

## **Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council**

### **PARISH OPINION SURVEY: Community needs and Aspirations for the Future**

In May 2017 we invited residents, businesses and non-residents, to participate in a survey to try to establish the direction in which our community might develop. We wanted to seek views about the future of the Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish area.

We thank everyone who took the time to complete a questionnaire.

It is intended that the opinion survey will help the Parish Council focus on future actions for improving life in our community.

The survey responses will also help decide if there is enough support and interest for producing a 'Neighbourhood Plan'. If there is deemed to be sufficient interest, at this early stage, there will be further consultation undertaken before taking a decision.

The intention of this document is to be open and transparent and share with you the data results at this early stage. The information data from the two wards is presented separately.

The collated raw data information has been circulated to Councillors, but has not been discussed in detail. The Parish Councillors who are on the 'Working Group' for this project will present a detailed report to the October Parish Council meeting on the results of the responses.

The questionnaires were circulated in both Belbroughton and Fairfield by Parish Councillors, to our e mail database, and were also available to download from the Parish Council website.

In the Belbroughton ward 96 surveys were returned of which:

- 79 were residents
- 7 were non -residents
- 8 were business owners
- 6 did not declare their status in the village

In the Fairfield ward 53 surveys were returned of which:

- 39 were residents
- 6 were non -residents
- 2 were business owners
- 6 did not declare their status in the village

## Belbroughton Ward Responses

Number Who made the comment	As a%	
		<b>1 What do you like about the Parish Area?</b>
73	76%	The community/ social aspects/ village life/ the community/ nice area
56	58%	Surrounding countryside / rural area
24	25%	Village facilities
15	16%	Accessibility to other places
2	2%	Scotts McDonalds email briefings
2	2%	Think the Parish Council is good and effective
		<b>2 What do you dislike about Parish?</b>
51	53%	Volume of the traffic/Speeding through the village /Rat run/Traffic noise
13	14%	Parking - lack of it and related poor/ inconsiderate parking
12	13%	Dog fouling/Litter/Fly tipping
11	11%	Heavy goods vehicles (7.5t) highway and the lack of enforcement
9	9%	Vacant/derelict plot in Belbroughton – former Jewellery factory
5	5%	Tennis Club and the impact on space on REC/ Poor Playground & Activity areas
4	4%	Poor planning decisions in Conservation area/ poor use of land
4	4%	The amount of crime/burglary/theft
3	3%	Poor condition of roads/pavements
3	3%	Size of the Festivals held in the village
2	2%	Poor public transport
2	2%	State of Little Bell Pool
1	1%	Excessive tidying of countryside
1	1%	Poor broadband provision
1	1%	State of Belbroughton Village green
		<b>3 Suggest any changes you would like to see happen</b>
37	39%	Traffic Calming/Speed reduction/Enforcement
17	18%	Better maintenance & enhancement of public spaces
17	18%	Improve the playground/activity areas
10	10%	Enforce the Heavy goods vehicles (7.5t) highway weight limit
6	6%	Improve footway accessibility/Install pedestrian crossing by Talbot
6	6%	Old Jewellery factory-building needs to happen
5	5%	More parking available as a village
5	5%	Improve the maintenance and provision of public footpaths
4	4%	More shops/better services / better public transport
4	4%	Greater Police support/presence
4	4%	Improved provision for under 18s

4	4%	Size/frequency of Festivals/Events
3	3%	Maintenance of Highways
3	3%	Planning/use of land/Maintain Green Belt
3	3%	PC communication/village communication
3	3%	Use of PC capital funds/comment
2	2%	Footway lighting/maintenance
2	2%	Church grounds maintenance
2	2%	More focus on non-village locations
		<b>4 Public Space provision – is there enough and any suggestions for our public spaces?</b>
65	68%	Enough space
24	25%	too little space
10	10%	Protect, Improve & Maintain what we have including footpaths
9	9%	Improve the Village Green/ make it more accessible/ make better use of it
7	7%	Recreation Centre and Tennis Courts - provision & facilities for all
5	5%	More Bins/Litter picking
1	1%	Funding spread throughout the parish, not just in the village
1	1%	Reduce Parish Assets – sell some of the public spaces
		<b>5 Feeling of Community Belonging 1 = involved to 5 feeling isolated. Suggestions for change</b>
35	36%	2
31	32%	3
10	10%	1
8	8%	4
5	5%	5
1	1%	More Events
		<b>6 Feeling of Safety indicate feelings of safety from 1 feeling safe to 5 not feeling safe</b>
38	40%	2
22	23%	1
21	22%	3
10	10%	4
1	1%	5
		<b>7 Give any safety concerns and why</b>
35	36%	Traffic/road safety/parking issues
27	28%	Burglary/theft/vandalism
15	16%	Police / emergency response times/police presence
3	3%	Increased risk due to public events

		<b>8 How could our community benefit from development and what might be the impact?</b>
18	19%	Should be no further development
16	17%	Don't know
15	16%	Small development benefitting local economy/infrastructure/ Broadband
12	13%	Small scale sympathetic development
8	8%	Affordable housing/ increasing population diversity
5	5%	Considered but with concerns e.g. more traffic, parking, environmental impact
2	2%	Would provide employment opportunities
2	2%	May improve facilities for elderly and infirm
1	1%	Would make the community environmentally sustainable
		<b>9 Do you think there is enough help for the vulnerable? Suggestions to improve it</b>
52	54%	Don't know
29	30%	No
10	10%	Yes
19	20%	Community Groups including Neighbourhood Watch
8	8%	Transport provision
4	4%	Footway enhancement
2	2%	Traffic enforcement
		<b>10 If additional funds were available, what suggestions would you have to spend the money?</b>
30	31%	Playground/Activity areas/Free Leisure facilities e.g. tennis, outdoor gym, cycle tracks
21	22%	Traffic Measures/ Calming
18	19%	Enhancement of public space & maintenance including litter picking, footpaths
8	8%	Community Groups/Voluntary work/Support Garden Allotment Charity
5	5%	Church yard/graveyard
4	4%	Church Hall
4	4%	Improve LBH Pool area
4	4%	Public parking provision
2	2%	Public transport/bus services
2	2%	Dog warden
2	2%	Improve Parish Communication
2	2%	Improved lighting
2	2%	Use current capital funds
2	2%	Don't know
1	1%	Don't spend major money on Little Bell Pool
1	1%	Affordable Housing

<b>Are you willing to be involved in a Neighbourhood Planning exercise?</b>		
53	55%	No
30	31%	<b>Yes</b>
10	10%	No response
3	3%	Not sure

## Fairfield Ward Responses

<b>1 What do you like about the Parish Area?</b>		
36	68%	The community/ social aspects/ village life/ the community spirit
32	60%	The rural aspect
8	15%	Facilities
5	9%	Accessibility to other places
<b>2 What do you dislike about Parish?</b>		
25	47%	Traffic - traffic noise, speed, volume
22	42%	Parking - lack of it and related issues
7	13%	Traffic pollution and dirt from quarries
5	9%	Dislikes - None
4	8%	Lack of Public transport
3	6%	Poor condition of roads/pavements
3	6%	Dog fouling/Litter/Fly tipping
3	6%	Fairfield - Lack of shop, amenities
3	6%	Lack of affordable housing/lack younger adults
2	4%	Broadband provision
1	2%	Heavy goods vehicles (7.5t) highway enforcement
1	2%	Lack of communication from the Parish Council
1	2%	Fairfield Football Club impact on Recreation use for all
1	2%	Feeling of social isolation
<b>3 Suggest any changes you would like to see happen</b>		
17	47%	Traffic Calming/Speed reduction/Enforcement
11	21%	More Parking/ considerate parking
11	21%	More retail shops/services/PO/transport
9	17%	Affordable housing including social housing
8	15%	Community integration/ involvement/Events/Clubs
6	11%	Improved Playground/Activity areas
5	9%	Footway accessibility/Pedestrian crossing/lighting
4	8%	Highway enforcement of (7.5t) lorries

2	4%	Maintenance & enhancement of public spaces
2	4%	Planning decisions/use of land/Maintain Green Belt
1	2%	Better maintenance of Highways
1	2%	More focus on non-village envelope locations
1	2%	Introduce and encourage more wildlife/plants
		<b>4 Public Space provision – is there enough and any suggestions for our public spaces?</b>
33	62%	enough
11	21%	too little
5	9%	no response
3	6%	too much
3	6%	Maintain what we have
15	28%	Recreation Ground - Facilities for all to use, not just football
2	4%	Enhance village Public areas
		<b>5 Feeling of Community Belonging 1 = involved to 5 feeling isolated. Suggestions for change</b>
23	43%	3
13	25%	2
4	8%	4
4	8%	5
3	6%	1
1	2%	More Events
		<b>6 Feeling of Safety indicate feelings of safety from 1 feeling safe to 5 not feeling safe</b>
18	34%	2
12	23%	3
11	21%	1
4	8%	4
4	8%	5
		<b>7 Give any safety concerns and why</b>
37	70%	Traffic/road safety/parking issues
5	9%	Burglary/theft/vandalism
3	6%	Police / emergency response times/police presence
		<b>8 How could our community benefit from development and what might be the impact?</b>
23	43%	Development benefitting local economy/infrastructure/employment opportunities
15	28%	Affordable housing/ increasing population diversity
13	25%	Don't know
11	21%	Considered but with concerns e.g. size, more traffic, parking, environmental impact, sympathetic
9	17%	No further development
3	6%	Improve facilities for elderly and infirm
1	2%	Measures to make community environmentally sustainable

		<b>9 Provision for the vulnerable</b> is there sufficient help & suggestions of how to help
25	47%	No
18	34%	Don't know
6	11%	Yes
9	17%	More Community Groups including Neighbourhood Watch
7	13%	Improved Transport provision
		<b>10 If additional funds were available, what suggestions would you have to spend the money?</b>
15	28%	Improve Public parking provision in the village
13	25%	Traffic calming measures
9	17%	Free Leisure facilities, Playground/Activity areas/Cycle tracks
8	15%	Community Groups/Projects
7	13%	Affordable/Residential Housing
5	9%	Enhancement of public space & maintenance including litter picking
5	9%	Improve public transport/bus services
3	6%	Improved lighting
1	2%	Maintain a shop
		<b>Are you willing to be involved in a Neighbourhood Planning exercise?</b>
33	62%	<b>No</b>
16	30%	<b>Yes</b>
3	6%	No response
1	2%	Not sure