

Hemswell Cliff Neighbourhood Plan

Residents Survey Results Summary

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Overview:

In total, there 47 survey responses were received - 26 online and 21 in the post. This means that about 1 in 5 households in the Parish replied.

Responses came from every area of the Parish, including: Hemswell Cliff (the Village), Spital in the Street, Lancaster Green, Creampoke Crescent, Gibraltar Road and Canberra Crescent.

However, the response rate from some areas was comparatively low and some work might be required to increase the amount of returns.

1. About you

Answers to these questions contained personal information and the answers have not therefore been shared.

2a. Please list local features that are of particular importance to you?

The three answers (or slight variations thereof) came up repeatedly:

- Green spaces
- Rural atmosphere or village environment
- Heritage - including RAF heritage and memorials

The following were also mentioned: good transport links; facilities; shops and post office; school; play areas/parks; and, jobs and the local economy (including the antiques centre).

2b. What would be your greatest concerns if more development were to take place in the future?

This type of question proved quite difficult for many people to answer and it should not be used again in future. There was a noticeable divide amongst those who completed the survey online and those that didn't, with those filling out the survey online less likely to complete the answer in full.

However, a hierarchy between the options can be clearly observed if they are ranked according to the number of '1s' each option received (1 being the most important and 9 the least). The list below shows how the answers could be arranged in a hierarchy. The number in brackets is the amount of number (1's) that the option received.

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| 1. Change to the village atmosphere | (9) |
| 2. Impact on road safety | (9) |
| 3. Potential loss green spaces | (9) |
| 4. Increased demands on existing facilities and services | (5) |

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| 5. Increased traffic volumes | (4) |
| 6. Loss of on-road parking | (3) |
| 7. Condition of road | (3) |
| 8. Impact on the natural environment and landscape | (2) |
| 9. Potential loss of heritage | (1) |

3. What do you enjoy about living in Hemswell Cliff Parish?

The raw data requires more interrogation. However, a simple analysis done by ranking the number of options that received a '5' (very important) shows a clear hierarchy. The number in brackets is the total number of '5s' received.

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| 1. Open green space | (35) |
| 2. Rural atmosphere | (31) |
| 3. Heritage/history | (17) |
| 4. Access to good roads | (17) |
| 5. Local School | (15) |
| 6. Post Office/Local Shops | (15) |
| 7. Children's play facilities | (13) |
| 8. Community spirit | (13) |
| 9. Affordable housing | (12) |
| 10. Close to work | (7) |
| 11. Village activities/groups | (3) |

4. How much more housing would you like to see in the Parish?

Just over half of those responding said that they would like to see 'Up to 10%'. The rest were split between the other three options with 'More than 50%' receiving the smallest number of positive responses.

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| • Up to 10% (1-30 units) | 23 | 53.49% |
| • Up to 25% (30-75 units) | 9 | 20.93% |
| • Up to 50% (75-150 units) | 7 | 16.28% |
| • More than 50% (150+ units) | 4 | 9.30% |

5a. What type of housing do you feel is needed in our area?

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| 1. Family housing | (16) |
| 2. Two storey houses | (12) |
| 3. Affordable/starter houses | (8) |
| 4. Luxury housing | (7) |
| 5. Housing for disabled people | (7) |
| 6. Eco-friendly housing | (6) |

7. Bungalows	(6)
8. Rented accommodation	(6)
9. Retirement/sheltered housing	(4)
10. Gypsy and traveller sites	(4)
11. Social housing	(0)
12. Flats/apartments	(0)
13. Three storey houses	(0)

5b. Do you think new housing development should reflect the local character, landscape and heritage of the area?

44 of those responding answered 'yes'. Two of those responding said 'no'.

6a. Where do you think future residential development should be located?

The following three answers (or a variation thereof) came up repeatedly:

- East side of Hemswell Cliff (East of Gibraltar Road) and north of A631
- Area between Lancaster Green and Creampoke to the south of A631
- Near current housing and/or development – the implication in most seemed to be development should be near Hemswell Cliff (the Village)

6b. What areas would you like to remain free from residential development?

The following three answers (or a variation thereof) came up repeatedly:

- South of A631
- Green spaces (or areas which are not developed – i.e. farm land, Caenby Corner and Spital in the Street)
- Parks, play areas and communal green space (for example 'the Big Field' near Bettsworth Road)

6c. Would you like to see business development in the future?

34 of those responding said 'yes'. 11 of those responding said 'no'.

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Most of those responding indicated that if more business development were to take place it should happen in or around the current Business Park (former RAF station). It is worth noting that several comments were made about the need to bring derelict property or empty buildings back into use.

7. Which of the following services and amenities would you like to see more of in the area?

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1. Improved broadband	(33)
2. Public transport	(29)
3. Shops	(25)
4. Doctors	(20)
5. Pharmacy	(19)
6. Sports/recreational space	(19)
7. Children's play areas	(19)
8. Community Centre	(16)
9. Restaurants/pubs	(15)
10. Police station	(12)
11. Vets	(8)
12. Child care/nursery facilities	(7)
13. Allotments	(7)
14. Library	(6)
15. Hairdressers	(6)
16. Places of worship	(1)

8. Do you think that changes are needed to the following issues?

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1. Improved Bus Service	(29)
2. Condition of Roads	(28)
3. Condition of Footpaths/Cycle paths	(25)
4. Traffic Speed	(19)
5. Number of Footpaths	(19)
6. Number of Cycle paths	(14)
7. Parking	(13)

Further comments

Some of those responding took the opportunity to mention other issues about the following:

- Speed limit on the A631
- Fly-tipping, litter, untethered horses, crime and ASB concerns
- Demographic change in Hemswell Cliff (the Village)
- Lack of street lighting
- Maintenance of footpaths and roads
- Issues around parking and the Sunday market
- General condition of certain roads in Hemswell Cliff (the Village)