

Rearsby NP ANNEX C

Summary of Questionnaire – Summer 2016

500 surveys were printed and were distributed week commencing 30th May 2016. To date 138 surveys have been recorded and analysed. Of the 138 collected and recorded: 56 were received on line and 82 have been entered from paper copies. This will give a sample of 1/3 of the village's properties returning surveys. The draw for the winner of the prize has taken place and they have been contacted directly.

The main feedback has been as follows:

1. What interests you most in the village?

The majority of the answers indicated that the village's rural character should be maintained. Any interest in development was focused around resisting large developments and providing affordable homes, for local residents. An example of the responses is:

1-To stop large scale housing developments 2-To maintain the village character 3-To maintain the existing green space 4-To create new green spaces

2. What three things do you want to see happen to the village?

This provided similar answers, but with some variations that discussed green spaces. Again resisting large scale developments was the most frequent answer. Examples that would summarise the responses are:

Development to be small scale, less than 5 houses at a time. Visiting shop or coffee spot. Car park for the school and school to be used evenings and weekends. Protecting the village against large-scale housing development. That future housing development is affordable and for benefit of local villagers. To preserve local green space and wooded areas. To consider how to establish a local shop.

3. How do you want Rearsby to develop?

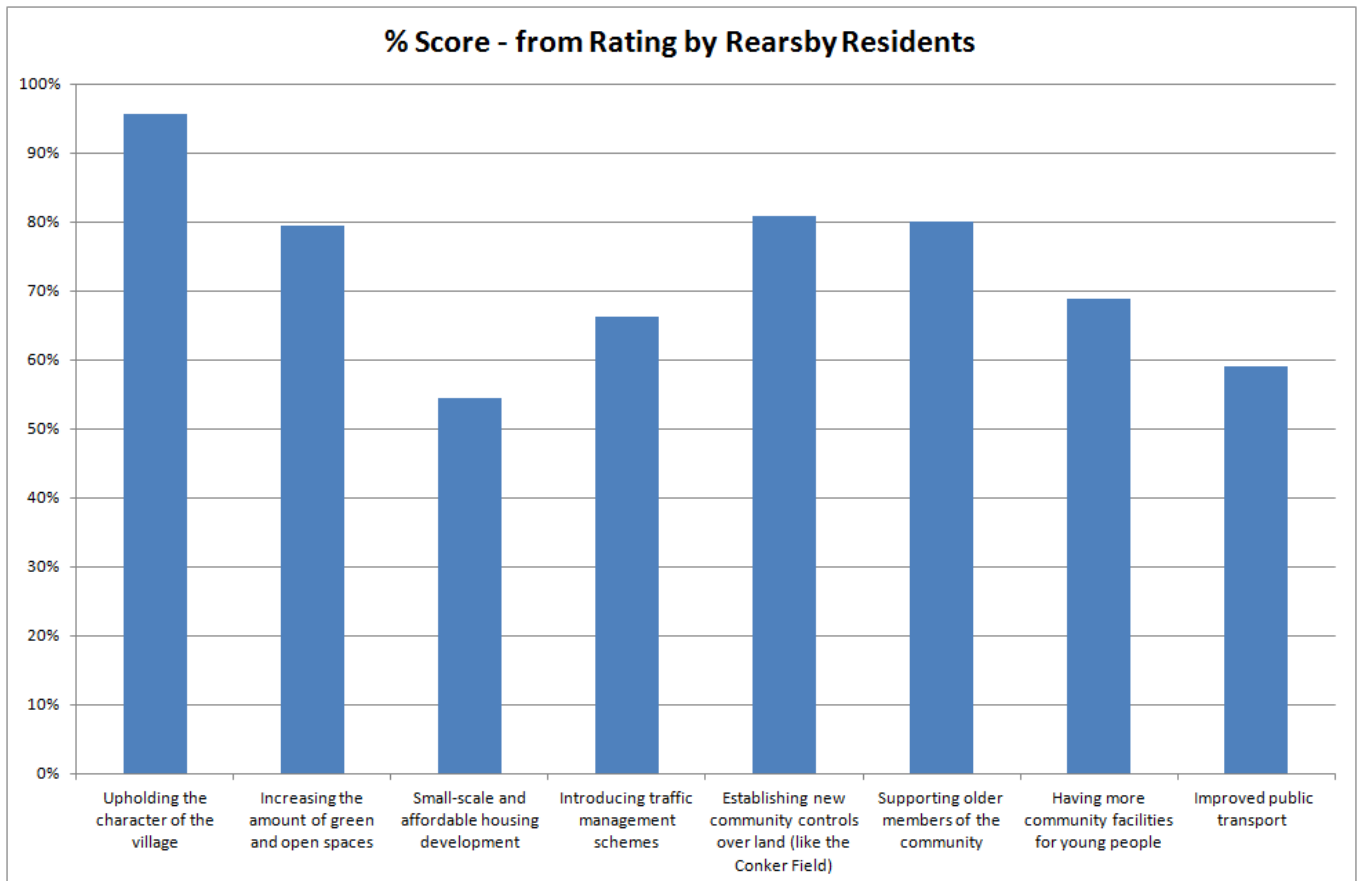
This answer provided a very similar set of comments. It is clear that the villagers who responding would welcome some development and are interested in ownership of the "Conker Field." Examples of responses are:

The village should evolve slowly. For most people, I believe they live here partly to get away from the fast paced "City life". I believe this needs to be retained so Rearsby doesn't simply become another place on the map.... It has an identity and character and I would like to see that retained.

Traffic management – speeding traffic in the village is a problem. More leisure facilities and activities for young and old members of the community. Consider developing a bigger school. Access to faster broadband is needed for the entire

village. The community should acquire ownership of the Conker Field. Any new housing development should be only small-scale. Retain the village's separate identity from East Goscote.

4. How would you rate the following as priorities, in a scale 1-10 (10 as highest priority)?



Summary

The responses received so far would indicate that a Neighbourhood Plan should:

- Uphold the character of the village
- Support the older members of the community
- Resist large scale development but a small majority (54%) support small scale and affordable housing development.
- Increase the amount of green/open space, with access for the community
- Establish community control and perhaps ownership of more land in and around the village
- Have facilities for young people
- Introduce more traffic management, especially around school pick up and drop off times
- Improve public transport at weekends and evenings