

Objective 5 - To protect and enhance existing green and open community spaces, community buildings, assets of value and amenities and services, to meet the demand from all ages in the Parish

What respondents said:

Community Facilities

There was overwhelming support from respondents that facilities should be retained, supported and enhanced, with almost 97% of respondents strongly agreeing. Almost three quarters of respondents strongly agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan should seek to encourage the development of additional community facilities and services to meet the needs of all ages. Comments included:

'Provide appropriate village facilities'

'Develop the Village hall'

'Protect the bowling green'

'Develop the facilities at Astle court'

'It is important for the health of the young and old to keep and expand any recreation activities otherwise our village will die.'

The Neighbourhood Plan Policy will require that any new developments make a contribution to support community facilities. Changes of use of community facilities which require planning permission will not normally be permitted, unless the proposed use will provide equal or greater benefits to the community, the facility is replaced elsewhere, or it is demonstrated that the facility is no longer required.

Protection of Green Space (links to Natural Environment)

Many people raised the importance of local green spaces such as the bowling green, and other recreational facilities within the Parish. Comments included:

'Protect the bowling green'

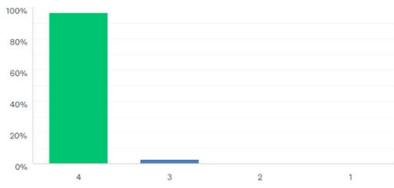
The Neighbourhood Plan will include a policy which designates specific areas as 'Local Green Space'. These must be demonstrably special to the local community, not vast tracts of land, and close to the community. Local Green Space designation gives areas protection from development.

'Need more and improved play areas'

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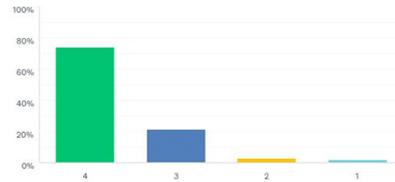
Questionnaire outcomes:

‘Facilities such as the primary school, GP surgery, the church and community buildings, should be retained, supported and where appropriate enhanced.’



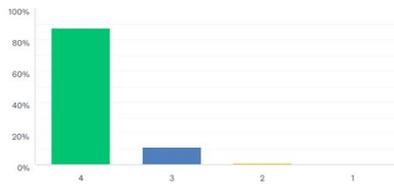
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
4	96.96%	223
3	2.61%	6
2	0.43%	1
1	0.00%	0
TOTAL		230

‘The Plan should seek to encourage the development of additional community facilities and services to meet the needs of all ages.’



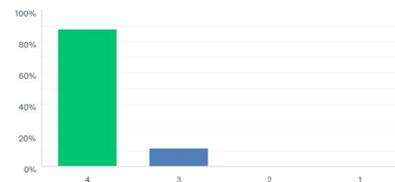
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
4	74.12%	169
3	21.49%	49
2	2.63%	6
1	1.75%	4
TOTAL		228

‘Any development proposals that result in either a loss or significant harm to valued community assets will be opposed.’



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
4	87.67%	199
3	11.01%	25
2	0.88%	2
1	0.44%	1
TOTAL		227

‘The retention and enhancement of existing green and open spaces that contribute to healthier lifestyles, recreation, leisure and sports opportunities is essential.’



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
4	87.77%	201
3	11.79%	27
2	0.44%	1
1	0.00%	0
TOTAL		229