

## *Beckingham Community Led Plan*

This is a list of ideas the Group has received up to June 2010. It includes those contributed by villagers who came to the public meeting in November 2009 and others received since that time.

The inclusion of any idea or comment does not mean the Community Planning Group either supports that view or even admits it is practical. We have included a wide range of possible views and ideas to stimulate discussion. Our only aim is to find out what everyone in the community wants.

### ***Size and Services***

Size: How big should our village be?

- The village must not get any bigger: it would totally spoil the atmosphere.
- We need affordable houses for young people growing up in the village.
- If the village was larger, it would be easier to attract shops, businesses and jobs
- If the village was busier, traffic and car parking could become real problems.
- The best place for new housing is between the main village and the houses on Sutton Road.

Services: What, if any, new or improved services should be our priority?

- We need mains gas in the village.
- We need more visible police patrols
- We should press for improved broadband internet access. It would help develop modern jobs and businesses.
- We should have a village based web message service or chat room.
- There is nothing for teenagers.
- Keeping our village pub is a high priority.
- We should gather volunteers for a “First Responders” team.
- More amenities for older people.
- A village “swap shop” for surplus produce and skills.

## ***Traffic, Transport and Leisure***

- The road surfaces need improvement: Hillside is dangerous in winter
- The exit to the A17 is dangerous and icy in winter
- Better bus services would reduce pollution from cars.
- Traffic in the village is very light compared to urban areas and villages with through roads or “rat-runs”
- People will have to use their cars to get to work, shops and leisure activities.
- We should have more street lighting.
- Traffic calming measures on Sutton Road to slow traffic near the children’s play equipment.
- There is insufficient need for speed humps.
- There should be occasional buses to Sutton
- “No Through Traffic” signs at the entrances to the village.
- There should be a survey of traffic speeds and amount.
- The school bus service must improve its reputation for quality and safety.
- Keep the village atmosphere: we do not need urban levels of lighting.
- There should be designated – and signposted – footways from Sutton to Barnby and from Beckingham to Brant Broughton.
- More publicity for events and activities in other villages.

## ***Use of Current Facilities***

### The Village Hall

- People should make more use of the Village Hall
- We should have exercise or dance classes in the Village Hall.
- We need a modern community space. The Village Hall is old and unattractive – especially for younger people.
- There should be a Youth Club with young people participating in planning and appointing their own committee
- Only those people who use the Village Hall should have to pay for it.

## The Playing Field

- The playing field needs better drainage.
- We should improve the play equipment and make it suitable for all ages.
- The play equipment should be moved closer to the village and away from a busy road.
- There should be a tennis court in the village.
- Events for children should be organised on the playing field.

## “The Poor Field”

- The village should rent the poor field so it can be used as a village asset.

## ***Appearance and Conservation***

- This is a pretty village and must not be spoiled.
- We should aim to create a sustainable “eco-village”.
- Saplings along the river bank would encourage wildlife.
- We should have allotments
- Dog fouling remains a serious nuisance. Something should be done.
- The churchyard should be improved. It looks neglected and unsafe.
- All the pavements should be smooth and even – suitable for wheelchairs.
- We should have planters with seasonal plants beside the village name signs.
- Improve the woodland on the other side of the river – with defined, level paths and fencing from the A17.
- We need dog bins by the river.
- For the next 5 years, we can't expect any grants and can not afford a dramatic increase in council tax.
- The path along the river bank should be mown more often.

The Community Planning Group welcomes more ideas or comments from interested villagers or village organisations at any time.