

## Brief outline of questionnaire results

**358 respondents from 632 homes = 57% return**

- 1. Village layout.** 63% of residents prefer expansion on a north/south axis with 39% preferring expansion on an east/west axis.
- 2.** Rather than wishing to see the village grow to encourage an increase in services such as mains gas, a doctor's surgery, or more public transport, 45% of residents would prefer to encourage people to live and work locally and to encourage tourism in the village.
- 3.** The vast majority (91%) of people would like all aspects of current village life preserved i.e. no street lighting, clubs and societies, bus/train services, post office and shop, school and pavilion and village hall. Additional aspects to be preserved include the church (19%), pubs (13%) and crossing gates (9%).
- 4. Heritage.** Five aspects of the parish emerged as particularly important to residents, as follows (in descending order): sense of community; village 'feel'; proximity/access to countryside; public transport links and rural character. These accounted for 44.5% of the total number of features mentioned. A very wide range of other features were mentioned but less frequently, such as our many clubs and societies, the churches, the Downs/views of landscape, nature/wildlife, family connections, the ancient woods, and the Plumpton Cross.
- 5. Quality of life.** 95% say the countryside, footpaths, views of the Downs significantly contribute to quality of life but people have no particular view of cycle access.
- 6. Wildlife.** 90% would like wildlife incorporated into new developments.
- 7. Open spaces.** The three most valued open spaces were playing field ( 22%); Downs (18%); footpaths (18%).
- 8. Development timescale.** 87% favour development phased over a period with 10-20 being built at a time.
- 9. Type of development.** The majority (74%) of people would like medium units or a combination of small and medium units (81%); warden assisted accommodation (77%); and retirement homes (71%). 80% of residents did not want larger 4/5 bedroom homes or any combination of these( 61%) or flats in small blocks (60%). People were fairly ambivalent about a care/nursing home with 55% for and 45% against the idea.
- 10. Community management.** 68% would support community led approach to the management of assets in the PPNP.
- 11. Business/employment.** 69% would like more business and employment opportunities.
- 12.** The most popular employment people would like to see is agriculture followed by trades, leisure, tourism, business support and retail.

**13. Land for business development.** 57% do not want to see land identified for future business development, while 43% were supportive.

**14.** The least important potential benefits from the PNNP to business owners are increased parking; more housing; land for expansion and shared work/ office space. The most important benefits are better public transport; high speed broadband, more patronage from residents.

**15.** 50% of people think that roads are not well maintained with 54% thinking that the footpaths are well maintained. 82% have no particular view about cycle paths, and 84% thought the same about bridleways. People were of an equally divided opinion on whether pavements are well maintained and most people either had no particular view (47%) or thought that parking areas were poorly maintained (41%).

**16.** 55% of residents feel that there should be no paid for parking at the station and 68% feel that there should be no paid for parking at playing field. 16% had no particular view and 28% would welcome paid for parking at the station and 18% at the playing field.

**17.** Residents were fairly ambivalent about sustainable energy with a slight margin (56%) having no particular view or saying that it wasn't important. 44% of resident supported the options.