

Waltham Parish Community Led Plan



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Foreword

The purpose of Waltham Parish's Community Led Plan is to highlight what is important to the residents and businesses of Waltham, which will then enable us to develop an action plan so we can be a true part of influencing change in the area.

The plan needed to highlight the facilities which the community values and therefore needs to safeguard for the future, whilst also demonstrating how new development can best be integrated into Waltham. We needed to consider the design and quality standards it should meet and how to preserve valued local features.

The key personnel who contributed to the making of this report, (acknowledged at the end of this document) supported by local residents and businesses, have laid the foundation for the whole community's aspirations.

The residents of Waltham seek the endorsement of this report by Waltham Parish Council and North East Lincolnshire Council; together with other agencies and interested parties as key steps towards securing the objectives and aims of the plan.

Waltham Parish Council supported by the steering group will have responsibility in overseeing the implementation of the plan's proposals and for reviewing and updating the plan's progression and achievements.

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Introduction

Waltham Parish Council has regular dialogue with North East Lincolnshire Council and other key organisations on matters relating to the parish; but it was felt that direct consultation with residents and businesses of Waltham would better inform all organisations on issues close to the heart of the community.

A community led plan is a statement of how the community sees itself developing over future years, it reflects the views of all sections of the community and identifies local issues and opportunities. It also identifies the features people value.

The Waltham parish community led plan sets out the views and vision of residents, businesses and other stakeholders within Waltham and its area boundary.

This community led plan has been developed by adopting the consultation method of Planning for Real, which allows it to be led by the community in the form of an open steering group made up of Waltham residents.

The plan is intended to cover selected projects and should be reviewed at yearly intervals by Waltham Parish Council in order to keep the plan current and accurate. Any amendments to the plan should be forwarded to North East Lincolnshire Council and other key organisations.

Objectives of Waltham parish's community led plan:

- Provide opportunities for all residents to define the way the community should develop in the future;
- Identify the aspirations, needs and concerns of the community;
- The plan will fully represent the value placed on village life, its services, facilities and institutions by the community;
- By using all the responses, which represent the views of the community, a realistic action plan will be developed to address those aspirations, needs and concerns. This will be shared with the Local Authority, key organisations, and other groups and interested parties to allow these key partners to work together more effectively and efficiently;
- Waltham parish's community led plan can act as a blueprint for the future of the parish as defined by its residents. It is recognised as evidence of public consultation, which is fundamental to any application for external grant funding;
- The findings of Waltham parish's community led plan are to be considered as part of the formal consultation taking place in regard to North East Lincolnshire Council's local plan.

Summary

In total there were 470 participants in the consultation and 1981 comments were placed on the map; including separate feedback meant that 2019 comments were collected in total. Although the majority of respondents were of an older age (and this should be recognised and considered when understanding the results), school aged children took part as well as families at a number of the events. Waltham has a population of 6684 aged 5 to over 90 based on Office National Statistics data from 2013. A confidence interval of 4.36 with a confidence level of 95% was achieved.

The results from consulting with residents, businesses or other stakeholders clearly highlight the value placed on the rural feel of the village and the quality of life this helps to create.

The key findings are:

- No development here = 251 comments
- Retain strategic gap between villages = 99 comments
- Yes to houses here = 90 comments
- Lower speed needed = 87 comments
- Outdoor sports facilities = 83 comments

These 5 comments make up 30% of the total comments received.

It was found that the future development of Waltham regarding house building is a very emotive topic as North East Lincolnshire Council in collaboration with Cofely have identified potential developments in Waltham through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). Residents who attended the events felt that if new house building is allowed to continue, especially across the strategic gap areas of Waltham then the village would eventually become a part of Grimsby therefore reducing the village feeling. Residents felt that new developments should be small scale and in keeping with the local environment.

A number of sites in Waltham were identified in this consultation process where housing developments would be more favoured compared to other sites. Affordable and shared housing is also seen as important to ensure that local people can afford to buy or rent a home in Waltham.

Most residents recognise that new houses must and will be built within the Waltham boundary; but they would like to have a more involved choice as to locations and size of developments. Many of those who took part commented that they would like Waltham to remain a village and that the village atmosphere was highly valued.

The speed of traffic in the village was a key concern for many who took part alongside other traffic issues such as parking. This was seen to be closely linked to the number of new houses that have already been built; and that going forward the infrastructure of Waltham should be a major consideration to support and meet the needs of the changing village.

Community facilities, especially sports facilities is something that was particularly valued in the area, although the responses show improvements or further developments are needed.

The High Street was also a very emotive subject; traffic speed, traffic volume, parking, footpaths and cycling on the highways and footpaths all seem to create hazardous conditions for residents of all ages, which lead to fears that the required improvements to the infrastructure will not follow in line with development.

Further detail on all the themes are detailed within the report.



Ross Hall Public Consultation Event

About Waltham Parish

Waltham has a long history dating back to being established by the Saxons in 1086. In a book written by Malcolm Hayles 'The History of Waltham, North East Lincolnshire', Waltham is the largest village in the county of North East Lincolnshire.

It currently has a population of 6684¹ residents and lies at the southern end of North East Lincolnshire.



Entrance to Waltham from Brigsley

The B1219 (Station Road), B1203 (Grimsby Road, High Street, Brigsley Road) in addition to Barnoldby Road (from the A18) and Cheapside (from the A16) results in five ways to enter and exit Waltham.

The closest surrounding villages to Waltham are Brigsley, Barnoldby le Beck, Bradley, New Waltham and Holton Le Clay, with the towns of Grimsby and Cleethorpes to the North. There are over 70 businesses operating within the Waltham boundary, 20 or more of these are in the High Street and yet it still maintains a village atmosphere.



High Street

Traffic is a big issue in the High Street in both directions; there is a pelican crossing near the Kings Head pub and a zebra crossing near Manor Drive to help pedestrians to cross this busy road. The amount of traffic passing through the High Street in both directions is felt to be far too dangerous for cyclists although there is a cycle/footpath available to use from Station Road to

¹ Office National Statistics data

Fairway. The High Street, Barnoldby Road, Brigsley Road and Cheapside are often used as a bypass to the A18, A46 and A180 trunk roads.

Waltham has a Parish Council consisting of fifteen Councillors who meet on the first Tuesday of each month. Waltham residents, Ward Councillors and the local press are invited to attend each meeting. The Parish Council has its own website which attracts viewers from all over the world (www.walthamparishcouncil.org.uk). The Parish Council has an office in the village centre.



All Saints Church

All Saints Church sits on the High Street at the centre of the village with the Cenotaph at the other end of the High Street.



Cenotaph



High Street shops

The attractive shopping facilities within Waltham are very much valued by residents and visitors to the village, however this creates a problem for parking vehicles. The village is fortunate to have a car park which is free to use, although this is often full for most parts of the day and into the evening. The village also has public toilets that are free to use.



Waltham is fast becoming a tourist area, with the added attraction of its own working Windmill plus a museum and shops.

There are regular village fetes and fun days throughout the year and Waltham is the only village in North East Lincolnshire to hold a May Queen Ceremony.

There is an excellent bus service with links to Grimsby and Cleethorpes and it is important that the village retains these services.

Waltham Windmill, museum and retail site

Recreation facilities are available at Mount Pleasant playing fields and Neville Turner Way play area including football pitches. There is also a small play area at Waltham Windmill. A further green open space is at Grove Park.



Play area at Neville Turner Way

Waltham village also prides itself of having an active fire station, a very popular school called Waltham Leas Primary Academy, its own parks, cemetery, two sets of allotments for public rental and a number of pubs and restaurants.



Waltham Fire Station



Gravel Pit allotments



King's Head pub

The Consultation Process

At Parish Council meetings whilst discussing the current issues that face Waltham and exploring the opportunities open to the village it was decided to consult with local stakeholders so that their views could be better understood and evidenced. To enable a community led plan to be developed in Waltham a steering group needed to be established that would allow the project to be truly led by the community. Residents attending November 2014's Parish Council meeting were asked if they would like to be part of a steering group to support the development of Waltham parish's community led plan.



Steering group meeting

Several volunteers made up the steering group who live across all areas of the village, allowing a broad aspect of views relating to Waltham to be voiced. After much research it was decided to engage with the community using the Planning for Real method. This is a nationally recognised community planning process based on a 3D model. The process allows residents to record their views on a range of issues, to work together to

identify priorities, and in partnership with local organisations go on to develop an action plan for change. There are many benefits from using Planning for Real: it is a robust method, it encourages participation, the process reduces confrontation over contentious issues, it encourages all ages and abilities to take part, it can be led by the community and it allows flexibility so the consultation can be adapted to suit the village's needs.

At the initial project meeting the requirements of the steering group were discussed and the objectives for the project were determined. At this point an action plan was produced detailing the community events, how to work with the press and the analysis and reporting of the results. The benefit of working in this way is that individuals, and collectively the community, gain knowledge and skills as they work through the Planning For Real process.

One of the first tasks was to construct the 3D map. This allowed the consultation to take place in an engaging, visual and representative manner. Children helped to build and paint the map which meant they were part of the process from the



3D map

beginning and bought into the idea alongside their parents.

A number of community consultation events were planned to enable the residents to have their say on issues in the village, what they value and any developments that could be made to the area. Eight open events were held over seven months, including six for the residents and children, these were held at Ross Hall, Waltham Leas Primary Academy and All Saints Church. There was an event for parish councillors and one for business owners, landowners and local organisations. A presentation was given to Waltham Women's Institute at one of their monthly meetings.

Events were publicised on the Parish Council's website, banners were placed around the village, leaflets and posters were distributed locally, there were articles in the local press. Estuary TV and Compass FM covered the events and it was publicised on NELC's Twitter and Facebook accounts. Emails were also sent to those who provided contact details and letters were sent to business owners, landowners and local organisations detailed in appendix 1.

At these events and following the Planning for Real method participants were encouraged to look over and consider all the prompt cards that would then be placed on the relevant location on the 3D map of the village. The cards were in 8 themes:

- Housing
- Traffic and transport
- Local environment
- Community facilities
- Leisure and recreation
- Work, training and local economy
- Health and wellbeing
- Crime and safety



School children's consultation event

For issues which participants felt were not covered by the prompt cards, blank cards were available for individual comments and placed on the map. A suggestion box was provided for participants to enter their general and overarching comments regarding the village.

The results were recorded and analysed to form the body of this report. The steering group has now increased in size through support gathered at the community events and now that there is a greater understanding of the key issues and opportunities a prioritised action plan will be developed. Alongside this, local organisations and key partners will be part of the process so that they can inform and work with the steering group to make a real impact in making Waltham an even better place to live, work in and visit.

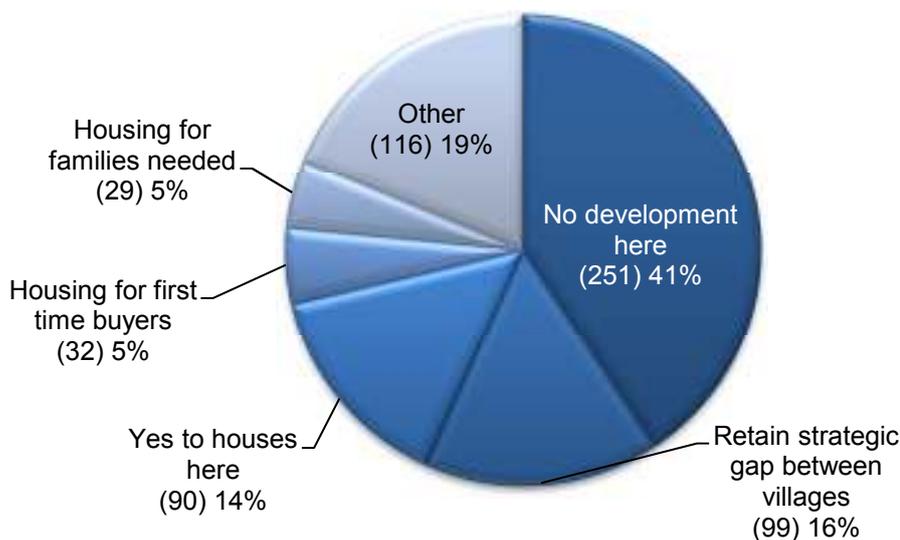
The Results

A full list of comments made by participants at the consultation events can be found in appendix 3. An electronic copy of the full data set can be provided upon request.

Housing

The highest number of comments (617, 31%) were related to housing.

Top 5 Comments for Housing



Most comments stated 'no development here'; 251 cards represented 41% of the total housing cards placed on the map. Site reference HOU111 (Brigsley Road/Sandon House) was found to be the most unwanted proposal with 69 comments, followed by HOU274 (Station Road R/O Camargue Avenue) with 39 comments and then HOU288 (Station Road/Grimsby Road) with 18 comments.

99 cards representing 16% of housing cards placed stated it was key to 'retain the strategic gap between villages'. The strategic gaps referred to are the green areas that surround the village between New Waltham, Scartho, Bradley, Barnoldby-le-Beck, Holton-le-Clay and Brigsley. During conversations taking place at the consultation events, facilitators noted the high feelings held by residents in keeping the strategic gaps around Waltham. Many people voiced that Waltham should remain as a village and not to be swallowed up into the suburban area of Grimsby and surrounding villages.

NEXT STEP

The steering group should link with North East Lincolnshire Council's planning department to ensure that when development area boundaries are amended it should be completed through consultation with residents and the Parish Council.

In contrast to the high number of 'no development here' cards placed, 90 cards representing 15% stated 'yes to houses here'. Most sites suggested are already identified in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). These proposed sites in the SHLAA are detailed in appendix 2 at the back of the report. It was extremely clear to the facilitators that there are mixed feelings as to where the future expansion of Waltham should be. HOU291 (Waltham Airfield) and HOU112 (land to the north west of Golf Course Lane) were the two most favoured sites for development with 18 and 17 comments respectively.

Looking at the data it is clear that development would be more acceptable in the Cheapside area. From conversations held at the consultation events it was evident to facilitators that residents were not averse to development but felt it would be more acceptable in smaller quantities and should be in keeping with the surroundings. Where planning was found to be more favoured, emphasis should be placed on developing these sites in the first instance.

Proposed Development	Proposed Location	Ranking
HOU291	Waltham Airfield	1
HOU112	Land to north west of Golf Course Lane	2
HOU138	Land south west of Cheapside	3
HOU129	Land to west of Cheapside	4
HOU292	Land west of Bradley Road, Barnoldby-le-Beck	5
HOU110	Land at Cheapside	6
HOU274	Station Road	7
HOU111	Brigsley Road/Sandon House	8
HOU096	South of Southern Walk, Scartho, Grimsby	9
HOU288	Site 2 Grimsby Road/Station Road	10

Table 1

At the consultation events participants were also asked to rank proposed developments in order of preference on a separate survey sheet to the 3D map. Table 1 shows that number 1 is the site most favoured and number 10 the least

favoured site to be developed. When considering the results from this ranking exercise it should be noted that 29 people completed this survey representing 6% of the consultees. It should also be noted and then compared with the data placed on the map as these are 2 separate data sets. The information collected from the survey is consistent with the map data for the most favoured sites, however there is a difference when looking at least favoured sites.

NEXT STEP

The steering group should link with Waltham Parish Council and North East Lincolnshire Council's planning department to ensure the results from this consultation are considered when making decisions about future housing developments in the area.

Housing for first time buyers, housing for families, housing for the elderly, more sheltered accommodation, flats for younger people and bungalows were found to be needed (100 cards representing 16.5%). This combination should cover all new builds and is what residents feel is needed in some areas of Waltham.

The steering group highlighted that young people especially should have the opportunity to stay in Waltham if that's what they desire, but it is felt they often cannot afford to buy suitable houses to meet their needs.



Homes in Fairway

It's important for any village to have a cross section of the community to allow the area to thrive and meet the needs of those who live there.

28 cards representing 5% of comments regarding housing shows residents are concerned about flooding and drainage issues. This matter covers most of Waltham especially in exceptional circumstances such as heavy rainfall and blocked drains and ditches. This links with the 36 comments of 'floods here' in the local environment section.

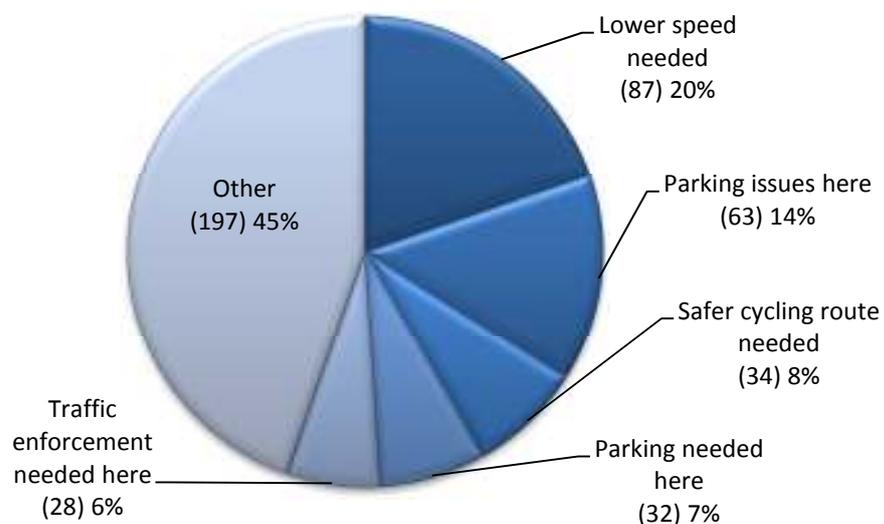
NEXT STEP

The steering group should raise awareness in the village to encourage residents to report matters such as blocked drains and gulleys and rubbish in ditches directly to North East Lincolnshire Council to assist in avoiding flooding.

Traffic and Transport

There were 441 (22%) comments regarding traffic and transport in Waltham making this the second most commented on subject.

Top 5 Comments for Traffic and Transport



Most participants were concerned about the speed of traffic travelling through the village, with 87 comments relating to this issue. The High Street and Brigsley Road were identified as key locations where speeding was an issue. The majority of other locations stated were in residential areas.

'Parking issues here' with 63 comments is the second largest section; however when all parking issues are grouped together ('parking needed here' with 32 comments, 'no parking on the grass verge' with 12 comments and 'parking area to be created here' with 1 comment) it equates to 108 comments (24%).



Kirkgate car park

The High Street and Kirkgate were recognised as having the most parking issues with 13 and 8 comments respectively. The other locations were mostly residential areas. Kirkgate car park is a free parking area and attracts drivers who wish to park for both short and long periods of time. It was noted by facilitators at the consultation events that residents felt the

car park in Kirkgate is too small for the amount of traffic now using this village facility. A car park is a vital asset for shoppers, visitors to the library, church and toilet block users, and the residents felt a solution could be to either create an extension to the existing car park, or have an additional facility close to the village centre.

NEXT STEP

The steering group should consider the feasibility of North East Lincolnshire Council providing additional parking facilities in the village of Waltham. Locations most favoured would be an extension to Kirkgate car park and an area on Mount Pleasant playing field south of the tennis courts.

Suggestions from the steering group included limiting parking on the High Street to 30mins unless they are permit holders (although it was suggested there should be no charge to residents of that area) and a vehicle delivery area should be established on the High Street to accommodate shops in the vicinity of Swags and Tails, Waltham Butchers, Coco, Martins Saddlery and Restaurant 14.

NEXT STEP

The steering group should link with North East Lincolnshire Council highways department to consider the feasibility of the suggestions to improve parking in Waltham.

Although Waltham has a Traffic Regulation Order which prohibits parking on the grass verges there are still occurrences in the village where this isn't being adhered to. The steering group are aware that the Parish Council frequently report parking matters to North East Lincolnshire Council's civil parking enforcement team.

There were 34 comments from participants about the need for 'safer cycling'. Cycling on the footpaths in the High Street regularly occurs and comments suggest it is not safe for children or adults to cycle on the road here. This is specifically an issue between Barnoldby Road and Fairway. Residents of the cottages on High Street exit their front door directly onto the



High Street

pavement where young and old alike are cycling; there have been incidents of cyclists colliding with pedestrians in this location and this needs to be addressed.

The steering group suggests the completion of the cycle track through Mount Pleasant playing fields is a necessity. By using the access between the flower shop and Beauty by Louise to join up with the current footpath to Neville Turner Way this would create a very safe option and get cyclists and some pedestrians away from the narrow pavements on the High Street.

NEXT STEP

The steering group should link with North East Lincolnshire Council highways department to discuss the completion of the cycle track.

28 (6%) comments were received about the need for 'traffic enforcement' and this issue was spread throughout the whole village.

A combination of the narrow footpath in High Street and a lot of traffic has resulted in incidents where pedestrians have been hit by the wing mirror of passing vehicles. The steering group would like to recommend railings similar to the ones outside the library erected from the restaurant 14 up to Newton's café. This would also stop delivery vehicles parking on the footpath.



Speed sign on Barnoldby Road

Residents voiced concerns about the ever increasing amount of traffic that is causing motorists to use Grove Lane and Skinners Lane as rat runs. Woodhall Drive, Archer Road and Fairway also experience the same traffic movement making it dangerous in residential areas. Speed retardants and other forms of traffic control are used in other areas within the borough.

HGV traffic using Cheapside is a major concern; 18 out of the 26 comments given regarding HGV traffic were for this area. An alternative route that would allow HGV's to avoid Waltham village, such as a direct road from the industrial site to the A16, would be a favoured approach to help combat this issue. The steering group felt a bypass of Waltham would be beneficial to direct drivers south of Grimsby to get to the A18/A46 and the A180/M180.

Bradley Road roundabout, where Stagecoach buses turn, is considered by the steering group to not be wide enough; buses have consistently driven over the verge to make the turn, causing damage to the grass. It was felt that widening the turn area is required at this location. As this junction is approached from Bradley Road, it is a blind junction from Barnoldby-le-Beck.

Conversations with participants at the consultation events highlighted that Cheapside, Brigsley Road, Barnoldby Road and High Street junctions are considered to be very dangerous. It was felt that many drivers ignore the white painted double roundabouts and this area in particular is an accident waiting to happen. A short survey (2hrs 30mins)



High Street roundabout

between 3.30pm and 6pm on a weekday during school holidays was carried out by 2 members of the steering group who counted 4500 vehicles passing through this junction. It was discussed and agreed by the steering group that a single large roundabout or a 4 way traffic light system would alleviate some of the traffic control issues at these junctions.

Other comments from residents attending the consultation events were that road markings throughout the village need improving or remarking, especially where accident spots have been identified. The zebra crossing on Barnoldby Road has visibility issues with residents reporting several near misses. The steering group suggests investigating possible improved lighting in this area. Facilitators were made aware that there wasn't a bus shelter near Manor Drive; this is especially needed in inclement weather. The steering group suggested they enquire with Stagecoach regarding a bus shelter on the High Street. The steering group also suggested that bus stop pull-ins to allow traffic to pass and keep traffic flowing would be an asset on the High Street outside the King's Head pub and in Barnoldby Road near the Royal British Legion.

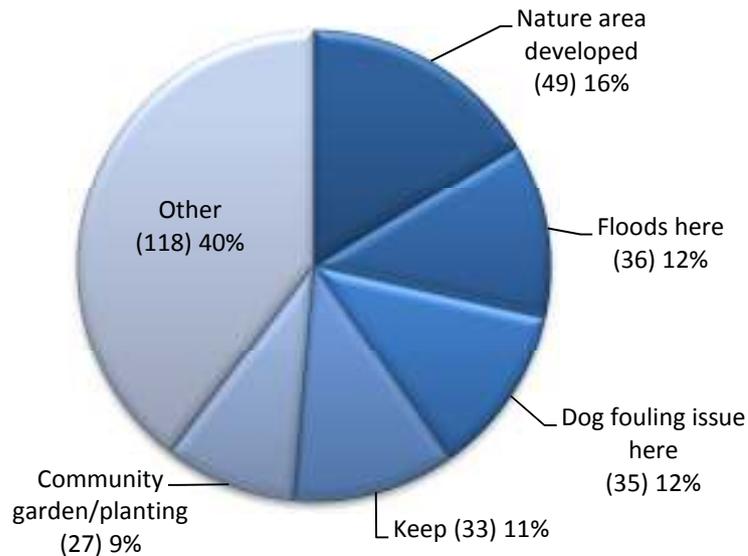
NEXT STEP

The steering group should link with Waltham Parish Council to enquire if these suggestions would be supported.

Local Environment

There were 298 (15%) comments regarding the local environment of Waltham making this the third most commented on subject.

Top 5 Comments for the Local Environment



Out of the 49 comments for a 'nature area to be developed', 23 comments referred to making use of the land donated to the Parish Council; this is supplemented by a further 6 suggestions for a 'landscaped park area', 'park needed here' and 'trees to be planted here'.

This land donated to the Parish Council was also suggested 8 times to be used for a 'community garden/planting area' alongside 7 suggestions for the Archer Road/Sunningdale land.

NEXT STEP

The steering group recommends that Waltham Parish Council should research funding opportunities for this area whilst engaging with the community regarding what the use of land should be. Scartho Community Gardens could also be researched as a local good practice initiative.

36 comments representing 12% of all views in this section were 'floods here', this links with the 28 comments of 'drainage needs improving' in the housing section. Concerns were raised regarding flooding throughout the village.

Waltham Parish Council has an emergency plan which covers flooding and other emergencies. North East Lincolnshire Council also has a flood plan with alarms that sound should flooding occur. The steering group felt that regular maintenance of dykes, ditches, gulleys, Buck Beck and Team Gate drain would help to keep them flowing freely.



Dog poop jacket

There were 59 comments (20%) for 'dog fouling issue here' and 'dog poop scoop bins needed'. This is an issue for residents across the village but more comments were received around the green spaces of Waltham. The issue of dog fouling is present throughout the whole of the borough.

NEXT STEP

The steering group should link with Waltham Parish Council and North East Lincolnshire Council to investigate methods to reduce the issue of dog fouling in the village.

The steering group initially discussed:

- A sign for anti-dog fouling at entrances to Mount Pleasant Playing Fields;
- Use of FIDO machine;
- More dog poop bins available;
- Use CCTV to monitor the play areas
- Create a dog free zone(s);
- Have a designated fenced area for dogs enabling them to run free within Mount Pleasant;
- Investigate New Waltham's dog poop reduction initiative

Of the 33 comments from participants suggesting to 'keep' facilities, 18% were for keeping the fire station and 15% were for keeping the library. Other comments were for the amenities throughout the village.



Waltham Fire Station

There was great support throughout the village when Waltham Fire Station was threatened with closure in 2008, it resulted in a reduced but retained service. More recently Humberside Fire and Rescue Service have publicly consulted and the only standardised fire engine from this site will be replaced with one small 4 wheel drive fire unit with a high capacity pump and road rescue equipment on board that can turn out with 2 fire-fighters. The steering group hopes this will secure the fire station's future in the village.

NEXT STEP

The steering group should link with Waltham Parish Council and Humberside Fire and Rescue to open a discussion about additional uses for this fire station, for example combining the use with East Midlands Ambulance Service as in other areas.

The steering group identified that overgrown trees and hedges over property boundaries reduces the width of footpaths making it difficult for pedestrians and wheelchair users to pass safely.

NEXT STEP

The steering group should raise awareness with residents by using the village notice board and newsletters to inform them of the importance of keeping footpaths unobstructed by trees and hedges.

With the introduction of a £30 charge by North East Lincolnshire Council for the collection of residential garden waste the steering group suggested a community compost scheme for Waltham residents.

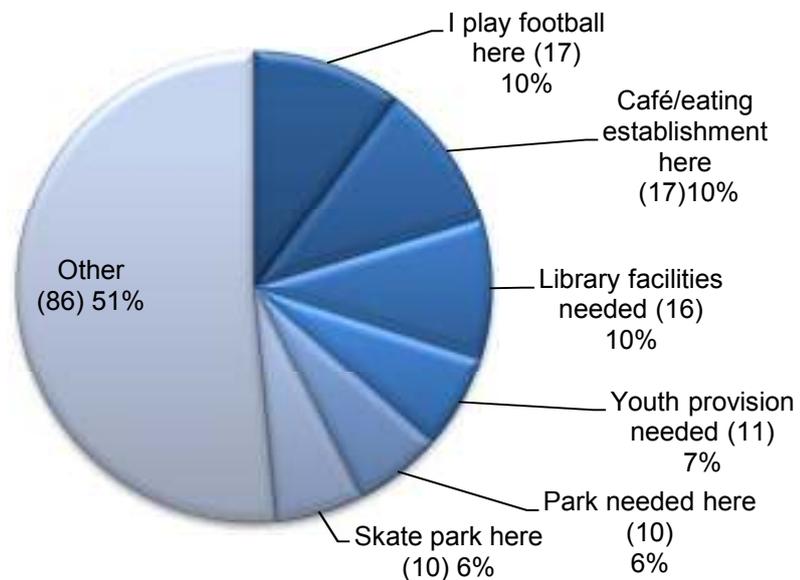
NEXT STEP

The steering group should investigate if a community compost scheme is feasible for the village and report the findings to Waltham Parish Council.

Community Facilities

167 comments (8%) were received about the community facilities in Waltham.

Top 5 Comments for Community Facilities



When taking part in the consultation participants were asked to comment on what they value in the area as well as what could be improved. 'I play football here' was stated 17 times as taking place at various open spaces within the village and conversations held with facilitators at the events highlighted how much residents value these facilities.



An equal amount of comments highlighted the need to retain or develop the eating establishments in Waltham, with emphasis placed on the Waltham Windmill site.

The Waltham windmill site currently has a cafe and restaurant amongst other retail businesses.

Railway carriage cafe at Waltham Windmill

It is clear from the comments received that Waltham Library is a valued resource in the village. It holds various groups and activities for people of all ages from many areas of North East Lincolnshire.



Waltham Library

11 comments were submitted regarding 'youth provision needed' in the village. Within Waltham there is a play area for younger children at Neville Turner Way, a facility including zip wires and various play equipment and sports facilities at Mount Pleasant playing fields, there is a wooden play area at Waltham Windmill and a green open space at Grove Park.

NEXT STEP

The steering group could inform residents of the current facilities available in the village for use by utilising the notice board, newsletter and online media, whilst engaging with the youth committee of Waltham Parish Council to help further develop activities in the village.



Mount Pleasant play area

Of the 10 comments for 'a park needed here', 6 are existing parks or open spaces and this shows the participants value these areas. This is linked with 'park needed here' in the local environment section.

An equal amount of comments for 'skate park here' were made for the green areas in the village. The steering group discussed the use of the old cricket pavilion at Mount Pleasant and felt this could be used as a community or multi sports facility; they were informed this is currently being investigated by Waltham Parish Council. This subject links with comments in the 'leisure and recreation' section.

The steering group discussed the limitations of the current post office service.

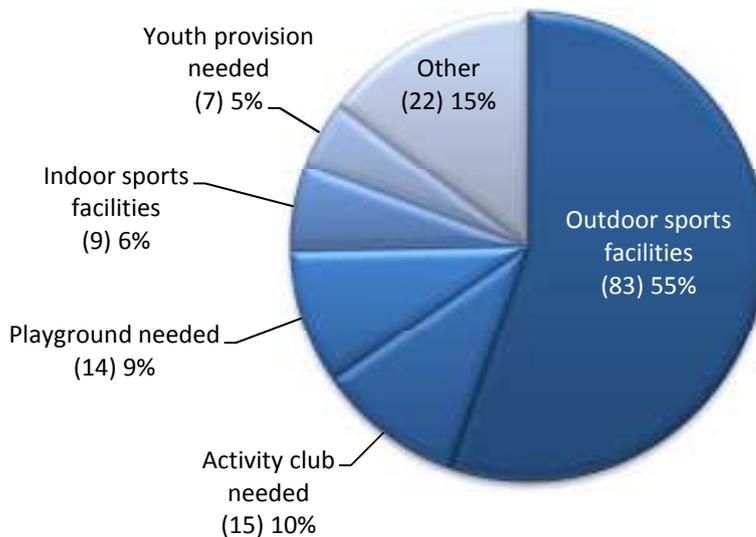
NEXT STEP

The steering group should link with Waltham Parish Council to open discussions with Post Office Services about the need for further post boxes and improved facilities at the post office.

Leisure and Recreation

There were a total of 150 comments (8%) regarding the leisure and recreational facilities in Waltham.

Top 5 comments for Leisure and Recreation



83 comments (55%) were to either maintain or improve, or have additional outdoor sports facilities in the village.

Mount Pleasant play area has the highest number of comments (24%) from people wanting to retain or improve the facilities in this location. At Mount Pleasant there is currently a play area that is more suited to older children, there is a range of fitness equipment, a BMX track, teen shelter, tennis and basketball courts and a ping pong table. Other activities held in this location are football and Army cadet meetings.

15 cards representing 10% of the comments showed that local activity clubs were wanted, Waltham Leas Primary Academy was the most favoured location with 47% of the total comments followed by Mount Pleasant with 20%.



Neville Turner Way play area

Waltham is fortunate to have three play areas in the village. These are located at Mount Pleasant, Neville Turner Way and Waltham Windmill. Both Neville Turner Way and Waltham Windmill have play areas more suitable for younger children. These are all in good order and are regularly inspected. Funding was secured by the Local Authority and Parish Council for the equipment at

Neville Turner Way and Mount Pleasant. This category also links with 'community facilities'.

The village also has a wonderful bowling green located at Neville Turner Way that boasts its own pavilion. Waltham Parish Council and Waltham Park Bowls Club are working together to enhance this facility by adding pentanque and croquet areas within the grounds. This bowling green is open for use by the general public and Waltham Park Bowls Club welcomes people of all ages.



Bowling Green and Pavilion at Neville Turner Way

Following comments made at the consultation events regarding further outdoor facilities in the village, the steering group discussed the possibility of providing additional sporting equipment for adults and the older age group. The ideas of a mountain bike trail and a skate park around the playing fields at Mount Pleasant were most favoured.

NEXT STEP

The steering group should research funding opportunities for additional sports equipment for young people and adults, particularly the possibilities of a mountain bike trail and skate park.

Some interest was shown at the events (9 cards, 6%) for the development of an indoor sports facility in the village. The steering group felt that pavilion used by footballers or the old cricket pavilion could be investigated as a future possibility for an indoor sports facility.

NEXT STEP

The steering group should investigate the possibility with North East Lincolnshire Council and Waltham Parish Council in using the pavilion or old cricket pavilion as an indoor sports facility.

Waltham Windmill Golf Club is situated on Cheapside and has a beautifully maintained 18 hole par 71 course, as well as professional shop and large bar area and restaurant. Waltham Windmill Golf Club encourages people of all ages to come and enjoy their facilities.



Fairway at Waltham Windmill Golf Club

There are several walking routes around the village enjoyed as a popular pastime with many public footpaths linking to the wonderful Wolds countryside.



Fishing Pond at Cheapside Farm Pond

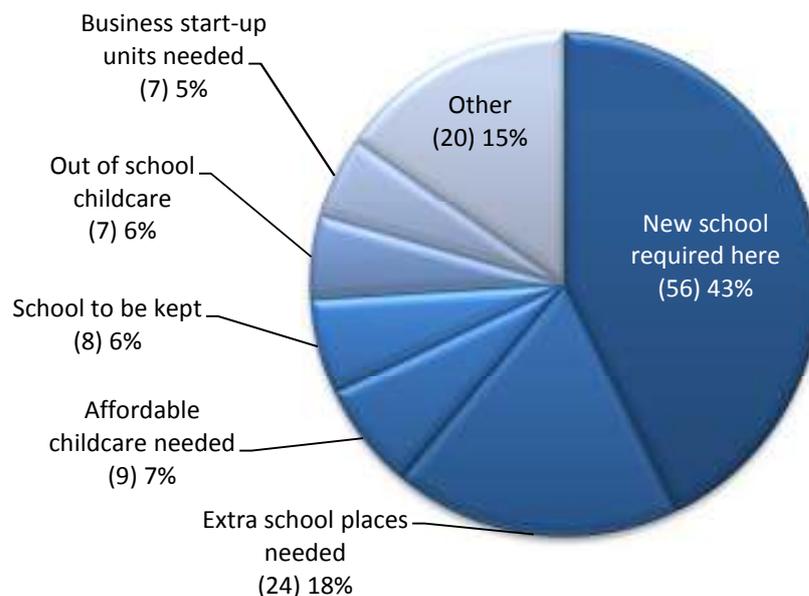
There are also fishing ponds on Cheapside and Barnoldby Road in Waltham which offer fishing for anglers of all abilities.

The steering group felt fortunate to have such a wide variety of sports, leisure and recreational facilities within the village and would like to see these maintained and enhanced and utilise funding opportunities that are available.

Work, Training and Local Economy

131 comments (7%) were received about the work, training and local economy in Waltham.

Top 5 Comments for Work, Training and Local Economy



By far the highest percentage with most comments within this theme was in relation to Waltham Leas Primary Academy. When collating all the data received regarding the local school ('school to be kept', 'extra school places needed' and 'new school required') this equated to a total of 88 cards representing 67% of the total comments made.



Waltham Leas Primary Academy

The steering group is aware that Waltham Leas Primary Academy is currently at capacity. Not all children who applied for a school placement were successful in the 2014 intake, this is likely to have included local children.

There are a number of properties forecast to be built in 2015 within Waltham, with more to come in future years and based on this there will be more children who will

need to be schooled in Waltham. The steering group felt the possibility of a new site should be investigated with the most favoured site identified as Archer Road playing fields, which received 30% of the comments; this was followed by Archer Road/Sunningdale Land with 21% of the comments.

When talking with parents at the consultation events they felt that the school was well established and would like to retain the friendly and welcoming atmosphere that their children currently enjoy and thrive within.

8 cards representing 6% of the comments were to 'keep the school' in its current state at the same location; however comments taken by the facilitators at the consultation events were in relation to issues being experienced with the traffic situation on the roads surrounding the school. It appears to the steering group that the school has outgrown its current location and would benefit from moving to a purpose built site.

NEXT STEP

The steering group should present the findings of this report to North East Lincolnshire Council and Waltham Leas Primary Academy in order for them to discuss the future possibilities for the school.

'Affordable child care required' (9 comments representing 7%) and 'out of school childcare' (7 comments representing 6%) highlighted that greater awareness of the facilities already in the village is needed by families.

NEXT STEP

The steering group should enquire with Waltham Parish Council regarding the possibility of local businesses advertising through their media resources.



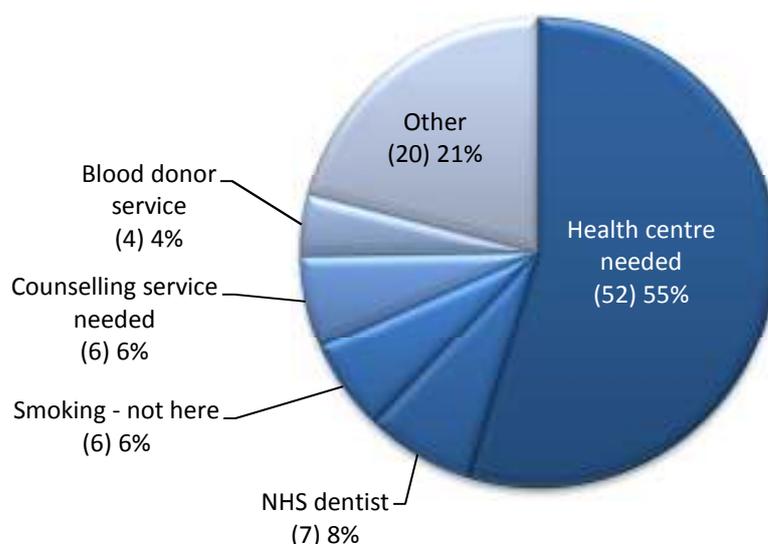
Entrance to Airfield site

'Business start-up units needed' (7 cards representing 6%) were most favoured on the airfield site at Cheapside. The steering group felt that the airfield site was ideally placed and already established to take further expansion. This would be an ideal location to create a business park for the village, bringing in much needed employment and trade into this area. With a new route linking it directly to the A16 this would avoid traffic having to pass through the centre of the village.

Health and Wellbeing

95 comments (5%) were received regarding health issues.

Top 5 Comments for Health



Waltham currently has over 6000 residents and no longer has a doctor's surgery in the village. With an increasing population, residents commented strongly about the need for health provision in the village. 52 out of the 95 comments made (55%) were 'health centre needed'.

7 comments stated the need for a NHS dentist in the village. There is already an established NHS dentist on New Road in Waltham.

The steering group discussed several options of health care provision in the village and the general consensus was that a health centre incorporating counselling, blood donor services and cancer screening amongst other services would be a welcome asset to the village.

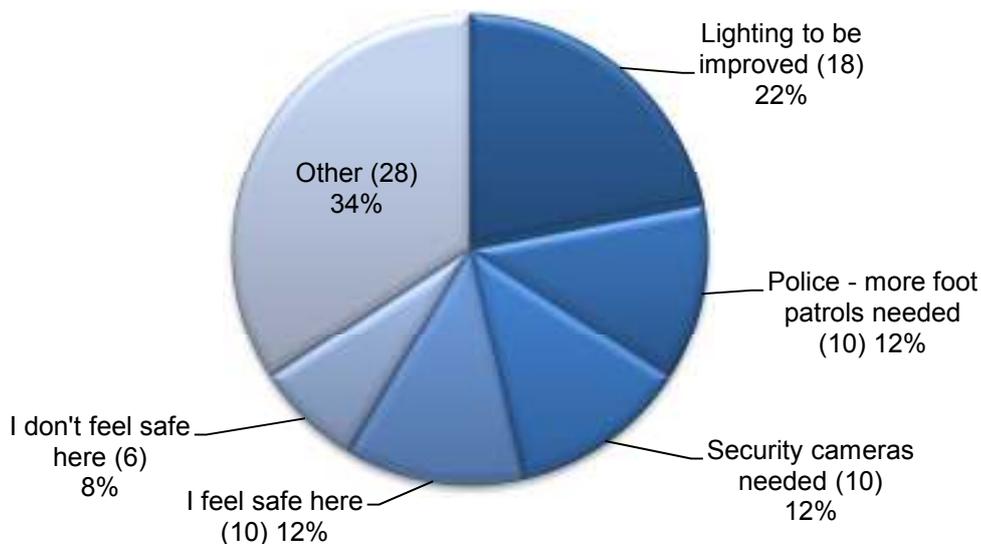
NEXT STEP

The steering group should pass the results of this report to the local Clinical Commissioning Group to allow them to investigate if Waltham would qualify for funding opportunities.

Crime and Safety

82 comments (4%) were received regarding crime and safety in and around Waltham.

Top 5 Comments for Crime and Safety



Waltham is considered a low crime area by Humberside Police, residents are advised by the Police to make sure when leaving their homes that their property is secure including their outbuildings.

'Lighting to be improved' was commented on 18 times therefore 22% of the total comments made. Wheatfield Drive (4 comments) and the open area of Archer Road and Sunningdale were identified as needing improvements to the lighting. Work has already begun in the village and several streets have now been upgraded to LED street lights.

NEXT STEP

The steering group should enquire with North East Lincolnshire Council to see if further lighting improvements are to be made in Waltham.

More Police foot patrol in the village was represented by 10 comments being 12.3% of total crime comments made.



Waltham PCSO Lesley Parry

Humberside Police Authority like other public services are having to make cuts throughout various departments within the force. Waltham has named officers and a Police Community Support Officer who works for the Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Provisions have been made for officers working in and around Waltham to make use of Waltham Parish Council's office thereby increasing the visibility of uniformed police in the village.

There are currently three Neighbourhood Watch Areas in Waltham. Humberside Police would welcome further development of more Neighbourhood Watch areas within the village. As the police presence in Waltham reduces groups such as these play an important role in crime reduction.

Waltham is fortunate to have its own CCTV system which is owned and run by Waltham Parish Council in co-operation with Humberside Police and North East Lincolnshire Council to help alleviate issues and capture incidents that may occur.

10 cards representing 12% of comments made were to increase the current coverage of the CCTV system, with the main emphasis being around the school area.

Other comments in the crime and safety theme informed us of the places where people feel safe (10 comments, 12%). These included Chestnut Road (50%) Waltham Leas Primary Academy (20%) and Cheapside, Sweetbriar and the Village Green (each with 10%).

NEXT STEP

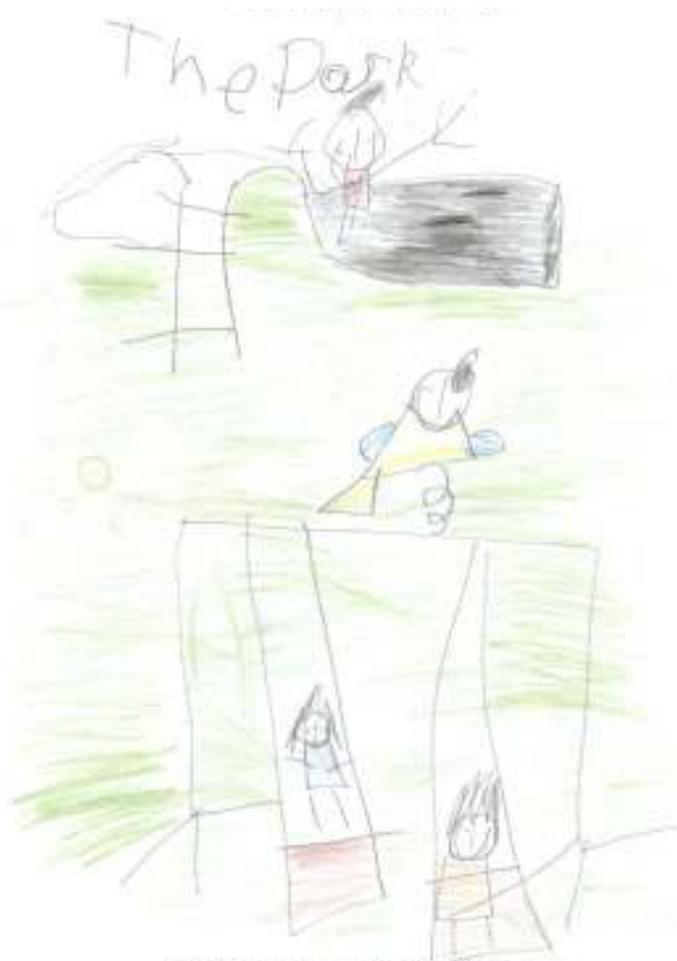
The steering group should make enquiries with the Neighbourhood Crime and Justice Coordinator about increasing the number of neighbourhood watch groups in Waltham. The steering group should ask Waltham Parish Council if this could be promoted through their media resources.

Going Forward

This report that highlights and evidences the stakeholders' views of the village is really only the first stage of Waltham parish's community led plan.

Some initial next steps have been identified within this document and the steering group, Parish Council and partner organisations will be working to implement some of these actions already recognised. However, alongside this an in-depth action plan will be developed that will detail priorities, timescales, responsibility and partners to be involved to make sure the plan can be implemented. This will be a live document on Waltham Parish Council's website so it can be updated and reviewed and allow the community to be kept up to date on progress.

Whilst the steering group and Waltham Parish Council will continue to implement the plan, continued active support from the community is absolutely vital. This is not only at meetings and being part of the steering group but also being active in helping Waltham change in a way to best meet the needs of the residents.



Winner of the Key Stage 1 competition: Charlotte Batemen, aged 4, Butterfly class at Waltham Leas Primary Academy

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Appendix 1

List of businesses, land owners and organisations that were invited to an event where the general public were not invited in recognition of their often differing views:

Millstone Garden Centre	Swan Vet Centre
Waltham Logistics	BT Building
Waltham Plumbing Supplies Ltd	Fire Station
Hedges Distribution	New Road Dentist
Waltham Windmill Golf Club	Tilted Barrel
Hudson & Watson Plumbing and Gas Services	Tea Gardens
Millers Restaurant	Kings Head
Country Store	Mr P Strawson
Smith Engineering	Mr M Archer
Porters Garage	Mr M Vincent
Harrisons Feed	Fairway News
Sleight Settled Estates	Royal British Legion
Robinsons Farm Shop	Mr N Wilkinson
Newgrove House	Mr M Carlton
Grove House	53 Fishing Club
Waltham Funeral Home	Mr D Smith
Unypart	Mr K Newby
Spar	Mr H Rushby
Olliz Hair Salon	The Atkinson Family
Financial Services	Mr T Tyler
Waltham Hair Design	Mr P Parker
Keen King & Jones	Parker & Wilbraham Family
Waltham Village Bakery	
Library	<u>Emails to:</u>
Co-op	Cyden Homes
Fish & Chip Shop	Mrs P Surtees
Mumbai Blues	Mr N Strawson
Kebab House	Mr C Carr
Don Noble	Mr C Clayton
Yeungs Chinese	Keigar Homes
Raffles	Mr B Cuff
Millie's Boutique	Waltham Windmill Trust
Cottingham Pharmacy	Beauty by Louise
Fourteen Restaurant	Mr P Strawson
Swags & Tails	Leas Primary Academy
Waltham Women's Institute	Zest Deli
Carpet Chris	Cabin News
Newton's Tea Shop	The Gallery Hairdressers
Martin Thornley	Kirkbeck Hair Salon
Waltham House Nursing Home	Waltham Windmill Preservation Society

Appendix 2

Potential development sites detailed by North East Lincolnshire Council's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA).

Proposed Development	Proposed Location	Proposed Number of Houses
HOU110	Land at Cheapside	287 1-5yr
HOU111	Brigsley Rd/ Sandon House	174 1-5yr
HOU138	Land south west Cheapside	450 6-10yr
HOU129	Land to west of Cheapside	106 1-5yr
HOU288	Site 2 Grimsby Rd/ Station Road	51 1-5yr
HOU274	Station Road	100 6-10yr
HOU291	Waltham Airfield	200 11-15yr
HOU112	Land to north west of Golf Course Lane	93 1-5yr
HOU292	Land west of Bradley Road, Barnoldby le Beck	70 6-10yr
HOU096	South of Southern Walk, Scartho, Grimsby	141 6-10yr

Appendix 3

Full list of suggestions raised by participants at the consultation events.

Housing Suggestions	Sum of Frequency
No development here	251
Retain strategic gap between villages	99
Yes to houses here	90
Housing for first time buyers	32
Housing for families needed	29
Drainage needs improving	28
Bungalows needed here	27
Housing for elderly people needed	24
Flats for younger people	12
These are nice houses	9
Part rent/part buy scheme needed	4
Wheely bins needed	3
Pest control	3
Damp and condensation to be tackled	2
Repairs to outside needed	2
Residents association to be set up	1
Housing suitable for disabled people	1
Grand Total	617

Traffic and Transport Suggestions	Sum of Frequency
Lower speed needed	87
Parking issues here	63
Safer cycling route needed	34
Parking needed here	32
Traffic enforcement needed here	28

HGVs to be banned	26
Road surface/ markings to be improved	25
Traffic - too much here	25
Traffic control needed	25
Road used as rat run	21
One way system needed here	16
No parking on the grass verge	12
Accident spot	10
Crossing improvement	7
Bus service improvements	6
Roundabout needed	6
Bollards needed here	5
Pavements needed here	4
School patrol needed	3
Bus shelter needed here	3
Parking area to be created here	1
Traffic safety rails needed	1
Access only here	1
Grand Total	441

Local Environment Suggestions	Sum of Frequency
Nature area developed	49
Floods here	36
Dog fouling issue here	35
Keep	33
Community garden/planting	27
Dog poop scoop bins needed	24
Pavements need improving	15

Dog free zone	13
Clean up/mowing needed here	11
Landscaped park area	9
Seating area wanted here	8
Tree(s) to be kept	6
Tree(s) to be planted here	6
Litter bins needed	4
Demolish	4
Community composting scheme	4
Recycling facility wanted here	3
Fly tipping problem here	3
Footpath needed	3
Tree to be removed	2
Local information board wanted	2
Allotments needed	1
Grand Total	298

Community Facilities Suggestions	Sum of Frequency
I play football here	17
Café/ eating establishment here	17
Library facilities needed	16
Youth provision needed	11
Park needed here	10
Skate Park here	10
Disabled access needed	9
Cash point / banking facilities needed	8
Community centre / village hall	8
Mother & Toddler group here	8

Toilets with accessible facilities	7
Soundproof rehearsal room	5
Telephone box wanted	5
Post box wanted	5
Pub wanted	5
Advice and information shop	4
Elderly people's club	4
Supermarket wanted	3
Shop - wanted locally	3
I enjoy bowls here	3
Cookery classes wanted	2
Nappy changing facility needed	2
Car sharing scheme	2
Meals on wheels service	1
Place of worship	1
School and community - better links needed	1
Grand Total	167

Leisure and Recreation Suggestions	Sum of Frequency
Outdoor sports facilities	83
Activity club needed	15
Playground needed	14
Indoor sports facilities	9
Youth provision needed	7
Mountain bike trail	5
Summer club	4
Changing rooms needed	2
Recording studio / rehearsal room	2

Fishing	2
Community fete/fair	2
Day trips	1
Discos	1
Youth theatre	1
Invent special community event	1
internet / cyber café	1
Grand Total	150

Work, Training and Local Economy Suggestions	Sum of Frequency
New school required here	56
Extra school places needed	24
Affordable childcare needed	9
School to be kept	8
Out of school childcare	7
Business start-up units needed	7
Support for parents to help with homework	5
Local child-minder information needed	4
Bullying problem here	3
Local job information point	2
Community use of fax, computer, copier etc	2
Evening classes needed	2
School needs improving	2
Grand Total	131

Health Suggestions	Sum of Frequency
Health centre needed	52
NHS dentist	7
Smoking - not here!	6
Counselling service needed	6
Blood donor service	4
Parenting classes wanted	3
Doctors to speed up waiting times	2
Opticians/eye tests	2
Fruit and vegetables - locally produced	2
Cancer screening for men	2
Smoking cessation group	2
Healthy eating to be encouraged at school	2
Speech therapy	1
Hospital car service	1
Support for teenage mums	1
Chiropodist	1
Chemist shop	1
Grand Total	95

Crime Suggestions	Sum of Frequency
Lighting to be improved	18
Police - more foot patrols needed	10
Security cameras needed	10
I feel safe here	10
I don't feel safe here	6
Shrubs need trimming back	5
Entry phone needed	5
Vehicle charge	3
Neighbourhood watch scheme needed	3
Property marking scheme	2
People afraid to go out at night	2
Drink and drug taking problem	2
Unsafe building	1
Young people hanging around here	1
Gate needed	1
Graffiti problem	1
Illegal dumping problem	1
Mugging problem	1
Grand Total	82

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