

Results from First Issues Consultation Feb/March 2015

The First Issues Consultation took place between 24th February and 13th April 2015. The consultation documents were hosted on the Strategic Planning Consultation Portal with pdf copies sent to respondents upon request. An easy to read version was also made available to encourage responses.

The consultation responses received through the consultation portal were as follows:

Total representations made	268
Total individual respondents	23
Total Parish Council respondents	7
Total County Council Respondents	2
External Agency Respondents	6
Local Trust/Society Respondents	1
Resident Respondents	6
Elected Member Respondents	1

A number of representations were made by written responses, which have been included in the numbers above.

Additional Consultation

We received feedback from 3 individual workshops that were facilitated by HDC Equalities Officer during March and April 2015

The workshops were as follows

Workshop name	Harborough Action Team
Date	17 th March 2015
Details	9 female, 1 male 6 people with long term health problem or disability All aged 18+ All white British Responding to easy to read version
Workshop Name	HFT
Date	15 th April 2015
Details	14 Respondents Gender - 10 x female & 4 x male

Age - 3 x 30 year olds, 2 x 34 year olds, 3 x aged between 30-40, 1 x 40 year old,
1 x 46 year old, 2 x 50 year olds, 1 x 59 year old & 1 x 69 year old
Ethnic group – 14 x white
Health problem/disability – 3 x No, 7 x Yes, limited a little & 3 x Yes, limited a lot
Carers – 11 x No, 2 x Yes, care for someone for 20-49 hours a week, 1 x Yes car for someone for 50+ hours a week

Workshop Name

Sherrard Road Park

Date

14th April 2015
3 Respondents

Gender - 3 x male
Age - 3 x 13 year olds
Ethnic group – 3 x white
Health problem/disability – 2 x no, 1 x yes, limited a little
Carers – 3 x no

A summary of the main issues that were raised in the responses is below:

- Location of Open Spaces is important
- Easily accessible Open space is required
- Biodiversity and habitat provision needed
- Provision of SUDs on open space and for wildlife is important
- The Aims as listed were supported overall
- Civic Spaces and greenways should be included as a typology
- Assurance that an open space will be suitably maintained in the future is required
- A aspiration to provide a series of greenways for walking and cycling is well supported
- Improvement and connecting up of existing 'greenways' was considered important
- A series of visions was suggested for different typologies
- Consideration should be given to communities determining the type of Open Space they require
- Protection of Open Space against development is paramount
- Provision of on site open space except in extenuating circumstances
- Many local respondents supported that the District Council should adopt and maintain open space.
- Some local respondents supported community management where the community is able to undertake this responsibility.

- Recognition from external agency respondents that community management of open space should be considered where possible
- The wishes of the community are paramount in the decision making process for open space provision.
- Consideration should be given to increasing the commuted maintenance time period
- The consultation document was considered too long and detailed. The public respondents and Parish Council much preferred the easy to read version, and encourage the District Council to take this approach in the future

The workshops facilitated by HDC Equalities Officer resulted in the following main issues being raised:

- Cycle ways are a good idea for exercise, health and as a safe route.
- Cycling on paths in parks is a problem – have proper cycling places
- Good signage and promotion of cycle routes/ open spaces needed as some respondents did not know about existing provision.
- Make sure that routes are safe
- Teenage provision is generally poor
- Dog fouling is a nuisance – more dog walking areas
- Will cycle further to a destination park
- Open space on bus routes is good, although some respondents did not use buses
- Vandalism and graffiti is bad at some parks; makes youngsters feel unsafe
- Broken play equipment is disappointing
- Provision of benches needs to be better in some parks (WP tennis, Square)
- Bring back the crazy golf.