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<u>PARKING</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 188 (40%) of ALL respondents feel that parking near the shop is a problem. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The shop is important to the village. Parking near the shop is seen as a problem. Parking space near the shop is inadequate. Parking near the shop on Station Rd causes visibility problems to road users. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider parking policy in the vicinity of the shop
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People in 284 households use the car to get to work. In 106 households, someone catches a train at Plumpton station. Of these people, 25% park their cars by the station. Respondents identified parking concerns at various locations. Significantly, 39 stated problems at the station, and 54 near the station. Of those who drive to the station, 29% would be encouraged not to do so due to parking charges, and 26% due to double yellow lines. 41% stated that nothing would deter them from driving to the station. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The car is clearly important to people, especially as a means of getting to work. Parking at/near the station is clearly important to those people who use the train service to get to work. Parking by the station is seen as a problem. Yellow lines or parking charges at/near the station might deter some residents – but it would appear not to deter the majority. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider parking policy in the vicinity of the station
<u>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 105 respondents said they had problems getting to Brighton hospital, including one third of households with people aged over 65. 48 respondents noted problems getting to a doctor, including 26 households with people aged over 65. 159 respondents wanted more frequent trains. 170 respondents wanted more frequent buses. 110 wanted more links to other villages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a general feeling that public transport links to hospitals and doctors could be improved. Residents were also keen to have more frequent services on both trains and buses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review with ESCC and transport operators whether more frequent services could be made available. Review whether better links to hospitals and doctors can be introduced.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 355 (76%) of ALL respondents consider speeding to be a problem. • Over 240 respondents would like to see the speed limit on the outskirts of the village reduced to 40mph or below, with Plumpton Lane from the station to the White Bridge being particularly noted by 150 residents, and a further 142 drawing attention to the section from the White Bridge to the Half Moon. • 224 respondents were concerned with speeding between the Fountain and the shop; 190 have concerns about the stretch from the shop to the station, and 164 south from the Plough to the start of the current 30mph sign. • 29 respondents felt that by reducing speed limits more people might be encouraged to use their cycles. • Of those who use their cars to take their children to school, reduced speed limits, better pavements and a 'Walking Bus' would encourage more to walk to school. • Respondents did not have one clear solution to controlling speeding, but various ideas were popular, including the use of SID, flashing signs, chicanes, speed bumps, further speed reductions within the village and slow-down signs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeding both throughout the village and on the outskirts of the village is clearly seen as a major problem to residents. • Residents would like to see a reduction in the speed limit on the outskirts of the village. • Residents would like to see measures to reduce speeding throughout the village. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review with ESCC/Highways to seek a reduction the speed limit on the outskirts of the village. • Review with ESCC/Highways to seek a reduction in the speed limit throughout the village and/or identify improved signage/ measures that may be effective in controlling speeding.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 56 respondents noted the Half Moon T junction as hazardous. • 40 respondents find the Plough junction hazardous, and a further 27 were concerned about the hedge at the Plough. • 38 respondents noted the White Bridge area. . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents have identified certain areas in the village as hazardous. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review with ESCC/Highways the measures that could be taken to improve road safety in certain identified areas.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 371 (79%) of respondents felt that HGV drivers should be discouraged from driving through the centre of the village.• 426 (91%) of respondents would like to see the owners of HGVs to contribute towards the repair of damaged verges.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residents are clearly concerned about large vehicles passing through the centre of the village.• Residents are clearly concerned about the environmental damage to verges caused by large vehicles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with the owners of transport vehicles that pass through the village to encourage their drivers to respect the speed limits throughout the village and to avoid damaging the verges.• Work with the owners of HGV businesses to encourage their drivers to avoid passing through the centre of the village unless delivering to premises in the village.

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<u>RECYCLING</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 438 (93% of ALL households) recycle waste. • 391 (83% of ALL households) use kerbside collections for recycling. • 126 (27% of households) use the collection facilities at the recreation ground. • 279 (59% of households) feel there are enough recycling points in the village. • However, 286 (61%) take recycling material outside the village. • 59% of households would make use of a village collection of garden material. • 195 (42% of households) said they would purchase garden compost from the District Council if it was delivered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents in Plumpton are clearly very keen on recycling. • There is clear demand for extending the range of waste that can be collected in the village. • It is generally accepted that there are enough recycling collection facilities in the village – it not being practicable to have them elsewhere as it would cause sound nuisance and additional expense. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure kerbside collection service is maintained or even improved or extended • Research collection of cardboard and plastic/tetra-packs and large items • Explore the possibility of a garden compost collection facility • Launch ‘PLUMPTON GOES GREEN’ campaign
<u>LITTER</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 271 (58% of ALL households) felt that there are enough litter bins in the village. • 135 (29% of ALL households) stated that there were insufficient dog waste bins. • 32% of respondents felt that the village looks untidy. This group of people identified as particular problems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 (19%) at bus stops/shelters • 19 (13%) the recreation ground • 19 (13%) the Village Green & West Gate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major concerns about litter or tidiness emerged, but some concern was expressed about three areas in respect of the level of tidiness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the tidiness of the village is maintained with particular emphasis on the bus stops, the recreation ground and the Village Green area.

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<u>PAVEMENTS, FOOTPATHS & BRIDLEWAYS</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 374 (80% of ALL respondents) use the local public footpaths. • 292 (62% of ALL respondents) feel that the public footpaths are well-maintained. • 14 respondents noted that they are aware that some public footpaths get overgrown. • 271 (58%) of respondents recorded the potholes in Riddens Lane as a problem area. • There were 200 (43% of ALL respondents) who considered that a gravel path from the village to the Half Moon would be useful. • There were also 252 (54% of ALL respondents) who felt there should be a gravel path from the village to the Plough. • The following areas of Station Road were singled out particularly for widening or improving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – East View Fields to the station, and – the shop to the Village Green. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly the public footpaths are very important to residents • Whilst 62% of respondents felt that the public footpaths are well-maintained, there is no room for complacency with 38% presumably believing them not to be well-maintained • Footpaths becoming over-grown is seen as a problem by a few residents • Clearly, the pot holes in Riddens Lane were of major concern at the time of the research • There seems to be support for the idea of a pavement or path from the village to the Plough • There is some concern about the width of the pavement from the shop to the Village Green 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure footpaths are maintained and/or improved and not allowed to become overgrown • Research whether it is feasible to lay gravel paths from the village to the Plough and the Half Moon • Research whether it is feasible to widen pavement from the shop to the Village Green. • Action has already been taken to repair the pot holes in Riddens Lane
<u>GENERAL ENVIRONMENT INTEREST</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 274 (58% of respondents) were interested in the idea of a village society being established where people can learn about environmental issues/wildlife etc • 197 (42% of respondents) felt that Plumpton should enter 'The Best Kept Village Competition', but a similar number said no – 193 (41%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is clear interest in the village for a new society to be established looking at the environment/wildlife etc • There seems to be no clear mandate for entering 'The Best Kept Village Competition' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish if there is someone in the village that would be the champion for establishing a new society for environmental and wildlife interests

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<u>I) COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To find out what is going on in the village residents look at: the Parish Magazine (91% of ALL respondents); the village shop (66%); local newspapers (46%); Parish notice boards (22%); and 14% use the Village Hall. • Respondents found the most popular articles in the Parish Magazine to be: adverts, dates for your diary, Neighbourhood Watch, Parish Council update and public transport timetables. • 66% of households are aware the Parish Council has its own website, and 27% have looked at it. • The most popular items on the website are council minutes, dates for your diary, action plan, public transport, sandpit, Neighbourhood Watch. Suggestions included information on planning applications, list of clubs & links, Parish Councillor information. • 69% of households did not know the website could update them of changes automatically. • 72% of households have an email address. • 67% of households know one or more Parish Councillors, • 43% of households believe Councillors are aware of local concerns and feelings and 72% think they are approachable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly the Parish Magazine, village shop, local papers and Parish notice boards are vital lines of communication • Clearly the Parish Magazine is seen as a helpful source of information • Many respondents are aware of the Parish Council website, but there is clearly potential to encourage more users. Consideration to improve the content should be made. • A significant number of households have an email address, therefore there is potential to encourage more use of automatic updates. • Generally, residents believe they have good communications with Parish Councillors, though there is scope for further improvement. 	<p>Maintain and make further improvements to providing timely communications through use of the Parish Magazine, local papers and Parish notice boards.</p> <p>Consider further promotion and improvement of the Parish Council website to encourage more households to use the site.</p> <p>Seek to further improve communication to households through greater use of automated emails.</p> <p>Continue work to improve the general awareness by residents of Parish Councillors and their work on behalf of the village. [Progress has already been made by publicising the details of existing Parish Councillors in the village and on the website].</p>

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ii) POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 1% of respondents said that they DO NOT feel safe walking through the village during the day and 14% DO NOT feel secure at night. • 440 (94% of total respondents) replied to the question about lighting in the village. 70% of these do not want street lights in the village. However, 134 (30%) said yes – 45 would like to have more lighting in the station area; 49 in the village hall/ station road area; and 68 everywhere. • 138 households are concerned about burglary, 162 vandalism, 73 drunkenness, 106 excessive noise/disturbance and 13 mugging. • Looking households that expressed an opinion, the standard of services were rated as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>Fire service</u>: 160 good/excellent out of 180 b) <u>Police</u>: 158 good/excellent, but 126 poor c) <u>Ambulance</u>: 177 good/excellent (out of 215) d) <u>Hospital Transport</u>: 38 poor (out of 190) e) <u>Doctors</u>: 234 good/excellent, 94 poor • 72 (15%) of households are members of Neighbourhood Watch and a further 96 (20%) households said they would like to be. • Respondents were attracted to the idea of improving community safety through the following means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>Greater police presence</u> – 55% of ALL households (259). b) <u>Defibrillator (cardiac arrest)</u> – 51% (238) c) <u>First Aid training courses</u> – 52% (242) d) <u>Lifebelt by river</u> – 33% (157) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally, residents do feel secure in the village particularly during the day. Some of those not feeling secure at night said they were concerned about the dark and/or uneven potholes/pavements. • A clear majority of households did not want street lights, although 134 households did want some, mentioning in particular areas such as around the station and village hall. • There is a level of concern re: burglary, vandalism, noise/disturbance and drunkenness. • There are concerns about the levels of service provided by the Police. • There seems to room for significant improvement also regarding Hospital Transport and the service provided by Doctors. • A significant number of households have expressed interest in joining the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. • There is a desire for an improvement in community safety through possible use of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) greater police presence; ii) defibrillator; iii) first aid training courses; iv) lifebelt by river 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whilst taking into account that the majority of residents do not want street lighting, consideration for lighting solutions should be given in a small number of targeted areas, where concerns have been raised. • Research ways in which policing in and around the village can be improved, especially addressing concerns/perceptions of burglary, vandalism, disturbance and drunkenness, noting that it is likely that this will have to be paid for by the Parish. • Investigate the concerns regarding Hospital Transport and Doctors, and find out if there are ways of improving these services. • Explore ways of promoting the Neighbourhood Watch scheme to attract further membership. • Seek ways of improving community safety by looking at increasing a police presence and providing a defibrillator, first aid training and a lifebelt.

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iii) HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT																																															
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In answer to the question about housing needs in Plumpton, the following responses were received from households: <table border="1" data-bbox="271 373 703 620"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><i>Starter:</i></td> <td>283</td> <td>102</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Small family:</i></td> <td>204</td> <td>134</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Large family</i></td> <td>24</td> <td>248</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Adapted needs:</i></td> <td>139</td> <td>146</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Elderly:</i></td> <td>156</td> <td>150</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Rental:</i></td> <td>120</td> <td>193</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> With regard to the types of housing developments that would be acceptable, households responded as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="203 730 712 1015"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><i>Single:</i></td> <td>235</td> <td>100</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Small groups:</i></td> <td>196</td> <td>146</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Large groups</i></td> <td>39</td> <td>251</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Redundant buildings:</i></td> <td>311</td> <td>59</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Expand boundary:</i></td> <td>52</td> <td>263</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Warden assisted:</i></td> <td>180</td> <td>146</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Flats:</i></td> <td>94</td> <td>211</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> The idea of building on green sites in Plumpton (including expanding the village boundary) is clearly unpopular with 397 (85%) of ALL households saying no. However, there was broad acceptance that a proportion of new homes should be earmarked for local people – 369 (79%) of ALL households saying yes Interestingly, 266 (56%) of households felt that houses in Station Rd should be numbered to assist emergency services, though most living in Station Road felt they should not. 		Yes	No	<i>Starter:</i>	283	102	<i>Small family:</i>	204	134	<i>Large family</i>	24	248	<i>Adapted needs:</i>	139	146	<i>Elderly:</i>	156	150	<i>Rental:</i>	120	193		Yes	No	<i>Single:</i>	235	100	<i>Small groups:</i>	196	146	<i>Large groups</i>	39	251	<i>Redundant buildings:</i>	311	59	<i>Expand boundary:</i>	52	263	<i>Warden assisted:</i>	180	146	<i>Flats:</i>	94	211	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents have expressed a strong desire for starter homes and small family homes. Residents also demonstrated that the needs of the elderly and those requiring adapted homes should be taken into account. Majority of residents would like to see conversion of redundant buildings and sites for single or small groups of dwellings, without, however, expanding the village boundary. There was also a strong view that some new homes should be earmarked for local people. Clearly, housing is a significant issue for the village. There is a lot of information in the statistical results and further use could be made of age and location factors (i.e. results are relatively even for and against elderly/warden assisted dwellings – but note should be taken of the significant yes vote as they may well be the people in need either now or in the near future). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider in greater detail the housing data taking into account current and future demographic trends. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The emerging housing plan should look at providing young people with opportunities for starting on the property ladder, and at the other end of the spectrum ensuring that the needs of the elderly are considered. This study would also explore the options for achieving some control over earmarking new homes for local people.
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<p>iv) VILLAGE FACILITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Households responded as follows as to their thoughts about village facilities: <table border="1" data-bbox="159 408 759 823"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Excellent/ Good</th> <th>Poor</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><i>Village Hall</i></td> <td>415</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Scout Hut</i></td> <td>189</td> <td>47</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Church Annex</i></td> <td>278</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Sports Pavilion</i></td> <td>239</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Skate Park</i></td> <td>202</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Children's Play Area</i></td> <td>237</td> <td>34</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Tennis Courts</i></td> <td>244</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Playing Fields</i></td> <td>323</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Race-course</i></td> <td>331</td> <td>11</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helpful comments were made suggesting: <table border="1" data-bbox="159 938 831 1038"> <tbody> <tr> <td><i>Scout Hut</i></td> <td><i>In need of a revamp</i></td> <td>(29)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Sports Pavilion</i></td> <td><i>Updating/money spent</i></td> <td>(12)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Childrens' area</i></td> <td><i>Improve/more equipment</i></td> <td>(17)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 96 households thought there was a need for additional leisure facilities including: <table border="1" data-bbox="159 1190 831 1326"> <tbody> <tr> <td><i>Swimming pool for the whole community</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Youth activities (youth/music club, disco, etc)</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Bowling green & other sporting facilities</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Cafe</i></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 176 (38%) of households included members of Plumpton's clubs and societies. However, a surprising number 245 (52%) of households said that they were not members of any society. 		Excellent/ Good	Poor	<i>Village Hall</i>	415	2	<i>Scout Hut</i>	189	47	<i>Church Annex</i>	278	7	<i>Sports Pavilion</i>	239	25	<i>Skate Park</i>	202	13	<i>Children's Play Area</i>	237	34	<i>Tennis Courts</i>	244	5	<i>Playing Fields</i>	323	7	<i>Race-course</i>	331	11	<i>Scout Hut</i>	<i>In need of a revamp</i>	(29)	<i>Sports Pavilion</i>	<i>Updating/money spent</i>	(12)	<i>Childrens' area</i>	<i>Improve/more equipment</i>	(17)	<i>Swimming pool for the whole community</i>	<i>Youth activities (youth/music club, disco, etc)</i>	<i>Bowling green & other sporting facilities</i>	<i>Cafe</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of the village's facilities are held in high regard. However, there were some consistent comments made about the need to update some of the facilities – namely the Scout Hut, the Sports' Pavilion and the Children's Play Area. There is clear support for the existing sports' facilities, with clear interest in expanding the range further to accommodate other interests. It should be noted that a significant majority of households were not aware of the sports' facilities at Plumpton College. There is also some support for new activities for youth in the village. A reasonably high number of residents participate in the various Societies, but there may be potential for the Societies to gain new members by advertising and marketing campaigns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The community should work together to ensure that the high standards of the facilities in the village are maintained through regular maintenance and upgrading of equipment. A strategic approach needs to be taken on a through-life basis. Opportunities should be sought for further expansion of the sporting facilities in the village, provided champions can be found to lead the initiative. Invite Plumpton College to advertise their facilities available for hire to local residents. Opportunities should be sought for providing youth activities provided champions can be found to lead the initiative.
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<p><u>v) LOCAL SHOP, BUSINESSES & EMPLOYMENT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 352 (75% of households) use the village shop twice or more per week, and a further 83 (18%) at least once per month. 152 (32% of households) use the Post Office twice or more per week, and a further 222 (47%) at least once per month. There were various positive unprompted comments about the shop, 13% of households said it had already improved and 12% were congratulatory about the new owners. Some interesting reasons were given as to why households use the shop or local businesses in the village: <table border="1" data-bbox="232 775 712 1023"> <tbody> <tr> <td><i>Convenience</i></td> <td><i>400</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Personal service</i></td> <td><i>287</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Otherwise they may close</i></td> <td><i>268</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Opening hours</i></td> <td><i>263</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Easy parking</i></td> <td><i>228</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Social contact</i></td> <td><i>153</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Environmental</i></td> <td><i>93</i></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As regards the usage of the pubs in the village – 222 (47%) of ALL households use one of the pubs at least once a month, with 69 of these (i.e. 15%) households using them twice or more per week. When asked what business would be missed most if they ceased trading – a massive 355 (76% of households) said the shop/post office, and 71 (15%) mentioned the pubs. 	<i>Convenience</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>Personal service</i>	<i>287</i>	<i>Otherwise they may close</i>	<i>268</i>	<i>Opening hours</i>	<i>263</i>	<i>Easy parking</i>	<i>228</i>	<i>Social contact</i>	<i>153</i>	<i>Environmental</i>	<i>93</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The shop/post office is a vital hub in the village. It is clear that the community has appreciated recent improvements. It is very clear that residents like to use and support local businesses wherever possible and they would be missed if they ceased trading. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with shop/post office owner to maintain high standards and promote the services available to ensure that whenever threatened both parts of the business remain open, not only in the short term, but also into the future, so that all options and benefits for the shop and community can be explored. Encourage continued local support for all local businesses and work to ensure local trades remain available.
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