

Village Questionnaire Results

The largest single exercise the Group undertook was a survey of every home in the villages of Beckingham and Sutton-cum-Beckingham conducted by way of a paper questionnaire. All the other villages we know of that prepared Community Led Plans have carried out similar exercises. The results of the survey will be an important influence on the recommendations of the Group.

This paper contains the results of the survey in what we believe is a useful form. There is minimal comment so that the information here is close to “raw data”. This is for two reasons: to demonstrate the factual findings behind our recommendations; and to provide data in a form that may be useful to anyone conducting research in the future.

This paper offers a short introduction to the way the Questionnaire was prepared and the results extracted.

The range of contents of the questionnaire was designed to be comprehensive but as easy to complete as possible in the circumstances. The questions themselves derived in part from similar surveys in comparable villages and in part from the Group’s earlier consultation exercises and the personal experience of Group members. Many of the alternatives offered in the multiple choice questions came from suggestions made by villagers in earlier consultation exercises. The Group felt it was important to test these ideas on the whole community.

During development, the Group tried to keep the Questionnaire short but this proved impossible without either omitting questions we thought were important or reducing the number of multiple choices in ways we believed would actually make the questionnaire more difficult to complete.

Drafts of the Questionnaire (or relevant extracts) were discussed with the Parish Council and interested committees and individuals in the village. However, the final contents were the work of the Group itself. We accept responsibility for it and hope that no one felt the questions were biased, unclear or incomplete.

Individual answers to the Questionnaire are confidential. The Questionnaires bore no name or individual distinguishing mark. Coloured marks were added to some

forms only to help the Group know how many had been returned from different parts of the village. These marks did not allow anyone to identify individual people or houses that forms had come from. Completed Questionnaires were returned in envelopes to a single point. The Questionnaire could be accompanied by a letter in which people provided personal information so the person opening the envelopes was scrupulous in separating the two types of paper without looking at any contents.

The attached results include all responses given by individuals where they were invited to write in comments. These comments have been edited only where they were judged to be offensive to individuals or where they could reveal the identity of the person making them. Where comments have been edited, we say so.

The members of the Group have also tried to be as fair and objective as possible when analysing the answers. We realise that surveys of this sort can easily (and often unintentionally) be biased by the way they are conducted. We note, for example, that when you ask the public if they would like a specified service to be provided, it can alter the response significantly if you do, or do not, include asking if the respondents would be willing to pay for it. The Group members do not claim to have professional expertise in avoiding such unintentional bias. An appeal in the “Beckingham Bugle” for help from anyone with expertise in surveys or opinion polling produced no response. We are aware of the problem and have done all we can to keep the questions fair and the analysis objective.

The Group would like to thank Mrs Mikki Young who undertook entering all the responses into an electronic database. The Group members who worked on delivering, collecting and analysing the survey were Julia Wallace (Chairman), Andrew Young (Secretary), Parish Councillor Karen Ashworth, Andrea Thompson and Sue Dunne.

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Beckingham Community Plan Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire. Please have the completed questionnaire ready for collection on Sunday 27th February or return it before then to High Leys, Hillside.

Please refer to the covering letter for information about our Village's Community Plan and for help in filling out and returning the Questionnaire making your answers clear.

Please tell us how many people in your household these answers are given on behalf of.

Adults	148	Young People, 12-17	16	Children, 11 and under	22
<i>Total number of Respondents</i>					186
<i>Total number of forms returned ("Households")</i>					76 *
<i>Percentage of Forms Returned</i>					55

* 76 completed forms were returned, plus one returned blank.

Section 1 Size of the Village

Which of the following statements about the size of the village is closest to your own view?

	Households	Adults
(a) The village is fine as it is: any building or development would spoil it.	33	65
(b) One or two houses should be built each year so the village can grow a little.	25	46
(c) There should be development to provide for local needs such as housing for first time buyers or housing for older people.	10	18
(d) The village should grow as much as it can so that it can support better amenities such as a shop or a properly developed sports field	5	15
<i>Question not Answered</i>	4	/

Section 2 Housing

- 2.1 Are there enough homes in the village?
- 2.2 If you think there should be more homes, what sort do you think are needed?

Households			People	
Yes	No	Null	Yes	No
49	19	8	104	48

- (a) Social Housing (Rental/Shared Ownership)?
- (b) Low cost homes for first time buyers?
- (c) Family homes?
- (d) Homes specially suited for older or disabled residents?
- (e) Other. Please list.

6	6	64	13	17
20	5	51	51	14
16	4	56	40	12
12	5	59	8	14

Why move into a small village and wish to change it into a small town? Beckingham is a quiet, rural village. It should remain so.

On the acorn scale beckingham is a 2/3 and is a desirable place to live, so why spoil something that is working well.

However I am not against houses being built so long as it fits the village. No new thinly built new builds.

- 2.3 Where in the village do you think homes could be built in the next ten years?

Please indicate below

<i>Sutton Road</i>	<i>7 Similar Comments</i>
<i>Between Sutton Road and the Rest of the Village</i>	<i>2 Similar Comments</i>
<i>None/Nowhere</i>	<i>8 Similar Comments</i>
<i>Beckingham Playing Field</i>	
<i>On the Poor Field or Playing Field</i>	
<i>Not many options. Near poor fields?</i>	
<i>Out towards the playing fields</i>	
<i>We should preserve some of the open spaces in the village - further development could destroy this</i>	
<i>Difficult as there is not much space due to curtilage</i>	

Sleaford Road / Sutton Road

On the perimeter

Low cost housing on poor gardens site

Towards A17

Between Sutton Road and Rectory Street. In the triangle between the two access roads to the A17

Up Sutton Lane

Possibly between end of houses on sleaford road and sutton lane

In the triangle of land between A17 and sleaford road / land on sutton road (on beckingham side)

Outskirts

on the poor gardens - sell them and buy rental farmland as a better investment for the village charity on Clare Leggott's field

Not sure

Poor Gardens

The village should expand to the east - up to sutton road and up either side of sutton road connecting up to houses further up on left

In the parish field

Side of A17

Between beckingham and sutton cum beckingham

Sutton Road, Sleaford Road and filling in if appropriate

*Nowhere! Small villages are rare and the beauty of Beckingham is its quintessential Englishness. *plenty of larger places to live if people want to**

Out towards A17. On Sleaford Road

Would prefer that none are built

Sleaford Road

No idea

Out towards Sutton

Infilling,

Noble Foods land, Fenton/Stubton road

Without land being listed in the county development plan it will not be possible to develop on new land

Sleaford Road and Sutton Road

In fill Sutton Road, Poor Gardens

Section 3 Local Government

3.1 Do you know who your Parish Councillors are?

3.2 Do you know what they do?

Households		Adults	
Yes	No	Yes	No
53	22	100	43
41	30	83	66

3.3 Are there additional things you would like to see the Parish Council do (or things you would like to see them stop doing)? Please use the box to list any suggestions

More Less Neither/About right now *No Response*

Households	7	1	23	41
Adults	14	1	45	/

1 - communicate what they do so I can answer the question properly and 2- liaise better with adjoining parish councils

Don't know what they do so cant answer

More cohesive community with communication about important issues to village

Inform the village of the role of their duty

Don't know what they currently do

More control over planning eg reject wind farm

Know some of the councillors

Know some of them and part of what they do. Please express our appreciation for the job done.

Know some of them and some of what they do

Commitment to the village

Know some. Pick up litter on A17 side as far as Beckingham village sign to the east of the village and ted wards roadside verges

Stop cutting down shrubs on roadside ruining wildlife for years to come

Eensure hedgerows and grass verges cut regularly

The village always seems nice and clean and the fete is fantastic. Keep up the good work.

Know some of parish councillors

Stop wind farm

Know some of them

Stop the dogs mess along the river. Some people show no regard for others. We have stopped enjoying

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the river and it upsets us

List parish councillors on noticeboard and outline their roles and responsibilities

Know some councillors. Preserve green (grass) areas in village and prevent parking on them. Improve playpark facilities

Communicate more about what they do

Get a list of reliable, reasonably priced trustworthy tradespeople to help the vulnerable

3.4 How well do you rate the performance of the Parish Council at the things it does do? Please use the box for any examples or additional comments you have.

- (a) Excellent: nobody could reasonably ask for more
- (b) Adequate: Everything is perfectly acceptable
- (c) Inadequate - but maybe as good as we can expect in a small village.
- (d) Poor - so bad it is hardly worth having them.

Housesholds	Adults
4	10
41	77
11	21
4	9
16	/

"Null", i.e. did not respond

Don't know what they do so can't answer

No comment

Living in ScumB I feel very much on the outside of the village

A good response over the wind farm proposal

Don't know

Know where meet if advertised in Bugle (same reason know police details)

I went to a meeting once and left with the feeling that personal interest/old traditional ideas were very prominent. I was put off.

Difficult to answer as not totally sure what they do

Poor

Only know Graham and he seems very efficient

It's important to understand what they are expected to do before being too critical although there is a feeling they could do more

Cannot comment as other than meeting in village hall, we do not know exactly what they do

Difficult to say as don't know what they do

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- 3.5 Do you know when and where the Parish Council meets?
- 3.6 Do you know who your District Councillors and County Councillor are?
- 3.7 Do you know who to contact in local government if you have a problem?

Households		
Yes	No	Null
41	33	2
42	33	1
44	30	2

Section 4 Policing

- 4.1 Do you think policing in the village is adequate?
- 4.2 Do you know the Police non-emergency telephone number?
- 4.3 Do you know how to contact your Community Policeman?
- 4.4 What are the things that most concern you about Law and Order in the Village?

Households		
Yes	No	Null
42	30	4
56	19	1
59	16	1

Lincs police website takes you to the wrong community beat team

Theft

Burglary. Dog fouling especially near river

No concerns

Theft generally and of oil at present

Lack of adequate street lighting at entrance to the paddock (hillside)

Don't see police patrolling

Risks arising from unknown 'visitors'

Burglary

Not aware of major problems

Poor parking on corners

Cars too fast around village when children are out

Burglaries and thefts

Theft

Burglary

Rubbish/litter

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*Absence of the police visiting the village. If they do there doesn't appear to be any contact with the public
Police should show they present at weekends*

Burglaries

Littering

Speed in village and sutton road also not wearing seat belts and using mobile phones

Lack of police presence

People doing poo in our fields/gateways on Sutton Road. Gypsies putting horses/rabbits without permission on our land

Flytipping / theft

Travellers moving onto adjacent land

Quite acceptable

I think it would be good to see more community officers walking the beat at night - and issuing fines for dog foulers

Burglaries

One reason we live here is that law and order is fine. Our worry is when we both leave to work is Burglary but don't expect a policeman patrol the street from 8-6

Never see a policeman. Some unruly children

Luckily this is a peaceful village but we would like to see more of an occasional police presence

Burglary

Burglars, travellers

House burglary

Reduce vandalism

Drugs

Vulnerability to thieves arriving via A17, stealing whatever they find and disappearing quickly

The PackHorse pub previously. Presently it is fine but if the owners change as in the past things can worsen

Noise, from people in ranges, road etc

Theft and burglaries

Nothing as long as we are told eg in the Bugle of anything going on. Times and places so we can be more aware

Burglary

No concerns

Speeding

Untaxed cars, motorbikes etc

Section 5 The Village Hall

5.1 Which of the following best describes how often you go to meetings or events in the Village Hall?

- (a) Regularly - at least 4 times a year.
- (b) Occasionally - Perhaps once a year.
- (c) Never - not for years.

Households	Adults	Young People/ Children
30	60	19
34	63	16
12	25	3
0	/	/

"Null", i.e. Did not answer this question

5.2 Do you feel you know enough about social and other events in the Village Hall?

Households		
Yes	No	Null
56	6	14

5.3 What social events, classes or clubs would you be interested in having in the Village Hall?

Please give details in the box.

Decent Pilates class

Kids clubs/discos. Craft/Art club for children. Art for adults

Youth Group

1 - dinner 4 times a year to raise donation for village 2 - exercise classes 3 - friends of the village club 4 - badminton/table tennis/ darts

Whist drive / Ceilegh

Dance classes, coffee mornings

Barn dance, jumble sale etc

Keep fit for older ladies

Fitness class

Parties, art classes, children's activities

Keep fit type

Quiz nights, bingo, exercise class

Strip club
Keep fit
Church fund raising socials/events
Went about wind farm!
Yoga
Keep fit club
Yoga
Book club, good idea, went once. Maybe antique fair, art shows, photography, charity events red nose, comic relief etc
Art/craft, book club
Nothing in addition to what there is now
Yoga
Life drawing
Bridge classes for beginners, Pilates
Keep fit, cookery classes (of any kind)
A gardening club
Beavers, cubs or scouts
General keep fit, martial arts
Yoga
Youth club
Quiz nights, exercise classes
Exercise, disco

5.4 Would you be interested in helping with or organising any of these social events, classes or clubs?

Households			Adults Yes
Yes	No	Null	
17	52	6	32

5.5 Are you aware that the Village Hall can be booked for family events, e.g. Birthday/Anniversary Parties?

Households		
Yes	No	Null
73	1	2

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5.6 There is a pool table and a table tennis table in the Village Hall. Would you use either of these if the Hall was open regularly for the purpose?

		Frequently				Occasionally				Never			
		Ad.	Y.P.	Ch.	All	Ad.	Y.P.	Ch.	All	Ad.	Y.P.	Ch.	All
(a)	Table tennis	11	4	5	20	35	4	10	49	102	8	7	117
(b)	Pool	4	2	2	8	32	6	10	48	112	8	10	130

Households			Adults Yes
Yes	No	Null	
8	61	6	14

Would you be willing to help organise such events?

5.7 Which of the following statements is nearest to your overall impression of the Village Hall?

	Households	Adults	Young People	Children
(a) Excellent - one of the best in the area.	1	2	0	0
(b) Adequate - provides what this village needs.	48	93	6	16
(c) Inadequate - Needs Improving.	23	46	10	6
(d) Poor - So poor it is really useless and a waste of resources.	2	5	0	0
<i>"Null", i.e. Did not respond</i>	2			

5.8 It has been suggested that the present Village Hall should be sold to help finance a new building - probably on the Playing Field in Sutton Road. Which of these statements is nearest to your feelings about that idea?

	Households	Adults	All
(a) Excellent - I would support this wholeheartedly and help any effort to get this project completed.	8	17	24
(b) Interesting - I would like to know more about the idea but I can not be sure it would make any	31	63	80

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difference to how much I would use a Hall.

- (c) Not Interested - It would make no difference to how much I use a Village Hall.
- (d) Opposed - I think it is a bad idea.
- (e) None of the above. Please use the box for your own thoughts and suggestions.

8	16	17
22	38	47
4	7	11
3	/	/

Did not answer the question

Sell it and playing field and invest in social facilities in the church

If the hall was sold there could be better uses for the money

Current village hall is good location in heart of village

Should remain in centre of village

Playing field should be moved to poor garden

We need to have more people using the village hall before we consider major changes

Too far out of the village

If on the playing field it would be very vulnerable to vandalism

Good idea for parking, I don't think it would get used any more

It would not alter our usage of the village hall or indeed the usage by the whole village of the village hall

Playing field too far from the village

a and c - different views in household

c and d

Perhaps the church could be another option once all work carried out

Not enough info. Would hall be sold first? Would village be without hall while building new one? Who would finance new hall?

Site of proposed hall - too far out of main village

As you would have to walk on main busy roads to get to it

One in favour one against

To lose the hall would be a real shame, it's all we have left

The new one should be big enough for games inside, and hold things outside eg badmington, BBQs, ballgamnes etc

Hall should be in heart of village and security may be a problem at playing field

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5.9 Assuming the present Village Hall is kept, are there improvements, such as improved seating or decoration that would make you use it more?

Housholds				People Yes
Yes	No	Maybe/ Don't Know	Did Not Respond	
19	21	30	6	64

Please use the box for any suggestions.

seating/catering facilities need upgrading

it would need major redecoration and refurbishment which is unlikely to be cost effective

As with many old village halls the toilet area could do with sprucing up

Better chairs, improve or repair curtains, improve kitchen, refresh decoration

Make it warmer

There are more established clubs in close proximity - Brant Broughton, Coddington and Leadenham. Would there be sufficient interest in creating new clubs.

Improve toilets

Toilets need upgrading, - heating needs to be more efficient, - needs to be cleaner

Kitchen upgrade including fridge that works

New kitchen / toilets

Decorating. Partic toilets need refurb

Better kitchen

Don't throw good money after bad

Parking

Improved decoration/heating

Kitchen area and equipment

Bring village hall into 21st century - imagine it painted, refreshed and treatments, something from book flowery and sunny and coloured bunting. Somewhere you would want to party

Better catering facilities - b'days, public celebrations such as royal wedding - street party why not?

Renovate toilets, kitchen renovation, provide crockery, glasses, cutlery etc

Use is dependant on event rather than décor

Better promotion of the hall to encourage more daytime and evening events

We use it when needed

Too small to improve it and no outside space for kids to run around

Improved comfort and decoration may attract more events and hence more use by others

Building needs new kitchen and toilets plus more village events putting on

Section 6 The Play Equipment and Playing Field

6.1 Which of the following best describes how often you or your children use the play equipment?

	Households	Adults	Young People	Children	All People
(a) Regularly - more than 6 times a year	3	6	2	5	13
(b) Occasionally - up to 6 times in the last year.	12	24	1	8	33
(c) Never or hardly ever.	19	37	12	9	58
(d) Irrelevant - there are no children in my household.	40	70	0	0	70
<i>"Null", i.e. Did not respond</i>	2				

6.2 Would you or your children be more likely to use the play equipment regularly if:-

	Yes				No				Maybe/Don't Know			
	Ad.	Y.P.	Ch.	All	Ad.	Y.P.	Ch.	All	Ad.	Y.P.	Ch.	All
(a) It was in better condition?	48	9	18	75	19	1	0	20	16	1	2	19
(b) There was a wider variety of age-related equipment?	53	15	18	86	20	1	0	21	13	0	2	15
(c) It included exercise equipment for adults.	32	15	5	52	34	1	8	43	20.	0	4	24
(d) It was closer to the centre of Beckingham village?	33	8	10	51	42	4	9	55	16	0	1	17

(e) Other changes (please give details in the box)?

Very bad condition - dangerous. Last time we used the park my daughter (age 3 then) slipped on roundabout gunge and hit her head. In need of revamp and clean up.

Poor field

Re playing field - all about enabling children to play without too much inconvenience to parents busy lives! If it was closer and safer otherwise it wont get used as much. Current playpark unusable plus going there

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to kick a ball about is too far.

What there is, is in good condition

Put all play equipment in the poor gardens

No children now but used it regularly in the past, still use football goal

Ground sodden. Nice to have wildlife area - duck pon (maybe pond would help drainage)

We have a lovely big playing field. We should hold onto it and improve it. Once it is gone we have lost it.

Better drainage, RC car area, cycle park, zip wire

Too far from village centre

Sensory garden, picnic area, events

6.3 Which of the following best describes how often you use the playing field (other than the play equipment)?

	Households	Adults	Young People	Children	All People
(a) Regularly - at least 4 times a year	13	29	5	12	46
(b) Occasionally - perhaps once a year.	10	19	6	1	26
(c) Never or hardly ever.	44	84	5	9	98
<i>"Null", i.e. Did not respond</i>	9				

6.4 Are there any improvements, such as goal posts or a picnic area that would make you use the Playing Field more?

	Yes	No	Maybe/Don't Know	<i>Did nor Respond</i>
Households	22	30	12	12
Adults	49	53	22	
Young People	10	3	1	
Children	16	1	5	
All People	75	57	28	

Please list your suggestions in the box.

More centrally located e.g. on the poor field

New equipment and extended. As discussed at play park meetings last year.

Goal posts, artificial cricket pitch

Make it more attractive - seats/tables - shrubs/trees

Needs a lot of attention to the ground area (flooding)

As above plus seating, a covered area and improved drainage. Allotments would need to be secured.

Netball hoop and tarmac area, nature area - willows structures, goal posts, picnic area, covered picnic area, pathway for cycling/rollerblading/scooters/skateboard

Frisbee golf?

Needs off road parking for parents

If properly drained and the grass was cut short more frequently

Too wet needs drainage

Don't use it myself (no children) but I think it needs car parking inside field for safety of children

A new goal post please (with net) also a fence in front of hedge to stop balls going in hedge

Goal posts

Goals

Skate park / facilities

Picnic area, skate board ramp to take teenagers off street, DRAINAGE

Better sports facilities. A field that size could have football, cricket etc. Brings people to village, good for kids. Ideal site for it.

As we do not have children we are not interested in the playing field but we can see how families with children would like to see an improvement

Decent drainage, get rid of the huts

Drainage

Development of pitches to encourage creation of youth teams

We have walked around it but the same problem as the river bank put us off - dog mess

Picnic and BBQ areas and area to take dogs etc

Plant some trees for shade and picnic tables, drainage

Skate park. Tennis courts (floodlit, to be used all year round. EG like the ones at Leadenham (they got a full grant 100%))

Tennis courts and paddling/swimming pool

Both of above plus basketball area

All weather pitch, sensory garden, picnic area, events

Please also use the box for any other comments you have about the playing field.

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6.5 Would you be interested in renting an allotment if there were allotments provided on the playing field?

Yes

No or No Answer

Households	12	64
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6.6 Would you be interested in helping achieve any of the objectives mentioned in questions 6.4 or 6.5 above?

Households			Adults Yes
Yes	No	No Response	
19	48	9	34

Section 7 Transport

7.1 Is a car your normal method of travel to places outside the village (whether or not you are the driver)?

Households			Adults		All People	
Yes	No	No Response	Yes	No	Yes	No
72	4	0	141	7	179	7

If "no", what is your normal method of travel?

<i>"Bus"</i>	3
<i>"Some of the family use bus"</i>	1

7.2 Do you use the bus service?

Regularly

Occasionally

Never

No Response

Households	7	13	52	4
Adults	19	20	101	
Young People	3	4	7	
Children	2	4	15	
All People	24	28	123	

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7.3 If there was a bus service to Sutton-cum-Beckingham, how often are you likely to use it?

	At least once a week	At least four times a year	Rarely or never	No Response
Households	2	2	65	7
All People	7	3	162	

7.4 Do you have any other comments on the bus service?

Obviously would use it a lot if I didn't have my car

What bus service!

The bus service should remain

Although at present we don't use it we will encourage our children to make use when older. Village lifeline

More buses and cheap price of fore to Sleaford, Lincoln and Newark

Would use it to Newark and back if the timetable was more helpful than at present

Would be great for kids to get to playpark but such a short distance seems pointless

May use it in future

Would use buses more if a suitable service was available

Bus service is very poor

Bus needs to more regular then young people might use it more

Bad bus service not enough

Very poor

I am in favour but usage would depend on the timetable

It is nice that bus comes to Beckingham and it is nicely spaced out in time intervals

A regular one to Newark would be good. However we live in a village - you know when you buy your house

We do think it is essential to run a bus service to make Beckingham accessible from Newark and outlying villages

No

Only time we have tried to use the bus as per timetable it has not turned up

The normal bus service doesn't run often enough and last bus from Newark is too early at night. Why bus when you can walk to Sutton!

Not enough when needed

Section 8 Highways

8.1 Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about traffic in the village?

(a) There are areas in the village where excessive speed is a problem.

Agree Disagree Don't know/No Opinion

If "yes", where are they (please list them in the box)?

Note: Some Respondents gave more than one location	Households
Agree - Sutton Road	16
Agree - All Round the Village	1
Agree - Hillside	6
Agree - Sleaford Road	12
Agree - Junction Hillside/Sleaford Road	2
Agree - Rectory Street	1
Agree - Road to Sutton-cum-Beckingham	2
Agree - A17	2
Agree - Access to A17 from Chapel Street	2
Agree - Near Pub	3
Total - Agree	37
Disagree	23
Don't Know/No Opinion	14
Did not Answer	2

(b) There should be a survey of traffic speeds and amount.

Agree Disagree Don't Know/No Opinion *Did Not Respond*

Households	22	25	27	2
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(c) Traffic in the village is light compared to urban areas or villages with through roads or “rat runs”

Agree Disagree Don't Know/No Opinion *Did Not Respond*

Households	66	4	5	1
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8.2 Do you think the village needs traffic calming or traffic management measures such as speed humps, contraflows, a one way system or extension of the 30mph zone?

Yes No

If “Yes”, please give details including what and where they should be?

Note: Some Respondents who answered “Agree” gave more than one item	Households
Yes - Extend 30 MPH on Sutton Road	7
Yes - All Areas of the Village	1
Yes - One Way System	3
Yes - Speed Bumps on Sleaford Road	2
Yes - Speed Bumps on Sutton Road	
yes - Speed Bumps on Lane to Sutton-cum-Beckingham	2
Yes - Speed Bumps near Churchyard	1
Yes - Speed Bumps on Hillside	2
Yes - 20 MPH Speed Limit in whole Village	3
Yes -7.5 Tonne Weight Limit in Village and Sutton Road	1
Total - Yes	23
No Note: Some people who answered “No” also added comments/criticisms	53
Don't Know/No Opinion or Did Not Answer	0

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8.3 Do you think there are places in the village where parking is a problem?

Yes No

If so, where are they (please list them - and any ideas you have to reduce them - in the box)?

Note: Some Respondents who answered "Yes" gave more than one item	Households
Yes - Chapel Street/Village Hall	22
Yes - Near Pub/Garage	12
Yes - Vehicles in road where people have Drives	6
Yes - Sleaford Road	2
Yes - School Lane/Bus Shelter	5
Yes - Hillside/Black Swan when busy	1
Yes - Entrance to Village from A17	3
Yes - Top of Rectory Street	1
Total "Yes"	42
No"	32
Did Not Respond	2

8.4 Are there any places in the village where you have felt the road layout or conditions were dangerous and need to be improved?

(a) The entrance to the village from the dual carriageway section of the A17?

Yes No Don't Know/No Opinion *Did Not Answer*

Households	31	32	5	8
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(b) The junction of Hillside, Chapel Street and Sleaford Road?

Yes No Don't Know/No Opinion *Did Not Answer*

Households	23	41	4	8
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(c) Other (Please list in the box)?

Please also use the box for any suggestions you have for how things could be improved

Change right of way at Hillside/Chapel St/Sleaford Road
(b) is not dangerous, just awkward
Would like some kind of Give Way sign at Junction to A17. I'm unsure who has right of way when I am turning right - me or cars turning into village from Newark. Opinions differ.
White lines and better road signage on Hillside Junction
Outside the garage opposite the pub, sleaford road
One way system round central part of village
a - better sight lines, cut back hedges and b - install mirror by Church Wall
Mirror for right hand turns from Chapel Street into Hillside
Give way/stop signs: Rectory Street and b above
Better signage at bottom of Sutton Lane - right to A17 and Newark and left to Village Access
Junction of School Lane and Sleaford road at Packhorse. Would suggest it becomes a 3 way stop junction
Dual carriageway of A17 - reduce speed limit to 50mph and install speed cameras
Opposite bus shelter in village and nr webbs garage
Exiting the village onto A17 for Newark
Junction outside pub and garage
Junction by pack horse/garage not very clearly marked who has right of way
Just be careful
Sleaford Road, outside Pack Horse
Near bus stop and on corner by pack horse. Too many parked cars make the road particularly hazardous in very icy conditions ie pulling out to pass parked vehicles
Leaving village from school lane onto A17 in both directions
Exit from village to A17 poor visibility and very fast traffic. A warning should be put on A17 that slow traffic emerges from left
There seems to be confusion over who has right of way. Car turning into the village or one coming out of the village turning right at the dual carriageway
Drivers could actually give way at the village junctions
The junction on the A17 needs better signage to indicate who has right of way
b - slows the traffic down - keep it

8.5 Would you like to see more cycle routes developed?

Yes No

If yes, where would you like them?

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Note: Some Respondents who answered "Yes" gave more than one item. Some did not give any	Households
Yes - Towards Coddington and Newark	7
Yes - Generally around Village/County/Wherever safe	5
Yes - To PlayPark/In Playpark for small children	1
Yes - To Barnby	6
Yes - On/To avoid having to ride on A17	6
Yes - Lane to Sutton-cum-Beckingham	2
Yes - To Stragglethorpe/Fulbeck	1
Yes - To Brant Broughton	1
Total "Yes"	34
"No"	29
Did Not Respond	13

Please also use the box for any other comments you have about cycle routes.

8.6 Are you happy with the condition of the verges? Yes No *No Response*

Households	46	24	6
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8.7 Do you have any comments on the condition of the verges? Please also use the box to give any reasons for your answer to question 8.6. .

Many lorries are using Sutton Cum beckingham to go to Grantham or A17 to Newark
Heavy goods transport
Not cut often enough
Grass however could do with being cut more in summer
Poor condition in places - not mowed enough. Not treated with weedkiller
There is an inconsistency in their upkeep
Nice if cut more often to make village more tidy

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More frequent litter picking

Verges should be cut low at all times

The grass isn't cut often enough

Need to be mowed more often and up to hedges not just 1m width (thinking of Sutton rd and Sutton Lane)

Roadsides from village on to sutton road. Ask local farmers rectory farm and others to pay for them or keep clean

Very dangerous waiting for accidents to happen

Verges down to Sut cum Beck were a haven for wildlife now they are open with no cover at all

Parking outside on the grass verge up Sutton Road

Parts broken away and uneven making it dangerous if have to be used

Could be trimmed better

It would be nice if farmers let hedgerows grow a bit more for wildlife

It's a rural village

When entering the village from 8.4a it is very scruffy when the grass is allowed to become long

Grass is not cut often enough in the summer on school lane/chapel st

More wild flowers and bee friendly plants eg verge outside church wall

Stop people parking on and ruining them

They are being lost to mud due to folks parking on them

Grass needs more regular cutting in summer

More frequent mowing required

Need cutting more in the summer

8.8 Please use the box if you have any other comments on highways?

Improved road surface and fixing of spring on Hillside (was meant to have been fixed but not done properly)

Too many potholes on the roads causes tyres to be damaged

Low noise surface on bypass. Resurfacing of Hillside required

Some of the roads need repaving following heavy winter snowfall. Also natural springs on Hillside causing very bad ice patches and in raining conditions - very large puddles

Continue pavement to Sutton cum Beckingham

The visibilty splay needs to be cut back more often

Some verges in village outside some houses very untidy and not mown

Tractor trailer farm machines make the mess also muck stones on Sutton Road

Too many holes up sutton cum beckingham

Lines down middle of sutton lane would be helpful

A17 potholes. Edges of path beside Sleaford Road as leaving village is overgrown. Dog waste bin required

on Rectory St

A17 is becoming more and more noisy with damaged road surface and thumps and bangs from heavy transport echoing around Chapel St and School Lane

Is very dangerous to cycle to coddington on the A17. Would also be nice to walk also somewhere

Make Hillside steeper for sledging!

Mend the pot holes

Section 9 Footway Lighting

9.1 Which of the following statements is nearest to how you feel about footway lighting in the village?

	Households
(a) I would like much more lighting and am willing to pay increased council tax to pay for it.	0
(b) The general level of lighting is adequate but there are a few dark spots that could be improved (please list where in the box). <i>All</i>	19
<i>Hillside (Middle)/Entrance to Paddocks</i>	5
<i>Sutton Road/Turning to Sutton-cum-Beckingham</i>	4
<i>Rectory Street</i>	2
<i>Near Pack Horse</i>	1
(c) I would accept reduced lighting if it saves money and helps the environment.	9
(d) This is a country village and we should not expect lights everywhere.	46
<i>Did not Answer this Question</i>	2

Section 10 Environment and Appearance

10.1 Do you think we have a problem in the Village with: -

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	Households		Adults	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Fly Tipping	12	52	24	102
General Rubbish	9	55	16	110
Smells	13	51	21	105
Burning rubbish or bonfires	9	55	19	107

12 Households did not answer each part of this question, but they were not always the same 12.

Others (please list in the box).

Fly tipping is off A17 and smells only sometimes
Dog mess - still too much over river bank. Also outside pub sometimes.
Dogs Mess hillside and on riverside and woodland walks
Flytipping near the copse by dutchbarn in sutton, calor gas cannisters in field by rectory street
Fly tipping end of old sleaford road where joins A17. Smells when farmer puts sewage on fields beyond Black Swan
Dog poo
Occasionally
Occasional fly tipping
Smells - spreading of human sewage on the land of T Snipes
again farm as sewage not working it into the soil
dog fouling on sutton road by people from the village
as a farmer I suffer from fly tipping/rubbish. Burning applies to the traveller site on the side of the A17
you expect certain smells as you live near farms and country
smells in summer from fields at rear of sutton
do have a problem with dog poo. It really spoils country walks and bike rides and is a danger to young children
occasionally we have to endure 'human' waste being spread on neighbouring land
wind farm - agree with principle of renewable energy but could be moved out of sight.
still have problems on river bank with dog mess
flytipping and general rubbish on woodgate lane - from cars
a sharing scheme of skills and supluses. Each household could list what they are happy to offer eg a baby sitting circle

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*the farm smell is the worse and rubbish is just outside the village along A17
 fly tipping on A17 behind beckingham wood and on way to camp
 fly tipping end of old A17, smells from slurry not being turned in
 dogs
 chimneys at times - some people must burn inappropriate materials*

Please also use the box for any comments you have about environmental problems.

10.2 Which of the following best describes your view of the proposal to build wind turbines close to the village?

	Strongly Support	Support	No Opinion/ Don't Know	Oppose	Strongly oppose	No response
Households	1	3	8	7	55	2
Adults	1	4	17	12	111	3

10.3 There have been complaints about the amount of dog fouling in the village. Which of these statements is nearest to how you feel about this?

	Households	Adults	Young People and Children
(a) I am seriously concerned about the health risks as well as the unpleasant sight of dog mess.	38	72	24
(b) I would rather there was not such mess but am not unduly bothered about it.	30	59	14
(c) It makes no difference to me: I do not walk in the areas affected.	3	6	0
(d) I think it is important that dogs should be allowed freedom to do what is natural for them.	2	7	0
<i>No Response</i>	3	/	/

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10.4 Would you support the Parish Council paying for the following in the village:-

		Households		
		Yes	No	Null
(a)	Tubs of flowering plants at the entrances to the village	34	37	5
(b)	Better signs for footpaths through the countryside round the village (e.g. along the river bank)	33	32	11
(c)	More litter bins.	22	40	14
If yes, where should additional ones be?				

Also notices on footpathes indicating that horse riding is forbidden
On the bridge over the river
More dog foul bins
near the river, up at the pok
Hillside top and bottom
flower tubs not at entrance but opposite garage and by bus shelter
dog poo bins midway river bank and old sleaford road
not tubs of flowers but bulbs planted in the verges
outside the pack horse
outside the pub
not sure they would be used by the people who litter anyway
by village hall, bus stops and by river

(d)	More dog waste bins.	34	27	15
If yes, where should additional ones be?				

Where the owners walk and let their dogs mess and they can get rid of the mess
Near Webb's garage - on grass area opposite? Is there one there already? Not sure if it will make any difference though.
By church
Old A17 / Riverside walk
Top Hillside
Sleaford road/chapel st area
Near churchyard?
Riverbank, churchyard corner, end of rectory street
They don't use the ones we've got
2 is adequate, if only they were emptied more frequently

On the river bank - but would people use them
How about dog bins along Sutton Road and Sutton cum Beckingham
Where needed!
Owners should clear up after dogs. Bin on rectory street as often full bags are just left in grass near rectory
Outside the church
I think most people pick it up
By river/wood
Along Sleaford Road and chapel Street
Corner of Rectory Street
Rectory St, towards the far end
People should just take it home or use the bins provided
But will people use them! The river
By the river bridge
Owners should clean it up

(e)	A part time dog warden	11	57	8
(f)	A notice board for villagers' use	45	20	11
(g)	More frequent mowing of the path along the river bank	35	32	9
(h)	More or clearer signs for the existing dog waste bins	31	30	15
(i)	Other: please list.			

The dog owner/walker should always carry a poly bag to collect dog poo when walking the dog. Posters strategically sited should reiterate this

Sutton has no dog waste bins

More frequent mowing of grass verges along Sutton Lane

Leave banks and edges to grow for wildlife benefits, only needs a pathway through

Got notice board

Some means of stopping people parking on verges

Already have notice board

Section 11 Communications

Households		
Yes	No	Null
66	8	2
64	7	5

11.1 Do you have access to the internet?

11.2 If so, do you have a broadband connection?

11.3 Which of the following best describes your internet connection?

- (a) Quite fast: I can usually get video downloads such as "You Tube"
- (b) OK for e-mail and viewing simple web pages but not fast enough to make use of all the services I would like.
- (c) Poor and/or unreliable. It is a real problem for me.
- (d) None of the above. I do not have internet at home or have added a comment in the box.

Households
30
31
4
3
8

No Response

Could be better!
Can get you tube but quite slowly
We pay for 8mgs and get only half of this - 2-3mgs

Households		
Yes	No	Null
44	29	3

11.4 Have you visited the village site on the World Wide Web?

Do you have any comments on the site?

More on historic buildings in village and links to other relevant sites
Grateful that someone is taking the time and effort to do it
Interesting
Could be improved
Best it can be done on goodwill basis. Has been victim of virus/spam before

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It is not up to date
It's OK
Basic, a little tired, better photos required
Before we moved here we checked it and found it interesting
Fine. Whoever has done it - thank you
For a small village we think that it is very good
Very good
It's not updated often but I'ts quite good
Not seen for a while so would need to revisit it
Neat and concise
It's OK
Quite informative
Could do with more historic interest about village - old photos etc
Needs to be kept up to date

Households		
Yes	No	Null
75	0	1

11.5 Do you read the village newsletter, the Beckingham Bugle?

Do you have any comments on the Beckingham Bugle?

Useful source of information - contacts etc
Excellent
Could we get phone nos or adverts. Only just got a window cleaner. No idea how to Get newspaper delivery but believe there is a round. Gen info ie local services
Excellent
A useful missive, thank you
Excellent for news/what is happening in the village and important names and contact numbers
Fantastic job keep it up, great information. Well done Mikki
Excellent
Could be increased with help
First point of call if looking for village information - important numbers
V. Good
Much appreciated

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Please say thank you to the producer

Very Good

Would help the village people to know what is happening if it publishes births marriages and deaths for example

This is sometimes only the editor views

Keeps us up to date with local issues

Sometimes read it

Good

Interesting

It's fine but too often it can be seen that the editor is far from impartial on some issues

Not enough input from villagers. Editor uses it too much for her own comments

Very informative and much appreciated!

Very Good

Excellent - always read it

Extremely good

Excellent. Love it. Very useful.

It's good as it tells you what is happening in the village

Good, clear, intelligent

A great service

Very good. But saw the police lady doing her rounds she told us about oil which was taken. I think theft of things eg oil houses being broken into should be in bugle times and places so we can keep more of a look out, or put separate letters in our post

Well done - keep it up

Very good and informative

Good source of local info

Poor

Section 12 Local Businesses and Services

12.1 Do you make an effort to support a local provider of goods or services if available?

Households		
Yes	No	No Response
28	8	40

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Note: The large number of people who did not reply at all is unusual. It is possible that the layout of the question meant some people did not realise there was a separate question here.

12.2 Do you use:-

		Households			
		Frequently	Occasionally	Never	No Response
(a)	The pub	6	35	31	4
(b)	The Black Swan	14	34	26	2
(c)	Services in the Church	8	36	31	1
(d)	The Garage	28	24	22	2
(e)	The locally produced eggs	19	9	45	3

(f) Other (please write in)

Please also use the box for any other comments you have about local businesses.

Window cleaner, gardener and cleaner

Would use local produce like eggs if easily available and knew who supplied them

Don't know of any more

The pub is a disgrace

Offensive comment about pub

Would visit the pub more if it was more family friendly and the food was of a better quality

Pub is dirty, used to go in would not now!

Current church condition. Well done to those villagers on maintenance of church yard

Used to use the pub

Could the poorfield be utilised into a community veggie patch with chickens etc, or meadow for wildlife?

It would be really good to have a nice pub!

Where are eggs?

We support local traders, friendly farmer, country market in Newark and small businesses

Not aware of eggs. We would try to support local services if they were relevant to us like local produce or a local shop

The pub is awful - I would love to find a way to improve it

Used to use pub but not so much now

Barrats coal merchants

Don't provide what I need

Section 13 Your Priorities

13.1 It is expected that for the next few years public authorities will have tight budgets and grants will be difficult to obtain. In such circumstances which one or two things do you think should have priority? This may include anything mentioned elsewhere in this questionnaire or any other subject you think is most important.

The complete responses to this question are in the boxes below. The following analysis involves some judgement of which can be treated as similar. Many alternative groupings may be possible.	Households	
	Priority 1	Priority 2
Play Park/Playing Field/Facilities for Children/Young People	11	3
Opposing the Wind Farm/Wind Turbines	7	5
Maintain/Improve condition of Roads/Footpaths	6	.0
Tidiness/General Appearance	4	5
Village Hall: Maintaining/New	4	3
A17: Speed Limits/Improved Sight Lines	3	4

Responses on "Priority 1"
<p><i>Monitoring and opposing undesirable/innapropriate developments such as the Wind Farm</i></p> <p><i>Putting a speed limit on the A17 as it is very dangerous entering the A17 from the village</i></p> <p><i>Play park definitely needs making safe and revamping</i></p> <p><i>Given tight budget constraints maintenance of village paths, roads and lighting should be priority</i></p> <p><i>Mowing the verges at the entrances to allow continuous good vision of a dangerous exit onto/across the dual carriageway</i></p> <p><i>Road safety - condition of roads, policing of roads, traffic calming where necessary</i></p> <p><i>General maintenance of village areas so that the village does not look neglected</i></p> <p><i>New village hall</i></p> <p><i>Park</i></p> <p><i>Essential safety measures</i></p> <p><i>Resolving play park amenities for village youngsters</i></p> <p><i>Street lights off say midnight to 5am?</i></p> <p><i>Disabled access to river and old road</i></p>

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Playing field

Play park facilities

To keep Beckingham more or less the way it is. Vast majority yellow post-its said 'no change' (Scandalous no mains gas in village)

No windfarm

Maintain bus service

Road conditions / grit boxes. The road sweeper comes when everybody is parked outside their own homes

If no speed restrictions are going to be placed on the dual carriageway at the A17 at the entrance to the village then at least keep the grass cut short to improve visibility

Keep village hall, not a new one. [Personal comment about an individual deleted]. Leave playing field where it is. Cut Parish Council tax

Need a grit box for the sutton road/ old A17 junction with a nominated copuncillor to spread the grit in times of frost. Filling up grit boxes must be a priority

A rise in council tax would seriously affect me. I would be impacted by a reduction, other than refuse collection, in any of the other services

Somewhere for the young to go and have fun, but be safe

Road maintenance

More facilities/activities for children, particularly older children

Keeping village clean and tidy

Keeping the village community spirit - it doesn't cost anything but if people have pride and happiness in where they live they'll be happy to do things in the village for free!

Although my children are grown up I think there is an ongoing need to cater for children and teenagers in the village - therefore the playing fields and village hall are important

Allotments / cycle path to newark

To use what monies are available to keep the village tidy and smart (grass verge cutting and flowers etc) to benefit residents and visitors alike

Stop wind farm

Fighting the turbines

Maintenance of grassed areas and church/churchyard, maintenance of village footpaths and roads

No strong feelings

Developing a new village hall at the playing field

Money should be spent preventing the wind turbine project

Oppose the wind farm!

No wind turbines

Building a new village hall on our existing playing field. Bigger and be able to use it for other things. Eg Badmington

Playing field upgrade

Speed warnings on hillside

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Playing fields development

Keep the village small, quiet and peaceful

Responses on "Priority 2"

*Road noise adjacent to properties on A17 is more than excessive. Noise control fencing need to be erected
Fighting wind farm proposal. It would kill this village.*

Would like to see village hall refurbished with better kitchen equipment. A venue people would really want to visit and hire.

Rubbish collections, including green waste

Support scheme to promote wildlife in the area, control vermin such as mink etc

Village Hall

Avoidance of detrimental impacts which would arise from wind farm and support from both District and Parish Councils in achieving this

Parking on street corners

Traffic calming measures

I am strongly against the erection of wind turbines in the proposed location or within 5 miles of Beckingham

The hedge along the A17 needs a very good cutback so people can see right out of the junction to their right

Litter picker does not do Sutton Road, why? Do we need as many parish councillors, no I don't think so

Support of All Saints Church and maintenance of the church yard/grass mowing

Council monies should not be spent on the building of wind turbines and grants should not be lavished in the direction of individuals or companies who wish to install such

Keep the village clean and tidy and looking as thou it is cared for

Skate park/facilities

Lighting for residents

The play park! Drain the area so we can use the facilities already there

Clearing up paths at wood

For the whole village to remain steadfast and resolute in opposing the proposed wind turbine project

Keeping the verges and river bank cut - promotes exercise

Noise reducing resurfacing for A17

Facilities for children of all ages

The army 'bombs'. They are like an earthquake every Friday. Muck spreading 'smell' is revolting. Surely a better option can be found

Building new tennis courts to be used all year round. Why pay elsewhere when we can use our own.

Broadband (fast and reliable) / cycle routes

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Signage on A17 junction

13.2 Please help us understand how important aspects of life in our village are to you. Please rate each of the following aspects on a scale of 1 to 4 where

- 1 = Crucially Important: without this I may not have moved here or would consider moving away.
- 2 = Important: It adds to my enjoyment of living in the village.
- 3 = Unimportant: I may have views about this but it does not really add to my life in the village.
- 4 = A negative factor: This is something I put up with but would be happy to see go.

Please mark each of the following aspects of village life with the view that is closest to your own.

		1	2	3	4	Null
General Appearance	Households	37	34	2	0	6
	Adults	73	61	2	0	/
The Church building	Households	17	37	15	2	5
	Adults	33	73	29	3	/
The Church services	Households	4	23	38	3	8
	Adults	8	39	79	7	/
The Village Hall	Households	5	38	25	1	7
	Adults	10	73	49	2	/
The Play Equipment	Households	4	24	34	6	8
	Adults	8	50	66	10	/
The Playing Field	Households	6	28	29	5	8
	Adults	12	57	57	8	/
Our own Parish Council	Households	9	37	16	3	11
	Adults	17	72	32	4	/

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The Pub

Households	9	27	25	8	6
Adults	16	56	45	17	

Section 14 Other

Please let us have any other comments you have.

The playing field is massively underused - I have never seen the play equipment in use or anything else going on there - ideal for residential development - sell it move the playground to the Poor Field - invest in the Church facilities

Pub's importance varies with how it is run

Happy to assist with village life, playing role in wind turbines at the minute so may struggle to take on other things just now

It would be good to have a variety of trees and shrubs growing on the river bank above the flood water level to provide areas for birds, insects, mammals, flora and fauna to inhabit

There has, in our experience, been no real focus for village life over the last four years or so. The Pack Horse and the Fete used to provide one but both have become less effective in doing so

Having an award winning restaurant, pub and garage are all beneficial to the village. The village would be worse off if any of them were to close. Shame we can't expand 'eggs for sale' to more of a coop of local grown produce - veg, meat dairy products

Can anything be done to help the pub? e.g. taking in mail order could be a service it could provide to the village. We don't drink but would hate to see it close

Pub important. But bad. Why isn't the poor field featuring in this questionnaire - who are the trustees answerable to - its land that could be an asset esp when budgets are limited. It could be a 'facility' for village - charity has not moved with the times.

We moved to Beckingham long ago. We are surprised newer residents seem to want to change things. Why have they moved here? We think all residents should keep their immed surroundings tidy in keeping with village life

How can you expect peoples views on the parish council when nobody can be bothered to go to the meetings

1. area outside pub/beer garden let the village down. More needs to be done to improve area and keep tidy. 2. people complain about dog fouling but what about the horse mess. 3. if wind farm get go-ahead quality of life in village be ruined

Need foot path from 14 Sutton Road to 15/16 Sutton Road

Lovely village - lets keep it that way

Why have the bushes (which provided cover for birds/animals) been massacred and left in a dangerous state. Why weren't occupants of Sutton Lane consulted? Can answer be put in Bugle?

Pack Horse has to be one of the worst pubs in the county. I was born in Beckingham in the 40s all I see are

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The green being covered by awful new buildings what a shame

Beckingham is a beautiful quiet village, the people (and children) are respectful and pleasant and it is a lovely place to bring up children. We appreciate all the hard work of the residents who give their time/energy to make B a safe, clean place to live

Would like to use pub but have never felt welcome and friendly

Whilst we wouldn't move away if the pub closed, it is certainly one reason we moved to this village. It is one of the few meeting places in the village.

We have lived in Beckingham for almost 8 years yet feel we still do not know enough people despite attempts to become involved. We wish there were a greater community spirit to make the village a more enjoyable home

We believe Beckingham is an excellent village to live in and are very happy here. Getting the balance right for enjoying a peaceful friendly village without having to get involved in the social side of things may be difficult but we feel B is a good place

Parish Council is important but is not a key factor of enjoying living in the village

Pavements could do with repair, mainly in Chapel St. Bus shelter requires repair. Another grit bin for Hillside?

If people want lots of facilities why live where there aren't any, when other villages nearby have them

That's it! Thank you for your time and trouble completing this form

The information you have provided will be collated and analysed to gauge village opinion on all aspects of village life and future needs.