

Comments from the Neighbourhood Steering group on the feedback from the questionnaires

Question 1:

The information tells us that over 200 people wanted any land that is allocated for housing to be for sale on the open market. Also, over 100 people wanted the housing to be affordable to meet local needs.

Question 2

Over 90 people voted to have no more than 50 extra houses by 2031, with over 90 people choosing no more than 20 new houses to be built over the next five years and a further 90 electing for no more than 10 houses over the next 5 years. People appear to acknowledge the need for more housing but prefer small developments over time.

Question 3

The ideal size for any development would appear to be between 3 and 10 houses. People strongly voted against developments of between 10 and 50 houses.

Question 4

The types of housing people would like to see were varied, as can be seen from the pie chart above. Homes sold at market rates proving about twice as popular as the others

Question 5

The location of new homes was most popular on brownfield sites which would be either within or on the edge of existing villages. Locating houses elsewhere was not so popular.

Question 6

Family homes which might be starter homes or those with easy access were most popular. Homes for local people being an important choice.

Question 7

Parishioners thought it important to encourage agricultural employment, tourism and B and B, pubs and community services locally.

Question 8

A fairly even split between people voting on land to encourage employment, with a substantial percentage having no opinion

Question 9

Land allocated for employment should be in and around Withington or elsewhere in the 3 parishes, but not Preston Wynne or Westhild. Although a substantial percentage of parishioners had no particular opinion concerning this question.

Question 10

To encourage new business and enterprise locally, people thought better mobile phone reception and faster broadband speeds were important followed by an improved road network and more purpose built premises

Question 11

The majority felt that existing employment should not be protected from change of use. A substantial tranche of parishioners had no opinion on this question

Question 12

Environmental issues were held to be of great importance, especially protecting green space and views, while enhancing conservation measures and protecting the natural environment

Question 13

Nearly 200 people thought it important to drive less frequently, followed by energy efficient homes, growing your own (possibly allotments) and protecting energy sources locally

Question 14

More than half the questionnaire respondents were male.

Question 15

The largest age group responding was 45-64. The smallest group was aged 16-17. There were significant numbers in every other age group.

Question 16

Nearly three quarters of respondents had lived in the parish over 10 years, followed by those who had been resident for between 6-10 years

Question 17

The largest percentage of respondents lived in Withington, then Preston Wynne, then Westhide. The figures are clearly indicative of the relative size of those communities.