



Ab Kettleby Parish

Neighbourhood Plan

Questionnaire Analysis

May 2017

OVERVIEW

The Parish of Ab Kettleby has commenced the preparation of their Neighbourhood Plan.

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

The questionnaire contained 26 questions and is based on important themes established following initial consultation work by the Ab Kettleby Parish Council. These themes are: our parish; housing; parish facilities; education; environment & heritage; business; general comments.

The survey took place in April 2017. It was available to complete electronically and as a paper copy. The level of response from the community was good, there being 93 responses. This represents a return from over 20% of the adult population, (450 over the age of 18).

Given that some households chose to respond collectively rather than as individuals; it is also pertinent to consider the number of responses in relation to the number of households in the Neighbourhood Plan area. The number of responses represents over 40% of the 229 households.

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

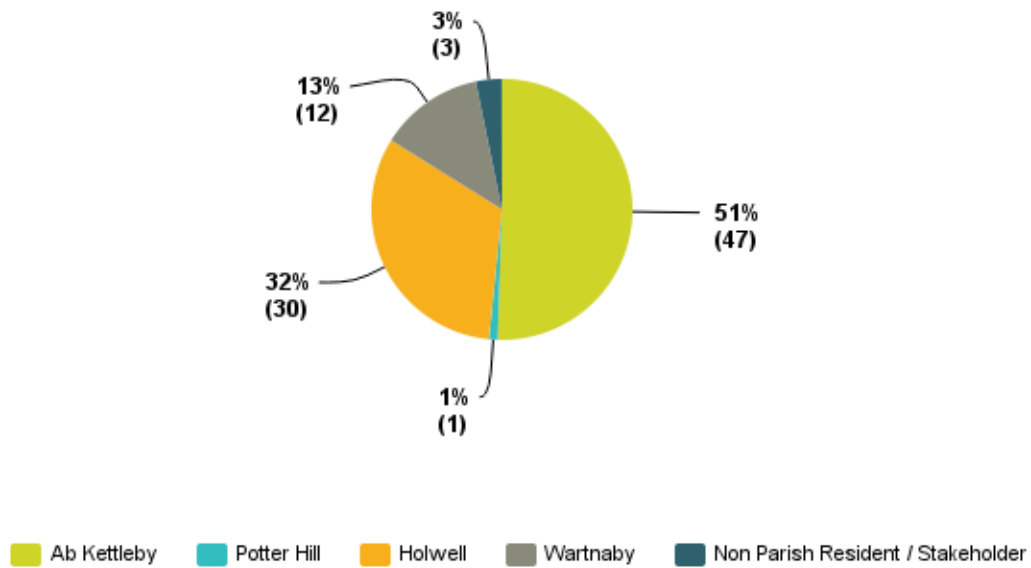
Population data taken from 2011 Census



Responses were received from each of the four settlements within the Ab Kettleby parish as well as non parish resident stakeholders.

Q1 Your village?

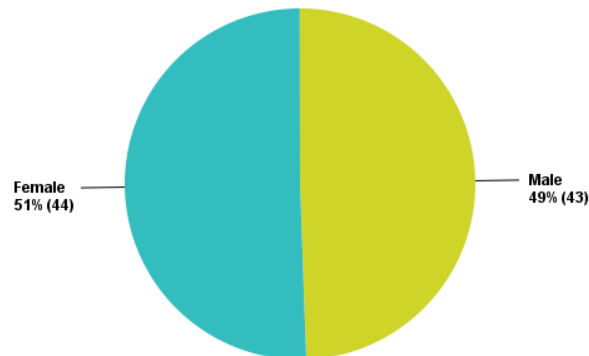
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Non Parish Residents/Stakeholders were a property owner, the Vicar of Ab Kettleby, Holwell and Wartnaby, a person who used to live at Holwell and the treasurer of the Melton Mowbray & District Scout camp site.

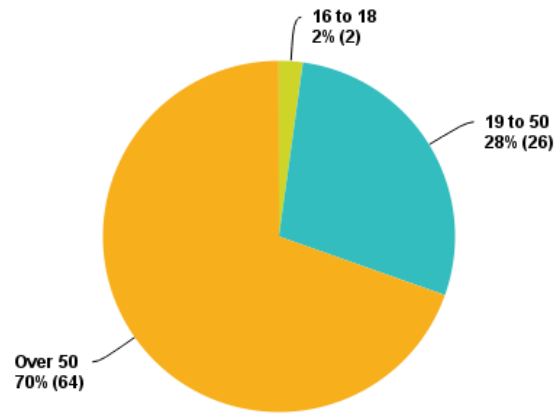
Q3 What is your gender? (optional)

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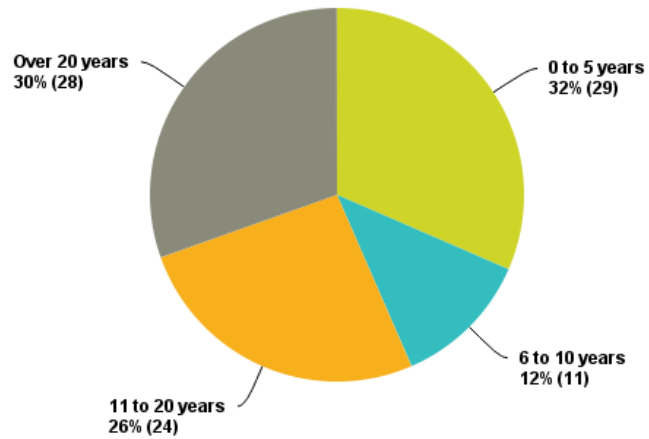
Q4 What is your age group?

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Q5 How many years have you lived in the parish?

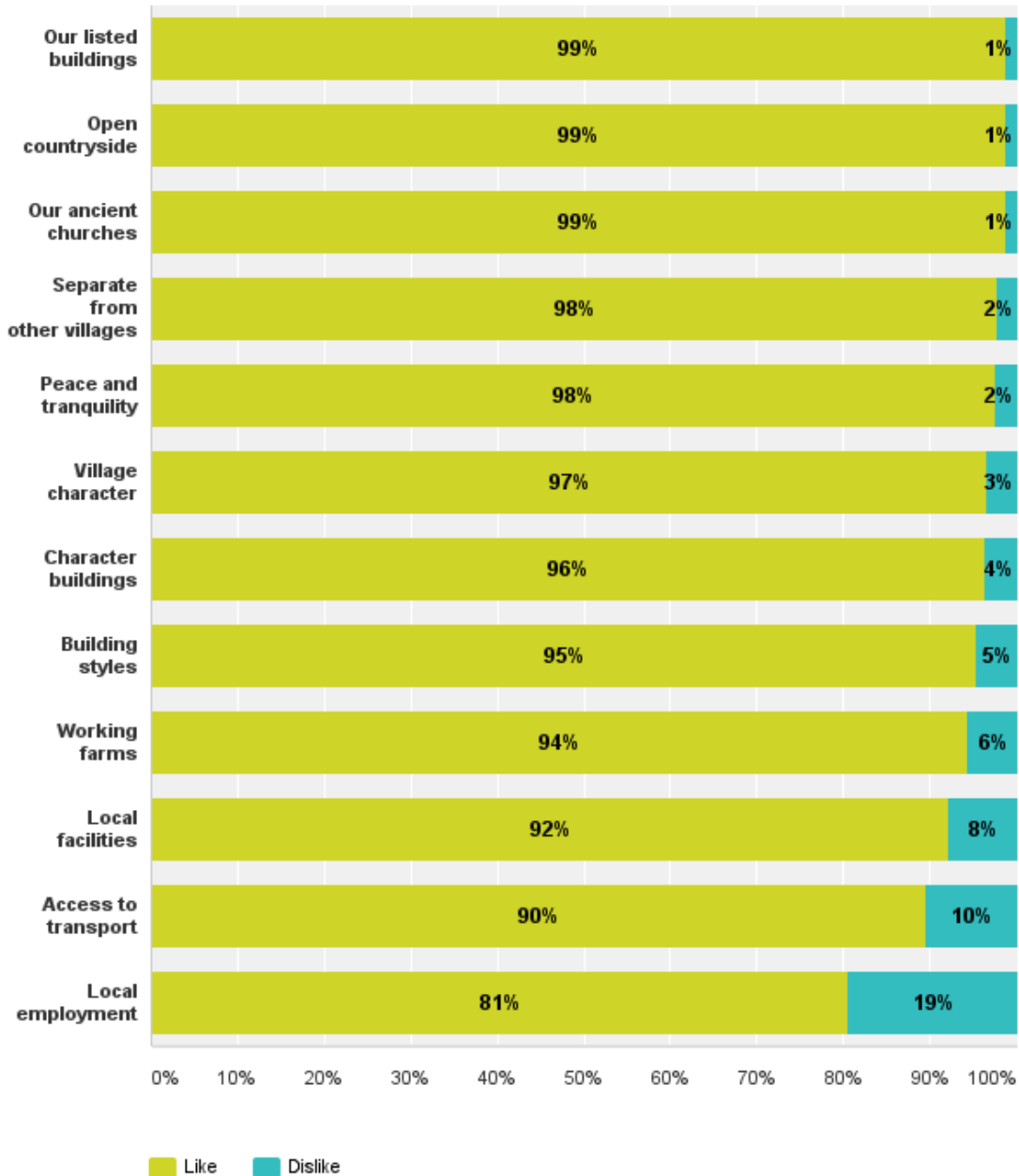
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Our Parish

Q8 What do you like or dislike about living in our Parish?

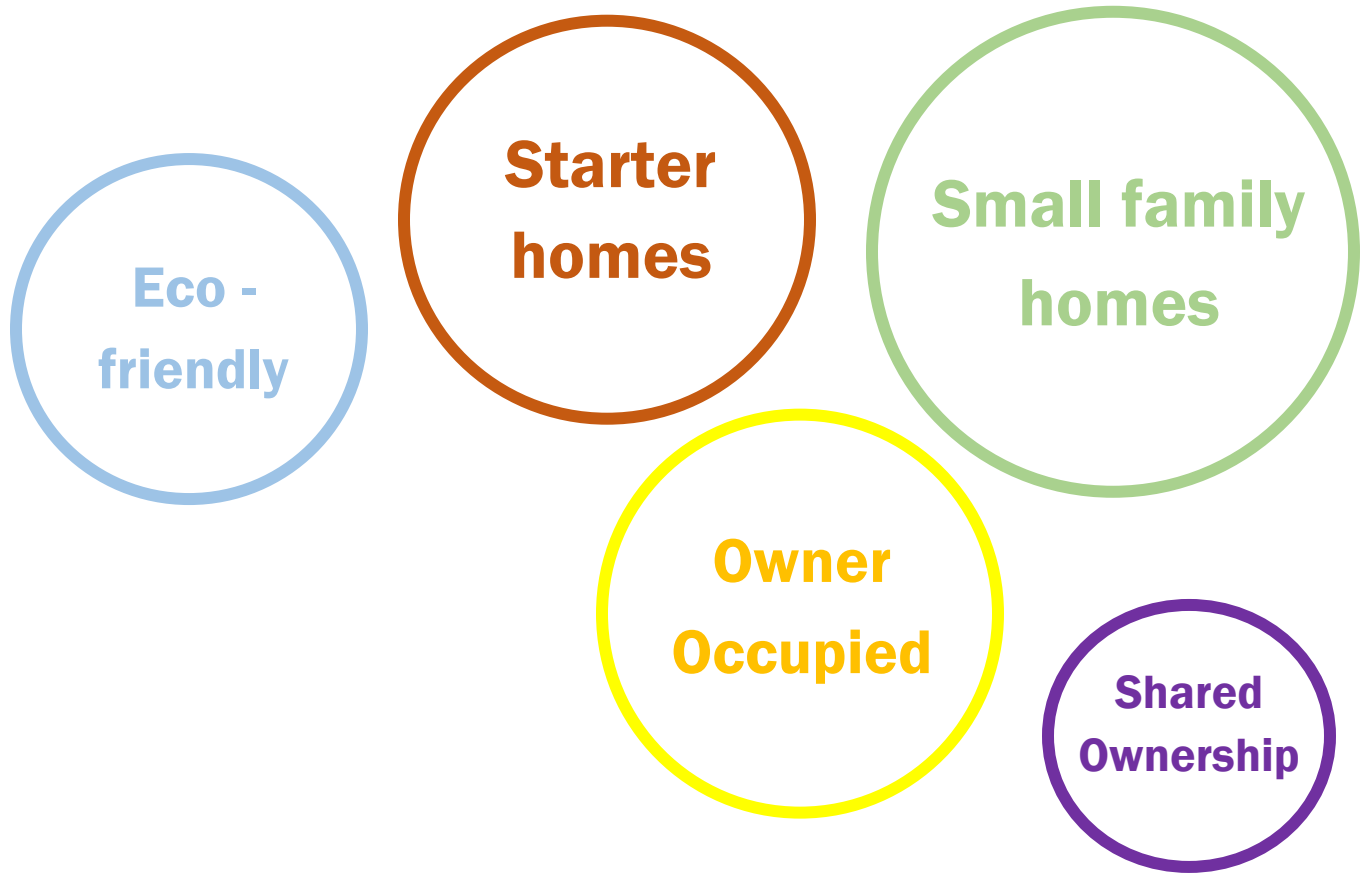
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The Ab Kettleby parish is very evidently valued as a community and a place to live by those responding to this questionnaire. The buildings and the open countryside extending into the villages, the ancient churches, separation from other villages, peace and tranquility and village character all contribute greatly to the enjoyment of the parish.

23 comments appear in the appendix which further emphasise the benefits of the parish but also express some concern about the elements which can spoil this enjoyment – excessive traffic and speeding and the worry of inappropriate development.

Housing



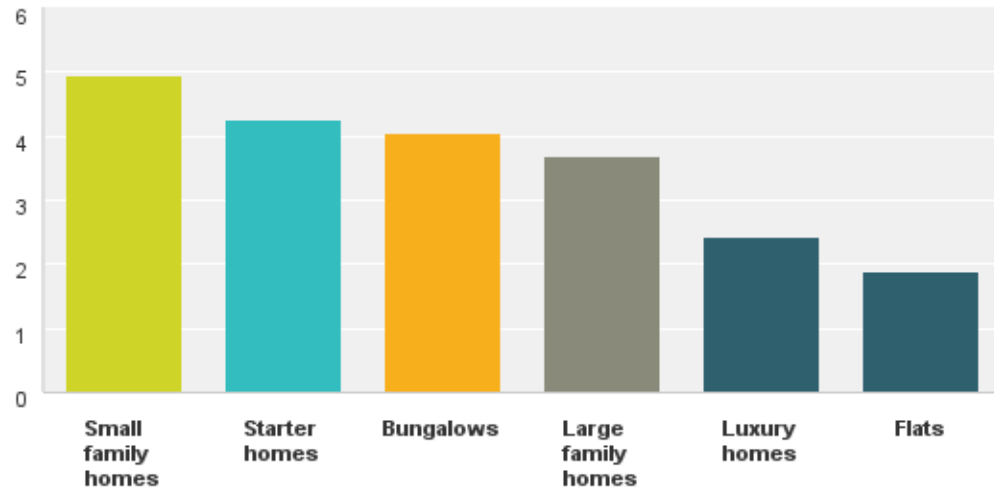
Key issues for those responding to this questionnaire are future housing need and provision in the Parish.

Parishioners were informed of the need for the Ab Kettleby Neighbourhood Plan to be consistent with the new Melton Local Plan. The Plan identifies one site of around 10 new homes in Ab Kettleby. The Ab Kettleby Parish Neighbourhood Plan cannot therefore plan for less than this number by 2036.

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

Q9 What type of housing do you think the Parish needs?

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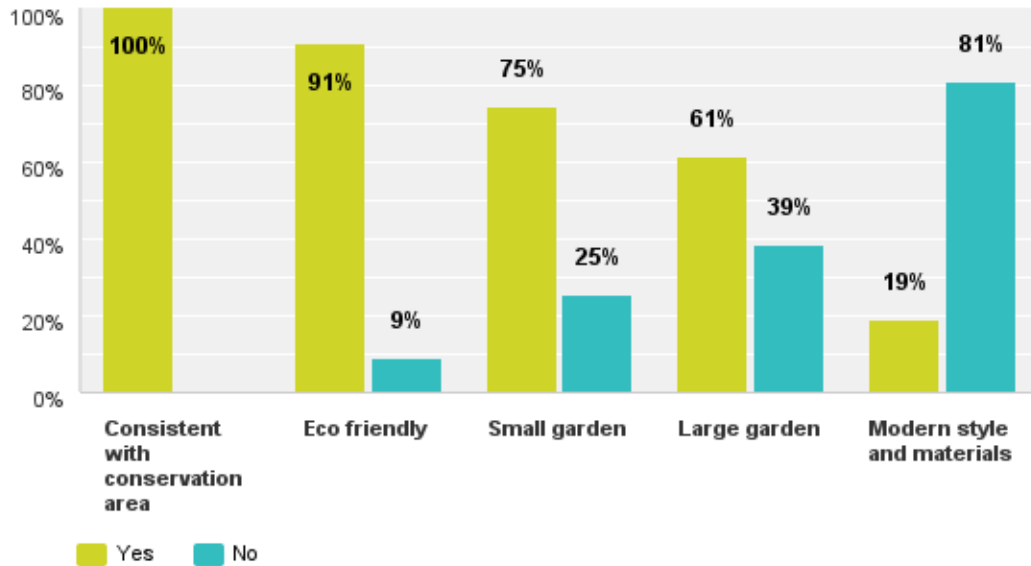
Parishioners were invited to rank which of the six housing types they think the parish needs.

Small family homes is the consistently favoured choice followed by starter homes. This shows the wish of respondents to create opportunities for young people and others on lower incomes to own a home in the parish.

The third most favoured housing type is bungalows, suggesting a desire for accommodation suitable for older people - to remain in or move to the parish.

Q10 What style of housing would you like in any new development?

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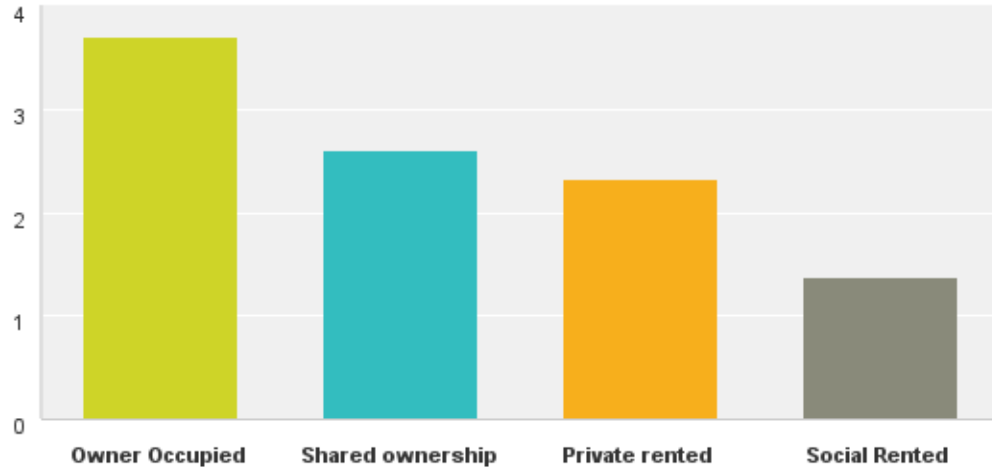


Those responding unanimously support housing consistent with the conservation area, style and materials. 91% support eco-friendly housing, (which can be a feature of all styles of new housing development). Small gardens are favoured above large gardens but both are strongly supported.

The only housing style to receive a negative response is modern style and materials, which was not supported by 81% of those responding.

Q11 Should this housing include:

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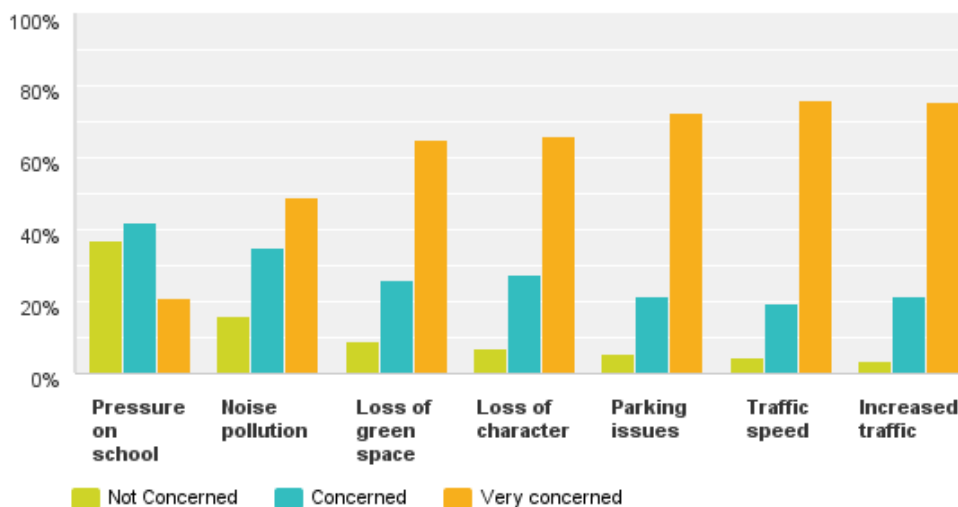
Parishioners were invited to rank four tenure types.

Home ownership is strongly favoured by respondents over rental. Owner occupation is consistently the favoured option, whilst shared ownership is the second most favoured.

Parish facilities

Q12 To what extent do any of the following cause you concern?

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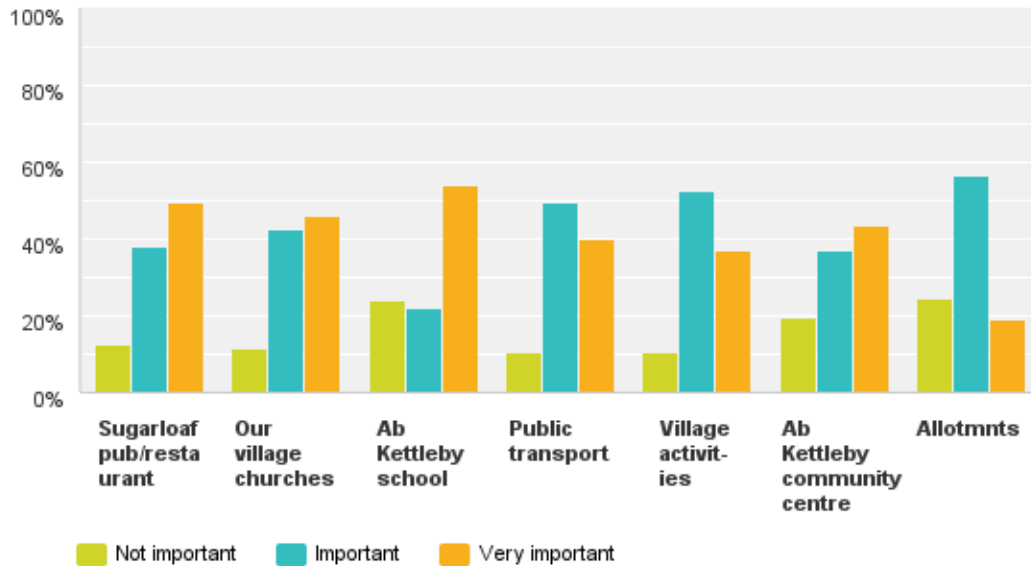


	Not Concerned	Concerned	Very concerned
Pressure on school facilities	37.21% 32	41.86% 36	20.93% 18
Noise pollution	15.91% 14	35.23% 31	48.86% 43
Loss of green space	9.09% 8	26.14% 23	64.77% 57
The parish could lose its character	6.82% 6	27.27% 24	65.91% 58
Parking issues	5.68% 5	21.59% 19	72.73% 64
Traffic speed	4.60% 4	19.54% 17	75.86% 66
Increased traffic	3.37% 3	21.35% 19	75.28% 67

Of the seven options offered, the three about which respondents are most concerned relate to traffic. Over 96% are either concerned or very concerned by increased traffic in the parish. 95% are concerned or very concerned by traffic speed and 94% are concerned or very concerned by parking issues. 15 further comments appear in the appendix, many of which re-emphasise concern about traffic volume, speed and parking. These comments are particularly useful as they highlight specific areas and roads within the parish that are perceived as problems.

Q13 How important are the following parish facilities to you?

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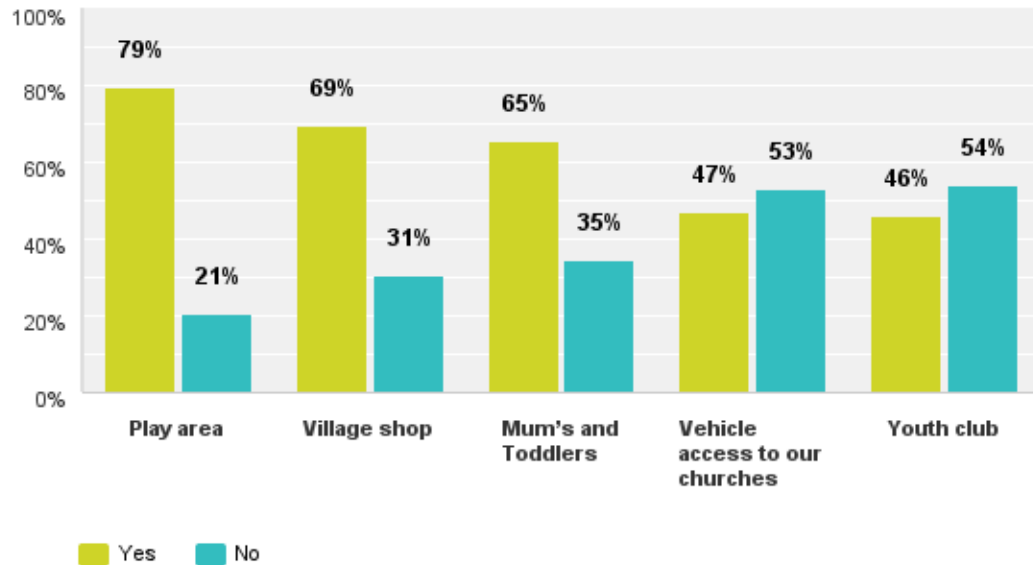
	Not important	Important	Very important
Sugarloaf pub/restaurant	12.64% 11	37.93% 33	49.43% 43
Our village churches	11.49% 10	42.53% 37	45.98% 40
Ab Kettleby school	24.14% 21	21.84% 19	54.02% 47
Public transport	10.34% 9	49.43% 43	40.23% 35
Village activities – fundraising, etc.	10.47% 9	52.33% 45	37.21% 32
Ab Kettleby community centre	19.54% 17	36.78% 32	43.68% 38
Allotments	24.71% 21	56.47% 48	18.82% 16

The pub, churches and the school, traditional focal points of many parishes, are considered the most important parish facilities by those responding.

16 further comments appear in the appendix, several of which emphasise the importance of footpaths. Some refer to the need for public transport and also a meeting place for Holwell.

Q14 Which of the following new facilities would you like in the parish, (in an ideal world)?

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When considering potential new facilities for the parish, 79% favour a play area. A village shop and a mums and toddlers group are also strongly supported.

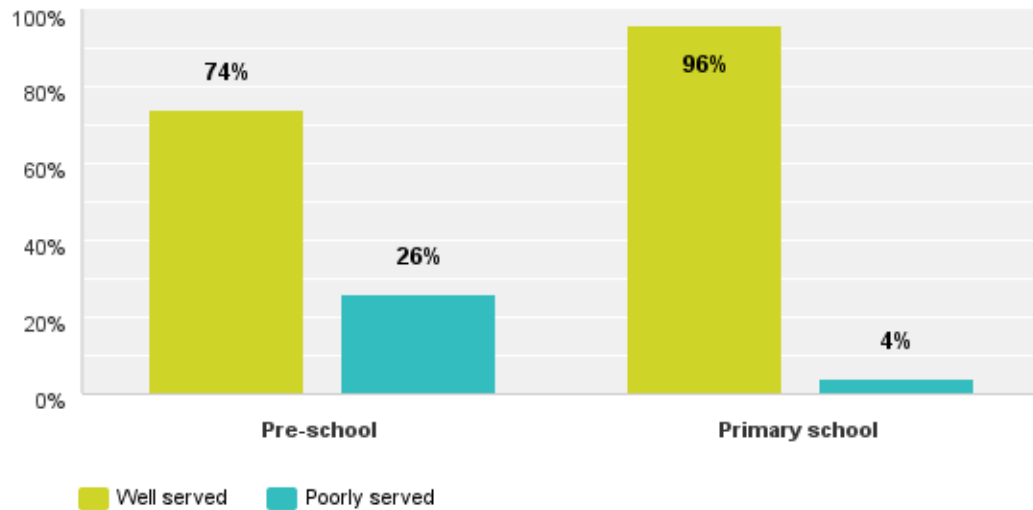
Both vehicle access to the churches and a youth club are supported by fewer respondents than those who oppose them.

19 further comments appear in the appendix which emphasise the desire for spaces where people are able to meet - be it a village hall or a village green. A café and post office, (meeting places too), are also mentioned.

Education

Q15 How well is the parish served with educational facilities?

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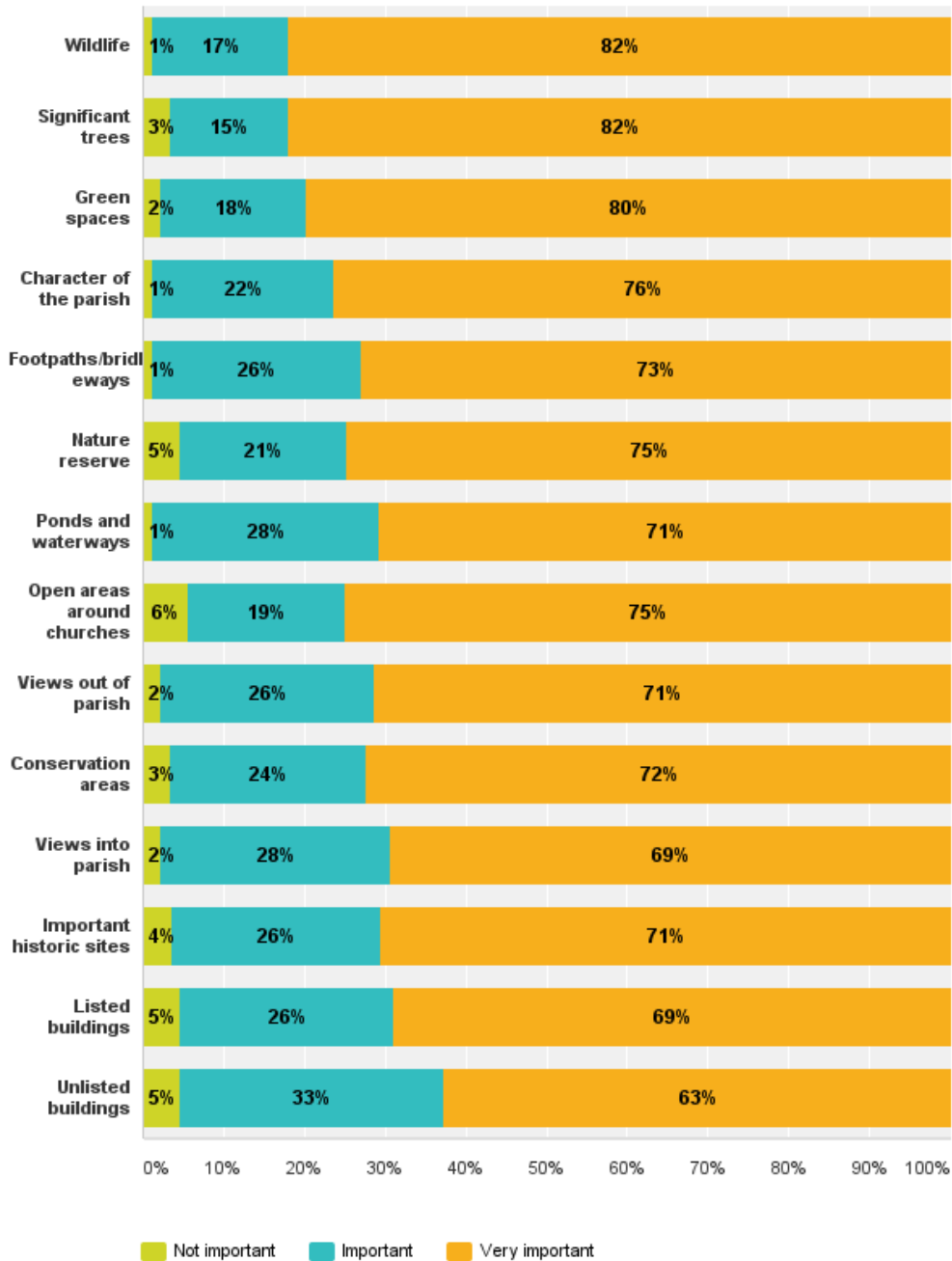


Whilst respondents feel that the parish is well served by both pre-school and primary school facilities, there appears to be some uncertainty amongst respondents about the exact nature and availability of pre-school facilities. However, the primary school is both known and clearly valued by those responding to this question.

Environment & Heritage

Q16 How important is it that we protect the following?

Answered: 89 Skipped: 4



	Not important	Important	Very important
Wildlife	1% 1	17% 15	82% 73
Significant trees and hedgerows	3% 3	15% 13	82% 73
Green spaces	2% 2	18% 16	80% 71
Character of the parish	1% 1	22% 20	76% 68
Footpaths / bridleways / byways	1% 1	26% 23	73% 65
Nature reserve	5% 4	21% 18	75% 65
Ponds and waterways	1% 1	28% 25	71% 63
Open areas around our churches	6% 5	19% 17	75% 66
Views looking out from the parish	2% 2	26% 23	71% 62
Conservation areas	3% 3	24% 21	72% 63
Views on approaching the parish	2% 2	28% 25	69% 61
Important historic sites	4% 3	26% 22	71% 60
Listed buildings	5% 4	26% 23	69% 60
Historic (unlisted) buildings	5% 4	33% 28	63% 54

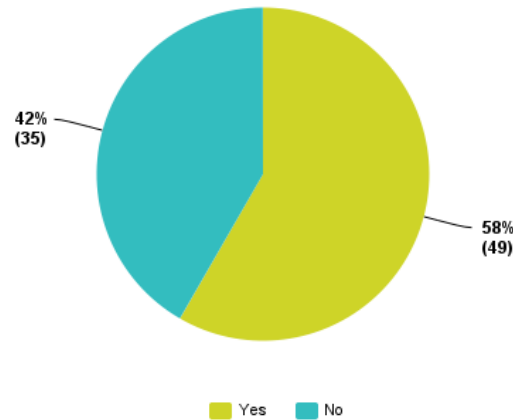
The number of responses to this question stating that it is **very important** to protect the features and amenities listed, further emphasises the value that those responding place on the environment in which they live.

Wildlife, green spaces, trees and hedgerow are considered the most important, showing that the rural and natural parish environment is the aspect which respondents are keen, above all, to retain.

Business

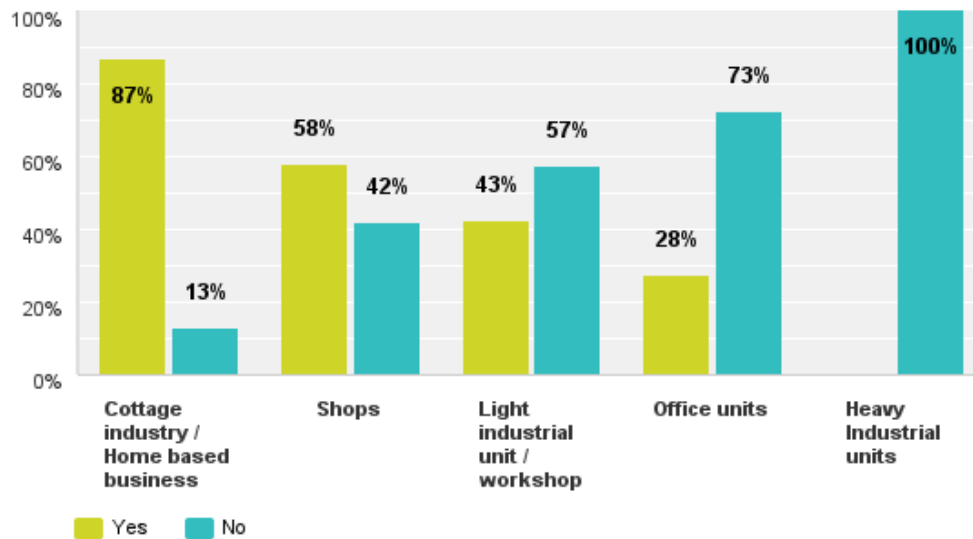
Q17 Would you welcome more business to the parish?

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Q18 What type of business would you prefer to see?

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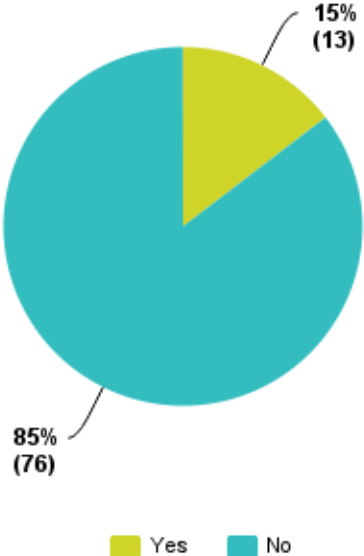


It was notable that a significant number of respondents stated that they did not want to see any more business in the parish, yet, when asked the following question about the type of business they might like to see, several of the same people stated that they would like small cottage industry and home based businesses whilst others also said that they would like a shop.

There was 100% opposition for any form of heavy industry and also considerable opposition to office units.

Q19 Do you operate a business within the parish?

Answered: 89 Skipped: 4



Types of business operated from within the parish are:

- Ironing service
- writing and online trading
- Security Systems
- Retail online business
- Travel Agency
- Plumbing and Heating
- Farm

When asked **Could future development within the parish benefit your business in any way?** seven respondents said 'no', three said 'yes' and one said it was dependent of the type of new development.

When asked **Could future development harm your business in any way?** seven said 'no', three said 'possibly' and one said 'inappropriate development causing visual harm, noise or substantial increase in traffic could harm our business as we have a reasonably nice, tranquil, rural location that may be beneficial to future diversification enterprises'.

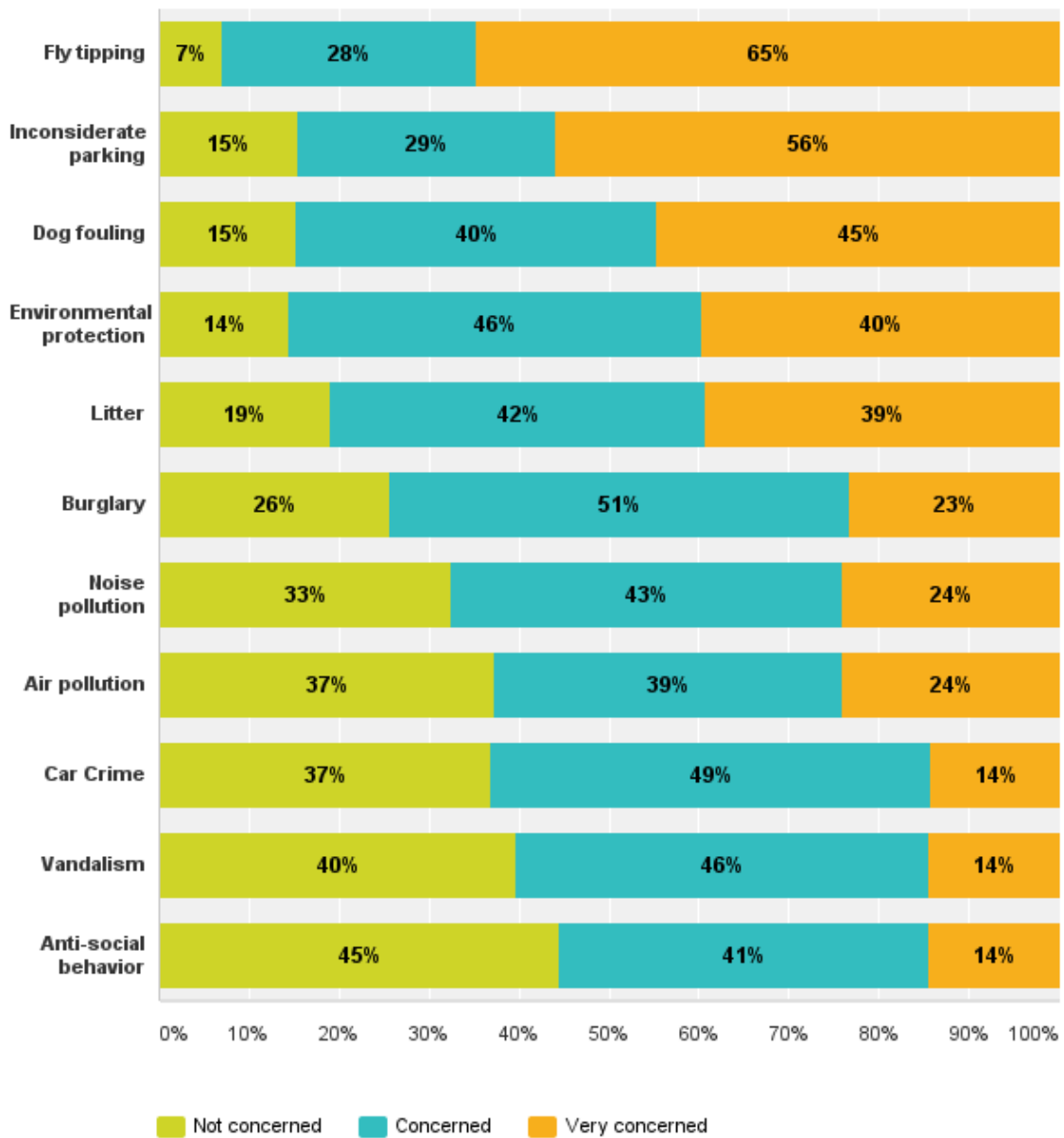
Of eleven responses received to the question **How many people, if any, do you employ from the parish (excluding yourself)?** 10 said they don't employ anyone else from the parish. One person stated that they employ one person from the parish.

Of 11 responses received to the question **How many people do you employ from outside the parish?** 6 said that they employ no one else from outside the parish. One person employs 3 or 4 depending on workload, another employs 5, another employs 16 and finally another employs 21.

Your concerns

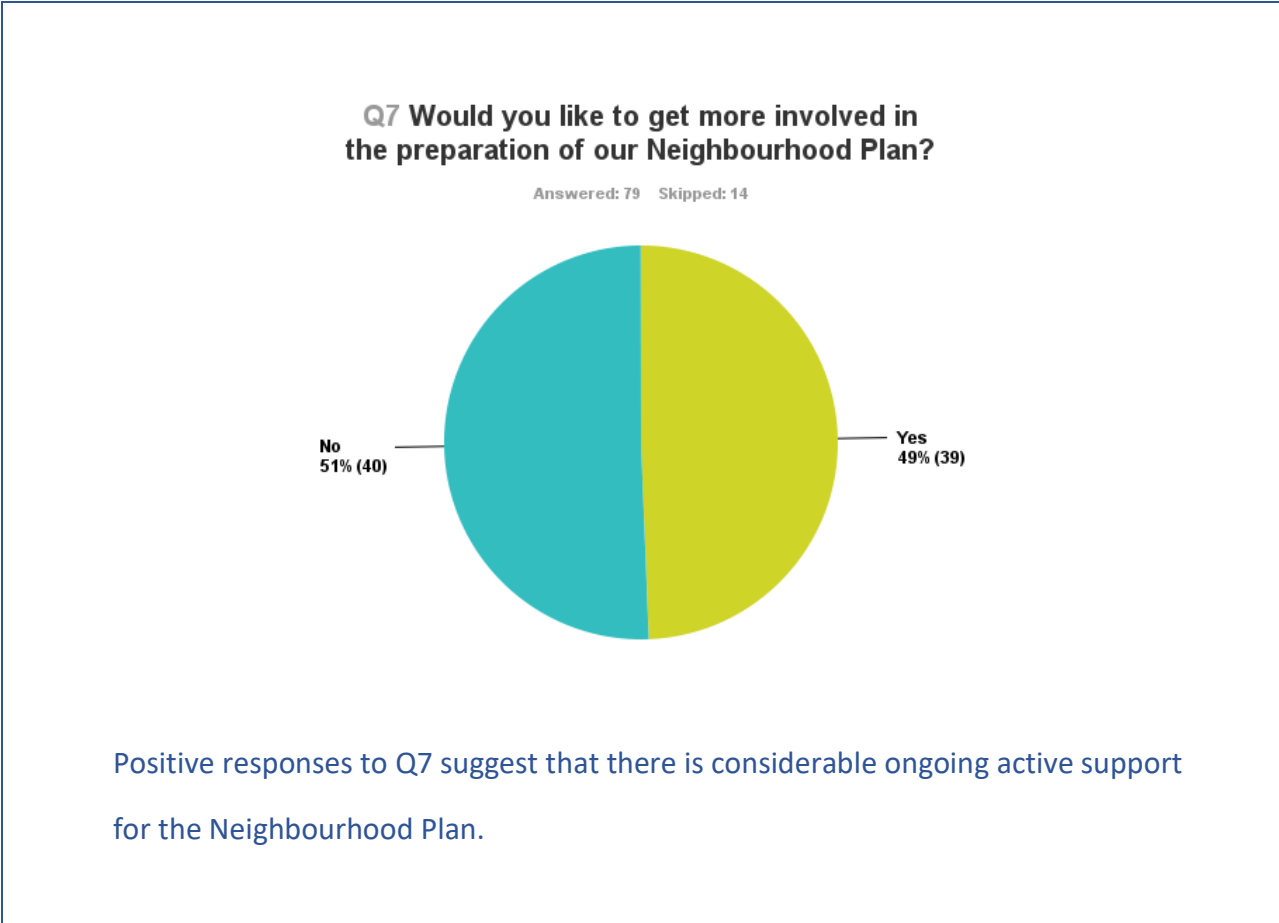
Q21 Do any of these cause you concern within the parish?

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In summary, a strong response to the Neighbourhood Plan Community Questionnaire has demonstrated a set of clear concerns and preferences amongst respondents. This offers a good steer to the Parish Council as it progresses with the development of the Ab Kettleby Neighbourhood Plan.

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



Appendix

Ab Kettleby Questionnaire: Summary of Individual Comments

As well as the formal answers to questions, there were over 130 additional individual comments. These have been listed below.

Page 5: What people like and dislike about living in the Parish. Total: 23

- Excess amounts of lorries etc, attractive views of village gone because of the lorries on the verges- now a noisy village.
- New residential units to be in keeping with materials used in other neighbouring dwellings approach to Ab Kettleby on A606 from north urgently needs traffic calming measures. Some back roads need passing places built and all potholes repaired more frequently. Back roads should be gritted in advance of icy weather.
- Dislike: Dirt on Wartnaby Rd.
- No peace and tranquility on the Salt Way!
- Peace and tranquility we do not have where we live. Speeding is a great issue on the A606 Melton Rd, and that is where we live in the village.
- Car parking on Wartnaby Rd does impair the flow of traffic through the village high street. Speed of traffic through the village is a concern. 20mph limit should be revisited. The high street does look unkempt - poor housekeeping and maintenance of external area mainly weeds etc. outside properties.
- Ab Kettleby has become a dormitory village in my time here. Few people now live and work in or near the village. Our school is well run and popular, an important community asset, which should be kept at all costs. I would like to see the character of the village preserved with any new housing aimed for young people with families - either rental or owner occupied.
- There is no peace and tranquility - between the noisy traffic on A606 & dogs & tractors driven at all times of day and night - there is little peace.
- Whilst access to transport infrastructure is important to most in modern life, there should be careful consideration of village developments that bring excessive traffic or numerous HGVs to what are essentially smaller roads used and enjoyed by horse-riders, cyclists, walkers - which are being widened and made noisier as a result of developments. Where possible SAT NAV post codes for certain businesses should be used that steer traffic to main roads and off small lanes.
- The three villages within the parish all have very ancient churches and some ancient buildings and much combined history prior to this as well. The Parish sits on high ground in the landscape being on the top of the escarpment to the South of the Vale of Belvoir and has commanding views numerous viewpoints over largely unspoilt countryside particularly to the South from within the villages and from the roads and rights of way that connect them. These views are of great importance to the character and setting of the settlements and existing historic buildings within the Parish and particularly from the important Grade II* listed churches at Ab Kettleby and Wartnaby. Peace and tranquility is very important part of the rural nature of the parish and development that detracts from this should be avoided.
- Dislike cars speeding through the village and cars parked on pavements making my wife and son walk on the road to school.

- We neither like nor dislike having access to major roads, railway and airport.
- Like the sense of community and diversity within the local population.
- Ab Kettleby is a fantastic environment to live in. Only downside is the A606 can be very busy with vehicles driving too fast through village.
- I moved here because of the panoramic views from my house on Nursery Lane.
- I like the peace and quiet. I dislike the increase in cars speeding through the village.
- I like the conservation section of the village being the original heart of the village, but also like the mix of buildings as the village has expanded. I would like there to continue to be a mix of old and new styles in the village.
- I like the mixture of building in the village. I like the conservation village centre, but equally think the village has the ability to have a wide range of styles within it. I would encourage new builds to be environmentally friendly and to embrace new technologies to reduce the demands placed on existing things in the village, (rain water harvesting and re use of roof water for grey water services and garden watering. This would reduce the water going into existing drainage services, which do flood at times with flash storms etc. Solar panels and hot water panels. Ground source and air source heat pumps and high insulation levels.
- The attraction of living in this village is the fact that it is a Conservation Area and not built up. Allowing any development would take away the village individuality and character. People who opt for this lifestyle choice do so specifically because of the tranquility and slower pace of life, compared to their busy day-to-day working life.
- The only thing I don't like is the lack of fibre optic internet, in this day and age it's a must. At very best you can only get speeds of 1.0 to 1.3 which is rubbish.
- We do not live in the parish but appreciate the open countryside surrounding the Scout camp which we would not like being changed.
- Dislike the fact that Holwell has no facilities other than Church and mobile library visit. Dislike the fact that Holwell does not have a bus service. Dislike the fact that Holwell does not have a hall for use as a community centre. Like the fact that Holwell has public access to countryside via the public pathways linking villages.
- Not a lot of prime building styles in the village, otherwise fine as it is.

Page 10: What causes you concern in the Parish? Total: 15

- Dumped rubbish on road verges and laybys
- Rat run through increased traffic using village as a cut through to Nottingham.
- Rubbish on grass verge.
- Parking issues near the school twice a day during term time.
- Speed through village, near school, needs to be 20mph.
- Very very concerned about traffic speed.
- Traffic has got much heavier in recent years and is noticeable particularly on the once quiet single track lane between Saxelby and Wartnaby on the lane past Wartnaby with increased (scale and number) farm traffic and much increased traffic to and from Friars Well Estate in Wartnaby which includes HGVs. The state of the roads and verges (very noticeable from the Saltway to Wartnaby) are deteriorating as a result and these small quiet country lanes are less usable for recreation and leisure (walking, biking, riding) as a result.
- There is already parking issues and speeding traffic through the village.
- Threat to spaces which are often used by the community (e.g. paddock on nursery lane).

- Increased traffic worries me because there are many dangerous bends turning into the side roads and I have noticed a large amount of accidents in the short time I have lived here. I think there should be a speed camera on the A606 approaching the Sugar Loaf from the North. Many do not follow the instruction to slow down or the speed limit of 30. This makes turning into or out of Clawson Lane very hazardous.
- Currently the school is accessed by many families who do not live in the village. The road through the village is narrow and many houses do not have drives, causing a lot of parked vehicles on the road. There is little regard from the parents who do not live in the village bringing their children to school towards the village residents. They travel too fast with no regard at times for possible oncoming traffic. There are no parking facilities at the school so school traffic adds to the already congested main road and Belvoir Ave and parking is often with little regard for residents. Loss of green space is a worry as there is no green space within the village for the residents to enjoy or use. There is no space that children can play or kick a ball about. The central part of the village has period character but the rest of the village is a mix of old and new. The village needs to be sustainable and have facilities which the whole village need and it needs to be accessible by all. The parish does not have a set character, there are characteristics which belong to the ancient element of the village and also characteristics of the farming businesses around and then the characteristics of a mobile modern work force who work from home, commute to other areas. I don't want to lose the historic element of the village but the village also needs to look to what will make it attractive to others in the future. I would also like it to appeal on different levels to different people. This would ensure a good mixture of villagers, not just one type or another.
- Without a ring road around Melton it will become more congested and a nightmare at peak times.
- Noticeably increased traffic through Holwell village and on gated roads around Holwell - may be use of sat-navs?
- If housing in Holwell increased, the pressure for space for parking, amount of traffic etc. would increase, endangering young people and walkers within the village. Also, I would not support the idea of traffic calming measures such as speed bumps within the village as these are known to cause damage to vehicles and have little impact on speed (people race between bumps). Self-powered reminders (as per Ab-Kettleby) are more effective.
- Happy to see further development but it should be in traditional vernacular style.
- In ideal world owner occupied housing only.

Page 11: Comments about important facilities in the Parish. Total: 16

- What public transport in Holwell?
- There should be a playing field used by adults for cricket, football, rugby. This could be rented from a farmer/landowner for annual events.
- Footpath network.
- I use footpaths and bridleways to enjoy walks
- Very important are footpaths and bridleways.
- Footpaths
- Public footpaths. Mobile Library.
- As the village grows, would a shop - private or community - become viable?

- Even though I drive, other members of my family do not. Wartnaby is secluded which is what is so special about the village but public transport is important to those in the village which cannot independently exit the village.
- Public transport doesn't run late enough or frequently enough to encourage commuters away from their cars. Holwell village hall an important asset for the parish and could be used for kids parties, community events etc. Would be handy if the toilet block could be reopened too!
- Holwell would benefit from a small meeting/function room.
- The school was very important when we move here, but less so now. If there were more young children in the village it would be more important. The community centre has been lost to the village. It is available but it is expensive to hire and due to the schools consistent use of the space, work being up on the walls etc. it makes it difficult to hold an event in the way you might want to, there can't be damage to the work on the walls but also you can't put up decorations easily on other areas due to nature of the walls (exposed brick) nothing sticks. When we first arrived in the village and the community centre was jointly owned between the local government and education and it was well used and activities took place for all ages of resident. This has slowly deteriorated to minimal use by the community and the school doesn't engage with the village as it used to. The village should be accessible and this should enable and facilitate people getting to and from workplaces and also socialisation such as the cinema, sports facilities theatre etc. but the buses stop at 7.30 in the evening going into Melton. Taxis are available but very expensive. The church is a central and historic central point but does not serve the community. It would be nice to see the church more accessible and open to use for community events and use.
- It is important that in certain villages there is provision for a shared open outside space for the use of the whole community.
- Many of these facilities aren't important to me directly but I think it is important they exist and thrive. They are essential parts of a vibrant local and inclusive community
- Holwell needs a community facility, village hall or similar where community facilities and groups can be developed - VERY important
- Holwell needs a community meeting space of its own in the village.

Page 12: New facilities people would like in the Parish. Total: 19

- An open village hall in Holwell, and/or a community facility to be developed in Holwell church by re-ordering the interior.
- A common area where all ages could meet, in addition to incorporating a play area.
- I have no strong feelings about these.
- A good play area would be fantastic.
- Fast broadband
- Better public transport.
- A pub in Wartnaby would be ideal.
- More clubs in the village.
- Want a youth club/shop.
- Cafe near nature reserve
- A Post Office

- The scout hut is available for young people. A village shop could be part of a public house or church.
- Meeting/function room.
- Could a village shop be attached to the pub, and run by the community? Or could the church be used although it is hard to access.
- A village green, or open shared use space.
- Village green for community events/cricket pitch.
- Again, I have no need for a youth club, play area or Mums and Toddlers but they are part of a vibrant community.
- Bypass.
- Churches should have disabled access.
- Footpaths along roads for pedestrians.
- Not enough families with children to demand such facilities. There is a need for a wider community centre.
- Holwell needs a community meeting space of its own in the village.

Page 20: Comments about issues of concern within the Parish. Total: 17

- We have ticked concerned as these thankfully have not been issues in Holwell, however, these are areas which would concern us: we would become very concerned 1) fly tipping is happening on farm lane to Melton Road. Also, dog fouling by greyhound walkers on same lane. 2) burglary / attempted burglary has been an issue in Holwell 3) anti-social behaviour (drugs) have been an issue at the nature bit in Holwell 4) parking will always be an issue in Holwell due to cottages without drives. I'm concerned at the amount of burglaries we have had in recent years, years. the spread of traffic going past Holwell Pastures, also dog poo up nursery lane especially at T junction. The amount of fly tipping on the road the joins to Nottingham Road past the camp site. The amount of fast food wrappers dumped out of cars.
- Road junctions - warning signs - could be improved with better 'sight lines' : B676/Clawson Lane, and A606/ B676 junctions often experience bad vehicle accidents . Clawson lane near sugarloaf is a difficult junction to use, when turning right going north up A606 Clawson Lane. Junction of B676 and Clawson Lane north of Holwell village seems regularly basis: air ambulance is needed from time to time: mirrors or better sight lanes needed?
- Although I agree that there is a need for more houses everywhere I am concerned that without more roads the increase in people and vehicles will cause traffic jams and accident risk turning onto the A606 the only main road or the Scalford Road.
- Traffic speed - cars along the entire 30mph section of Nursery Lane.
- All concern us even though not directly affected.
- Speeding.
- Medium/large scale housing development. I'm concerned this would spoil the character of Wartnaby. The odd new house of good design and quality materials would complement the village.
- Not concerned about burglary until the recent event of breaking into the church, I'm concerned about all of them in general but I feel very safe in our little village, therefore I'm not worried or expect something from the above list to happen. So far, I feel people are polite and considerate.

- Light pollution. New technology bulbs are being used but are much brighter and further reaching - light levels are becoming over-bright and can be seen for many miles. Sensible approach to appropriate lighting should be made. Increased traffic.
- Light pollution is becoming an issue with more very bright LED floodlights being used for industrial, domestic, farm and security lighting often left on all night.
- Anti-Social behaviour/noise pollution usually occurs in the summer months when doors/windows are open and people are entertaining. We have not yet seen any dog foul and hope this stays this way.
- Whilst not concerned at the moment air and noise pollution would be a concern from certain environmental schemes which could be proposed such as incinerator, Wind turbines, generators needing to be used on regular episodes. Dog fouling is horrible and I don't understand why people who live here do this. Fly tipping is noticeable on the lanes around the villages and it then causes a problem for the farmer to get rid of.
- I'm concerned if we become over developed.
- Cars parked on both sides of Wartnaby Road causing problems of access for emergency vehicles, council lorries and other large vehicles. Also, industrial type vehicles permanently parked in a particularly narrow part of the street.
- Highways and increase in traffic - Holwell: The roads are in need of re-surfacing, some repairs to pot holes have been carried out. The roads around and through Holwell are single file and there is a noticeably increased amount of traffic which has had a knock-on effect of damage to soft verges causing erosion and pot holes. Passing places are few and not maintained by Highways.
- The introduction of wind turbines which are a blot on our landscape and have very little impact on production of electricity. Solar panels are more efficient, less obtrusive, and more economically viable.

Page 20: Are there any other comments you would like to make? Total: 41

- Wartnaby was always a clean tidy village, lovely grass verges - lovely triangle with a bench in the centre and a tree. Original tree knocked down then two industrial centre approved - the driveway should have directly gone straight up from buildings to The Saltway. Very bad decision. Some larger lorries are constantly driving over the triangle, getting stuck in the middle of the village which is a dead end. Therefore, knocking walls down when turning and wrecking the verges, fewer spring flowers. Why can't the driveway be moved to The Saltway?
- We hope that no building takes place in Holwell: we would certainly oppose any. We moved here for the peace and quiet of a hamlet, and in the village. Long may Holwell stay as it is!
- Would love a village hall in Holwell, I've lived here for 8 years and count the people I know names of and not just by sight on one hand. The village needs a hall and activities for the community
- Could a road by-passing the Sugarloaf be built? Going east of Sugarloaf pub through existing fields? 2) development for housing below sugar loaf pub on east side of a606 is therefor in the wrong place 3) Main Street Holwell is used as a 'cut through' for traffic going from Long Clawson to Melton: vehicles frequently go through village too fast 4) field 63 (next to Holwell village hall building) should be earmarked for future development (if any) for housing in Holwell (not presently of neighbourhood plan).

- it is already difficult to drive along Wartnaby Road due to on road parking. one regularly has to give way to oncoming traffic. Even as things are it would be difficult for a fire engine to get through. Any further development would release the traffic build up.
- The a A606 has too much traffic, driving too fast through Ab Kettleby especially lorries. The main concerns are: safety, noise and pollution. Need traffic calming
- I think this is pretty comprehensive. Additionally, I think it is absolutely crucial that any new development is designed to be integral to the existing settlement and not just tacked onto it. Interconnecting footpaths in addition to, and separate from, vehicle access will help to achieve this. And small areas within the development managed as green spaces or coppices and connected by hedgerows. A good example of this on a larger scale than we need is at Belper. And how about a 'green' with playground in the development as there's no room in the existing settlements - that would integrate them.
- You have forgotten the main A606 Road. The Parish needs to do something about the speeding for the community and people especially the elderly crossing the road to the Sugar Loaf. Get speed cameras put up permanently and to update the speed signs, like in Asfordby. This is an important issue which needs to be addressed urgently.
- Whilst further development within Ab Kettleby is almost inevitable, the full impact of this must be explored. A proposed development of 10 houses on Nottingham Rd, in its self is not prohibitive. this will bring with it a potential for increased traffic, circa 20 cars. Pupils at the school may increase and through traffic within the high street may increase. Development in its self is to be welcomed, no one wishes to hinder balanced and constructive progress.
- Speeding vehicles on the A606 through Ab Kettleby - I am afraid to cross the road to the Sugarloaf pub. There are clear speed limit markings but they are ignored by mad drivers from Minis to trucks
- I would like to see a footpath from Ab Kettleby school west along the side of the road - to the T junction of Main Rd so there is a safe pedestrian route from Wartnaby to Ab Kettleby.
- Concerns: - Dog Fouling. Not allowed to foul public footpaths. Sign next to church field states £500 penalty for fouling yet some people consistently do not pick up their dog litter even though village has ample well serviced dog bins. Air Pollution. A) Farm bird scarers. Too loud and wake us up and scare our pets. b) Bell ringing. Do not appreciate bell ringing, especially in summer when windows are open and it goes beyond 8:30pm. (which it has last summer) stopping our children from being able to sleep and revise for their GCSE exams. c) Noise from diesel generators in Asfordby. d) Noise from traffic at Wartnaby Estate that SHOULD NOT be coming through our village. Car Parking. Parents who live outside our village who travel in and a) speed and b) park inconsiderately across driveways and corners. We should have mph signs as there is a school.
- Villages in the past have grown organically - as it was needed. It would be nice for or village to grow in such a way.
- A balanced approach to allowing some housing or conversion of redundant buildings for residential use - this seems to have been lacking in favour of office and light industry which places the same or greater pressure on infrastructure (deemed unsuitable for residential increases) without benefit of community.
- Otherwise quality views to the south from the Parish are spoilt by a disused chimney on the Asfordby mine site (outside of AK parish boundary) which adds an industrial element to an otherwise predominantly rural outlook.
- Please can we make the school aware of the inconsiderate parking of the parents picking up/ dropping off their kids.

- A local post office would have been very helpful to me when I was running my mail order business.
- My wife and I recently obtained planning permission for a dwelling within Wartnaby, this took 9 years and 4 applications until permission was granted. Throughout this time residents of Wartnaby supported the application, however on each occasion the support seemed to have very little 'weight' with regard to the council's decision. This was extremely frustrating for us and villagers who were talking the time to write letters of support. The voice of local residents should have more impact on planning decisions, they are after all the ones who live in the area.
- We are new to the neighbourhood and so far, we love it! We moved here because it appeared to be a peaceful village, with a friendly atmosphere and we don't want the village to lose its character.
- The school parents parking selfishly at drop off and pick up time. The inconsiderate attitude they all have towards people living here as all the bloody think about are their kids getting to school on time. Sometimes I've had to go out through Wartnaby or Asfordby because I can't physically get my car through the tiny gaps they give you!
- 1. Very concerned about parking on the pavements, sometimes there is insufficient room for pushchairs to pass safely. 2. Better provisions/restrictions for parking especially near the school and at the Nottingham Rd end of Wartnaby Rd. 3. Should our villages grow I feel it is essential that when allocating school places, priority must be given to children within the parish.
- Would prefer to keep St Leonard's as a church rather than community centre, keeping its function separate to the village hall. Please keep the pews! Worth bearing in mind potential archaeological sites within the parish, as well as trees and hedgerows
- New homes should have adequate space for civilised living. That is a kitchen large enough for a family and every bedroom large enough to fit a double bed and some storage. Also, a parking space. Everyone should be able to receive a visitor or emergency service vehicle.
- Holwell is a small quiet hamlet. Most residents live there because it's peaceful and unspoilt. I would be strongly against any development around my village.
- The village really needs an outdoor and indoor community space that belongs to the village and the parish council. I would like to see the church used more for the benefit of the community. A shop would be great but not sure the village could sustain it as a stand-alone business. Squirrel stores in Long Clawson is a good example of how to turn a business around but it is a much bigger village. Seagrave has set up a shop and cafe next to the pub. The village could look to them for information about how they did this. They converted an old building existing on the site.
- More affordable housing but for local people only, to be able to stay in their own village.
- I live here because I like quiet, open spaces. I don't want to see development which could lead to building or increased traffic.
- Holwell, and other small villages and hamlets, are unsuitable for any expansion because of their lack of facilities and their inaccessibility because of the narrow roads. Any development in the Parish should only be in areas where there are facilities to accommodate it, such as schools, shops, pubs, public transport and adequate vehicle access.
- As a resident of Holwell that is in close proximity to the last potential development - the village hall, I feel that there is little or no benefit from allowing any building development within our village as we simply do not have the infrastructure presently to support an increase in traffic due to the 3 road accesses being single track lanes. Holwell currently does get a high proportion of through traffic from Melton to Long Clawson and the western end of the Vale of Belvoir, of which some of the vehicles do transit through at higher speed than the 30mph limit.

- The speed of traffic on the main road and the inability of local authorities to do anything about it, particularly if more housing is proposed,
- Very important to maintain village life and community. Local residents have taken time to look after the pond.
- It is vitally important that Ab Kettleby retains its character and village identity, along with its green belt and farm land which is an important factor in everyday village life. The pond in Ab Kettleby has been allowed to fall into disrepair. Local residents have endeavored to clear the rubbish, it is now down to the Parish Council to get it back to its former glory and become once again a significant part of village life.
- If we are to have additional housing in the villages (and I think we should) my view would be that it should be scattered around the villages and village edges rather than an 'estate' on the edge of one of the villages.
- Ab Kettleby is delightful, please don't spoil it!!!
- We rent our camp site to a wide range of predominantly youth groups from across the East Midlands and increasingly from further afield. We will soon have a large new building on site which will be available as a community centre when complete. One of the main attractions of our site is the quiet, rural location. Groups frequently walk to and from the site and we would be very keen to see the rural nature, the walking facilities and the nearby nature reserve, preserved. We would be very unhappy to see houses built nearby.
- When we first moved to the village, we were given to understand that Quorn Avenue was intended to extend into the field to the west for additional housing.
- No public transport to Holwell is a concern. This can lead to isolation for the elderly and people who are no longer able to drive through health or personal reasons. Children should be able to access a school bus from Holwell when they move to secondary school in Melton. Holwell has a friendly community of mixed ages and our community would be enhanced by having a small hall, recreation ground to bring the community together for events.
- Yes, I think the pond leading to the church is an eyesore, could this not be cleaned, I'm sure the wildlife would appreciate this, also it would look nice for both local and visitors attending the church. In the 10yrs I have lived here it has never been touched.
- In Holwell, there is pressure to give up our village hall space and toilet block. We need to retain this space and consult with the village on the best use of this space to enable people to enjoy the village. My view is we should have a picnic area with toilets for the church and the many walkers that go through our village. We do not want houses built on this plot it would ruin the hamlet. It would mean a few people make a lot of money out of village space and leave us with nothing. Surely the Parish can help us protect our only village spaces. The church could be used more - linked to the toilet block and picnic space, but we need to remove the pews and add a small kitchen in the church. We need to get on with this as the village needs some community spirit.
- Having lived in a number of areas in and around Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire, we are fortunate we have a bit of countryside that has kept its character something we do not want to lose going forward!
- Whilst the village needs to have additional housing is also must have a mix of both ends of the market to accommodate a mixture of people's expenditure.
- The development that Nigel Freckingham did some years ago, I believe, was a perfect fit and complimented the village with the policy of infill. Similar should be supported as long as they are built the correct manner using local materials where possible.

- What the policies are on new homes to be built in our villages I am not sure, but if we do expand say by eight new homes a year we do need more amenities for both young and old alike. Having light industry is important for a number of reasons and again Wartnaby Estate, whilst this may not rest easy with everyone, me personally I believe to be good for the area and tasteful in its design and is out of the way.
- We do have issues HGVs coming through the village but this is the drivers' ignorance that we need to address through more signage coming into Ab Kettleby and again asking local businesses to be more proactive when ordering deliveries.
- This is a lovely village, let's not spoil it!
- I wish you luck for the future and any input I can give I'm happy to do so.