

# CHARLTON HORETHORNE COMMUNITY PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE : SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

*Total number of Questionnaires returned was 173, a 60% response rate (not all respondents answered all questions).*

## SECTION 1 : HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

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| 1.1  | Do you think that new housing in the parish should be restricted to that required to meet the needs of local people?  | 164 respondents...63% said YES  |
| 1.2  | Do you think the parish needs to grow beyond its current population (of about 600)?   | 156 respondents...54% said NO   |
| 1.3  | How many new dwellings do you think the parish will need in the next 10 years? 145 respondents...<br>The figures show the number of Questionnaire responses for each option.<br><b>82% of respondents think the parish needs 20 or fewer houses over the next 10 years.</b>   | 52 said less than 10<br>66 said 10 to 20<br>16 said 21 to 30<br>11 said more than 30  |
| 1.4  | What sorts of new dwellings would you like to see built in the parish? 129 respondents...<br>The figures show the number of Questionnaire respondents that ranked each option as their first priority.<br><b>A very large majority of respondents think affordable housing is the first priority for new housing provision.</b> | 65 said affordable starter homes : to buy<br>25 said affordable starter homes :<br>social housing, to rent<br>16 said small retirement/downsizing homes<br>5 said sheltered accommodation<br>14 said 2/3 bedroom houses<br>4 said larger houses (4 bedrooms plus) |
| 1.5  | Would you support the use of land in the parish for the following?  |   |
|      | Small office units  | 155 respondents...66% said YES  |
|      | Small workshop units  | 160 respondents...73% said YES  |
|      | Holiday accommodation   | 150 respondents...51% said NO   |
|      | Retail units  | 149 respondents...62% said NO   |
|      | Allotments  | 155 respondents...75% said YES  |
|      | Solar farms   | 160 respondents...76% said NO   |
|      | Wind turbines   | 157 respondents...78% said NO   |
| 1.6  | Do you think open farmland in the parish should be built on?  | 162 respondents...80% said NO   |
| 1.8  | Should new building be restricted to infill sites within the parish?  | 152 respondents...70% said YES  |
| 1.10 | Should spaces between existing developments be retained and not built on?   | 142 respondents...51% said YES  |

## SECTION 2 : TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY

2.1	Do you think speeding traffic is a problem in the parish?	163 respondents...80% said YES
2.2	Do you think the Community Speed Watch initiative introduced by the Parish Council will reduce speeding?	161 respondents...66% said YES
2.3	Do you think the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) that are sometimes provided in the village are effective?	168 respondents...80% said YES
2.4	Do you think there is a problem with speed signs in the parish being faded, broken or obscured by trees/bushes?	163 respondents...57% said YES
2.5	Do you think additional speed signs should be put up in the parish - or speed signs moved to make them more effective?	156 respondents...53% said NO
2.7	A 20 MPH speed limit through the village would only be possible if street lights were introduced. Would you support the introduction of street lights for this purpose?	160 respondents...74% said NO
2.8	Do you think there are speeding/road safety problems on the following roads?	
	Milborne Port Road	136 respondents...64% said YES
	B3145 into the village from Wincanton	154 respondents...84% said YES
	B3145 into the village from Sherborne	147 respondents...78% said YES
	North Road/Blackford Road	136 respondents...54% said YES
	On the road through Sigwells	103 respondents...64% said NO
	On the road through Stowell	99 respondents...71% said NO
2.10	Do you think white picket fences/planting boxes and village signs at the sides of the road entering the village would help to reduce speeding?	159 respondents...52% said YES
2.11	Are heavy lorries a problem in the parish (high speeds, use of narrow lanes, etc)?	162 respondents...73% said YES
2.12	Are tractors/other heavy agricultural vehicles a problem in the parish (high speeds, mud on road, etc)?	164 respondents...71% said YES
2.13	Do you think road safety is a particular problem outside the school?	148 respondents...70% said YES

## SECTION 3 : ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES

3.1	Should there be more facilities for young children in the village?	129 respondents...58% said YES
3.2	Should there be more facilities for teenagers in the village?	127 respondents...66% said YES
3.3	Should there be more facilities for adults in the village?	129 respondents...76% said NO
3.4	Should there be more sports facilities in the village?	134 respondents...58% said YES
3.5	Would a playing field in the village be a good idea?	139 respondents...74% said YES
3.7	Would you like to see the annual village feast day re-instated?	130 respondents...79% said YES
3.8	Would you be prepared to volunteer to help set up and run any of these facilities/events?	124 respondents...56% said YES
3.10	Would you use a local bus service if it were re-introduced?	152 respondents...51% said YES
3.11	Would you like to see the village pond re-instated?	151 respondents...56% said YES

3.13 Do you think the following are a serious problem in the village?	
Dog mess on pavements and in public areas	150 respondents...61% said NO
Litter	143 respondents...62% said NO
Shortage of litter bins	145 respondents...55% said NO
3.15 Do you think the parish should have some sort of war memorial in addition to that in the church?	143 respondents...64% said NO
3.16 Is flooding an issue in your part of the parish?	163 respondents...80% said NO
3.18 Do you feel safe in the parish?	163 respondents...98% said YES

#### SECTION 4 : KEY PARISH ASSETS

4.1 Do you think the following facilities are key parish assets?	
Churches	163 respondents...96% said YES
Garage	167 respondents...93% said YES
Mature trees in the centre of the village	161 respondents...90% said YES
Mobile Library	153 respondents...77% said YES
Mobile Post Office	166 respondents...93% said YES
Millennium Green	163 respondents...94% said YES
Phone Box	152 respondents...59% said NO
Post Boxes	169 respondents...97% said YES
Pub	168 respondents...95% said YES
Public footpaths and bridleways in the parish	165 respondents...97% said YES
School	167 respondents...98% said YES
School playing field	162 respondents...98% said YES
Shop	167 respondents...99% said YES
Village Green	161 respondents...96% said YES
Village Hall	167 respondents...98% said YES
Village Website	142 respondents...75% said YES
4.3 Is lack of clear signposting or obstructed access a problem when using public footpaths in the parish?	138 respondents...57% said NO

## SECTION 5 : SCHOOL

5.1	Do you have children of primary school age?	165 respondents...95% said NO
5.2	(If Yes to 5.1) Do they attend Charlton Horethorne Primary School?	9 respondents...67% said YES
5.4	Do you feel that the Primary School is of importance to the local community?	158 respondents...99% said YES
5.5	Do you feel the Primary School is an integral part of the village?	157 respondents...98% said YES
5.6	Would you like to see the relationship between the village community and the Primary School strengthened?	129 respondents...95% said YES
5.7	Do you feel the following would help in strengthening the relation between the community and the School?	
	School choir singing in the church/ at local events	124 respondents...95% said YES
	Visits by school children to local businesses/farms/industry	116 respondents...97% said YES
	Local residents coming in to school to give presentations on history of the village/ areas of particular interest/ farming/ wildlife issues etc	122 respondents...98% said YES
	Volunteers from the village to assist in the school garden	110 respondents...90% said YES
	Regular update on school activities in the parish magazine	129 respondents...97% said YES
5.8	Do you feel there should be greater links between village and school fundraising to target local issues?	104 respondents...68% said YES

## SECTION 6 : CHURCHES

6.1	Are the parish churches important to you for the following?	
	Baptism	122 respondents...67% said YES
	Carol Service	133 respondents...83% said YES
	Church Bells	139 respondents...86% said YES
	Community Focal Point	128 respondents...77% said YES
	Easter Service	124 respondents...76% said YES
	Funerals	132 respondents...86% said YES
	Harvest Service	124 respondents...77% said YES
	Historic Building	132 respondents...92% said YES
	Parent and toddler mornings	110 respondents...56% said YES
	Quiet contemplation	118 respondents...75% said YES
	Remembrance Service	125 respondents...82% said YES
	Weddings	131 respondents...89% said YES
	Worship	125 respondents...78% said YES
6.3	Would you like to see more social events at the Church (such as concerts, fetes, talks, children's events)?	119 respondents...67% said YES
6.4	Would you support a plan to create extra space at the back of the church to provide a new area	

for discussion groups, coffee, children's play area etc?

121 respondents...69% said YES