

WOODPLUMPTON PARISH PLAN



Planning for the Future

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Views expressed in the Parish Plan have been provided following analysis of the consultation replies submitted by residents. They are not based on any evidential findings.

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A. WHAT IS A PARISH PLAN?

The Parish Plan initiative was introduced in 2000 following the publication of the Government's Rural White Paper '*Our Countryside – The Future*'. Its aim is to:-

'encourage local communities to take control of their own lives, to say what they want doing in their own neighbourhood and to engage with other organisations to get it done'.

Woodplumpton Parish Plan is a formal plan of action for the future, indicating what people would like to see changed, improved or preserved in their area.

It is a community document that individuals, businesses and groups can use to pursue their own projects and ideas.

The Parish Plan clearly identifies the collective needs and aspirations of local residents and outlines what can be done to deliver and improve local services. The actions required to address the issues raised are defined as:-

Short term	-	0 to 6 months
Medium term	-	6 to 24 months
Long term	-	2 to 5 years

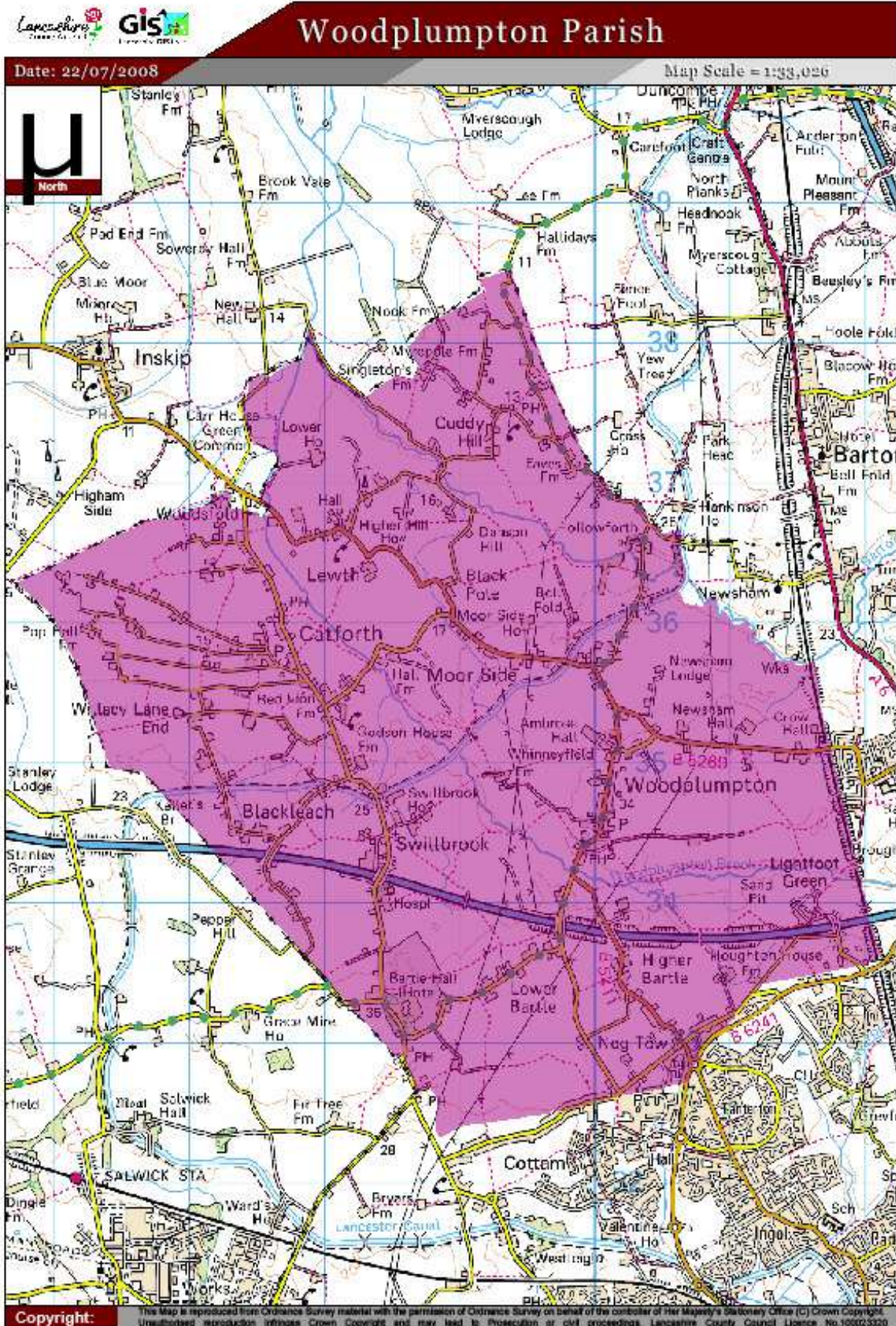
B. OVERVIEW OF THE PARISH

Woodplumpton Parish is located five miles north of the City of Preston, Lancashire. Its location provides easy access to the M6 and M55 motorways, yet it is primarily a rural area with an abundance of green fields linked by the canal network. Many of the roads and infrastructures were built for small farming communities and it is a constant battle to meet the needs and demands of the 21st century.

The Parish covers an area of approximately six square kilometres and agriculture is the predominant industry, however more recently there has been an increase in leisure and tourism activities. The infrastructure comprises of six kilometres of motorway (the M55), a five kilometres section of the Lancaster Canal that is designated as a biological heritage site, eight kilometres of cycle route that is part of the Lancashire Cycleway and two main rivers. These features include over twenty bridges - there are two aqueducts and numerous non-vehicular bridges that give pedestrian access to more than thirty-six public rights of way.

The Parish consists of the two main villages of Woodplumpton and Catforth along with various smaller settlements such as Lower and Higher Bartle, Eaves and parts of Cottam. There are several churches within the Parish - St Anne's Church occupies a prominent site overlooking the valley of Woodplumpton Brook and is believed to date back to Norman times. Local amenities include five public houses, an off license, three canal marinas, a post office and a village hall. Catforth Village Hall has a first class bowling green and Woodplumpton has a combined hall, tennis and bowling club. Both venues are available for hire and provide various clubs and activities. The Parish also has two good local primary schools attended by local children and those from further afield.

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C. HOW WE GOT STARTED

In June 2006 an open community meeting was organised for the residents of Woodplumpton and Catforth Parish. The purpose of this meeting was to explain what a Parish Plan is and to see if there was enough interest and support to develop a plan for the Parish.

The meeting was well attended and a group of local residents volunteered to form a Steering Group. The group was supported from the start by the Parish Council and Community Futures, a local Government organisation that provides guidance and funding for the development of Parish Plans across the country.

The Steering Group first decided that it needed to gather basic information on what the residents of the Parish felt were the main issues they wanted to influence. This was done with a simple survey (Appendix A) which was designed to stimulate a response as well as leaving the opportunity for free expression. This survey was sent to every household on the electoral register and the Steering Group waited for their responses.

From the results of this initial survey 12 key areas / subjects were identified which were then expanded. They were then structured in such a way that they would stimulate both a quantitative and qualitative response from residents. These were compiled into a much more comprehensive questionnaire (Appendix B) which was again distributed to all households within the Parish.

Both the survey and questionnaire were posted on the Parish Council web site as well as being freely available from local businesses and public areas / premises.

The 110 responses received were analysed in detail and the results tabulated in a graphical and text form. (See Section D "Information Gathered, Findings & Actions").

From this analysis, significant issues were identified and appropriate short, medium and long-term actions agreed. In addition to these, specific actions associated with the 12 key areas, common themes and major issues were identified and addressed.

The results of this analysis work have formed the basis of this Parish Plan.

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D. INFORMATION GATHERED, FINDINGS AND ACTIONS

The initial survey (see Appendix A) identified 12 key subject areas. These areas were probed further via the Questionnaire (see Appendix B) which was structured in such a way that the answers would stimulate both a quantitative and qualitative response from residents. The findings, information gathered and recommended actions are covered on the following pages:

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D1. TRAFFIC ISSUES

Information Gathered

Traffic was broken down into two sections; the first section covered the following areas and required a simple yes / no response to indicate whether it was a concern to that particular individual.

- Speeding
- Volume
- Types of vehicles
- Road condition
- Other

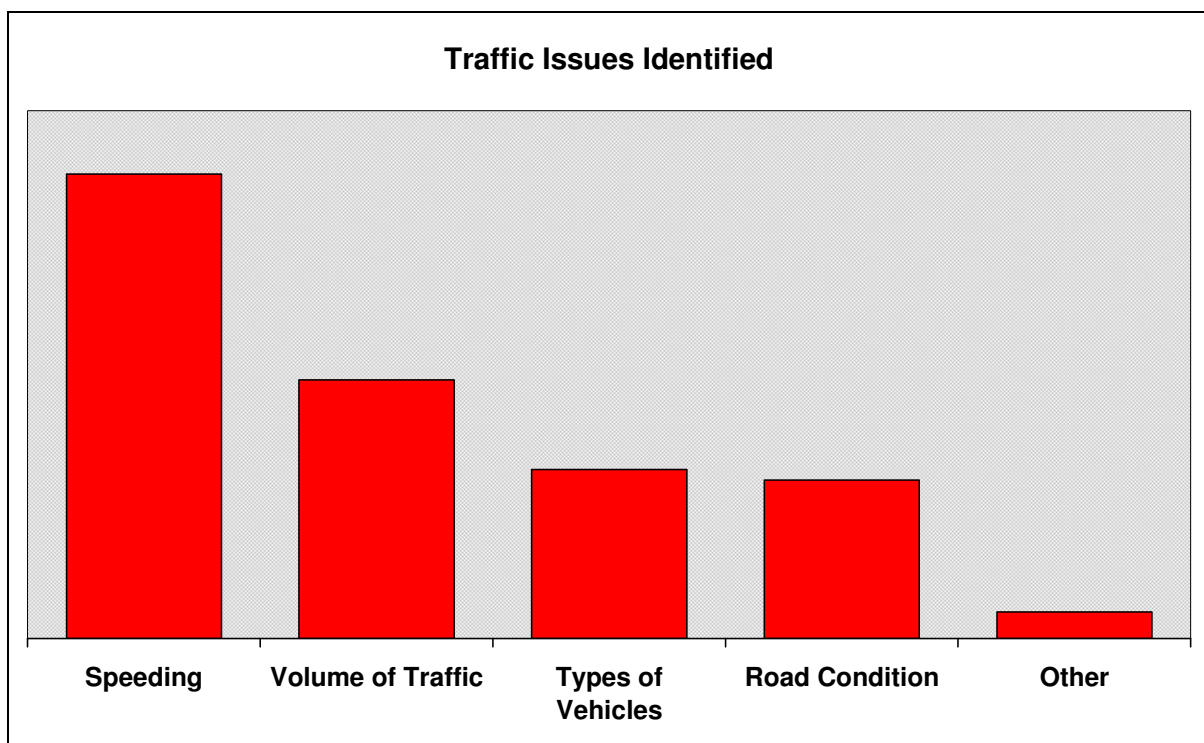
The second section required the individual to indicate where, when and how a specific issue is of concern. Both sets of data were used to better identify **what** and **where** the significant traffic problems were within the Parish.

Findings

Due to the infrastructure of the Parish, its close proximity to the City of Preston and links to major arterial routes through the area, traffic was seen as a significant issue with many drivers cutting through the area to avoid other more congested routes.

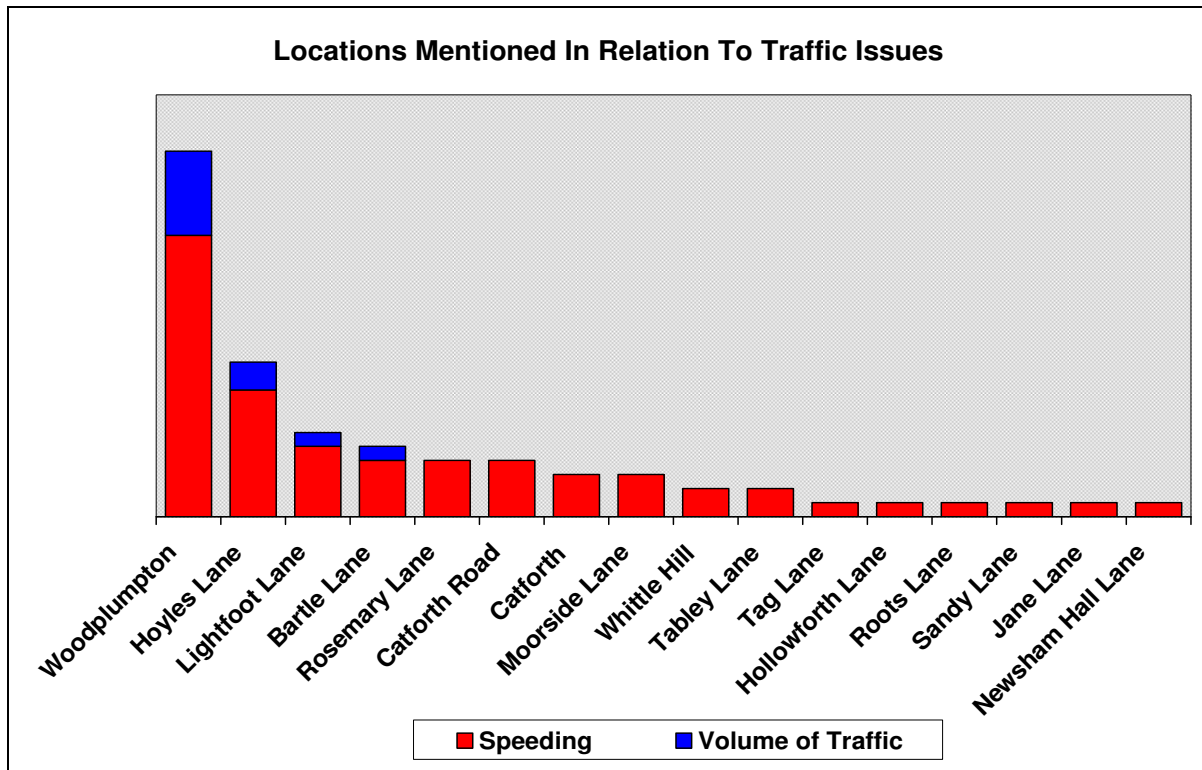
From the responses to the first part of the question the main issue was speeding; the volume of traffic was also a general concern but not at the same level as speeding.

Types of vehicles and road conditions were also identified as issues but there was insufficient qualitative data to be able to identify specific locations.



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Responses to the second part of the question highlighted that speeding was a major cause for concern on the main roads in Woodplumpton and Catforth as well as Hoyles Lane.



Traffic Actions

Short term

- Encourage the local police authority to improve enforcement of traffic regulations in these specific areas.
- Encourage regular two-way dialogue between the residents of the Parish and the local police authority (e.g. PACT meeting) to reinforce the need for traffic regulations to be followed.
- Develop links between volunteer community groups and police to work together to increase road safety.
- Expand the use of SPIDs (Speed Indicator Devices) to act as a deterrent.

Medium term

- Continue to support and implement the Woodplumpton traffic-calming scheme. This scheme includes staggered priority one-way ramps and improved / new signage. Consultation continues with the implementation of this plan.
- Promote the need for traffic calming measures throughout Catforth, particularly the main road and the area around the school.
- Investigate traffic issues, and identify appropriate corrective measures for Hoyles Lane.
- Improve the signage and traffic calming measures along the main road between the Jolly Roger canal bridge and the Sitting Goose pub.

Long term

- Continue to promote traffic calming measures throughout the Parish.

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D2. PARKING

Information Gathered

The parking question was broken down into two sections; the first section covered the following areas that only required a simple yes / no response to indicate whether it was a concern to that particular individual.

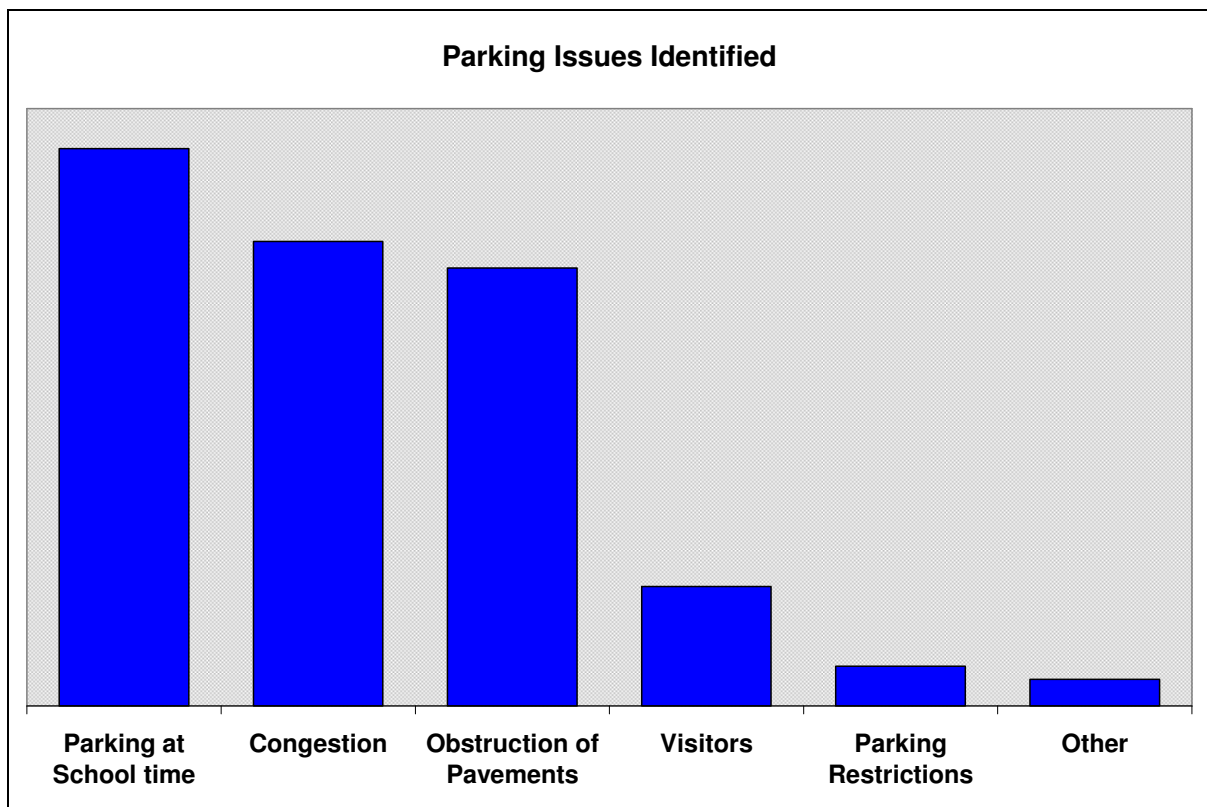
- Parking in and around the schools
- Obstruction of pavements
- Parking restrictions
- Congestion
- Visitors
- Other

The second section required the individual to indicate **where** and **when** specific problems were occurring. This information was used to qualify the first section and better identify what parking problems occurred and where in the Parish.

Findings

From the responses to the first part of the question the main issues were:-

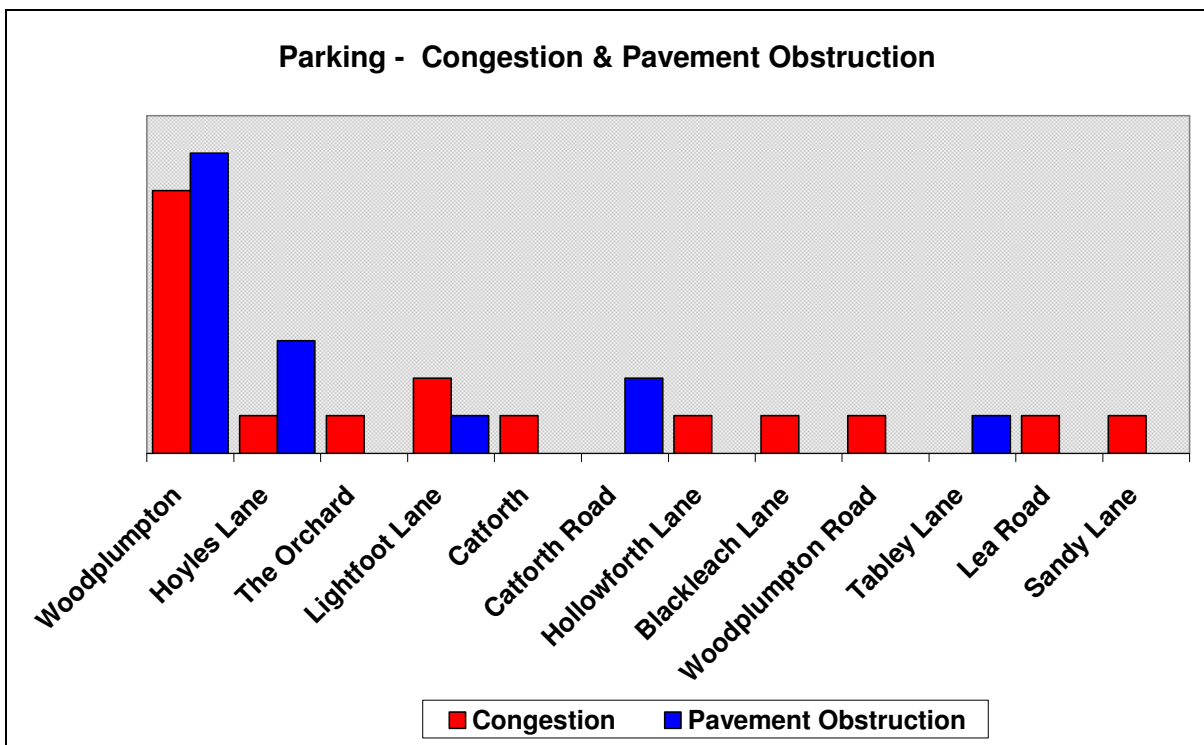
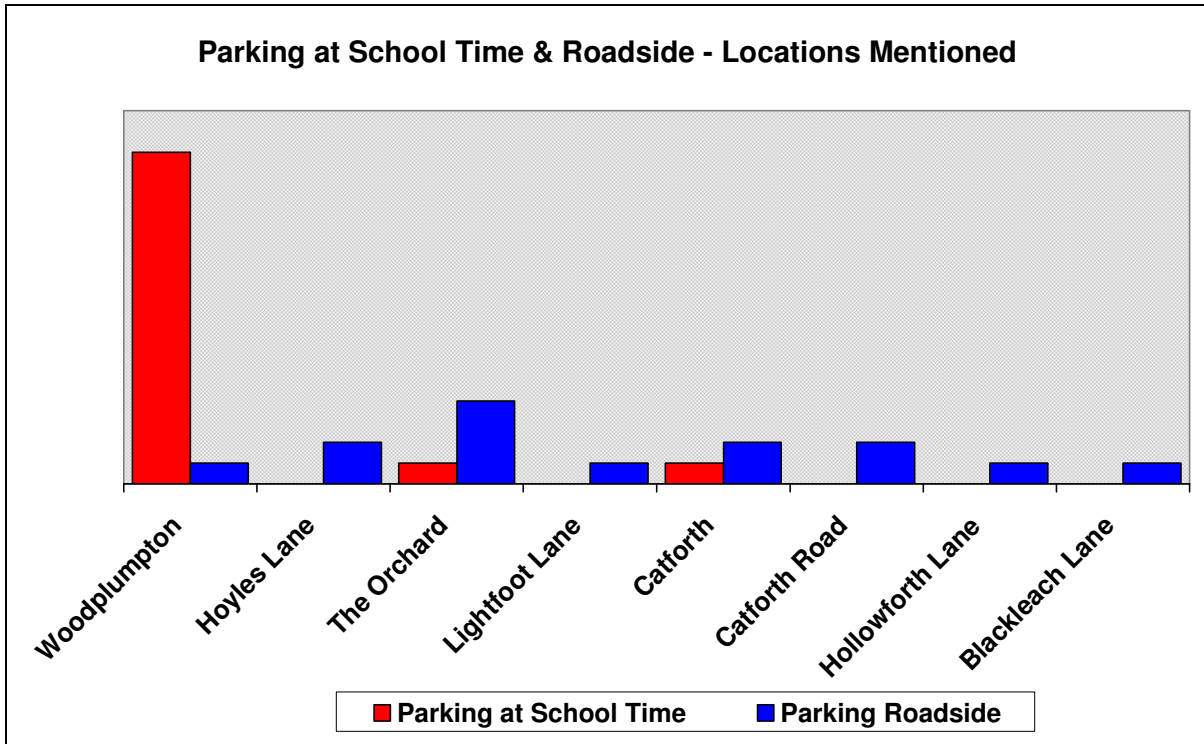
- parking in and around the schools
- congestion
- obstructing pavements



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The responses to the second part of the question highlighted the parking issues were predominantly centred around both the primary schools in Woodplumpton and Catforth at drop off / collection times.

In addition, The Orchard was identified as an area of concern for the residents. Other areas were mentioned in relation to congestion and obstructing pavements; whilst of a significant concern they were randomly spread across the Parish and therefore make it difficult to identify and implement any improvements.



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Parking Actions

Short term

- Further promote the use of the adjacent church car park for parents dropping off and collecting children from Woodplumpton School.
- Further promote the use of car sharing for parents dropping off and collecting children from Woodplumpton and Catforth Primary Schools.
- Encourage the local police authority to improve enforcement of traffic parking regulations in and around both Primary Schools.

Medium term

- Continue to support and implement the Woodplumpton traffic-calming plan - this plan includes staggered priority one-way ramps and improved / new signage. Consultation regarding the implementation of this plan continues.
- Investigate parking issues, and identify appropriate corrective measures for The Orchard.

Long term

- None identified

D3. PAVEMENTS

Information Gathered

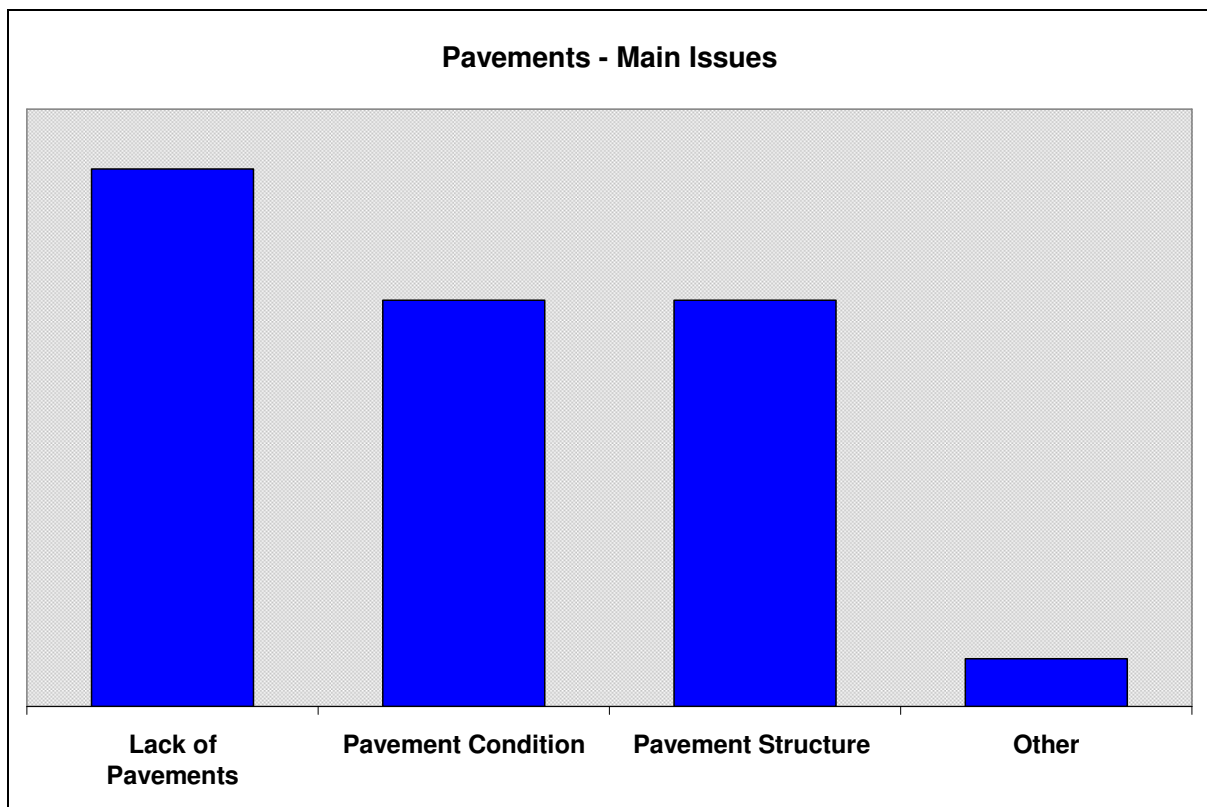
The Parish is of a relatively rural nature and a consequence of this is that there are a limited number of pavements. Where pavements have been provided, residents were asked to consider where and when specific problems were occurring.

Findings

The Questionnaire revealed that the main issues were lack of pavements, pavement condition and structure.

Pavements in Woodplumpton were identified as being inadequate (e.g. too narrow or non-existent). It should be recognised that in a rural community pavements might not always be present or up to the same design / standard as those in urban areas, but the issues raised still need to be addressed.

A significant problem with existing pavements is that they are being obstructed by hedges. Therefore, it was decided that corrective actions should include a general improvement in the condition of those hedges – see D4 page 15.



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Pavements Action

Medium term

- The Parish Council will continue to work with residents and the Highways department to monitor and respond to pavement issues.



D4. HEDGES

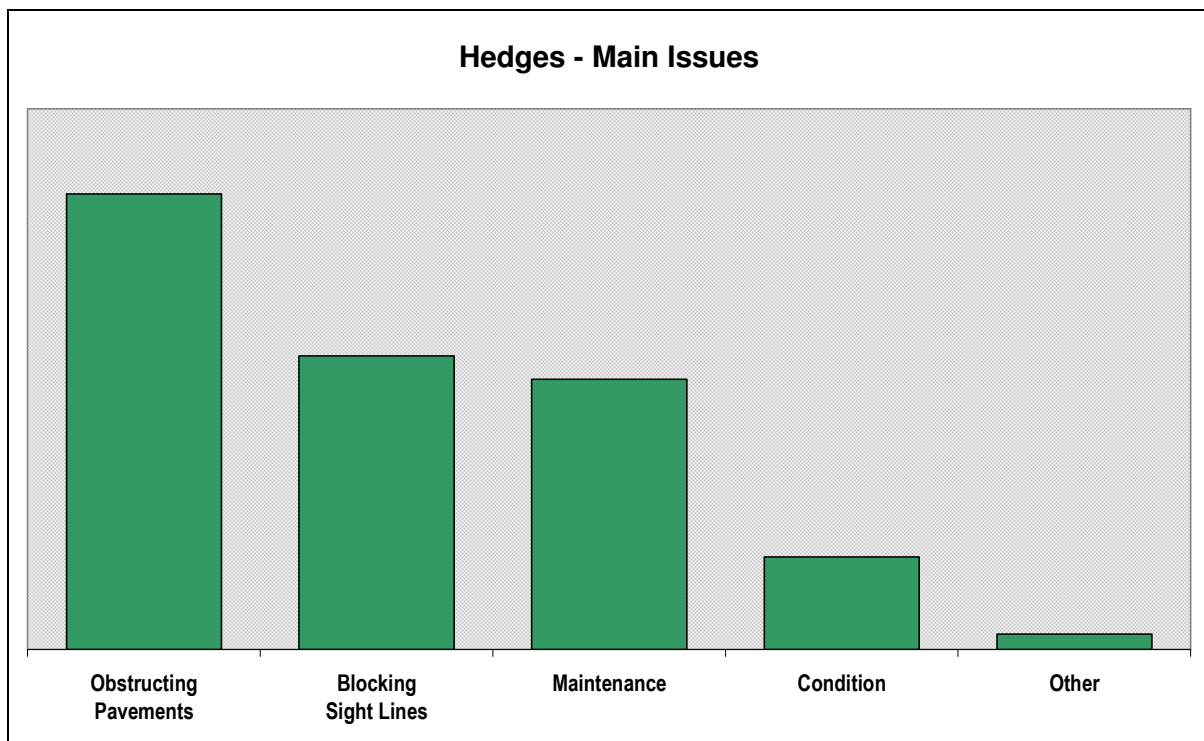
Information Gathered

Due to the rural nature of the Parish and its dependency on agriculture / farming, hedges are seen as a significant issue across the Parish particularly where hedges are allowed to become overgrown. Residents were asked to consider where and when specific problems were occurring in respect of the following points:-

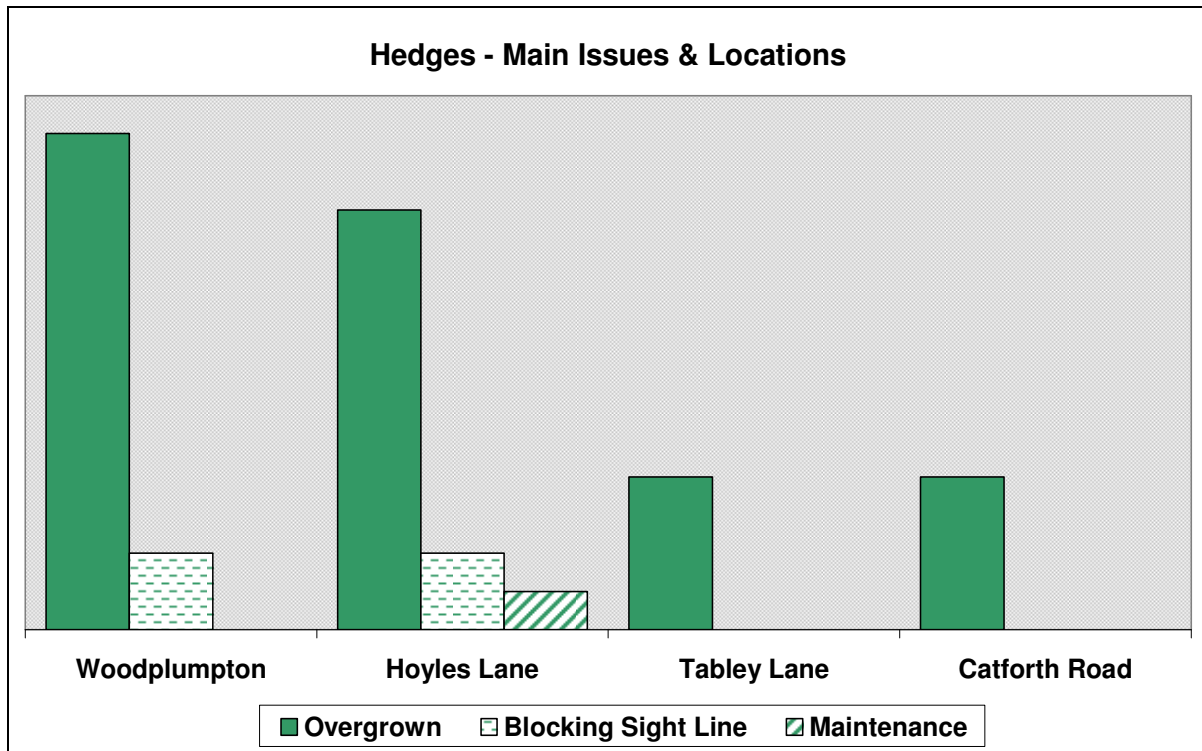
- Hedges / pavements
- Hedges / sight line
- Hedge condition
- Hedge maintenance
- Other

Findings

From the responses to the first part of the question, the main issues identified with hedges are that they are allowed to encroach on pavements and obscure traffic sight lines. The responses to the second part of the question highlighted that the concerns were very widely spread across the Parish and there was a direct correlation with Question 3 - Pavements.



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Hedges Actions

Short term

- Extend the contract for the Parish Lengthsman to monitor / report on the general condition of hedges across the Parish and specifically the impact on pavements and sight lines.
- Parish Lengthsman to report back to Parish Council to take appropriate action.
- The Parish Council will address specific issues with hedges by contacting the owner or the City Council as appropriate.

Medium term

- Parish Council to put notices in its Newsletters to remind and encourage landowners / residents to keep hedges properly maintained at the appropriate times of the year.

Long term

- None identified.

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D5. POLICING, CRIME & NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

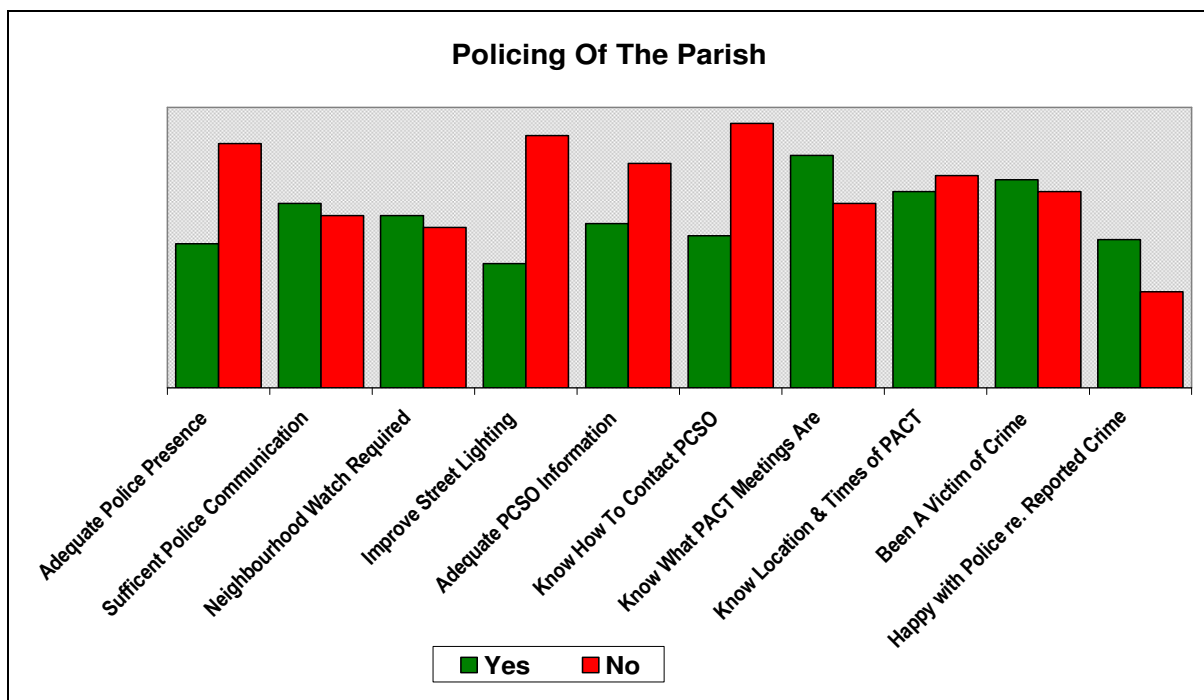
Information Gathered

Woodplumpton and Catforth villages no longer have a police station and are now served by officers and Police Community Support Officers from Broughton police station. In order to get an understanding of the resident's perspective on how policing is conducted, its availability and effectiveness questions were asked about the following areas:

- Police presence
- Communication between the Police and residents
- Neighbourhood watch
- Improved street lighting
- Contact with Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
- Information on PCSO
- Police And Communities Together (PACT) meetings
- When and where PACT meetings are held
- Whether the respondent had been a victim of crime
- Whether they were happy with the manner in which the Police dealt with reported crime

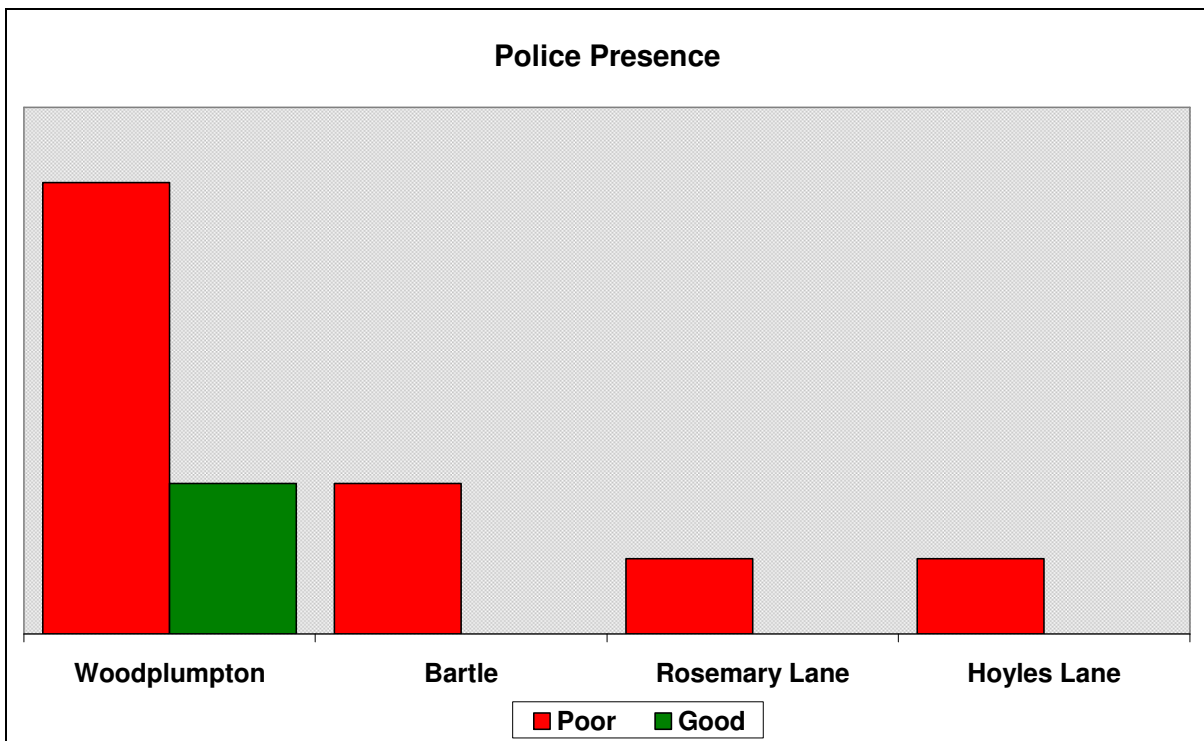
Findings

It appears that a police presence is considered important and only 37% of the responses received stated that police presence was adequate. Questions relating to the contact with the PCSO and street lighting drew the highest number of replies. Approximately 50% of those who responded had been victims of crime.

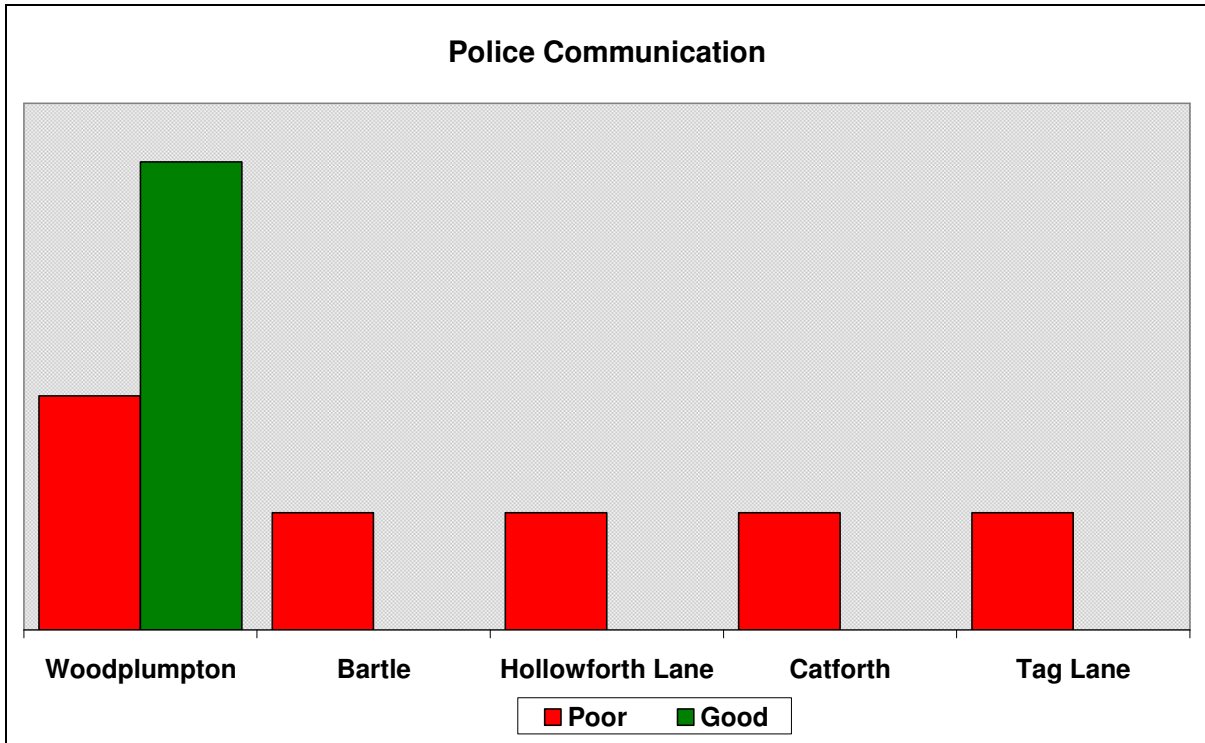


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Questions were also asked about the level of satisfaction with policing in the area in terms of quality, presence and communication.



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Policing, Crime & Neighbourhood Watch Actions

Short term

- Encourage individual areas to establish neighbourhood watch schemes through the PCSO and PACT meetings.
- Increase communication with Police and PCSO by using the Parish notice board and In Focus magazine.
- Promote the use of the Woodplumpton police house as information / drop in centre.
- Expand the circulation of the Police newsletter

Medium term

- PCSO attendance at Parish meetings
- Advise the police of the replies to this questionnaire so they can prioritise their activities accordingly

Long term

- Parish Council to lobby the police authority for increased presence

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D6. LITTER & DOG FOULING

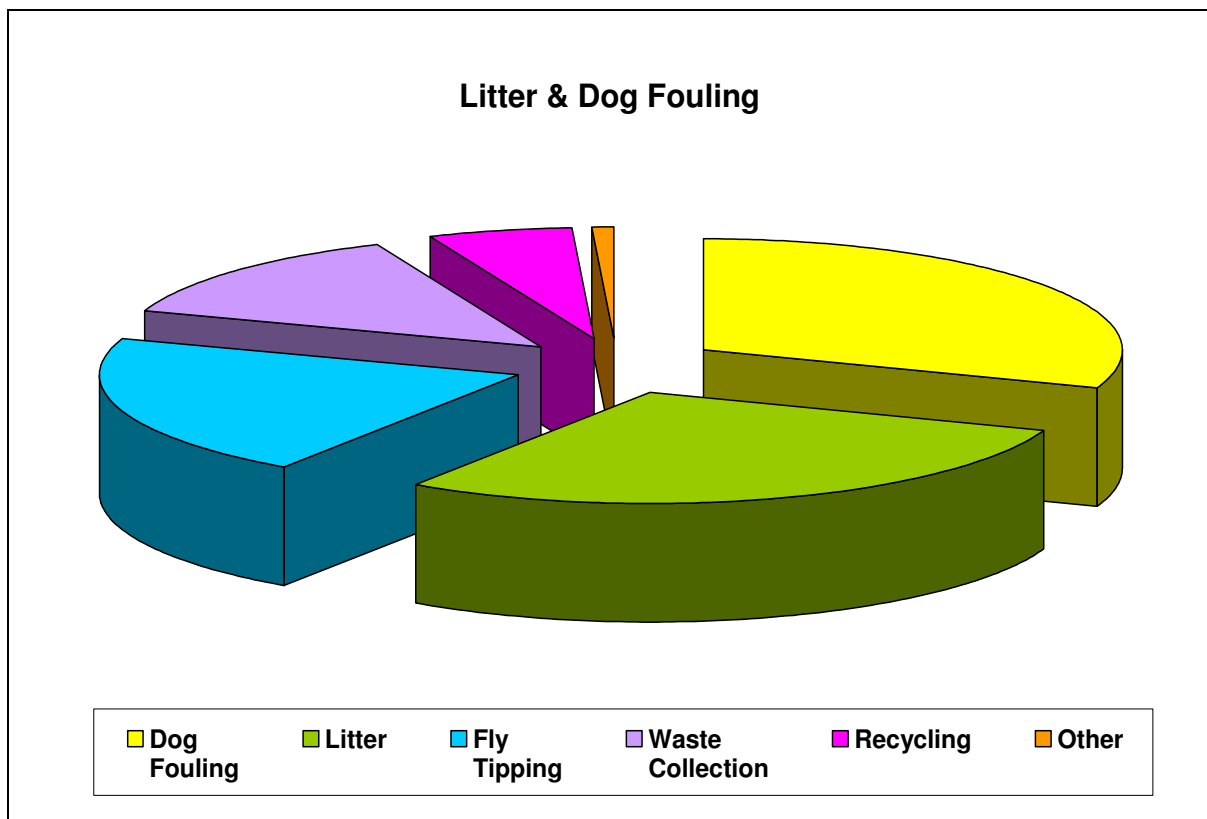
Information Gathered

Residents were asked to consider which of the following affected them most: -

- Dog Fouling
- Litter
- Fly Tipping
- Waste Collection Service
- Provision of Recycling Services
- Other

Findings

Despite the rural nature of the Parish and its relatively low population, compared to an urban area, litter, fly tipping and dog fouling were revealed as the main areas of concern. These three issues represented 87% of the comments received via the qualitative data submitted.

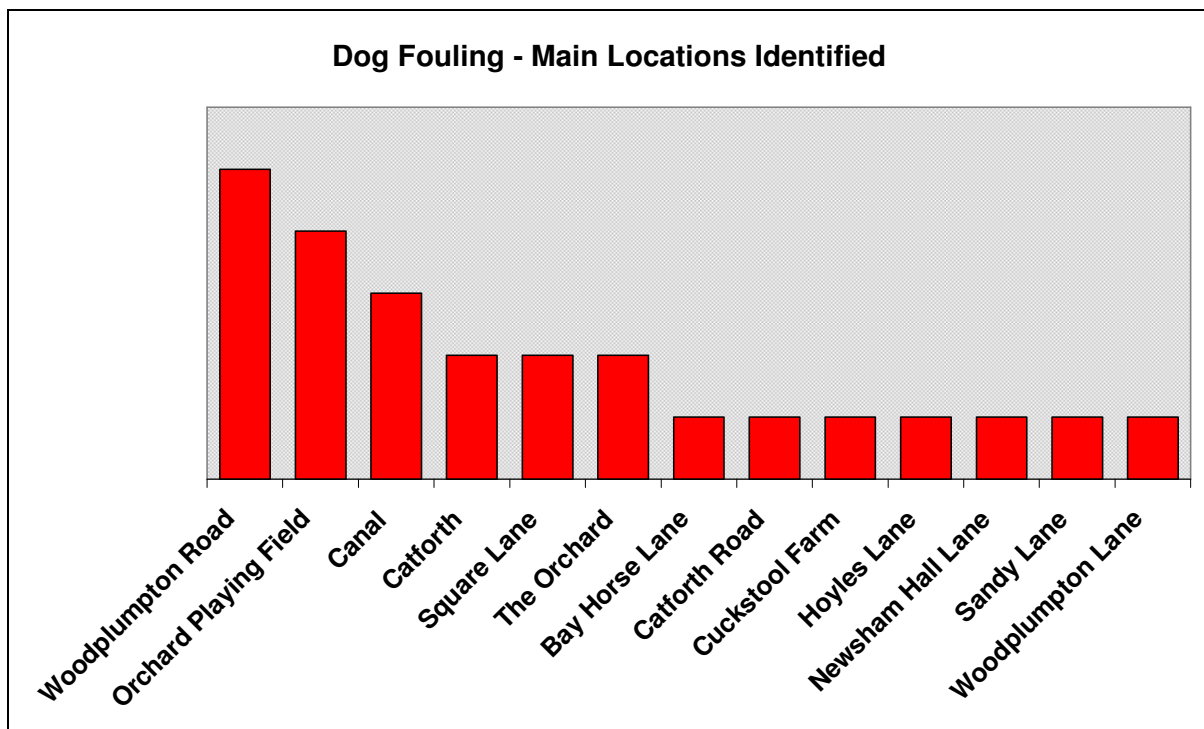


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Dog Fouling

Fouling by dogs is perceived to be an issue by many residents and has been highlighted as a problem in the Parish via a leaflet drop undertaken by the PCSO. Dog fouling is not only unpleasant but has been proved to be a danger to health. The data showed that this is a common problem as various locations were mentioned in reference to this issue. Analysis of the locations referred to in the questionnaires returned indicated that the main areas affected are:-

- The Canal
- The Orchard Playing Field
- Woodplumpton Road



Dog Fouling Actions

Short Term

- The Parish Council to liaise with the dog wardens to ensure that penalties for dog fouling are enforced.
- Parish Council to request PCSO assistance in getting the message across to pet owners about their responsibilities.
- Provide contact information to encourage residents to report specific incidents of dog fouling ('Whistle Blowing')

Medium Term

- Provision of additional signs
- Provision of additional dog foul bins

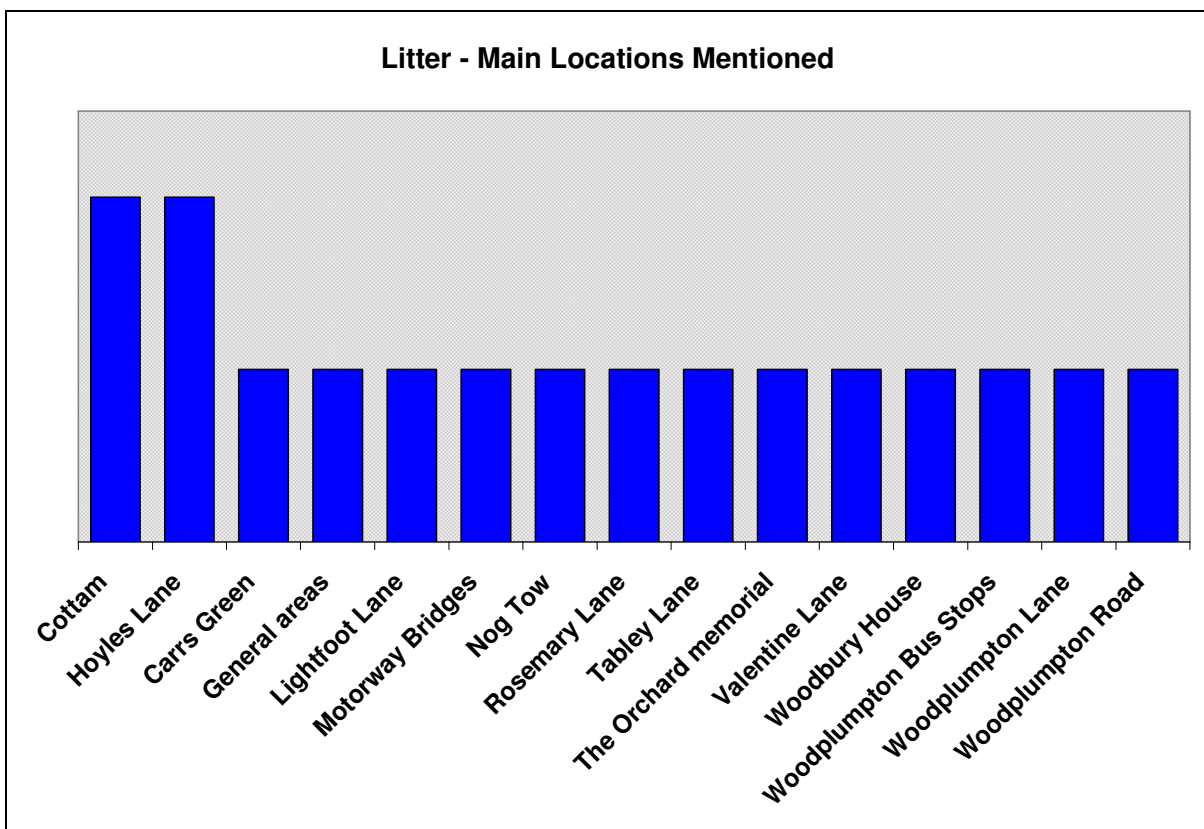
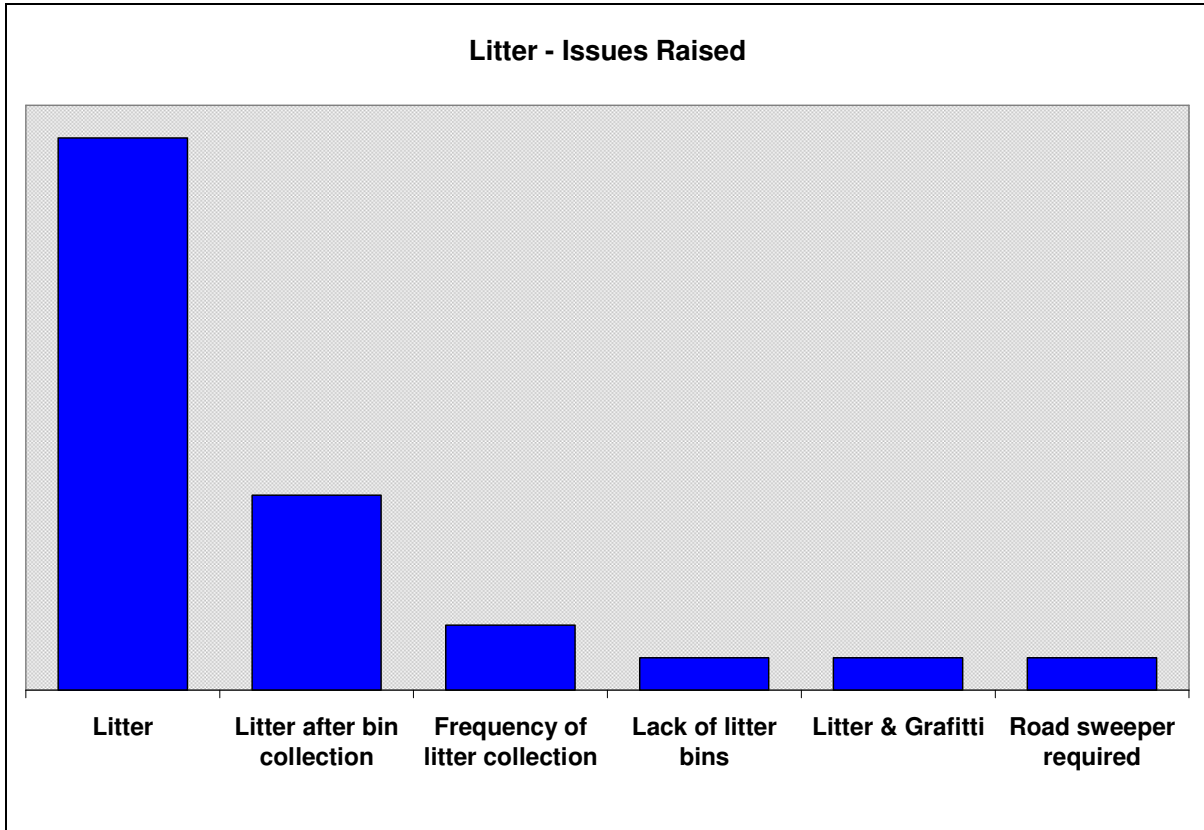
Long Term

- The Parish Council will maintain regular contact with Environmental Health to ensure that the dog wardens continue to undertake regular patrols of the Parish.

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Litter

Litter is anything that is dropped, thrown or deliberately placed which defaces a public place. Like dog fouling, litter in the streets and public places was raised as an issue and residents feel strongly that this problem needs to be addressed.



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Litter Actions

Short Term

- The Parish Council to promote residents participation in 'litter picks'.

Medium Term

- The Parish Council to extend the Lengthsman's litter picking duties.
- Provision of additional signs
- Provision of additional litter bins.
- Promote anti-litter campaigns via local schools and organisations

Long Term

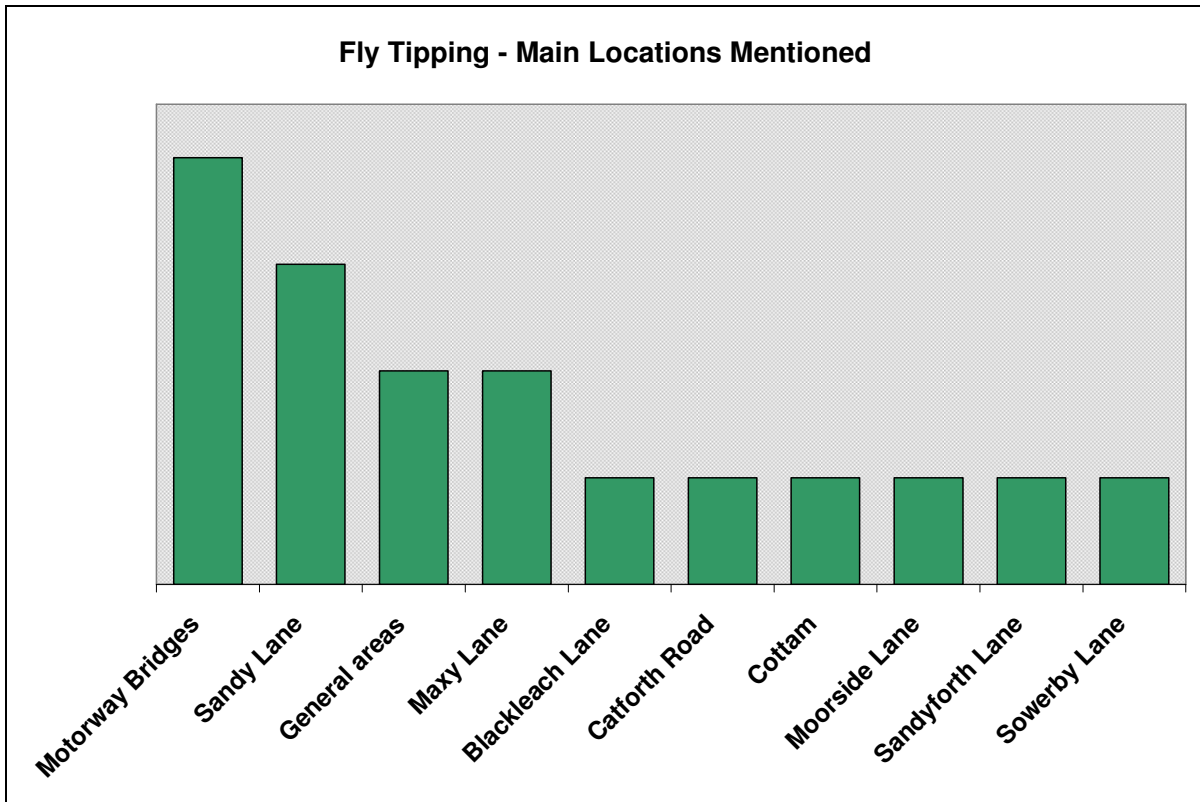
- The Parish Council to maintain pressure on Preston City Council to improve the levels of street cleaning undertaken in the Parish.



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Fly Tipping

Fly-tipping is a problem in rural areas, particularly roadsides, in lay-bys and on private land. It poses a threat to humans and wildlife, damages the environment, and spoils the appearance of the Parish. Several locations were referred to in relation to fly tipping but, the motorway bridges and Sandy Lane were the places where most residents stated that fly tipping occurs.



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Fly Tipping Actions

Short Term

- Provide contact information to encourage residents to report specific incidents of Fly tipping ('Whistle Blowing'),
- Ensure that residents have the Environmental Health telephone no. by displaying it on the Parish Council website and notice boards.

Medium Term

- Provision of additional signs

Long Term

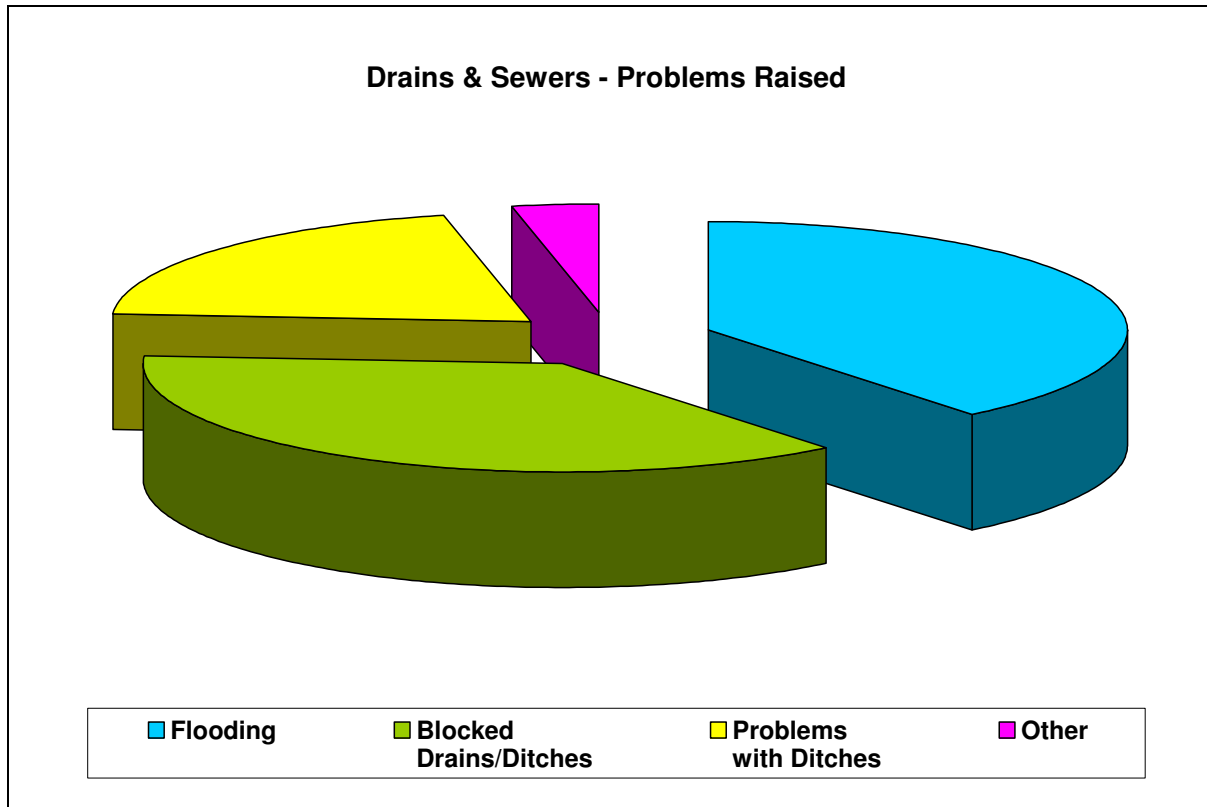
- None identified



D7. DRAINS & SEWERS

Information Gathered

Residents were asked to consider where the issues were and whether they were in relation to flooding, blocked drains, ditches or other.



Findings

The results highlighted an overall problem of flooding and blocked drains across the whole Parish. The main areas of concern for flooding are:-

- Hoyles Lane near to the Post Office
- The centre of Woodplumpton Village and in the vicinity of the village shop
- Catforth Road

The main areas of concern in relation to blocked drains are:

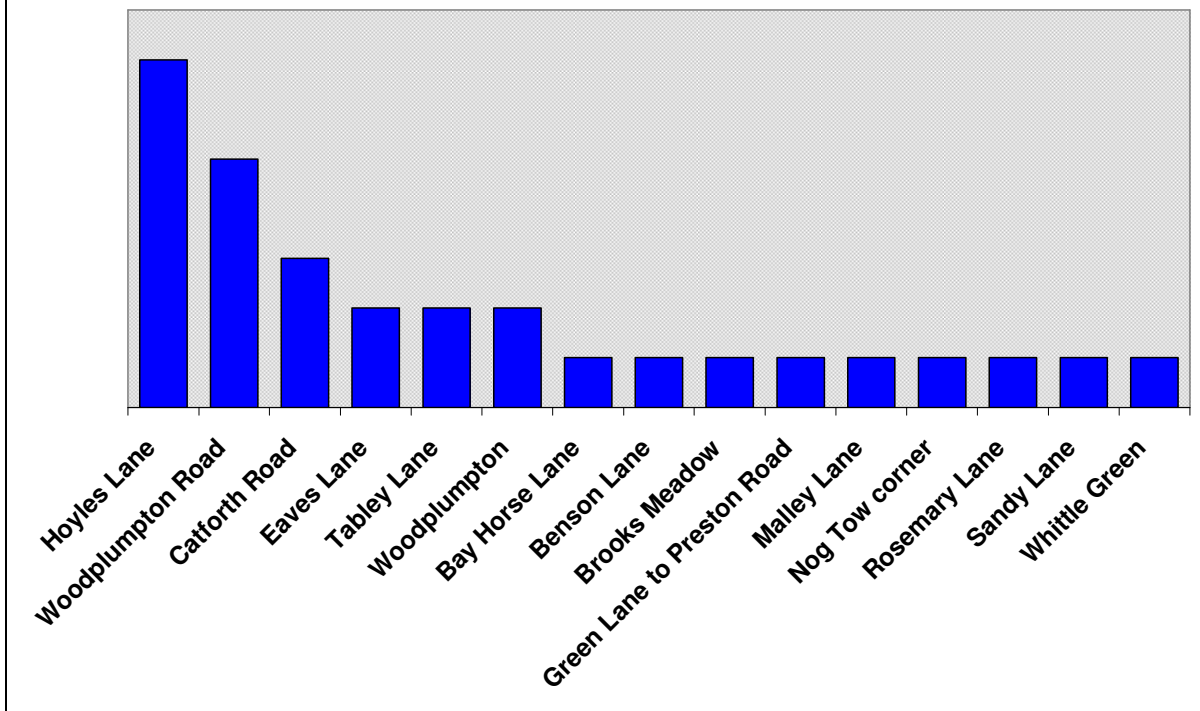
- Woodplumpton Road at Whittle Hill pumping station.
- Bartle Lane near Spa Cottages.

The main locations identified where problem ditches exist are:

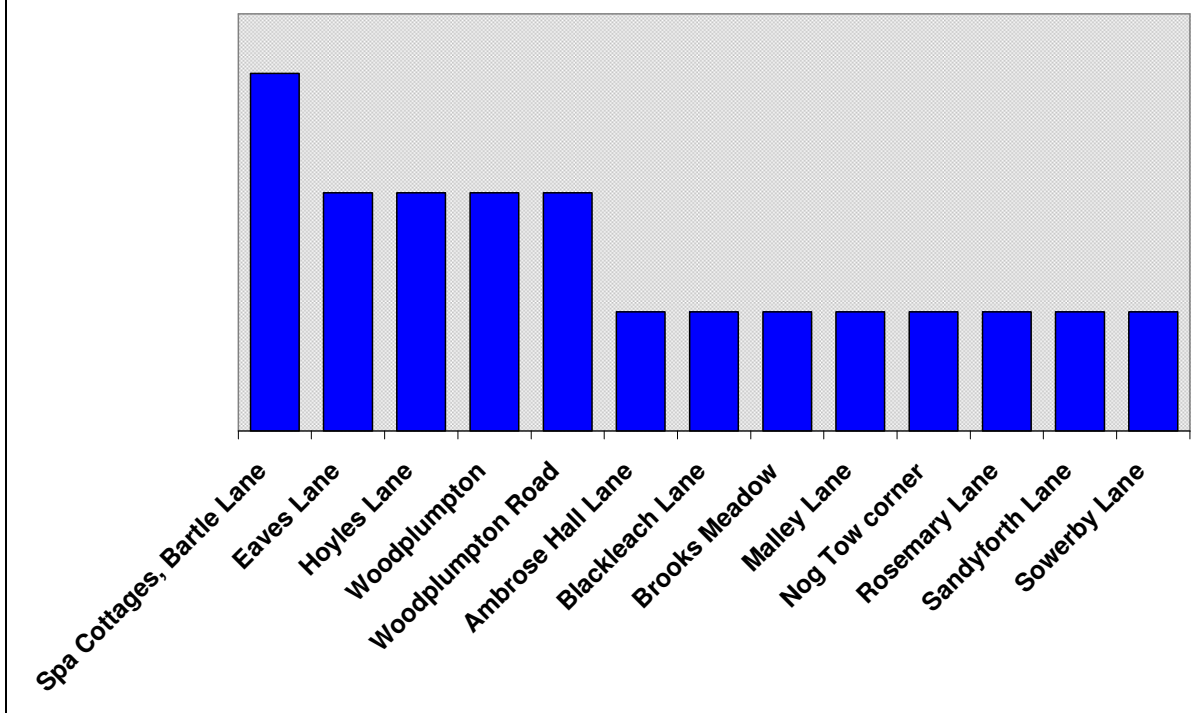
- Bartle Lane near Spa Cottages
- Eaves Lane near Ambrose Hall

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Flooding - Locations



Blocked Drains/Ditches - Locations



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Drains & Sewers Actions

Short Term

- Ask for investigation of flooding and drainage problems by Preston City Council or Lancashire County Council in relevant areas. Consultation with the Council responsible for ways to deal with the ongoing problem.

Medium Term

- Planned Preventative Maintenance Programme introduced for the Parish.
- Encourage improved drainage to be provided for problem areas when new builds are requested as part of the agreement to allow planning permission.

Long Term

- Prioritise areas and put pressure on the City Council and Lancashire County Council to replace all drainage systems in the Parish on a planned maintenance programme over the next 10 years.

D8. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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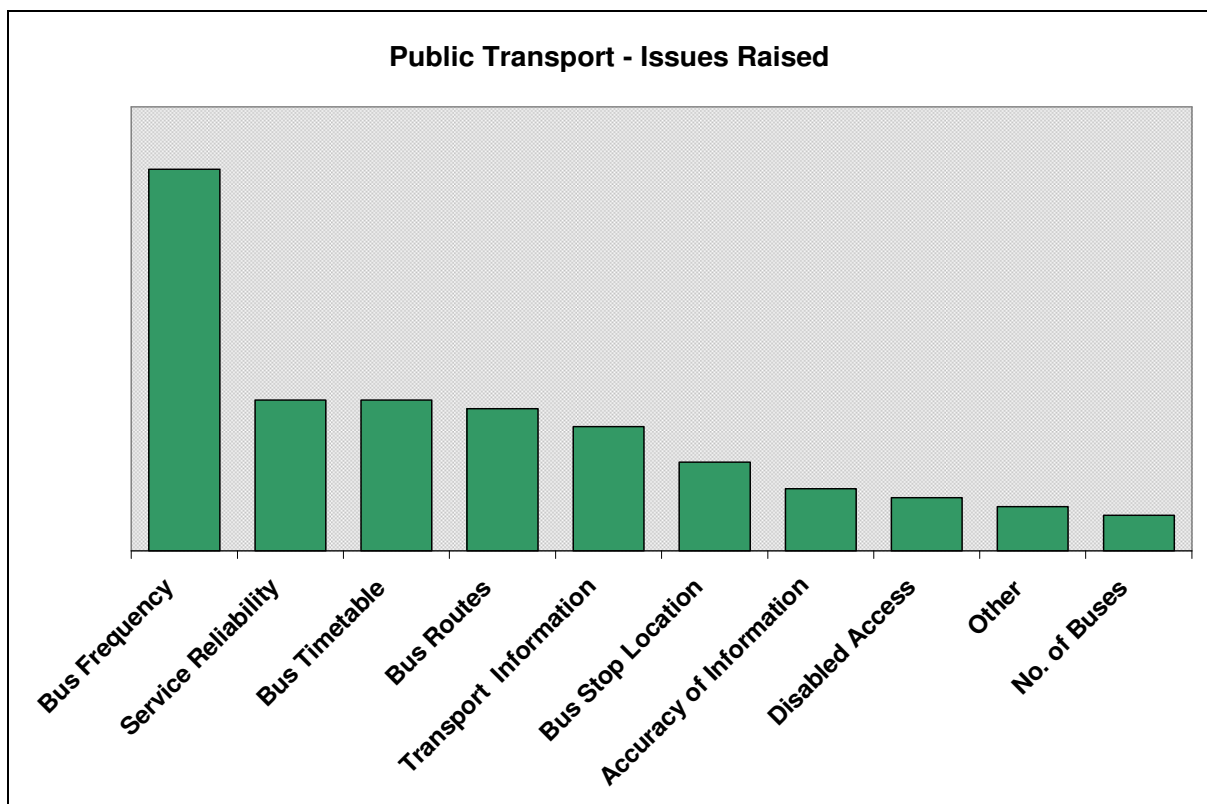
In general terms bus services to the rural areas are not as frequent as in urban areas. Both Catforth and Woodplumpton are on a bus route served by a national bus company and residents were asked to consider the following issues:-

- Bus routes
- Frequency
- Location of stops
- Number of stops
- Access for the disabled
- Reliability of services
- Time-tabling of public transport service
- Provision of transport information
- Accuracy of transport information

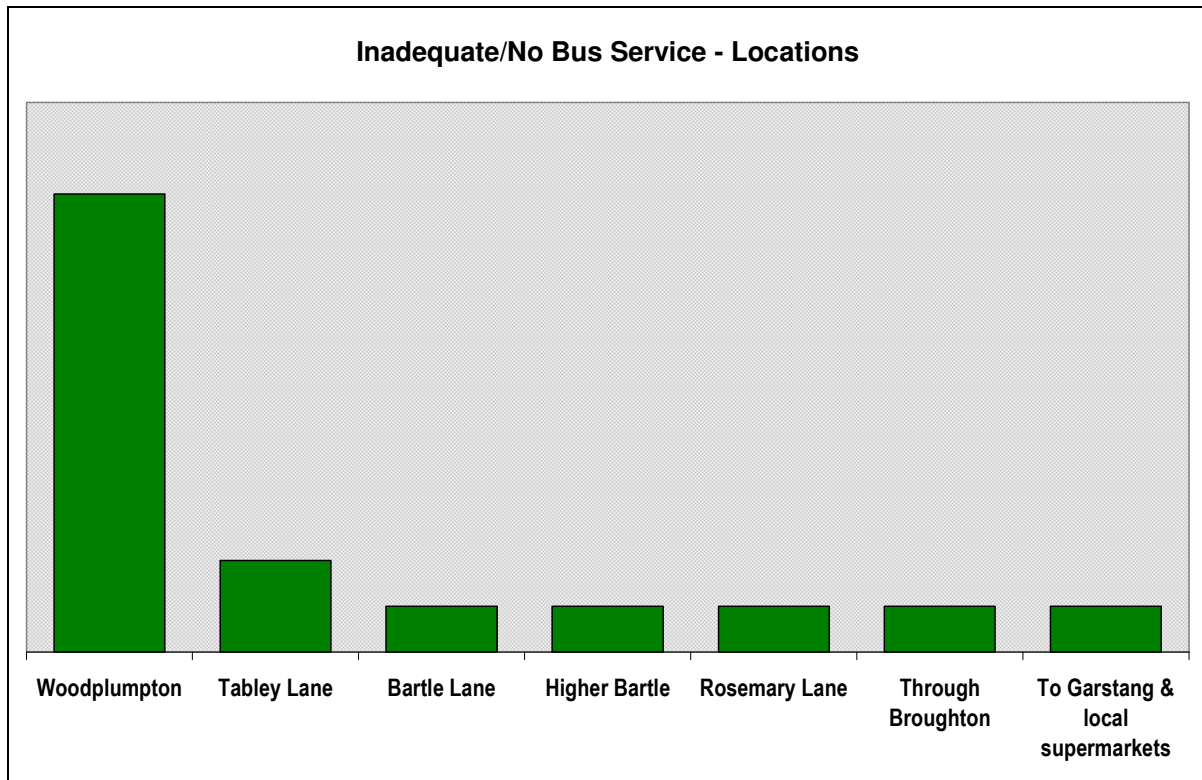
Findings

General concerns of poor service were raised across the whole Parish, with many comments being repeated such as:-

- No service for children going to school
- Lack of pavements where buses stop
- No timetable
- No service
- Fare too high
- Infrequent service
- Bus stops not marked



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Public Transport Actions

Short Term

- Speak directly with the bus companies to raise issue of infrequent service and unmarked bus stops to give an improved service.
- Contact Lancashire County Council about prices, any future funding or incentive schemes for reduced bus charges.

Medium Term

- Work towards integrated service working with Schools, Parish Council and Lancashire County Council and bus companies to provide new modern service with rural friendly vehicles and more efficient service.

Long Term

- None identified.

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D9. SPORTS, LEISURE & AMENITIES

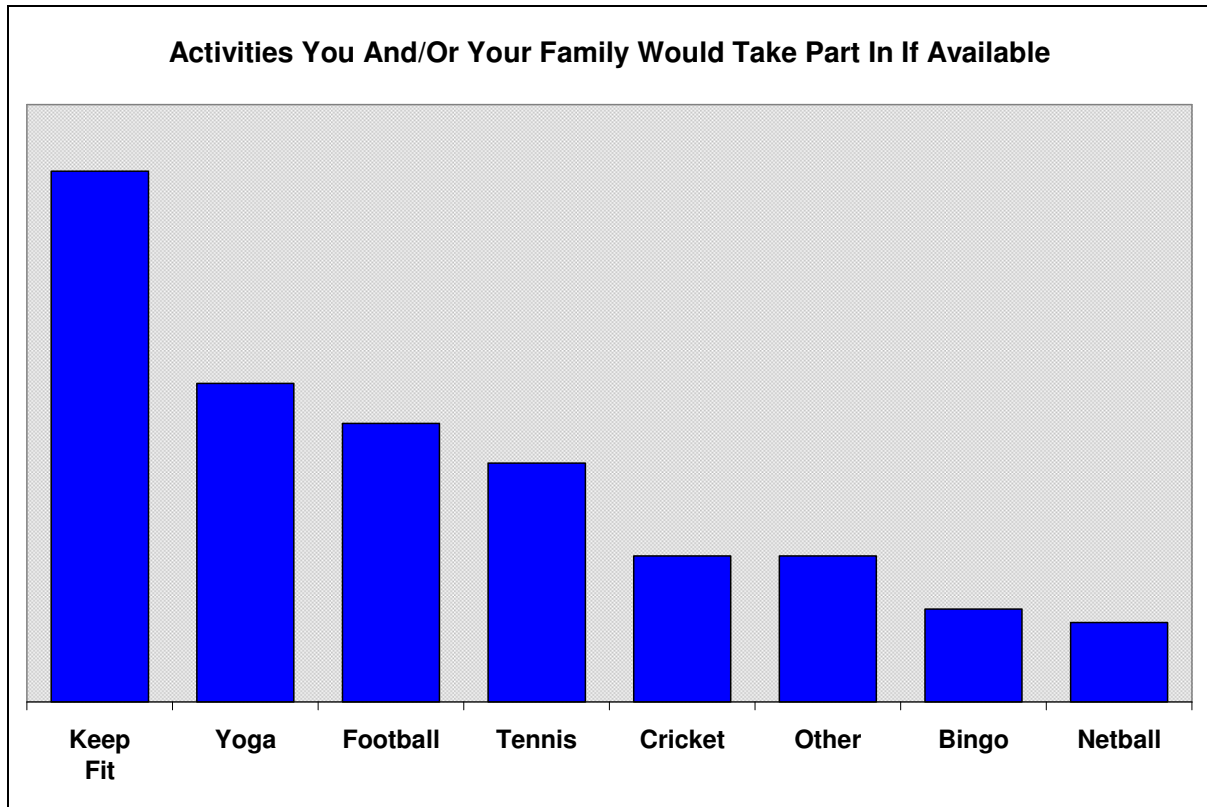
Information Gathered

Due to the rural nature of the Parish and a relatively low population there are limited leisure facilities. However, there are facilities available in the surrounding areas. Questions were asked to identify the sport/leisure activities that would be supported if available and amenities that people would like to see.

Findings

The main activities that residents would take part in if available were:-

- Keep Fit
- Yoga
- Football
- Tennis



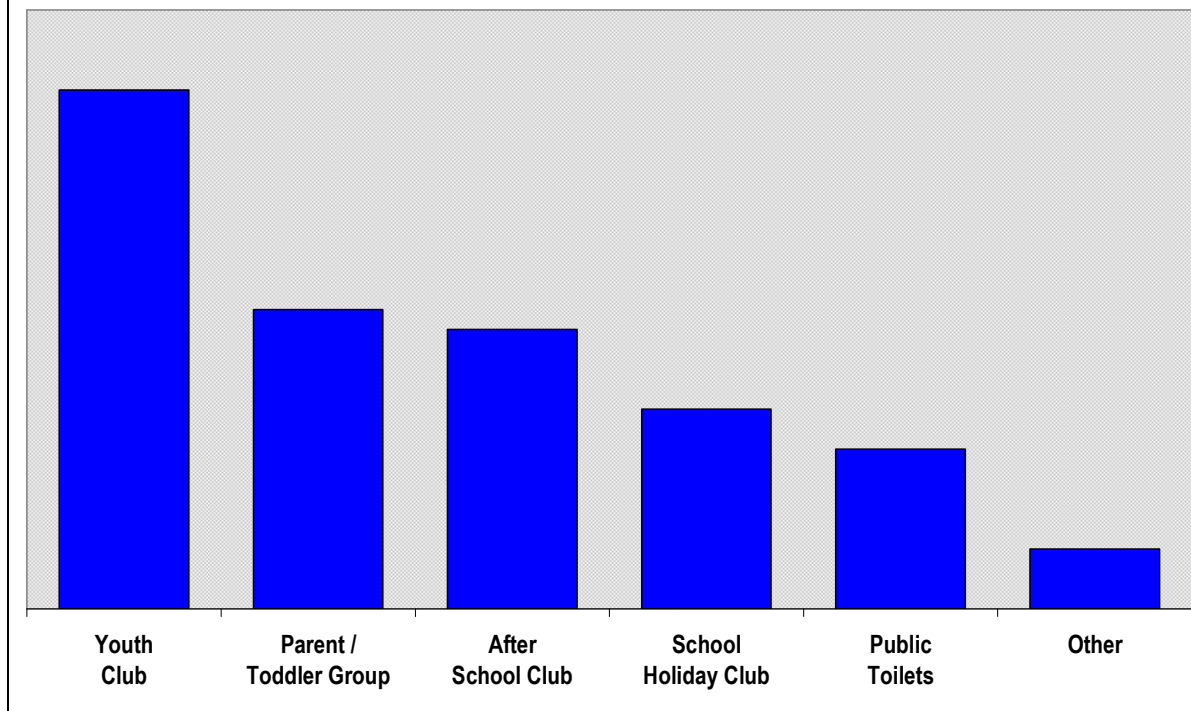
It is apparent that a number of activities requested are already available either within or just outside the Parish. Similarly, some of the activities already supported may not be known by many people.

The main amenities that residents would like to be available are:-

- Youth Club
- Parent/Toddler Group
- After School Club

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Amenities You And/Or Your Family Would Like To Be Available



Sports, Leisure & Amenities Actions

Short term

- Improve communication via the Parish Newsletter, In Focus magazine and the notice boards of available activities, clubs and facilities.
- Encourage local clubs and organisations to attend the Neighbourhood Event Day to publicise their activities.
- Parish Council Website Link Page
- Publicise the existing youth and associated clubs e.g. Brownies and Scouts.

Medium term

- Advise local clubs of the facilities requested and encourage them to advertise their availability within the Parish.
- Contact schools about the demand for after school / toddler clubs.
- Promote the use of Catforth Village Hall, Woodplumpton District Club and Woodplumpton Parish Room.
- To continue to support the well frequented bowling activities within the Parish.

Long term

- None identified

D10. HOUSING & DEVELOPMENTS

Information Gathered

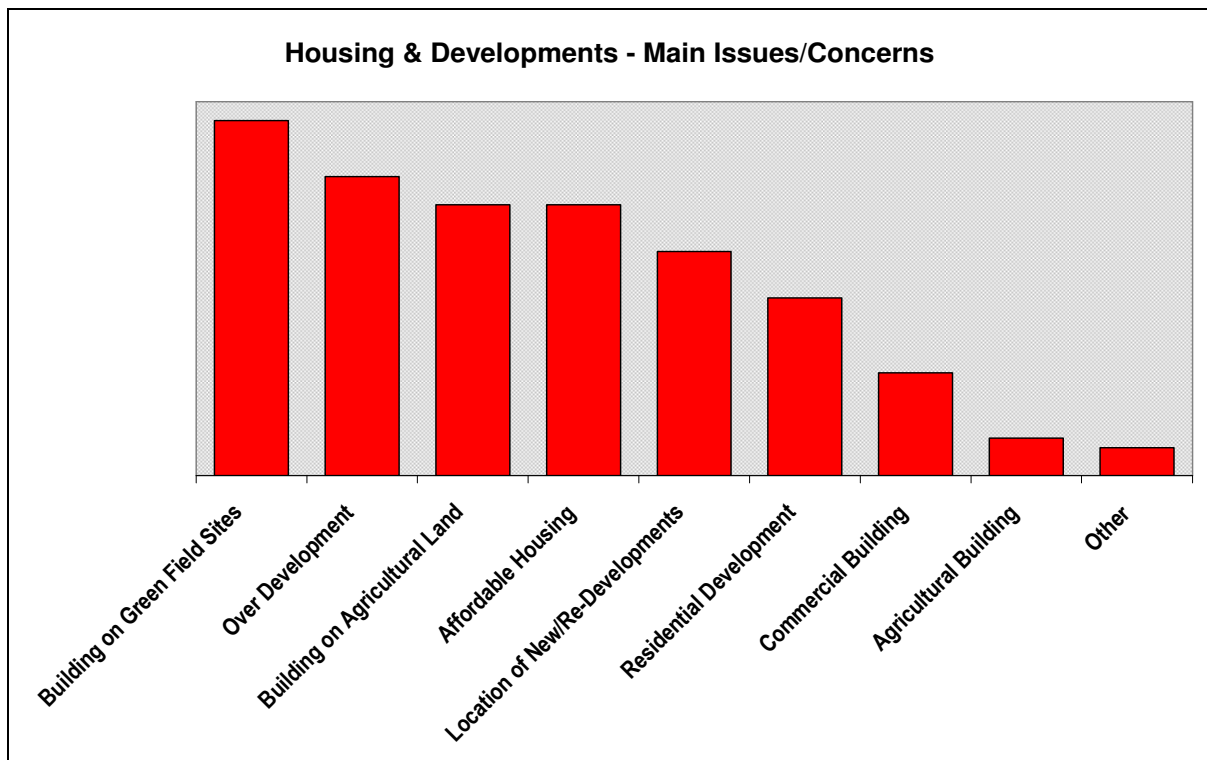
The question was designed to identify concerns regarding specific types of developments. The first part of the question asked residents to indicate, simply by ticking the relevant box, where their concerns lay. The question covered the following types of developments:

- Commercial building
- Agricultural building
- Location of new developments/re-development
- Residential property development
- Building on green field sites
- Building on agricultural land
- Affordable housing
- Overdevelopment

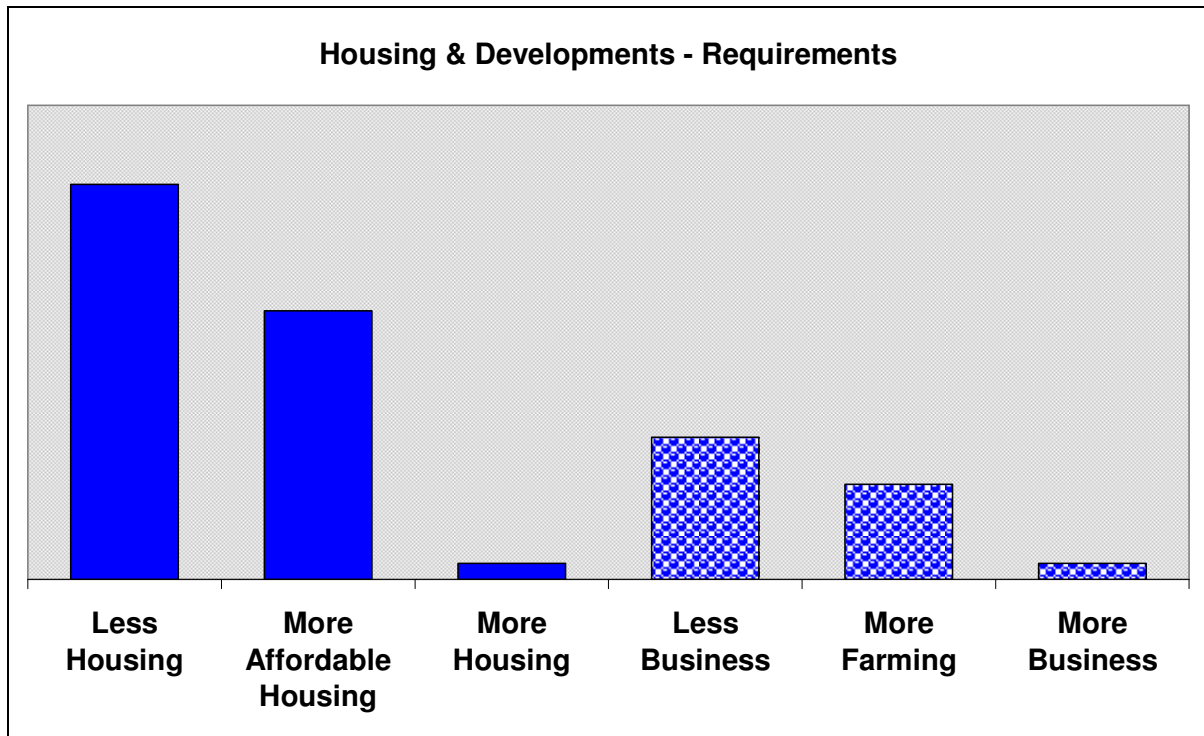
The second part of the question required the individual to indicate in which particular location they thought problems relating to development occurred.

Findings

Due to the pleasant rural character of the Parish, housing and developments were seen as a significant issue to residents. The biggest concern amongst residents in the first part of the question was the building on green field sites followed by general over development in the Parish. However, building on agricultural land and the lack of affordable housing in the Parish were also prominent issues.



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Housing & Developments Actions

Short term

- Be alert to all planning applications and continue to monitor all applications that come before the Parish Council carefully.
- Challenge any Government reviews of green belt land in the area citing the infrastructure as unable to cope and adopting a 'brown field first – green field last' stance.
- Consider planning applications for affordable housing sympathetically but only on brown field sites or when recycling buildings.

Medium term

- As above

Long term

- As above

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D11. ENVIRONMENT

Information Gathered

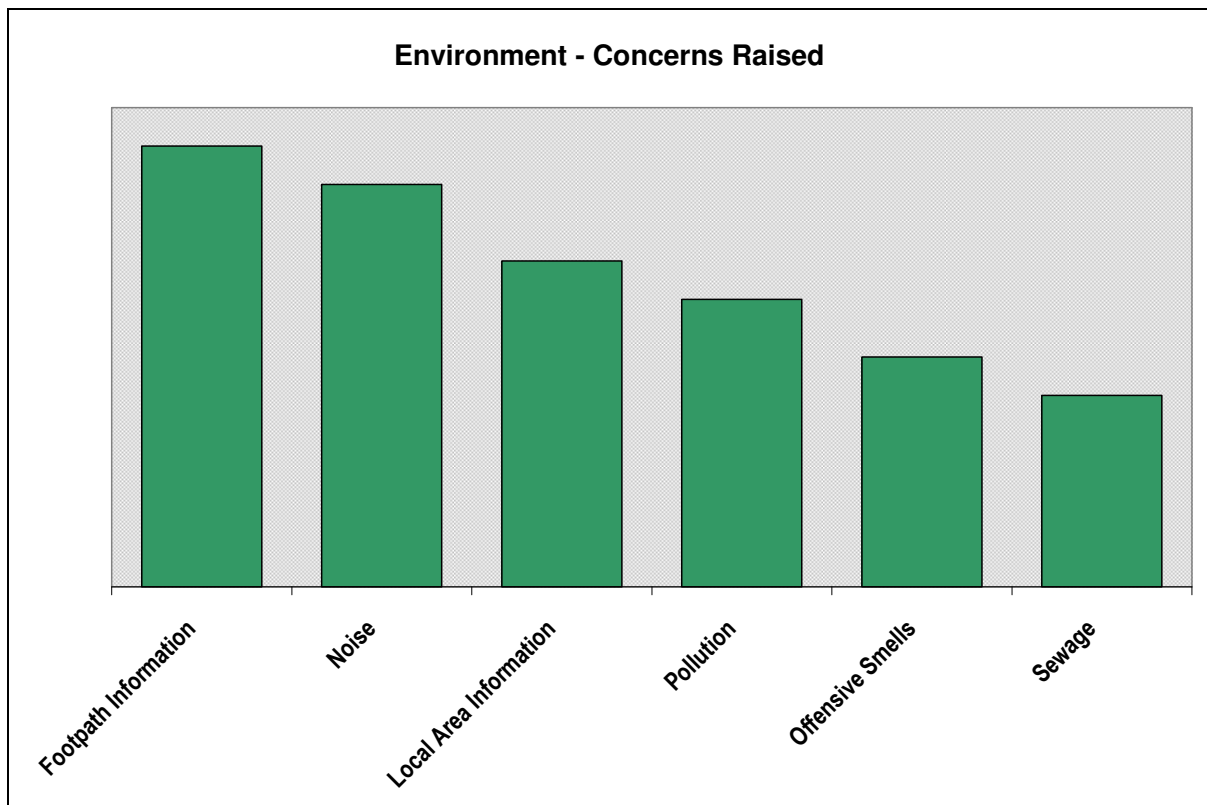
The Parish is regarded as an attractive, rural area which is still unspoilt and rich in natural wildlife. The question's aim was to determine what the residents considered to be the main issues regarding the local environment. The first and main part of the question asked residents to specify their concerns by ticking the appropriate problem. The items were as follows:-

- Noise
- Offensive smells
- Pollution
- Sewage
- Lack of available information about public footpaths
- Lack of available information about the local area

The second part of the question required residents to specify particular locations where they considered environmental issues to be creating problems.

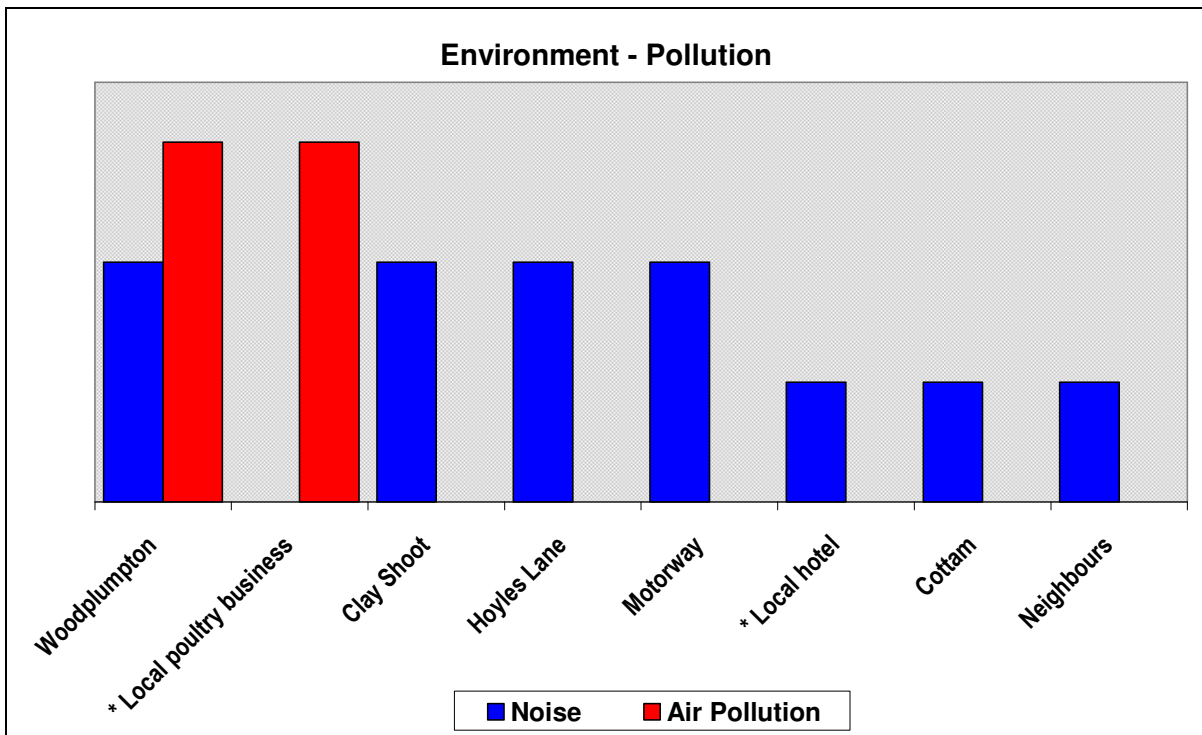
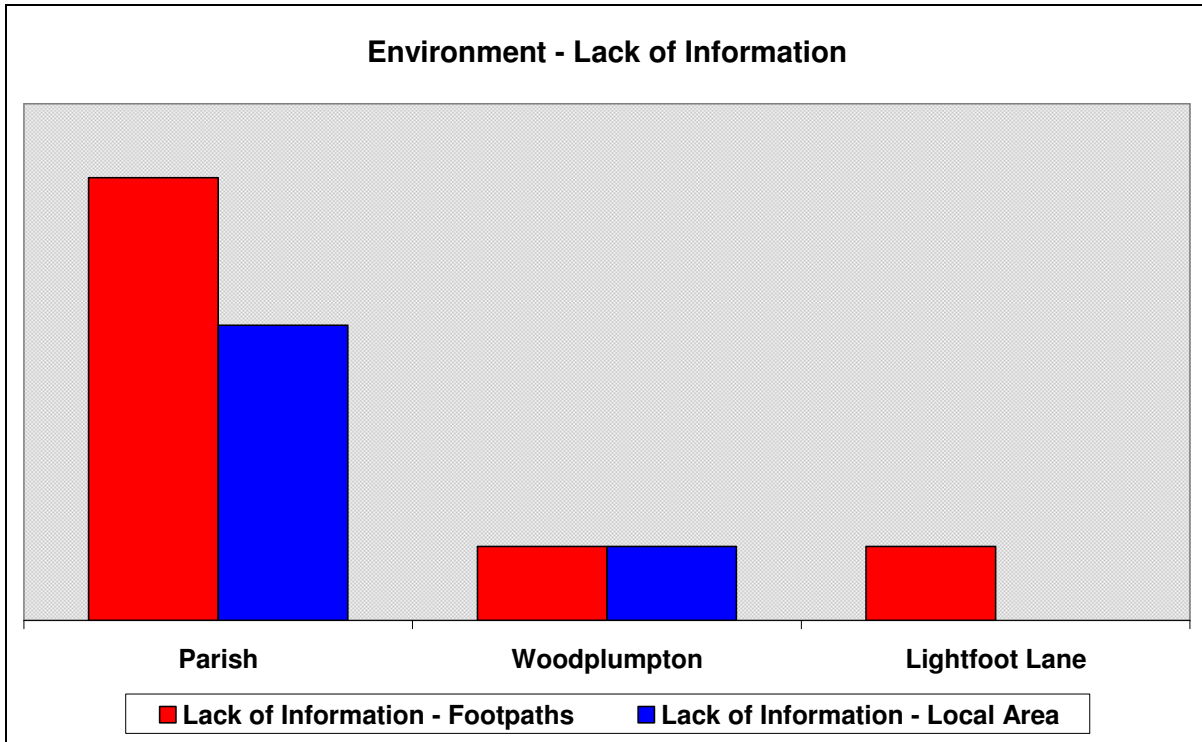
Findings

From the responses to the first part of the question the main issues were insufficient information on footpaths and the local area in general, in addition to problems associated with noise and pollution.



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There was a consensus amongst residents, from the second part of the question, that the problem was spread throughout the Parish.



** Local residents have raised concerns about a local poultry business which in their opinion is contributing towards environmental pollution and a local hotel generating noise pollution. However, these comments are not based on any evidential findings and are merely the views expressed by local residents.*

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Environment Actions

Short term

- Provide information relating to public footpaths and improve signage of existing public footpaths within the Parish.
- Erect an information point in the Community Garden containing a map of all public footpaths in the area or include such an item on the Parish notice board.

Medium term

- Provide information relating to public footpaths_– as above
- Noise and pollution (air) – the proposed traffic calming measures which are to be introduced in the village of Woodplumpton should go some way to addressing noise and air pollution once the scheme becomes well established. However, no actions have been identified for the rest of the Parish.

Long term

- To continue working with the relevant agencies to preserve the rural nature of the Parish.



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D12. PARISH COUNCIL

Information Gathered

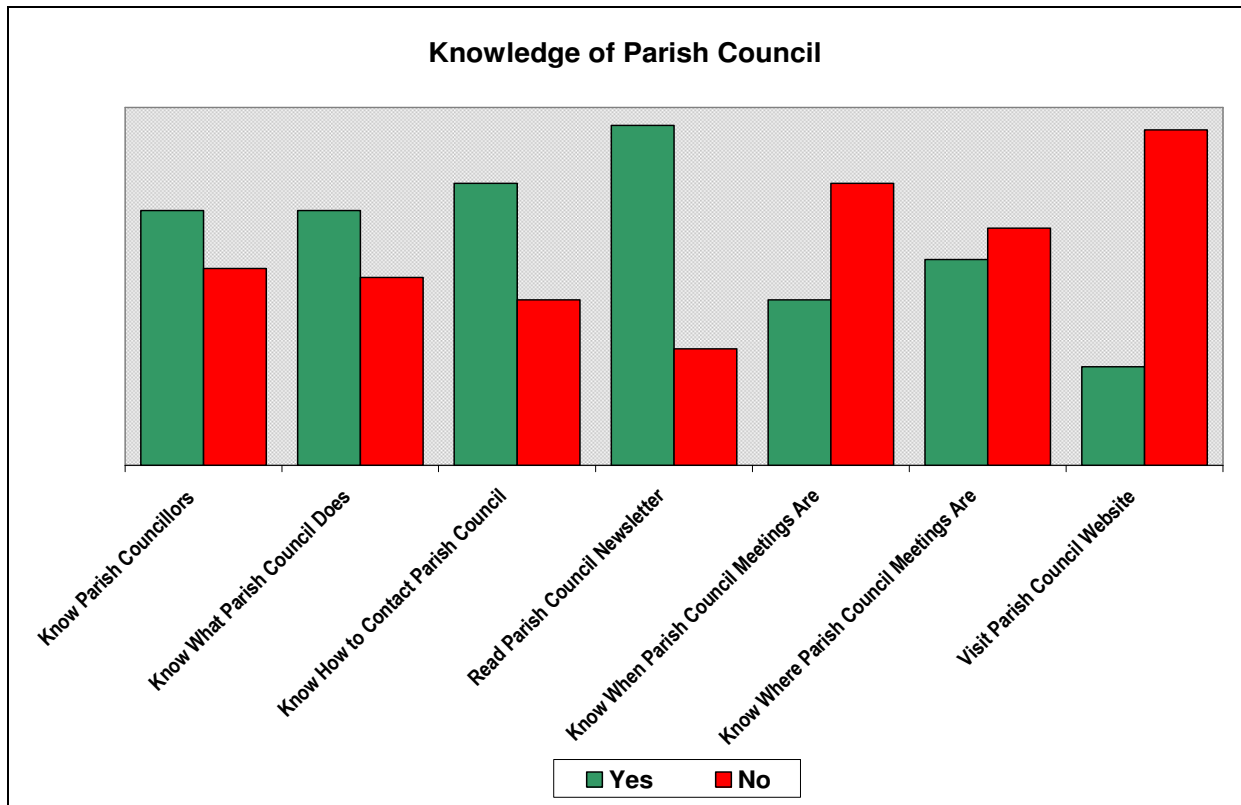
Questions were asked to ascertain people's knowledge of and involvement with the Parish Council. The question was structured to give a series of yes or no answers. This enabled the answers to be analysed, rather than having general statements, which are difficult to correlate.

Findings

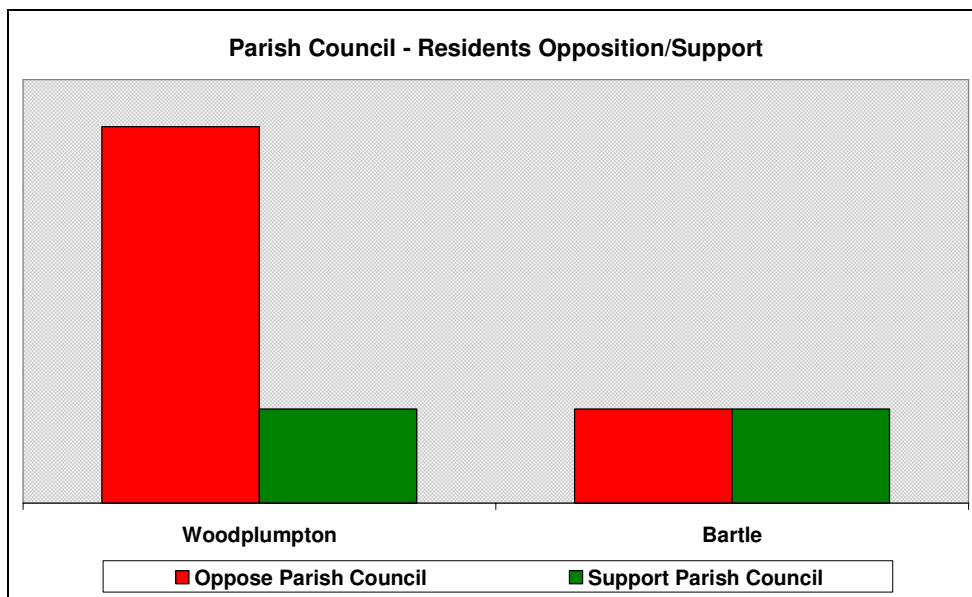
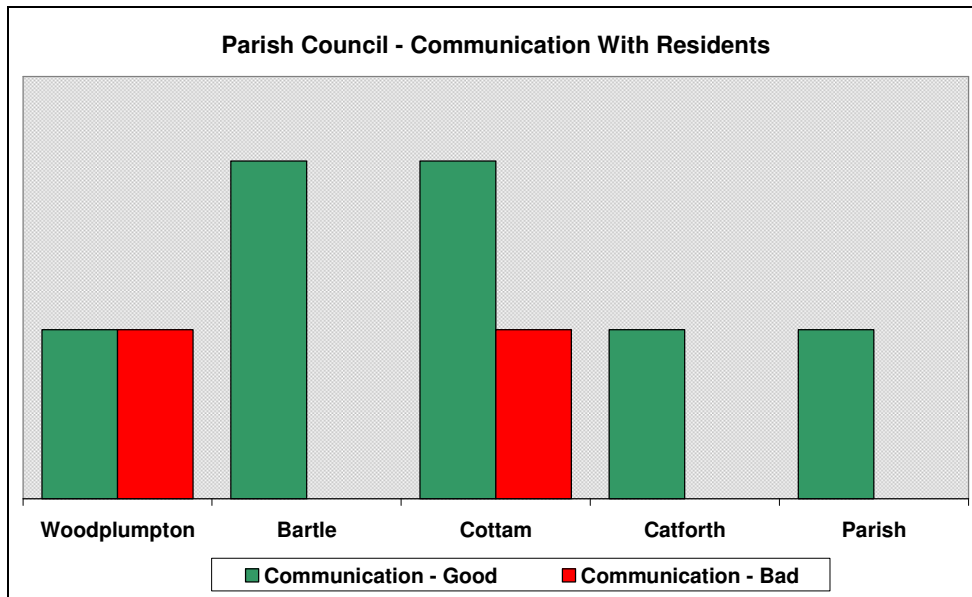
The following questions were asked and answers received:-

	Yes	No
<i>Do you know who your Parish Councillors are?</i>	57	44
<i>Do you know what the Parish Council does?</i>	57	42
<i>Do you know how to contact the Parish Council?</i>	63	37
<i>Do you read the Parish Council newsletter?</i>	76	26
<i>Do you know when Parish Council meetings are held?</i>	37	63
<i>Do you know where Parish Council meetings are held?</i>	46	53
<i>Do you visit the Parish Council website?</i>	22	75

From the responses received it appears that most residents have a reasonable knowledge of what the Parish Council does and who the Councillors are and get information by reading the Parish newsletter.



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Parish Council Actions

Short term

- Greater communication about the website and Parish meetings (this can best be achieved via the newsletter and Parish notice board)
- Continue Parish newsletter
- Ensure that the Parish Council website is up to date.
- Encourage public involvement in Parish meetings

Medium term

- Photographs of Councillors on the notice board with contact details
- Encourage public involvement in Parish meetings

Long term

- Maintain and build on the Parish Council's quality status.

E. WOODPLUMPTON PARISH PLAN – SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

D1. TRAFFIC ISSUES	
KEY ISSUES/FINDINGS	ACTIONS
<p>Speeding</p> <p>Volume of Traffic</p>	<p>SHORT TERM:- Encourage the local police authority to better enforce traffic regulations in these specific areas.</p>
	<p>Encourage regular two-way dialogue between the residents of the Parish and the local police authority (e.g. PACT meeting) to reinforce the need for traffic regulations to be followed.</p>
	<p>Develop links between volunteer community groups and police to work together to increase road safety.</p>
	<p>Expand the use of the SPIDs (Speed Indicator Devices) to act as a deterrent.</p>
	<p>MEDIUM TERM:- Continue to support and implement the Woodplumpton traffic calming scheme. This scheme includes staggered priority one-way ramps and improved/new signage. Consultation continues with the implementation of this plan.</p>
	<p>Promote the need for traffic calming measures throughout Catforth, particularly the main road and the area around the school.</p>
	<p>Investigate traffic issues, and identify appropriate corrective measures for Hoyles Lane.</p>
	<p>Improve the signage and traffic calming measures along the main road between the Jolly Roger canal bridge and the Sitting Goose pub.</p>
	<p>LONG TERM:- Continue to promote traffic calming measures throughout the Parish.</p>

E. WOODPLUMPTON PARISH PLAN – SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

D2. PARKING	
KEY ISSUES/FINDINGS	ACTIONS
Parking in and around the schools	<p>SHORT TERM:- Further promote the use of the adjacent church car park for parents dropping off and collecting children from Woodplumpton School.</p>
Obstructing pavements	Further promote the use of car sharing for parents dropping off and collecting children from Woodplumpton and Catforth Primary Schools.
Congestion	Encourage the local police authority to improve enforcement of traffic parking regulations in and around both the Primary Schools.
	<p>MEDIUM TERM:- Continue to support and implement the Woodplumpton traffic-calming plan - this plan includes staggered priority one-way ramps and improved / new signage. Consultation regarding the implementation of this plan continues.</p>
	Investigate parking issues, and identify appropriate corrective measures for The Orchard.
	<p>LONG TERM:- No actions identified.</p>

E. WOODPLUMPTON PARISH PLAN – SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

D3. PAVEMENTS	
KEY ISSUES/FINDINGS	ACTIONS
Lack of pavements Pavement condition Pavement structure	<p>MEDIUM TERM:- The Parish Council will continue to work with residents and the Highways department to monitor and respond to pavement issues</p>
D4. HEDGES	
KEY ISSUES/FINDINGS	ACTIONS
Obstructing pavements (overgrown)	<p>SHORT TERM:- Extend the contract for the Parish Lengthsman to monitor/report on the general condition of hedges across the Parish and specifically the impact on pavements and sight lines.</p>
Blocking sight lines	Parish Lengthsman to report back to Parish Council to take appropriate action.
Lack of maintenance	The Parish Council will address specific issues with hedges by contacting the owner or the City Council as appropriate.
	<p>MEDIUM TERM:- Parish Council to put notices in its Newsletters to remind and encourage land owners / residents to keep hedges properly maintained at the appropriate times of the year.</p>
	<p>LONG TERM:- No actions identified.</p>

E. WOODPLUMPTON PARISH PLAN – SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

D5. POLICING, CRIME AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH	
KEY ISSUES/FINDINGS	ACTIONS
Residents do not know how to contact the PCSO	<p>SHORT TERM:- Encourage individual areas to establish neighbourhood watch schemes through the PCSO and PACT meetings.</p>
Inadequate police presence	Increase communication with Police and PCSO by using the Parish notice board and In Focus magazine.
	Promote the use of the Woodplumpton police house as information/drop-in centre.
	Expand the circulation of the Police newsletter.
	<p>MEDIUM TERM:- Encourage PCSO attendance at Parish meetings.</p>
	Advise the Police of the replies to this questionnaire so they can prioritise their activities accordingly.
	<p>LONG TERM:- Parish Council to lobby the police authority for increased presence.</p>

E. WOODPLUMPTON PARISH PLAN – SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

D6. LITTER & DOG FOULING	
KEY ISSUES/FINDINGS	ACTIONS
Dog fouling	<i>DOG FOULING - SHORT TERM:-</i> Parish Council to liaise with the dog wardens to ensure that penalties for dog fouling are enforced.
	Parish Council to request PCSO assistance in getting the message across to pet owners about their responsibilities.
	Provide contact information to encourage residents to report specific incidents of dog fouling ('Whistle Blowing').
	<i>DOG FOULING - MEDIUM TERM:-</i> Provision of additional signs.
	Provision of additional dog foul bins.
	<i>DOG FOULING - LONG TERM:-</i> The Parish Council will maintain regular contact with Environmental Health to ensure that the dog wardens continue to undertake regular patrols of the Parish.
Litter	<i>LITTER - SHORT TERM:-</i> The Parish Council to promote residents participation in 'litter picks'
	<i>LITTER - MEDIUM TERM:-</i> The Parish Council to extend the Lengthsman's litter picking duties.
	Provision of additional signs
	Provision of additional litter bins

E. WOODPLUMPTON PARISH PLAN – SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

D6. LITTER & DOG FOULING continued...	
KEY ISSUES/FINDINGS	ACTIONS
	<p>Promote anti-litter campaigns via local schools and organisations</p> <p>LITTER - LONG TERM:- Parish Council to maintain pressure on Preston City Council to improve the levels of street cleaning undertaken in the Parish.</p>
Fly Tipping	<p>FLY TIPPING - SHORT TERM:- Provide contact information to encourage residents to report specific incidents of Fly tipping ('Whistle Blowing'),</p> <p>Ensure that residents have the Environmental Health telephone no. by displaying it on the Parish Council website and notice boards.</p> <p>FLY TIPPING - MEDIUM TERM:- Provision of additional signs</p> <p>FLY TIPPING - LONG TERM:- None identified</p>

E. WOODPLUMPTON PARISH PLAN – SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

D7. DRAINS & SEWERS	
KEY ISSUES/FINDINGS	ACTIONS
Flooding	<p>SHORT TERM:- Ask for investigation of flooding and drainage problems by Preston City Council or Lancashire County Council in relevant areas. Consultation with the Council responsible for ways to deal with the ongoing problem.</p>
Blocked Drains/Ditches	<p>MEDIUM TERM:- Planned Preventative Maintenance Programme introduced for the Parish.</p> <p>Encourage improved drainage to be provided for problem areas when new builds are requested as part of the agreement to allow planning permission.</p> <p>LONG TERM:- Prioritise areas and put pressure on the City Council and LCC to replace all drainage systems in the Parish on a planned maintenance programme over the next 10 years.</p>
D8. PUBLIC TRANSPORT	
KEY ISSUES/FINDINGS	ACTIONS
Poor bus service	<p>SHORT TERM:- Speak directly with the bus companies to raise issue of infrequent service and unmarked bus stops to give an improved service.</p> <p>Contact Lancashire County Council about prices, any future funding or incentive schemes for reduced bus charges.</p> <p>MEDIUM TERM:- Work towards integrated service via liaison with schools, Parish Council and Lancashire County Council and bus companies to provide new modern service with rural friendly vehicles and more efficient service.</p>

E. WOODPLUMPTON PARISH PLAN – SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

D9. SPORT, LEISURE & AMENITIES	
KEY ISSUES/FINDINGS	ACTIONS
Main activities required:- Keep Fit	SHORT TERM:- Improve communication via the Parish Newsletter, In Focus magazine and the notice boards so residents are aware of available activities, clubs and facilities.
Yoga	Encourage local clubs and organisations to attend the Neighbourhood Event Day to publicise their activities.
Football	
Tennis	Have a Parish Council Website Link Page to available activities.
Main amenities required:-	Publicise the existing youth and associated clubs e.g. Brownies and Scouts.
Youth Club	MEDIUM TERM:- Advise local clubs of the facilities requested and encourage them to advertise their availability within the Parish.
Parent/Toddler Group	
After School Club	Contact schools about the demand for after school / toddler clubs.
	Promote the use of Catforth Village Hall, Woodplumpton District Club and Woodplumpton Parish Room.
	To continue to support the well frequented bowling activities within the Parish.
	LONG TERM:- None identified.

E. WOODPLUMPTON PARISH PLAN – SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

D10. HOUSING	
KEY ISSUES/FINDINGS	ACTIONS
Building on green field sites	SHORT TERM:- Be alert to all planning applications and continue to monitor all applications that come before the Parish Council carefully.
Over development	Challenge any Government reviews of green belt land in the area citing the infrastructure as unable to cope and adopting a 'brown field first – green field last' stance.
Building on agricultural land	Consider planning applications for affordable housing sympathetically but only on brown field sites or when recycling buildings.
Lack of affordable housing	MEDIUM TERM:- As above.
	LONG TERM:- As above

E. WOODPLUMPTON PARISH PLAN – SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

D11. ENVIRONMENT	
KEY ISSUES/FINDINGS	ACTIONS
Lack of footpath information	<p>SHORT TERM:- Provide information relating to public footpaths and improve signage of existing public footpaths within the Parish.</p>
Noise	Erect an information point in the Community Garden containing a map of all public footpaths in the area or include such an item on the Parish notice boards.
Lack of local area information	<p>MEDIUM TERM:- Provide information relating to public footpaths – as above</p>
Pollution (air)	Noise and pollution (air) – the proposed traffic calming measures which are to be introduced in the village of Woodplumpton should go some way to addressing noise and air pollution once the scheme becomes well established. However, no actions have been identified for the rest of the Parish.
	<p>LONG TERM:- To continue working with the relevant agencies to preserve the rural nature of the Parish.</p>

E. WOODPLUMPTON PARISH PLAN – SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

D12. PARISH COUNCIL	
KEY ISSUES/FINDINGS	ACTIONS
Lack of communication	<p>SHORT TERM:- Greater communication about the website and Parish Council meetings (this can best be achieved via the newsletter and Parish notice board).</p>
Residents do not know when and where Parish Council meetings take place.	Continue with Parish Council newsletter
	Ensure that the Parish Council website is up to date.
	Encourage public involvement in Parish meetings.
	<p>MEDIUM TERM:- Photographs of Parish Councillors on the notice board with contact details.</p>
	Encourage public involvement in Parish Council meetings
	<p>LONG TERM:- Maintain and build on the Parish Council's quality status.</p>

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F. WHAT NEXT?

It is important to note that the Parish Plan is only the START of the process. It identifies the issues and gives an indication on what can be achieved over different timescales.

Many of the 'solutions' cannot be provided solely by the community, so it is vital that the Plan is endorsed by other agencies such as the City and County Councils, Bus Services, Police etc.

A draft copy of the Parish Plan has been shown to residents at a 'Neighbourhood Event' which was held in March 2008 and many of the Key Service Providers were invited to attend to inform and advise on their services.

The Plan will be presented to the Parish Council for formal adoption and they will endeavour to ensure that the identified actions are taken into account when considering development strategies and local community concerns. The Plan will be freely available on the Parish Council Website and will also be sent to the City and County Councils for consideration when determining their policies.

However, the process will not stop there as all agencies and residents will have a part to play in ensuring that the actions identified are progressed. If you would like to be involved in this ongoing and rewarding process, please contact the Parish Council.

G. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Steering Group would like to express their thanks to the following individuals and organisations that have assisted them in the compilation of this Parish Plan:-

Woodplumpton Parish Council
Clerk to the Parish Council
St. Annes Church
Community Futures
Catforth Village Hall
Woodplumpton & District Club

Preston City Council:-

Neighbourhood Management
Environmental Health - Dog Fouling & Street Cleansing

Lancashire County Council:-

District Partnership Officer
Youth & Community Services
Lancashire GIS Team

Police
Central Lancashire Primary Care Trust
Mr & Mrs Eccleston of Cuckstool Farm
Martin Lawrence

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Woodplumpton & Catforth Parish Plan Steering Group

This newsletter has three purposes:

- To explain what a Parish Plan is
- To introduce the Steering Group and explain our objectives
- To gather your views on the areas that we should focus on

A Parish Plan is a formal plan of action for the future, indicating what people would like to see changed, improved or preserved in their area. It's a community document that individuals, businesses & groups can use to pursue their own projects and ideas. It will also provide information to local authorities & service providers, which in turn can help them improve their services to that Parish.

This is **our** opportunity, as residents of Woodplumpton and Catforth, to influence/steer the decision makers, such as the City Council, into making decisions that support our collective views.

The Parish Council has recently received a grant from Community Futures; a Lancashire based Charity, to produce a Parish Plan. The Council decided that developing and implementing a Parish Plan was the best way of involving as many residents as possible in the decision-making process for the future. An invitation was put in the Parish Council Newsletter asking for volunteers to help develop and implement a Parish Plan. A meeting was subsequently held and 16 people (including two representatives from the Parish Council) attended and formed a steering committee that's us.

We now meet regularly and the first things we discussed were how to communicate and collect your views – that is the purpose of this leaflet. The Group believes that all residents need to be fully involved from the start of the process so the draft plan is not developed in isolation. Initially we need your views on what you would like to see in the future - short & long-term. We would like to generate a response to all aspects of themes that could be included in our plan.

You will find, on the reverse of this newsletter, a box containing different subjects - we would like you to circle the **five** that are most important to you. There is also a blank box where you can write any additional comments, concerns or issues that you may have.

Your initial feedback will help us compile a structured questionnaire - this will give us accurate information that will be used to develop our Parish Plan.

Besides having your voice heard, and influencing how our Parish will look in the future, we are offering an additional incentive of £25 M & S vouchers for a completed questionnaire drawn at random from those returned.

Please return your completed questionnaire to a collection box in one of the following locations:

Catforth Post Office	Woodplumpton Village Shop	The Running Pump	The Wheatsheaf
Catforth School	St Annes School	The Bay Horse	The Plough at Eaves

Questionnaires need to be returned by **Friday 14th July** - don't forget to complete your personal details to be eligible for the draw for the M & S vouchers.

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Tell Us Your Views – You Could Be the Winner of £25!!

- | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Pavements | Healthcare Provision | Policing | Community Events |
| Dog Fouling | Amenities | Public Transport | Neighbourhood Watch |
| Canals & Waterways | Internet Access | Public Footpaths & Bridleways | Play Areas |
| Wildlife | Litter | Youth provision & childcare | Local Businesses |
| Housing | Hedges | Drains & Sewers | Traffic Issues |
| Pollution | Parking | Information & Communication | Crime |

Please circle five topics above that are most important to you – include any additional comments, concerns or issues you may have below:-

Please provide name, address, telephone no. and/or email address:-

Name	
Address	
Tel No.	
Email	

Steering Group – Contact Details:-

Name	Telephone No.	Email Address
Martin Stewart - Chairperson	691180	woodcatparishplan@fsmail.net
Karen Wright - Vice-Chairperson	690422	pkjcwright@aol.com
Simon Morgan	690888	smorg74@hotmail.com
Paul Entwistle	691107	entwistpa@aol.com

Please telephone/email any of the contacts above if you have any queries.

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WOODPLUMPTON & CATFORTH PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP – LISTENING TO YOUR VIEWS

Useful information and advice for completing this questionnaire

Feedback obtained from residents via the Steering Group's initial newsletter circulated earlier this year has been used to establish areas of importance to the community. The responses submitted have provided the framework for this questionnaire.

This is your opportunity to get your voice heard and let the Steering Group know about issues that are important to you – the feedback received will form the basis for a Parish Plan. The Parish Plan will have a direct influence on the way in which your Parish is managed in the future.

Any resident living in Woodplumpton or Catforth can complete the questionnaire.

Please read each question carefully and tick a box to indicate your answer - tick more than one box if you feel it is appropriate and provide further details in the spaces provided so your answers are as specific as possible.

We hope you will take the time to complete and return this questionnaire – we value and need your feedback to make the Parish Plan representative of the whole community.

If you have any queries about this questionnaire please do not hesitate to contact the Steering Group. Email your query to woodcatparishplan@fsmail.net or telephone Martin Stewart (Chairperson) on 691180.

Additional copies of this questionnaire can be downloaded from the Steering Group website:-

www.woodplumptonandcatforthsteeringgroup.org.uk

Please return your completed questionnaire to a collection box in one of the locations listed overleaf **by Friday 1st December 2006.**

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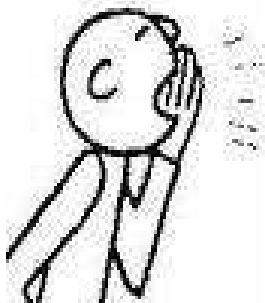
Have Your Say, We're Listening - Win £50!!

Two lucky people will receive £50 of Marks & Spencer vouchers each – the winners will be selected at random from completed questionnaires returned. Please provide your details in the space below and return your completed questionnaire via a collection box in one of the locations shown below. The next stage in the production of the Parish Plan will be a public consultation process. The date and venue for this will be confirmed at the end of January 2007.

COLLECTION BOX LOCATIONS

Woodplumpton Village Shop	Catforth Post Office
St Annes School	Catforth School
St Annes Church	Catforth Village Hall
The Wheatsheaf	St Roberts Church
The Plough at Eaves	Crown Lane Methodist Church
The Sitting Goose	The Bay Horse
Hoyles Lane Post Office	The Running Pump

Tell Us Your Views



Please provide name, address, telephone no. and/or email address:-

Name

Address

Tel No.

Email

Thank you very much for completing this questionnaire.

Please return by Friday 1st December 2006

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SECTION 1: TRAFFIC

What do you consider the main issues to be? Please tick ✓ the relevant boxes and give details in the spaces below.

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Speeding | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Volume of traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Types of vehicles | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Road condition and/or layout | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Where and/or when does the problem occur?

Any other comments

SECTION 2: PARKING

What do you consider the main issues to be? Please tick ✓ the relevant boxes and give details in the spaces below.

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Parking at school drop off/collection times | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vehicles obstructing access to pavements, drives etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Parking restrictions | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Congestion due to inappropriate parking | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Visitors blocking roads | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Where and/or when does the problem occur?

Any other comments

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SECTION 3: PAVEMENTS

What do you consider the main issues to be? Please tick ✓ the relevant boxes and give details in the spaces below.

- Condition of pavements
- Lack of pavements
- Structure of pavements (e.g. height, width, surface)
- Other

Where and/or when does the problem occur?

Any other comments

SECTION 4: HEDGES

What do you consider the main issues to be? Please tick ✓ the relevant boxes and give details in the spaces below.

- Hedges obstructing pavements
- Hedges blocking sight lines/causing poor visibility
- Condition of hedges
- Maintenance of hedges
- Other

Where and/or when does the problem occur?

Any other comments

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SECTION 5: POLICING, CRIME & NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Please tick ✓ one box per question and give relevant details in the space below

Considering your local area:-

- | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Is the level of police presence adequate? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is there sufficient communication between the Police and residents? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is a neighbourhood watch required? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does street lighting need to be improved? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is there enough information available about the PCSO (Police Community Support Officer)? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do you know how to contact the PCSO for non-emergency issues? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do you know what PACT meetings are? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are you aware of when and where PACT meetings are held? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Have you been a victim of crime? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| If you have reported a crime to the Police, are you happy with the manner in which it was dealt with? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Any other comments

SECTION 6: LITTER & DOG FOULING

What do you consider the main issues to be? Please tick ✓ the relevant boxes and give details in the spaces below.

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dog fouling | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Litter | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fly tipping | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Waste collection service | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Provision of recycling services | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Where and/or when does the problem occur?

Any other comments

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SECTION 7: DRAINS & SEWERS

What do you consider the main issues to be? Please tick ✓ the relevant boxes and give details in the spaces below.

- Flooding
- Blocked drains
- Problems with ditches
- Other

Where and/or when does the problem occur?

Any other comments

SECTION 8: PUBLIC TRANSPORT

What do you consider the main issues to be? Please tick ✓ the relevant boxes and give details in the spaces below.

- Bus routes
- The frequency of buses
- Location of bus stops
- The number of bus stops
- Access for the disabled
- Reliability of services
- Time-tabling of public transport
- The provision of public transport information
- The accuracy of public transport information
- Other

Any other comments

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SECTION 9: SPORTS, LEISURE & AMENITIES

Which of the following activities would you and/or your family take part in if they were available? Please tick ✓ the relevant boxes.

- Keep fit
- Yoga
- Cricket
- Football
- Netball
- Tennis
- Bingo
- Other (please ✓ and give details below)

Which of the following amenities would you and/or your family like to be available? Please tick ✓ the relevant boxes.

- Parent and toddler group
- After school club
- School holiday club
- Youth club
- Public toilets
- Other (please ✓ and give details below)

Which amenities do you currently support?

Any other comments

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SECTION 10: HOUSING & DEVELOPMENTS

What do you consider the main issues/requirements to be? Please tick ✓ the relevant boxes.

- Commercial building
- Agricultural building
- Location of new developments/re-development
- Residential property development
- Building on green field sites
- Building on agricultural land
- Affordable housing
- Overdevelopment
- Other

If you have ticked any of the above, please give details below?

Any other comments

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SECTION 11: ENVIRONMENT

What do you consider the main issues/requirements to be? Please tick ✓ the relevant boxes.

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|--|--------------------------|
| Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Offensive smells | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pollution | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sewage | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lack of available information about public footpaths | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lack of available information about the local area | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you have ticked any of the above, please give details below?

Any other comments

SECTION 12: THE PARISH COUNCIL

Please tick ✓ one box per question.

Considering the Parish Council:-

- | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Do you know who your Parish Councillors are? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do you know what the Parish Council does? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do you know how to contact the Parish Council? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do you read the quarterly Parish Council Newsletter? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do you know when Parish Council meetings are held? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do you know where Parish Council meetings are held? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Have you ever visited the Parish Council website? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Any other comments/suggestions for improvement