



MEDBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Community Questionnaire Analysis

April 2017

OVERVIEW

The Parish of Medbourne has commenced the preparation of their Neighbourhood Plan.

An important part of this inclusive process is, of course, obtaining the views and aspirations of the community. Key to this has been the development and dissemination of a community questionnaire.

The questionnaire contained 35 questions and is based on important themes established following initial consultation work by the Medbourne Parish Council. These themes are: housing; community facilities and amenities; employment, business and enterprise; environment & heritage; transport; general comments.

The survey took place between February and March 2017. It was available to complete electronically and as a paper copy. The level of response from the community was excellent, there being 166 returns. This represents a return from over 43% of the adult population, (382 over the age of 18).

Given that some households chose to respond collectively rather than as individuals; it is also pertinent to consider the number of responses in relation to the number of households in the Neighbourhood Plan area. The number of responses represents 83% of the 199 households.

This demonstrates the high level of commitment to the Neighbourhood Plan by the small community and, in turn, adds strength to the validity of the collected views expressed.



Housing



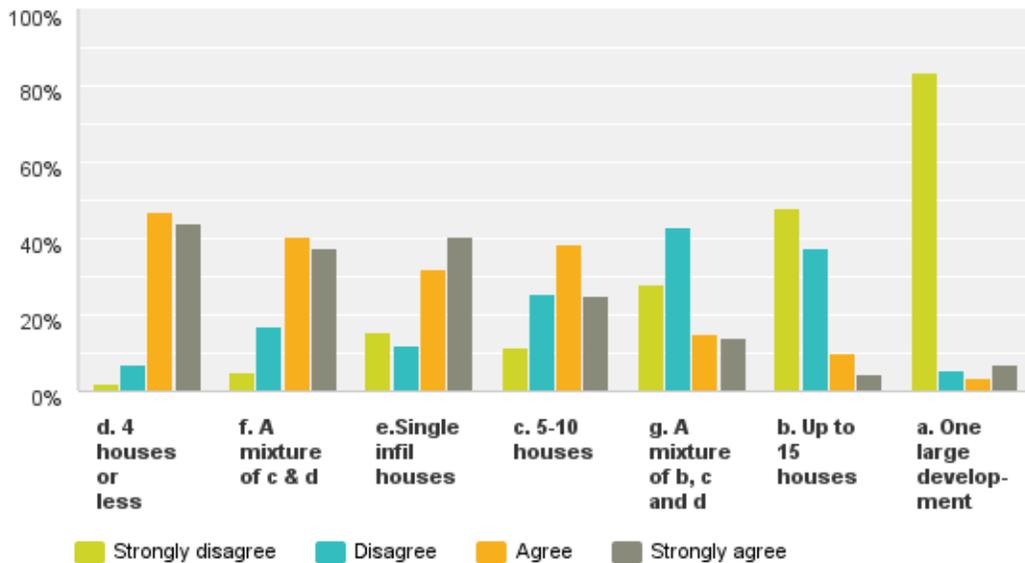
A key issue for those responding to this questionnaire is future housing need and provision in the Parish.

Parishioners were informed of the need for the Medbourne Neighbourhood Plan to be consistent with the new Harborough Local Plan, due to be adopted in 2018. The Plan is expected to require Medbourne to accommodate around 40 new houses by 2031 so that the Medbourne Neighbourhood Plan cannot plan for less than this number by 2031.

Parishioners were therefore asked a series of questions about the nature of any housing development they would prefer to see during the lifetime of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Q1 Distribution of houses

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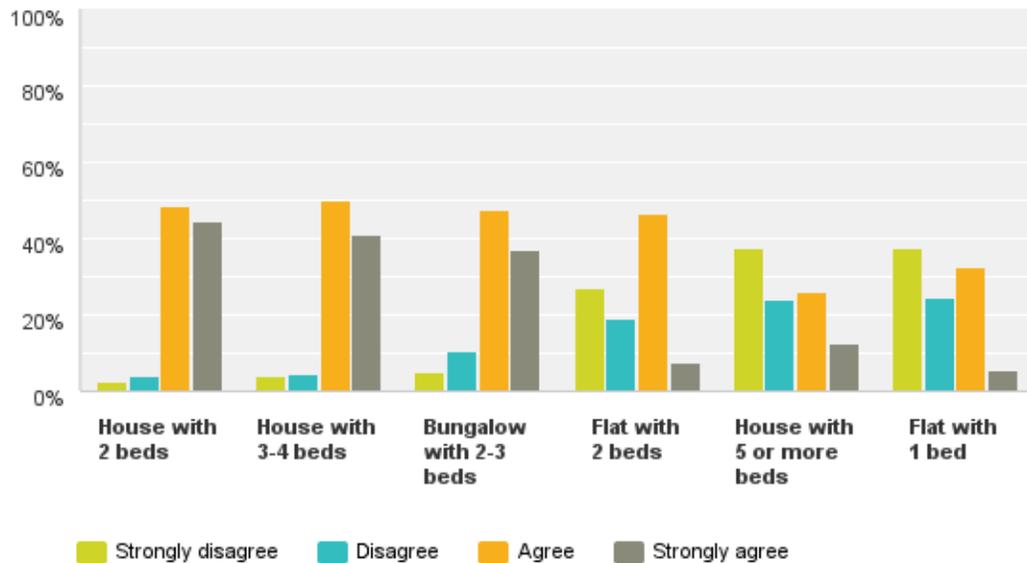


	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
d. Developments of 4 houses or less	2.16% 3	7.19% 10	46.76% 65	43.88% 61
f. A mixture of c & d	5.22% 7	17.16% 23	40.30% 54	37.31% 50
e. Individual infill houses	15.38% 22	11.89% 17	32.17% 46	40.56% 58
c. Developments of 5-10 houses	11.35% 16	25.53% 36	38.30% 54	24.82% 35
g. A mixture of b, c and d	28.13% 36	42.97% 55	14.84% 19	14.06% 18
b. Developments of up to 15 houses	48.09% 63	37.40% 49	9.92% 13	4.58% 6
a. One large development	83.69% 118	5.67% 8	3.55% 5	7.09% 10

There is a preference for small developments of 4 houses or less, with the option of fewer than 10 houses in any one development being the second choice. Individual infill houses is also a favoured option. Larger developments than these are generally opposed, with a single large development being strongly opposed.

Q2 Type of houses?

Answered: 165 Skipped: 1



	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
House with 2 beds	2.70% 4	4.05% 6	48.65% 72	44.59% 66
House with 3-4 beds	4.05% 6	4.73% 7	50.00% 74	41.22% 61
Bungalow with 2-3 beds	4.90% 7	10.49% 15	47.55% 68	37.06% 53
Flat with 2 beds	27.07% 36	18.80% 25	46.62% 62	7.52% 10
House with 5 or more beds	37.69% 49	23.85% 31	26.15% 34	12.31% 16
Flat with 1 bed	37.30% 47	24.60% 31	32.54% 41	5.56% 7

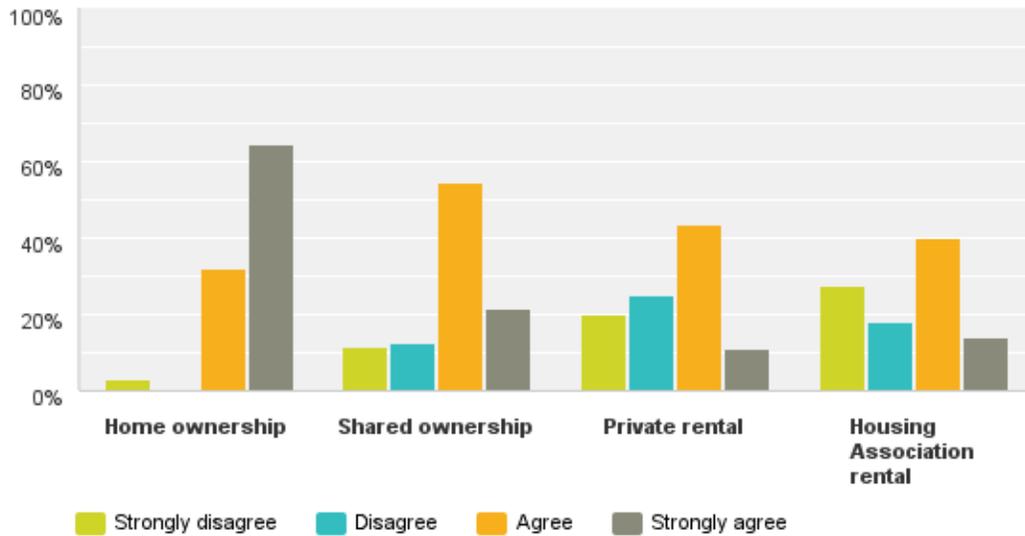
Responses generally to the question about the type of housing Medbourne needs demonstrate the view from respondents that they should be smaller accommodation to ensure that new homes are more affordable. This view is also reflected in comments made by respondents.

Consequently, the sort of housing most people feel the village needs are 2 bed houses, with 3 to 4 bed houses being the second most favoured option. Bungalows are also a favoured option, presumably with the needs of more elderly residents in mind.

2 bedroom flats receive some support but larger houses and 1 bedroom flats are not favoured.

Q3 Type of tenure

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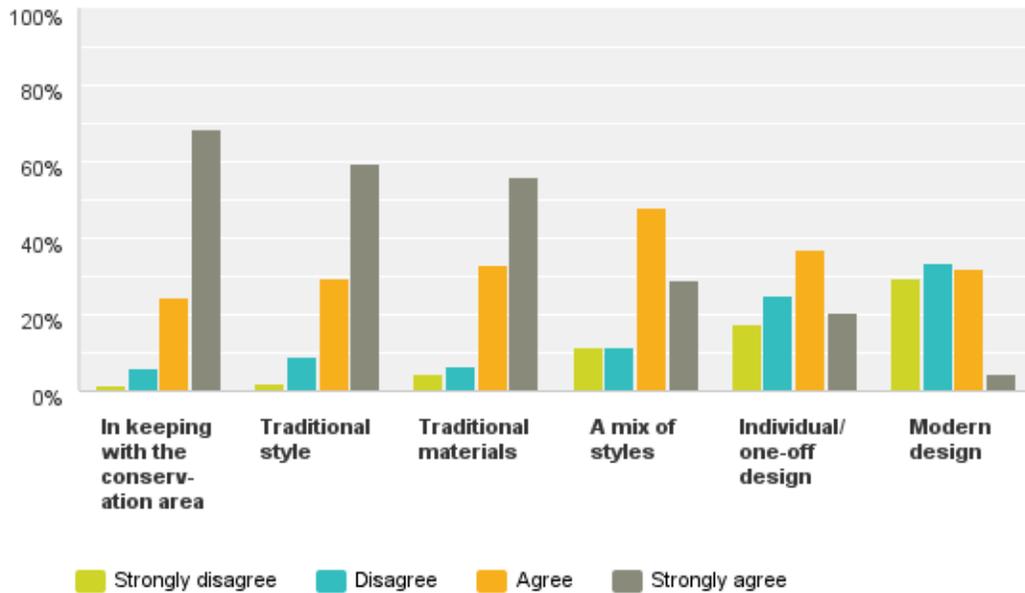


	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
Home ownership	3.18% 5	0.64% 1	31.85% 50	64.33% 101
Shared ownership	11.72% 17	12.41% 18	54.48% 79	21.38% 31
Private rental	20.00% 27	25.19% 34	43.70% 59	11.11% 15
Housing Association rental	27.70% 41	18.24% 27	39.86% 59	14.19% 21

Almost all respondents (96%) of those responding believe that home ownership is the preferred form of tenure for new housing. There is support for shared ownership, reflecting again the view that there should be affordable homes in the parish. However rented accommodation is much less strongly supported.

Q4 Design

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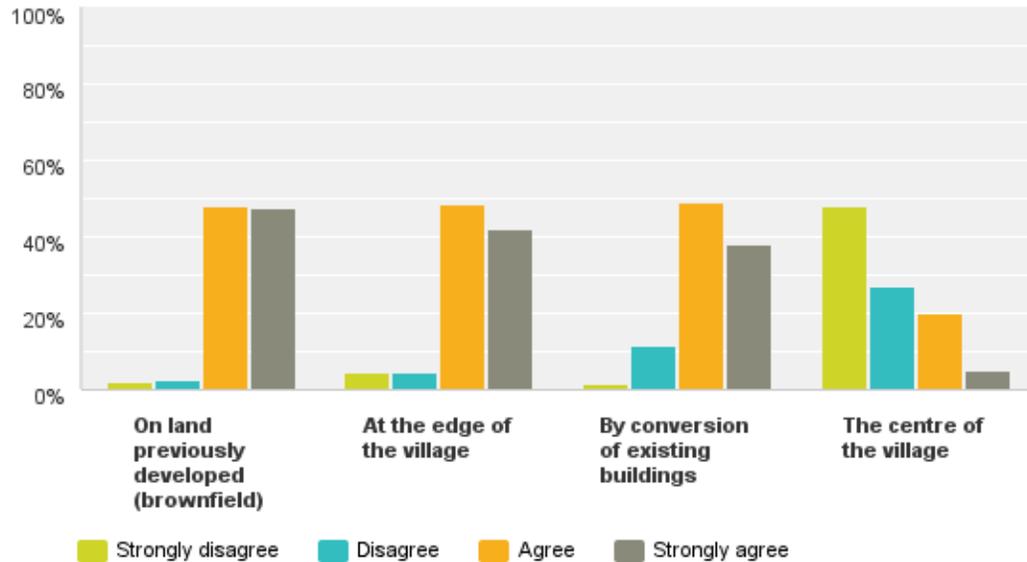


	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
In keeping with the conservation area	1.32% 2	5.92% 9	24.34% 37	68.42% 104
Traditional style	2.22% 3	8.89% 12	29.63% 40	59.26% 80
Traditional materials	4.32% 6	6.47% 9	33.09% 46	56.12% 78
A mix of styles	11.51% 16	11.51% 16	48.20% 67	28.78% 40
Individual/one-off design	17.32% 22	25.20% 32	37.01% 47	20.47% 26
Modern design	29.69% 38	33.59% 43	32.03% 41	4.69% 6

There is a clear view expressed throughout the questionnaire that Medbourne is a beautiful Parish, the appearance and feel of which should be retained as it grows. The responses to the question about house design reflect this, with almost all respondents (93%) agreeing that the design should be in keeping with the conservation area, (89%) stating that they prefer a traditional style and 89% also agreeing that traditional building materials should be used.

Q5 In general, would you favour development in ...

Answered: 166 Skipped: 0



	Strongly disagree	disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
On land previously developed (brownfield)	2.05% 3	2.74% 4	47.95% 70	47.26% 69
At the edge of the village	4.61% 7	4.61% 7	48.68% 74	42.11% 64
By conversion of existing buildings	1.36% 2	11.56% 17	48.98% 72	38.10% 56
The centre of the village	47.79% 65	27.21% 37	19.85% 27	5.15%

There is strong support for the use of brownfield sites to be selected for development (95%).

Development at the edge of the village is also strongly supported (91%).

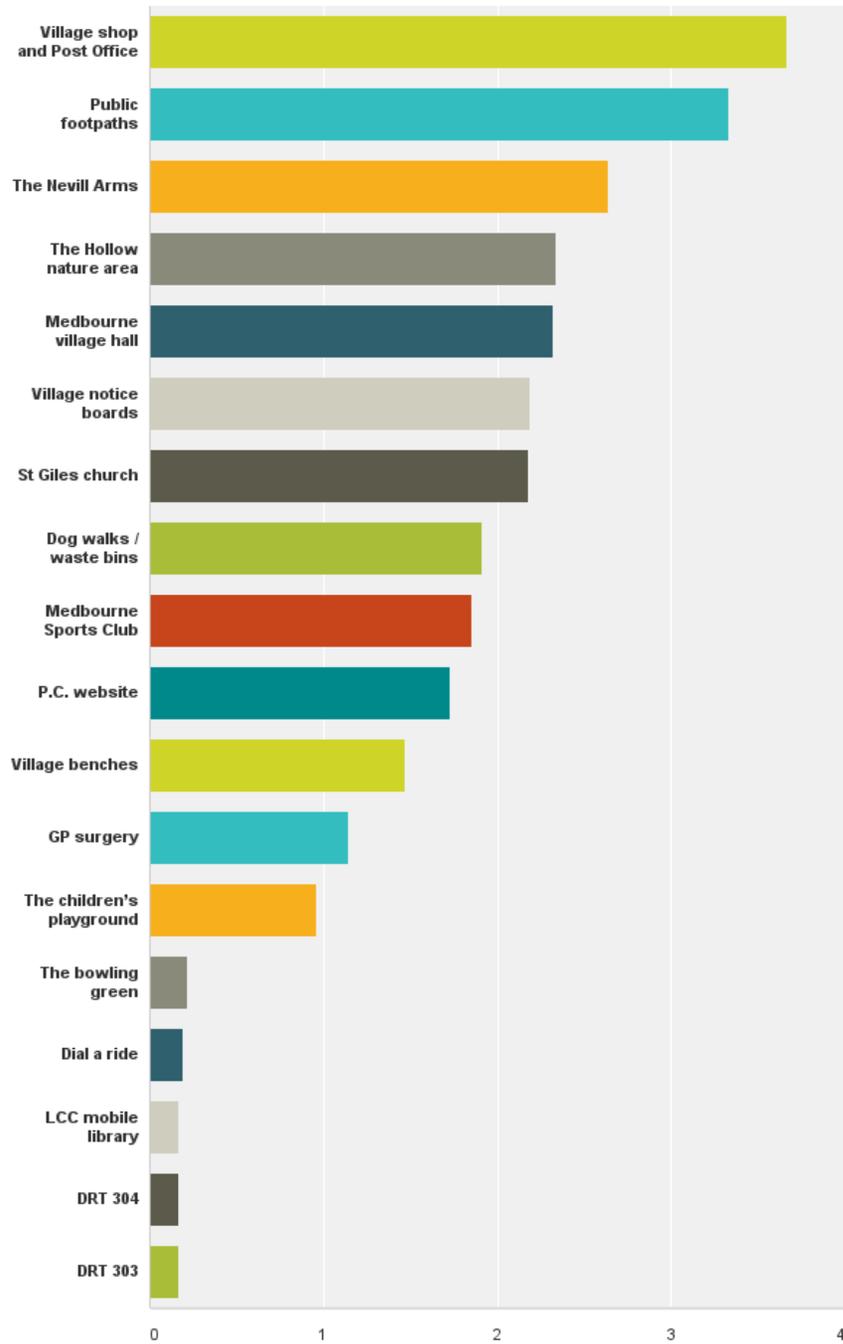
Conversion of existing buildings is supported by 87% of respondents - although such opportunities could vary greatly. For example, conversion of a disused agricultural building for example would likely draw a different response to conversion of the pub or shop into housing accommodation.

This point is underlined by the clear majority against development in the centre of the village (75%).

Community facilities and amenities

Q6 How often do you use or visit these Medbourne facilities?

Answered: 165 Skipped: 1



	1+ times a week	1 - 3 times a month	1-11 times a year	Less than yearly	Never Use
Village shop and Post	75.76%	17.58%	5.45%	0.00%	1.21%

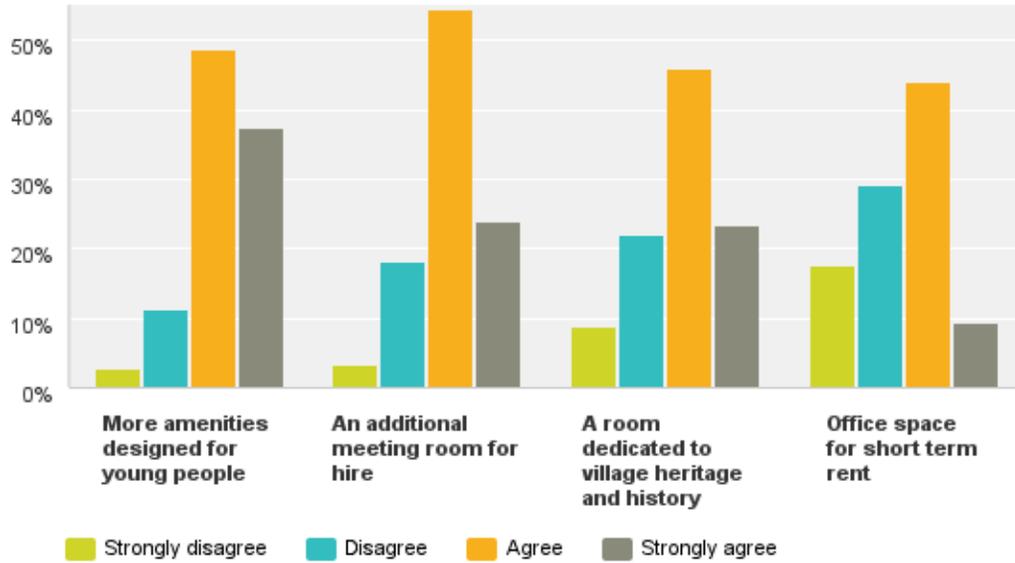
Office	125	29	9	0	2
Public footpaths & bridleways	59.76% 98	24.39% 40	8.54% 14	3.66% 6	3.66% 6
The Nevill Arms (pub, café, restaurant).	27.88% 46	23.03% 38	38.18% 63	7.27% 12	3.64% 6
The Hollow nature area	19.14% 31	24.07% 39	38.27% 62	8.64% 14	9.88% 16
Medbourne village hall	12.96% 21	21.60% 35	53.70% 87	8.02% 13	3.70% 6
Village notice boards	9.94% 16	34.16% 55	33.54% 54	9.32% 15	13.04% 21
St. Giles' church / graveyard	18.40% 30	15.95% 26	40.49% 66	15.34% 25	9.82% 16
Dog walks / waste bins	34.38% 55	11.88% 19	8.13% 13	1.88% 3	43.75% 70
Medbourne Sports Club	16.15% 26	13.04% 21	29.19% 47	22.98% 37	18.63% 30
The Medbourne P.C. website	9.26% 15	23.46% 38	28.40% 46	9.26% 15	29.63% 48
Village benches	5.59% 9	18.01% 29	26.09% 42	18.63% 30	31.68% 51
GP surgery (nurse-led) on Mondays in the village hall.	3.05% 5	13.41% 22	26.22% 43	9.15% 15	48.17% 79
The children's playground	4.97% 8	9.94% 16	17.39% 28	11.80% 19	55.90% 90
The bowling green	0.00% 0	3.75% 6	2.50% 4	5.63% 9	88.13% 141
Demand responsive public transport services:	1.34% 2	0.67% 1	4.03% 6	4.03% 6	89.93% 134
LCC Mobile Library Service (2nd Monday of each month).	0.00% 0	0.69% 1	3.45% 5	7.59% 11	88.28% 128
a. DRT 304 - to Market Harborough, Tues & Fri.	1.28% 2	0.00% 0	3.21% 5	5.77% 9	89.74% 140
b. DRT 303 - to Leicester, Thurs.	0.00% 0	1.97% 3	1.97% 3	7.24% 11	88.82% 135

This extensive list of Medbourne facilities produced a wide range of responses. It is important to note that we are not comparing like with like. For example, the village shop and post office, which is the most frequently used facility, is accessible to all for much of the week; however, the library service visits only once a month and is therefore unavailable to most parishioners for most of the time. The children's playground generally requires that respondents perhaps have children or grandchildren in order to wish to use it. As 77% of respondents indicate that they have no school age children living with them, this shows that a number of respondents is quite unlikely to have a use for the playground.

Public footpaths and bridleways are clearly used very frequently by many. The Nevill Arms is used on a frequent basis also.

Q7 It is planned to extend the Village Hall. What new facilities should be provided?

Answered: 159 Skipped: 7



	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
More amenities designed for young people	2.63% 4	11.18% 17	48.68% 74	37.50% 57
An additional meeting room for hire	3.25% 5	18.18% 28	54.55% 84	24.03% 37
A room dedicated to village heritage and history	8.67% 13	22.00% 33	46.00% 69	23.33% 35
Office space for short term rent	17.57% 26	29.05% 43	43.92% 65	9.46% 14

43 varied and thoughtful comments appear in the appendix. Several comments emphasise the desire for a hub for homeworkers and business people, a focus on fitness, a place to bring the community together - cinema, theatre, music.

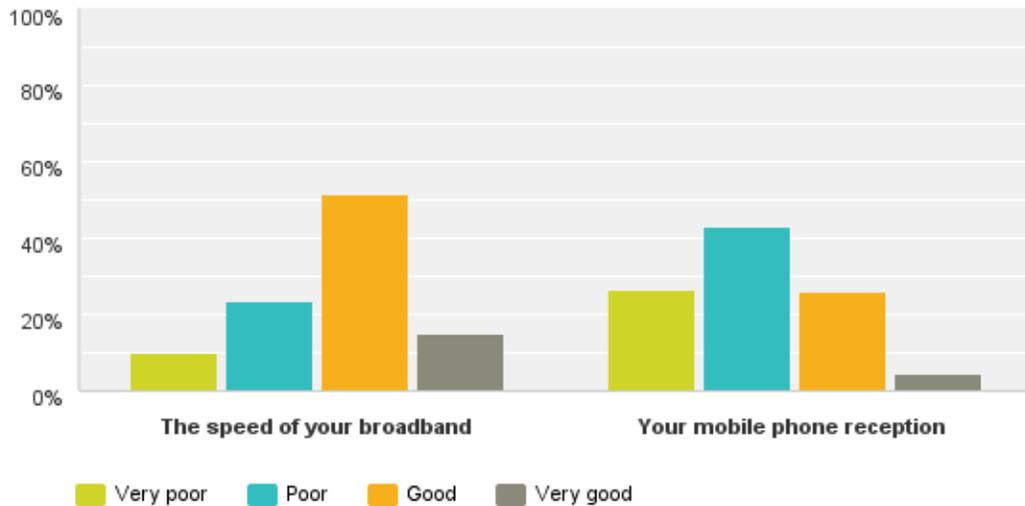
What facilities does Medbourne currently lack?

67 comments were received, which appear in the appendix.

The predominant comment concerns the lack of public transport. Many comments can be summarised as a wish to see greater community involvement. There are also comments focused on support for businesses and opportunities for fitness and sport.

Q9 How would you rate the following?

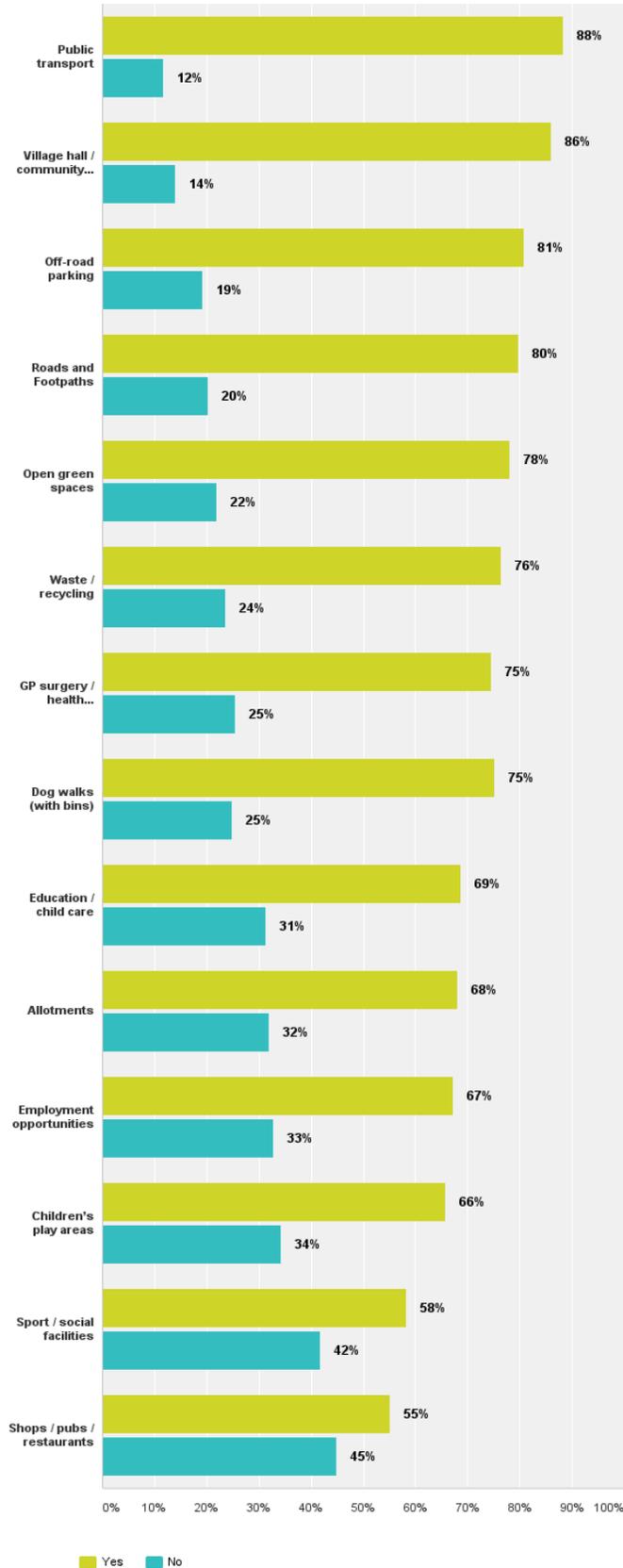
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	Very poor	Poor	Good	Very good
The speed of your broadband	9.80% 15	23.53% 36	51.63% 79	15.03% 23
Your mobile phone reception	26.71% 43	42.86% 69	26.09% 42	4.35% 7

Q10 Which facilities and amenities do you think should be expanded or improved when new homes are built?

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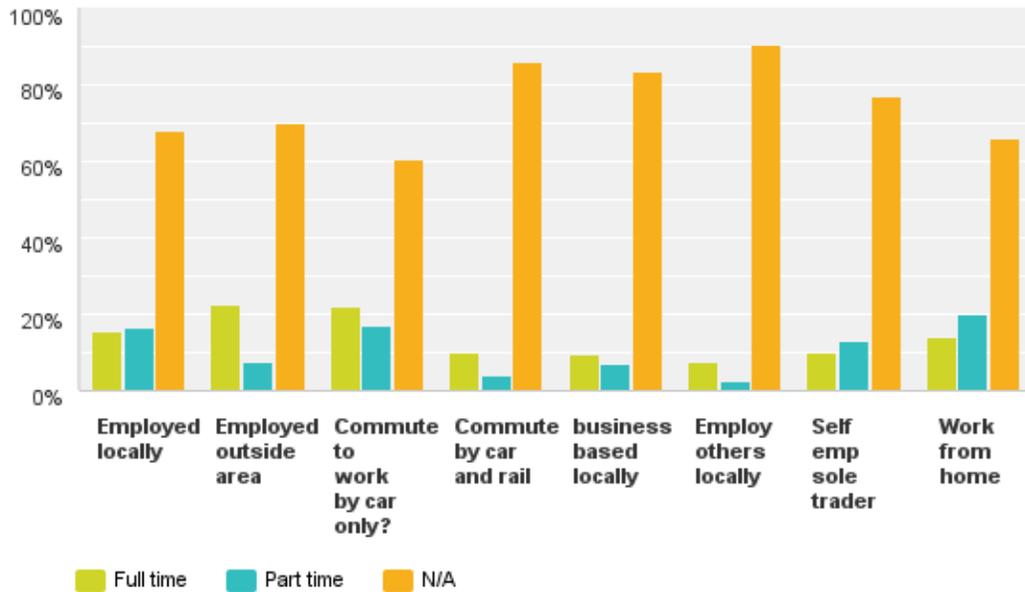
	Yes	No
Public transport	88% 122	12% 16
Village hall / community centre	86% 116	14% 19
Off-road parking	81% 105	19% 25
Roads and Footpaths	80% 107	20% 27
Open green spaces	78% 96	22% 27
Waste / recycling	76% 91	24% 28
GP surgery / health facilities	75% 97	25% 33
Dog walks (with bins)	75% 94	25% 31
Education / child care	69% 77	31% 35
Allotments	68% 81	32% 38
Employment opportunities	67% 74	33% 36
Children's play areas	66% 77	34% 40
Sport / social facilities	58% 67	42% 48
Shops / pubs / restaurants	55% 60	45% 49

17 further comments appear in the appendix. These include addressing issues of parking, road safety, improved footpaths and capacity of services as the community grows. One interesting comment identified that the issue of which facilities to improve and expand depends on the demographic of a larger village.

Employment, business and enterprise

Q11 Which of the following employment / business activities apply to you?

Answered: 158 Skipped: 8



	Full time	Part time	N/A
Employed locally – within a 10 mile radius of the village	15.71% 22	16.43% 23	67.86% 95
Employed outside the local area	22.31% 29	7.69% 10	70.00% 91
Commute to work by car only	22.22% 30	17.04% 23	60.74% 82
Commute to work by car and rail	9.92% 12	4.13% 5	85.95% 104
Operate a business based locally (including farming)	9.52% 12	7.14% 9	83.33% 105
Employ others in your locally based business	7.26% 9	2.42% 3	90.32% 112
Self-employed / sole trader	9.92% 13	12.98% 17	77.10% 101
Work from home	13.95% 18	20.16% 26	65.89% 85

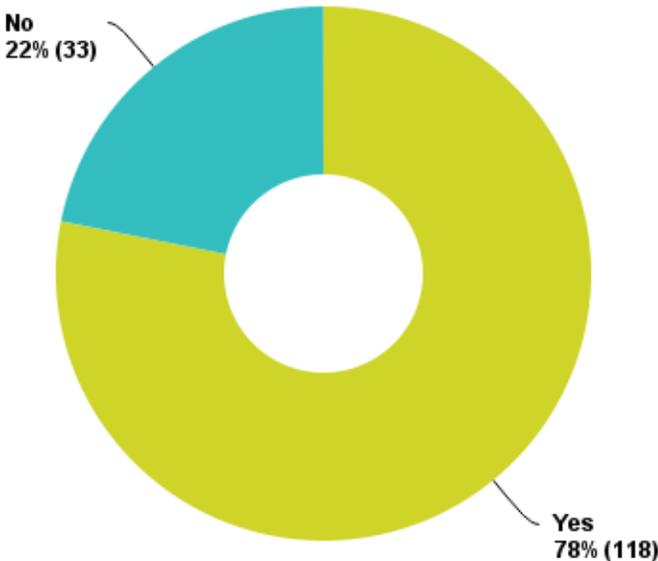
Are there any facilities or support you think the village could provide for local businesses, employment and homeworking?

40 comments appear in the appendix, the most frequently made were the need for better broadband and mobile phone coverage. There was also a call for small units, use of the village hall as a business hub and community support amongst local businesses.

There is a clear majority of respondents who would welcome more business to the parish.

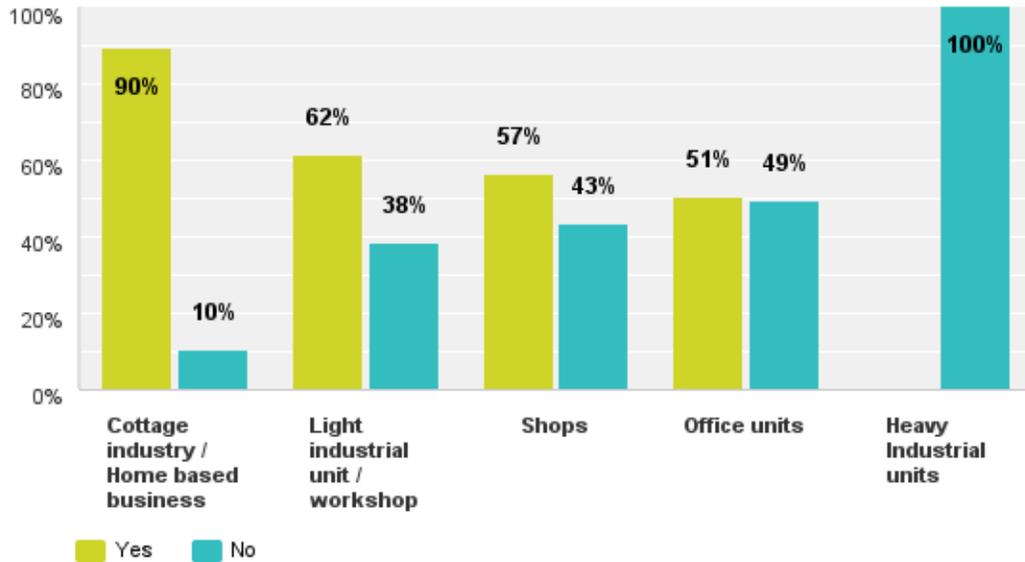
Q13 Would you welcome more business to the parish?

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Q14 What type of business would you prefer to see?

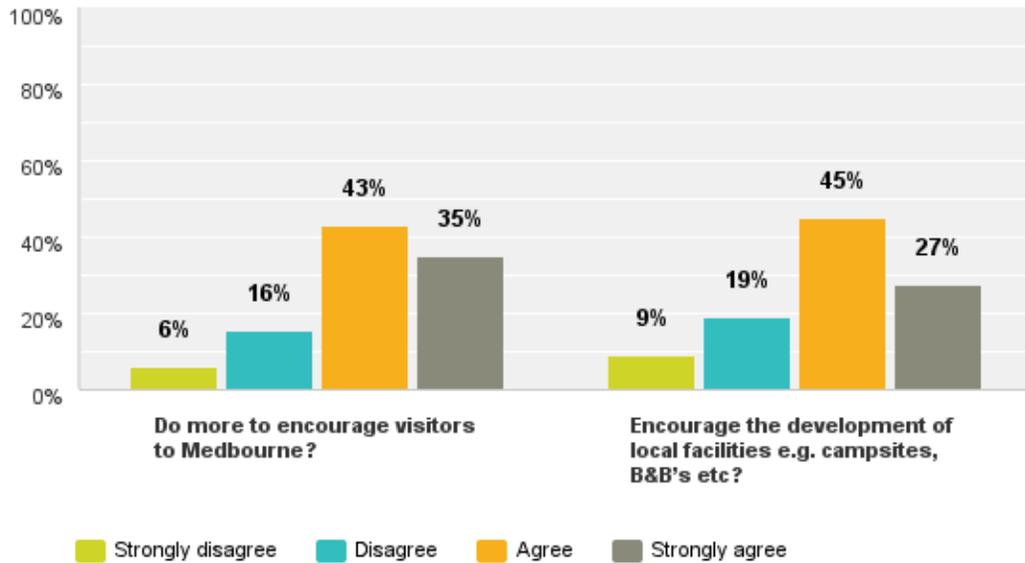
Answered: 156 Skipped: 10



Responses to this question show a clear preference for small businesses traditional to rural communities. There was a unanimous 'no' to heavy industrial units. 13 further comments appear in the appendix.

Q15 Medbourne attracts significant numbers of tourists, often walkers or cyclists - should we encourage this?

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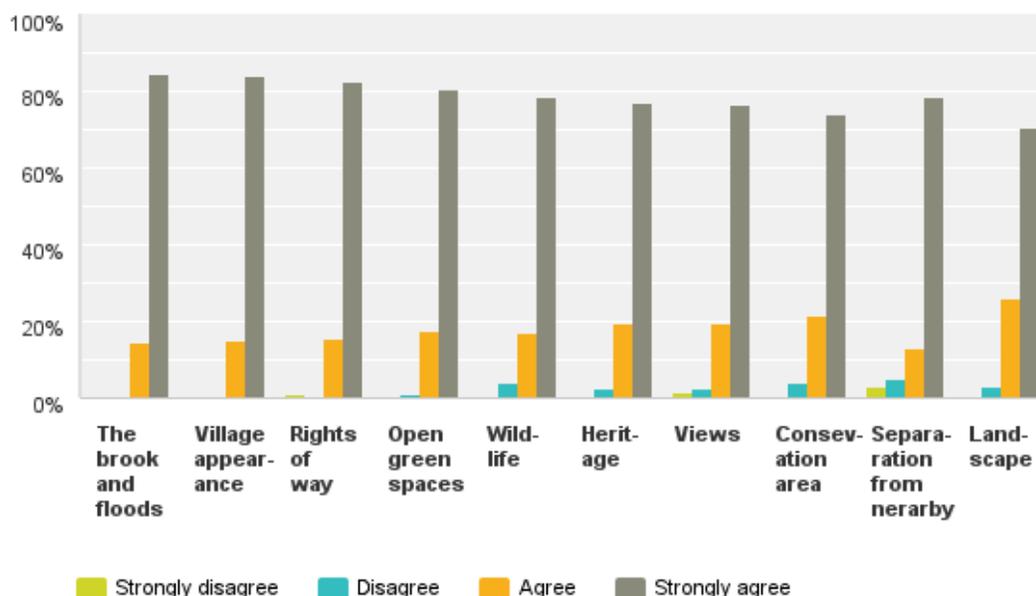


Responses to this question demonstrated a warm welcome extended to visitors to the parish and a desire to do more to attract tourists and to provide facilities and accommodation to enhance and perhaps prolong their stay. 14 further comments appear in the appendix which highlight an interest in specialist events but caution the need for road safety and the need to maintain the character of the parish.

Environment and heritage

Q16 How do you rank the importance of each of the following?

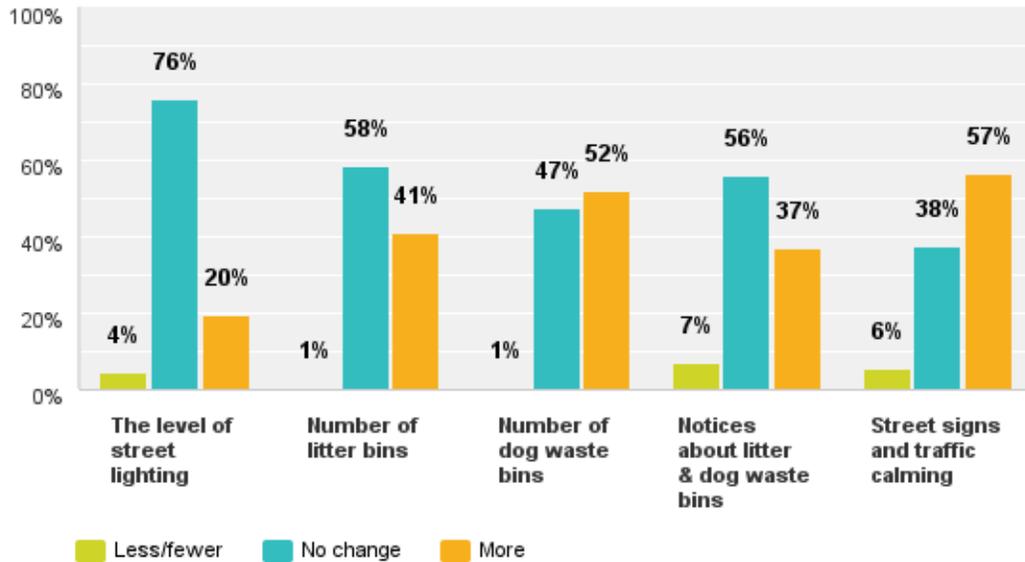
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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
The Medbourne brook and associated flood management infrastructure.	0.62% 1	0.62% 1	14.29% 23	84.47% 136
General village appearance and upkeep, verge mowing, litter picking etc.	0.62% 1	0.62% 1	14.91% 24	83.85% 135
Public rights of way, footpaths and bridleways.	1.25% 2	0.63% 1	15.63% 25	82.50% 132
Preservation and protection of the existing open green spaces within the village.	0.63% 1	1.25% 2	17.50% 28	80.63% 129
Protection and encouragement of wildlife.	0.63% 1	3.80% 6	17.09% 27	78.48% 124
Views and vistas around and across the village.	0.63% 1	2.53% 4	19.62% 31	77.22% 122
Listed buildings, historic sites, bridges & other heritage assets.	0.63% 1	2.53% 4	19.62% 31	77.22% 122
Views and vistas around and across the village.	1.30% 2	2.60% 4	19.48% 30	76.62% 118
Medbourne Conservation Area designation.	0.63% 1	3.80% 6	21.52% 34	74.05% 117
Separation from nearby villages by a buffer of undeveloped land.	3.13% 5	5.00% 8	13.13% 21	78.75% 126
Preservation of the agricultural landscape e.g. hedgerows, field patterns, ridge and furrow.	0.63% 1	3.14% 5	25.79% 41	70.44% 112

Q17 Do you think we need to change the following?

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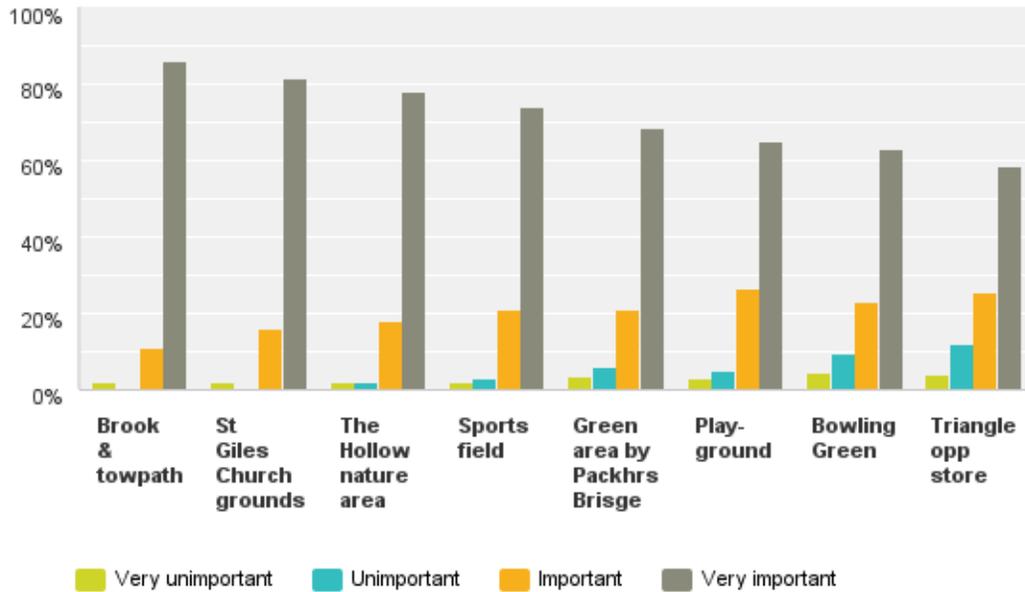
Are there other Environmental Issues that you think should be considered in writing the Medbourne Neighbourhood Plan? For example, renewable energy (type and scale).

48 comments appear in the appendix which focus on and generally support the use of renewable energy and especially its introduction into new build homes. Solar panels are especially supported. However, there is concern that such measures have minimal negative impact on the appearance of the parish and to this end there is some concern about wind turbines.

There are also comments about the use of renewable materials in new build homes, renewable energy at the village hall, recycling and composting facilities, protection of flora and fauna, and the need to control traffic.

Q19 Please comment on which of these open spaces are important to you.

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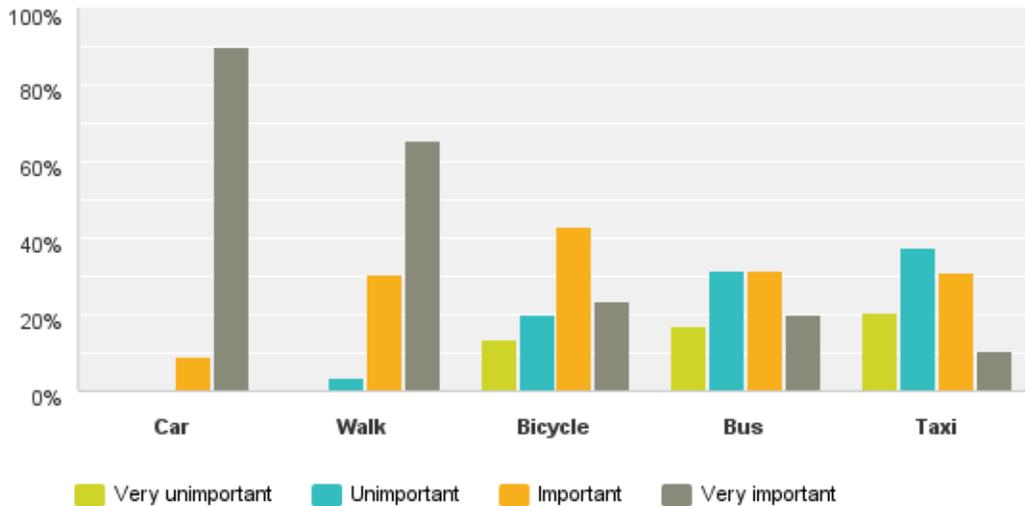
	Very unimportant	Unimportant	Important	Very important
Medbourne Brook and towpath including village hall gardens and down to the Ashley Road	1.88% 3	0.63% 1	11.25% 18	86.25% 138
St Giles Church grounds	1.90% 3	0.63% 1	15.82% 25	81.65% 129
The Hollow nature area	1.92% 3	1.92% 3	17.95% 28	78.21% 122
Sports field including dog walking strip	1.89% 3	3.14% 5	20.75% 33	74.21% 118
Green Area by Packhorse Bridge	3.75% 6	6.25% 10	21.25% 34	68.75% 110
Children's playground	3.16% 5	5.06% 8	26.58% 42	65.19% 103
Bowling Green	4.46% 7	9.55% 15	22.93% 36	63.06% 99
Triangle of land opposite village store	3.82% 6	12.10% 19	25.48% 40	58.60% 92

Reflecting the fact that these open spaces had been selected following earlier community consultation, there was overwhelming support for the protection of each. A further 24 comments were received in response to this question.

Transport

Q20 Which type of transport is, or would be, most important to you?

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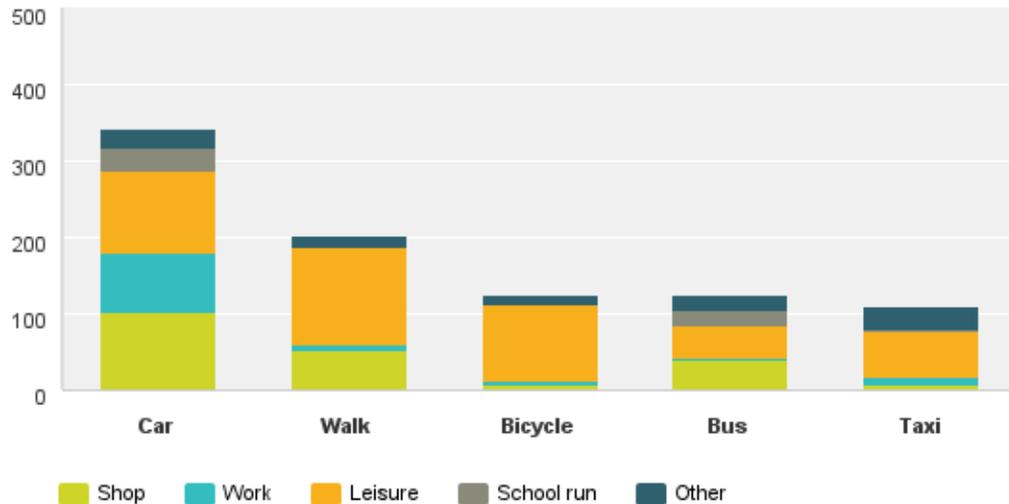
	Very unimportant	Unimportant	Important	Very important
Car	1% 1	0% 0	9% 14	90% 138
Walk	1% 1	3% 5	31% 44	65% 94
Bicycle	13% 18	20% 27	43% 58	24% 32
Bus	17% 25	32% 46	32% 46	20% 29
Taxi	21% 29	38% 53	31% 44	11% 15

The car remains overwhelmingly the most important mode of transport in Medbourne. 99% of respondents confirmed this.

Second, however, is walking - 96% stating that this is an important or very important type of transport for them.

Q21 Which activity would best represent the way or ways in which you would most often use this form of transport?

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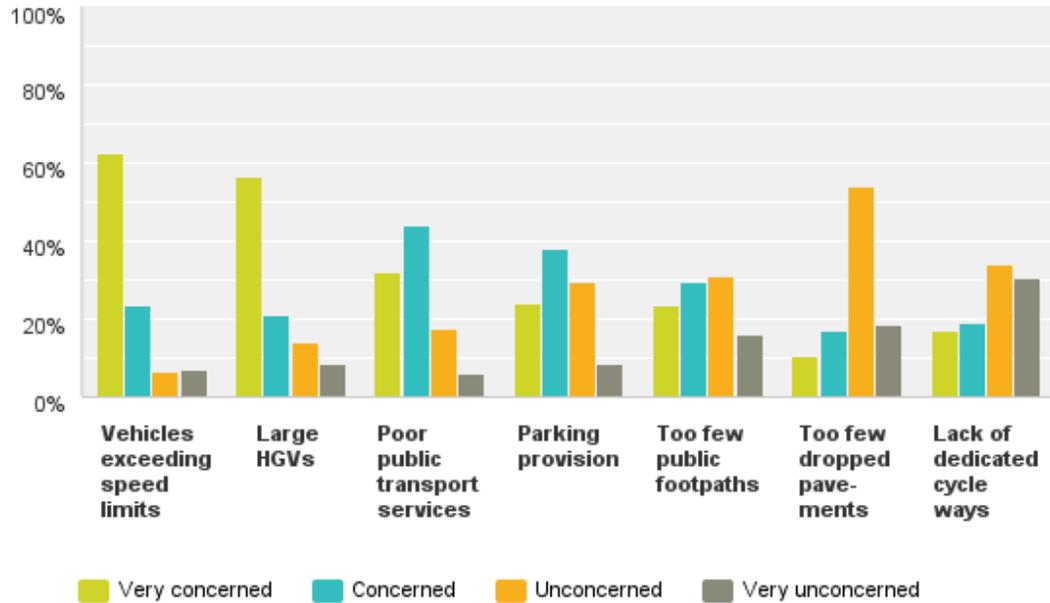
	Shop	Work	Leisure	School run	Other
Car	69.13% 103	52.35% 78	71.14% 106	20.81% 31	16.78% 25
Walk	38.52% 52	5.19% 7	94.81% 128	0.74% 1	10.37% 14
Bicycle	7.34% 8	3.67% 4	91.74% 100	0.00% 0	11.01% 12
Bus	42.11% 40	3.16% 3	45.26% 43	18.95% 18	23.16% 22
Taxi	8.60% 8	9.68% 9	64.52% 60	2.15% 2	32.26% 22

The car is the most important type of transport for shopping and work, but walking and cycling are more important to respondents than the car.

- Of 84 responses received, respondents identified 38 cars as being usually parked on the road.
- Of 114 responses received, respondents identified 220 cars as being usually parked off the road.

Q24 Which of the following is of concern to you?

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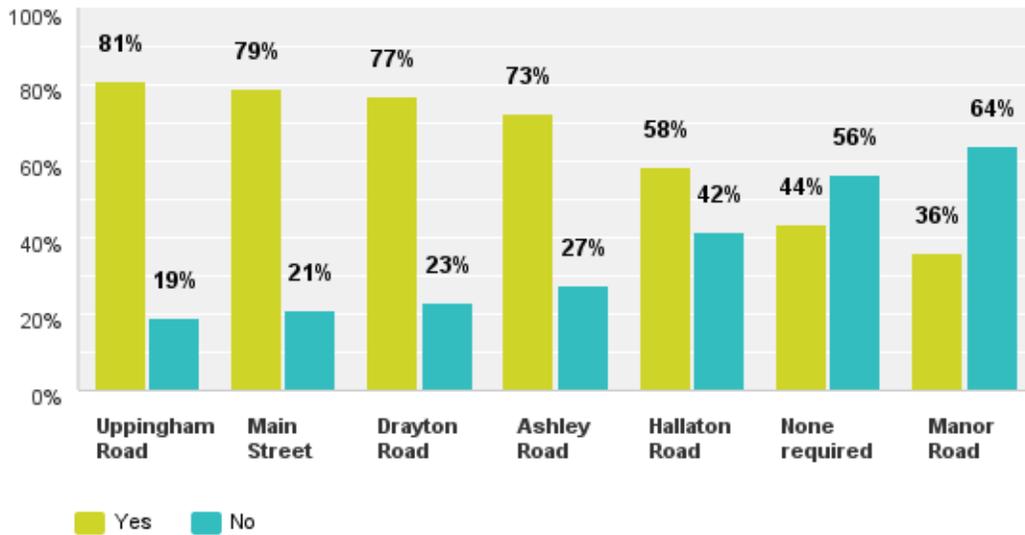


	Very concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Very unconcerned
Vehicles exceeding speed limits	62.50% 95	23.68% 36	6.58% 10	7.24% 11
Large HGV's through the village	56.29% 85	21.19% 32	13.91% 21	8.61% 13
Poor public transport services	31.97% 47	44.22% 65	17.69% 26	6.12% 9
Insufficient parking provision	24.14% 35	37.93% 55	29.66% 43	8.28% 12
Too few public footpaths	23.45% 34	29.66% 43	31.03% 45	15.86% 23
Too few dropped pavements	10.56% 15	16.90% 24	54.23% 77	18.31% 26
Lack of dedicated cycle ways	16.90% 24	19.01% 27	33.80% 48	30.28% 43

Speeding vehicles are of concern to 86% of respondents. Large HGVs concern 77%. Poor public transport and insufficient parking provision are also of concern. These concerns are echoed in other comments throughout this questionnaire.

Q25 Would you support traffic calming measures in the village and, if so, what types would you consider to be appropriate? Examples of traffic calming: a) Chicane b) Flashing light electronic traffic sign c) Electronic speed recording sign d) Speed humps

Answered: 150 Skipped: 16



16 comments appear in the appendix. These comments indicate considerable concern about speeding vehicles and a range of useful suggestions about managing the issue.

If Medbourne needs more parking, where would you suggest that a village car park might be sited?

69 comment were made in response to this question, (more than any other question), they appear in the appendix. The suggestions are almost as diverse as they are many. Some consensus appears around the sports field and expansion of existing parking, especially improvement of parking arrangements near to the Nevill Arms. However, others feel that parking should be on the outskirts of Medbourne. This is clearly an important and emotive subject, requiring further discussion.

These results will be taken into account as part of the evidence gathered to develop the Plan policies.

Demographics

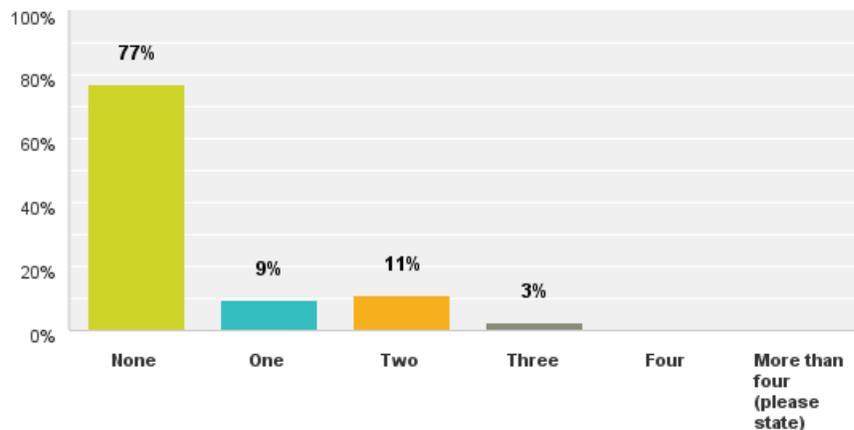
Responses to demographic questions revealed interesting information. The age profile of respondents showed an even spread.

Under 21	33.62%
21 to 40	22.41%
41 to 60	54.31%
61 to 80	50.00%
Over 80	11.21%

Having acknowledged the evenly spread age profile of those responding, 77% of households do not have school children currently living in their household. It is therefore possible that the needs and aspirations of children and young people should be further considered in subsequent stages of the Medbourne Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

Q31 How many school children are currently living in your household?

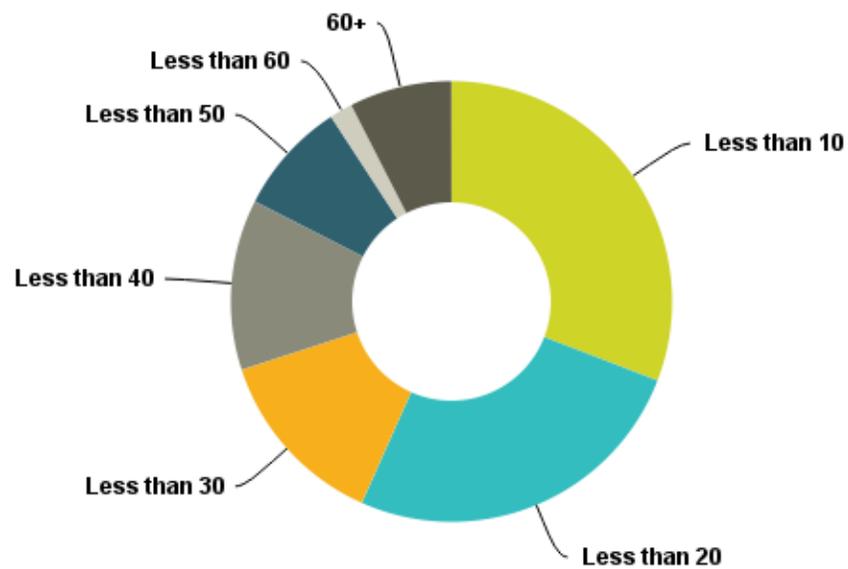
Answered: 117 Skipped: 49



Respondents indicated that there are 146 people in their collective households who are working, 84 are retired, 2 are students and 4 unemployed.

Q33 How many years have you lived in Medbourne?

Answered: 120 Skipped: 46





Appendix

Medbourne Questionnaire: Summary of Individual Comments

NB as well as the formal answers to questions, there were over 380 additional individual comments. These have been listed below.

Some late comments have been added to the appendix. However, the statistical analysis has not been adjusted, following checks that these responses would not change the overall outcome of the analysis.

Page 10: Comments regarding the village hall. Total: 43.

- There is an increasing number of individuals who work from home (like me), with children at secondary school or having left home. It would be good to have a hub where people can come together to work but also share breaks with.
- Hub. Collaborative working. Working from home can sometimes be quite lonely and would be nice to have option of working in coffee shop but more businesslike.
- Heritage room could also double up as a meeting room if not enough room for both. Also, would like to see a secure storage space/safe i.e. fire proof for village archive material. The church chest is already full and Parish Council needs secure storage.
- An improved kitchen and toilets along with the refurbishment of the two main halls and improved storage for the existing building. An extension could replace the current flat roof area with a sympathetically designed two storey pitched roof building incorporating the above additional accommodation.
- More amenities for evening classes – e.g. yoga and crafts and such.
- Ping pong.
- More events to promote the village and rural life. More musical events of all genres.
- More facilities should be provided for the play school, perhaps their own area so they don't have to pack away.
- Facilities to make the hall more attractive for hiring out for events such as weddings.
- Glazed area that could be used for cream teas in bad weather.
- Regular and reliable public transport x2
- More evening keep fit/dance classes for people who work all day.
- Storage space for tables, chairs and groups that use the hall.
- Amenities for adult education - meeting room.
- Upgrade kitchen. Use space above small room for Heritage and History display, storage and meetings. Rebuild existing toilet block as single storey.
- Facility to show films.
- Film shows for the family/ Foreign film festival.
- Gym.

- A variety of communal facilities for all ages. Film nights for those struggling to get out of the village and need to be kept folded into the community.
- Updated toilet facilities. Updated Kitchen facilities. Retain Doctor's surgery.
- A stage is required to put on shows. The doctor's surgery is SO important and MUST never be closed.
- Equipment for fitness classes Equipment to erect a stage.
- Stage. More kitchen equipment.
- Would suggest you liaise with scouts to provide bouldering wall, storage etc. A second hall would also allow scouts cubs and beavers to be all based at Medbourne Village Hall on same night.
- Facilities for functions i.e. parties.
- Development of indoor sports area.
- Talks, film shows, educational opportunities, badminton, parties, weddings.
- Only two people from Medbourne play bowls. There is need for a drop-in centre to bring the village people together.
- I think a meeting room could double as office space.
- More rooms for hire, for varying purposes. Parties, work and other meetings.
- Games room e.g. Ping pong table, pool table, indoor badminton.
- Projector / outdoor cinema screen to get more people in during the summer.
- Village Hall needs a larger and modern kitchen.
- Dancing. Art Exhibitions. Bingo. Whist/Bridge Drives.
- Indoor sports such as badminton for hire?
- A further developed kitchen/cafe area complete with dishwasher. Further development of day time/evening clubs / activities e.g. keep fit classes/ cookery/ literacy circle etc. Village Hall as community centre.
- Exercise area.
- I feel that the village hall should primarily offer a facility suitable for hosting events too large to hold at home, so requiring good kitchen with large enough oven/hob space for catering for large numbers, tables chairs to go with. If it could be decked out inside to be a desirable venue, it could be a good rental facility. Maybe the purchasing of a small marquee or liner to deck out the hall would be a good investment. The history/heritage idea could take the form of display boards within a corridor rather than a separate room, I personally can't imagine enough interest to warrant a whole room, unless combined with the additional meeting room if this is deemed necessary.
- An indoor sport studio to hold classes?
- Good kitchen facilities. Area possible to show films.
- I don't think the Village Hall should be extended. The Village needs to support the Sports Club AND the Village Hall. Any additional facilities at the Village Hall will take business away from the Sports Club.

Page 11: Comments regarding what Medbourne currently lacks. Total: 66.

- Public Transport/bus service x10
- Bus service to Uppingham

- A shared workplace which reflects modern living. An easy way to communicate with people over shared lifts to Market Harborough or Uppingham.
- Lots of things but we have got used to it.
- Play area for older children e.g. more adventure equipment. Pathway up to Blaston track.
- A play area for older children. Cycle paths and extended pedestrian paths beyond village
- A takeaway/more food/eating out options a larger shop-open later
- Manufacturing Antique workshop
- Sport e.g. table tennis badminton and social community events for hire. Plus yoga and Pilates
- The play school is fantastic and would be a huge loss to the village if it moves. It would be lovely if the church did something weekly with young children.
- Street lighting
- Entertainment opportunities for teens and young people aged 13+
- footpath from village to Blaston track.
- Clubs and societies- bridge, computers and IT. Keep Fit. Badminton court in VH. Antique and craft outlets/workshops/shops.
- We have all that we have, so we must lack all that we don't have!
- GP surgery.
- Community socials non-profit (raffle/donations) at cost F&C night, Curry night, barbecues for all. Young families on to the elderly so those more house bound have something to look forward to... (not a club!!).
- Suitable street-lighting.
- It would be good to have an evening exercise class. When Medbourne playgroup moves to Bringhurst it will feel very different regarding children activities in village.
- Regular public transport at weekends and on a more regular basis during the week.
- A venue with a stage.
- I would like to see an area for family picnics on the playing fields maybe a couple of tables with bench seating. to encourage more use of our open spaces.
- Childcare for working parents.
- Adequate car parking for visitors and pub in particular.
- Garden society, history society, allotments.
- Allotments and social activities.
- Medbourne is well covered for the size of the village.
- Facilities to engage young people in the community.
- Facilities that engage young people (particularly school aged children) in the community such as local clubs and societies. Also, more sporting opportunities for girls to play team sports.
- Nightclub.
- Everything except dining and basic shop.
- A small business incubator for start-ups.
- Be nice to have some office space and small industrial units.
- Cinema options - outdoor cinema infrequent and aimed at children. Village meet up sessions e.g. Options to meet people and volunteer to help out older village members.
- Bike storage Electric car charging point (not sure how many there are).
- Dog waste bins Traffic calming measures.
- Community events.
- If the village is to grow consideration should be made for a school.

- Better broadband although as I'm about to switch to Gigaclear, hope this may shortly no longer be an issue!
- Speed Cameras.
- Environmental – more recycling.
- Street Lighting – Discreet and minimal.
- Nothing significant
- Nothing, it's perfect!

Page 13: Comments regarding facilities if new houses are built. Total: 17.

- Adult Classes.
- Some of these items would need incorporating into new build areas of 5-10 houses and bigger, particularly off road parking and open spaces.
- More houses would mean more support for the current village amenities and activities but two shops and two tea rooms might mean that they become not viable.
- Footpath to sports club.
- Traffic calming is essential.
- Public transport.
- Currently cars are parked all over the village and this needs to be managed.
- Ensuring mains drains cope.
- All new homes to have adequate off-road parking (2 per dwelling minimum) so that on-street parking doesn't become worse than it is already.
- Footpath to the sports club.
- Speed limit to 20 mph.
- Much of this will depend on the demographic.
- Woodland Walk/Blaston Field Road area.
- Some parking facility at the start of the Blaston Field Road, better protection for the Woodland Walk area which is currently being churned up by vehicles and horses. The provision of dog waste bins in this area.
- How do local schools plan to accommodate rising pupil rolls---forward planning??
- With a focus on recycling and waste provision it would be helpful to have the big recycling bins reinstated as sometimes there is too much rubbish for just bi-weekly collections.
- Street lighting, road sweeping, drain cleaning and de-silting, grass cutting and verge management, improvements to dangerous unmaintained pavements e.g.: Manor Road.

Page 15: Comments about supporting business, employment & homeworking. Total: 40.

- Somewhere outside of home to work, otherwise one spends the day seeing no-one at all. A friendlier attitude from the cafe at the Nevill, re: working there with a lap top; had a very negative response after enquiring about that.
- Better broadband x8
- Improve mobile phone coverage x6
- We have high speed broadband but little accommodation for new businesses.
- Networking events for homeworkers x2
- Light industrial units - woodworking -craft -motor engineering.
- More public transport.

- Computer technical support, childcare.
- Public transport, shared taxi's.
- As rate payers HDC should provide this and I would have thought they would have more contacts.
- Car parking (off-road)
- Enterprise centre - variety of mixed use facilities. Favour planning consent for home-office facilities.
- One morning a week internet facility drop in.
- Computer assistance office services, photocopying, etc.
- Small units for business hire.
- Encourage small firms to work from home.
- As mentioned previously the village hall could provide a meeting room for hire which could double as hot desk office space/business hub with associated facilities if such a demand exists.
- More work units for trade workers. This allows people to work closer to home.
- None required.
- Small workshops or offices.
- Meeting space.
- Small business incubator.
- Office and small industrial units
- Range of affordable work spaces e.g. small meeting rooms, office space, treatment rooms, workshops.
- Print facilities.
- Remote office facilities for home workers and sole traders
- Office space (serviced) Workshop space
- Development of a local network
- The Village Hall would lend itself to a work hub with free Wi-Fi, printing facilities etc. for small / new businesses.
- Rental housing for rural workers.

Page 16: Comments about preferences for types of business. Total: 13.

- There are fewer farmers and more people working from home and the village needs to face up to that.
- High-tech businesses?
- Another pub (old fashioned village style).
- Artisan workshops, traditional rural crafts. Horticulture.
- Butcher shop Baker shop.
- Self-store to rent.
- Rural crafts work.
- Once again this would be demand based and probably driven in part by the manner in which the demographic of the village evolves.
- Creative Industries.
- Art gallery!

- The idea of small business spaces perhaps in the village hall to rent sounds good. Great for start-ups.
- As retired none of these questions apply to me.
- We already have a really good shop but if more houses were to come to the village we have to be mindful of the infrastructure and supporting these extra residents. For example, gift / crafts shop.

Page 17: Comments about tourists – walkers and cyclists. Total: 14.

- The village is becoming more popular with visitors but I would prefer that this growth happens naturally.
- Farmers market, artisan craft fairs, events, music.
- More public transport, rural based events (dog trials, open farms).
- Try to control speed of motor cyclists.
- Transport needs to be improved if only for the summer period.
- Whilst I agree with this I would add a cautionary note that we should ensure a balanced approach to such facilities. It is often the case that too much of one type of business activity floods the market (e.g.: small shops/cafes etc...) to the detriment of existing business. We should ensure that there is a realistic approach to this issue and that the right mix of businesses are established.
- Development of sports facilities, that everyone can use.
- Lack of parking is a major issue.
- Support events to increase tourism like the beer festival and cycling events.
- I don't believe Medbourne should become a tourist destination. However, it is good for the local businesses such as the shop and the pub/café that a level of passing trade exists.
- Provided suitable parking is put in place, some of the parking can be quite dangerous and speeding cyclists are very dangerous.
- I disagree to lots of development but would agree if limited in order to preserve environment and heritage of Medbourne.
- We welcome visitors who respect the village, so clear up after dogs, close gates and don't drop litter - plus of course supporting local businesses. I don't want to encourage more motorbikers as they are noisy and dangerous (in the main).

Page 19: Comments about environmental issues such as renewable energy. Total: 47.

- Use of renewable energy should be encouraged. Solar panels in-keeping with the individual property. Wind turbines - size and position appropriate. Protection of open spaces especially the brook area. Encourage hedges especially for new properties to make wildlife habitat also to maintain existing hedges.
- I am fully in support of all renewable energy sources, including wind farms or individual turbines but the size and location needs careful consideration to avoid impacting adversely on the village.
- Solar panel field not windmills.
- Dislike appearance of solar panels. Least intrusive locations should be sought.
- Solar panels in the heart of the village will be an eyesore.
- As much as possible. Solar panels, grey water recycling.

- It would be great to have all new houses to be fitted with environmentally friendly features: solar panels, water saving and energy saving and good insulation
- Eco housing in new developments. Solar panel field. NO WINDMILLS!
- Solar Panels, and building materials used i.e. timber framed
- As much renewable energy projects as possible.
- As much renewable energy usage as possible.
- Renewable energy for village hall (visit Wing VH)
- Renewable energy should be considered for individual properties / amenities, but not large scale lines of turbines or solar panels
- No to any windmills and solar panel farms.
- Yes to renewable energy. Solar, heat exchange, water recycling.
- Solar should be encouraged / integrated on new properties and planning consent not unreasonably denied on older properties within the conservation area.
- Increased use of renewable energy in a non-invasive manner
- Solar panels where appropriate, open to renewable energy proposals but not rows of wind turbines on hills.
- All new houses and works done to public buildings (Village Hall, Sports club etc) should be required to use renewable energy and be as green as is possible both in terms of the materials used for construction and the waste they will produce. Solar panels should be utilised as much as is possible and practicable. Newer styles can be very unobtrusive.
- Solar preferably.
- Renewable energy.
- I would support the expansion of renewable energy options including then ability for the Parish Council to sell into the grid to offset precept costs.
- Would want preference to be given to developments that use renewable energy and minimise environmental impact.
- Aim to improve carbon neutrality and become energy self-sufficient e.g. solar panels.
- The huge tractors/trailers and other agricultural traffic are having a detrimental effect on the village and its environment. They are also a hazard! The car parking on grass verges is also a nuisance.
- Encourage Renewable energy all types.
- No wind turbines.
- Support best available environmental friendly design and provisions in new build, e.g. solar power within the scope of the conservation area parameters.
- Possibly renewable energy, solar panels are the obvious ones but wind energy as well.
- No wind power thanks!
- Renewable energy is really important but there is little or no encouragement to get involved or learn about how to go about it.
- No solar panels on houses not traditional spoils look of village.
- NO more biofuel projects. They create too much road traffic and local roads are just not capable of taking the weight and have been badly damaged as a result.
- Taking advantage of modern materials in future building projects - making homes more energy efficient---consider our carbon footprint
- rainwater harvesting inconspicuous solar panels communal compost bins
- Any new housing should have a solar energy source which doesn't detract from the look of the house/s. Rain water collection.

- There should definitely be a focus on ecological sound innovations, encouragement for recycling and reducing carbon footprint etc. Part of this probably includes enabling villagers to be less reliant on cars for food and transport for Market Harborough or Corby for example. Bigger grocery store.
- More recycling facilities, lighting x2
- The lighting of the sports club should be changed from all night outside lighting to motion-sensor lighting.
- The protection of mature trees and pasture
- Preservation of fauna (bees, birds etc...) and flora and the natural environment in general (including woodland and waterways). All householders should be supported in renewable energy and general waste recycling efforts.
- Speeding up and down Manor Road.
- Traffic calming.
- Anti-social garden bonfires.

Page 20: Comments identifying important open spaces. Total: 23.

- There has never been a designated dog walk around the sports field. There is a footpath around the sports field and the nature area for residents to enjoy and to walk their pets as there is by the brook and around other parts of the village but it is expected that folks will also respect these spaces and keep them clean.
- There is no designated dog walk in the village. Many people think that the nature path along the brook and around the Hollow is a dog walk because this was put on signs, by an individual without approval, whose objective was to stop irresponsible dog owners from letting their dogs foul the playing field and he had signs made to indicate that there was a dog walk to encourage the use of the brook side path. This incorrect signage was tolerated by the Sports Club as a means to an end but now that dog fouling has reduced on the playing field they have removed the reference to a dog walk, as neither the Parish Council nor the MEFT who own the sports ground have officially designated the footpath for that purpose. Dog owners use all the footpaths in the village, however, the designation of any area as a dog walk brings with it the notion that it is a dog toilet area where dogs can run free and this is the antithesis of what the Hollow was created for.
- The green space between Manor Road and Rectory Lane (i.e. the paddock behind the Old Hall and the garden behind the Old Manor); the green spaces on Rectory Lane. The green spaces around Old Green.
- Tree areas around perimeter (green belt) with perimeter developments on countryside of green belt. (Housing and units outside of village).
- Ancient right of way by the church on Springbank by the side of the riverside house.
- Meadows in between sports ground and rear of dwellings on main street.
- Leviathan Wood.
- Footpath and green space at the top of Rectory Lane, grass verges on Main Street, Manor Road, Rectory Lane and any others.
- Top of Rectory Lane.
- The area at the bottom of Old Green road and the green spaces around that area.
- Tree at one way triangle by Brook terrace
- Triangle by T junction at bridge.

- The Leviathan Wood along the Blaston track. The triangle of land at the start of Brook Terrace - with the horse chestnut tree on it. The small area of land on Main Street opposite Cobblers Cottage.
- Mowing needs/duties should be spared amongst the population
- Hillsides and river banks.
- Open space next to the bowling green.
- Ancient right of way next to church/slaughterhouse.
- Leviathan Wood (Woodland Walk) and Blaston Field Road.
- Retention of all verges and expansion of access to countryside. At present, only a small proportion of Leviathan Wood is within the parish and I would like Blaston Parish being approached for the remainder of the wood to be incorporated into our Parish. Also, a public footpath from the wood along the railway line or over the field onto the Hallaton Road and The Hollow.
- The fields behind Manor Road.
- Fields to the Main Street side of the brook opposite the sports field.
- Field / Paddock at top of Rectory Lane Field / Orchard at The Old Hall between Manor Road and Rectory Lane Field and footpath from playing field to gate at side of Old Queen House open space between St Giles Church and Riverside House open space in front of Cobbler's Cottage field next to the Bowling Green open space near Brook Terrace.
- Green Area at top of Rectory Lane, The Moors, paddock land of Old Rectory visible from footpath. Wide verges on Payne's Lane, corner of Slawston Road.
- Fields either side of the Brook near Sports Field.
- Open Space next to Bowling Green.
- Open Space next to the Bungalow opposite the Village Hall.

Page 24: Comments about traffic calming. Total: 16.

- People who live at Nevill Holt bomb up and down Manor Road. There is a dangerous corner near the bottom; if children go on ahead of you it is always worrying. The strip between Medbourne and the Blaston Track does not feel safe.
- A pedestrian crossing on Main Street.
- The speed of cars on Drayton Road both in and out of the village is appalling.
- Perhaps a narrowing/gateway effect on entrances in from main roads.
- School crossing signs - perhaps a 20mph limit at school bus times - cars speed through the village when there are children of all ages walking to the bus. It's commuters just trying to get to work - and maybe not concentrating.
- Humps & chicanes - NO! Electronic speed indicator signs on B-664 entries to village (Ashley Road & Uppingham Road). Alternative: verge fence & notice at entry points to village - to include Drayton Road and Hallaton Road.
- No speed humps.
- Electronic signs on entry to village from all directions. no speed humps. consider chicane on Main Street.
- Any would help, especially in Main Street - when approaching the village from Stockerston Way, traffic see the 30mph limit and then do not have time to slow down to 30mph because they are travelling down (i.e. gathering speed) the railway bridge into the village. We need "warning signs" that you are approaching a 30mph limit or/and a 20mph limit imposed. There are presently many young children who love in our village and the traffic travels far too fast down

Main Street. Before long there is going to be an accident. Also, as a resident in Main Street who has to park on the road, I've now had my wing mirror knocked off my car twice because of speeding traffic.

- Speeding down Drayton Road has worsened recently.
- Drayton Road is extremely dangerous with speeding cars in excess of 50mph, cars parked on the road, multiple driveways requiring entry/exit. A chicane or electronic speed recording sign would greatly improve safety and quality of life.
- Speed Humps plus speed recording sign.
- What we really need is "proper" speed cameras where people speeding risk fines and penalty points. Eventually drivers will ignore flashing signs because they realise there is no sanction.
- I cannot define the necessary places for traffic calming but I am absolutely sure that the village should not have speed humps or chicanes. Flashing light signs in the appropriate places would do a good job. And some painting on the road to remind drivers of the speed restrictions.
- Gates either side of road village type traffic calming.
- Cars and especially motor bikes speed up greatly when leaving the village on Uppingham Rd. It would be good to extend the 30mph limit.

Page 24: Comments identifying where more parking might be sited. Total: 69.

- The biggest problems with parking in the village are around the Sports Club the Village Hall and the Nevill Arms. I cannot think of anywhere in the centre of the village that would be acceptable but perhaps a provision could be made on the edge of the village maybe Ashley Road, Drayton Road or Hallaton Road.
- It does need more parking by the sports centre.
- For most of the time street parking appears to be adequate, especially if all new houses have their own off street parking. However, walking groups frequently park on Main Street, the Nevill Arms car park overflows on to Main Street and everyone visiting the Village Hall does the same. On match days, the Sports Club cars overflow on to Hallaton Road, all of which points to the need to consider the creation of a future village car park. The obvious location is on part of the sports field nearest the village. Parking on the Village Hall grounds is frequently suggested but this forms part of the green centre of the village and would detract from the potential hiring of the hall.
- Nowhere x2
- No idea x2
- Somewhere on the outskirts.
- Use of a field on the edge of the village. Part time or full time use.
- Outlying land edge of village Part time use.
- By/opposite the sports club.
- I don't think a car park is required within the village and anywhere central enough to be of benefit does not exist, however the sports ground would benefit from some additional parking close by.
- Drayton Road and Hallaton Road opposite the Sports Ground.
- Opposite Sports ground, or next to Bowling Green (opposite old Horse and Trumpet)
- Near the sports club x2
- More parking near the sports club, a lot of vehicles on the road outside.
- On the Ashley Road opposite the B&B or by the sports ground.

- Outside green belt.
- The broad verge on Main St. between the old Rectory Lane and the road.
- Just outside the village, near where new houses are built.
- 1) Any new developments should be self-sufficient for parking. 2) Parking near the village centre would be good to try and reduce cars parked on the side of the road. 3) Sport ground requires enough parking for all of the cars.
- Main street the parking is very dangerous. Too many cars parked on the road; open to accidents.
- Near village shop.
- Village hall.
- the open space on the corner of the road from Ashley turning onto the main road, next to the bungalow.
- Space opposite the village shop.
- No appropriate site in the centre of the village.
- Difficult one, that. Probably more than one site would be required unless you had an out of village car park with good pedestrian access paths.
- Village perimeter.
- Any available space near village centre.
- Sports field. By pub.
- By sports centre. Village centre.
- Village car park is not the answer - all new dwellings/buildings should have their own off street parking.
- Field next to the Sports Club (behind Tennis Courts). Near the field road to Blaston
- On the Main Street at the bottom of Rectory Lane (the grassed area) for the shop. Car park at the pub to be reconfigured to take more cars off the road.
- A. Parking layby in the wide verge in front of the Old Rectory wall on Main Street. B. Part of field adjacent No.8 Ashley Road (opposite Homestead House B&B).
- Development and resurfacing of car park outside pub.
- Expansion of existing car parks.
- Bowling green or in front of shop.
- Triangle outside shop.
- Shared improved parking at the Nevill.
- On the outskirts - not sure exactly where though.
- We do need more parking as the pub clearly hasn't enough however I cannot see where!
- Outside village shop and next to sports pavilion.
- If the garages on Drayton Road are sold by the Harborough Council (which they have been in some villages) this could be a parking area.
- I think it is only really an issue during events and temporary parking could be provided in various fields (including the Sports Club) as appropriate.
- In the green outside of the shop.
- Near the sports hall and near the church.
- Encourage people to utilise their own garages and driveways. This would be the single biggest difference. Designated parking bays should be market on Main Street, Rectory Lane and Manor Road.

- Perhaps more facilities to lonely people.
- Our neighbours on Manor Road have five cars on the street (between two people) and that puts pressure on the rest of us. Can there be a limit to permanent street parking per household?
- More footpaths/bridleways.
- A public footpath to Blaston Field Road.
- Footpath from Marlow Court to Blaston Track must be the most walked road for walkers in Medbourne, 12 months a year.
- Footpath and speed limit at the sports club.
- Remove Uppingham Road railway bridge and create footpath from Marlow Court to Blaston Track. Thus, options for village to be extended along Uppingham Road as well as Ashley Road and Drayton Road. Open up old railway lines to walkers & create riverside walkway (thus circular route via Village - Blaston Track - Railway line (to layby on Hallaton Road) - Medbourne Brook to Nevill Arms)
- Could we have an extension to the Hallaton Road footpath up to the kissing gate entrance to the playing field and preferably all the way to the sports pavilion entrance. The character of this Welland Valley village has remained remarkably intact, especially the green and historic centre which it is important to maintain. The distant views of the village from all directions also shows it to be an almost wooded settlement which would be lost if too much peripheral development was to be allowed.
- Very poor bus service. Suggest MPC approach Rutland Flyer to come through here and Great Easton.
- Houses should be tasteful in their appearances and small, inconspicuous as possible developments. Particular attention needs to be given to parking since almost all households will have at least two cars. Development should not exceed village boundaries where possible.
- Infrastructure and social calendar could/should improve.
- Parish council should be guided by professionals in developing answers (architects, planners, landscapers, developers).
- With the pending population increase, will there be improved policing?
- I don't think the feel of the village should be spoilt but understand that new houses need to be built so therefore feel that building just outside the village would work well.
- Medbourne has a special layout with green areas and open spaces within the village. Therefore, I feel development on the outside of the village is most appropriate. New homes should not be "standard" or all the same as in many larger developments, but should continue the varied, attractive and diverse feel to the village. Ideally open areas/parking/play areas should be integrated into any near spaces. It may even be appropriate to provide office/ light industrial spaces with adequate access and parking.
- The designated areas for new housing should be released/developed in a controlled manner, gradually. If it is all built in the next 2-3 years, we may be asked to provide more than the original amount.
- A footpath should be provided along Uppingham Road from Marlow Court area to the Blaston Track.
- Not too many huge houses dominating the higher ground around the village.
- Professional assistance with any development.
- I think the speed limit on the Uppingham road should be decreased to 30mph as users often exceed 50mph making this stretch dangerous for pedestrians.

- I feel strongly that individual properties showing architectural merit should be included in the plan and that developments by national builders should be avoided.
- The plan needs to consider the future of young people and families in the village. there is currently no way anyone under the age of 21 in the village can look forward to staying in the village long term, as there is no suitable housing and no chance of affording what is already there. The village population will gradually just get older and more people will work away, leaving a dead, dormitory of a village during the day, with no life or use of the facilities. Transport facilities need to be improved - both public and private. Safety of the village and the inhabitants needs to be improved - when did we last see anyone from the Police other than in response to an incident?
- A one-way system for the shop.
- Medbourne needs generational balance which can be influenced by thoughtful NP policies on development to encourage a wide range of housing options suitable for singles / couples / young families / retirees.
- Affordable housing would be wonderful! We can't all afford 3 beds at half a million!!
- We MUST have more affordable housing for rent or purchase and not infill £1 million+ houses which help no one but the wealthy. How does a £1.8 million converted farmhouse help local people and especially young families? I'd ban Langton Homes from cherry picking sites!!
- Attract more young people with children - so starter-type homes.
- Keep Medbourne a village as the people in the past worked hard to make the village a pleasant place to live in.
- One facility I forgot to mention previously is the lack of a community park. Medbourne is a very attractive village and a community park would be a wonderful centrepiece. Location may be an issue but an expansion of the children's playground would be a possible site. This could include additional children's facilities along with things such as a fitness trail suited to all ages and some landscaped gardens etc... down to the brook which would be ideal for picnics and family get togethers (BBQ's etc...).
- We should look at good practice examples from other villages and replicate. This could relate to energy, transport, parking, and wellbeing.
- Nope, but I analyse and present research data for a living so if you need any help email nbrookes@yahoo.co.uk
- Beware of physical traffic calming introducing noise (acceleration/braking/vibration) and effects on drainage including pooling. Accommodate need for agricultural transport preferably around the village ahead of through it.
- I cannot say strongly enough that stone should be used for any infilling and where it is necessary to use brick the colour should be as "antique" as possible.
- That we should adopt a positive and open minded approach to additional homes. New residents are very welcome and bring so much to our community.
- More village housing not town housing more stone and more thatched.
- Design and materials are as important as location for any new dwellings. A survey should be carried out to see where there are any potential residential conversations to reduce the number of greenfield sites allocated in the village. The plan should state that any new residential development should reflect the linear development character of the village, housing estate pattern of development should not be agreed.
- Need to protect the heritage and community, a big development would do this.
- Police taking an active interest in speeding motorbikes; less litter on the playing field after matches.

- In any development of the village there must be a will to retain the character and style and open aspects.
- Assets of particular value - War Memorial, Church, Nevill Arms, Sports Field, Packhorse Bridge, Post Office, Open Space.
- If there is any Social Housing it should be for Medbourne Residents first.
- Allotments would be nice.
- Thank you for the opportunity to be part of this process.