

ST STEPHEN IN BRANNEL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SPRING 2022 RESULTS

The survey using the GoCollaborate online platform was conducted between DATE and DATE.

Only 52 people took part, despite advertising in social media and via posters put up around the Parish. 25% of the respondents were not residents of the Parish, and it appears that at least two respondents were developers. The developer responses are excluded from this report, and will be considered separately by the NDP Steering Group.

THE NATURE OF THE RESPONDERS

Most of the local responses came from St Stephen village [37.5%] and Foxhole [32.5%] with very limited response from other locations.

Just under 12% of responses came from businesses, and just over 63% from women. The age range of respondents was biased towards younger people in comparison with the 2020 mid-year estimates, with a considerably lower proportion of people responding who were of retirement age than might reasonably have been expected.

Just over 23% of respondents were private tenants and 61% were homeowners, compared to 16.4% and 71.5% in the 2011 Census. Over 69% were in employees, 15% in self-employment and over 13% were retired, compared to 61%, 10% and 16.4% in the 2011 Census. Both these datasets may also reflect a bias in the responses toward younger people.

EMPLOYMENT/BUSINESS QUESTION RESPONSES

This set of questions asked for suggestions as to how people could be encouraged work in the Parish rather than elsewhere, in response to which people thought that more local purpose built offices might be useful, perhaps in a 'hub' which provided hireable space and support with office services. It was also suggested that a local support network to help small and lone worker businesses could be set up. Others felt that the more shops and local services (such as a nursery) could help people to work locally. Better public transport links between villages, to provide access to local jobs and services was suggested, as was the concept of a development and training centre, aimed at supporting women.

When asked if they would support the use or extension of part of a dwelling for office and/or light industrial uses to enable people to be better able work from home, (subject to careful planning controls) 85% of those replying said yes,

On the question as to whether there should be policies within the NDP that would protect commercial as well as residential development, 100% of those that replied said yes, but some added that this should be balanced and take into account the impact of noisy or smelly industries.

RECREATION/YOUTH PROVISION/OPEN SPACE RESPONSES

100% of those that replied thought that the provision of more open spaces and youth facilities should be a Neighbourhood Plan policy for all future development in the Parish. A point was made however that such facilities need to be professionally managed and not left to a handful of willing volunteers to take on a difficult task.

There was a strong response on the adequacy of facilities for the younger generations within the Parish, with over 81% of those who replied to the question saying that the existing facilities were not satisfactory. Reference was made to poor management, broken equipment, bad access, broken glass, poor distribution of facilities, and the evidence of young people 'hanging around' in inappropriate places. Both Foxhole and Whitemoor were mentioned as lacking or having inappropriate facilities.

Ideas suggested for improvement included more supervised activities such as youth clubs, multi-use games areas, and perhaps training such as car mechanics, cooking and home repair for later life, dance and theatre, the provision

of a 'green gym', replacement of old equipment with more modern kit, a teenage 'shelter', and a far better level of management and maintenance.

TRANSPORT/EV CHARGING RESPONSES

When asked whether the enhancement and provision of more bridleways, footpaths and cycle paths should be a policy consideration for future development in the Parish, 100% of those who responded said yes. A couple of comments were added, that footpath diversions should be considered to avoid going through residential properties', and that 'lost' footpaths should be restored.

However, when asked if EV charging should be required for all future developments, the response was slightly less enthusiastic, with only 86% in favour.

Some 32% of respondents said that owned or intended to buy an electric vehicle.

When asked what charging points they use or would use, 77% said a home charging point, nearly 55% a Retail car Park, and just over 45% said a Cornwall Council Car Park. Suggested locations for additional publicly funded charging points favoured public car parks and community locations such as village halls, GP surgeries, social clubs etc.

DESIGN RESPONSES

On the issue of whether new dwellings should have adequate space and services that can be easily adapted to enable working from home, more than 72% said yes, although some commented they were not necessary as it was inappropriate to work from home.

100% of those that responded to the question thought that new housing development should have gardens that allow room for child play, wellbeing and some self-sufficiency (eg vegetable gardens etc).

People also said that the most important things that the Neighbourhood Plan design guidance should focus on were, in order of importance, architectural detailing (eg window and door design and materials such as brick and blockwork patterns etc), the number of storeys, height and size of buildings, the use of local traditional styles and colours of building materials, and finally layout, density and relationship with adjoining development.

Examples of good design that were suggested included the Charlestown Foundry development, Nansleddan at Newquay, Creak a Vose Park, and the old style houses around St Austell area.

DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARY RESPONSES

St Stephen DB

Nearly 64% of those who responded on this DB agreed with the proposed location of the boundary line, 14% were against and just over 22% had no opinion. Comments focused on the perception that the line would not allow for new development and that Terras and Gwindra should be included within it.

Foxhole DB

Here the views expressed were more mixed, with nearly 42% saying they disagreed with the DB, and 44% in agreement. Nearly 14% were unsure. Comments [excluding those apparently from a developer] were mainly in favour of enclosing a site on the east of the Carpalla area, to help meet local needs, provide rear parking for the properties fronting the A road, create self-build opportunities, and reduce traffic issues at the south of the village.

Nanpean DB

Over 55% of those who responded on this DB agreed with the proposed location of the boundary line, 11% were against and just over 23% had no opinion. Comments focused on the perception that the line would not allow for new development.

Whitemoor DB

Nearly 64% of those who responded on this DB agreed with the proposed location of the boundary line, 11% were against and just over 25% had no opinion. Comment said that open space on the east of the village should be in the DB to ensure consistency.

Lanjeth DB

Over 58% of those who responded on this DB agreed with the proposed location of the boundary line, 8% were against and just over 33% had no opinion. Comments supported infill or said the village was too spread out to justify a development boundary.

High Street DB

Over 55% of those who responded on this DB agreed with the proposed location of the boundary line, nearly 6% were against and just nearly 39% had no opinion. Comments focused on the perception that the whole of the village hadn't been included, that developmen on blind bends would be dangerous, and that the settlement was too small to justify a development boundary.

Coombe DB

Over 61% of those who responded on this DB agreed with the proposed location of the boundary line, none were against and just over 33% had no opinion. Comments said a DB not necessary as the village is too small, and pointed to what the writer considered to be inconsistencies in the placing of the line.

Treviscoe DB

Over 61% of those who responded on this DB agreed with the proposed location of the boundary line, none were against and just over 33% had no opinion. Comments said a DB was acceptable if it did not lead to new development and asked why Treviscoe Barton was not included.