

Objective 3 - To encourage and promote the provision of local facilities and the delivery of a well-planned physical and connectivity infrastructure appropriate to the needs of the community and local economy

What respondents said:

Infrastructure (links to community facilities)

81% strongly agreeing that any proposed development should have a positive impact on village facilities and services, 83% strongly agreeing that development should ensure that there is a safe and easy access to local facilities and services, and that there should be developments in mobile reception and broadband linkages. The slightly strongest agreement was 84% of respondents agreeing that walking routes should be encouraged and protected in and around the village to link up with open countryside.

75% of respondents strongly agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan should support the retention, development and sustainable growth of new and existing businesses (including retail) and working from home (although a further 20% agreed). Comments included:

'Concern that the present infrastructure may not be able to accommodate the growth envisaged for Chelford.'

'Provide appropriate village facilities'

'It's important not to disconnect priority for new development from an associated priority for infrastructure. The current 40% increase in housing in the village has not seen an associated

The Neighbourhood Plan will include a policy to ensure that any new development addresses the impacts and benefits it will have on community infrastructure and how any negative aspects will be mitigated. Where this evaluation indicates improvements to the existing infrastructure are necessary to maintain existing quality of services, the proposal shall either incorporate the necessary improvements or include a contribution towards such improvement by whatever charging system Cheshire East Council has in place.

40% increase in infrastructure.'

Broadband and Telecommunications Policy

83% strongly agreed that there should be developments in mobile reception and broadband linkages.

A policy will be drafted to support the development of advanced high-quality communications infrastructure, including high speed broadband, subject to development being kept to a minimum consistent with the efficient operation of the network and any development being sympathetic to its surroundings and camouflaged where appropriate.

Local Business Policy

75% of respondents strongly agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan should support the retention, development and sustainable growth of new and existing businesses (including retail) Comments included:

‘Include small retail outlets to reflect the growth of the population - to benefit the residents.’

‘More shops, post office, small supermarket, take away’

‘Opportunities for local businesses/services to thrive. e.g. local shops, trades, etc. The better served the community the better community is created.’

Whilst a Neighbourhood Plan cannot insist that retailers come to the parish, the lack of retail was mentioned by many respondents. The infrastructure policy will seek to support the provision of new retail and commercial facilities in appropriate locations and look to preserve any existing facilities.

Objective 3: Infrastructure

Questions 22-26:

- Any proposed development, should demonstrate where appropriate, a positive impact on village facilities and services to meet the needs of all ages.
- Any proposed development should ensure that there is a safe and easy access to local facilities and services.
- The Neighbourhood Plan should support the retention, development and sustainable growth of new and existing businesses [including retail], which are important to the local economy and community, including those working from home.
- The Neighbourhood Plan should seek to secure developments in mobile reception and broadband linkages to meet the needs of our changing population, local organisations and all forms of business.
- Walking routes should be encouraged and protected in and around the village to link up with open countryside.

The results for each of the statements were similar, with 81% strongly agreeing that any proposed development should have a positive impact on village facilities and services, 83% strongly agreeing that development should ensure that there is a safe and easy access to local facilities and services, and that there should be developments in mobile reception and broadband linkages. The slightly strongest agreement was 84% of respondents agreeing that walking routes should be encouraged and protected in and around the village to link up with open countryside. When adding the respondents who agreed with the statements, rather than strongly agreeing, the figures jump to 97%.

0 respondents strongly disagreed with the statements that development should ensure that there is a safe and easy access to local facilities and services, or that the Neighbourhood Plan should seek to secure developments in mobile reception and broadband linkages to meet the needs of the changing population, local organisations and all forms of businesses. For all statements, less than 5% of respondents either disagreed or strongly disagreed.

A figure of 95% of respondents strongly agreed and agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan should support the retention, development and sustainable growth of new and existing businesses (including retail) and working from home.

Questionnaire outcomes: