

Chearsley Village Plan

Consultation Results

Results

This document presents responses to the Questionnaire that accompanied the Chearsley Village Consultation document issued in December 2012. A total of 225 Questionnaires were distributed to all households in the village in December, with responses requested by the end of 2012.

A total of **89 responses** were received – a response rate of nearly **40%**

Four of the returns were received after this results summary was produced and are therefore excluded from the analysis. The comments will however be taken into account by the Topic Groups. Nearly all of the returns provided responses to nearly all of the questions. Response rates for individual questions are not therefore included in this document.

A large number of comments were included along with answers to the specific questions. These are reproduced here verbatim. Unfortunately in a few cases it was not possible to read the handwriting – question marks are used here to indicate such text.

Commentary

Overall the responses and comments provide an extremely useful and, in many cases, very clear indication of how Chearsley residents feel about some of the more important issues affecting the future development of our village.

These results will be used by the Topic Groups to guide their work over the coming months, and ultimately will be reflected in the content of the final Village Plan recommendations that will be put to the village for adoption towards the end of this year. As part of that work there will be further opportunity for wider input at Open Meetings.

The widest possible participation from residents is vital to ensure that we can use our final Village Plan document to influence planning decisions under the changed planning regime. We therefore urge everyone to get involved with these meetings, and where possible to contribute to the work of the Topic Group. If you wish to make any contribution, or have any comment or question, please email planning@chearsley.com

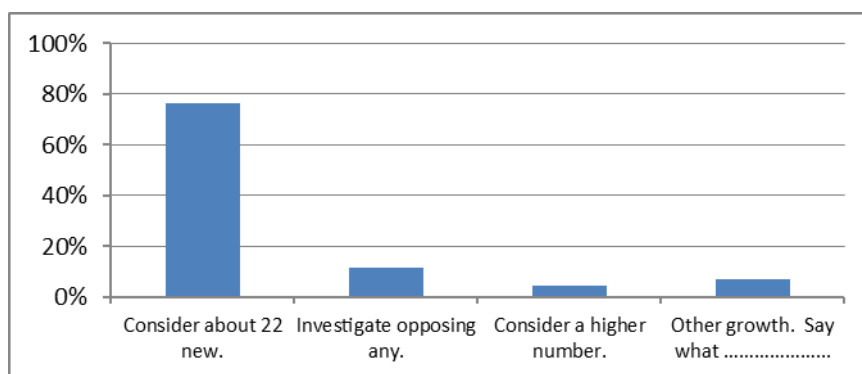
Section 1. Housing

Questions and Recommendations from the Housing Group

Question 1. In the light of the information offered earlier, including the fact that the village would wish to have a powerful voice in influencing inevitable development proposals, the Group have come to a recommendation that: “There could be up to 22 new homes built on agreed sites over the next 20 years”. What is your view on the Housing Group continuing to investigate this proposition?

- I am happy for the Group to work further along the lines that there could be about 22 new homes approved over the next 20 years.
- The Group should investigate the prospects for opposing any new housing in Chearsley over the next 20 years. i.e. for zero growth.
- I think the Group should consider recommending a higher number of new homes than they are currently investigating, for example, in the region of 48 new homes over the next 20 years
- There should be some other amount of growth. Say what

The Village Response



Comments

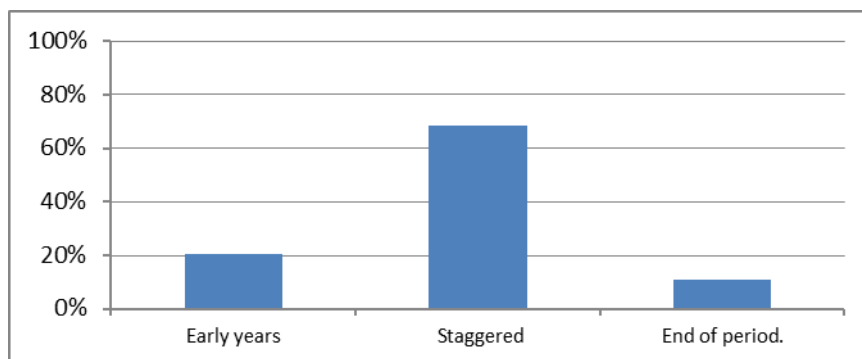
- Lack of facilities and in particular safe street side parking
- Unless you think we could get away with less and not be forced to build by Aylesbury
- There is bound to be pressure for some new housing – better that we recognise that and plan for it
- Businesses (currently village shop and The Bell) need a healthy catchment to remain sustainable. Ditto the Church and Village Hall. The village would become a dormitory for commuters if these activities fail.
- This is an average of one every year (approx) which is sensible. Existing housing stock (older bungalows) should be replaced with two story housing.
- Growth should be as current growth is now
- Possibly even more housing than 22. Depends on how the village develops. If more people are working here and there is greater local reliance, then it might work well to have more people living in rural locations. The 22 number should be a guide not a rule
- 22 seems a reasonable number. Family homes recommended
- To encourage more families into the village
- If Aylesbury will insist on at least 22 we could go with this, can we get away with less.
- 12 to 15. In a village of this size, any more than this number will affect the character of the village and be detrimental to all existing residents.
- Provided that there are not 22 in year 1 and then in subsequent years there are plans for even more.
- 1 per year seems OK in theory but 22...? Just seems too much (unless infill)
- Although zero growth is my preference, we have to be realistic and engage in discussions regarding limited growth.
- A sensible number which will provide some additional housing without any detriment to the current balance of the village.

- I would love the village to stay as it is but that would be unrealistic. We need to fit in with the demands locally so at least 22 homes but perhaps more.
- An additional 22 homes could alter the unique characteristics that make Cheersley a special and desirable village. A more modest development proposal could be a more appropriate compromise.
- Allow for a reasonable growth without spoiling its "feel" of Cheersley.
- Any development such as proposed(22 homes) would spoil the village, invite crime, be occupied by people with no jobs(assisted housing) Why did we come here in the first place?
- Homes for first time buyers born & bred in the village. Home for over 60's & also living in the village.
- Unrealistic for zero growth
- Any new developments would spoil the village
- The village needs to grow at a slow rate to prevent it stagnating, also to allow the viability of a pub, shop & church
- 10, beginning to become an overdeveloped village
- 22 seems about right number over next 20 years, and should be sustainable in relation to other facilities and amenities.

Question 2. If, as is almost inevitable within or outside the influence of a Village Plan, there was some housing development in Cheersley, the Group wishes to consult on the urgency or desirability of the phasing of such work. The Group seek guidance from the village on thoughts on this matter. What is your view?

- Any development across a range of new sites should be undertaken in the early years of the 20 year period, as new homes are urgently needed.
- Any development across a range of new sites should be staggered equally over that period
- Any development across a range of new sites should be undertaken towards the end of that period as there is no urgency to this.

The Village Response



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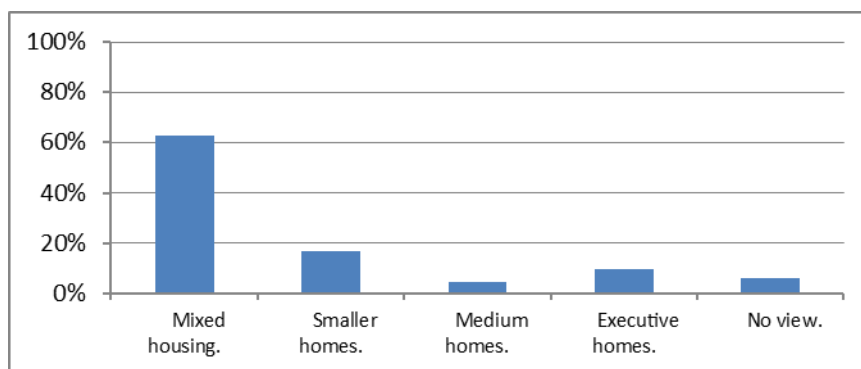
- Because it will stop some people in the village making vast amounts of money
- Again, recognises the inevitable
- Cheersley is a village that should be preserved and any extra housing should be on a small scale as the village could not sustain a large number of houses built at one time.
- Cheersley needs to keep moving. Currently there is a feeling of stagnation or indifference.
- As above remarks in Q1
- not urgently needed as such, but a scheme would need to be a block of several homes so as to give mixed housing: affordable, starter, mid-range and maybe sheltered. There are enough executive houses now.
- See answer to Q above.
- Need more info to comment. If there is urgency, from whom and for what?
- Leave as long as possible in the hope that development will prove not to be needed.
- There is generally urgency, so sooner rather than later.

- Any development should be staggered over the period to avoid or at least reduce any significant impact. There is also no apparent urgency over this and so the maximum time possible for necessary consideration should be allowed.
- Any development should be on a slow basis.
- We would wish the village to grow at a slow rate over the forthcoming years.
- I am against any development, so none of the above apply, Existing property values would be reduced by such development
- Think better quality of houses would be built if staggered rather than being built as a big development
- To minimise impact & to allow infrastructure to be developed at same time
- If we leave deciding when new houses will be built, it may be that someone else makes the decision
- There is need for some development so that the young do not have to live in other villages. Some homes need to be affordable
- A sudden growth would alter the character of the village. Why not build further out of the village & have green space in between? Sites 10 & 11 would be down a dip, over the brow of a hill so views would be less affected
- Due to the dislocation caused by building work the developments should be phased, either equally over the 20 year period or in the earlier years of the programme.

Question 3. Question 3. The Group are trying to assess the housing needs of the village for the future and, at this point, recommend that “There should be a programme of mixed housing developments for Chearsley, including homes of varying size, reflected in a wide price range to meet different needs”. What is your view?

- There should be a programme of mixed housing development including homes of varying size to meet different needs.*
- Any housing development should be of smaller affordable homes only.*
- Any housing development should only be of medium sized family homes.*
- Any housing development should only be of large ‘executive’ styled homes.*
- I have no particular view on house requirements.*

The Village Response



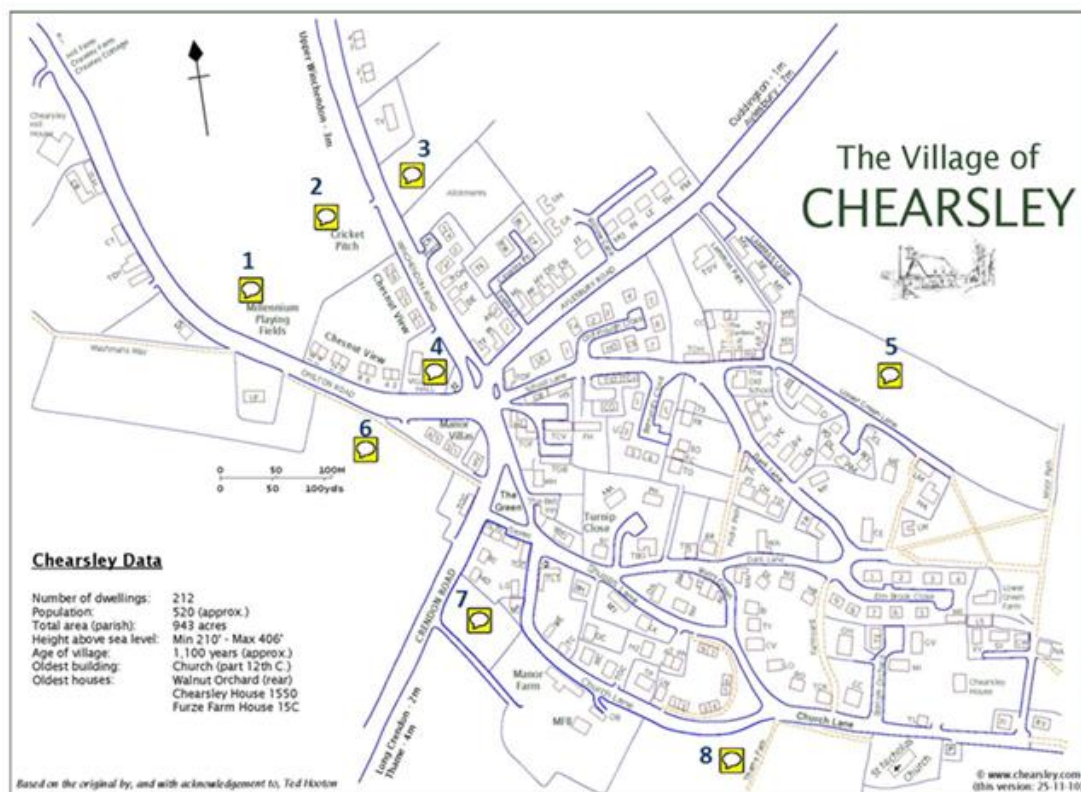
Comments

- There are sufficient houses in the other categories already. New buyers and the elderly have very few options.
- I feel there are enough med-large houses but few small units for 1st time or downsizing buyers
- The village community is healthier if a mix of age groups is sustained.
- Families and an opportunity to collect more council tax
- Affordable private homes to encourage young people and families
- Need affordable homes for young families
- Not "Housing Estate" type houses.
- No real preference.
- No social housing
- Consistent with the current balance of homes in Chearsley.

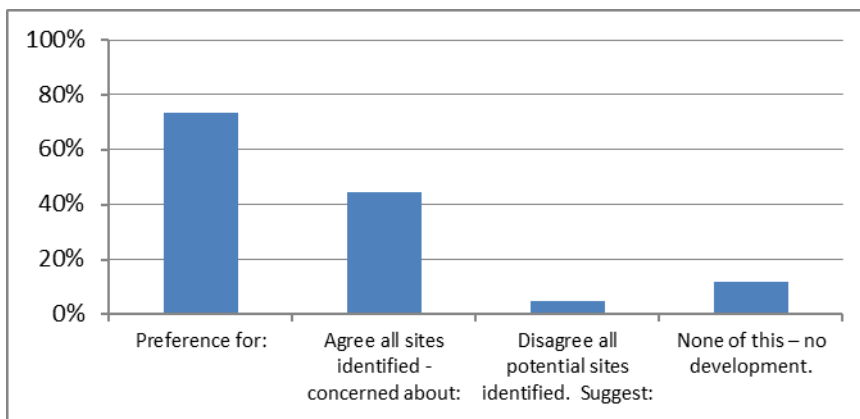
- Not executive please! An estate of executive homes would scar the village far more than the present telephone poles. Mixed development needed with perhaps some flats for people who want to down size but stay in the village. Just a thought. Definitely mixed development to reflect how the village is already.
- I do not wish for any development in Cheersley.
- Any new development must be DEMAND led.
- Also, any development must complement rather than undermine the current feel of the village.
- There are all much enough large houses and much "London money" - small homes would allow a great cross section of people and ?
- There should be NO housing development
- Development should be a mix of smaller & medium sized family homes
- Development on outskirts of Cheersley should be larger houses as there are already small cottages in the centre of the village
- To provide houses for young families & key workers. To provide a cross section of society
- None
- So many houses have been extended so there are a lot of 'executive' homes & very few starter or retirement cottages. We need more 20-30 year olds to balance the village & my kids will have to move away f no smaller houses are available

Question 4. "We have identified all possible potential sites for housing development". Without any suggestion that all sites identified should be put forward for development (the Group believes this to be totally out of the question) to what extent do you agree with the list of sites indicated, and where do you think any development should take place?

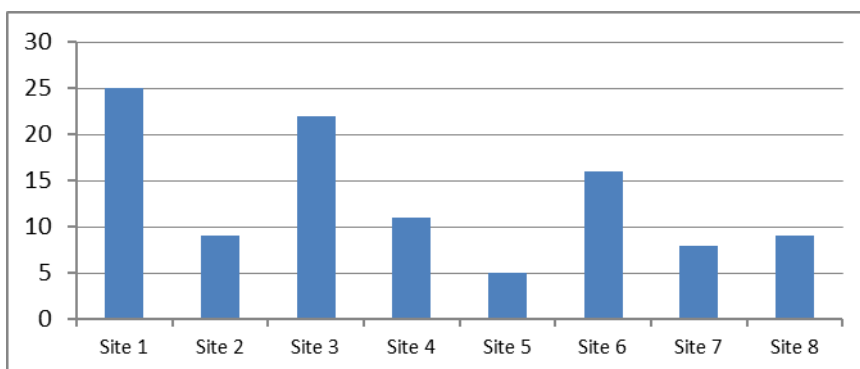
- Of the sites offered for Housing Development by the Group I have a preference for Site number
- I agree that the Group has identified all possible potential sites for housing development but I am concerned about further investigating Site number(s)
- I disagree that the Group have identified all possible potential sites for housing development and suggest the following additional sites for considerations.
- None of this – I don't want any development.



The Village Response



I have a preference for Site number:

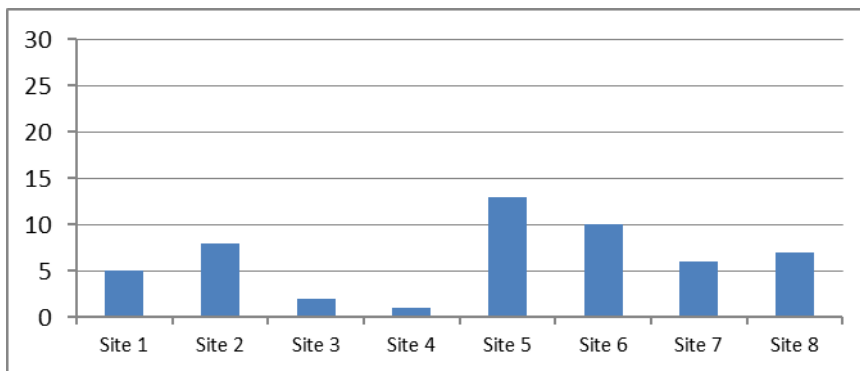


Reasons

- 1,3,8. Might just be achieved without spoiling the village
- 3,4. The village hall is past its useful life and would release significant value for use by the community
- 6. It is the only true green field site on the list.
- 6. Lot of space , good access
- 3. Infill between existing houses & allotments, with only the cricket green opposite. Landscape-wise would least impact the village.
- "Site 4 maintains an existing building line
- Site 6 maintains a balanced shape to the village, centred on the pub/shop"
- 1,4. Would not interfere with access or existing houses
- 3,5,7. I feel there should only be small nos. of houses to each site.
- 1,2,3,6. Sits to the East of LC - Cuddington road would bring sunken lanes into play
- 1. Millennium playing fields is not currently used and would be a suitable site which would not adversely affect people living nearby and would not result in a loss of cricket pitch.
- 1. Surrounded by housing/roads, central to village, good access, not obstructive
- 1,3,7,8. vacant areas to maximise housing needs
- 1. I have to disclose an interest as my family owns this land, but this area is the best as it is away from sightlines and well served by roads.
- 1. A more natural development site
- 3. Aylesbury Road
- 1,3,8. Could be done without spoiling village, maybe.
- 1,2,3. Millennium Field, Cricket pitch and east of Winchendon Road. Least affecting existing households.
- 1,2,3. We do have an interest but I feel it is not allowing the village to sprawl and it is a quiet road.

- 8. Like the idea of linking ? With village amenities.
- 7. Least impact to village environment
- 2,7. Existing ? Not agricultural land
- 1. Access off Chilton Road would be good.
- 3. This is infill and will not extend village boundaries.
- 1,4. I favour a Community Centre built on the Millennium Field, thus freeing up current Village Hall site, village shop for residential development.
- 4. Gives opportunity to create a new multi-use village hall.
- 6. Development on the north side of the village is preferable, if required, due to less impact and damage to the more historical and picturesque parts of the village. Agree that the village hall and shop could be relocated, leaving these vacant sites available for possible small scale development.
- 4. The possibility of re-siting village facilities has merit and should form part of any significant development in the area.
- "3) Logical infill development.
- 4) Merge the village hall with the cricket club leaving the existing hall land available for development."
- 3. Least disruption to village lanes.
- 4. Rebuild a new village hall on available land.
- 6. Accessible from both Chilton Road and Crendon Road. Provides balance to the plan of the village. Flood free.
- 6. The site would allow a shop/village hall development with parking and housing. Any shop would have to be located at a site with passing trade. This is the best site.
- 3. This would appear to have the least impact on the existing village properties.
- 3,5,6,7. Do not destroy activity areas
- 4. Will not spoil current look of the village or upset current amenities.
- 1. Does not spoil the over view of the village 4/8 together could solve a lot of problems.
- 1. This site would expand the village to the north, thus leaving the original village untouched.
- NONE
- 1,2,3,7. All sites offer best access to main roads through Chearsley village
- 2. To balance existing houses on Winchendon Road and it would not add to traffic using Village Lanes
- No concerns about sites. We do still believe that some needs can be filled with infill.
- 1+4 to finance new hall etc. on 6. Develop shop where it is.
- 6,8. Would 'round off' village
- 2. Keep new development away from older part of village
- 3. Logical to fill in gap between houses with least impact on existing properties. Suggest more than one site needed
- 3. Village will not lose existing facilities & it's not liable to flooding
- 6. I think it would be the least disruptive
- 1. Good access, does not impinge on any key sightlines (e.g. as you enter the village)
- 3. Protection of the narrow lanes
- 1. Near centre of village
- 8. To locate a village hall in a safer place & further from Cricket pavilion to give choice & allow Church to use it on Sundays. To bring Church back into village as I once was. Access must be from Crendon Rd. South of farm.
- 3 and 6 would appear favourite as it would help balance the village more to the North side of Crendon Road and could accommodate a reasonable sized development.

I am concerned about further investigating Site number(s):



Reasons

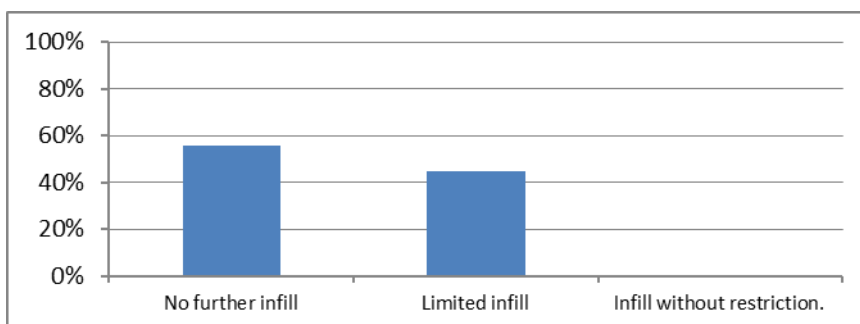
- 5. Road extremely narrow, already problems caused by too large delivery trucks. No parking availability for added residents or visitors
- 6. I think this would be a disastrous place to build, it would alter the character of the village for the worse. The approach from Crendon and the view from the footpaths
- 5. On top of the access issues, almost any commercially viable building on this site would be impossible because of the existing planning restrictions based on the sight line from the Cuddington Road. Any building higher than the apex of the roof of Meadows End would be in violation of AVDC regulations. Rest assured if AVDC can impose a maximum 17.5 degree pitch on my roof I can damn well reciprocate.
- 1,2. Loss of recreational/sporting facilities for development should be avoided, so the Cricket Field and Playing Field should not be developed.
- 5,7,8. These sites represent village boundary spread that should be avoided
- 5,8. Narrow lanes access! Only one way in and out.
- 5. Affects too many households, damage to views, damage to lanes, more elevated than existing housing in Lower Green Lane
- 2,4. We as a village need the cricket pitch for community purposes and it needs to be where it is. NOT further out of village! Also, just build new improved village hall on existing site!
- 6 is too much in open countryside
- 5. possible flood plain development. Flooding is only going to get worse
- 7,8. Spoils the area of church and surrounding area.
- 6. Would destroy the character of the whole village. Approach, footpaths, dog walks etc.
- 5. Already waterlogged fields on steep slopes. Possibility of shifting problem towards existing dwellings. Directly bordering conservative area and possibly negating it.
- I dislike the site 5,6,7,and 8 would change the rural character of the village.
- Site no 2, (Pub needs to be kept within walking distance of the village)
- 1,2,3. Prefer to see development lower down the village.
- 6. Agricultural land, damaging views from and towards the village, risk of over development affecting many homes and not in keeping.
- 6. Access off Crendon Road more hazardous.
- 7,8. Development will be too big spoil views, access not suitable.
- 1. Village hall to far away from centre of village
- 5. I don't feel this site is either feasible or desirable. It is clear that access involving the privately owned Lammas Lane is extremely unlikely. In addition any development compromising and sunken lanes would be unacceptable. Also very visually intrusive.
- 5,6,7. would strongly oppose any development off Crendon Road would certainly cause 'highways' problems as visibility approaching Chearsley from Long Crendon is poor.
- None. My only thought is that if they are going to be built sooner rather than later it would be better not to have them all on the same site? I think it would also help if we could do something to encourage planting trees.
- 5. It would destroy that end of the village
- 5,7,8. Unsuitable for variety of reasons.

- 6. A potential significant development, as stated in the consultation document would have significant impact on existing properties on Chilton and Crendon Roads. It could also have a negative impact on the approach to the village.
- NO
- 5. Access
- 2. Would mean moving cricket further out of the village
- None. Field to North of Cricket club/millennium field would ensure central location of village facilities
- 1,2. To lose the Cricket pitch & field for parking would be a disaster & the village should seek to buy this outright
- 2. Moving Cricket pitch further from the Village would not be good
- Further damage views as enter village from Cuddington
- 1. Ancient sunken lane. 2. Ancient earthworks across field 3. Protected view down L.G. lane 4. Destruction of view of 12 houses including a listed building
- "Site 1 should be ruled out on the basis that renewed efforts should be made to provide sport and recreational facilities for village youth. Refer leisure.
- Site 2 should also be ruled out. It would take a number of years to re-locate, prepare a new ground to an acceptable standard and build new pavilion facilities. Cricket League fixtures have to be kept going on a regular and continuing basis in the Summer.

Question 5. For the reasons given in the consultation document, and in order to express a local voice for sustaining the essential character of Chearsley, the Group feels strongly that “The policy of the Parish Council should be to specifically oppose further infill development within the Conservation Area and sunken lanes of Chearsley Village”. Do you agree with this recommendation?

- I agree there should be no further infill within the Conservation Area and lanes.
- I think there could be limited infill within the Conservation Area and lanes
- I think that housing infill in the Conservation Area and lanes should be allowed without restriction.

The Village Response



Comments

- I feel villages should grow organically from the heart outwards. Where there are large houses that could be turned into several smaller properties this should be encouraged not stopped
- Without such a policy there can always be an argument for 'just one more' until we are impossibly crowded. People wanting to make a profit and then sell can always justify dividing the land in their particular case.
- The better sites lie outside these areas
- Gardens should be valued and used more
- Local habitats will be ruined
- It would ruin the heart of the village.
- because of overcrowding of the area and the access roads
- Would need to be evaluated on a case by case.

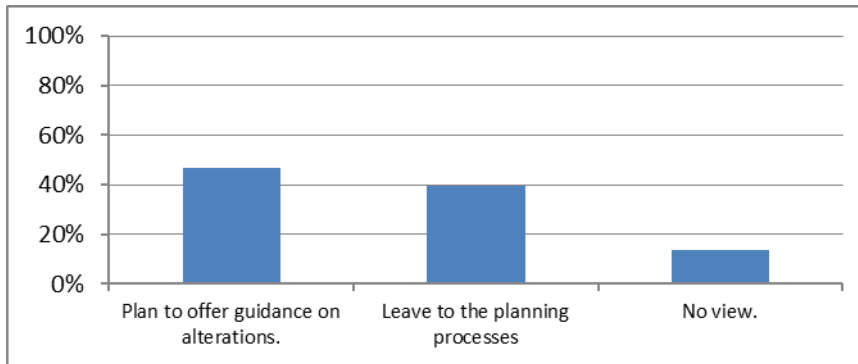
- If there is room for infill, or if a property could be sub-divided, it should be considered.
- Infill will lead to road congestion.
- The group do not appear to have explained the case for opposing infill adequately.
- Logical infill could produce 5 or 6 units towards the 20 or so targeted.
- I probably agree with limited infill.
- Traffic
- The character to Chearsley will be lost if more development and destruction to sunken lanes is allowed.
- Enough is enough
- Make best use of available space on a case by case basis
- There are potential sites that would not be detrimental to the Village character
- Too crowded-lack of parking space or lack of garden space
- I would be happy if any development was kept within the existing village boundary
- Planning law does not currently allow such a restriction & AVDC would be penalised for enforcing it.
- Infill should be allowed where there are suitable plots still available
- It might avoid building on greenfield sites & surely it's the householders decision
- To preserve the remaining character of the sunken lanes. Are already too many cars/deliveries
- Providing the dwelling is small & suits the site-perhaps a bungalow or two
- These are overly dense & the roads cannot support further traffic
- Some properties need to be subdivided as they are too large for modern needs. Many are too large & untidy & too much work for present owners
- Demolish a large ugly house & replace with 2 smaller houses, but make sure there is plenty of off road parking
- "We absolutely disagree with the recommendation to specifically oppose all further infill developments. Page 7 of the discussion document really goes to town on this aspect in a detailed manner.
- It is not the case that the area specified is fully developed, and there is still the potential for some larger houses to be demolished, some infilling or large gardens sub-divided. It is accepted that the number of sites is few in number.
- Each new proposed development should be looked at individually on the basis of sustainability and suitability and not be subject to a blanket ban.
- It is in fact, infilling development which has restrained any over-development of the village in times of housing boom to result in the village as it is today.
- Some of the points listed at 1. to 5 on page 7 are true to a greater or lesser degree, but a degree of balance is required; inherent features of Chearsley are not easily changed. In any case, it is probably true that the increase in traffic has more to do with the number of vehicles per household rather than infill development.
- The housing group will be well aware that at least 30 of the village's houses are the result of infilling or back garden developments all spread over a considerable number of years.

Question 6. Although, as yet, the Group has not really looked at the detail of possible policy for housing alteration or extensions we feel that, in principle, "The Village Plan should offer Chearsley-specific principles and guidance on matters of house alterations and extensions" and we should therefore look at this further.

Do you agree?

- The final Village Plan should offer Chearsley-specific principles and guidance on house alterations and extensions that would prevent development that significantly alters the size or character of an existing property.*
- Each individual development proposal should be left to the existing planning processes without interference or any village guidelines.*
- I have no particular view on house requirements.*

The Village Response



Comments

- Allowing a small group of people (some of whom have already built out of character houses in the village) to determine what can be built in the future smacks of communism
- Village specific too open to local interest group pressure – the same rules must apply to all - planning should not be a popularity contest.
- This sounds subjective in terms of the scope and means of application. Who decides what is Chearsley-specific? AVDC will probably override anyway.
- The villagers should determine how they want their village to look, and provide guidance to the Parish Council to argue that way.
- Chearsley-specific principles would be impossible to define
- Takes away from beauty of the village
- Planning constraints might well be enough though.
- Do there need to be additional guidelines? I don't know.
- The implications of this statement are unclear. What authority would such principals and guidance have and how would this align with legal processes.
- There are few enough small houses at present
- Recent houses are bungalows which are not really in keeping with ancient principles of Chearsley. Too many bungalows
- Unnecessary interference when there is a planning process in place
- Allow improvement in character
- For the reasons stated above the existing planning processes should be left in situ. These rules and decisions have, on the whole, served Chearsley well over the years.

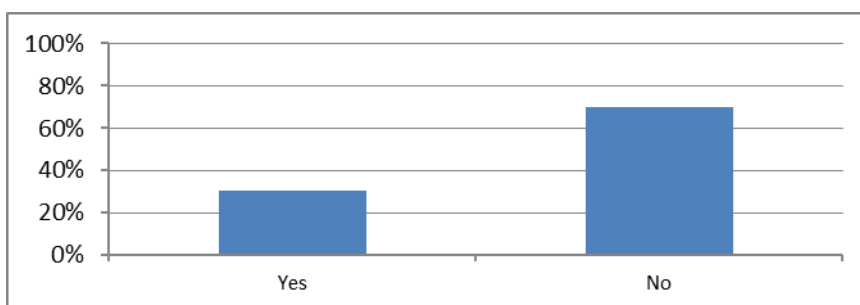
Section 2. Business

Questions from the Business Group

Question 7. Are you are a business person in the area, and if so is there anything that you feel could be in the Village Plan that would help you run your business more effectively?

- Yes
- No

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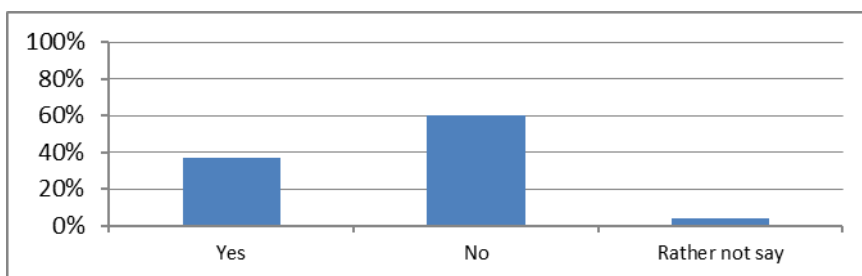
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- Better communications - both electronic and postal
- Parking space for my cars. To let us build a small parking space at the back of our garden.
- A published list of professionals within the village who are willing to share skills. We should be working with local people as much as possible.
- Semi-retired farmer. Better outlets for local produce - a bit futuristic, but could not Chearsley have a bit more local fare?
- Not a business person but I suppose a Post Office would be of great use.
- 1. better Broadband! 2. Not a full Post Office but the ability to buy stamps and send letters/parcels via the shop.
- improved broadband speed.
- I work from home so improved Broadband and restoring a Post Office facilities would be desirable.
- Improve broadband, bring back the Post Office service.
- No
- Local networking
- Broadband
- (answered in section 4) Also breakfast networking meetings. People pay a sub once a month possibly in the pub, per year for the breakfast meeting, and can get together to talk about business matters and network!
- Better mobile phone reception
- Faster Broadband
- Broadband
- Faster Broadband
- High speed broadband. meeting room/conference call facilities that could be hired on hourly ad hoc basis
- General car park so do not have to use Church or Pub parks

Question 8. We would like to know how many home workers there are in Cheersley (i.e. people whose main place of work is at home)? Are you are a home worker.

- Yes
- No
- I would rather not say

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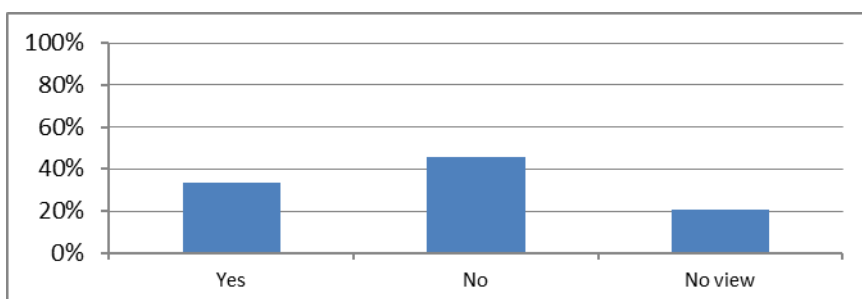
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- Only the administration work is done at home.
- On occasions
- Though about to retire
- part time, but my office is built on the back of the house (conversion of existing building)
- No
- It is not my MAIN place of work, but is an essential part of my job.
- x2
- On an occasional basis
- Might be in the future
- x2 but part time

Question 9. Would you make use of a boules pitch in the garden at The Bell?

- Yes – I would
- No – of no interest to me
- I have no view

The Village Response



Comments

- What the heck has this to do with village business?
- The boules pitch should be located by a playground, not in the Bell garden.
- Fail to see how this is a business-related planning matter for the village. It's a matter for the Bell. Should come under Community and Leisure anyway.

- What has a Boules pitch to do with Business?
- I am not against it but would not use it.
- In summer this would be a good chance and opportunity to make extra revenue for the pub.
- My mum likes boules
- possibly
- Probably not but others would.
- But it is a good idea
- A good idea but I probably wouldn't use it.
- Not at this time of my life but possibly in retirement.
- Maybe.
- Public money must not be spent to help a private business - anyway we are English not French!!! Spend it more on play areas or on the Cricket Club.
- Brewery have been asked as to their position with this
- at present Chearsley have to play 'home' game at Cuddington
- Don't think wise use of space for Bell-kids play area & seating area would be reduced
- Far better to have family garden as an attraction for business
- There are other more fun & more important games that could be considered

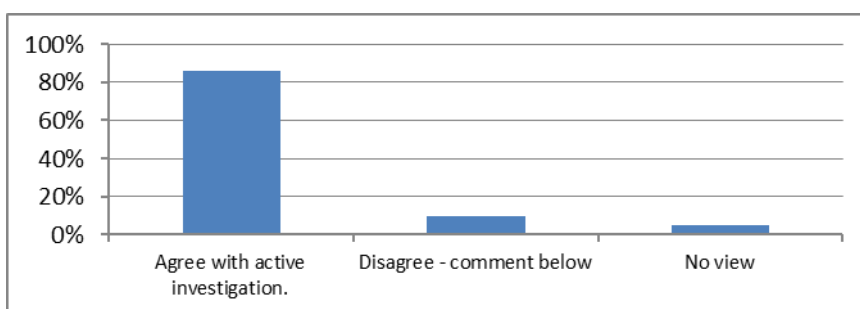
Section 3 Traffic, Roads & Lanes.

Questions and Recommendations from the RESCU Group

Question 10. The group wishes to increase the level of adherence to the 30mph speed limit on the main road through the village limit by whatever means are deemed to be most effective, yet in keeping with a rural environment. We intend to investigate this further but currently believe this to be a flat (no humps, strips or ramps) differently painted surface to the main carriageways at the village limits. What is your view?

- I agree with the line currently being taken by the group and favour active investigation of this issue.
- I disagree with the approach and offer my own comment below
- I have no view on this issue

The Village Response



Comments

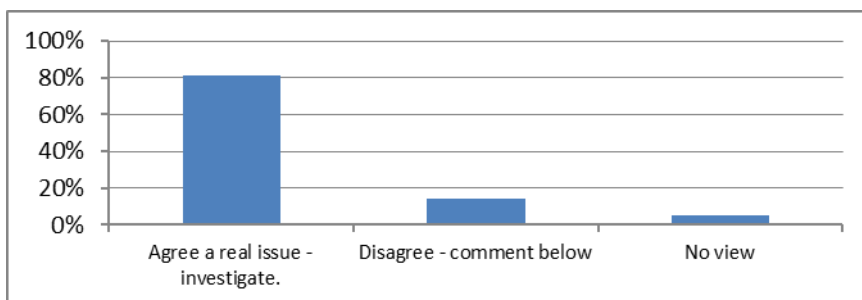
- Of particular concern to me
- I would favour a roundabout being installed at the five road junction which would both make the junction safer and slow traffic. It would also be of a benefit to the school buses turning around in the village
- Do not agree that there is a major speeding issue on this road
- But not keen on lots of paint on the road, nor lots of road signs. This is a natural rural environment and we should keep it that way.
- Having watched the speed of cars over the Christmas period I would suggest strips coming on the Crendon Rd and Winchendon Rd and the same speed signs (digital) that Cuddington have.
- Must have lights
- In Church Lane signage should be 20mph, not 30mph as at present. All white lines, which have eroded away should be re-painted. Shupps Lane/Church Lane/The Green (both ends)
- Stricter enforcement by the Police and 20mph only limit in the lanes.
- I agree but fear it would be unsightly.
- Can we not also have the signs on entry to the village, such as in Cuddington, monitoring speed + warning 'slowdown'?
- Humps on the Cuddington Road into Cheersley slowing traffic down as it approaches the junction of Winchendon Road, Chilton Road and School Lane.
- The 'S' bend at the top of the village naturally slows traffic. However, Aylesbury Road exit sees vehicles exiting (and sometimes entering!) at 50mph +. A necessity.
- I don't believe this would deter speeding in the village.
- This seems to be a solution looking for a problem. I don't feel this is a major issue, owing to the particular road configuration in the village. Road marking etc. are just intrusive palliatives serving little purpose other than complying with current fashion.

- flat painted surface, are effective and relatively unobtrusive, very opposed to humps, ramps, road narrowing with kerbs etc. which have a detrimental effect on cars and are a pain for local residents.
- I often think there should be a crossing by the bus stops to make it safer for elderly, visually impaired and school children. This should help to slow the traffic too.
- 20mph zone, one way system.
- Solar powered speed indicators should be placed on Crendon Road, Aylesbury Road and Winchendon Road.
- Presumably, the coloured road and white "fences" should start at the Chearsley boundary sign when approaching from Cuddington. At present, cars drive too fast around the first bend and can encounter cars turning right out of School Lane when heading for Aylesbury Road or Winchendon Road.
- Also investigate warning signs activated when speed is exceeded, similar to Cuddington
- Positively no humps or bumps
- Consideration of speed awareness cameras also
- Stop traffic speeding on Winchendon road
- No physical changes like chicanes, one way, etc.
- The Long Crendon-Waddesdon 'rat' run is going to gain traffic (and speed) At least introduce Long Crendon style humps the 'Slow Down 30 mph' lights on Crendon Rd & Winchendon Rd approaches to the village
- Stop thru flow at junction of Aylesbury Rd, Chilton Rd, Winchendon Rd and Crendon Rd by painting a roundabout at that junction.
- The only thing which will prevent speeding is enforcement & the police have no resources. This has been on the agenda for 40 years.
- The road is extremely dangerous to cross with small children or for anyone not able to run. I don't believe road painting will be sufficient & more proactive measures such as flashing signs or a zebra crossing are reqd. before there is a serious injury or fatality
- We believe humps are the only effective way to slow traffic down -see Long Crendon or Elsfield -which has attractive low watt street lights beside each hump
- Also remove white lines within village limits to make drivers think the road is narrow so they slow down. Traffic light on village limit that turns red if vehicle speeding. Works well abroad
- No humps please

Question 11. The group believes that the current 30mph speed limit within the lanes of the village is too high. We favour formally requesting the appropriate authorities to reduce this to a more safe 20mph legal limit. What is your view?

- I agree that this is a real issue and favour active investigation with the appropriate authorities.*
- I disagree that this is a problem and offer my own comment below*
- I have no view on this issue*

The Village Response



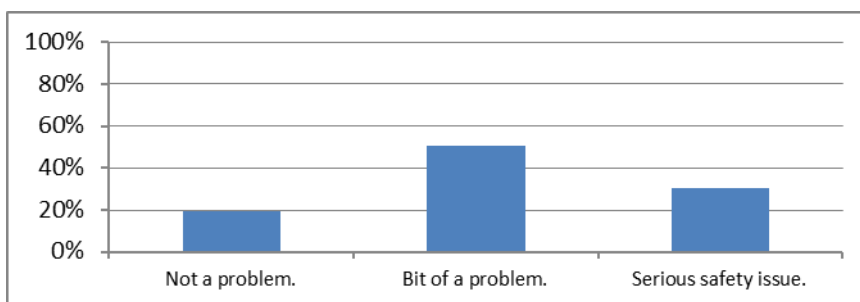
Comments

- Don't be distracted by this, the main road is the bigger issue
- Unfortunately most of the speeding in the village is caused by villagers
- How would this be policed, and with the density of parked cars who can reach anything like 30 mph in the village anyway?
- Happy to leave this to those living in that part of the village.
- The very narrow lanes plus shared pedestrian & vehicle space plus cars coming out of drives make a reduced speed limit essential. Bottom of Dark Lane v. dangerous area.
- Indeed -I would go further and say 15mph
- Must be all 20mph
- previous comment made as I hadn't seen Q11
- Traffic in lanes far too fast.
- A waste of money as 30 signs are frequently ignored already.
- 30mph is a reasonable speed limit. Villagers automatically reduce this in the narrow lanes. I have driven here for 32 yrs and have found villagers to drive responsibly. Trust people, rather than over organise them.
- Difficult to do 30mph, not worth the time and effort. Concentrate on main routes where they do 50mph.
- I cannot see that it is possible to achieve 30mph within the village. 20mph is reasonable but do not favour anymore signs cluttering the lanes.
- If villagers don't adhere to current limit, do you think lowering it further would work?
- 15 mph would be even better - but any limit must be enforced.
- I'm not aware of any accident to date. In the areas where 20mph would be sensible, it's not possible to drive above this speed anyway.
- I believe it should be a max of 20mph to make it safe for young children to walk to the shops. I know of one elderly woman who is apprehensive about walking because there is nowhere to stand to let the cars pass. The lanes should be seen as a shared space for cars and pedestrians. Most drivers already do but there are always a few who are thoughtless.
- Villages should control their own speed. 20mph limit could not be enforced.
- It does not matter what the speed limit is set 30. The locals who drive the lanes - know they should drive with care. How can you possibly police such a limit?
- The speed of traffic at the top of the village is the much more serious issue. (hard to go more than 20 in the lanes!)
- It's difficult to achieve 30 mph! Don't want extra signage. Those that ignore 30 will ignore 20.
- Not a serious problem
- Although I don't think a 20 mph limit will change behaviour
- 20 mph better than 30 mph. Sometimes even 20 is too fast in the lanes

Question 12. The group recognises that the access from The Green to Crendon Road can be a problem junction with cars coming up from the shop area coming 'face-to-face' others turning off Crendon Road, creating potentially dangerous blockages on the main road. Our group was divided on the range of possible responses to this situation. We seek views on the best approach to dealing with this.

- This is not a problem, leave it as it is.
- There is a bit of a problem.
- There is a serious and urgent safety issue.

The Village Response



Comments

- Like to see it one way from Crendon Road and change front of shop into proper parking area for customers
- People have to learn to slow down and drive carefully. A possibility would be to make the road a little bit bigger especially if the shop is to stay in this location.
- Care must be taken not to jeopardise trade from the shop by restricting access
- Problem seems exaggerated.
- This junction is used primarily, if not entirely, by local people who should be familiar the situation and allow for it. Anyone who does not like it can always use the road in front of The Bell.
- Make access from the Crendon Road 'No Entry' (in other words 'one way' past the shop westwards.
- Turning from The Green on to Crendon Rd is blind - suggest mirror in position there so cars coming from both directions can see each other, or make The Green one-way?
- You have to poke your bonnet out and take your chances. Multiple cars parked doesn't help
- road from the shop to Crendon Road to be one way
- Create a one way
- I favour 'No Entry' off Crendon Road.
- Leave it up to the drivers who are quite capable of organising themselves in this tricky situation. Just trust us.
- Make it one way traffic off the Crendon Road.
- Wasn't aware of the issue.
- Limited to above, people driving too fast.
- Trying to ease the problem without a heavy or unsightly solution.
- Make the road around the green one way.
- Create a One Way system around The Green with the section in front of the shop in favour of vehicles from Crendon Road.
- Yes, a small problem but one easily dealt with by sensible and careful driving. Not an issue to be unduly exercised about.
- Could be solved by double yellow lines approaching the junction on the main road.
- I believe it is unsafe and know of at least one minor accident. Personally I have stopped turning in there and use the turning the other side of The Green.
- One way system on The Green.
- Make the road one-way (down)
- Should look at "one-way" system.
- One way going up to allow the residents to park their cars and get out of their cars.
- The exit from turning sharp right at the top of Shupps Lane, leading in to the Crendon Road, can be quite dangerous, so reducing the speed limit there would be a help.
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- Limiting traffic to down only past the shop might work as a solution.
- People need to we common driving sense!
- It should be one way only to the shop. The cars parked outside the 2 small cottages especially the cottage nearest to road junction.
- One way system around the green
- One way system?
- By the shop cars by buses
- Investigate option for widening road

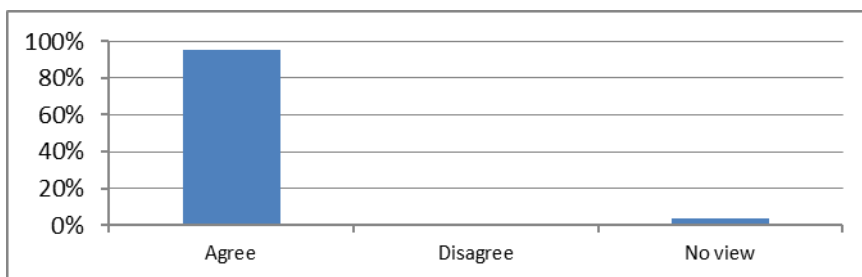
- NO CHANGE! Alteration here will put more traffic past Bell endangering children and pub goers
- One way(up) past the shop
- One way system needed
- The current set up ensures drivers slow down & use caution. The parked car is the problem not the junction.
- Make it one way going up. So leaving parking as it is now.
- The problem is caused by cars parking too near the junction otherwise it would be O.K.
- Simple-make it one way. No right turn for the Crendon Rd.
- There is also a serious issue for children & dogs & elderly trying to cross the road safely at any point
- No action reqd. at this stage.-review if situation deteriorates
- Should be one-way with no traffic running in from Crendon Rd.
- Consult shopkeeper

Question 13. The group is against the notion of street lighting being introduced into Chearsley. We also recognise that excessive exterior home lighting contributes to light pollution in the village and recommend that minimising such lighting should be considered by existing householders and by the Council in considering Planning Applications. . What is your view?

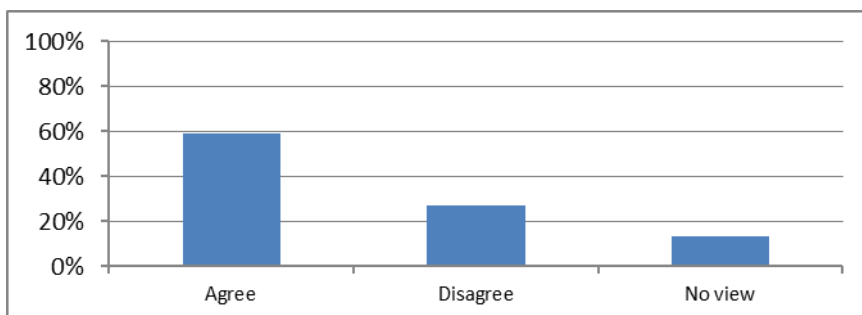
Street Lighting and External Home Lighting

- I agree with the recommendation
- I disagree with the recommendation
- I have no view on this issue

The Village Response – Street Lighting



The Village Response - External Home Lighting



Comments

- I believe there is not enough information given in the plan to make this judgement. You don't suggest what forms this would take and what options there are.
- I think most villagers are responsible enough to determine the level of exterior home lighting to ensure their safety and security. I do not relish arguing lumens with nocturnal special interest groups.
- Don't recognise widespread light pollution problem in the village. Safety and crime prevention are considerations.

- I appreciate people want security lighting but should position it so it does not impinge on neighbours.
- A good idea but (in my view) impossible to enforce.
- The Lanes are dark at night - house lighting is helpful.
- Keep Dark Lane 'dark'
- Some lighting outside houses is often needed.
- Some of the exterior home lighting is a bit excessive.
- Suggest that the group puts forward a recommendation that exterior lights should be a) of a recommended brightness and b) operated via a sensor. Some of the exterior lights on houses would flood a football pitch!
- Security must be considered, external lights should be left to homeowner
- We assume this doesn't include motion activated PRS
- I agree that street lighting is not needed. My automatic lights occasionally go on unnecessarily. I am told some are better/less sensitive than others. Any ideas?
- Most lighting is only on ? as ?. Hardly light pollution.
- It would be a pity if villagers were stopped from putting lights outside their property i.e. security lights
- It would be a pity if villagers were stopped from putting lights outside their property i.e. security lights
- With no street lights exterior home lighting is needed
- Guidance can be 'provided' but safety & security take precedence
- Exterior lighting is a safety issue. Should not be dictated by the Council
- This would be contrary to the Crimes & Disorder Act which the Parish Council has a duty to abide. Human rights?
- Subject to suitable security lighting being permitted e.g. on a timer so not on permanently
- But would favour white street lights if this enabled street humps to be built
- Some appropriate moderate intensity house lighting would be welcome in some dark areas
- Light pollution needs to be removed
- Access for Fire engines is an issue especially down Lower Green Lane due to parking
- Some intruder lighting in fact intrudes

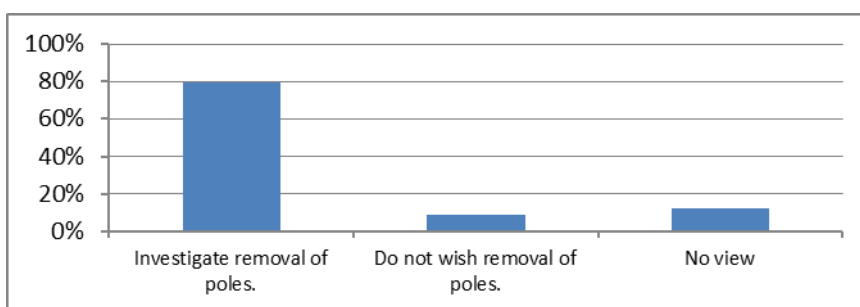
Section 4. Public Services and Utilities.

Questions and Recommendations from the RESCU Group

Question 14. The group recommends that the appearance of Chearsley should be enhanced where practicable; for example, by the removal of overhead utility wires and their poles, replaced by the underground cabling of services? Do you agree?

- I agree that we should investigate and promote the removal of service poles and underground cabling of services where practicable.
- I do not wish to see the removal of service poles and overhead wires.
- I do not have a view on this issue

The Village Response



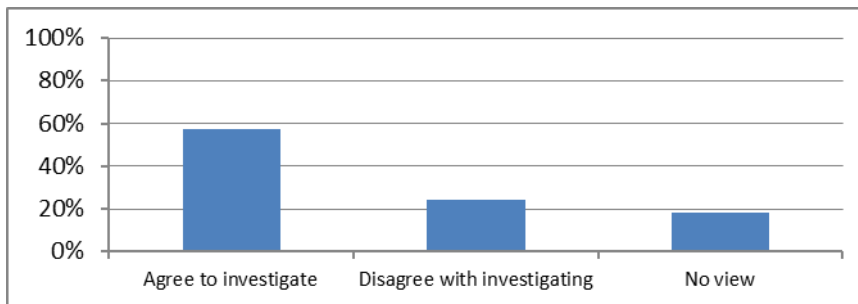
Comments

- Would need an idea on cost
- I think this is very low priority and that most people would not recognise if there were posts there or not.
- Where possible this should be linked to running dark fibre to facilitate the introduction of high speed internet.
- Removal of poles and wires should not involve excessive cost
- Don't see this as being a major issue. Most villages have poles and cables anyway.
- A policy of removal where possible is useful but it is not a priority
- I agree but this will be very costly
- Agree - overhead cables are dangerous and an eyesore and should be put underground.
- The cost would probably outweigh the benefits.
- Leave it.
- Depending on cost.
- Although the recent undergrounding of cables in School Lane was fairly shambolic - necessitating additional poles!
- Removal of wires and poles would make a big visual improvement.
- The overhead poles are not pretty but I wonder if this is a good use of money unless we can have gas delivered at the same time
- Is this a realistic proposition given current fiscal restraints?
- Disruption would be immense. Not as easy to fix.
- Parish Council should also encourage people to keep their areas smart and tidy I.e. the fence opp The Green - The Old Grainstore - ?? falling down - broken ?? Etc. in full view of the centre of Chearsley
- Can be achieved if continuous pressure put on utility company
- Never even noticed this issue
- Too costly & inconvenient
- Villages e.g. in France that don't have service poles are far more attractive
- These should be put underground ASAP
- Overhead services are untidy, but the roads seem to be left in worse condition after being replaced underground

Question 15. The group believes that, like other communities, Chearsley should be more active in investigating the potential for village-wide opportunities for the utilisation of alternative sources of energy and renewable energy. We recommend that investigations are undertaken to examine viable options such as solar power, biomass boilers and provision of an electric power point for vehicles. Do you agree?

- I agree with the recommendation to investigate this matter
- I disagree with the investigating this further
- I have no view on this issue

The Village Response



Comments

- I believe in a village like this the impact would be totally insignificant and the costs of even investigating it out of all proportion
- Solar farms, wind turbines and biomass boilers are not consistent with the rural ambience of Chearsley.
- Also we should actively seek to save energy. Listed houses should be allowed to use double glazed window as long as these windows respect the character of the building. Solar panels should also been allowed as long as they don't destroy the character of the house.
- But no large wind turbines
- Is a matter for individual households.
- I believe we have no choice but to look at it, but a clear and firm village wide policy, hopefully underwritten by AVDC, should be adopted to keep things in proportion. Most importantly, the impact of such development on neighbouring houses must be an uppermost consideration.
- Wind farms and solar panels are at odds with the concept of 'Conservation Areas'
- If people have electric cars (anyone?!) then they have their own charge points. Solar power, people can get their own panels. Biomass - likewise, not needed "en mass" for a village.
- Solar panel incentives
- 1. We are quite capable of organising these things for ourselves. 2. Not enough village electric cars to warrant this.
- I am afraid the preoccupations with (usually intrusive) renewables is largely nonsense and we should waste a minimum time and energy on it.
- Siting of facilities to be accessible but unobtrusive will be difficult.
- I looked into solar power but because I was neither facing south now had enough space to make a big difference I didn't go ahead. Has anyone tried ground source heat in the village? Unless the electricity for electric cars comes from renewable source, it creates even more pollution. It takes more fossil fuel to produce the equivalent energy to that produced by an efficient petrol vehicle. Electric cars make sense in a large town where pollution is a bigger problem. Unfortunately diesel seems to be more dangerous than petrol to anyone with respiratory problems.
- However any proposal must be in keeping with village conservation consideration and be complimentary to the village feel.
- Mains gas should come first.
- The cost could be prohibitive for the villagers especially the OAP's.
- All expensive options
- Solar power equipment is very unsightly

- No wind turbines
- Oil syndicate would be helpful
- Comment not decipherable
- with the proviso that solid evidence of net economy & reliability is available
- Do not like too many solar panels from aesthetic viewpoint

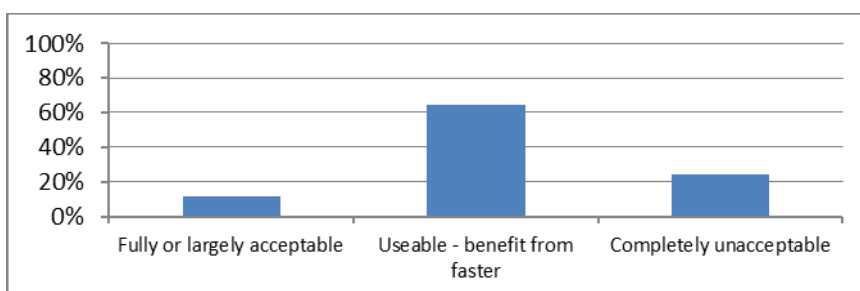
Section 5. Broadband and Mobile services

Questions from the Business & RESCU Groups.

Question 16. What is your experience of current Broadband Services?

- Fully or largely acceptable
- Useable but would benefit from a faster service
- Completely unacceptable – too slow and unreliable

The Village Response



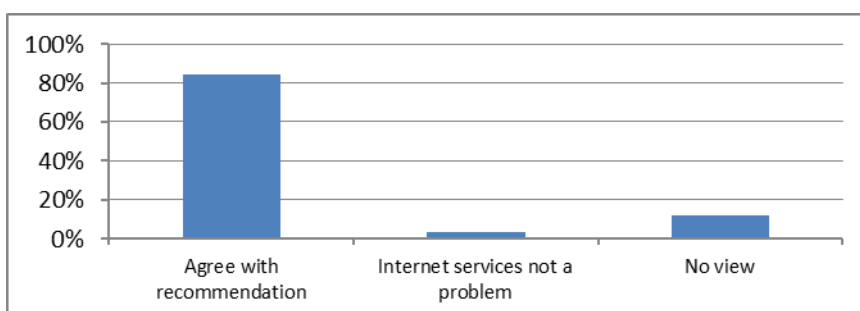
Comments

- Makes it impossible for me to work from home some days
- I use broadband 24hrs a day and whilst I find it usable I would welcome a service such as they have in Haddenham or Thame
- I do not attempt any business work from home, the service is so bad it is quicker for me to drive to the office in Aylesbury to download a large file.
- Hours to load videos always cutting out , a poor service
- Affects my ability to work at home.
- Frustratingly slow, antiquated and anti-business, a priority.
- No computer
- Self-explanatory! Too slow and reliable.
- Largely acceptable but then I don't download a lot. Improvements are always nice.
- No comment.
- Drops out whilst using her work. Cannot support 2 users in house.
- My service can be as low as 0.5 mb & I cannot watch I-player or You-tube
- Barely useable & too slow & unreliable

Question 17. The groups believes that the current provision for Broadband Internet services in Chearsley is unreliable, being slow and often unstable. We recommend investigating collectively how a better level of service can be improved across the village. Do you agree?

- I agree with the recommendation
- Internet services are not a problem in the village
- I have no view on this issue

The Village Response



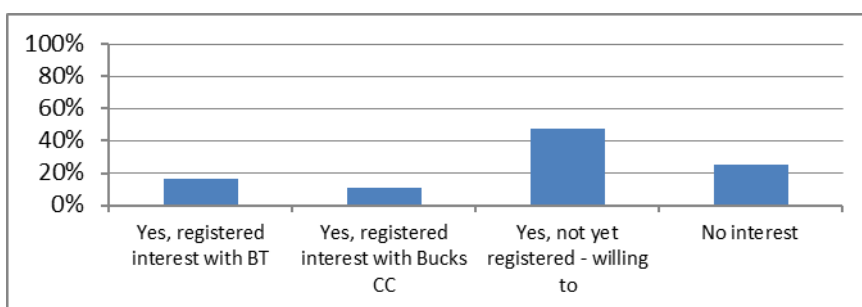
Comments

- Definitely
- Not a heavy user, but I see that for many businesses hi-speed broadband is essential.
- Very unreliable.
- I agree.
- Internet services do not seem to be a problem at the end of Dark Lane.
- Mine is O.K. for my residential use

Question 18. Are you interested in Superfast Broadband (20+ Mbps) and have you done anything about it?

- Yes and I have already registered an interest on the BT website for Broadband
- Yes and I have already registered an interest with the Bucks CC Broadband website
- Yes but I have not yet registered an interest but am willing to do so
- No interest

The Village Response



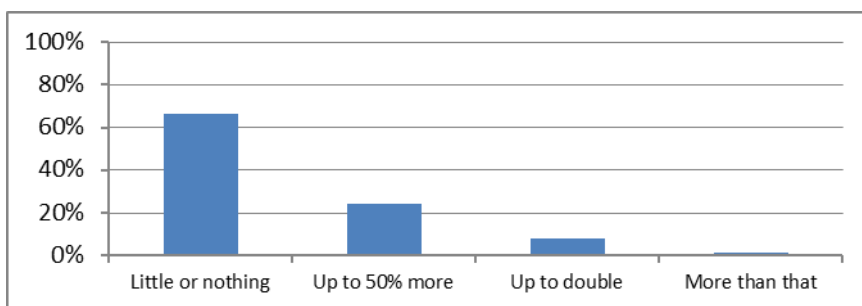
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- Don't know, I don't personally need it.
- Didn't know you could, will do!
- Registered but heard nothing.
- I think I registered an interest.
- Cost
- Think interest has been registered

Question 19. How much more would you pay for higher speed Broadband?

- Little or nothing
- Up to 50% more
- Up to double
- More than that

The Village Response



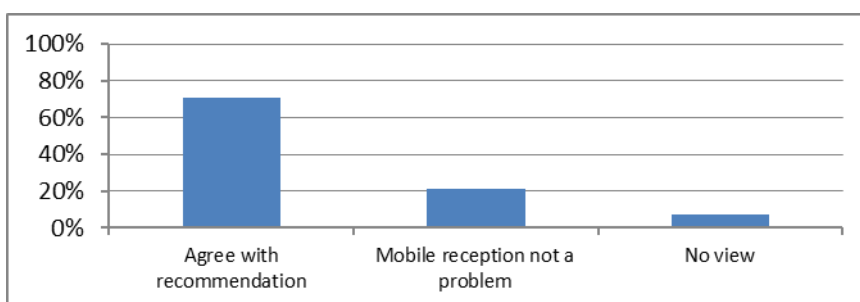
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- I am not working from home so higher speeds are 'nice to have' rather than 'essential'
- I don't have a computer.
- Don't know
- Needed for business.
- Others receive vastly improved speed/service for the same price that we pay. If we paid less for the poor service we received I'd be happy to pay more!
- Not sure.
- As currently adequate for our purposes.
- They (BT) are supposed to supply it. If we allow charging it will be another service tax.
- Not sure we should pay more when we are already meant to have faster speed for our current monthly costs.
- Others in towns & cities pay the same for superfast broadband
- Some more

Question 20. The group believes that the current mobile phone service in Chearsley is unreliable and characterised by no-signal areas. We recommend investigating collectively how reception can be improved across the village, without the construction of unsightly masts. What do you think?

- I agree with the recommendation
- Mobile phone reception is not a problem in the village
- I have no view on this issue

The Village Response



Comments

- Mobile service in this village is almost non-existent. We need a much better service and we should consider having a mast sited in the village.
- I have had to return two SIMs from different suppliers because of unusable reception
- A mast somewhere may be the only way of improving reception – don't rule it out entirely
- We use Tesco signal in our property, any other suppliers Orange etc. have to go to front of property to get a signal on mobile phones
- Devices are available to improve the signal within your own home
- (Caveat: for use personally!)
- Very poor service down the bottom of the village.
- I agree.
- Let the Church get some income and put a discrete mast on the tower.
- Fine in Church Lane but may be a problem in other parts of the village
- O2 & Vodafone are O.K. for us
- Mine needs sorting out quickly
- Disagree-I do not want microwaves in my house as I believe they are detrimental to health

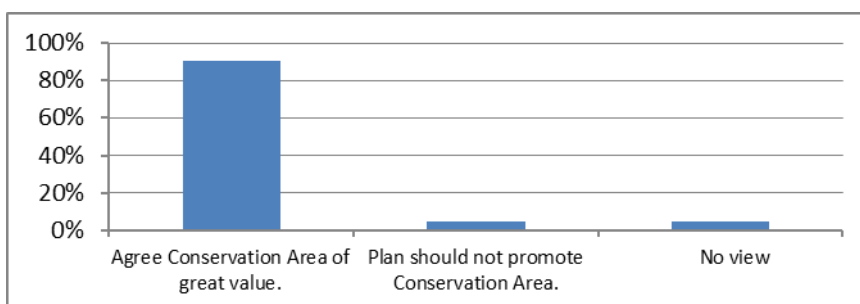
Section 5. Conservation Area Issues.

Questions and Recommendations from the RESCU Group on

Question 21. The group regards the value of the Chearsley Conservation Area as being significantly beneficial to the village, both for the present and future. What do you think?

- I agree that the Chearsley Conservation Area is of great value and should be preserved and its enhancing features and obligations recognised in the Village Plan.*
- I do not think that Chearsley should recognise or promote their Conservation Area in the Village Plan.*
- I do not have a view on this issue*

The Village Response



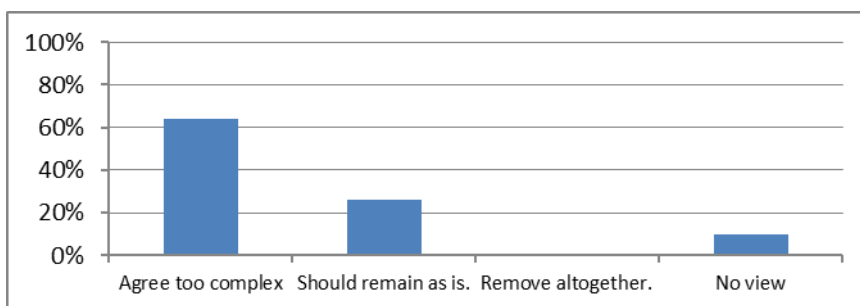
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- Whilst conservation is nice, it must not be used to stop the natural development of the village. It would be disastrous if we were denied a post office for instance because of a conservation plan
- I agree with the Guidance Notes that the Area is not well understood. Unfortunately this often means that Conservation standards are applied in areas that do not enjoy Conservation advantages.
- However, the village plan should allow home owners in the Conservation Area to live in the 21st Century too. I believe that sometimes the CA document has not been used objectively. Recommendations in the CA document have been ignored at time to allow certain developments and the same recommendations have used at other time to stop other people's developments.
- It appears that the conservation area should be extended.
- I agree.
- The conservation area is excellent and could possibly be expanded.
- Worth explaining what the benefits are
- Because it restricts the potential for development & makes housing more expensive for young people

Question 22. Looking at the current map, the group favours a fresh look at the extent of the Conservation Area with a view to simplifying and updating it. What do you think?

- I agree that the current Conservation Areas too complex and not really reflective of current environmental factors*
- I think that the current Conservation Area should remain as it is.*
- I think that the Group should seek to remove Conservation Area status altogether.*
- I do not have a view on this issue*

The Village Response



Comments

- There is no point in having a conservation area at all if people are allowed to flout it anyway
- Retrospective application of conservation rules within new boundaries is too awful to contemplate.
- It should be a better balance between the restrictions imposed to the building in the C.A. and the total absence of restrictions for the houses bordering the C.A.
- At first sight there seems no reason not to include all of the lanes part of the village in the CA
- Some homes are 'in' which shouldn't be (e.g. Lammas Lane)
- Conservation Area must be maintained - it is integral to the village character - sensible updating is right
- The Edwardian mansion of Chearsley Hill House and associated buildings should be in C.A.
- So long as it is not greatly decreased.
- I think more should be added of the conservation area, namely the field before Manor Farm and Church.
- The area needs redefining.
- We need to keep the concept of a Conservation Area though to some extent I think we should all be treated the same! I expect the present rules should be looked at especially because of environment factors. Double glazing needn't be disfiguring.
- Conservation area should enclose whole village south of Aylesbury and Crendon Road.
- Above not clear, however in favour of reviewing conservation to ensure it best meets village requirements.
- I do not understand option 1.
- Should include Winchendon Rd & Aylesbury Rd as there are key sightlines as you enter the village

Section 6. Environmental issues.

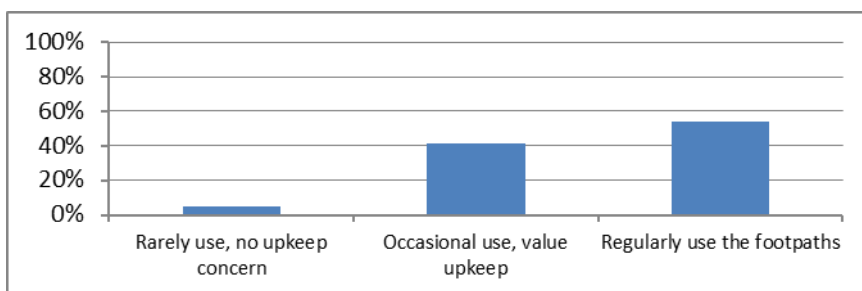
Questions and Recommendations from the RESCU Group

Question 23. The Group wishes to understand your views on use made of our village footpaths and your opinion of their condition. We have no specific recommendation on this issue at this time. To what degree do you use any of the footpaths within the village? Does the condition of any footpath cause any access problems for you?

Usage

- I rarely use the footpaths and have no real concern for their upkeep
- I occasionally use some footpaths and value their upkeep.
- I regularly use the footpaths (e.g. monthly)

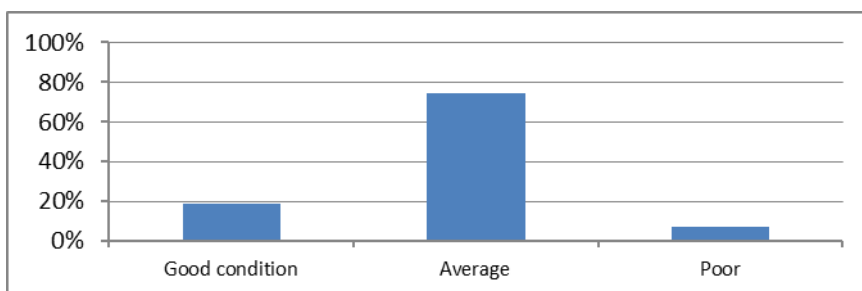
The Village Response



Condition

- In good condition
- Average
- Poor

The Village Response



Comments

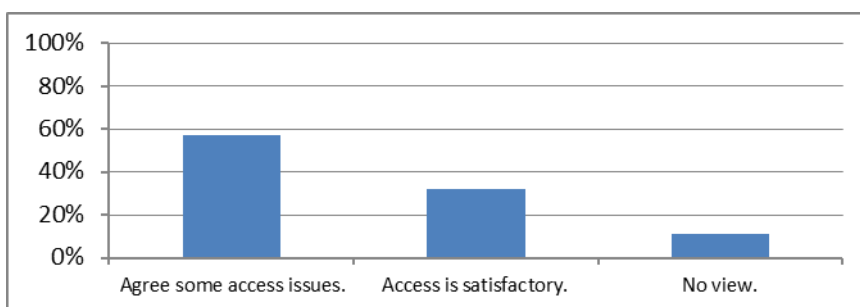
- Dog fouling is rife on the footpaths.
- We do not need pristine footpaths – they are a rural feature and should be kept that way
- Access to Farmyard Path is particularly poor at the Church Lane end. The bank is steep and slippery. Some set of steps would alleviate this.
- There does not seem to be regular upkeep (leaf build up in Winter, weeds in Spring/Summer, and dog-fouling spoil them)
- Perhaps village team to monitor footpaths
- In general they are kept in good condition.
- The footpaths are a valuable asset and should be maintained very much better than they currently are.
- Hedge trimming is inadequate.
- I regularly use the footpaths and find they are generally in good enough condition.

- Currently, we aim to keep in good order all the footpaths that are regularly used, including the one that is not on the current footpath map. John Lewis has a copy of the proposed footpath plan/i.e. the ones that are currently used.
- Some direction arrows are not that clear as to what direction they are pointing.
- Over grown sometimes
- Some are impassable: maintenance needed
- Overgrown in Summer
- Narrow kissing gates very difficult to navigate with pushchairs, small children etc. - even harder than stiles
- Not clearly known. Bucks CC says 1998 map is probably most definitive and O.S? Some stiles/bridges overgrown. Their existence would be a help
- They need cutting more often but in general are O.K.
- Pavements e.g. School Lane need more attention-overhanging branches etc. rough surfaces
- Condition generally acceptable

Question 24. The group believes that some of our footpaths currently cause access issues for those with young children or with mobility difficulties. As such, we recommend the replacement of styles with suitable gates and, where appropriate, the unobtrusive levelling of some pathways to improve access. How do you feel about this?

- I agree that some pathways cause access issues and this should be rectified in a manner appropriate to the individual situations.*
- Access to Pathways is currently perfectly satisfactory.*
- I have no view on this issue.*

The Village Response



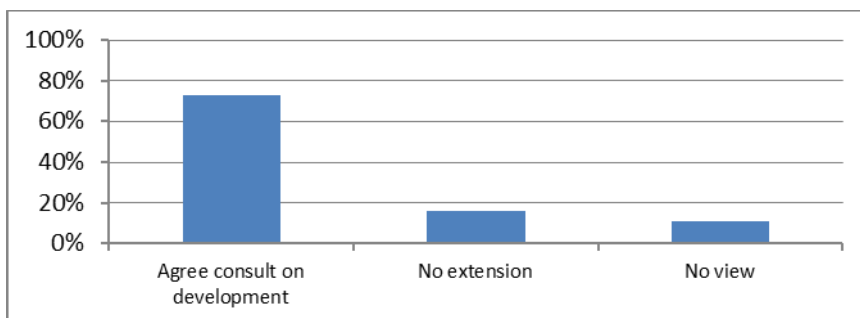
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- Managed with buggy for many years
- Who is complaining about access? Or is this the group trying to generate some feeling?
- Gates should be wooden, not metal.
- I remember going round one day with a buggy and having to lift it over the style but I would be sorry to see styles disappear. However, if enough people want gates let's go for it
- Some surfaces are very slippery.
- We are in the country, if we want a park type pathway live in a more urban area.
- I would prefer gaps in hedges as in Northumberland to allow passage but staggered to restrict livestock. Some gates are very stiff
- Yes-good for children in push-chairs
- No reason to change to gates. Children can climb over stiles
- Some paths are muddy & slippery - for most of the year these days!

Question 25. The group recommends the creation and maintenance of more wild flower areas, in agreed suitable locations to benefit the appearance of the village and intends to consult further on possible locations. Do you agree?

- I agree that we should be consulted on the development of more wild flower areas in suitable locations around the village.*
- I do not wish to see any extension of wild flower areas in the village*
- I have no view on this issue*

The Village Response



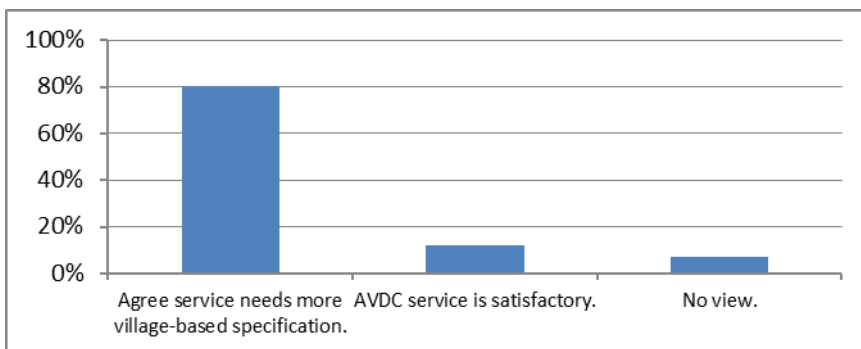
Comments

- I believe in other villages they are called weeds!
- Care must be taken to exclude noxious weeds such as Ragwort or Hogweed
- Road and path banks need to be kept trimmed.
- Although there is a danger that wildflower areas can be easily mistaken for scruffy weed infested wasteland!
- Lovely idea.
- We are trying to create and maintain more wildflower areas alongside the stream that runs from the bottom of Dark Lane by the footpath.
- However, no further consultation with villagers needed. Just do it
- They look messy
- A very good idea
- The verge on left on entrance from Crendon was desecrated this Spring & would have been much better left as wild grass
- More wild flowers please

Question 26. The group believes that the roadside maintenance programme currently provided by AVDC (1metre of each roadside verge) requires more village-based direction and management. We wish to look at means of improving this. What do you think of this maintenance service?

- I agree that this service needs a more specific village-based specification and management.*
- The AVDC service is perfectly satisfactory as it is.*
- I have no view on this issue.*

The Village Response



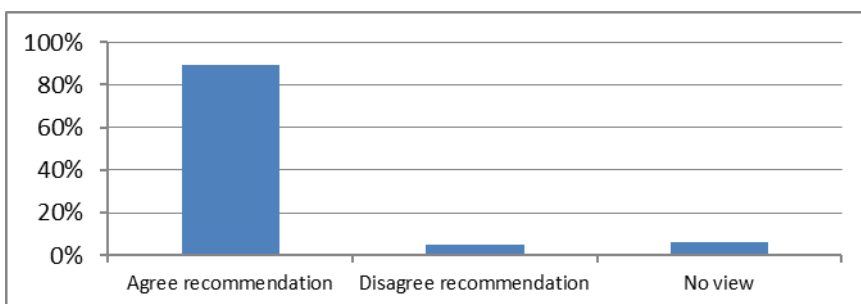
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- Outside the green, nothing is touched any more.
- This would be desirable but probably difficult to put in place.
- Need to expand on this for comment. What direction etc.?
- The AVDC contractors do seem to respond to requests.
- The AVDC does a mediocre job and doesn't take account of the individual requirement for each village.
- More village management. I am sure they started mowing before it was really necessary this year and then didn't cut in the autumn.
- The current mowers are rubbish(except Graham)
- P.C. could join with neighbouring parishes o employ own grass cutter. If PC. takes on this function AVDC should provide funding
- Don't want to pay twice
- Explanation of areas to be preserved to be given in native tongue
- With some help the verges could be managed by the village

Question 27. The group believes that it may be better to employ a local contractor, guided by the Parish Council to maintain road verges and footpaths throughout the village and recommends that such possibilities be investigated to improve appearance and possibly save money. Do you agree?

- I agree with the recommendation to investigate this
- I disagree with the recommendation
- I have no view on this issue

The Village Response



Comments

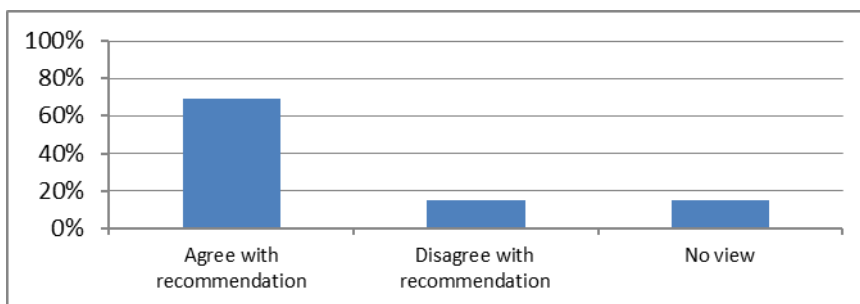
- As long as the bidding process is open, with clearly defined goals and a saving made on current costs. This must not be just a job for the boys.
- Using local contractors would provide a more consistent service (same person doing the job)
- Maybe. But why? Needs explanation.

- There should also be a level at homeowner responsibility.
- but be realistic about the time required to manage this.
- I don't know enough.
- The cost is likely to be unacceptable
- Worth investigating.
- We pay council tax and this would be another charge. Work with AVDC to improve the situation.
- ? If we have more wild flower areas.
- Who would pay for the local contractor
- I understand the P.C. opted out from the arrangement with BCC where the work was done by the Parish & paid for by BCC
- Only if I can get a reduction in Council tax
- As long as they are cut regularly in Spring & Summer
- Redefine & create some footpaths actually taken eg Long Meadow Garden & Lamas Lane to Moor Path

Question 28. The group believes that potential new cycle/bridleway paths in the area should be investigated with a view to improving access and leisure, school-run and commuting routes. Do you agree?

- I agree with the recommendation to investigate this*
- I disagree with the recommendation*
- I have no view on this issue*

The Village Response



Comments

- The idea of a foot/cycle path to Haddenham station is very appealing
- Also better public transport connections to railway etc.
- But who is going to pay
- Would be a valuable improvement to life in Chearsley if we could cycle to more villages and get our children out on bikes without fear of traffic.
- Especially good idea to create an as-the-crow-flies (direct) cycle track to train station at Haddenham across farmland or along railway line in collaboration with network rail. Currently cyclists from Chearsley have to do a huge round route along dangerous roads. Could be funded by tolling users.
- It would be a boon for commuters to have a cycle path down Crendon Road and then on railway land to the A418. There may even be rail money for such a project. I also favour inter village or to Thames cycle paths off roads and metalled.
- Is there any demand for this?
- As long as they can be used as footpaths. There are currently no safe walking routes.
- Access routes are sufficient for the size and character of the village.
- Can I have a cycle path to Haddenham Railway Station please?
- I take it that "the area" means outside the village.
- Sometimes I think it would be nice if there was a path next to the road to Long Crendon for anyone not in a car.
- Too much school run traffic.
- Again if you want to live in a urban area move there.

- To the station
- Particularly a cycleway to Haddenham & Thame parkway station
- Not a realistic aim. No funding available.
- Route towards Haddenham would be great & help to reduce commuter traffic
- There are more important things needed within the village

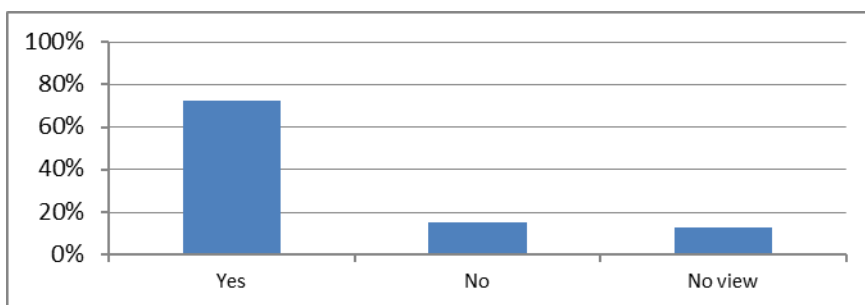
Section 6. Community & Leisure issues.

Questions from the Community and Leisure Group

Question 29. Do you think we need a new Village Hall with better facilities?

- Yes, it needs improving
- No – it's fine as it is
- I have no view on this

The Village Response



Comments

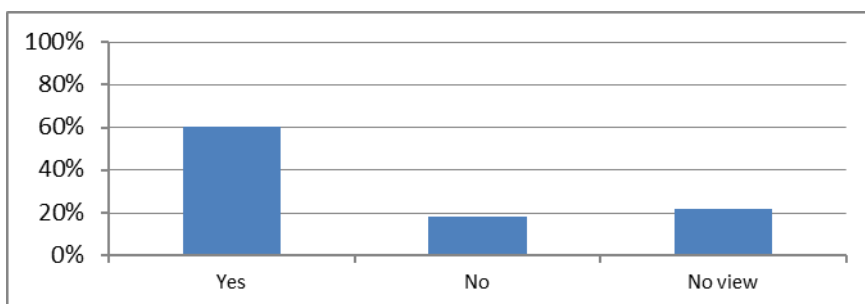
- Not if it means building at site 6
- The village hall should have been knocked down five years ago. It has no redeeming features. We need something modern, warm, clean with proper toilet facilities, office areas etc.
- This is probably not a priority at this time but needs doing eventually
- But not necessarily relocating.
- Including re-location if it achieves a better end result
- As a current trustee/committee member I have no comment but will help if necessary should a majority want change
- It is pretty grim at the moment.
- Pull it down and rebuild.
- What do CHUF say? Not if it means building at 6.
- Improvement would be nice, but would need to know its nature and what the knock-on effects would be.
- Unable to decide. Is it's upkeep very demanding as it is? Who would pay for it and who would use it?
- not necessarily a new village hall - it just needs improving or merged with the Cricket Club.
- No particular view.
- Dilapidated
- This is the most important issue from the village plan. It should include re-location of the village shop and if possible the cricket club. The funding should come from the development of the current village hall site.
- It needs improving but on existing site.
- With a proper kitchen and decent washroom facilities, decent heating and hot water.
- The current hall is not fit for purpose.
- Ugly building. Limited facilities e.g. kitchen
- To cricket ground but see Q4 re millennium field
- But CHUFS needs to be supported during change as this is hugely valuable resource for families in the village
- It should certainly be more energy efficient than the existing, really should be using alternative energy sources
- Very much so. Kitchen facilities inadequate
- It's disgraceful
- CHUF needs a better home with more modern facilities & better kitchens

- Bigger, prettier = more bookings
- It probably needs some improvement, but still serves its general purposes quite well as it houses CHUF on all 5 weekdays, regular Pilates, Zumba and Karate classes, as well as being a popular area wide venue for children's parties etc. Also houses village organisations such as WI, Youth Club, Parish Council etc.

Question 30. Would you like to see the facilities of the cricket ground and Millennium field expanded to enable year round use of the space?

- Yes, a useful improvement*
- No need for this*
- I have no view on this*

The Village Response



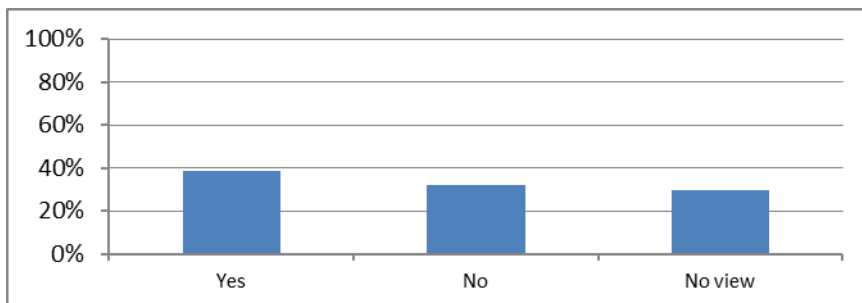
Comments

- Absolutely. The village hall should be re-sited here with more thought given to our rapidly aging children who will need tennis courts, a proper youth club
- Facilities previously provided in the Millennium Field were heavily underused
- The Chearsley village football team has to play home games at Tetsworth. Addressing this would be a start. Building on these sites would be a backward step.
- Cricket pitch is valuable outdoor space and needs to be used more so developers cannot build on it! We would miss it badly once it was gone.
- As a £1/4m + project, moving the cricket ground higher up with pavilion and splendid village centre/hall relocated might be looked at?
- Let's face it. The Millennium field has not been a success.
- With the qualification being the same as for question 29
- Not sure how it would affect the cricket ground itself.
- The noise from the cricket field in summer is considerable and the practice nets are very close to local houses. We welcome winter for peace and quiet.
- but it depends on the use made.
- It would be sensible if the cricket club doubled as a village hall.
- No view.
- It probably makes sense, if other uses can be found for it.
- ? The Cricket Club/Village Hall into one really good facility.
- Particularly millennium field
- If there is a requirement
- Tennis court/small football pitch would be great for older children
- Perhaps a tennis court
- Yes, subject to the wishes of the Cricket Club, but experience shows that nothing will get off the ground without a great deal of planning, hard work and enthusiasm in any start-up situation by – realistically – a small number of enthusiasts.

Question 31. Would you like the use of a rural village amenity space/park?

- Yes
- No
- I have no view on this

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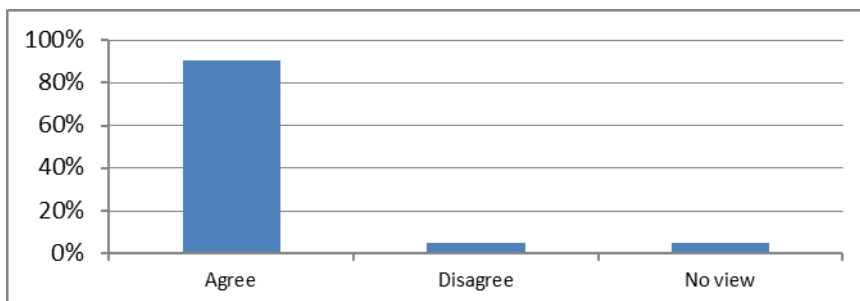
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- As long as it didn't have the stupid restrictions put on it that the millennium field did which made it virtually unusable.
- There is ample amenity access to open fields around the village.
- But it would have to be very carefully and sensitively provided – there's lots of potential to make a mess with such developments
- There is/was one but is little used.
- Millennium Field does not get used - if it was, also it could be used for tennis, 5-a-side football, hockey practice
- Millennium fields to be converted to children's playground area (Long Crendon recently re-vamped)
- The Millennium ground failed for lack of use: unattended children are not permitted to cross our busy main road.
- Not needed.
- Depending upon its nature, location and effect on local residents.
- It has already been provided and at great expense and was not needed.
- Currently rather limited options for kids in the village. We go to Haddenham, Crendon or Thame instead.
- Too vague and location issues would be difficult.
- I like the idea of making more use of the river area but would be unhappy if it brought more cars down the lanes.
- Unclear what this implies.
- We are in rural village??? (Can't read the writing)
- Small playground already exists. Suitable for small village needs.
- Unlike Cuddington & Long Crendon Chearsley has NO outdoor family space
- No need
- Beautiful countryside all around
- More important things needed
- We have the countryside
- Great idea. Near the Church with an indoor space for junior church to use. Include woods for tree climbing, jetty for swimming/fishing, bench
- It would be best in conjunction with millennium field.

Question 32. The groups believe that Chearsley residents require village-based post office services and recommend that this should be located within Chearsley Stores. Do you agree?

- I agree with the recommendation*
- I disagree with the recommendation*
- I have no view on this issue*

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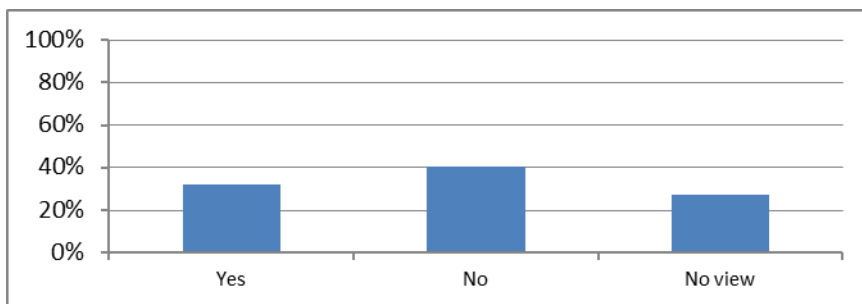
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- They don't necessarily need to be based in the shop - but it would make sense. However this would mean a firm commitment from Janine to allow the shop to stay - there would not be another chance.
- This would greatly benefit the village shop
- But not likely to happen
- The village store is clear favourite, but other locations should also be considered, e.g. pub if viable
- Should be incorporated in a new village hub, with hi-level internet tools available and drop off point for couriers.
- We all miss this facility and bring more business to shop.
- Not enough room.
- 100%. Just a letters and parcels facility would be a great start. Plus there's always a queue at Long Crendon P.O! Would also generate more income and stability for the shop.
- The present shop space is hardly enough to add a Post Office.
- The P.O was closed because of inevitable changes in service requirements and delivery methods. It was no longer economic and this is very unlikely to change.
- Would be very useful as I run my business from home.
- Agree
- Space is a problem.
- Post Office services are desirable. They could be provided in the pub, cricket pavilion or even at the church!!!
- It would be wonderful but we are lucky with L.C and Cuddington P.O's
- Unless Q 30 applies
- Good business for existing village shop. Cutting down on travel outside village
- Where else?
- Good luck as the P.O. won't allow one as close to Cuddington & long Crendon
- Very much so-it would boost the shop as well as providing postal & banking services
- Unrealistic in present climate. P.O. unlikely to return as other ones within 2 minutes
- These services would be desirable.

Question 33. Do we need a cash point within the village?

- Yes*
- No*
- I have no view on this*

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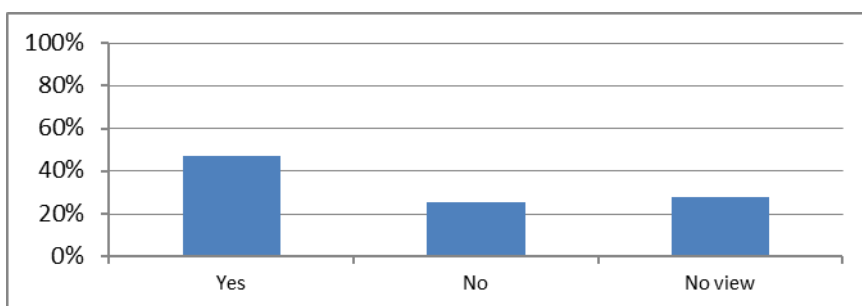
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- Why - both the pub and the shop take credit and debit cards. Where else can you spend cash?
- Particularly if the post office is re-established
- Perhaps we should get the Post Office services first
- Convenience
- It would be wonderful to get it back + cashpoint.
- Maybe. Maybe not.
- As per the one in Long Crendon Post Office.
- Provided the shop can offer the cash back facility.
- Yes, though I manage without it.
- Together with the post office facility.
- Always welcome, but no strong views.
- Attracts thieves.
- Risk of rise in crime.

Question 34. Do you agree with the conclusion the least well catered for are the Youth and Elderly?

- Yes
- No
- I have no view on this

The Village Response



Comments

- At the moment no, but I see a requirement for more youth centred activity in the next five years. The elderly had coffee mornings and the like but did not really attend.
- See earlier comments about playing fields.
- What is the evidence for this conclusion?
- If you chose to live in a village with limited facilities you must be responsible for your own family needs and interests
- "Youth - there is/was a Youth Club?"
- Elderly - the Village Hall could be used as a tea room"
- Youth - encourage the Cricket Club to be open, min 1 night a week during off season.

- I am not really in a position to judge!
- Just the most needy.
- It's a village and a small one at that. Can't be all things to all people.
- Both groups need other people (volunteers) to sustain facilities for them.
- I worry particularly about the lack of things for adolescents to do or places to meet. Would an informal network help so parents could advertise they were taking their child to some club or another and that they would be happy to take another child too. Children going to different schools might make new friendships. Ever hopeful.
- What about coffee mornings at the pub? Volunteers to run it?
- Although there are no easy solutions.
- Chearsley is a small village. There are lots of things for the children and the elderly in the surrounding villages. They just need to be made aware of these.
- Elderly, then the youth
- What does anyone really expect from village amenities? There is a shop, Pub and Youth Club.
- Youth most underserved
- A recent survey showed that some elderly people are socially excluded. Lack of bus service users causes problems for minority who no longer drive. Youngsters have no opportunity to travel independently of parents. Access to surgeries & medication is not easy.
- The youth & elderly (like any age group) can make their own entertainment
- Dependent on support of those concerned
- The youth are catered for but not the elderly
- No, but organization is required for both groups.

Section 7. Other Comments

Question 35. Are there any other comments you wish to make on any topic you think is of relevance to the Chearsley Plan, whether it is covered in the Consultation Document or not.

- Happy to help on the Housing Group if help still required
- I think the business section is appalling and needs re-writing. It was obviously rushed or not thought out properly. What about sections on self-help business groups, setting up office space for small businesses to work from with shared services? Setting up groups of Chearsley consultants with the massive wealth of talent we have here.
- The bus service is very important to a significant number of village residents and should be included in the document. An excellent document - well thought out and put together. Many thanks to all those involved.
- Parking in the village - a lot of the lanes are too narrow for parking - yellow lines should be in use.
- An excellent, well thought out plan. Thank you all.
- No - but congrats on the effort to bring all this together.
- Keep Chearsley as a village too much development will make the village into a mini Haddenham, another village spoilt by overdevelopment.
- To expand the use of the Millennium field to winter sports as well as summer (ie cricket) will make life unbearable for local residents
- Any development in the village should not be in the south and east of the village. It should be in the North and west to protect the areas of more historical value and protect the heart of the village. Any development of them fields next to lower green lane is not acceptable and doesn't make practical sense and would be a nail in the coffin of the village.
- Please can we have a better bus service for those that can't drive.
- The plan areas are reliant on the provision of mains, gas in the village. Although sadly unlikely to be a commercial possibility anytime soon, I feel it is worthy of some investigation.
- I suggest that tarmac and paving in private parking areas should be discouraged or even outlawed and gravel encouraged to minimise run off.
- There is a growing problem with regard to delivery by vehicles too large for using the sunken lanes. This problem has to be addressed and where possible building materials and other items delivered by large lorries should be off-loaded at the top of the village.
- There is no need for any change to the village, we like it as it is.
- No. Enough is enough!!!
- I believe with the shop owner agreement we need a survey on what should be stocked to make/ensure continued viability.
- Chearsley is a small rural village - not to ? Town. I think you have to put an amazing amount of work into this well done.
- A very well put together document and questionnaire. Thank you.
- 22+ houses=assisted housing(unemployed??)Invite to crime, spoil existing village, reduced existing property values
- Provisioning main gas. Reinstatement of bus service to Haddenham esp. Rly station
- Would like to see Millennium field as centre for village hall & sports facilities
- Support Council financing of bus service through village
- Better bus service
- We moved to Chearsley because it is relatively small without many facilities. We would have in Cuddington, Long Crendon or Haddenham but like Chearsley as it is ; it's very nearly perfect
- Speeding in Chearsley is greatest concern
- Consider provision of a Primary School. Numbers probably justify one now. Chearsley School was a valuable asset
- New Questions. 1. Kerbing Yes or No. 2. Relocate bus stop for children before child is killed or fence off grass area behind current bus stop. Fence off road side of Green

Your details (optional)

Name

Postcode

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