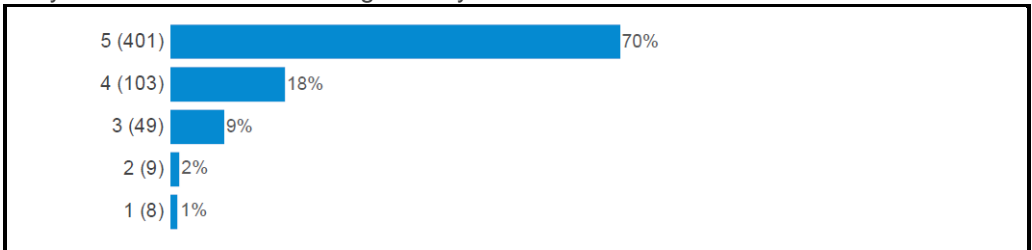
### Protection and enhancement of open spaces



### Security of public open spaces



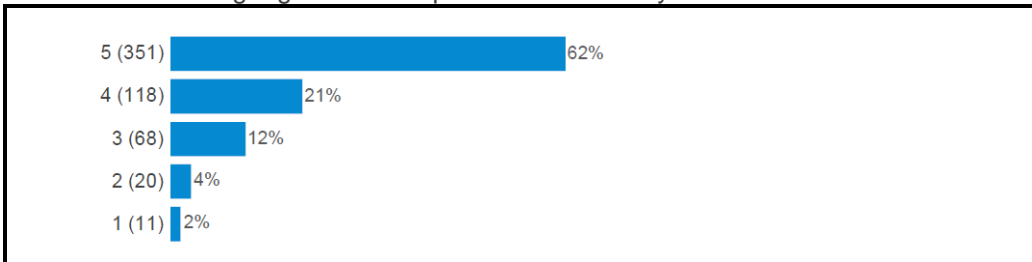
### Easy access to the surrounding countryside



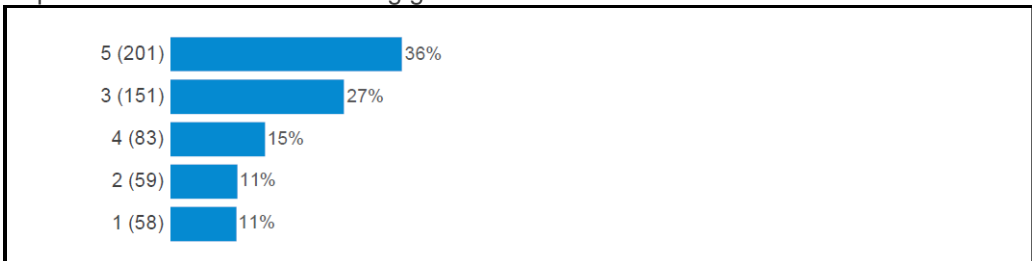
### Protection and maintenance of footpaths, bridleways & green lanes



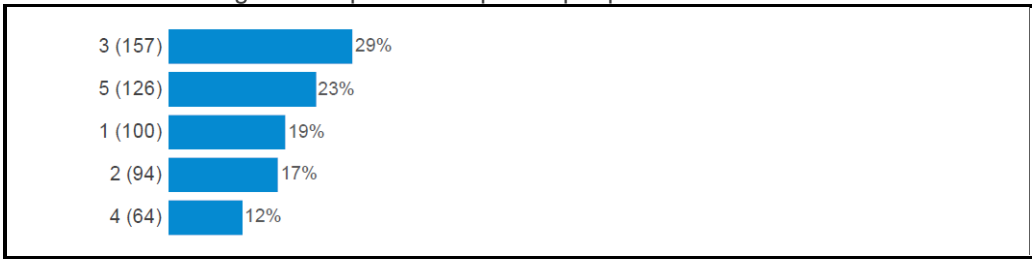
### Clear information/signage about footpaths and bridleways



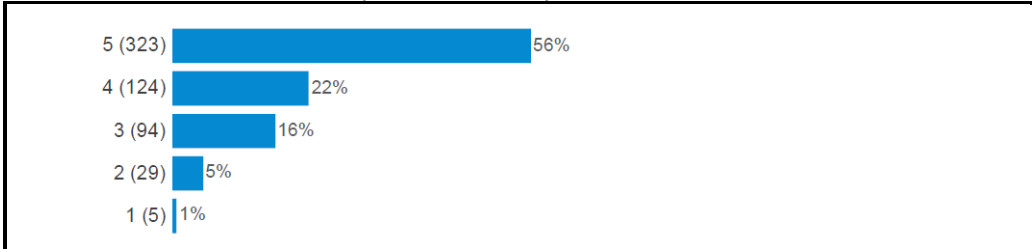
### Replacement of stiles with kissing gates



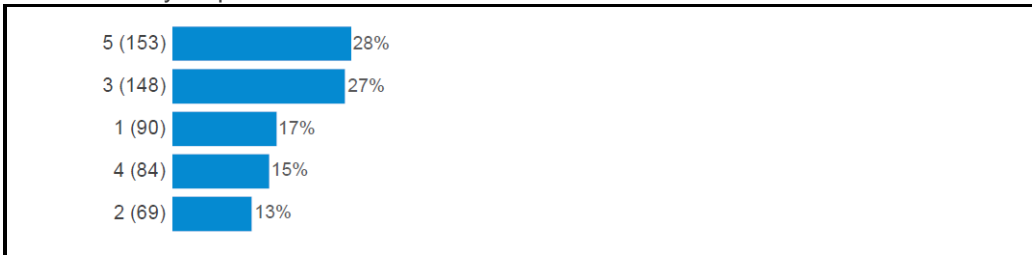
Electric fences alongside footpaths to separate people and livestock



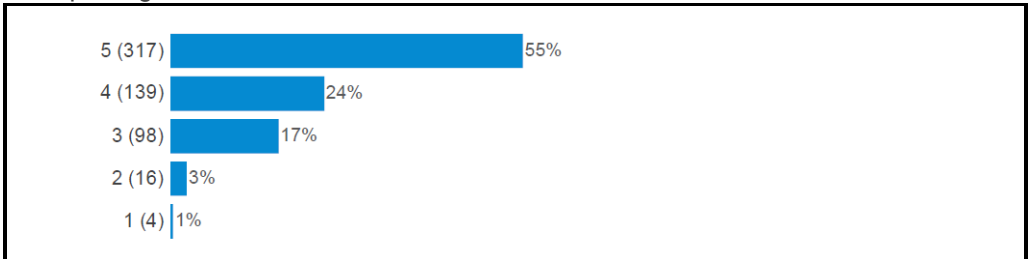
Provision and maintenance of pavements/footpaths



Provision of cycle paths



Litter picking



Anti-dog fouling public awareness campaign



The majority of respondents rated the 'Protection and enhancement of open spaces' as being very important to the parish, while 'Electric fences alongside footpaths to separate people and livestock' was rated as the least important.



<b>Q10.4</b>	<b>What other recreational facilities would you like to see developed in the parish?</b>
	76 comments

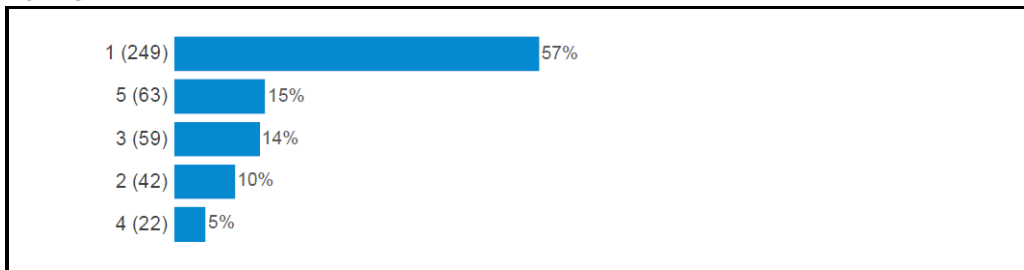
From the additional 76 comments received, respondents identified the following recreational facilities that they would like to see developed within the parish:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Gym facilities and exercise equipment</b></li> <li>2. <b>Skate/Bike Park</b></li> <li>3. <b>Youth Facilities</b></li> <li>4. <b>Seating for older/disabled people</b></li> <li>5. <b>BMX Track</b></li> <li>6. <b>Basketball area</b></li> <li>7. <b>Community Garden</b></li> <li>8. <b>Better access for footpaths</b></li> <li>9. <b>Better access to swimming pool</b></li> <li>10. <b>Cricket Pitch for Sunday matches</b></li> <li>11. <b>Disability exercise group</b></li> <li>12. <b>Horse riding</b></li> <li>13. <b>Entertainment/social events</b></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14. <b>HIT Class</b></li> <li>15. <b>Keep fit</b></li> <li>16. <b>Netball Court</b></li> <li>17. <b>Park improvement next to Primary School</b></li> <li>18. <b>Picnic areas</b></li> <li>19. <b>Pilates class</b></li> <li>20. <b>Running Track</b></li> <li>21. <b>Quiz evenings</b></li> <li>22. <b>Tea dances</b></li> <li>23. <b>Tennis courts</b></li> <li>24. <b>Dog walking area</b></li> <li>25. <b>Woodland areas</b></li> </ol>
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## 11. SPORTS ACTIVITIES

<b>Q11.1</b> What value do you ascribe to the existing sports provision in the parish? Please score from 1 to 5 where 1 is not important and 5 is very important						
<b>Importance to you / your family</b>						
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	Tennis	249 (57%)	42 (10%)	59 (14%)	22 (5%)	63 (15%)
	Senior football: men	315 (75%)	25 (6%)	50 (12%)	11 (3%)	22 (5%)
	Senior football: women	331 (78%)	23 (6%)	42 (10%)	8 (2%)	18 (4%)
	Junior football: boys	290 (68%)	20 (5%)	39 (9%)	19 (4%)	60 (14%)
	Junior football: girls	299 (71%)	22 (5%)	44 (10%)	17 (4%)	41 (10%)
	Swimming	158 (35%)	25 (6%)	88 (19%)	60 (13%)	124 (27%)
	Bowls	290 (66%)	24 (6%)	60 (14%)	27 (6%)	36 (8%)
	Squash	294 (69%)	38 (9%)	54 (13%)	13 (3%)	25 (6%)
	Badminton	271 (64%)	41 (10%)	64 (15%)	20 (5%)	31 (7%)
	Running	249 (58%)	29 (7%)	68 (16%)	32 (8%)	51 (12%)
	Junior athletics	285 (68%)	21 (5%)	50 (12%)	22 (5%)	43 (10%)
	Fitness/Gym	188 (42%)	30 (7%)	92 (21%)	56 (13%)	80 (18%)
	Table tennis	292 (69%)	30 (7%)	59 (14%)	18 (4%)	27 (6%)
	Dance	271 (62%)	26 (6%)	62 (14%)	28 (6%)	48 (11%)

## Tennis



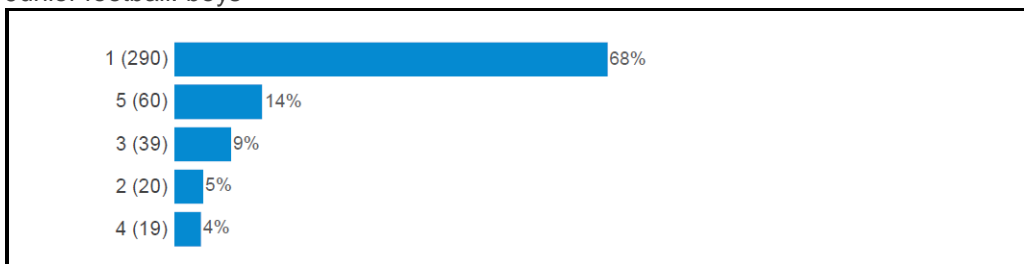
## Senior football: men



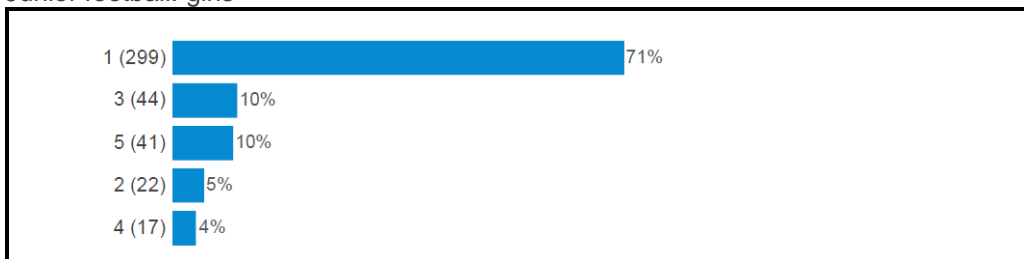
## Senior football: women



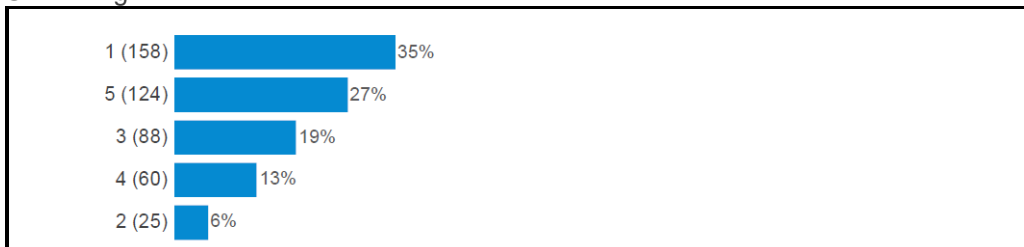
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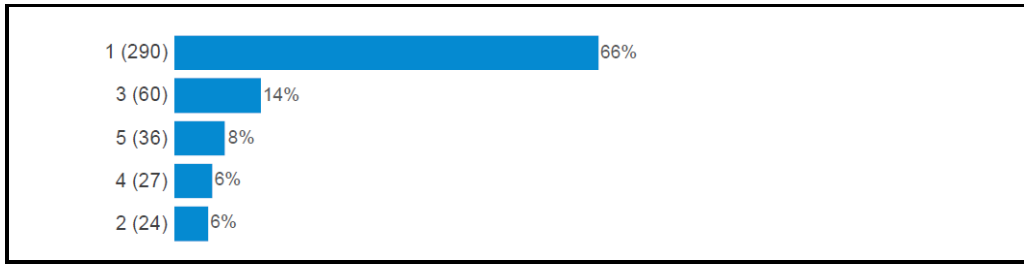
## Junior football: girls



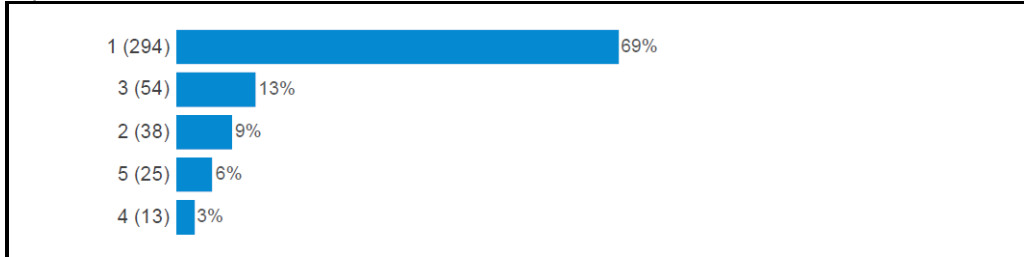
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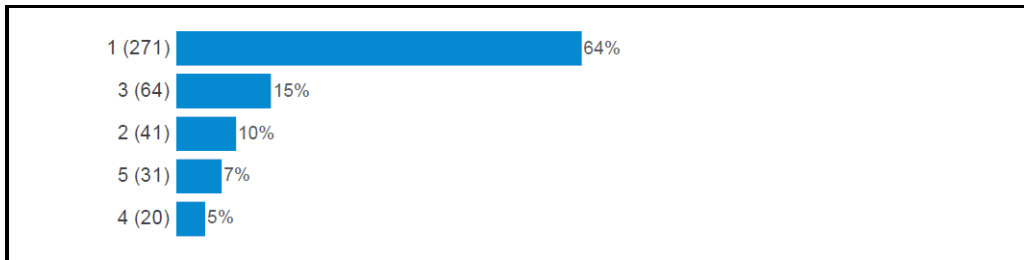
### Bowls



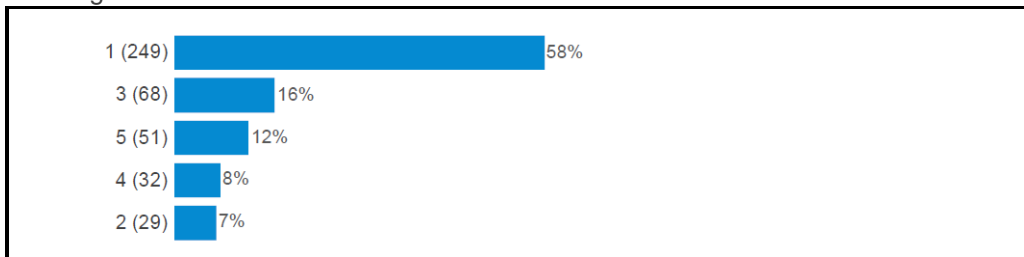
### Squash



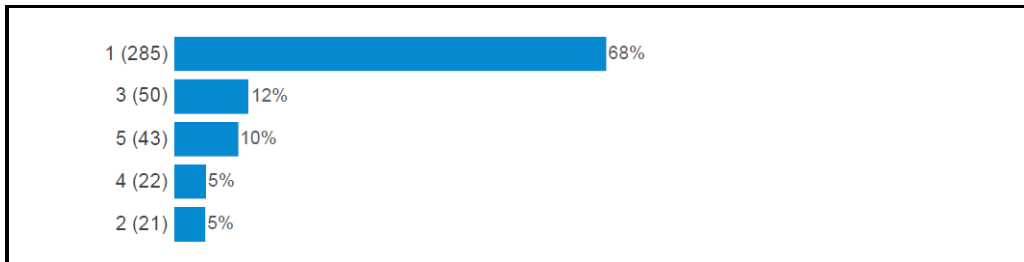
### Badminton



### Running



### Junior athletics



### Fitness/Gym

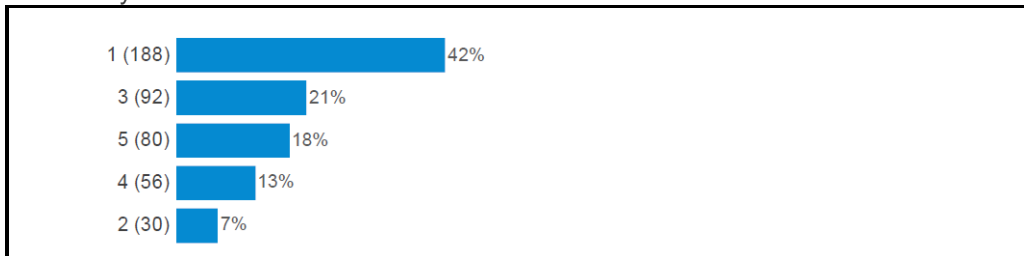
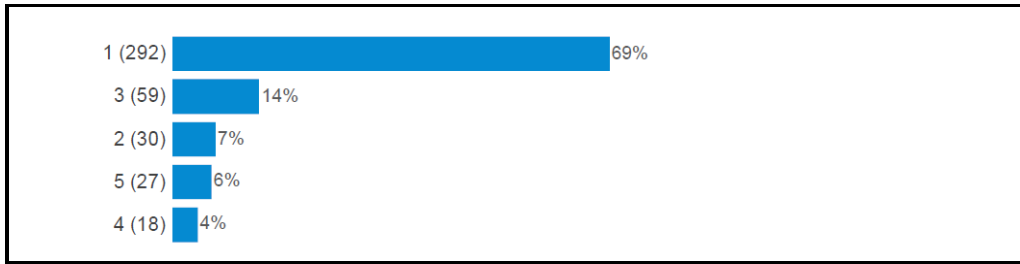
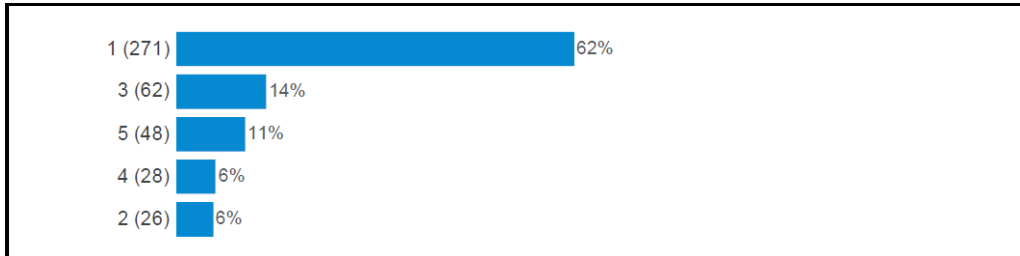


Table tennis



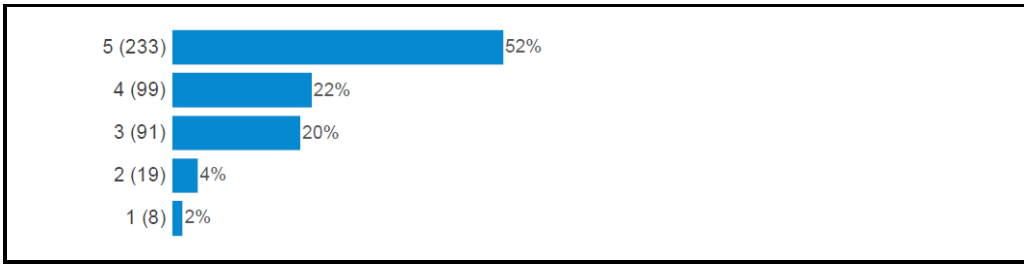
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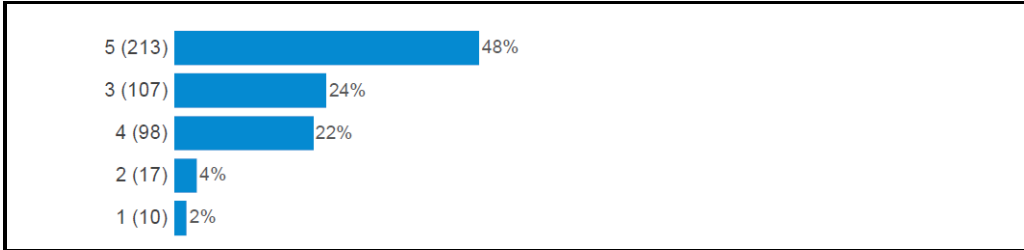
The majority of respondents rated the existing sports provision in the parish as not important to them or their family.

Q11.1a Importance to parish						
		1	2	3	4	5
	Tennis	8 (2%)	19 (4%)	91 (20%)	99 (22%)	233 (52%)
	Senior football: men	10 (2%)	17 (4%)	107 (24%)	98 (22%)	213 (48%)
	Senior football: women	13 (3%)	26 (6%)	107 (24%)	90 (20%)	207 (47%)
	Junior football: boys	5 (1%)	10 (2%)	76 (17%)	102 (22%)	264 (58%)
	Junior football: girls	7 (2%)	12 (3%)	85 (19%)	94 (21%)	258 (57%)
	Swimming	4 (1%)	8 (2%)	71 (15%)	95 (20%)	289 (62%)
	Bowls	9 (2%)	15 (3%)	102 (23%)	98 (22%)	225 (50%)
	Squash	15 (3%)	24 (6%)	114 (26%)	81 (19%)	205 (47%)
	Badminton	12 (3%)	24 (5%)	110 (25%)	89 (20%)	208 (47%)
	Running	12 (3%)	13 (3%)	98 (22%)	91 (20%)	233 (52%)
	Junior athletics	9 (2%)	11 (2%)	91 (20%)	99 (22%)	239 (53%)
	Fitness/gym	3 (1%)	12 (3%)	79 (17%)	105 (23%)	259 (57%)
	Table tennis	18 (4%)	29 (7%)	104 (23%)	86 (19%)	209 (47%)
	Dance	19 (4%)	20 (5%)	101 (23%)	87 (20%)	218 (49%)

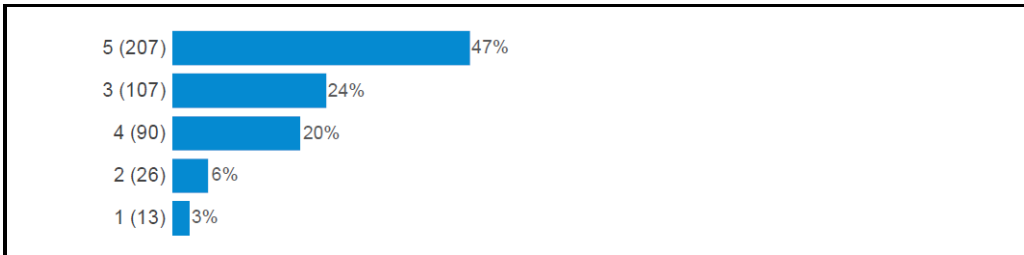
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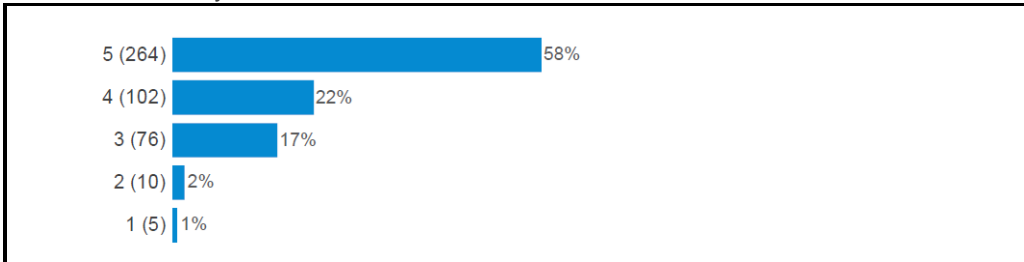
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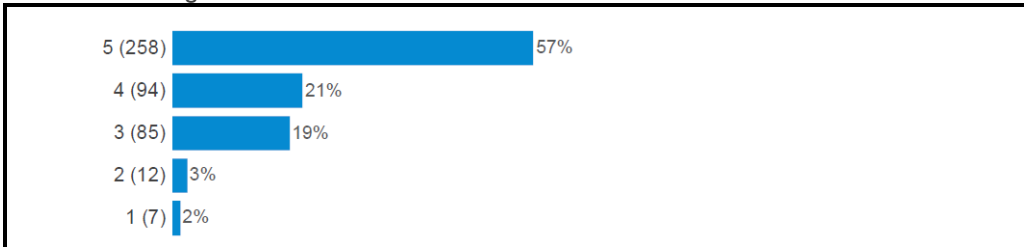
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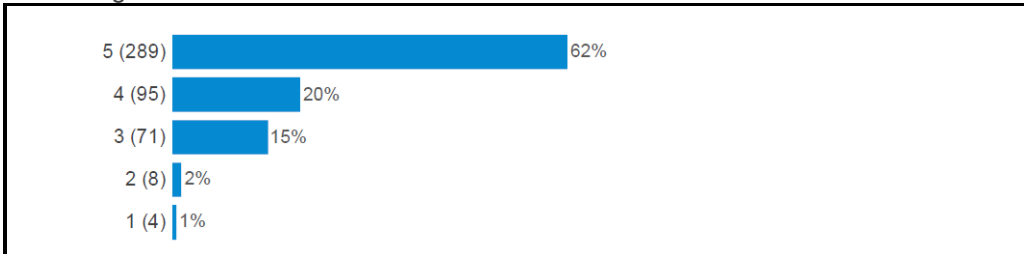
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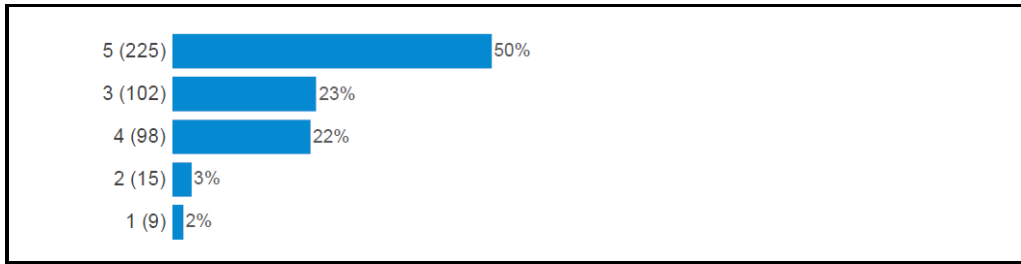
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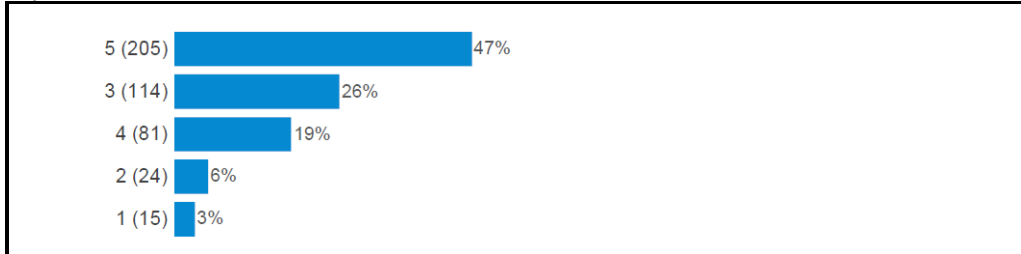
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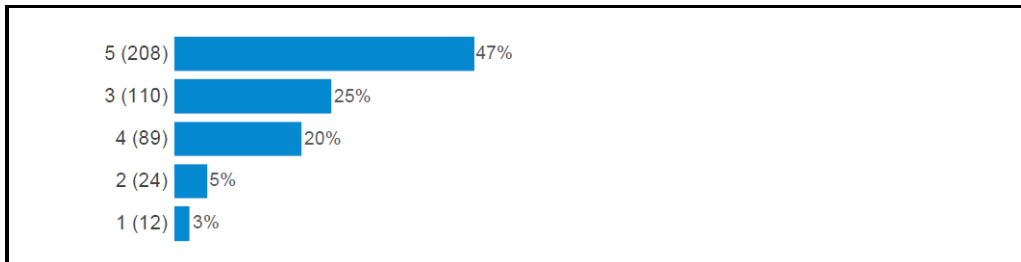
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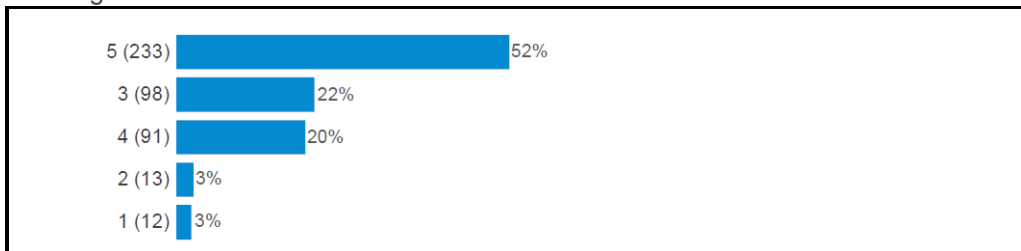
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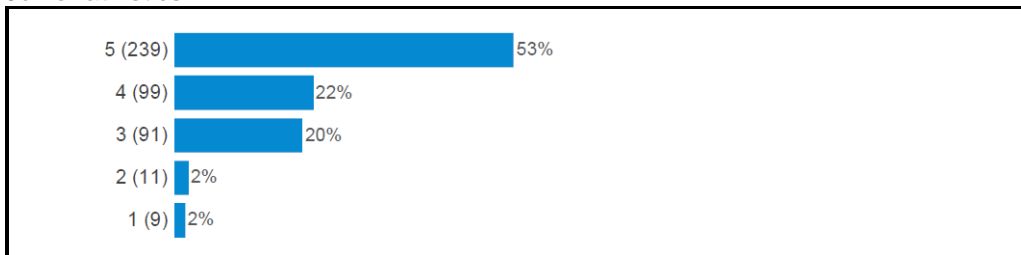
### Badminton



### Running



### Junior athletics



### Fitness/gym

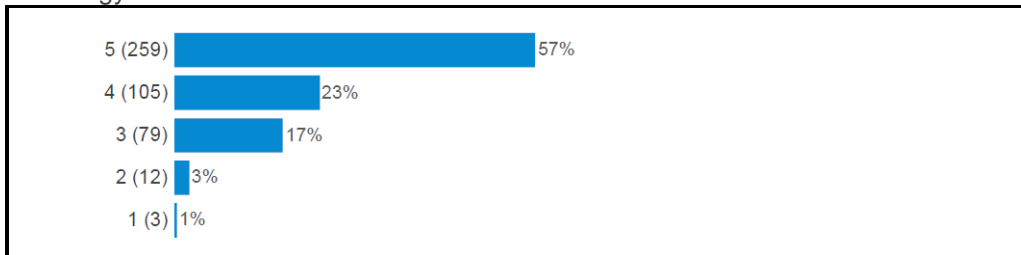
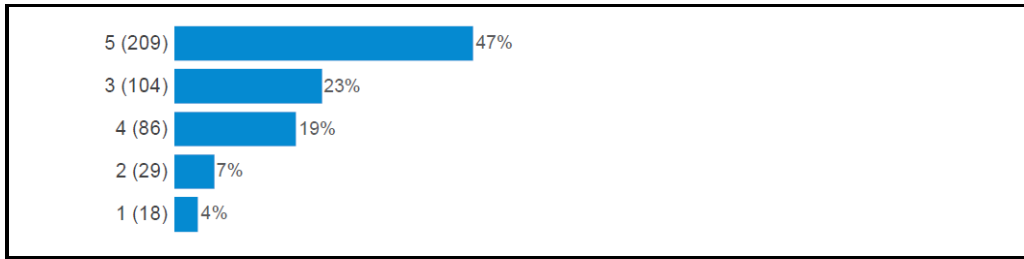
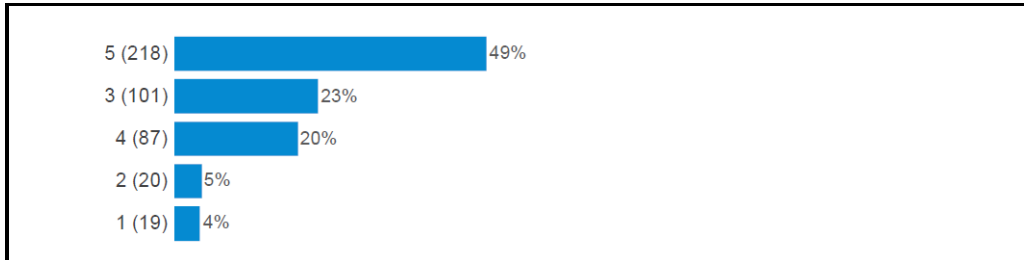


Table tennis



Dance



The majority of respondents rated the existing sports provision as very important to the parish.

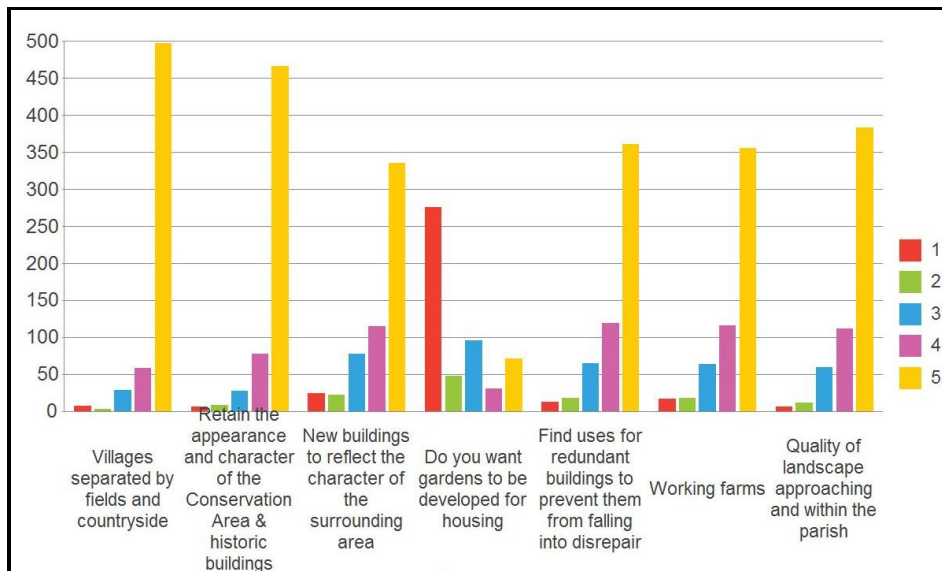
<b>Q11.1b</b>	<b>What other sports facilities would you like to see developed in the parish</b>
	75 comments

From the additional 75 comments received, respondents identified the following sports facilities that they would like to see developed in the parish:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Netball</li> <li>2. Gym facilities</li> <li>3. Cricket</li> <li>4. Cycling</li> <li>5. Basketball court</li> <li>6. Football pitches</li> <li>7. Yoga</li> <li>8. Skate/BMX park</li> <li>9. Swimming pool-better access</li> <li>10. Rugby</li> <li>11. Golf</li> <li>12. Walking</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. Gymnastics</li> <li>14. Table tennis</li> <li>15. Running track</li> <li>16. Rifle/pistol ranges</li> <li>17. Games club</li> <li>18. Fishing</li> <li>19. Dancing</li> <li>20. Pilates</li> <li>21. Indoor bowls</li> <li>22. Clubbercise</li> <li>23. Archery</li> <li>24. Slimming world</li> </ol>
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## 12. HERITAGE

Q12	How do you rate the following as essential characteristics of the parish? Please score from 1 to 5 where 1 is not important and 5 is very important	1	2	3	4	5
	Villages separated by fields and countryside	7 (1%)	3 (0.5%)	28 (5%)	58 (10%)	497 (84%)
	Retain the appearance and character of the Conservation Area & historic buildings	6 (1%)	8 (1%)	27 (5%)	77 (13%)	466 (80%)
	New buildings to reflect the character of the surrounding area	24 (4%)	22 (4%)	77 (13%)	115 (20%)	335 (59%)
	Do you want gardens to be developed for housing	276 (53%)	48 (9%)	95 (18%)	31 (6%)	71 (14%)
	Find uses for redundant buildings to prevent them from falling into disrepair	12 (2%)	18 (3%)	65 (11%)	119 (21%)	361 (63%)
	Working farms	17 (3%)	18 (3%)	64 (11%)	116 (20%)	355 (62%)
	Quality of landscape approaching and within the parish	6 (1%)	11 (2%)	59 (10%)	111 (20%)	383 (67%)



The majority of respondents rated the 'Villages separated by fields and countryside' as being a very important essential characteristic of the parish, followed by 'Retain the appearance and character of the Conservation Area & historic buildings'. The essential characteristic of the parish rated as not important was 'Do you want gardens to be developed for housing'.

Other - please specify:

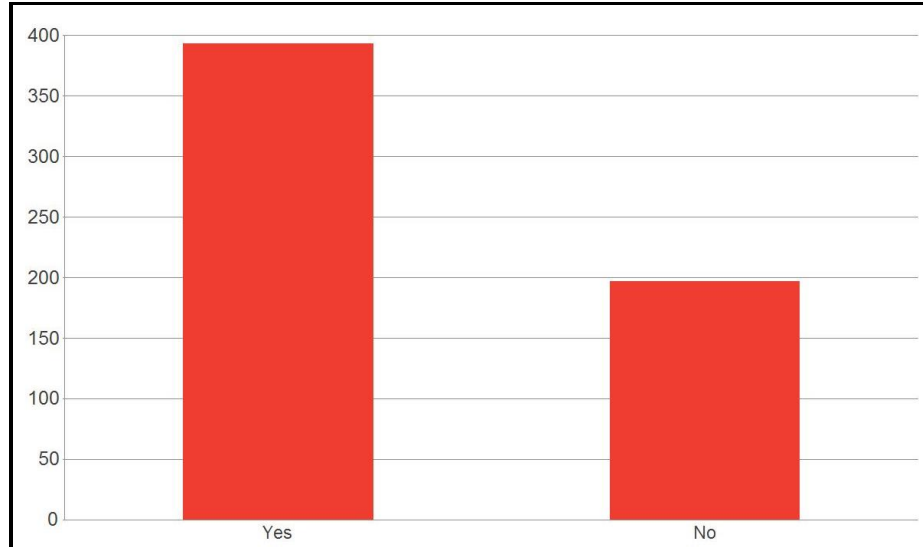
From the additional 89 comments received, respondents identified the following issues:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do not want gardens to be developed for housing</li> <li>2. Find uses for redundant buildings</li> <li>3. New housing to be in keeping with surroundings</li> <li>4. No new housing</li> <li>5. Well insulated and efficient new housing</li> <li>6. Landscape and landscape approach to villages</li> <li>7. More trees</li> <li>8. Wildflower planting</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Sculpture-village enhancement</li> <li>10. Keep villages separate</li> <li>11. Maintain historic character of the village</li> <li>12. Gardens are important</li> <li>13. Maintain green belt areas</li> <li>14. Preservation of medieval field system</li> <li>15. Gardens developed: Acceptable within parameters</li> <li>16. Quality shops</li> </ol>
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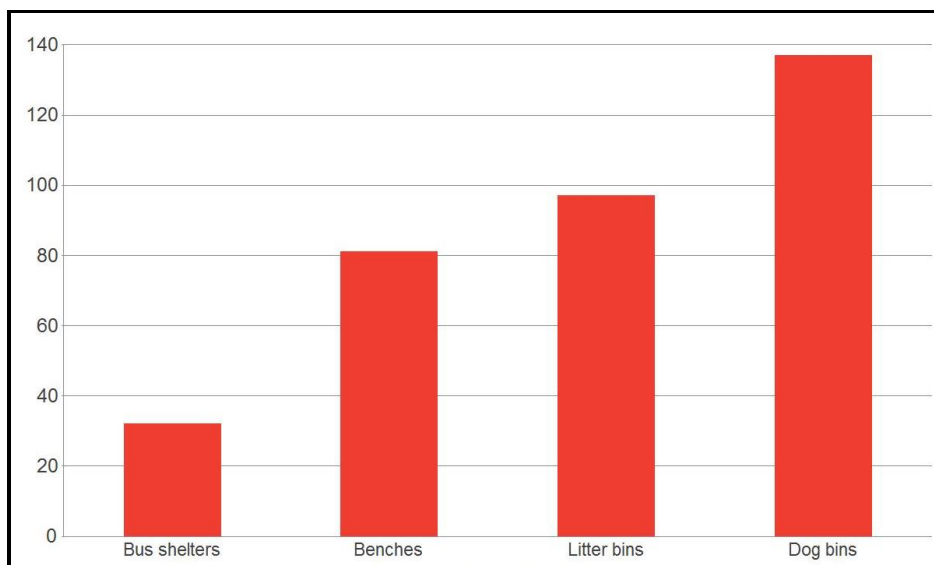
## 13. ENVIRONMENT

<b>Q13.1</b>	<b>Is there sufficient street furniture in the parish? (e.g. Bus shelters, Benches, Litter bins, Dog bins)</b>	
	393 (67%)	Yes
	197 (33%)	No



The majority of respondents indicated that there is enough street furniture (Bus shelters, benches, litter bins etc.) in the parish.

<b>Q13.1a</b>	<b>If you answered no, what street furniture would you like to see installed?</b>	
	32 (17%)	Bus shelters
	81 (43%)	Benches
	97 (52%)	Litter bins
	137 (73%)	Dog bins
	Other - please specify: 37 comments	



Those respondents that indicated that there was not enough street furniture in the parish, wanted to see more 'Dog bins', followed by 'Litter bins', 'Benches' and 'Bus Shelters'

From the additional 37 comments received, respondents identified the following street furniture that they would like to see installed:

<b>Dog Bins</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog bins at Hamble Cose/ Burley Close Footpath</li> <li>• Dog Bins - Markfield Lane</li> <li>• Dog Bins – around the estates</li> <li>• Regular emptying of dog bins</li> </ul>
<b>Benches</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By Bellway entrance</li> <li>• Green spaces in village</li> <li>• Park near Littlefield Lane</li> </ul>
<b>Bus Shelters</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seating in current bus shelters</li> <li>• Shelter on Holmfield Rd for High School students?</li> </ul>
<b>HGV</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HGV access signs Speed limited interactive signs</li> </ul>
<b>Street Lights</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lights keeping on at night</li> </ul>
<b>Notice boards</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village notice board on Markfield Lane/Hunts Close</li> <li>• Parish Council Noticeboard</li> <li>• A more secure way for noticeboards (not just pins)</li> </ul>
<b>Security</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More security to prevent vandalism-CCTV/ prosecutions</li> </ul>
<b>Signage</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 MPH repeat signs on all roads into Desford</li> <li>• More road signs to protect village from HGV traffic</li> </ul>

<b>Q13.1b</b>	<b>Please let us know where would you like to see any street furniture installed and what this is.</b>
	154 comments

<b>Alley ways</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Along alleyways</li> <li>• Dog bins - more prevalent around alleyways</li> </ul>
<b>Available space</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benches - where available space (more height for disabled to sit)</li> </ul>
<b>Bosworth Academy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bosworth academy Dog bins</li> <li>• Benches outside Bosworth College</li> </ul>
<b>Botcheston Road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter bins - Botcheston Rd</li> <li>• Bus shelters - Botcheston could do with a nice oak stop</li> <li>• Benches in Botcheston More dog bins More litter bins</li> <li>• Bus shelter on Main Street Botcheston, outside pub I see some bins full to overflowing.</li> <li>• Dog bins - Botcheston Main Street</li> <li>• Dog bins west end of Main Street Botcheston</li> <li>• Botcheston play area - the bench is tucked away in a shady part of the park. It needs to be more central to the play equipment</li> <li>• Bus shelter - corner Botcheston Road and Desford Road</li> <li>• Dog bins - Botcheston Main Street</li> <li>• Bench at Botcheston corner bus stop</li> <li>• Dog bins - near public footpath on Botcheston.</li> <li>• Dog bins - Botcheston</li> <li>• Decorative signage for Botcheston entry points</li> </ul>

<b>Benches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benches along flat path and around Desford village</li> <li>• Benches- more seated area</li> <li>• Benches - around village and recreation grounds</li> <li>• Benches: Grass area twigden estate, Bellway Estate Benches, , Outside Cafe</li> <li>• More benches</li> <li>• Benches - hill sides</li> </ul>
<b>Bins</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bigger bins</li> <li>• Litter Bins - wherever there is a large footfall, schools, the square etc</li> <li>• Occupation Lane Litter bins - All Jittys.</li> <li>• Bins need to be emptied on a regular basis, particularly in summer</li> <li>• Litter bins - at the busier junctions</li> </ul>
<b>Bridleways</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog bins - around village &amp; bridleways</li> <li>• More Dog bins on Caterpillar bridlepath</li> <li>• Litter bins on bridle path</li> </ul>
<b>Bus shelters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proper bus shelters with seating, all locations.</li> <li>• All bus shelters should be enclosed ideally</li> <li>• Bus shelters with seats</li> <li>• Bus shelters: Improved with sides and seats Benches</li> <li>• Bus shelter - at all bus stops, preferably vandal proof</li> </ul>
<b>Caterpillar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benches along Caterpillar walk</li> </ul>
<b>Co-op</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter bins - particularly outside Coop on</li> </ul>
<b>Church</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog bins behind the church</li> </ul>
<b>Desford</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bus shelters on Deford Road, Benches more between NV and Desford Litter bins more between NV and Desford Dog bins more between NV and Desford</li> <li>• Litter bins - Desford Lane</li> <li>• Dog bins at end of Lane from Desford to Kirkby Mallory/Peckleton</li> <li>• Desford Bridleway - dog bins</li> <li>• Would be nice to have a bench on the triangular walk, Desford - Peckleton - on track from top of Archers Lane - Desford.</li> <li>• Benches in Desford</li> </ul>
<b>Desford Primary School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bus shelters - Manor Road Litter bins-from outside the Desford Primary School along St Martins Drive</li> <li>• Benches - at playpark near Primary School Dog bins - on the new Bellway estate</li> </ul>
<b>Dog bins</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog bins: 1 bin only at one end of Bridle Path - nothing in Peckleton.</li> <li>• Dog bins- Throughout the village</li> <li>• Dog bins - require more</li> <li>• Dog bins - along popular dog walking routes, the footpath/bridleway at rear of Catarpillar</li> <li>• Dog bins near public footpaths.</li> <li>• More Dog bins in dog walking areas</li> <li>• Occupation Lane Dog bins - All Jittys.</li> <li>• Dog bins adjacent to litter bins</li> <li>• Dog bins need to be emptied on a regular basis, particularly in summer</li> <li>• The ones we have need emptying more often - dog</li> <li>• Dog bins where appropriate</li> </ul>

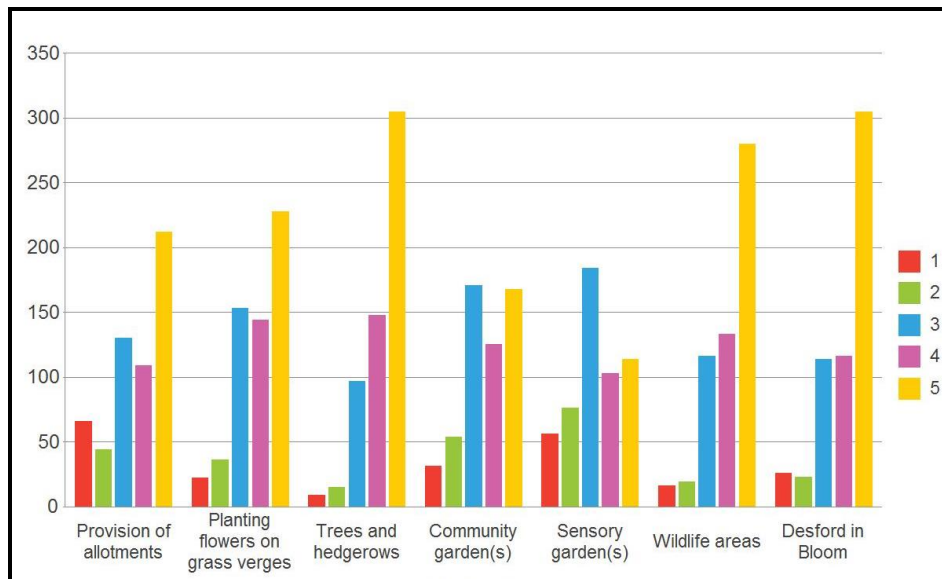
<b>Estate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter bins on estate roads Dog bins - all streets should have one.</li> <li>• Bus Shelters - all stops Litter bins and dog bins - on council estates</li> <li>• Litter bins and dog bins - New estate on Hunts Lane and Local roads</li> </ul>
<b>Green spaces/ open spaces</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog bins - All green spaces/recreation/walk areas</li> <li>• Benches to look at countryside or greenery Maybe need more benches for older people walking to and from shops</li> <li>• More benches could be a welcome addition on open spaces</li> <li>• Benches - on green spaces around the village</li> <li>• Benches - Greenary</li> </ul>
<b>Hazel Street</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter bins and dog bins - Hazel Street</li> </ul>
<b>High street</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benches, Litter bins and dog bins - High Street</li> <li>• Litter bins and dog bins - High Street</li> <li>• Litter bins - More on high street between, between High Street.</li> <li>• Street light needed on Forest Way alleyway between Drovers Way &amp; High Street</li> </ul>
<b>Kirkby</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benches in Kirkby Road Park.</li> <li>• Benches outside Kirby Lane</li> <li>• Dog bins - Kirby Grange</li> <li>• No Dog bins from Kirby Lane to Desford.</li> <li>• Don't seem to have sufficient. Dog bins - Kirby Rd</li> <li>• Dog bins Kirby Grange</li> <li>• Benches - Kirkby Rd Peckleton Lane</li> <li>• Benches Hills Peckleton Lane, Kirkby Road</li> <li>• Litter bins - halfway along Kirkby Road</li> <li>• Benches: Kirkby Road play area</li> <li>• Benches along public footpaths e.g. Kirkby Road</li> </ul>
<b>Leicester lane</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benches - top of Leicester Lane</li> </ul>
<b>Main Road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benches, Litter Bins and Dog Bins along main Rd through Desford.</li> </ul>
<b>Main street</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main Street - Dog bins</li> <li>• Benches- Main Street</li> <li>• Benches, Litter bins and dog bins - Main Street</li> </ul>
<b>Manor Road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benches on Manor Road</li> <li>• Benches &amp; Litter bins - both sides of manor road near old post office.</li> <li>• Bus shelters - Manor road (old PO)</li> <li>• Dog bins - Manor Road</li> <li>• Bus shelters - Improved protection - Manor Road</li> <li>• Bus shelters with seats on Manor Road Benches</li> <li>• Don't seem to have sufficient. Dog bins - Manor Rd.</li> <li>• Litter Bins and Dog Bins: Manor Road</li> <li>• Bus shelters - Manor Road/Gardens Benches - Manor Road slip road verge Litter bins - near garages on Holmfield Road/St Martins Drive</li> <li>• Benches- Manor Road</li> <li>• Bus shelter - Manor Road</li> <li>• Litter and dog bins on Manor Road</li> <li>• Bus shelters - badly positioned Manor Road/Hunts Lane needs a layby Dog bins by the jitties, dog foul is terrible</li> <li>• Benches, Litter bins and dog bins - Manor Rd,</li> <li>• Bus shelter - Manor Road</li> <li>• Litter bins and dog bins - Manor Rd</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benches - Manor Rd</li> <li>• Manor Road Bus shelters</li> </ul>
<b>Markfield Road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter bins - Markfield Lane, Botcheston Rd, Desford Lane, Station Rd</li> <li>• Dog bins - Markfield Lane, Botcheston Main Street</li> <li>• Dog bins - near public footpath on Markfield Lane, Botcheston.</li> <li>• Benches on Markfield Lane</li> <li>• Dog bins on Markfield Lane where public footpaths reach the road</li> <li>• Dog bins - Markfield Lane Bridlepath between Thornton and Ratby (cycle route)</li> <li>• Benches/litter bins throughout the parish Dog bins - on Markfield Lane</li> </ul>
<b>Neovia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter bins: The path by Neovia Dog bins: More of these everywhere</li> </ul>
<b>Newbold Road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newbold Road - Dog bins</li> <li>• Bench at the top of Newbold Road</li> <li>• Benches- Newbold Road</li> <li>• Shelter on bus stop to Newbold</li> <li>• Litter bins- Newbold Road</li> </ul>
<b>Newtown Unthank</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benches outside Newtown Unthank</li> </ul>
<b>Oak Road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter bins and dog bins - Oak Rd</li> </ul>
<b>Peckleton Lane</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog bins - Peckleton Lane</li> <li>• Benches - Peckleton Lane</li> <li>• Litter bins and dog bins - Peckleton Lane towards Caterpillar</li> <li>• Dog bins halfway on Bridleway from Peckleton Lane to Peckleton village.</li> <li>• Dog bins - Bridleway off Peckleton Lane towards Peckleton</li> <li>• Benches Hills Peckleton Lane</li> <li>• Dog bins - Peckleton Lane - Same side as the footpath</li> <li>• Bus shelters at College Benches on walkway to Peckleton Litter bins outside all public places of use Dog bins between Kirkby Lane and Peckleton</li> <li>• Not sure where they are so assume not enough! More bins needed on Peckleton Lane</li> <li>• Bus shelters at all bus stops Benches - Kirkby Road/Peckleton Lane junction area Dog bins - at end of bridlepath from Peckleton Lane</li> <li>• Litter bins: Desford Dog bins: Bydale (hard to read and so may not be correct) footpath in Desford, Peckleton</li> </ul>
<b>Playing fields/ playgrounds/ parks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benches – playing fields, playgrounds</li> <li>• Benches - playing area</li> <li>• Dog bins - playing</li> <li>• Benches/Litter bins - play areas</li> <li>• Dog bins - play area by school need more</li> <li>• Benches -parks</li> <li>• Benches - near parks</li> </ul>
<b>Schools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Near schools Dog bins - all dog walking areas</li> <li>• Dog bins - near primary school</li> <li>• Dog bins by the infant school.</li> <li>• Litter bins outside Primary School</li> </ul>
<b>Shops</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benches - shops</li> <li>• Dog bins - shop areas</li> <li>• Litter Bins – shops</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Litter bins perhaps on routes to and from Takeaway and Food shops</li> <li>Benches - near shops</li> </ul>
<b>Signs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearer signs</li> </ul>
<b>Station Road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dog bins - Station Road</li> <li>Benches: top of Station Road</li> <li>Dog bins along Station Road</li> <li>Litter bins- No bins from the top of Station Road to Poundstretcher (TI Tubes) layby</li> </ul>
<b>St Martins Drive</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dog bins - St Martins Drive</li> <li>Dog bins - where the entrance between the new estate and St Martins drive</li> <li>Litter bins and dog bins - St Martins Drive</li> </ul>
<b>The grove</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Benches and litter bins - The grove</li> </ul>
<b>Village</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Benches in old village</li> <li>Litter bins around village near to shops and schools Dog bins around village</li> <li>Benches - play areas/recreation areas Litter bins - Throughout village</li> <li>Litter/Dog bins throughout the village</li> <li>Benches dotted around village Litter bins near college</li> <li>Benches - Burrough (near Paintball site0 Dog bins - At the Burroughs</li> <li>Dog bins -On street/road junctions</li> <li>Benches, litter bins, dog bins - around suitable areas in the village.</li> </ul>
<b>Park</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dog bins - the park at Kirkby Road</li> <li>Benches – Parks</li> </ul>
<b>Parkstone Road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Litter bins: Parkstone Road, St Martins Drive</li> <li>Benches - new state near cemetery Litter bins - Parkstone Rd, New housing estates</li> </ul>
<b>Station Road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Litter bins on Station Road Desford.</li> <li>Dog bins on Station Road and Towpath to Peckleton.</li> <li>Litter bins and dog bins on Station Road, Desford.</li> <li>Litter bins - Station Rd</li> <li>Benches - Station Road</li> </ul>

**Amenities:**

Q13.2	How do you rate the following? Please score from 1 to 5 where 1 is not important and 5 is very important	1	2	3	4	5
	Provision of allotments	66 (12%)	44 (8%)	130 (23%)	109 (19%)	212 (38%)
	Planting flowers on grass verges	22 (4%)	36 (6%)	153 (26%)	144 (25%)	228 (39%)
	Trees and hedgerows	9 (2%)	15 (3%)	97 (17%)	148 (26%)	305 (53%)
	Community garden(s)	31 (6%)	54 (10%)	171 (31%)	125 (23%)	168 (31%)
	Sensory garden(s)	56 (11%)	76 (14%)	184 (35%)	103 (19%)	114 (21%)
	Wildlife areas	16 (3%)	19 (3%)	116 (21%)	133 (24%)	280 (50%)
	Desford in Bloom	26 (5%)	23 (4%)	114 (20%)	116 (20%)	305 (52%)
	Other - please specify: 27 comments					



The top 5 amenities respondents rated were:

6. *Trees and hedgerows*
7. *Desford in Bloom*
8. *Wildlife areas*
9. *Planting flowers on grass verges*
10. *Provision of allotments*

Other - please specify: 27 comments

From the additional 27 comments received, respondents identified the following issues:

<b>Botcheston</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Botcheston in Bloom?</li> <li>• It is important that Botcheston are not neglected when considering this</li> </ul>
<b>Christmas time</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feel that more could be done around xmas time to liven up the village</li> </ul>
<b>Desford in bloom</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unfortunately Desford in Bloom and others on list are not present in Newtown Unthank</li> <li>• Desford in bloom is Excellent</li> <li>• Desford in bloom made a massive much needed improvement to the village last year. It should be supported and encouraged.</li> <li>• Desford in Bloom - Great addition to Desford looks and community spirit</li> <li>• Desford in Bloom had 2 ticks!</li> <li>• Lovely display of daffodils Well done to all those involved in Desford in Bloom</li> <li>• Desford in bloom should be all over Desford including council estate.</li> <li>• Desford In Bloom - Wonderful asset to the village.</li> <li>• Desford in Bloom should include all the village</li> <li>• Desford in bloom was poor in the first year and a waste of money.</li> <li>• Desford in Bloom in 2016 made a huge impact on the streets used, I would like to see this expanded</li> </ul>
<b>Flowers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beautiful daffodils on manor road.</li> <li>• On a positive note, the daffodils in Botcheston and Newtown Unthank look beautiful</li> </ul>
<b>Neovia dev</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of Neovia will ruin the area surrounding</li> </ul>
<b>Open garden</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Love the Open Gardens experience - brilliant for bringing community together</li> </ul>

<b>Planting flowers on grass verges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It would be nice if the grass verges looked nice</li> <li>• To Plant flowers on grass verges you need to move the cars first.</li> <li>• Rather than spend on grounds maintenance some grass verges could be sown as meadow flowers</li> <li>• Better maintenance of grass and hedges around village</li> <li>• Grassed areas - shouldn't allow parking on them eg, outside the library.</li> </ul>
<b>Showing interest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals could show more interest in their immediate surroundings, e.g. do a bit of weeding!</li> </ul>
<b>Sustainable</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental projects must be sustainable and not just for short term show</li> </ul>
<b>Wildlife areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The wildlife area, sensory garden, community garden and planting flowers on grass verges - with limited funds these items are not essential. Would be great if funds allowed</li> <li>• We must maintain our open spaces for wildlife and leisure and aesthetics.</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace is an important amenity, any new development should continue to give us this</li> </ul>

### ***Flooding & Drainage:***

<b>Q13.3</b>	<b>please let us know if there are any specific locations in the parish where regular flooding occurs (e.g. blocked drains)</b>
	193 comments

From the additional 193 comments received, respondents identified the following locations where flooding occurs in the parish:

<b>Bellway estate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bellway estate : blocked drains - water collects on road.</li> </ul>
<b>Bosworth Academy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B582 at the bottom of the Bosworth Academy playing fields.</li> </ul>
<b>Botcheston Road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junction of Botcheston Rd</li> <li>• In heavy rain the road floods at the Botcheston turn and further along the same road approaching Kirby Muxloe</li> <li>• Botcheston Main Street/Markfield Lane Berrington Close, Botcheston</li> <li>• Botcheston Road - Bufton Lodge area - drains regularly blocked after heavy rain</li> <li>• Botcheston to Thornton</li> <li>• Botcheston Road prone to flooding when weather really bad. Has been blocked previously</li> <li>• Botcheston Cross Roads Newtown Unthank</li> <li>• Botcheston village at the bottom of Markfield Lane</li> <li>• Botcheston Road always floods between Markfield Lane and Station Road</li> <li>• Road between Botcheston and Merrylees. Traffic is driving up on to the grass verge to get by flood</li> <li>• The drains opposite Botcheston Village Hall</li> <li>• Improved in last 3 years but road into east of Botcheston can still flood and Botcheston Lane.</li> </ul>
<b>Bufton Lodge area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bufton Lodge area</li> </ul>
<b>Church/ Church Lane</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church Lane, leaves cause blockage.</li> <li>• Corner Church Lane / Main Street</li> <li>• There are often large puddles at the end of the jitty near the Free Church.</li> <li>• Top of Church Lane</li> </ul>



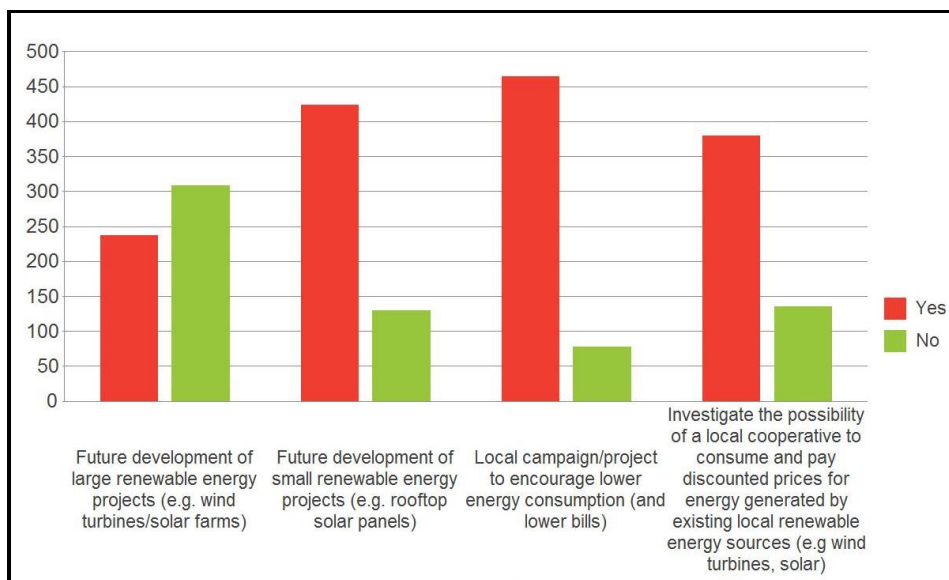
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church Lane drain at rear entrance to the church</li> <li>• Church Lane often water logged</li> <li>• Church Lane - street corner by church wall opposite the war memorial. Most of the flooding problems are caused by blocked drains in the road</li> </ul>
<b>Co-op</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside Co-op - Pedestrians regularly splashed by motor traffic</li> </ul>
<b>Desford</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bottom of Desford Lane before Kirby.</li> <li>• Along Desford Lane, approaching Kirby Muxloe from Newtown Unthank, across Rothley Brook</li> <li>• Level crossing at edge of Desford Village between Desford &amp; Botcheston</li> </ul>
<b>Desford tubes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road outside former Desford Tubes.</li> </ul>
<b>Dentist</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside dentist - Pedestrians regularly splashed by motor traffic</li> </ul>
<b>Fields</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fields near Barons Park</li> </ul>
<b>Grace road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular flooding Grace Road Junction</li> <li>• At the end of Grace Road.</li> <li>• Corner of Peckleton Lane and Grace Road</li> <li>• Junction of Grace Road</li> <li>• Grace Road Entrance</li> <li>• Grace Road. Sewage flooding into street and gardens after heavy rainfall</li> <li>• Bottom of Grace Rd</li> <li>• Grace Rd junction still has huge puddles after rain</li> <li>• Grace Rd Junction (Blocked drains)</li> <li>• Grace Road - close it its junction with Peckleton Lane</li> <li>• Junction of Grace Road Grace Road - sewage spill</li> <li>• Where Grace Road meets Peckleton Lane Corner of Leicester Lane about 300 yards from Bosworth College</li> <li>• High Street Junction of Grace Road</li> </ul>
<b>High street</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High St bus stop!</li> <li>• Crossing of High Street by old Post Office</li> </ul>
<b>Hunts lane</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunts Lane we have to ring to get drains unblocked.</li> </ul>
<b>Kirby</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road leading to Kirby Muxloe (Desford Lane?)</li> <li>• Between Kirby Muxloe &amp; Newtown Unthank.</li> </ul>
<b>Leicester Lane/ Road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Along Leicester Lane.</li> <li>• Leicester Lane [Snow]</li> <li>• Leicester Lane Drains Blocked</li> <li>• Leicester Lane, i.e. past the college and on first bend</li> <li>• Leicester Road. Roundabout</li> </ul>
<b>Lindridge lane</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top of Lindridge Lane out C0-op (sewers?)</li> <li>• Newtown Unthank Lindridge Lane</li> <li>• Lindridge Lane (between Birdland and Linwood Cottage). Drains are regularly silted up and cause flooding</li> <li>• Merrylees end of Lindridge Lane</li> <li>• Station Road Lindridge Lane</li> </ul>
<b>Main Street</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junction of Markfield Lane and Botcheston Rd and Main Street</li> <li>• Main Street Botcheston going out to Merry lees (Moores Farm)</li> <li>• Main Street Botcheston</li> <li>• On Botcheston Main Street at bottom of hill outside White Cottage(myhome) and Foxhollow. Drains need clearing here please</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YES. A twin culvert at the bottom of Main Street., Botcheston requires replacing with a single 2m x 1m box culvert to prevent flooding of Newtown Unthank</li> <li>• Main Street/Church Lane - street corner by church wall opposite the war memorial. Most of the flooding problems are caused by blocked drains in the road</li> <li>• Main Street junction in Botcheston</li> <li>• Main St (outside Church)</li> <li>• Corner of Main Street</li> <li>• On the corner of Main Street</li> <li>• The drains opposite Main Street</li> <li>• Main Street Bottom Station Road Kirby Muxloe (near fields on bend)</li> </ul>
<b>Manor gardens</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manor Gardens entrance to No 14 at Footpath approach.</li> </ul>
<b>Manor road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Down Manor Road on the uneven side (numbers) on the footpath.</li> <li>• Manor Road Desford.</li> <li>• Service road off manor road.</li> <li>• Slip Road - Manor Road</li> <li>• Manor Road service road Bends on Leicester Lane</li> </ul>
<b>Markfield Lane</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junction of Markfield Lane</li> <li>• Bottom of Markfield Lane</li> <li>• Markfield Lane junction with Main Street Botcheston</li> <li>• Junction Markfield Lane</li> <li>• Markfield Lane regularly floods in Botcheston</li> <li>• Cross road Botcheston and Markfield Lane</li> <li>• Junction Markfield Lane/Desford Lane</li> </ul>
<b>Newbold road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newbold Rd</li> <li>• Bottom of dip going out of Desford towards Newbold.</li> <li>• Between Kirby Muxloe &amp; Newtown Unthank.</li> </ul>
<b>Newtown Unthank</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newtown Unthank-Botcheston</li> <li>• Newtown Unthank corner</li> <li>• Level crossing Newtown Unthank</li> </ul>
<b>Parkston Road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parkston Road</li> </ul>
<b>Peckleton Lane</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peckleton lane - regularly flooded drains</li> <li>• Peckleton Lane- Drains are often blocked, going from village up towards Neovia</li> <li>• Junction of Peckleton Lane</li> <li>• The hollow in Peckleton Lane</li> <li>• Peckleton Lane on the hill between Grace Road &amp; High Street</li> <li>• Peckleton Lane Sweage due to over-capacity / pumping</li> <li>• 1/2 way down Peckleton Lane (drain) Junction of Peckleton Lane and Grace Road (no drain)</li> <li>• The junction of Peckleton Lane and Grace Road has an incorrectly sited drain, so water floods across half the width of Grace Road, even when it's been raining moderately</li> <li>• Peckleton Lane junction. Sewage flooding into street and gardens after heavy rainfall</li> <li>• Peckleton Lane outside Caterpillar</li> <li>• Many issues with the drain along Peckleton Lane, going back several years</li> <li>• Road drain outside 25 Peckleton Lane Desford - Water runs from the grid, down the hill towards Grace Rd. This has been looked into BUT still after 3 years has not been solved</li> </ul>
<b>Ratby</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By Ratby turn</li> <li>• Road leading to Ratby (Desford Lane?)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On corner opposite turn to Ratby from Newtown Unthank and onward to Kirby Muxloe. on way to Merrylees</li> <li>• Ratby Lane (Newtown Unthank to Kirby Muxloe) when heavy rain runs off fields</li> </ul>
<b>Ringwood Close</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ringwood Close</li> </ul>
<b>Station road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bottom of Station Road near the mill</li> <li>• Station Road Railway Line</li> <li>• Station Rd (bottom of hill). All the drains are full of silt. Leicester Lane. Where brook crosses under road. Drains need cleaning out regularly. We have rung the council several times to get them cleaned</li> <li>• Station Rd@ railway line and Lindridge Lane</li> <li>• (Station Road) Drains are not cleaned out anymore, so all are full of dead leaves and foliage. This causes flooding down drives</li> <li>• Bus stop prior to Station Road / Leicester Lane</li> <li>• Lower part of Station Road (just across from the Lancaster Arms pub) in the 'dip'.</li> </ul>
<b>St Martins Drive</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Martins Drive Corner of Rowan Way/Beech Way - blocked drains!</li> <li>• St Martins Drive just before turning left into Willow Street. The manhole cover rises on water gushes out every time we have heavy rain. Been doing it for years</li> </ul>
<b>Newtown Unthank</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newtown Unthank</li> </ul>
<b>Oak Road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bottom of Oak Road?</li> </ul>
<b>Pub</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At bus stop down from Bluebell Pub</li> <li>• Yes if very heavy rainfall; 1. on road from greyhound pub to Merrylees 2.</li> </ul>
<b>Willow street</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back and front gardens in Willow Street when rain is heavy and lasting</li> <li>• Willow street junction of Hazel street, floating on pavement.</li> </ul>

**Energy Consumption:**

<b>Q13.4 Would you support the following?</b>			
		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Future development of large renewable energy projects (e.g. wind turbines/solar farms)	237 (44%)	308 (57%)
	Future development of small renewable energy projects (e.g. rooftop solar panels)	424 (77%)	130 (24%)
	Local campaign/project to encourage lower energy consumption (and lower bills)	464 (86%)	78 (14%)
	Investigate the possibility of a local cooperative to consume and pay discounted prices for energy generated by existing local renewable energy sources (e.g. wind turbines, solar)	380 (74%)	135 (26%)
	Comments / suggested locations? 132		



The majority of respondents indicated that they would support a *'Local campaign/project to encourage lower energy consumption (and lower bills)'* in relation to Energy Consumption.

*'Future development of large renewable energy projects (e.g. wind turbines/solar farms)'* received the least support from respondents.

From the additional 132 comments received, the following comments / locations were identified:

#### Future development of large renewable energy projects

- Well away from Housing
- How large and where?
- Any of the surrounding area
- Desford now has enough of these on the skyline
- Definitely NO!
- Large energy projects if at appropriate site, not too close to housing.
- Spare land around caterpillar Not in heritage area Not visible to housing
- Provided not within proximity of housing and are properly landscaped
- Depends how close they are to housing
- Not near schools
- Depends on location
- Location- Do not want Green landscape to be spoilt by a wind turbine. Put them along the M1 stretch
- Location-Lindridge Lane / Merrylees
- Location- Cat /Tubes sites
- Only if not a blot on the landscape
- If it was instead of houses being built on the land
- Solar - yes Wind turbines -no Location dependent
- Ban all wind turbines. Solar fields acceptable
- Yes if sensibly located in fields away from housing
- Provided impact on environment and local people is not severe
- I am pro renewable energy but I think that it needs to be done in a way that it doesn't directly affect or impact on
- As long as it is not too close to Desford village
- Already enough to blot the landscape
- Depends on how ugly it would be!
- Depends on where
- Pro this but where?
- Appropriate size and location
- Needs very careful planning
- Not in view of the village

- Prefer solar farms but not wind turbines
- Solar YES. Turbines NO
- NOT Wind Turbines, maybe solar
- I can see 5 wind turbines from my house now!
- Don't find turbines or solar panels offensive to view. Happy to see fields used
- The turbines must not be in sight lines of the church spire!!!
- Health risks associated with wind turbine syndrome
- Solar farms only
- Within reason
- In moderation
- Have enough
- Already have solar farms outside our parish
- Limited scale and ensuring rights of way
- There is already enough i.e. several turbines and solar farm
- Eye sores!
- Our parish has its fair share!
- We do think that currently there are enough turbines in Desford
- To an extent but must not be too obtrusive.
- Solar Farms only for large renewable energy NOT wind turbines
- Solar farms to be screened from view
- Solar panels should be allowed in conservation area
- Future development of solar farms is acceptable if not too close to village
- No more turbines. Solar farms maybe.
- Solar farms to have landscaping to minimise visual impact
- Solar panels on all buildings e.g. library Fuel co operative
- Would consider solar panels if government funded
- Yes to Solar, No to Wind turbines
- Only solar
- Only solar farms as less obtrusive - if space available
- Perhaps solar farms are less intrusive than turbines.
- Why don't new houses have solar panels fitted as standard
- Too many turbines already Personal solar panels are discreet
- Enough WT in area now however solar farms could be considered Renewable energy on all public buildings where possible
- Expand the solar farms opposite factory in Newton Unthank and Wind turbines on Kirkby road by Sherecles Farm
- Large Solar Farms - YES Large Wind turbines – NO
- Solar farms are probably less obtrusive than turbines
- Solar Farms Yes Wind Turbines NO
- Solar farms windmills may cause eyesore
- For any new large industrial unit, it should be investigated whether it would be feasible to put solar panels on the roof. I am in favour of putting solar panels on (already unsightly) warehouses rather than in fields
- Future development of wind turbines is acceptable if not too close to village
- We should not be blotting the landscape with "triffids" that don't work half the time and have to be switched off in high winds
- Already have enough in village
- Not turbines
- Too many wind turbines already in Desford now. Renewable energy should be paid for by the homeowner not the council
- We have sufficient wind turbines and solar farms
- We now have sufficient solar farms
- Think there is enough nearby now
- We already have too many wind turbines and solar farms
- Several in area already
- We have done our part for the large renewable energy projects.
- Wind turbines and solar farms should not be intrusive

### **Future development of small renewable energy projects**

- Already have solar panels on our roof!
- If sensibly managed - by a farmer in an unobtrusive field
- Planning used on industrial buildings to ensure all have solar roofing
- Any house or business premises
- Possibly but only if they are aesthetically complimentary to the village
- House panels are an eyesore and detract from the look/quality of the village
- Only if not seen from the road. Not in conservation area
- For new housing
- Renewable energy project at Bosworth Academy property
- They look silly and are ineffective
- Small renewable energy anywhere but conservation area
- Depends on Cost
- Rooftop solar panels - Library?
- Solar panels only
- If in keeping with current development
- Provided impact on environment and local people is not severe
- Yes, to solar panels on rooftops
- Encourage all renewable energy projects on small scale. Great for community development

### **Local campaign/project to encourage lower energy consumption (and lower bills)**

- Could subsidize house holders for renewable energy projects Education of lower energy consumption Interested in co-operative
- Lower energy consumption: Anyone who might take note is surely already aware - no point in duplication of national
- More emphasis on reduction of energy usage would be preferable. Better quality of new build housing
- Awareness is always good
- Energy consumption campaign - Library, shops, notice boards etc.
- Energy consumption project - Not worth it, smart meters are coming to everyone
- This was tried once before I believe
- Support for adoption of lower energy technologies
- Support for residential adoption of renewable energy services
- Surely all consumers are aware of this
- Every street light should be LED
- Energy consumption campaign - no internet, TV, Radio already doing this

### **Investigate the possibility of a local cooperative to consume and pay discounted prices for energy generated by existing local renewable energy sources (e.g. wind turbines, solar)**

- Grants for individual houses
- Would need to be convinced
- Only if viable
- Local Co-operative - Could be interesting
- Desford has a lot of wind turbines and solar farms within the parish. Householders need to have access to grants to support these projects. Not sure how this could be done though. A good idea to at least look at the possibility
- The parish should invest in these schemes (co-operatives) and pass on savings to consumers who sign up. Where turbines etc. are sited on parish land, then the parish should reap the reward as they affect all
- Small renewable energy, lower energy consumption, local cooperative - These have got to be the way forward for the future of the planet
- Wind turbines, solar). For both, they have been proven to damage other communities
- Not sure how! Investigate the possibility of a local cooperative to consume and pay discounted prices for energy generated by existing local renewable energy sources (e.g. wind turbines, solar) - If we have wind/solar installation, then we should have reduced electricity charges

- Large renewable energy - Yes but ONLY if this was for the benefit of the local people as a co-operative venture
- Local co-operative - Not turbines
- For solar only
- Not wind turbines though

#### Other

- Renewable energy - I think they look ugly. If hidden
- Renewable energy either large or small – depends
- Don't believe in anthropogenic Climate Change

### 14. ANYTHING ELSE?

#### Traffic

- Quality of life in the village has been affected by the substantial increase in traffic and by the negative attitudes of some Parish councillors to trying something different
- My main concern in Desford is the heavy traffic, the village is used as a rat run and at times it is almost impossible to cross Manor Rd and High Street
- Main concern is the increased traffic & noise that will occur with extension of Caterpillar / Neovia in the village. It is being built too close to the village
- Far too much traffic and no safe areas to cross
- As a family, we are very concerned about the increased level of traffic new housing has already brought to the village. When Caterpillar create their big new building this will increase further
- From what I have witnessed nearly all traffic coming into the village from Caterpillar speeds! Thus, putting the children and people walking to SID in danger! This needs to be addressed urgently before a young or old life is taken! Pollution! Caterpillar has too many lights at night time on, we have had to have reduced lighting, they need to be enforced to do as their lighting is causing air pollution in the village! With what is happening in Desford it will soon become a village no-one will want to live in! Just how safe are our children and us when we walk around it. Caterpillars traffic causes chaos! Air pollution and dangerous roads!!
- Traffic conditions in Peckleton Lane are horrendous at times and the junction with High Street impossible. Ideally the co-op should be re-sited. The post office is now too far away from the village centre and should not have been removed from what was an ideal position
- Something has to be done to stop the traffic through the village at peak times (shift changes at Caterpillar et al, primary school opening and closing times. The volume of traffic coupled with the unreasonable parking in dangerous positions is becoming a real hazard to village residents and especially children of primary school age. The horrendous risks motorists take at the junction of Peckleton lane / Kirby Road opposite the Co-Op shop is accidents waiting to happen. The same is true in Parkstone Road where the volume of traffic trying to avoid the junction of Peckleton Lane at the Co-Op, coupled with the volume of parking makes the Kirby Road/ Parkstone Road very dangerous especially with many young children running about. Parkstone Road should be blocked off to stop it being used as a 'rat run'
- It would be lovely if the main centre near the library could attract shops and facilities for locals to use. It would also be great if traffic could be reduced through the main centre and be more pedestrian friendly
- Traffic it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident involving children at start / finish time. Since the academy took Yr 7 + there is now a lot more children walking approx. 35 kids per year group primary has 7 year groups approx. 240 college has 7 year groups approx. 240 over 500 kids
- I would like to see no through traffic coming through the lovely conservation area (Main Street) of our lovely village
- More diversions for heavy traffic from through village

- We are extremely concerned, however, with the speed of the traffic through the village. (Station Road and outside Bosworth Academy).
- Need to stop traffic from Caterpillar using Kirkby Road to avoid using Peckleton Lane, in direction from the Primary School down towards High Street. Very dangerous as they come at high speed and have caused accidents at the junction by Peckleton Lane and the shops
- Slow the traffic from Botcheston junction to Markfield Slow the traffic through Botcheston on Markfield Lane I would love Botcheston to have more investment in the actual village I think we get left out
- Traffic generated by Caterpillar including lorries and the cars of employees travelling to and from work are a blight on Desford. Maybe a new road should be considered to free the village of this problem which is at best inconvenient and at worst plain dangerous
- To keep village free of traffic make it NO left turn out of Cat or Neovia!!
- My biggest issue is the volume of traffic going/coming from Cat and Neovia. the junction onto Peckleton Lane near the co-op is very bad
- Traffic lights and/or pedestrian crossing at the top of Peckleton Lane
- Pedestrian crossings at all points of crossing on the mini island in the centre of the village. This is very tricky o cross at peak times, especially for children
- The forthcoming development of Neovia is of great concern to those of us living in the village of Desford. Air pollution will increase phenomenally, as will the noise and traffic going to and from the site. The construction work alone will be the cause of much traffic which we do not need. The 'Parish ' and 'Borough' councils have a responsibility to the residents which they cannot abdicate for the sake of keeping the 'Developers ' happy
- Re traffic and transport - Also obstruction of pavements and dangerous parking at the bottom of Grace road, Desford, by Nursery staff employed by
- This is all very well, but the local environment will be adversely affected by the Neovia expansion. Increased village traffic, noise and light pollution will make the village far less attractive and cost more to maintain
- An area of seperation (Green belt) between Desford and Caterpillar. Traffic 'Rat run' - Parkstone Rd, at times when Caterpillar employees leave work. This coincides with Children walking home from primary school amongst other times. Traffic calming / Speed bumps or Pedestrian crossing needed near Grace Road junction of Peckleton Lane as dangerous for mums with prams and small children due to speeding traffic and heavy traffic at Caterpillar employee leaving times. Staff of Topsham nursery are parking on pavements on Grace Road
- I am concerned that as the village has developed additional pressure is placed on the infrastructure, particularly GP's and schools. There is also the increase in traffic
- REGRET the approval of the Neovia project as it can only be detrimental to the village environment. No real provision to deal with additional traffic generated or integrated plan to enable staff to travel by public transport which could also benefit local residents
- Double yellow lines outside Co-op High Street are regularly ignored, causing blockages and delays to traffic, especially with Caterpillar through traffic. No point in not enforcing the abuse of yellow lines, they are for good reason. Ensure the "basics" are capable of being implemented and life is made much more acceptable for those that already observe the above!
- We have lived here for 21 years. The village has changed a lot. It has lost its identity, over development, increased traffic and loss of amenities such as closure of pubs and restricted library service, shops etc.
- Right hand turning out of Caterpillar and NEOVIA Only. At shift change the amount of traffic coming through the village is more than we can cope with
- Traffic - one way system around village would keep traffic moving and stop
- I am unsure what this questionnaire will bring to Desford taking into account that despite village protest the planning application for Neovia was approved. That application / subsequent building/traffic in Desford will lower the tone of the village and the extra traffic within the village & boundary will be a nightmare; this is a major accident waiting to



happen. More thought should have been put to that proposal and the people whose lives will be disrupted - stand in Parkstone Road at 4.30pm to see the disruption already caused to those residents then multiply by 6!!! At least!

- At the moment Desford is a very pleasant place to live. It is a sizeable community with all the essential services that we need. However, the volume of traffic (including heavy lorries) has increased enormously in the fifteen years that I have lived here. If this increases anymore this will ruin Desford. Please no more housing as this increases the volume of traffic and anymore will put an intolerable strain on the services here. The one area where I think there is a lack of provision is the bus service in the evenings and on Sundays. At 81 years old I am finding it increasingly difficult to go out at night or at the weekend
- Our biggest concern is the volume of traffic entering the village and parked cars. Specific locations like Peckleton Lane, Kirkby Road, Newbold Road and main Street are particularly congested. With the new factory being built, this has the potential to increase the amount of traffic further. I am not referring to lorries, but staff who will travel to and from work
- Trying to get from Lindridge Lane to the old Post Office junction is a nightmare due to parked cars. Traffic on Lindridge Lane travels far too fast for a country lane. Could do with speed restrictions but would folks obey them? I doubt it! A camera or two would be better. A minibus service to Hinckley would be useful, maybe once or twice a week
- Zebra crossing / increased safety features in Desford Centre

#### HGV/Lorries

- HGV's are still continuing to access Caterpillar & Neovia via High Street and Peckleton Lane and I think it is only a matter of time before there is a fatality or serious damage to the older properties in High Street. I am disappointed that the borough council seem to only pay lip service to the problem and have agreed to the proposed new Warehouse which will only increase the volume. Signage is not enough; more radical systems need to be put in place
- HGV weight restrictions. Most local people are aware of the issues but the "AUTHORITY" are invisible, so inconsiderate individuals continue the abuse.
- HGV's cause hold ups
- HGV's driving past Co-op on High Street and into Peckleton Lane is dangerous and holds up traffic. Caterpillar should take more responsibility and put signs up in different languages. If it continues action should be taken against Caterpillar and Haulage Companies!!! Outdoor fitness/gym equipment on Kirkby Road Park. Speed bumps along Manor Road to slow
- My main concern are HGV's travelling along Kirkby Road past the school
- More signage to deter HGVs coming into the village and causing havoc. Needs clearer signs on A47
- The HGVs trying to get down Peckleton Lane from the village is increasing, every time I come into the village one is damaging bollards and pavements!! This also needs to be taken more seriously before someone is killed!
- We can expect extensive damage from Neovia HGVs coming through the village
- Also, we are concerned about the number of HGV's that travel through the village. There needs to be clearer signs saying 'NO HGV's' at Desford crossroads or directing people away from Peckleton Lane leading through the village. There are serious accidents waiting to happen and something needs to be done to address these issues
- Urgent attention required to the issue of HGV lorries within the village!!
- HGVs are regularly to be seen on Main St, Botcheston, but with no police presence this will obviously continue
- Use/install narrow bollards to prevent HGV access 10. Much clearer HGV signage generally 11. Much clearer HGV signage within Neovia eg in European languages, including satnav instructions
- Ensure Newbold Verdon signage is not directing people (HGVs) to Neovia through Desford
- The problems with HGVs using our narrow streets en-route to or from the Caterpillar Tractor site, has been well documented, as has the illegal parking of motor vehicles on these narrow roads. The combination of these can, and often does, result in vehicles being

unable to move. Enforcement has been extremely lax, if there has been any. Perhaps the Local Authority should look at the Leicester City 'model'. Their scheme is enforced and, as a result, self-financing. They even make a tidy profit.

- We now see alarming numbers of HGV vehicles entering and leaving Caterpillar on a daily basis??
- As mentioned HGVs banned from High Street one way systems Speed
- My main concern over the next couple of years is the volume of traffic that the new NEOVIA building will create. I think that all related traffic - HGV's and employee's cars should be directed away from the village, if a bypass is not a consideration then I propose the following
- Make High street one way - No entry from the old P.O. end which would stop all HGV's that are following Sat Nav to get to CAT/NEOVIA
- Just better signage needed for HGV's so that they do not come through the
- Speed bumps - Manor Road - Leicester Lane Roundabout very dangerous
- More emphasis needs to be put on the restriction of HGV vehicles. They should not be using Main St and High St as through routes Parkstone Road is still being used by speeding Caterpillar/Neovia commuters
- Prevent further development of warehousing at Peckleton, towards Desford. Weight limit on Peckleton Lane to restrict HGVs
- Large lorries attempting to get to or away from Caterpillar often cause major problems as they struggle to navigate hopelessly inadequate roads. A new road, or at least much clearer signage, would help to improve things
- Also, lorries that still come through village. Lorries that block roads delivering to Co-ops (should come at set times which are at night)
- We also have a lot of trucks & juggernauts coming down Main St. The weight limits are being ignored. I've photographed huge Italian trucks coming down here, Arla tankers etc. \phoned L.A. & no action is being taken to stop. We have white lines across our driveway as visibility is impossible when cars & vans are parked there. However, the GP surgery

## Parking

- Prevent parking on Newbold Road. Encourage parking at rear of properties
- Inconsiderate parking in vicinity of School particularly at road junctions. Parking outside of the Co-op on the double yellow lines opposite the junction of Peckleton Lane. In 30 years, I have never seen this parking restrictions enforced. It is especially difficult at school leaving & start times as these coincide to start and leaving times at Caterpillar. The problem will only be exacerbated with the proposed development at Caterpillar
- Lorries in the village - remove dangerous table junction Peckleton Lane Camera parking fines for those parking on double yellow lines junction of high street Peckleton lane - causes major traffic problems Some private hedges on pavements overgrown blocking pavements e.g. lower Peckleton Lane, Station Road, Road near the Primary school, Kirkby Lane Tidy up dilapidated house on High Street - looks dreadful - needs bringing in keeping
- The nursery in the Chapel and everyday parking people ignore the white lines and therefore don't think of the dangers to us f trying to get out whilst not being able to see if anyone's coming. Double yellow lines would be safer
- Employ a litter warden and impose fines on litterers. Parking Spaces marked out on High St. car park. Is this a shopper's car park or a resident's car park?
- Lots of work vans parked on St Martin's Drive, but I don't know what can be done about this. Parental parking at Desford Primary School is an issue - it just gets worse and worse
- I feel that more enforcement of illegal parking outside the co-op is needed. It is not just delivery lorries that park there it is often able bodied people in cars. Crossing the road there on foot can be very dangerous
- Removal of rails on Jitty between Bedford Close and Hamble Close to allow mobility scooter / wheelchair access. Parking for village hall and residents of Lower part of village to alleviate street parking

- Cars parking on pavements should be prosecuted. Why are there so many unoccupied and empty houses in the village - blocking new residents? E.g. Burley Close, Kirkby Rd are just examples.
- Extend the double yellow lines outside the co-op /Principals on High Street. Stop delivery vehicles attending co-op during 7-9am - the inconsiderate private car parking combined with delivery vehicles cause long queues
- Stop vehicles parking on grass verges. If any future residential developments are permitted, then consideration should be given to relocate the Doctor's surgery out of Main Street. Parking here is very difficult and congestion exacerbated by delivery& farm vehicles
- Enforcement of o parking on High St Enforcement / action of large vehicles
- Street parking can be an issue and in some cases obstructive - junction of Suffolk Way/ Parkstone Road
- Parents should be educated to use Kirby Road car park for school drop offs/ collections, rather than parking on Parkstone Road etc. (The pavement from the Primary School does need to be widened for safety) Pavement parking is now a severe problem, affecting young, old and physically impaired. It needs to be addressed, especially at the village end of the busy Peckleton Lane
- Parking on Peckleton Lane becoming a problem particularly when Caterpillar finish work e.g. 3pm Why not demolish the bungalow next to the Pharmacy and put Peckleton Lane through to Manor Road with traffic lights? Then stop

## Lighting

- Improved Street lighting in all areas of the village. Extended on times during hours of darkness
- Street lighting - low level, along path between High St and Drivers Way
- All night street lighting
- Additional street lighting is needed at; 1. junction of walkway by car park/Manor Road 2. By old people's bungalows on St Martins Drive 3. Oxford Road/St Martins Drive junction
- Rather than spending on 'upgrading' street furniture etc. E.g. as long as street light provides light- no need to spend on 'conservation version'- nobody really notices them anyway
- Street lighting Specifically Botcheston Road, Newtown Unthank, where the pavement crosses from one side of the road to the other (on a sharp bend!). Street lighting here is very poor, almost non-existent, and the pavement extremely narrow. This pavement is used frequently by pupils (11+) walking to Bosworth Academy as well as numerous others. Please consider
- Street lighting- New street lights installed in Oxford Road do not spread enough light, if they are low energy why is there is a need to switch off for part of the night? Garages at St. Martin's end of Oxford Road and Warwick Close are an eyesore and desperately need smartening up.
- Home security and street lighting with many areas within Desford the street lights go out at Midnight (Winter times). Anybody walking around the village find themselves walking into black holes in many of the close's off Parkstone Rd and I am sure many other parts of Desford, having had our home broken into I feel the lights going out was a contributing factor. Question - Would just one light on in these close's help protect homes? I think YES IT WOULD. Please can you consider these extra lights which I feel will help to reduce the risk of homes being broken into. "Do we know how many home's in Desford were broken into in 2016?"
- Having waited for years for new lights to be fitted along Station Rd these now go out a night and we are back to a very dark road.
- Replacement of Street lamps from LED to Heritage in the conservation area (Church Lane). Better management of the tress in the Church yard in Church Lane

## Speed Restrictions/Speeding

- Desford is desperate for speed restrictions on Manor Road and Leicester Lane. Drivers who love to speed, and have a couldn't care less attitude because it's not their village, plague the roads day and night. Foreign drivers who haven't a clue where Caterpillar and Neovia are. These serial offenders cannot speak English and have destroyed many village road signs. These offenders need to be punished and banned from entering the village. Ultimately the road systems and infrastructure needs to be totally upgraded before people are injured or killed
- Cars regularly speed through village & estate
- Take the chicane away from High Street, opposite old post office. Delivery vehicles are allowed access but restricting the manoeuvrability causes chaos around the very tight corner - it's no wonder properties are being damaged
- Enforcement of weight restrictions and speed limit in Main Street as many large vehicles go through the village, quite often during the night and early mornings. Many vehicles are breaking the speed limit but speed checks do not seem to be done
- I would like to see Botcheston set as its own parish. I suspect that receipts from Botcheston are spent in Desford village on the majority - where are our flowers etc. Facility wise, all we have is a village hall and a small rec ground that I do not see any children use, no shops, no library, no doctor - only lots of speeding cars passing through to elsewhere
- The residents of Parkstone Road are subjected to a seemingly endless stream of speeding cars as the shift ends at Caterpillar on a daily basis and many of these drivers are on the phone! I fear that sooner or later a serious accident will occur if something isn't done
- Speed camera on Manor Road 5. Do we need both a village hall and church hall - combine and reduce costs?
- It would then create an upper and lower Parkstone road and residents wouldn't have to put up with a lot of speeding through traffic
- Speed restriction signs moving near S bend on Markfield Lane Forest Hill garage being made aware that sometimes their cars cause problems by jutting out into road
- There is also a disregard for speed, with many vehicles driving recklessly around the village. The new roundabout near the Bellway estate is very dangerous. There are frequent incidents of cars entering the roundabout at speed without checking. I have witnessed many near misses and episodes of road rage. If you cross the road past the roundabout towards Newbold Verdon, the signage obscures your view looking left down Manor Road. Today there were children playing in the centre of the roundabout waving to car drivers. I would like to see speed calming measures, including speed restrictions and electronic signage to alert drivers
- Speed limit along Hunts Lane towards Newbold the 30 MPH extended past allotment site and cemetery and reduced to 40 MPH
- Concern over the spreading of travelling people from Barlestone towards us i.e. near Bagworth Heath woods. Concern over increased burnt out vehicles.
- Also, the Caterpillar rat run down Peckleton Lane, along Parkstone Road & Kirkby Road - the drivers drive far too quickly and aggressively!
- The lorries that come up Manor Rd and cars are going too fast.

## Transport

- The termination of the buses (public transport) on Sundays and Bank Holidays has been a massive loss to the village. Even if 2 buses a day ran in service, this would benefit this village
- Transport depended upon Gibson's buses both for school and Dixie GS & Leicester shopping. Hicnkley was an unknown quantity for me. The proliferation over the use of cars has ruined so many areas today
- An improved bus service for Sundays/Bank Holidays. A bus that leaves town later than 10.20pm on Fridays/Saturdays. The 158 is a regular route on all days of week, why is Desford, Newbold, Barlestone so neglected? I feel we have 'played' into bus companies hands as use of car is now an obvious alternative to public transport

- We need to encourage use of public transport by having good services
- How are they coping with shopping, transport etc. Are they isolated/members of a group etc?
- Buses on a Sunday to Leicester
- A new bus shelter, maybe an oak replacement instead of our brick one
- People from Newbold have a bus service to Hinckley or Coalville but Desford WHY?
- A frequent bus service runs from Leicester to Hinckley and Coventry along the A47 why have no plans been made for this to divert to Caterpillar/Neovia plant and possibly the village. To save car journeys provision of a discount supermarket Lidl/Aldi could be encouraged within a radius of 3 to 4 miles would be very good

### **Shops**

- Chinese take away Variety of shops (small)
- We see one of the main problems with Desford, as a village and community, is not having an accessible centre/focal point i.e. shops, cafes etc. in the centre with adequate parking. Many people and cars (and lorries!!) pass through the village but don't stop as there is not the facilities or parking
- Community shop with easier access at Botcheston. Currently we have to drive to purchase any food provisions and it would be ideal if there was a local shop selling basic food e.g. milk, eggs, bread - that we could walk to.
- More shops, more doctors. Another supermarket would be nice? As the village expands surely, we need more amenities for the families.?
- Our co-ops can furnish all our day to day needs at a competitive price
- Café

### **Housing**

- There have been many housing developments within the last 20 years which do change the character of the village. Facilities don't seem to have expanded accordingly, threatening that new residents become a dormitory population and don't settle into village life. Surely, we have enough houses
- Desford has more than provided its share of development for housing, large scale res should be denied Focus should be on providing additional facilities
- Too many houses have been built in Desford which has not improved the village atmosphere. Numerous reports of vandalism and unsociable behaviour on the Bellway Estate. Market Bosworth has escaped any major building projects etc. just because it has tourism aspects there. Doctor's surgery is absolutely overwhelmed to the point where no-one can get an appointment at short notice let alone get through on the phone. Quicker to actually go into reception to book one.
- No more new housing - Good use of old Post office rather than it sitting empty
- When the new houses were built, why was there no provision for extra shops & Amenities to cover extra people in the village?
- We NEED affordable homes for young people and opportunities for older folk to downsize to single level living
- The development of Bellway is unfortunate and particularly upsetting that the builders haven't invested more into the fabric, service and resources of the village
- If any new houses are built it would be good if they were bungalows. Older residents who live in houses could move to a bungalow and still remain in their village. Most existing bungalows are council owned for rent and not purchase. However, Desford does not have sufficient services to support or warrant further building of housing in parish. -Namely schools and health
- We need to retain our green belt, farms, farm land and restrict house building to a bare minimum or we will merge into other villages.
- Please no more housing have lived here 30+ years and have seen 6 developments. Our community cannot sustain anymore

## Neovia

- The proposed Neovia expansion bringing a major Global Warehouse into Desford Village is a disaster for the community. The warehouse will cause more harm than good, devalue properties by giving Desford the feel of an industrial and warehousing park with ancillary housing. Given that planning permission has been granted all that can be done is a damage limitation exercise and this involves making it impossible (instead of merely difficult) to drive through the village
- Upset about the new Neovia development lack of consultation. Road system will not cope. The reasons for wanting to live in Desford are being eroded
- Having been born in Peckleton Lane and now living in it I object strongly to the proposed extensions at Neovia. Remembering the old airfield during the war years we approved the then reasonable acquisition by Caterpillar and its environs which at first seemed a good outcome
- Noise from Caterpillar/Neovia plant all night i.e. lorries/machinery beeping, grinding, motor etc.
- Make Parkstone Drive a Cul-de-Sac so that employees at CAT/NEOVIA cannot use it as a rat run. They wouldn't be able to join Kirkby road
- All large trucks should go from Caterpillar/ the new Neovia project to the A47
- The elderly and disabled find it very hard to walk on the pavements due to the camber, especially in main Street near to the surgery and also in Kirkby Road near the school. I am told that it is hard to use Motability scooters on these pavements too.
- I am against ad hoc wind turbines as there already sufficient around the village and these attract from a rural landscape. Any business development e.g. caterpillar/neovia should be in keeping with the character of the village and be of an appropriate scale i.e. not dominating the landscape. Where development does take place this should be properly landscaped and the impact disguised by soil banks, tree planting etc.

## Pavement and Footpaths

- New footpath out of village on Leicester Lane up to the restaurant / crossroads
- The pavement down my side of Manor Road is disgusting. There is only room for 1 person to walk along it and most times it is muddy and wet. A lot of this is due to people parking on the grass verge. It would be better to remove the grass verge and tarmac it. Then it wouldn't need mowing. I would like some council members to walk down the road especially when it's raining. For saying this is the main road through a lovely village it's disgraceful.
- Local rights of way across fields should be free from the threat of intimidating livestock, electric fences. Exercising of horses destroying pathways, e.g. fields from Desford to Botcheston, often a quagmire
- Protect the bridle path near caterpillar Something to improve Peckleton Lane/High Street junction, either double yellow lines or one way
- Never the less the huge expansion, destruction of tree areas and the re-siting of the bridle way will be environmental vandalism. The whole site will become too dominant for the village
- It is almost impossible to walk safely from Desford to Merrylees . Desford crossroads - Enderby
- Footpaths to other villages e.g. Botcheston to Kirby A roundabout or traffic
- Being a lady of 88 years' recreation facilities are beyond me. I've been given a walking aid and I find the pavements are terrible. Can something be done
- Kirby Muxloe (after Crown Crest) Paths frequently end on the edge of the village. Whilst there is a good network of off road footpaths, it would be a big improvement to be able to use roadside footpaths, especially in winter when off roads can be very muddy.
- Some of the footpaths appearing on O.S. maps for the area seem to have disappeared- especially in the area of Kirkby Mallory/ Peckleton
- The road could be blocked off at Norfolk road leaving a footpath for pedestrians

- People are encouraged to leave the car at home and walk/cycle - this is not possible on Leicester Lane where we live. The road is far too dangerous. A
- Cut back hedges and / or widen pavements outside Desford Primary School, and pavement between school and recreation ground. NOT Wide enough for pushchairs, wheelchairs or parent & child to walk side by side. Ensure residents cut back hedges to their boundary to avoid narrowing of pavements. Examples: 27 Peckleton Lane and houses between primary school and Parkstone Rd Junction. I am sure there are many more !.
- Footpath along Leicester Lane into the village, road currently too busy to walk along. Sometimes children do walk along Leicester lane to Bosworth College

#### **Parish**

- Please transfer Barons Close Kirby Muxloe to Kirby Muxloe Parish as I am fed up of driving to Desford to vote. Events in Desford are not relevant to Kirby Muxloe
- Believe this is an excellent move to improve the dialogue between the Parish Council and the community. It would be great if this wasn't just a one off but linked to an overall strategy to improve the quality of life of parishioners in the future. This could be done in a variety of ways, including a "community forum" or panel that meets on a semi regular basis. An annual survey would also help provide detailed metrics to support the measurement and evaluation of progress against the strategy for taking Desford forward (e.g. a vision 2020 approach). I would be happy to help support this in future if required. (Name and phone number supplied ).
- I would like the Parish Council to consider the VALUE of things not just the COST.
- Can the parish enforce the correct and proper reinstatement of roads when they have been dug up and poorly reinstated by the profit making "private utility" companies. I'm fed up of smashing my car to bits on bad repairs, especially when gas, electricity, phone, water etc. are making huge profits. Don't see why my council tax should pay - means I'm paying twice
- We have a lovely parish with lovely surrounding countryside and we must maintain our views However, people need appropriate housing for THEIR needs not just for profit, which must be built close to existing development

#### **Library**

- Don't close library
- The loss of the library are very sad losses to the village. Hopefully other community resources won't follow the same course
- Really hope the Library does not close - it is a treasured facility for parishioners without own transport and to be encouraged for families with young children. It was purpose built since we came to Desford and it would be a shame if it was then sold for any other facility or purpose
- Library - We want to keep library going and believe it's really important for village
- Ensure library remains open
- Better use of the library for social/ recreational activities in order to keep it open and functional

#### **Litter**

- There needs to be something said to the football teams that use the pitches
- I have never seen a litter warden in Barons Close
- There is constant mess left behind by members of the football teams and their supporters, after each football game on the park adjacent to the school. Could whoever takes the bookings for each game in form the organisers, it is their responsibility to clear up after each game

- A skip in the village for 1x day monthly to collect small items that cannot be put into wheelie bins. (e.g. saucepans, toasters, kettles, spades). A use for the previous post office building - maybe a florist/plant shop.

### **Dogs and Dog Walkers/ Dog Fouling**

- People with dogs who allow them to be in their gardens barking for long lengths of time
- Restrictions should be made upon dog walkers who use the Pickard Recreational Area. Some of the play equipment is outside the gated area, dogs should be on leads
- The small park needs to be dog free - children need to be able to play without fear from dogs knocking them over
- I also think that dogs should be banned from all play areas such as parks and recreation grounds
- The jitties in Desford are not being cleaned or weeded. This is leading to dog walkers leaving plastic bags of dog mess in these areas with other rubbish - NOT GOOD ENOUGH !!!
- We have lived in Desford for 45 years and we love it. The main down side is
- Dog mess on the park. I am a dog owner and always clear. Went this
- Please Please PLEASE can something be done to stop people leaving dog Poo
- More Dog poo bins are urgently needed
- Dog poo continues to be a problem - my toddler ended up with it over her hands in in her mouth!
- Designated area for dog walkers that they can look after / maintain themselves

### **Post Office**

- Retain post Office
- The loss of post office are very sad losses to the village. Hopefully other community resources won't follow the same course
- The Desford Post Office could have very easily stayed at the same location. However, greed of the landlords forced a part and vital service to this village to end forever
- Desford is a beautiful village. However, High Street is bare, especially after the Post office was forced to close and re-locate

### **Police Presence**

- Some police involvement to stop people parking on the pavement in front of the co-op & notice board Graffiti clean-up Worries about the increased number of burglaries and the lack of response from the police
- More village police are required to get the local people to feel comfortable in their homes especially when taking into account the burglar rates over the past 15 months - not something to brag about !!

### **Allotments**

- I/we love living in Desford and have become part of the local community. We are members of the allotment and are very active allotment gardeners and pleased to see they are very popular with local people, as there is only half a plot available as I write this
- It would be really useful to have more secure storage at the allotments that
- We are fortunate to have a popular allotment association

### **Notice Board**

- Markfield Lane, Botcheston - Can we have a notice board at the end of Hunts Close? Never get to know what is happening locally. As we don't get local free paper and some residents are unable to walk to Village hall to see that notice board
- The residents at the end of Markfield Lane in Botcheston feel a bit isolated from the rest of the village. It would be nice to have a notice board informing us of village events and a copy of one or more local newspapers - Thornton

### **Groups and Clubs**

- Better advertising of local groups and clubs. Unless you are in the know it is difficult to find out what is going on in the village. According to your questions there are a number of recreational groups and classes which we know nothing about. Perhaps the Parish Council could be more pro-active in advertising what is going on in and around the Parish; The village community



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are social groups for diverse interest and a variety of musical entertainment and craft interests on different occasions. Desford is a great place to live and bring up families.</li> </ul>
<b>Signage</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vintage iron road name signs in Botcheston. Adult exercise equipment in</li> <li>• A village sign/plaque as the other villages have one</li> <li>• The Desford sign sited at the top of Station Road and Leicester Lane would be better sited outside the old Post Office. At the moment, you see it as you go out of the village, surely it would be better to see it as you come into the Village</li> </ul>
<b>Smaller Businesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I think the village really lacks in smaller businesses offering such things like a butcher and florist. I most certainly would use local businesses like this if they were in the village</li> </ul>
<b>Christmas Lights</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas lights etc. Improve the appearance Better or more activities on</li> <li>• We feel the village could have more decorations at Christmas though the tree festival is well done</li> <li>• Permanent Christmas tree planted</li> </ul>
<b>Smoke Free Zone</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I would like Desford to be a smoke free zone. My life is made a misery by people lighting bonfires especially in the summer months. I live in Stewards Court and am surrounded by houses all intent on burning their rubbish so I cannot have my windows open or sit in my garden</li> </ul>
<b>Village Hall</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The village hall is too far from the village centre. It needs to be more central and used for more functions. Fewer and fewer people have an affinity with the churches so we need a non-religious space for community functions near the village centre. Is there a youth club in the village other than Scouts/Guides? one is needed Post Office is now too far from the village centre Lighting needed on the alleyway (Forest Way) between the B582 and</li> <li>• It's in a central location, within walkable distance for most of the villagers, whereas SID, Village Hall are not. Older people may have problems getting to these venues for events and activities. Perhaps a volunteer driving scheme that is well advertised would be beneficial</li> </ul>
<b>Community</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have lived in Desford since 1932 where I was born, apart from National Service and when first married I lived in Kirby Muxloe for 12 years. In the war years and for some time after there was little if any communication between the Free Church and the Parish Church. The village was much smaller and the community spirit was much better, everyone knew everyone else, today it is so difficult for passers-by to utter good morning</li> <li>• Community spirit is good - both from the 2 churches and other community groups</li> </ul>
<b>Broadband</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fibre optic broadband to all houses</li> </ul>
<b>Open Spaces</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We NEED attractive open spaces We NEED green space between the neighbouring villages</li> </ul>
<b>Leisure facilities/play areas</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School swimming pool (Desford College) to be more accessible to public</li> <li>• Bigger Gym</li> <li>• SID is an asset and I think we have schools to be proud of. We are fortunate to have 2 play areas</li> <li>• We need a fence around the play area at the large park in Desford. It can be a busy road and car park - children run out and to keep dogs out</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I was born in the village 58 years ago, and I never thought I would be thinking about leaving it. My parents live in the village, my brother used to but moved recently because too many houses being built, so moved somewhere quieter.</li> <li>• Stop roadside 'monuments' decorated with lights, toys and plastic items</li> <li>• Roadside memorials should be cleared away after one month and only flowers should be left (without cellophane)</li> </ul>

- Trees in the Parish need pruning on a regular basis - especially surrounding recreation ground as some of the trees are diseased and lots of branches keep breaking off. Sooner or later an adult or child may get injured
- Why does it appear that local people do not have any say on the decisions taken. Why do Cat/developer, whoever, get whatever they want. Illegal parking, speeding, total disregard
- I love Desford - remember change is not always for the better - we can enhance things but to build and expand means only one thing - the village will change and not for the better. We don't have to slavishly follow guidelines all
- We moved here over two years ago, a love where we are, so can't thank you enough. It is a great part of Leicester to live & we are staying for good.
- The area around the telephone exchange on St Martin's Drive is not very attractive, nor is the new pathway through to the new housing estate
- I feel Desford has had enough changes and it would be such a shame to lose any more of its characteristics and appearance as a village. No more new housing - please - no more developments of any kind. It's a lovely, nice
- Think we are well serviced in Desford at present - shame PO had to close - but thankful we still have facility in local store
- We must resist further/piecemeal development in Desford otherwise we will
- The village needs a vision - are we aiming to grow into a town or remain a village? a rural village. The village could have a business code of conduct or standards, voluntarily signed up to, where businesses help keep their immediate open and small green spaces maintained and planted? I am concerned that infrastructure e.g. GP & schools can't support the housing growth. Do we have a "virtual village hub" online directory, self-service approach for voluntary organisations and groups, moderated by parish council - would promote community. Use natural mole repellent 8. Wild flower verges and roundabouts? Community competition on suggestion for old post office - or turn it into accommodation. Update bus stops & could we re-install a red phone box and house a defibrillator in it?. Maintain Manor Road roundabout. Ensure pub is supported and remains at the heart of the village - pub landscaping Just a few of my ideas!
- I don't find Desford a friendly place. I came from a village not many miles away and the difference is astounding. The village itself is ok, feel safe, don't mind walking about on my own. I have noticed that people from the new estate are friendlier than the long-standing village people.
- An advantage of living in Desford at the moment is the beautiful countryside that is a short distance away such as Thornton Reservoir. Plus areas for short walks by Caterpillar and Peckleton, bridle path walks to Botcheston etc When driving out of the village the surrounding fields, trees, hedgerows, farm animals all make it a joy. So, whereas new development can be good don't let it impinge on the loss of valuable natural land that can never be reclaimed back
- More roadside planting, shrubs and spring bulbs on Main Street A nice welcome for when people drive through Botcheston, Kilby have decorative large gates at each entrance
- We arrived in Desford in 1979 and have loved living here ever since! The facilities in the village are excellent, especially for families and young people with so much going on. A big thank you to the Parish Council who work so hard and to everyone involved in Desford in bloom - the village looked wonderful last summer
- Map of walking / cycle routes between villages/ surrounding areas distributed to households
- Something to be done to stop vehicles stopping on grass verge on Markfield Lane, to use it as a toilet (approx. 8 times daily); opposite housing not pleasant to witness when sitting eating
- Create a more pleasing and welcoming part for the centre of Desford. IE A square
- Stopping of cyclists riding up and down jittys. SIGNS are ignored
- We don't have anything in the village for adults with severe learning
- Ensuring that the new estate and properties are included within activities such as Desford in bloom and open gardens. Also, supporting the sure start centre should be a priority for

the Parish Council. It is widely regarded as one of the best facilities in the area for new mums and a recent news article suggested they are being reviewed

- The village has seen sufficient development in recent years, it is a pity this has coincided with the closure of pubs, shops etc., but I guess this reflects many villages up and down the country
- Overall, I feel we have a lovely village. As stated earlier feel disappointed at lack of pubs/restaurants in the village. Also, mentioned that Desford lacks Xmas spirit compared to other villages locally, i.e. Glenfield, Ratby and Kirby
- Street cleaning is almost non-existent, particularly in conservation area, High Street etc. and homeowners need to look beyond their own property, boundaries and litter pick, particularly on public footpaths (local council are a lost cause) Hanging baskets are great but not when the property hangs on it unkempt and poorly maintained e.g. old hardware shop on High Street Dog fouling in particular is rampant, with regular identifiable culprits, doing it year in year out
- There has been a noticeable decline in environmental issues over the last few years. Footpaths, hedges, hedgerows and road cleaning standards are far lower

# APPENDIX 1 – The Questionnaire

## YOUR VISION



## FOR OUR COMMUNITY

## DESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### DESFORD PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

AND

### MIDLAND RURAL HOUSING (HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL) HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

2017

**The Parish of Desford**  
(including Desford, Botcheston, Newtown Unthank and parts of Kirby Muxloe)  
**Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire**




Desford Library                      Botcheston Village Hall

If you live within the boundary of the Parish of Desford your help is needed to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan, an important document which will influence future planning for our communities. The purpose of this questionnaire is to seek your views on the Parish as a whole] and your particular part of it. All residents of the Parish of Desford who are listed on the electoral roll are entitled to a questionnaire. Please indicate your views by filling in the tick boxes or comment sections as appropriate. Completed questionnaires will be collected during the week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> March. If your questionnaire is not collected, please return it to the Parish Clerk.




Barons Park                                  Newtown Unthank

The completed questionnaires will help to form a **draft Neighbourhood Plan** that represents the needs and views of residents of the Parish of Desford. The draft Plan will be available to residents of the Parish of Desford to comment on as part of a six week consultation. It will then be submitted to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) for examination, consultation and then an independent examination. Residents will have the opportunity to vote on whether or not to adopt the **draft Neighbourhood Plan**. If adopted, it will become a legal document that ALL future planning applications **MUST** comply with to gain planning consent for future commercial and private building developments. If you are in need of a home in the parish, please also complete the Housing Needs Survey at the end of the questionnaire and send it directly to Midlands Rural Housing in the freepost envelope provided. All replies will be treated in the strictest confidence. This survey is supplied as one per household. Additional copies can be supplied on request from The Parish Clerk, Desford Library, Main Street, Desford, LE9 9JP, 07849 756616 or [clerk@desfordparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@desfordparishcouncil.co.uk). For your chance to enter the free prize draw, please enter your name and address on the form.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO SHAPE AND CONSERVE THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH**

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**Housing Needs Survey**

Midlands Rural Housing (MRH) are independently conducting the survey on behalf of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) and the Desford Neighbourhood Plan Group to assess levels of housing need. MRH will analyse the results of this survey. Information or comments provided may be included in the analysis, but any information you give will be kept strictly confidential and will not be seen by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, the Parish Council or any other organisation. New homes are not guaranteed to be built as a result of this survey, but any new homes would look to meet the needs of those with a local connection identified from the Housing Needs Survey.

**Desford Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire**

**1. Life in the Parish of Desford**

1.1 Which of the following best describes your village? *Please tick appropriate box.*

Sought after location	
Nice place to live	
Balanced and varied population	
Friendly atmosphere / community spirit	
Please add any other thoughts	

1.2 Do you feel that your village suffers from the following? *Please tick appropriate box.*

Crime	
Anti-social behaviour	

1.3 If you ticked any of the boxes to question 1.2, what would you like to see happen to improve the situation?

**2. Housing**

2.1 How long have you lived in this parish? *Please tick appropriate box.*

Less than 2 years	
2 – 5 years	
5 – 10 years	
Over 10 years	

2.2 Which category best describes your household? *Please tick appropriate box.*

One person household	
Single parent family	
Two parent family	
Couple	

Other – please specify

2.3 Please tick appropriate box. Do you live in a:

House	
Flat	
Bungalow	

Other – please specify

2.4 Which of the following best describes your current accommodation? *Please tick appropriate box*

Own your home outright	
Own your home with a mortgage	
Renting from the Council	
Renting from a Housing Association	
Shared ownership with a Housing Association	
Renting from a private landlord	
Living with parents or relatives	
In housing tied to your job	
Lodging with another household	

2.5 Please indicate all those currently living in your household. *Please tick appropriate box.*

	Male	Female	Relationship to you
You			
Person 1			
Person 2			
Person 3			
Person 4			
Person 5			

2.5.1 Is there anyone currently living away, intending to return to the household in the coming 5 years?

Yes	
No	

2.5.2 Does anyone living with you now need to set up home separately from you in the parish, now or in the next 5 years?

Yes	
No	

2.5.3 Have any former members of your household left the parish over the last 5 years?

Yes	
No	

2.5.4 If yes, how many people?

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2.5.5 If yes, was this:

To take up employment elsewhere	
Marriage or separation	
Due to the lack of affordable housing	
To go to university or college	

Other reason- please specify

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2.6 Do you feel there is sufficient housing within the parish?

Yes	
No	

2.6.1 If you answered No, what types of homes do you think are needed?

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2.7 If additional housing development is required within the parish where do you think it should be?

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If you are in need of a different home in this parish please do not forget to complete the HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY enclosed (light green paper)

3. Commuting

3.1 Where do members of your household regularly commute, including education and recreation? Please tick appropriate box.

	Work	Education	Recreation
Desford			
Kirby Muxton			
Bolchaston			
Leicester			
Hinckley			
Market Bosworth			

Other - please specify

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3.2. Mode of Transport

What mode of transport do members of your household use regularly? Please tick all that apply

Car	
Car Share	
Motorbike	
Taxi	
School Bus	
Public transport	
Cycle	
Walk	

3.3. Road Network

Which roads do members of your household use regularly? Please tick all that apply

Eckleton Lane	
Manor Road (B582)	
Leicester Lane (B582)	
Markfield Lane	
A47	
M1 North	
M1 South	
M69	
M42	
Other - please specify	

4. Community Facilities & Services

Which community facilities & services do members of your household use? Please tick all that apply.

Leisure	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	Occasionally	Never
Playground/play areas						
Youth group, including unformed organisations?						
Sport in Desford						
Bosworth Academy						
Allotments						
Tropical Bird Garden						
Retail						
Local shops						
Post Office						
Hairdressers						
Food & Drink						
Café						
Takeaway food shops						
Pubs						
Community Facilities						
Desford Village Hall						
Bolchaston Village Hall						
Church Centre						
St Martin's Church						
Desford Free Church						
Library						
Sport in Desford						
Cemetery						
Childcare & Education						
Nursery/playgroup						
Child minder						
Before & After School Care						
Parent and Toddler Groups						
Adult Learning						
Bosworth Academy						
Desford Community Primary School						

If you think any of the community facilities & services could be improved, please let us know how

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5. Health Services

Which health service facilities do you use? Please tick all that apply

Services	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	Occasionally	Never
GP Surgery						
GP Referral (SID)						
Physiotherapy						
Pharmacy						
Dental Practice						
Chiropactor						

5.1 Where is your GP based?

Desford	
Newbold Verdon	
Leicester Forest East	

Other please specify

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6. Shopping

Where do you go for your main grocery shop? Please tick all that apply

Within the parish	
Fosse Park/Grove Park	
Meridian	
Hinckley	
Coahille	
Beaumont Leys	
Newbold Verdon	
Online/ home delivery	

Other please specify

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7. Traffic & Transport

7.1. Issues

Please rate what issues, if any, concern you most. Please score from 1 to 5 where 1 is not important and 5 is very important.

Issues	1	2	3	4	5
Volume of traffic					
High number of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV)					
Air pollution caused by diesel emissions					
Availability of Parking Spaces					
Inconsiderate Parking causing obstructions					
Speeding vehicles					
Availability of public transport					
Obstruction of pavements					
Frequent damage to street furniture					

Other - please specify and rate as above

	1	2	3	4	5

7.2. Traffic & Transport Improvements

Please rate what improvements, if any, you would like to see. Please score from 1 to 5 where 1 is not important and 5 is very important.

Improvements	1	2	3	4	5	Please indicate specific locations
Additional parking						
Better disabled access features						
Improved road signage						
Enforcement of speed limits						
Maintenance of pavements						
Road junctions						
Installation of cycle paths						
More frequent bus services/ New routes						
One way streets						
A bypass for Desford village						
Safer pedestrian crossings						
Lower speed limits						
Speed reduction measures						

Other - please specify and indicate specific locations

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8. Employment

Please indicate how many people in your household are currently in employment, training or retired

	Number
Work from home	
Work within the parish	
Work outside the parish	
Are in Apprenticeship	
Are in Training	
Are looking for employment	
Are not in employment	
Are retired	

**9. Economy**

9.1. Do you feel there is a need to support business development in the Parish such as:  
Please tick all that apply.

	Yes	No	Comments
To protect pubs against closure			
Micro/small and start-up businesses			
Development of light industry			
Development of heavy industry			
Diversification of rural and agriculture businesses in to other business areas			
Work for young adults such as apprenticeships and work experience			
Commercial development of tourism / conservation businesses			
Retail outlets			

9.2 Where in the parish should any business development take place?

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**10. Recreation**

10.1. Recreational provision:  
Are you aware of the existing recreational provision in the parish? If so what value do you ascribe to them  
Please score from 1 to 5 where 1 is not important and 5 is very important

	Aware		Importance to you / your family					Importance to Parish				
	Yes	No	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
MacMillan Cancer Activity Club												
Over Fifties Fun & Fitness Club												
Inclusive Club												
Karate												
Aerobics												
Belly Dance												
Tai Chi												
Pilates												
Tiny Tots Music & Movement												
Three Villages Walking Group												
Other – please specify												

**10.2. Recreational Facilities**

Please rate what issues, if any, concern you most.  
Please score from 1 to 5 where 1 is not important and 5 is very important.

	1	2	3	4	5
Protection of recreation areas from development					
Increased recreational areas					
More play equipment & facilities					

**10.3. Open Spaces**

How do you rate the following?  
Please score from 1 to 5 where 1 is not important and 5 is very important

	1	2	3	4	5
Protection and enhancement of open spaces					
Security of public open spaces					
Easy access to the surrounding countryside					
Protection and maintenance of footpaths, bridleways & green lanes					
Clear information/signage about footpaths and bridleways					
Replacement of stiles with kissing gates					
Electric fences alongside footpaths to separate people and livestock					
Provision and maintenance of pavements/footpaths					
Provision of cycle paths					
Litter picking					
Anti-dog fouling public awareness campaign					

10.4. What other recreational facilities would you like to see developed in the parish?

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**11. Sport Activities**

11.1. Sports provision:  
What value do you ascribe to the existing sports provision in the parish?  
Please score from 1 to 5, where 1 is not important and 5 is very important

	Importance to you / your family					Importance to Parish				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Tennis										
Senior football: men										
Senior football: women										
Junior football: boys										
Junior football: girls										
Swimming										
Bowls										
Squash										
Badminton										
Running										
Junior athletics										
Fitness/Gym										
Table tennis										
Dance										

What other sports facilities would you like to see developed in the parish?

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**12. Heritage**

How do you rate the following as essential characteristics of the parish?  
Please score from 1 to 5 where 1 is not important and 5 is very important.

	1	2	3	4	5
Villages separated by fields and countryside					
Retain the appearance and character of the Conservation Area & historic buildings					
New buildings to reflect the character of the surrounding area					
Do you want gardens to be developed for housing					
Find uses for redundant buildings to prevent them from falling into disrepair					
Working farms					
Quality of Landscape approaching and within the parish					

Other – please specify

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**13. Environment**

13.1. Street Furniture (eg Bus shelters, Benches, Litter bins, Dog bins)  
Is there sufficient street furniture in the parish?

Yes

No

If you answered no, what street furniture would you like to see installed and where

	Location
Bus shelters	
Benches	
Litter bins	
Dog bins	
Other – please specify	

**13.2. Amenities**

How do you rate the following?  
Please score from 1 to 5 where 1 is not important and 5 is very important

	1	2	3	4	5
Provision of allotments					
Planting flowers on grass verges					
Trees & hedgerows					
Community garden(s)					
Sensory garden(s)					
Wildlife areas					
Desford in Bloom					

Other – please specify

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**13.3. Flooding & Drainage**

Are there any specific locations in the parish where regular flooding occurs?  
(eg blocked drains)

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**13.4. Energy Consumption**

Would you support the following?

	Yes	No	Comments / Suggested location
Future development of large renewable energy projects (e.g. wind turbines/solar farms)			
Future development of small renewable energy projects (e.g. rooftop solar panels)			
Local campaign/project to encourage lower energy consumption (and lower bills)			
Investigate the possibility of a local cooperative to consume and pay discounted prices for energy generated by existing local renewable energy sources (e.g. wind turbines, solar)			

**14. Anything else?**

Please let us know if there are any additional or improved facilities, services or changes that you would like to see in the parish, that have not been covered in this questionnaire?

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Thank you for your time in completing this questionnaire.

Volunteers will be calling to collect it in the near future or you can leave at the Parish Office, Desford Library, or Manor Farm Cottage, Botcheston

If you wish to enter the free prize draw please enter your name and address:

Name	
House Name / Number	
Street	
Village	
Post code	

If you are in need of a different home in this parish please complete the following

**MIDLAND RURAL HOUSING**

(HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL)

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

and send it directly to Midlands Rural Housing using the freepost envelope provided.





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