

EAST BUDLEIGH WITH BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Answers to Questionnaire

NEXT STEPS



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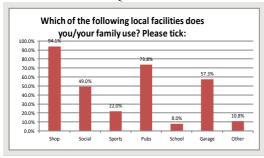
We have published the responses to the main questions in the Parish Magazine and here we show the complete set. To recap, the Questionnaire was delivered to 498 homes in the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish and there was a total of 294 responses*.

Answers to Question 1-Housing

Gives parishioners' views on the quality of housing in the Parish. The graph shows that 86% of the Parish believe that the existing housing is acceptable and that 60% say it is good/excellent. Only 14% regard housing as poor:



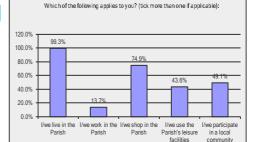
Question 2





Answers to Questions 2 - 3 - 4

As anticipated, 94% of people use the Community Shop and most shop outside for some of their purchases. Question 4 demonstrates that the village is a close knit community with a again 94% participating in local activities.



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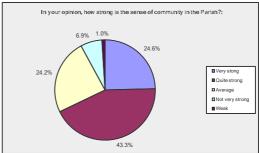
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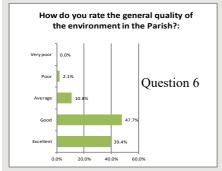
^{*} In the few cases where a questionnaire was returned with two names, it is taken that both persons have responded to the questions in the same way.

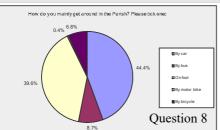
Answers to Questions 5

The sense of community is clearly demonstrated in this chart, with 69% (189 responses) saying that it is very or quite strong. This is to be expected in a small country village, with a church and community shop, that retains its ancient charm and vibrant social activities.

Question 5







Answers to Questions 6

Clearly the great strength of the Parish is the environment, with no less than 87% of the respondents saying that it is good or excellent. Excellent 113; Good 137; Average 31; Poor 6; Very poor 0:

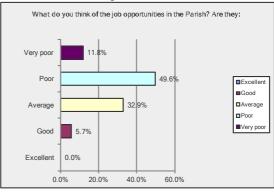
Answers to Questions 8

It is of interest to note that so many people get around the Parish on foot, despite the wide extent of the boundaries. The relatively low number using Public Transport was also reflected in the comments made, particularly in respect to residents of Yettington.

Answers to Questions 10

Although over half the respondents thought that job opportunities were poor, the total of 40% saying that they were average or even good, reflects the surprising number of businesses that trade in the Parish in less than obvious locations.

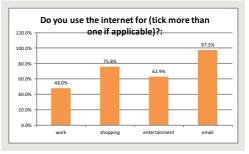
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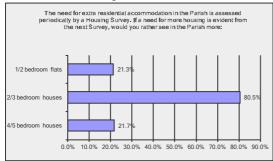
Answers to Questions 12

As would be expected, the internet is used by almost everyone for email, but no less than 48% use it for work. This indicates that already the residents of the Parish are exploiting the internet for business purposes to a greater extent than hitherto thought.

Question 12



Question 13



Answers to Questions 13

Shows the type of properties parishioners would prefer if a need for residential development was established by a Housing Survey. The numbers of 'ticked boxes' were as follows:-

4/5-bedroom houses 59, 2/3 bedroom houses 219, 1/2

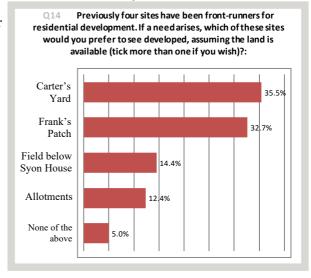
bedroom flats 58. These data can be expressed graphically in percentage terms as shown here.

Answers to Questions 14

This graph shows where parishioners would prefer to see residential development (if needed and the land was available). The numbers of 'ticked boxes' were as follows:EB Allotments 62; Field below Syon House 73;

Frank's Patch 164; Carter's Yard 178; No. boxes ticked 477; The adjacent diagram expresses the data in percentage terms:-

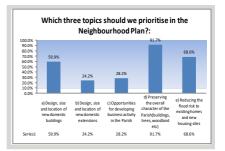
Question 14



Answers to Questions 15

The three topics that parishioners suggested should be priorities in the Plan were:-

Preserving the character of the Parish (254); Location of new development (166); Focus on flood Risk (190). (Total number of boxes ticked 755).



Multi Choice Questions

The questions that asked respondents to put forward ideas and the main comments are listed below:-

Answers to Questions 3 The overwhelming number of comments was that there was an absence of retail premises

including super markets, restaurants, petrol stations etc., but mostly with the rider that they were not to be expected in a small village. The need for affordable housing was mentioned by only 2% of respondents.

Inadequate or missing facilities	Post Office	Medical Facilities	Retail	Leisure	Affordable Housing
Totals	33	30	135	73	7
Percentage	11%	10%	46%	25%	2%

Answers to Question 7 The main complaint raised by the majority of respondents was the need to stop speeding and deal with the parking problem in East Budleigh High Street. Over 50% of Yettington residents complained about the horse box traffic through the village.

Best features of the Parish	Rural & Seaside Environment	School	Shop, Pubs, Church & Hall		Community & Historical Interest
Totals	149	19	105	15	142
Percentage	51%	6%	36%	5%	48%

Answers to Question 9 This question tended to overlap with 7 and parking and speeding enforcement was the main item of contention. More cycle tracks and footpaths were mentioned by a significant number of respondents, ranking as high as road maintenance.

Improvement to Communications	Parking & Speeding Enforcement	Public Transport Evenings & Weekends	Road Maintenance	Cycle Tracks & Footpaths	Dog Hygiene
Totals	70	42	30	30	10
Percentage	23%	14%	10%	10%	3%

Answers to Question 11 The main suggestion was the need to improve the mobile signal and internet speed at 13%, closely followed by 10% saying we did not need more businesses.

Proposed Chapters of the Neighbourhood Plan

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Chapter 1 History of the Parish

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Chapter 3 Education

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Chapter 4 Leisure

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Chapter 5 Getting Around

Authors: Brian Martin, David Buss.

Chapter 6 Worship

Authors: Kathy Moyle, Marjorie Crone-Smith, Revd. Anne Charlton.

Chapter 7 Development of the Parish

Authors: Stanley Roberts, Steve Hall.

Proposed Content of the Neighbourhood Plan

The proposed contents of the seven Chapters of the Neighbourhood Plan are outlined overleaf. The History Chapter will portray the long and important legacy that is the Parish of East Budleigh. In particular the numerous sites and buildings that should be preserved for future generations will be described. Notwithstanding our past, it is equally important to maintain the thriving, if understated businesses, hence the chapter on this subject. It will include the all important farms, shops, garages and the larger enterprises of Clinton Devon Estates and Carter's Cranes. This is followed by the chapter on Education, which will cover Drake's School, Bicton College and the work done by the Little Otters pre-school which operates from the East Budleigh Village Hall. Bicton Park as well as being a business, is an important component of our Leisure Chapter which will also cover All Saints Church Hall, the East Budleigh Village Hall and the various sports clubs. Footpaths and cycle tracks are covered in the next Chapter, Getting Around and it will also deal with Highway issues and Bus Services. The next Chapter, Worship, portrays the pre Norman Conquest All Saints Church and Salem Chapel. The last Chapter will summarise the history and present status of the Parish and will spell out how we, as a community, envisage the Parish developing over the next 20 years, with particular regard to the extent and type of residential development within the Parish boundary.

