

Summary of Consultation

Harworth & Bircotes Neighbourhood
Development Plan
2014 - 2028



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1 Introduction

What is the Summary of Consultation

- 1.1 The Harworth & Bircotes Neighbourhood Development Plan has been produced by Harworth & Bircotes Town Council exclusively using the views and opinions expressed by all the stakeholders in the area, such as; local residents, local business owners and local landowners. The aim of the Plan is to positively plan for the future development of the area to create a sustainable town for people to live, work and visit.
- 1.2 This Summary sets out the chronological order of events that have led to the production of the Harworth & Bircotes Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) in terms of consultation with local residents and other leading stakeholders and statutory consultees. This consultation has in particular led to the production of the Development Management Policies contained within the Plan that aim to control and promote the sustainable development and growth of the town. In this Summary, the Steering Group has taken a broader approach in setting out the consultation for both the land-use and non-land-use policies and projects contained in the Plan.
- 1.3 Provided in this Summary is an overview and description of the numerous consultation events and periods involved in the production of the final Plan. In some instances more detailed reports have been produced by the Steering Group, where this is the case, this report is referred to in the overview of that event and it is included in the Appendices of this document.

Aims of Consultation

- 1.4 To ensure that the local community truly can feel a sense of ownership of the Plan, and feel they are truly being empowered to control the development and growth of Harworth & Bircotes, the consultation undertaken in production of the Plan itself must be thorough and the process clear and transparent. To ensure the consultation undertaken in production of the Harworth & Bircotes NDP can be perceived as such, the Steering Group developed several aims that the consultation process would work towards achieving.
- 1.5 These aims of the consultation process of the Harworth & Bircotes Neighbourhood Development Plan were:
 - **Front load:** The Steering Group decided early in the process that as much consultation with local residents would be undertaken before any contents of the plan were discussed and decided. This would ensure that the contents of the Plan have been wholly influenced and decided upon based on consultation undertaken with the local community.
 - **Reach all aspects of community:** Another key aim of the consultation process was to ensure that all different sections of the community were allowed the opportunity to participate in the Plan process. This involves ensuring that local residents of all ages and both genders engage in the process guaranteeing that

the final Plan is truly representative of the local community and their aspirations for Harworth & Bircotes.

- **Ensure 'hard to hear' groups participate:** In addition to ensuring all sections of the community are involved in the process, special effort must be made to include those sections of the community described as 'hard to hear' groups, such as: young people, young adults and over 65's. This can be achieved by utilising consultation techniques and events specifically aimed at including these groups.
- **Ensure transparency:** The Steering Group are keen to ensure that the NDP process is viewed as open and transparent. This involves not only making all documents and consultation results used to produce the contents of the final Plan publically available. But also ensuring that local residents are kept up to date with progression of the plan and also how they can engage and participate at different stages of the process.

General Overview

1.6 The NDP Steering Group (SG) considered differing engagement technics and sought advice from consultation specialists to ensure the engagement was undertaken correctly and all sectors of the community were given the opportunity to have their say on the contents and policies within the plan. The methods used are listed below:

- Primary and secondary school sessions
- Attendance at the youth club
- Planning over a pint
- Questionnaires to local community groups
- Affordable Housing Questionnaire to the whole community
- Attendance at community events
- Exhibitions
- Shop displays
- Press releases
- Website
- Social media

1.7 The consultation undertaken summarised in this document has been undertaken by the Steering Group of the Plan in partnership with Community Planning Officers from Bassetlaw District Council. The SG consists of 13 local residents of which 8 are also members of the Town Council and 5 officers from other public service groups such as the Fire Station, Selby Park Academy and the police.

2 Neighbourhood Area Designation

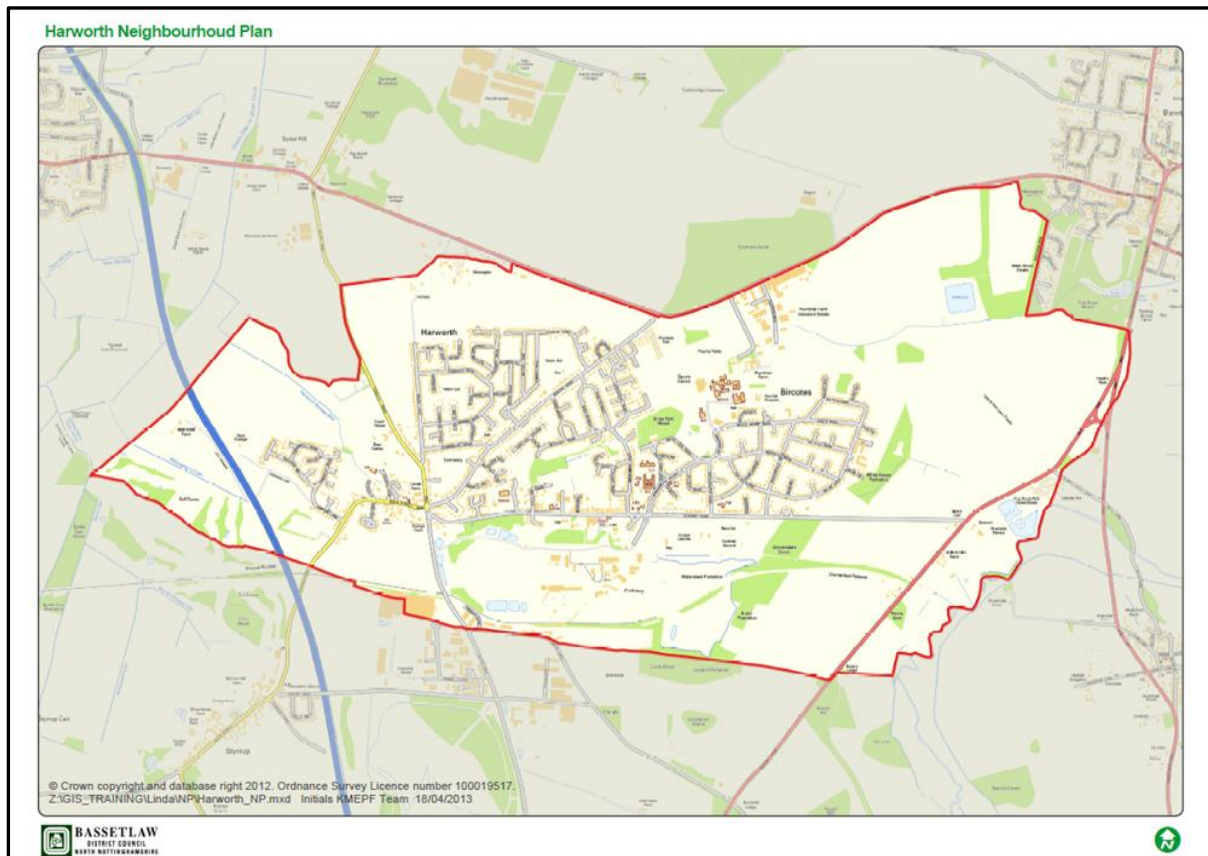
Overview

- 2.1** With regards to Part 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 Harworth & Bircotes (H&B) Town Council submitted an application for designation of the H&B Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of creating a NDP with the Town Council to act as the qualified body to do so. This application was received by Bassetlaw District Council on the 30th April 2013 and a statutory 6-week consultation period was enacted, running from 3rd May to the 14th June 2013.
- 2.2** As outlined in the Regulations the Local Authority have a duty to publicise the Area Application and the 6-week consultation period to in a manner that will bring them to the attention of people who live, work or carry out business in the area. The full Application and information on how to comment was made available on the Council's website and information on the application and how people could comment was placed in the Worksop Guardian on the 3rd May 2013, this advert is available to view in Appendix A of this document.
- 2.3** Local business owners and land owners were also contacted informing them of the application and how a NDP could affect them. In addition to this, posters were placed in various locations around the town and in local shops informing local residents of the Town Councils intention to produce a Plan.

Conclusions

- 2.4** During the 6-week consultation period, no objections were received to the Neighbourhood Area as outlined in the initial application. Therefore on the 25th July 2013 Bassetlaw District Council contacted H&B Town Council to confirm that the council may proceed with the preparation of a NDP for the area as designated, shown below in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Harworth & Bircotes Neighbourhood Area



3 Plugged Event

Overview

- 3.1 When the Steering Group (SG) first discussed their consultation strategy and established the 4 Consultation Aims detailed in the Introduction of this document, young people were identified as a 'hard to hear' group that would need specific events organising to encourage their participation in the process. A potential to engage this group was identified via the PLUGGED event.
- 3.2 The annual PLUGGED event organised by Focus on Young People in Bassetlaw (FOYPIB) was held on the 19 June 2013 at the North Nottinghamshire Arena. The event is held annually to allow young people to engage with service providers and to find out what is happening in Bassetlaw and how they can benefit and how they can get involved. All Secondary Schools are invited to the event including Selby Park Secondary School located in Bircotes which attended with young people from the age of 11 – 16.
- 3.3 Students in attendance were asked the following three questions about Harworth & Bircotes:
- What do you like about where you live?
 - What do you dislike about where you live?
 - How would you improve the area you live in?

Attendance

- 3.4 An official count of how many students were in attendance unfortunately was not taken however approximately 60 students participated and provided their views on the three questions listed above.

Results

What do you like about where you live?

- The Skate Park
- The Game Cock Park
- Snipe Park
- People in Harworth and Bircotes are really friendly
- The Droversdale Woods
- The football fields on Scrooby Road

What do you dislike about where you live?

- People stealing things
- There's nothing to do after school or at the weekends
- The Scrooby Road area outside the football fields is dangerous and hard to cross and its noisy
- The sport centre and the school needs improving it looks really old and needs modernising

- The Wimpy Estate is not very nice and scary to walk around in the evening, the area needs improving, it doesn't look very nice

How would you improve the area you live in?

- Would like to see a dance club for teenagers to attend
- Need to keep the football nets up out of season
- Need to build a better and bigger skate park
- Need a bigger swimming pool
- The BMX track needs improvements with a new starting boxes and the holes filling in
- The youth club needs to do more things like foam parties and arts and crafts
- Would like to see a cinema night held at the town hall either every week or monthly
- Would like an indoor skate park/BMX centre
- The sport centre is too expensive and we cannot afford to use the facilities
- Would like to see the Zip Wire at the Snipe Park Wood
- Need for a play area at Common Lane, Harworth as it is too far to walk to the others
- Would like to see a computer gaming area opened for young people to use
- Would like to see more clothing shops in the town
- We would like to see a scouts club in the area
- The parks need improving with more facilities
- Need better shops not just takeaways

Conclusions

- 3.5 The responses collected from this event provided some excellent initial ideas for the Steering Group to discuss at this early stage of the NDP process.
- 3.6 It was clear from the results listed above that although young people in the town do value the sports and leisure and open spaces currently present within the town, they would like to see them improved and where possible expanded. The Steering Group decided that more consultation specifically aimed at young people in the town was needed to build on these initial thoughts.

4 Young People Event

Overview

- 4.1 The second event targeting the 'hard to hear' group of young people to be arranged was the 'Young People Event' held on the 7th August 2013. The Youth Club located next to Serlby Park Secondary School and the Leisure Centre was identified as an excellent opportunity to engage with young people that would not normally actively engage in the Plan process.
- 4.2 The event was advertised by giving out flyers at the leisure centre, youth centre and the local football, BMX and skateboarding club (The Pavilion). The Nottinghamshire youth worker Deborah Durry also helped to organise and advertise the event, the flier used to advertise this event can be viewed in Appendix B. Young people in attendance were shown a brief presentation introducing the NDP stating how it could affect the lives of people in attendance. The Young people in attendance were then split into 3 groups to work on set tasks.
- 4.3 The 3 groups were then given two tasks to complete. The First task involved consulting with attendees using a physical present-day map of the area, placing a sticky dot where they live and discussing; what they liked, disliked, and what they would improve about the area. The Second task involved the creation of a logo to be used by the NDP; attendees were invited to create their own logo using craft items supplied. These would be judged by the Town Council with the winning entry receiving a prize of £30. For a full overview of this event please see the report found in Appendix B.

Attendance

- 4.4 The event was well attended with 30 young people actively participating in both of the activities. Of the 30 young people in attendance 29 were male and 1 was female. A full list of the attendees can be found in the full report for this event in Appendix B of this document.

Results

- 4.5 For the full results of this event please see the report found in Appendix B.

Conclusions

- 4.6 This event was highly successful; 30 young people participated providing a unique view of the town and raised some issues and opportunities that the SG may not have identified, such as the need to improve existing cycle and pedestrian links in the town. The SG also acknowledges the gender mix was significantly unbalanced. The SG decided to build on the 2 previous consultation events with young people by hosting separate events at the 3 primary schools and secondary school in the town. Doing so would ensure that the identified 'hard to hear' group of young people had been thoroughly included in the Plan process.

5 Primary Schools Events

Overview

5.1 Harworth & Bircotes Town Council secured funding through Locality to undertake three separate consultation events in the primary schools located in the town. Helen Metcalfe from Planning with People was appointed to run these events with assistance from Bassetlaw District Council on behalf of Harworth & Bircotes Town Council. All 3 of the primary schools were visited, the timeframe for these is as below:

- Serlby Park Primary School: 18th September 9:30-11:00am
- St Patricks Primary School: 18th September 1:00-3:00pm
- All Saints Primary School: 19th September 10:00-12:00pm

5.2 Students at the 3 primary schools were shown a presentation on what planning is and how it will affect their lives, they were then invited to comment on what they like and don't like about the area, and how they would like to see it improved utilising large maps of the area. As a final activity, students were provided with a blank map and models of different buildings and land uses and were invited to design their own ideal town.

5.3 For a full overview of these events please see the full reports for these events found in Appendix C of this document.

Attendance

5.4 In total across the 3 Primary Schools in Harworth & Bircotes, 89 students participated in the events. A good mix of male and female students participated all aged either 10 or 11 years old. A breakdown of which school the 89 students attended was:

- Serlby Park Primary School: 41 students
- St Patricks Primary School: 23 students
- All Saints Primary School: 25 students

Results

5.5 For the full results of these events please see the reports found in Appendix C.

Conclusions

5.6 These 3 events were hugely successful in engaging young people and encouraging their involvement in the Plan process. Utilising results from this event, and building on results from the previous 2 consultation events, clear themes were developing on what young people would like to see happen in the area, these are:

- Increase provision of and improve existing sport and leisure facilities
- Redevelopment of the Colliery site
- Regeneration of Scrooby Road

6 Planning over a Pint Events

Overview

- 6.1 With previous consultation undertaken as noted above, and the planned Secondary School event, the Steering Group felt they had successfully involved the first identified 'hard to hear group' of young people in the Plan process. Therefore it was decided that the second identified group, 'young adults' should be specifically targeted with a consultation event to encourage their participation in the Plan process.
- 6.2 Consequentially 2 events were organised at public houses in the town, these events were informal and involved engaging with local residents and having a conversation with them about the area. A questionnaire was produced for the events that covered all aspects that the Steering Group believed the NDP could cover and residents were encouraged to fill out a copy, anyone who did so received a free drink courtesy of the Town Council as a thank you for participating in the Plan process. Helen Metcalfe from Planning with People assisted with the delivery of both of these events, they were held at the following:
- October 15th 2013: The Sports and Social Club (known locally as the Pavilion), Scrooby Road, Bircotes.
 - October 16th 2013: Blacksmith Arms, Main Street, Harworth
- 6.3 The events were advertised using word of mouth, posters around the town and large A0 posters in the shop windows and in the Information Centres window in the Town centre, the posters used to advertise the event can be found in Appendix D.

Attendance

- 6.4 After the 2 events a total of 39 questionnaires had been filled in by local residents who had participated in the events. Participants were a good mix in terms of gender, and the average age of residents who completed a questionnaire was 38.

Results

- 6.5 For the combined results of the Residents Questionnaire please see attached report found in Appendix E.

Conclusions

- 6.6 Although the average age of local residents who participated in the 2 events was at the higher end of the targeted age group, this being 18 – 40 years, the Steering Group still feel this event was successful. This is because it is felt that of the 39 residents who did fill out the questionnaire, the majority would not have done so if the events had not been held.
- 6.7 In addition to this the Steering Group decided to use the Residents Questionnaire used at these events in further consultation events, this would allow for all the responses to be grouped together and a report to be produced providing an in-depth review of what local residents would like to see involved in the Plan.

Images from the Planning over a Pint Events



7 Drop-in Consultation Event

Overview

- 7.1 The Steering Group identified the opportunity to hold an event to gather opinions and views on the area from local residents on the 13th November 2013. This event was held in tandem with another event hosted by A1 Housing regarding the replacement of some non-traditional housing stock located in Harworth & Bircotes. The event was held on a drop-in basis located at the Town Hall.
- 7.2 Local residents were invited to give their views and opinions on the area, in particular how they would improve the town. A map of the area was provided and local residents used post it notes to write down their ideas and stick them on the map. Not all residents wrote their ideas down however the topics of informal conversations had with these residents were recorded after the event.
- 7.3 The event was advertised with the Planning over a Pint sessions posters placed around the town, these can be viewed in Appendix D.

Attendance

- 7.4 The event was very well attended with approximately 80 local residents discussing their views of the area and how they would like to see it develop, in addition to this, an excellent mix of gender and age ranges participated. The Steering Group would like to note however that although several residents aged 18 and under were in attendance, none participated in the event, however the Steering Group are of the opinion that previous work done with these groups is sufficient.

Results

- 7.5 Conversations were had with all local residents on how they would like to see Harworth & Bircotes develop over the plan period. Issues highlighted in these have been added to comments written on post it notes and placed on the map of the area provided at the event. The views expressed by local residents at the event on how they would improve Harworth & Bircotes can be found below. They have been separated into land use issues, and non-land use issues.

Land Use Issues

- Need more employment opportunities
- Need smaller toddler play areas that are safe
- Need to restrict A5 uses in the town centre (NO more takeaways)
- Need for more affordable housing
- Need more clothes shops
- Need more jobs for local people
- Need a recycling centre

- Need for 2 bed properties
- Need for housing for the elderly
- More housing needed in Harworth
- Housing could be located on all of the colliery site as there is employment to the south of the town
- Petrol station needed
- Needs a nice family put with an eating area
- Mixed use development should happen on the colliery
- More facilities for teenagers

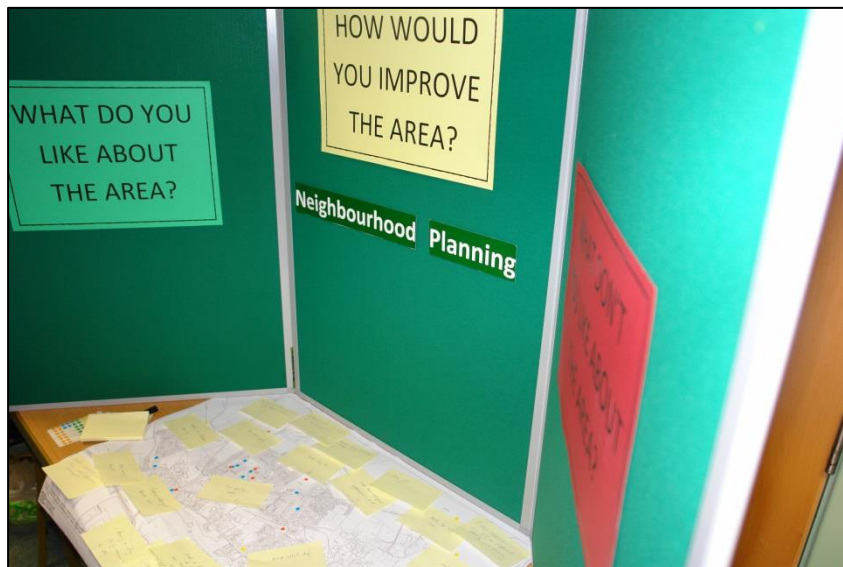
Non-land Use Issues

- The Tommy Simpson field needs tidying up
- The alleyway from Baulk lane to Oxford drive needs tidying up
- Harworth has poor water quality
- Need to stop DHL lorries coming through the village
- Need to address speeding issues
- Flooding problems associated with drainage
- The road needs widening off Tickhill road onto Baulk lane for buses
- The roads are poor quality with lots of pot holes

Conclusions

- 7.6 The consultation event was regarded as a success as residents that provided responses at the event would not have normally participated at such an event. The main reason that the residents attended was to have their say on the removal of the current A1 rental properties and being moved to new rental properties in a different location in Harworth.
- 7.7 The residents that participated were very supportive of the NDP and provided new comments and ideas for the NDP group to consider such as the need for 2 bedrooled properties, need for elderly accommodation and the desire to have fewer takeaways in the town.

Images from the Drop-in Consultation Event



8 Business & Landowner Event

Overview

- 8.1 To ensure that local stakeholders received the opportunity to participate in the early stages of the Plan process, an event was organised focussing specifically on engaging local businesses and landowners.
- 8.2 The event was held on a drop in basis at the Town Hall on the 27th November 2013 running from 3:00pm–6:00pm, this date and time were selected as the shops on Scrooby Road are known to close early in the afternoon on a Wednesday and the 6:00pm finishing time allowed for other businesses in the area to attend after closing time.
- 8.3 A short, yet focused single page questionnaire was produced for the event that attendants would be invited to fill in, a copy of this can be found in Appendix F of this report.
- 8.4 This event was advertised by contacting all local businesses and local landowners by letter. The steering Group provided the District Council with the letter and the District Council sent the letter out on behalf of the Steering group due to data protection issues. In total 204 letters were sent out. The contact details for the local businesses and landowners were provided by Bassetlaw District Council Officers and the information was taken from Bassetlaw District Council's Strategic housing land availability assessment database and the business rates list.

Attendance

- 8.5 Unfortunately this event was not well attended with only 2 questionnaires being filled in by local businesses and landowners. Several more did attend briefly but did not participate and share any views on how they would like to see the town developed.

Results

- 8.6 Of the local business and landowners who attended, all expressed a desire to see the town grow and develop and they were supportive of the Plan, as naturally there businesses would benefit from more people living in, working in and visiting the area.

Conclusions

- 8.7 Although this event was not highly attended, the Steering Group are of the belief that all local stakeholders were clearly informed of the event well in advance and holding another event specifically for such would result in a similar attendance level.
- 8.8 It is hoped that once the Plan is at draft stage and the implications of the Plan are clearer, local business and landowners might be more willing to participate. The Steering Group will continue to inform businesses and landowners of the progress of the Plan.

9 Christmas Event

Overview

- 9.1 To raise general awareness of the NDP and what it could achieve the Steering Group arranged to have a stall at the Christmas Light Switch-on event at Haworth & Bircotes Town Hall on the 28th November 2013.
- 9.2 Due to the nature of this event having in-depth conversations and consulting with local residents would not have been possible. This event was purely used to raise the profile of the Plan and hopefully encourage local residents to begin to think more on what they would like to see happen in the town, which would make them more likely to comment and participate in the future.

Attendance

- 9.3 The Christmas event itself as always was extremely well attended with approximately 1000 people in attendance, of these, the majority will have seen the NDP stall as it was located right at the front door.

Results

- 9.4 This section does not apply for this event, although it should be noted there was substantial interest shown in the NDP and people were keen to understand what it was and what it could deliver for the area.

Conclusions

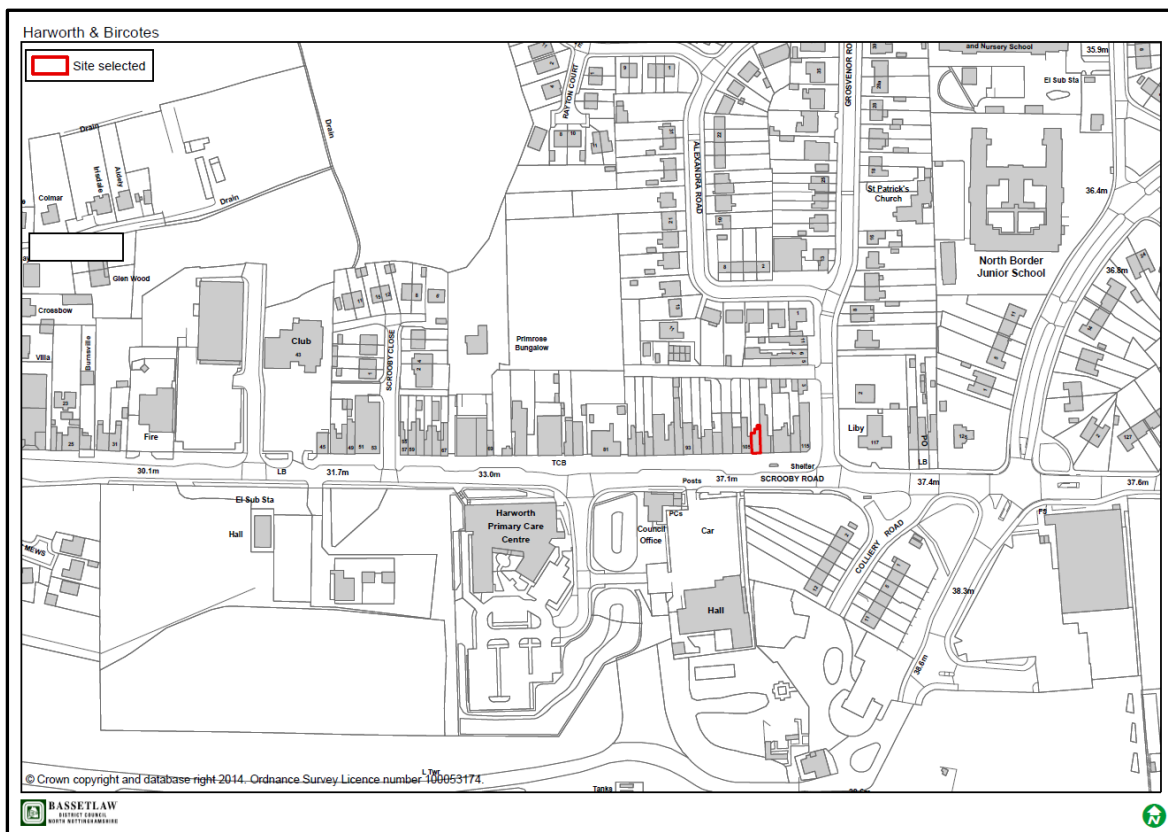
- 9.5 As the aim of this event was to raise awareness of the NDP and hopefully stimulate some thought and discussion between local residents about how they would like to see the area developed, it is difficult to determine its success. However the Steering Group would like to again reiterate that approximately 1000 people were in attendance.
- 9.6 Moving forward, with the exception of the Secondary School Event organised for the 5th December, the Steering Group decided to now focus on consulting generally with local residents. This would be achieved by utilising two differing techniques, face-to-face discussion with local residents at a site situated on Scrooby Road, and through utilising the Residents Questionnaire and making it available to as many local residents and stakeholders as possible.

10 Shop Front Consultation Week

Overview

- 10.1 As Scrooby Road experiences a high footfall, particularly throughout the day, the Steering Group discussed methods to exploit this opportunity to consult with and encourage the participation of local residents in the Plan process. The method selected was to occupy a shop on Scrooby Road that was vacant during the day and use this as a hub from which to consult with passing local residents.
- 10.2 The site selected is identified on Figure 2 below, from the week commencing the 2nd December 2013; representatives of the Steering Group were located in the shop and engaged passing local residents. Display boards detailing previous consultation events as well as boards asking for people’s comments were placed around the shop, and maps were hung in the windows of the shop to attract passing residents and generally raise awareness of the NDP.
- 10.3 The purpose of this event was to engage local residents in general discussion about any issues they are currently experiencing in relation to planning and how they would like to see Harworth & Bircotes develop and grow.
- 10.4 The event was advertised through the use of the local schools magazine at Serlby Park and posters were displayed around the town, the posters used can be viewed in Appendix G.

Figure 2: Site Selected on Scrooby Road



Attendance

10.5 As with the Christmas Event, the total number of people who will have seen the shop front and corresponding information on the NDP is impossible to determine. However, the representatives of the Steering Group overseeing the shop front engaged with 150 local residents. The age and gender of these was not recorded however a good general mix of ages and gender participated.

Results

10.6 After the representatives of the Steering Group had finished consulting with local residents, the subjects of these discussions were quickly summarised and written down so they were not forgotten. At the end of each day a summary was produced, several themes were clearly identifiable from these summaries as the most important issues and opportunities currently present in Harworth & Bircotes and of importance to local residents. These are as below:

- Scrooby Road – Better shops and facilities along Scrooby Road. In particular residents would like to see fewer takeaways, new clothing shops and a bank.
- Colliery Site – Residents felt that this site needed to be developed for a mix of uses in particular housing, offices, bus station, primary school, a central community building and an eatery.
- Housing – Residents specified a need for elderly accommodation close to the town centre and all the amenities the centre offers.

Conclusions

10.7 The Shop Front Consultation Week was deemed a resounding success as it provided the opportunity for 150 local residents to engage in the Plan process and also raised the awareness to local residents passing but not actually stopping to participate. The informal nature of the event proved to be successful and the Steering Group feel that this contributed to the excellent number of residents who participated, as it was easy to do so and they felt more comfortable to do so in comparison with a more structured formal process.

10.8 With regards to the results of the event, they are highly consistent with results from previous consultation events, reinforcing the importance of the issues and opportunities mentioned earlier. The Steering Group felt however that more consultation was needed to build further on these initial results, the Residents Questionnaire produced for the Planning over the Pint events was selected as the main tool to be utilised to do so.

11 Secondary School Event

Overview

- 11.1** As with the 3 Primary School events Harworth & Bircotes Town Council secured funding through Locality to undertake a consultation event at the only secondary school in the town, Serlby Park Secondary School. Helen Metcalfe from Planning with People was again appointed to run the event with assistance from Bassetlaw District Council on behalf of Harworth & Bircotes Town Council. The event was held on Thursday 5th December 9:00am-11:00am at Serlby Park Secondary School.
- 11.2** The format of the session followed that of the Primary School events, students were shown a presentation on what planning is and how it will affect their lives, they were then invited to comment on what they like and don't like about the area, and how they would like to see it improved, utilising large maps of the area. As a final activity, students were provided with a blank map and models of different buildings and land uses and were invited to design their own ideal town.
- 11.3** For a full overview of this event please see the full report found in Appendix E of this document.

Attendance

- 11.4** 64 students from Serlby Park Secondary School participated in the event of a good mix of genders and all aged between 11-13 years old.

Results

- 11.5** For the full results of this event please see the report found in Appendix H.

Conclusions

- 11.6** Following this event the Steering Group are of the belief that they have successfully engaged and included the identified 'hard to reach' group of 'young people' within the Plan process.
- 11.7** The results from this event were similar to results from previous 'young people' consultation events conducted by the Steering Group, further reinforcing the importance and weight of the comments made by 'young people' at the events. The next step is to ensure that the views and opinions expressed throughout these events are included and hopefully addressed through the NDP itself, and that 'young people' who have engaged in the process can clearly see their comments have been listened to and considered.

12 Community Groups Consultation

Overview

- 12.1** The Steering Group identified several potential opportunities for consultation with local residents via numerous Community Groups that operate in the town. Steering Group representatives attended several Community Group meetings throughout January 2014 giving a short presentation on what the NDP was and how members of the group could participate in the Plan process. The Residents Questionnaire was then distributed amongst the group for them to fill in if they wished to do so.
- 12.2** 5 Community Groups were visited in total, including one group specifically including the identified 'hard to hear' group of elderly residents, a breakdown of these groups and the dates they were visited can be found below:
- Tenants & Residents Association – 15 members, 21st January 2014
 - Over 60's Club – 62 members, 23rd January 2014
 - Walking Group – 26 members, 24th January 2014
 - SureStart – 8 members, 28th January 2014
 - Boxing Club – 7 members, 30th January 2014

Attendance

- 12.3** In the 5 Groups that were visited, approximately 80 local residents were present and were informed of the NDP and presented with the opportunity to fill out the Residents Questionnaire.

Results

- 12.4** For the combined results of the Residents Questionnaire please see attached report found in Appendix E.

Conclusions

- 12.5** These events were successful as they contributed to the total number of responses received to the Residents Questionnaire that aided the drafting of the original Objectives and Policies of the Plan. Visiting the Over 60's Club also allowed the 'hard to hear' group of residents aged over 65 an opportunity to participate in the Plan process.
- 12.6** The Steering Group at this point felt that the number of Resident Questionnaires completed by local residents was not sufficient to use as evidence and justification for any contents of the Plan itself. Therefore it was agreed that through making the questionnaire more accessible, the number of responses could be increased and this would also provide the opportunity to participate in the Plan process to more local residents.

13 Residents Questionnaire

Overview

- 13.1 Following the use of the Residents Questionnaire that was produced originally for the Planning over a Pint sessions in October 2013, and subsequently used in consultation with several community groups in January 2014, the questionnaire was made accessible to all of the local population.
- 13.2 Copies of the questionnaire were made available at the Town Hall and at the Information Centre from the 23rd January to the 30th April 2014. A return box was also provided at these locations for local residents to return the completed questionnaires.
- 13.3 In addition to this, a copy of the questionnaire was also sent home with all children who attended the three Primary Schools for themselves or their parents to fill in and return to the school. A total of 1050 questionnaires were delivered to local people using this method.

Respondents

- 13.4 Unfortunately, despite the numerous attempts to increase the number of responses received to the questionnaire, a total of 85 responses had been received by the 30th April 2014. For a full breakdown of the demographics of respondents please see the report attached in Appendix E of this document.

Results

- 13.5 For the combined results of the Residents Questionnaire please see attached report found in Appendix E.

Conclusions

- 13.6 Taking into account the number of Questionnaires that were made accessible or directly given to local residents, the number of 85 responses could be deemed low. However the SG is of the belief that they could not do more on top of the numerous methods used to improve the response rate to the questionnaire.
- 13.7 The results of the Questionnaire will be utilised in formulating the NDP, most importantly the Development Management Policies. The results have provided the SG with some idea of the direction local people would like the Plan to take on some important issues, such as housing, the Town Centre and the Colliery Site.
- 13.8 Due to a number of respondents indicating in their responses to the Questionnaire that they would like to see the provision of affordable and/or specialist housing in the area, the SG decided to commission an Affordable Housing Survey to provide greater clarity and understanding on the current levels of demand for such housing in the area.

14 Affordable Housing Survey

Overview

- 14.1 Following the interest expressed by numerous local residents in consultation events to date and also the results of the Residents Questionnaire. The SG commissioned an Affordable Housing Survey to determine the exact current need in the area. This will allow the SG to ensure that if current policy is not meeting this need, then the NDP will provide for this demand sufficiently.
- 14.2 Midlands Rural Housing were commissioned to undertake the Study, the Survey was firstly posted to all households in the Plan area in late February 2014. Local residents were then given until the 24th March 2014 to complete the Survey and post it back to Midlands Rural Housing in an envelope provided.
- 14.3 Midlands Rural Housing then produced a study detailing responses received and outlining the current Affordable Housing need for the Plan area, the study also made recommendations on the what future housing provision in the Plan area should seek to deliver to meet this identified demand.

Respondents

- 14.4 211 responses were received by Midlands Rural Housing to the Survey, for a full breakdown of the demographics of respondents please see the report attached in Appendix I of this document.

Results

- 14.5 For the full results of the Affordable Housing Survey and the recommendations made by Midlands Rural Housing please see the report found in Appendix I.

Conclusions

- 14.6 The Affordable Housing Survey has been successful in establishing the demand for affordable housing in the Plan area, as well as the types of housing needed to meet this demand. To ensure that this demand is being met and is met throughout the Plan period and beyond, this study will be updated when the Plan itself is monitored and reviewed.
- 14.7 By establishing a clear identified need for certain types of affordable housing in the Plan area, the Plan must now ensure that these demands can be met by current planning policy and the planning system. If this is not the case, then the provision of housing for the identified need must be provided by policies in the NDP.

15 Green Infrastructure Study Consultation

Overview

- 15.1 One of the outcomes of the extensive consultation undertaken in the production of the Plan was the commissioning of a Green Infrastructure Study for the Harworth & Bircotes area. This was commissioned as issues associated with public rights of way have been consistently raised at consultation events.
- 15.2 Bedfordshire Rural Community Action was commissioned to produce the Study to look at improving the rights of way system in the town and also improve other green infrastructure.
- 15.3 Once the Draft Green Infrastructure Study (GIS) was completed in June 2014, the SG decided to consult on the Study and its recommendations with identified bodies and groups that would be affected. A copy of the Draft Study was emailed to all these and the Town Council indicated they were happy to accept comments and issues highlighted relating to the Study and its recommendations. This Consultation period ran from the 13th June to the 7th July 2014. The list of identified bodies and groups who were consulted can be found in Appendix J of this document.

Respondents

- 15.4 Comments were received from 4 of the identified bodies regarding the GIS and its proposals. These responses were received from:
- Sport England
 - Spawforths (on behalf of Harworth Estates)
 - Natural England
 - Nottinghamshire County Council

Results

- 15.5 All respondents were in favour of the proposals outlined with some small amendments in the Draft GIS and stated they strongly supported their implementation, particularly the introduction of the Green Wheel as well as the enhancement of areas of biodiversity. These responses were forwarded onto Bedfordshire Rural Community Action who processed them and made the necessary amendments to the Draft GIS.

Conclusions

- 15.6 The Green Infrastructure Study is considered an integral part of the Harworth & Bircotes NDP and is seen as vital in achieving the long term vision for the area outlined in the Plan.
- 15.7 Consulting on the Draft GIS allowed for involved bodies to highlight any issues arising from its project proposals so these could be identified and addressed.

16 Colliery Site Redevelopment & Draft Policy Event

Overview

- 16.1 As the future use of the Colliery Site is viewed as an integral part of the Plan, in addition to its redevelopment being consistently mentioned throughout the consultation process, the Steering Group approached Harworth Estates (the land owner) to discuss the redevelopment of the Colliery and its inclusion in the Plan. A Masterplan for the site was developed, showing an initial development phase including 550 houses, an area for community buildings, primary school, public house and bus terminus, and a second phase of development including the provision of a further 200 houses. The Steering Group decided that this needed to be consulted upon directly to allow local residents to express their views.
- 16.2 The Family Fun Day on the 20th September located on the Tommy Simpson playing field was identified as an excellent opportunity to present the Masterplan to local residents. In addition to this, by this date the Draft Plan was mostly completed, barring the section concerning the Collieries redevelopment, therefore the Draft Objectives and Planning Policies of the plan were also presented at the event and local residents were invited to comment on them.
- 16.3 The event was advertised using fliers and posters located at the Town Hall and the Information Centre, as well as in the three primary school and through local residents Facebook pages as the Fun Day is already an established event many local residents would already have been attending to enjoy the various other activities and games on offer.

Attendance

- 16.4 In total 112 local residents visited the Steering Groups stand and viewed the displayed Masterplan's for both development phases of the Colliery as well as the Draft Planning Policies and Projects.

Results

- 16.5 Of the 112 local residents, 97 expressed their general support for the redevelopment of the Colliery site in line with the Masterplans presented, as well as with the Draft Policies and Projects presented. 3 residents in attendance stated they were against the second phase of development on the Colliery but were happy with the initial phase.
- 16.6 Specific comments raised regarding the Masterplan's for the Colliery Site are included below, they will be considered by the Steering Group and Harworth Estates and any necessary amendments to the Masterplan's will be made accordingly.

Colliery specific comments

- Too many houses on the colliery site - need to ensure the roads can cope
- Would like to see a play area and sporting facilities on the colliery site
- Lots of green spaces on colliery site which is good - helps to keep the rural feel
- Need a play area on the colliery site

- Can the spoil heap be kept on site?
- Can the trees be kept?
- The towers need to come down
- Could we hold a big celebration to remember the demolition of the towers and celebrate moving forward?
- Like the areas of green space on site - could it be a park?
- Can we keep the miners wheel on show?
- Can a pub go on the site?
- Is this development sustainable?
- Don't want to see employment on the colliery - housing is much better
- Can a pond be added to the green space in the colliery to allow people to walk round it as a feature?
- Need to create a feature that recognise a the sites history
- The tall tower should stay as a memorial to the colliery/ miners and be reused for something
- Where are the employment opportunities? Ensure that the new development is part of Harworth & Bircotes and integrates

Conclusions

- 16.7 This event is deemed to have been hugely successful in ensuring the Steering Groups intentions for the Colliery Site's inclusion in the Plan are supported by the local community. In addition, the support expressed for the Draft Policies and Projects by local residents suggests that the Plan is ready to proceed to the next stage of the process, the Statutory 6 week consultation period.

Images from the Colliery Site Redevelopment & Draft Policy Event



Appendix B: Young People Event Poster & Report



Planning for Your Future: All Saints Primary School: 19th September 2013

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 Harworth & Bircotes Town Council secured funding through Locality to undertake three separate consultation events in the primary schools located in the town. Helen Metcalfe from Planning with People was appointed to run these events with assistance from Bassetlaw District Council on behalf of Harworth & Bircotes Town Council.
- 1.2 The event at All Saints Primary School was held on the 19th September running from 10:00-12:00 am. 25 students were in attendance aged between 10-11 years old.

2 Format

- 2.1 The sessions began with a learning section focusing on what planning is and how it does and will, directly affect the students' lives. The purpose of this was to raise students awareness on the vast extent of issues that planning covers, and thus what the Harworth & Bircotes Neighbourhood Plan will cover.
- 2.2 This teaching was interspersed with several activities aimed at gathering consultation information on the views and opinions of young people living in Harworth & Bircotes. To complete these activities, students worked in groups of 5-8. A full agenda for the session can be found in Appendix 1 of this report, with a copy of the presentation slides available for viewing in Appendix 2.

3 First Activity

- 3.1 The first of these activities involved students drawing and/or describing the view from their bedroom, this was followed by feeding back to the group on whether they liked or did not like this view. These drawings/descriptions are available from Harworth & Bircotes Town Council on request.

4 Second Activity

- 4.1 The second activity involved students working in their groups working with a large A0 map of the town. On this, students were asked to firstly locate their school and their house, locating this using a silver star. Following this, students were asked to map what they liked and disliked about the town. This was done by using green dots for areas/things they liked, and red dots for areas/things they did not like.
- 4.2 In addition to this, students were required to accompany each dot placed on the map with a post it note explaining the reasoning and feelings behind this decision, as well as if possible, how this could be addressed. Examples of the maps from this activity are available to view in Appendix 3 of this report.
- 4.3 The results from this activity can be found in the table below, separated for each group.

	LIKES	DISLIKES
GROUP 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like to play at Game Cock Park • The leisure centre is very fun because there is a lot of activities • I like Snipe Park because it is really fun • I like Snipe Park Wood because I can play with my friends • I like the BMX track because it is really cool • I like the Skate Park because it is fun • I like the pavilion because there is lots of different things to do • The school is a good place to go and learn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of nettles on Snipe Park, should be replaced with nice decorations • Pond should be replaced as it is dangerous and easy to fall in • Do not like the BMX track because it is really not safe at all • I do not like the shop fronts on Scrooby Road because they are messy and the shops are all closed down • I do not like the slag heap it looks messy, it could be a housing estate • I do not like the crossroads because it is dangerous
GROUP 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like the Methodist Church because it is fun • I like the pavilion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain field behind Milne Road • I do not like this place (Galway Road)

	<p>because of all the sports you can play there</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like Game Cock Park because it is a big space to play in • I like the school because it is fun • I like Corner Farm because it sells good things that are fresh • The ASDA is good because it is a good place to get food and has low prices • I like the colliery because it is part of our history 	<p>because people throw rubbish everywhere, even in the gardens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I do not like the leisure centre because it takes up too much space • Droversdale Wood is a dangerous places, lots of high drops • Sometimes the Sewage Works smells and the hay bales get set alight by older children • I don't like the colliery because it takes up too much space and nobody uses it
GROUP 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We like our school as it provides fun education • I like playing at Game Cock Park • Styrup Hall Golf Club provides entertainment, a place to eat and a hairdressers, and our dad's play golf there • The leisure centre provides lots of activities to do • I like Snipe Park because it is a nice peaceful environment • I like the Pavilion, nice to play 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teenagers do graffiti at Game Cock Park • I dislike Snipe Park because of all the graffiti all over it
GROUP 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrooby Road is tidy because there is lots of bins for people to put their rubbish in • I like the pavilion because there are lots of trees and birds • I like going swimming at the leisure centre with my friends • Snipe Park is a very nice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field at Oxford Drive has a lot of rubbish on it • Rubbish everywhere at the Pavilion, sometimes people do not use the bins • Droversdale Wood is untidy and there is a lot of rubbish • Game Cock Park has mean graffiti and

	<p>place to play</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like Game Cock Park because I play here with my friends 	<p>rubbish on it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not like field at Grange View because it is messy and people throw rubbish on it, it is messy and has long grass, it used to be tidy and I always use to play there
GROUP 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like the colliery because my Granddad worked there • I like Game Cock Park because I play on it with my friends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is bad people at night on Snipe Park • Traffic lights should be installed on Scrooby Road because it is always so busy • The crossroads are always WAY to busy

4.4 Following this students were asked what were the three most important things they believed should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan, what was said by the students is provided below.

- Shop fronts need to look better and we need more shops
- Graffiti everywhere, especially on the parks
- People don't drive slow enough, people use Bracken Court to turn around
- Knock colliery down so no one can see it
- Why do you like the pit tower?
 - Brings memories back, it is a good view
 - Makes Harworth special, nice landmark
- Not many cycle paths
- BMX track is not safe
- More parks needed to take bikes and cycle round
- More facilities at parks
- Another park in the west of Harworth

5 Third Activity

- 5.1 The final activity students were asked to complete involved creating their own model town using the information they had acquired throughout the session. A blank map of a town was provided along with models of different building types and uses as well as parks and leisure facilities.
- 5.2 Students were invited to be creative and think about where things should be located and why. Students were then asked to feedback to the group on the design of their town and why they had done it so; prizes were awarded to students from the group who it was felt had designed the best town. Images of this activity can be found in Appendix 4 of this report.



6 Conclusion

- 6.1 The information collect at this event is invaluable as it aids the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in understanding what young people value about their community and what they would like to see change. This will also help the Plan makers to design policies that continue to nurture and protect the aspects of Harworth & Bircotes that local people like, whilst planning for development that will address identified issues and enhance the town in a way that meets local needs.
- 6.2 The main issues identified from this event that the Neighbourhood Plan could attempt to address:
- The lack of cycling provision around the village
 - Improve current play facilities
 - Address current traffic issues
 - Need better variety of shops on Scrooby Road
 - What the pit site and colliery is to be used for
- 6.3 Further consultation with the schools is required at the six weeks consultation period at the draft plan stage. The school's student council have requested to be involved in the neighbourhood plan process and was subsequently invited to join the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group.

7 Appendix

Appendix 1: Agenda of the Event



Planning the future of Harworth

- 10.00** **Who are we and what are we here for?**
- 10.05** **What is town planning and how does it affect your life?**
- 10.15** **Activity 1: Can you draw the view outside your bedroom window?**
- 10.25** **Feedback: what do you see and how have planners affected your life?**
- 10.35** **Activity 2: Let's look at maps of Harworth**
- Can you find where you live? Your school? Where you play? Where the shops are?
- 10.50** **Activity 3: If you were town planners what would you do to improve Harworth?**
- Use maps red spots 'dislike', green spots 'like'; post it notes to explain why.
- 11.15** **Can you design your ideal town?**
- Think of all the things you like about your area, think about all the planning issues you have considered this morning. Using models can you create the ideal town? Work in groups.
- 11.45** **Review and award prize to winning group.**
- 12.00** **Close**

Appendix 2: Presentation Slides

How do you want Harworth planned?



Why are you here?

- What do you want Harworth to look like in 2028?
- The town council needs your help to write the Harworth Plan
- It's your life that will be affected
- We want your ideas, Natalie is here to listen to you!



How can you help the town council?

- Listen and learn about what town planning is
- Describe what you can see from your bedroom window
- Look at maps of Harworth and tell us what you do and don't like about it
- If you were town planners what would you do?
- Can you design your ideal town, can you show us how it should be done?



Rules!

- Get stuck in
- Team effort
- Ask questions



WHAT THINGS ARE PLANNED?



How has town planning affected you?

- What can you see from your bedroom window?
- Can you see other houses, parks or fields?
- Town planning has decided where the houses should go ...
- ...and has stopped the fields around Harworth being built on...
- ... and can decide where houses will go in the future



What is around you?

- Draw or describe what you can see from your bedroom window?
- 10 minutes
- Be prepared to share with the class what you see every day
- Do you like your view?
- Why?



What is the point of town planning?

- It shapes the places where we all live and work and the country we live in.
- Good planning means we get the right building in the right place at the right time.



Tell us what you think!

- Maps of Harworth
- They are your maps to help the town council understand what you think about living in Harworth
- Put the name of your school on and your names and ages around the edge
- Follow the instructions carefully, make sure you use the right coloured spots and stars



First of all ...

- Put a silver star where you live
- Can you find your school?
- Can you work out your route to school?
- Where do you go to play, walk the dog, meet your friends?
- Where are your local shops?



Likes and dislikes

- Can you put your likes and dislikes on the map
- Red spots = dislike
- Gold stars = like
- Use post it notes to explain what you mean
- Everyone must right down one like and one dislike
- If you don't put it on the map Natalie can't write it up in her report for the town council.



Feedback

- 3 key points that must be in the Neighbourhood Plan



Now you are town planners!

Tell your mum and dad about the Neighbourhood Plan

We will have more ideas and questions to ask you before Christmas
Look out for your maps in a shop window in town

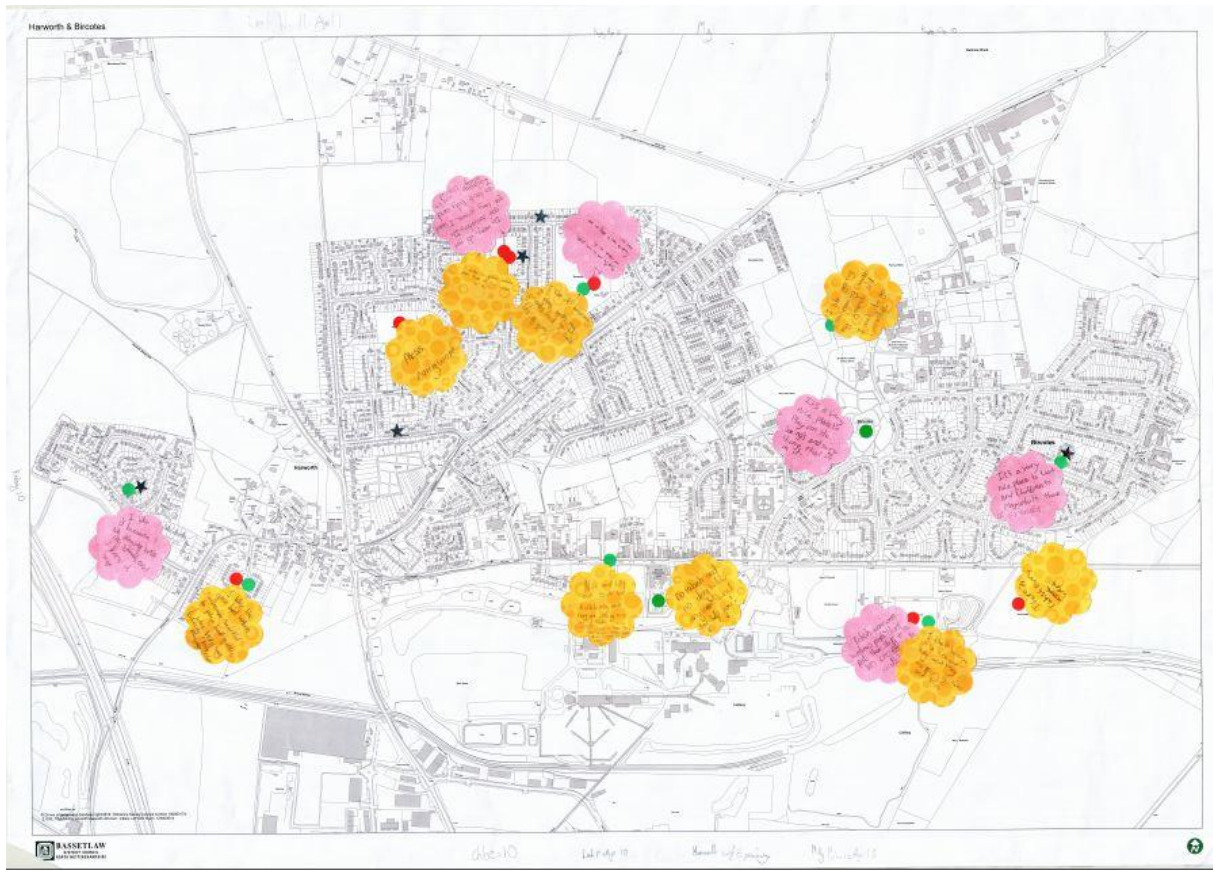
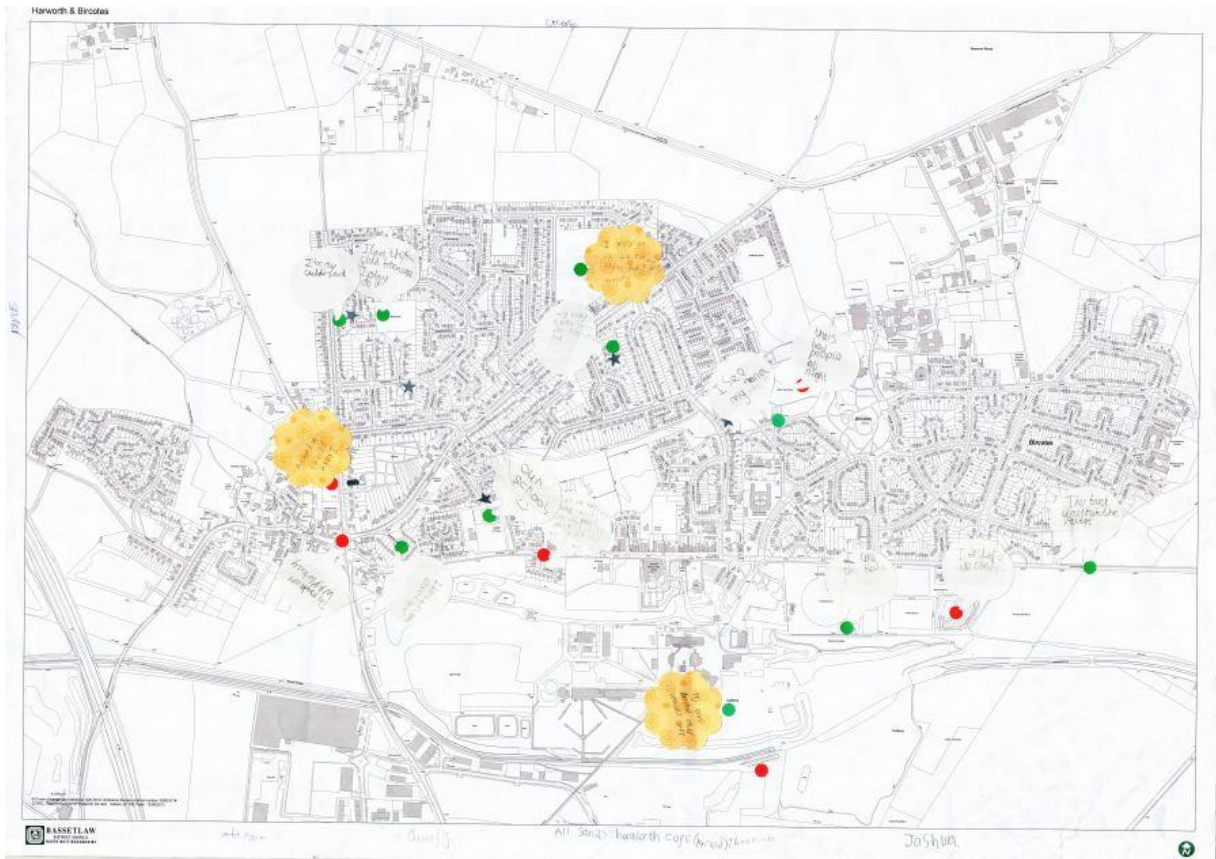


Planning your ideal town

- Where will you live?
- Where will your mum and dad work?
- Where will you go to school?
- Where would you go shopping?
- What about other things, libraries, cinema, doctors?
- What will your town look like?
- Will there be trees?
- How will you get about?



Appendix 3: Example Maps



Appendix 4: Third Activity Images



Planning for Your Future: Serlby Park Primary School: 18th September 2013

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- 1.2 The event at Serlby Park Primary School was held on the 18th September running from 9:30-11:30 am. 41 students were in attendance all aged 10 years old.

2 Format

- 2.1 The sessions began with a learning section focusing on what planning is and how it does and will, directly affect the students' lives. The purpose of this was to raise students awareness on the vast extent of issues that planning covers, and thus what the Harworth & Bircotes Neighbourhood Plan will cover.
- 2.2 This teaching was interspersed with several activities aimed at gathering consultation information on the views and opinions of young people living in Harworth & Bircotes. To complete these activities, students worked in groups of 5-8. A full agenda for the session can be found in Appendix 1 of this report, with a copy of the presentation slides available for viewing in Appendix 2.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People burn down all the good stuff • I don't like the parks because people bully other people
GROUP 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I love to run around the hills on the colliery • I like the Droversdale wood because I can go and discover new stuff • I like my Street because it is safe • I like the open space at the Game Cock field • The Game Cock field is a good place to hang out and play • I like the police station • I like the leisure centre because I go swimming here • I like my garden • I like the skate park ramps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There needs to be goal posts on Oxford Drive park • Snipe Park needs more equipment for older children as it caters for small children • The streets on the Whimpey Estate need improving • The new pond needs some fish • The BMX track needs updating it is not safe • The swimming pool needs improving
GROUP 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like the football fields on Scrooby Road because it is all green and it's a nice place to be • I love my school and the teachers • I love the sports centre because it has a swimming pool and lots of activities • I like Cambridge Road because its quiet and my friend live near me 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I don't like Snipe Park • I don't like the Whimpey Estate • I don't like the Game Cock Park and Oxford Drive because people bully us on there • I would like to see a zip wire, monkey bars and bigger slides on the parks
GROUP 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like my street because its quiet • I like the sports centre because I can go swimming here • I like Snipe Park woods because I can walk my dog here 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I don't like the Game Cock Park because sometimes people drink there • I don't like the look of some of the houses because they don't make the area look like

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like the activities at the sport centre • I like the grave yard • I like the sports fields • I like the Bryndale because it has a play area for children and it has things for adults • I like the Common Lane area because its quiet and peaceful and there are nice friendly people • I like Baulk Lane area as nice people live around here • I like my house because my mum lives here 	<p>a nice place to live</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxford Drive play area is not safe • I don't like my road (Whimpey Estate) because the roads are not safe • I don't like the woods because you don't know who is in them • I don't like the Bryndale because it is scary
GROUP 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would like a motorbike shop • I would like a theme park • I would like an indoor Skate Park • School is good 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I don't like the footpaths on Bawtry Road towards Tickhill • I don't like the Swinnow Woods • I don't like snipe park because of the nasty people • The BMX track is boring and you could get hurt • Cars go too fast

4.4 Following this students were asked what were the three most important things they believed should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan, what was said by the students is provided below.

- New school is needed if there are more houses
- Motorbikes should not be allowed on fields
- Better BMX track
- Snipe Park needs improving
- Park on the Whimpey Estate
- Park on the skate area

- Smaller skate park for beginners
- More houses and parks on the colliery
- We need a job centre because people need jobs
- Cycle routes around the village

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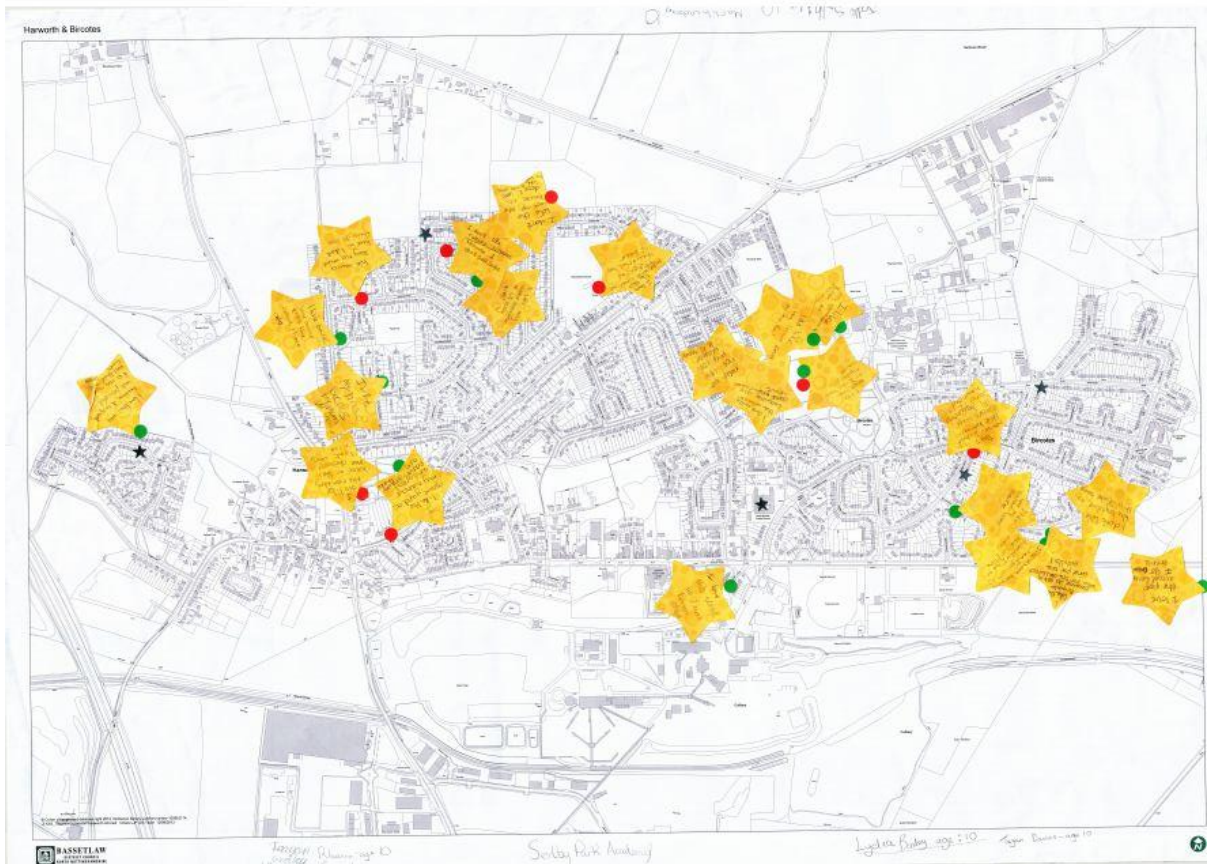


Planning your ideal town

- Where will you live?
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- Where will you go to school?
- Where would you go shopping?
- What about other things, libraries, cinema, doctors?
- What will your town look like?
- Will there be trees?
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Appendix 3: Example Maps



Planning for Your Future: St Patricks Catholic Primary School: 19th September 2013

Harworth & Bircotes Neighbourhood
Development Plan
2013 - 2029



- Planning your ideal town
- Where will you live?
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1 Introduction

- 1.1 Harworth & Bircotes Town Council secured funding through Locality to undertake three separate consultation events in the primary schools located in the town. Helen Metcalfe from Planning with People was appointed to run these events with assistance from Bassetlaw District Council on behalf of Harworth & Bircotes Town Council.
- 1.2 The event at St Patricks Catholic Primary School was held on the 19th September running from 1:00-3:00 pm. 23 students were in attendance aged between 9-10 years old.

2 Format

- 2.1 The sessions began with a learning section focusing on what planning is and how it does and will, directly affect the students' lives. The purpose of this was to raise students awareness on the vast extent of issues that planning covers, and thus what the Harworth & Bircotes Neighbourhood Plan will cover.
- 2.2 This teaching was interspersed with several activities aimed at gathering consultation information on the views and opinions of young people living in Harworth & Bircotes. To complete these activities, students worked in groups of 5-8. A full agenda for the session can be found in Appendix 1 of this report, with a copy of the presentation slides available for viewing in Appendix 2.

3 First Activity

- 3.1 The first of these activities involved students drawing and/or describing the view from their bedroom, this was followed by feeding back to the group on whether they liked or did not like this view. These drawings/descriptions are available from Harworth & Bircotes Town Council on request.

4 Second Activity

- 4.1 The second activity involved students working in their groups working with a large A0 map of the town. On this, students were asked to firstly locate their school and their house, locating this using a silver star. Following this, students were asked to map what they liked and disliked about the town. This was done by using green dots for areas/things they liked, and red dots for areas/things they did not like.
- 4.2 In addition to this, students were required to accompany each dot placed on the map with a post it note explaining the reasoning and feelings behind this decision, as well as if possible, how this could be addressed. The maps from this activity are available to view in Appendix 3 of this report.
- 4.3 The results from this activity can be found in the table below, separated for each group.

	LIKES	DISLIKES
GROUP 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fun and happy meeting new people • I like to play football • I like the land near the Whimpey estate because I walk my dog there 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't like bullies • Not very nice people hang out on Snipe Park • Snipe park wood area is scary and not very nice people live in this area • Strange people and drug dealers live in the Whimpey Estate
GROUP 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pit towers should be made into a Museum • I like to live here because it's close to my school • Bryndale is cool because of the Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I don't like the pit it should be knocked down and a park or play centre should be built in its place • BMX track needs to be improved • I don't like the park because it's boring • Snipe park wood is dangerous with the quad bikes and you could get lost • The roads are dangerous and people could get run over • The land behind the

		shops are dark and dirty and it's not well looked after
GROUP 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think the area behind the pit should be built upon • I like the church • I like the Game Cock Park • I like the Parks because they are fun • I like to swim at the Leisure centre • We need a new school for all the new houses • I like the area because I get to play with my friends • I like the big school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sewage works smells • I don't like Oxford Drive open space because people fight on there and there are bullies
GROUP 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like my house because there is a lot to see • I like the sports fields • The Droversdale Wood is a good place to walk • I like Snipe Park because we can go after school • I like the sports centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I don't like that there is no park in the Common Lane area • Tickhill Road is really busy • The roads on Common Lane are really busy • The Pond is too far away from the houses • It's dangerous on the sports fields on Sundays because of all the football matches and Cricket matches • I don't like Scrooby Road near the sports fields because the road is too busy and you can't cross it • The roads are really noisy • Need a park near the Whimpey Estate • Motorbikes go on the fields near the Whimpey estate it's dangerous

4.4 Following this students were asked what were the three most important things they believed should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan, what was said by the students is provided below.

- The fields near Scrooby Road should be made to look nicer with flower beds.
- The Health Centre should be made to look better
- There is a need for smaller parks with designated areas for younger children as the teenagers in the village site on the big parks and make them scary places to go.
- The teenagers in the village burn down the parks/plays areas by setting fire to the bins.
- There's a lot of vandalism at the parks.
- The BMX track is not very good and needs improving
- The skate park needs improving and indoor skate park would be something that would be welcomed by young people
- Some of the roads in village need resurfacing
- Galway road is unsafe to cross
- The paths on Strawberry Road need resurfacing
- The cross roads near old Harworth over to Main Street, Harworth is really hard and unsafe to cross.

5 Third Activity

5.1 The final activity students were asked to complete involved creating their own model town using the information they had acquired throughout the session. A blank map of a town was provided along with models of different building types and uses as well as parks and leisure facilities.

5.2 Students were invited to be creative and think about where things should be located and why. Students were then asked to feedback to the group on the design of their town and why they had done it so; prizes were awarded to students from the group who it was felt had designed the best town. Images of this activity can be found in Appendix 4 of this report.

6 Conclusion

- 6.1 The information collect at this event is invaluable as it aids the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in understanding what young people value about their community and what they would like to see change. This will also help the Plan makers to design policies that continue to nurture and protect the aspects of Harworth & Bircotes that local people like, whilst planning for development that will address identified issues and enhance the town in a way that meets local needs.
- 6.2 The main issues identified from this event that the Neighbourhood Plan could attempt to address:
- Need for smaller play area facilities
 - Improve current play facilities
 - Current traffic issues
 - What the pit site and colliery is to be used for
- 6.3 Further consultation with the schools is required at the six weeks consultation period at the draft plan stage. The school's student council have requested to be involved in the neighbourhood plan process and was subsequently invited to join the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group.



7 Appendix

Appendix 1: Agenda of the Event



Planning the future of Harworth

- 1.00 Who are we and what are we here for?**
- 1.05 What is town planning and how does it affect your life?**
- 1.15 Activity 1: Can you draw the view outside your bedroom window?**
- 1.25 Feedback: what do you see and how have planners affected your life?**
- 1.35 Activity 2: Let's look at maps of Harworth**
- Can you find where you live? Your school? Where you play? Where the shops are?
- 1.50 If you were town planners what would you do to improve Harworth?**
- Use maps red spots 'dislike', green spots 'like'; post it notes to explain why.
- 2.15 Can you design your ideal town?**
- Think of all the things you like about your area, think about all the planning issues you have considered this morning. Using models can you create the ideal town? Work in groups.
- 2.45 Review and award prize to winning group.**
- 3.00 Close**

Appendix 2: Presentation Slides

How do you want Harworth planned?



Why are you here?

- What do you want Harworth to look like in 2028?
- The town council needs your help to write the Harworth Plan
- It's your life that will be affected
- We want your ideas, Natalie is here to listen to you!



How can you help the town council?

- Listen and learn about what town planning is
- Describe what you can see from your bedroom window
- Look at maps of Harworth and tell us what you do and don't like about it
- If you were town planners what would you do?
- Can you design your ideal town, can you show us how it should be done?



Rules!

- Get stuck in
- Team effort
- Ask questions



WHAT THINGS ARE PLANNED?



How has town planning affected you?

- What can you see from your bedroom window?
- Can you see other houses, parks or fields?
- Town planning has decided where the houses should go ...
- ...and has stopped the fields around Harworth being built on...
- ... and can decide where houses will go in the future



What is around you?

- Draw or describe what you can see from your bedroom window?
- 10 minutes
- Be prepared to share with the class what you see every day
- Do you like your view?
- Why?



What is the point of town planning?

- It shapes the places where we all live and work and the country we live in.
- Good planning means we get the right building in the right place at the right time.



Tell us what you think!

- Maps of Harworth
- They are your maps to help the town council understand what you think about living in Harworth
- Put the name of your school on and your names and ages around the edge
- Follow the instructions carefully, make sure you use the right coloured spots and stars



First of all ...

- Put a silver star where you live
- Can you find your school?
- Can you work out your route to school?
- Where do you go to play, walk the dog, meet your friends?
- Where are your local shops?



Likes and dislikes

- Can you put your likes and dislikes on the map
- Red spots = dislike
- Gold stars = like
- Use post it notes to explain what you mean
- Everyone must right down one like and one dislike
- If you don't put it on the map Natalie can't write it up in her report for the town council.



Feedback

- 3 key points that must be in the Neighbourhood Plan



Now you are town planners!

Tell your mum and dad about the Neighbourhood Plan

We will have more ideas and questions to ask you before Christmas
Look out for your maps in a shop window in town



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Appendix D: Planning over a Pint & Drop-in Consultation Event Posters



**Have your say on the future of Harworth & Bircotes
and get a **free** drink!**

Harworth & Bircotes Town Council is producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the town that is entirely based on the views and opinions of local residents. This is the ideal chance for you to have an impact on the future development of Harworth & Bircotes that will affect your lives, your children's lives and your grandchildren's!

Please join us at the;
Pavilion 15th October
or the **Blacksmith Arms 16th October**
5-8pm

We will also be holding a drop-in consultation event on the Neighbourhood Plan at the;
Harworth Town Hall, Scrooby Road
On the 13th November 2-7pm

**HARWORTH & BIRCOTES
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

WE NEED YOU TO MAKE HARWORTH & BIRCOTES A BETTER PLACE!

COME AND TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

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16TH OCTOBER AT THE BLACKSMITHS ARMS - 5-8PM

13TH NOVEMBER AT THE TOWN HALL - 2-7PM

Employment
Shops
Cycling
Parks & Leisure
New Homes

Harworth & Bircotes
PLEASE CAREFUL DRIVERS

HARWORTH AND BIRCOTES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN RESIDENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE

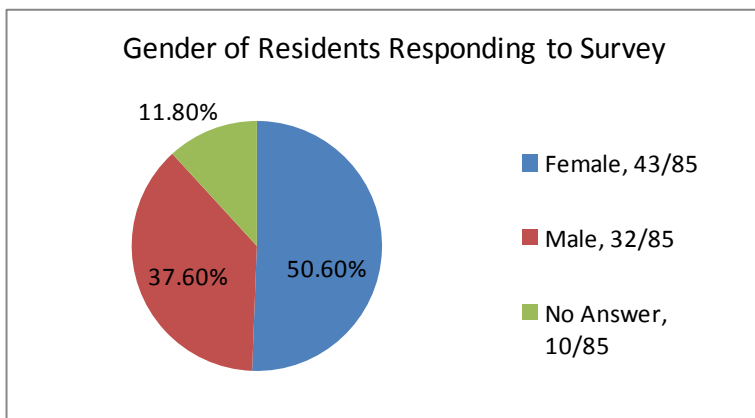
Appendix E: Residents Questionnaire Report

The Residents Questionnaire was used at numerous events undertaken during the production of the Plan, the first of these were the Planning over a Pint sessions in October 2013, followed by the Community Groups Consultation events undertaken in January 2014. The Questionnaire was also made available to residents of Harworth and Bircotes at the Town Hall and the Information Centre and was provided to the parents of all children at Serlby Park Secondary School. In total 85 questionnaires were completed and returned.

1. DEMOGRAPHICS

1.1 Gender

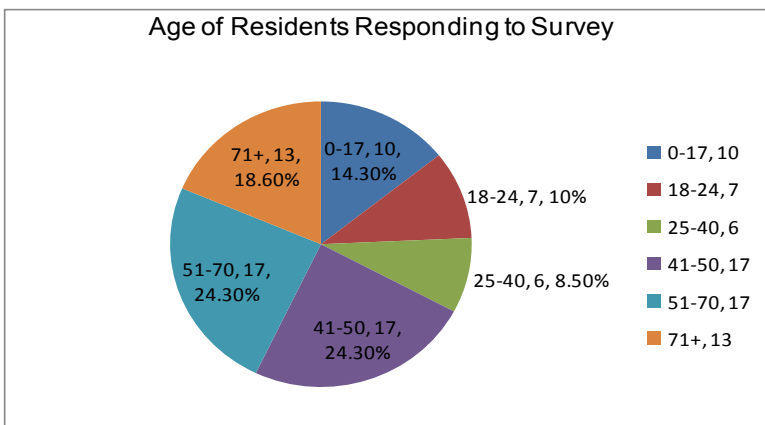
Of those residents who completed the survey, a higher proportion (50.5% compared to 37.6%) were women, with 10 participants (11.8%) opting not to disclose their gender.



Female	Male	No Answer
43/85, 50.60%	32/85, 37.60%	10/85, 11.80%

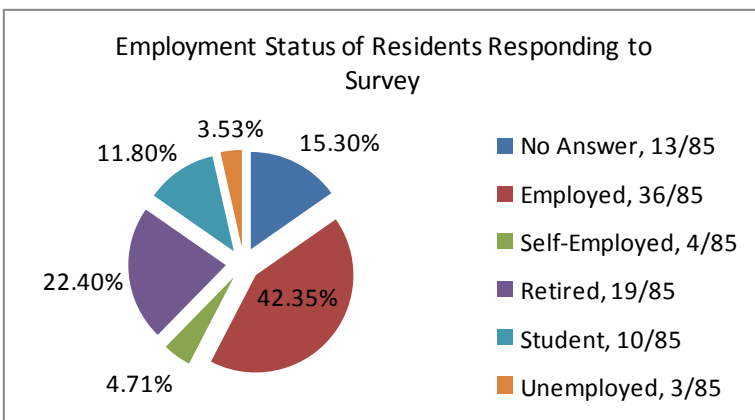
1.2 Age

The age of respondents varied widely. 15 out of 85 participants chose not to disclose their age. The majority of participants were aged 41 and over (47/70, 67.2%).



0-17	18-24	25-40	41-50	51-70	71+
10/70, 14.30%	7/70, 10.0%	6/70, 8.50%	17/70, 24.30%	17/70, 24.30%	13/70, 18.60%

1.3 Employment Status



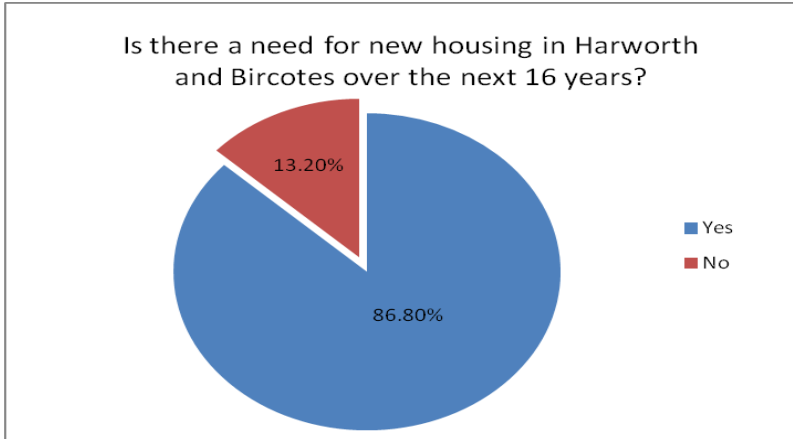
No Answer	Employed	Self-Employed	Retired	Student	Unemployed
13/85, 15.30%	36/85, 42.35%	4/85, 4.71%	19/85, 22.40%	10/85, 11.80%	3/85, 3.53%

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2. HOUSING

2.1 Need for new Housing

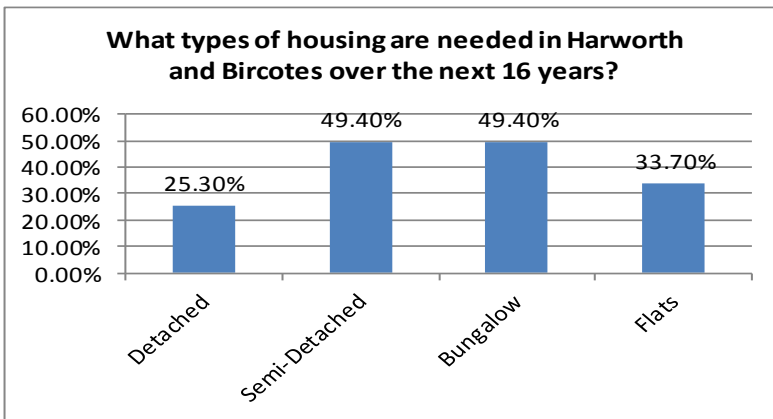
Residents were asked if they believed additional housing was needed in Harworth & Bircotes over the next 15 years. 83 responses were received to this question with a significant majority of respondents, 86.60% stating they would like to see additional housing provided.



Yes	No
86.80%	13.20%

2.2 Type of Housing needed

Respondents were then asked what type of housing they believe is needed in Harworth & Bircotes, 69 responses were received, with a clear preference for semi-detached properties and bungalows. Respondents were invited to select more than one option if necessary to reflect their views, therefore the results add up to more than 100% in total.

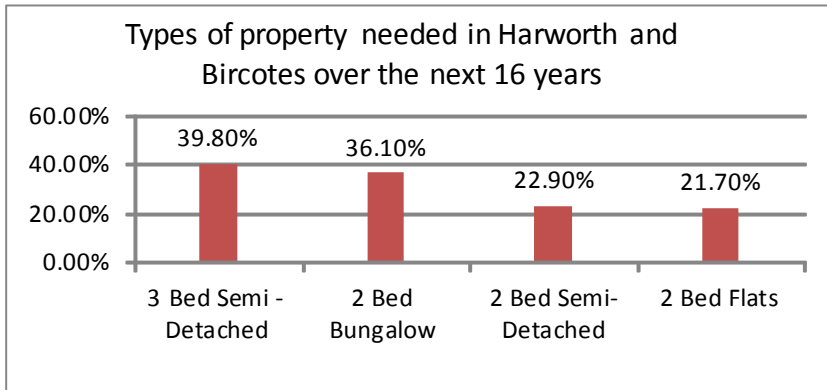


Detached	Semi-Detached	Bungalow	Flats
25.30%	49.40%	49.40%	33.70%

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2.3 Type of Housing needed—expanded

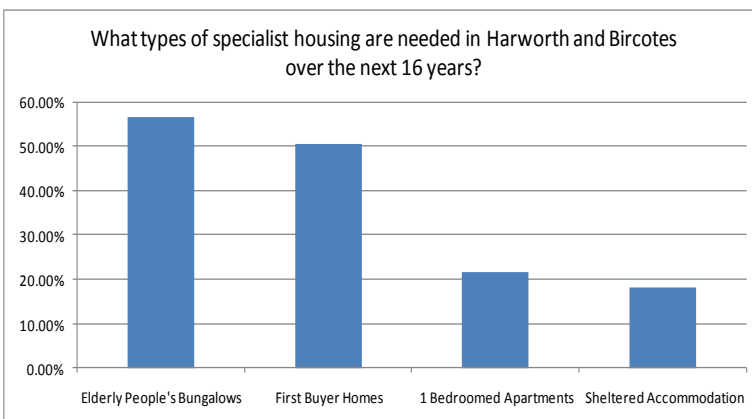
Respondents were given the option of selecting the preferred number of bedrooms in addition to the type of housing needed. Of the 69 responses received to this question the most common answers are provided below. It is important to note however that numerous options received scores of around 20% and therefore are not presented below, but a clear preference for all new housing to provide a good mix of types and sizes is clear. Respondents were invited to select more than one option if necessary to reflect their views, therefore the results add up to more than 100% in total.



3 Bed Semi-Detached	2 Bed Bungalow	2 Bed Semi-Detached	2 Bed Flats
39.80%	36.10%	22.90%	21.70%

2.4 Specialist Housing

The questionnaire also contained a question asking what types of specialist housing local residents believed was needed in the area over the Plan period. 74 responses were recorded for this question, the four most common types of specialist housing identified as being needed by local residents can be found below. Respondents were invited to select more than one option if necessary to reflect their views, therefore the results add up to more than 100% in total.

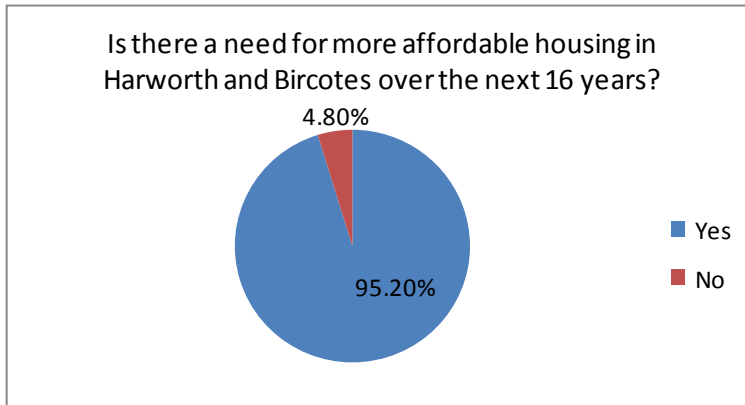


Elderly People's Bungalows	First Buyer Homes	1 Bedroom Apartments	Sheltered Accommodation	Elderly People's Homes
56.60%	50.60%	21.70%	18.10%	16.87%

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2.5 Affordable Housing

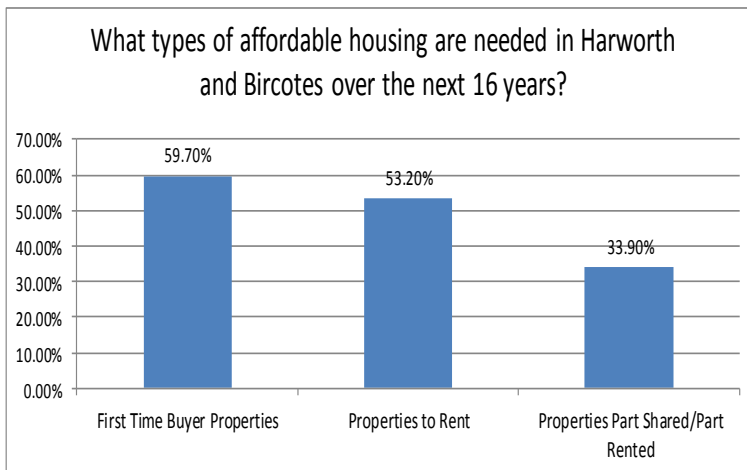
Several questions specifically focussing on the need for affordable housing provision were also included in the questionnaire. The first of these sought to establish if affordable housing was needed in the Plan area, 64 responses were received to this question.



Yes	No
95.20%	4.80%

2.6 Affordable Housing Type

A further question was included in the questionnaire to determine the type of affordable housing needed in the Plan area. 58 responses were received to this question with the most common answers provided below. Respondents were invited to select more than one option if necessary to reflect their views, therefore the results add up to more than 100% in total.



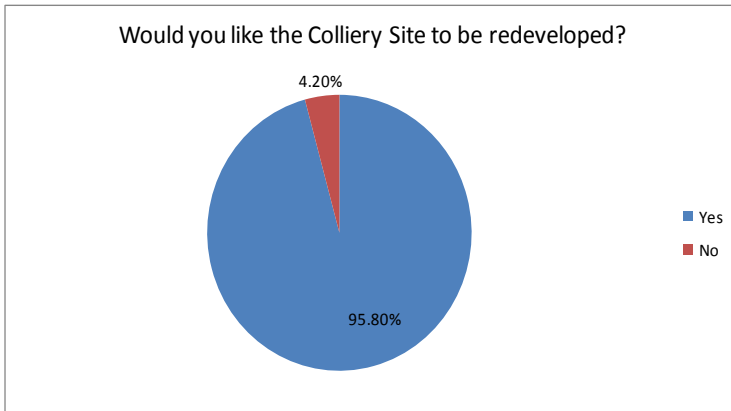
First Time Buyer Properties	Properties to Rent	Properties Part Shared/Part Rented
59.70%	53.20%	33.90%

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3. COLLIERY

3.1 Colliery Redevelopment

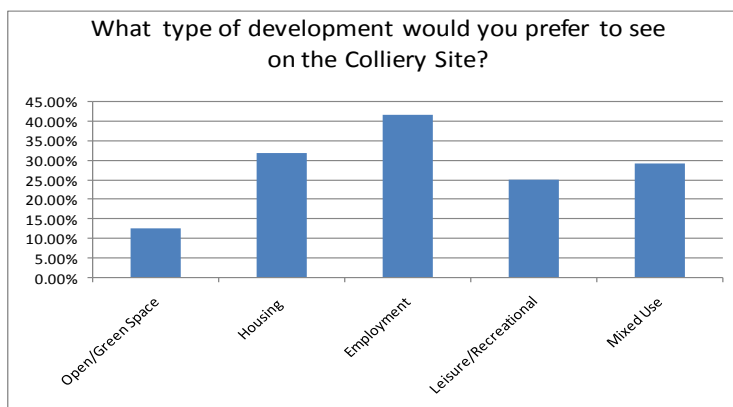
The next section of the questionnaire focussed on the old Colliery site and how the Plan should address its redevelopment, it should be noted that the official announcement confirming the Colliery would not reopen was made after this questionnaire was submitted which it is anticipated would alter the results received. The first question included in the questionnaire asked whether local residents would like to see the Colliery site redeveloped, 72 responses were received.



Yes	No
95.80%	4.20%

3.2 Preferred Redevelopment Use

This second question asked local residents to identify their preferred use of the Colliery Site if it is to be redeveloped, 68 responses were received. The results below suggest that employment use is the preferred use for the Colliery Site, closely followed by housing and mixed use. However with the recent announcement the Colliery will not reopen and the significant employment land allocations just to the south of Harworth & Bircotes, it is anticipated these results may differ. Respondents were invited to select more than one option if necessary to reflect their views, therefore the results add up to more than 100% in total.



Open/ Green Space	Housing	Employment	Lei- sure/ Recrea-	Mixed Use
12.50%	31.90%	41.70%	25%	29.20%

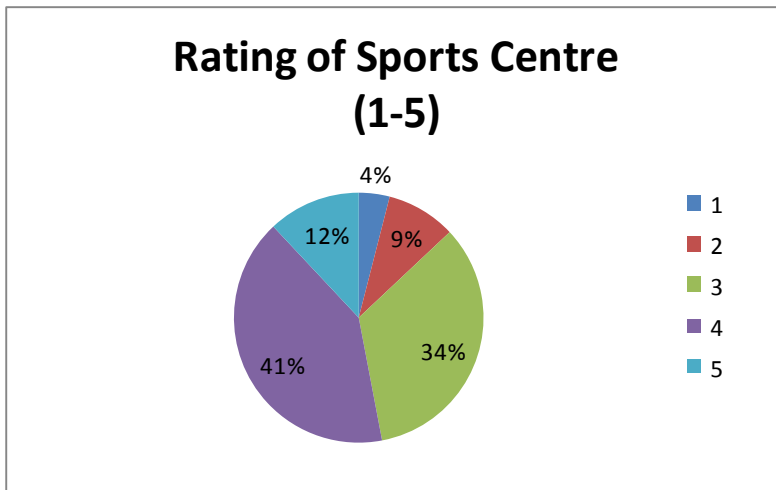
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4. LEISURE

Rating of Leisure Facilities in Harworth & Bircotes

The leisure section of the residents survey asked local residents to rate the leisure facilities present within the Town on a scale of 1-5 with 5 being the highest. Local residents were asked to consider the actual facilities present at the site, as well as how much they use and enjoy the site when rating the facility, space was also provided for local residents to write their comments regarding the site.

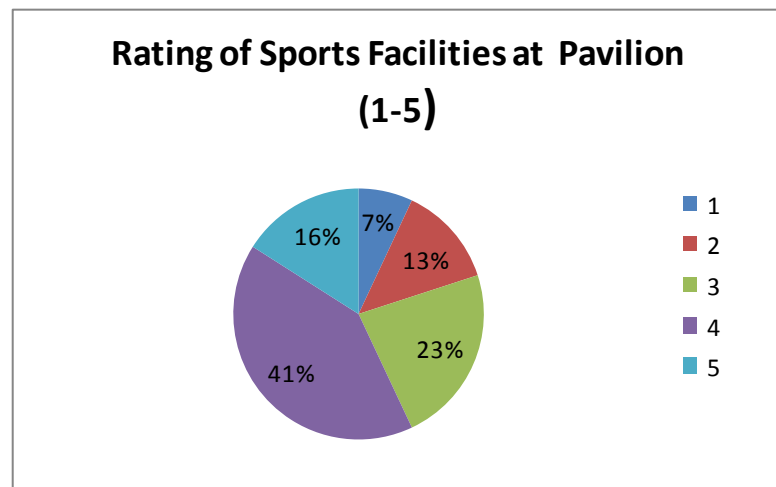
4.1 Sports Centre - 68 responses received



1	2	3	4	5
4.00%	9.00%	34.00%	41.00%	12.00%

The majority of comments received regarding the Sports Centre suggested that although the facility is valued by the community, it needs to offer a further range of activities and is in need of significant modernisation.

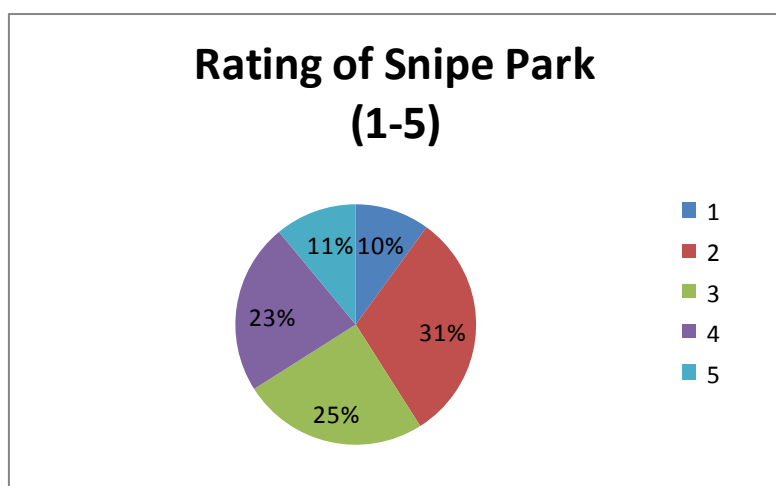
4.2 Sports Facilities at Pavilion - 61 responses received



1	2	3	4	5
7.00%	13.00%	23.00%	41%	16.00%

Comments received stated that the facility was valued by the community, particularly the service it provides for children, however it also is in need of modernising and renovating, particularly the BMX track and skate park.

4.3 Snipe Park - 61 responses received

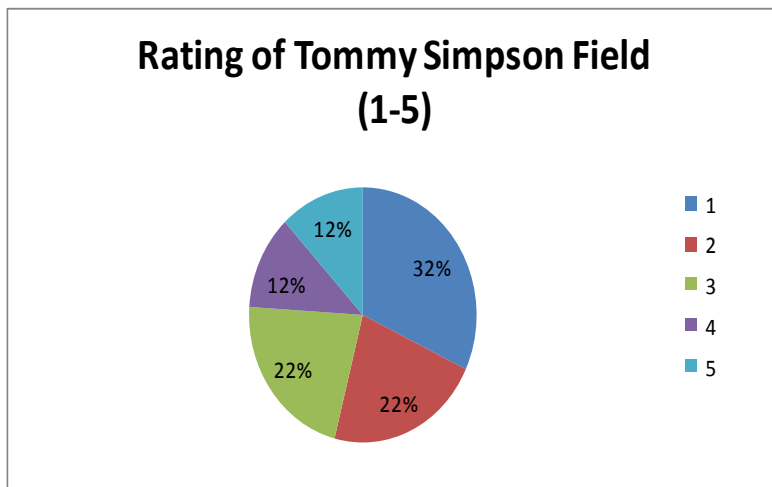


1	2	3	4	5
10.00%	31.00%	25.00%	23%	11.00%

Snipe Park was generally valued by local residents, however comments received focussed on the need to tidy the park up and ensure it provides something for children of all ages to do. Also the need for measures to be put in place to ensure no further vandalism and anti-social behaviour occurs was stressed.

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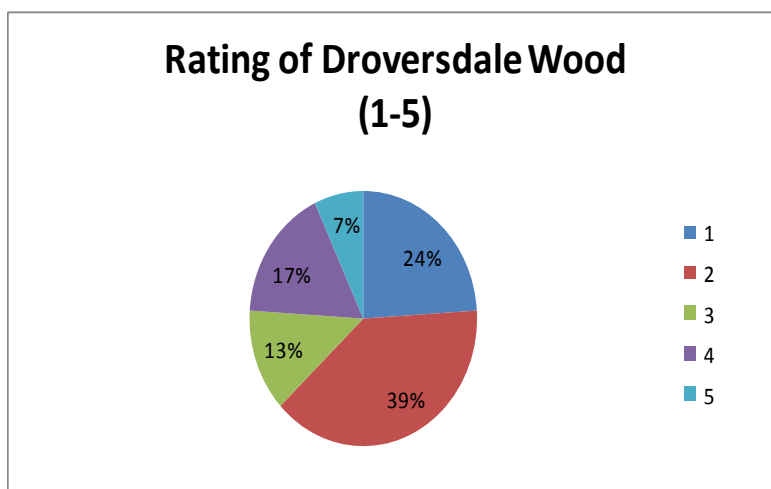
4.4 Tommy Simpson Field - 59 responses received



1	2	3	4	5
32.00%	22.00%	22.00%	12%	12.00%

Comments received praised the recent improvements to the park on the field, however it was suggested that the field is currently under used and is not meeting its potential. The current building on the field also needs demolishing and rebuilding as it is not fit for purpose.

4.5 Droversdale Wood - 46 responses received



1	2	3	4	5
24.00%	39.00%	13.00%	17%	7.00%

Comments received on Droversdale Wood heavily criticised the facility, stating that fly-tipping and quad bike use are currently a serious problem that have resulted in the facility not being used and gaining a poor reputation.

4.6 Further facilities required

As part of the leisure section of the residents survey local residents were asked what further facilities do they believe are needed in Harworth & Bircotes, the most common requests are listed below.

- Further facilities for younger children/toddlers
- Further facilities for teenagers
- Another gym and swimming pool or improvement of existing facilities.
- More parks with a particular focus on play areas for younger children/toddlers

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RESIDENTS' SURVEYS

5. COMMUNITY FACILITIES

5.1 What facilities do you like/think work well?

The first question in this section of the residents survey asked local residents what community facilities located in Harworth & Bircotes they believed worked well and provided a good service for the local community, 46 responses were received to this question and the most common answers are listed below.

- Medical Centre
- Town Hall
- Post Office

5.2 What facilities do you believe do you not like/think don't work well?

The second question in this section focussed on facilities local residents believed did not provide sufficiently for the local community, 26 responses were received with the most common answers listed below.

- Dentists - currently is not open enough days making it difficult to book an appointment
- Selby Park Secondary School - buildings are outdated and need rebuilding
- Local Pubs - do not provide enough for families, need to focus more on providing places to eat

5.3 What further facilities do you believe are required?

Consequentially the final question in the community facilities section of the residents survey asked what further facilities local people believe are needed in the town, 49 responses were received to this question with the most common requests listed below.

- Bank
- Recycling Centre
- Pub - focussed on the provision of a place to eat with a play area for children
- Petrol Station
- Youth Centre
- Improve offer of shops on Scrooby Road

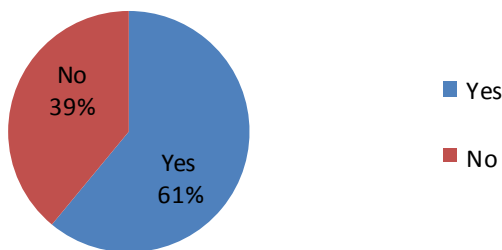
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6. MOVEMENT

6.1 Use of Local Bus Service

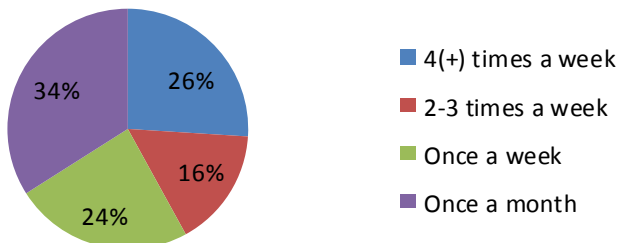
The first section on movement asked local residents if they used the local bus service and if yes, what was their typical destination. 69 responses were received to this question and the most common destinations mentioned were Doncaster and Worksop. If residents responded yes to this first question they were then also asked how often they use the local bus service.

Do you use the local bus service?



Yes	No
61.00%	39.00%

How often do you use the local bus service?

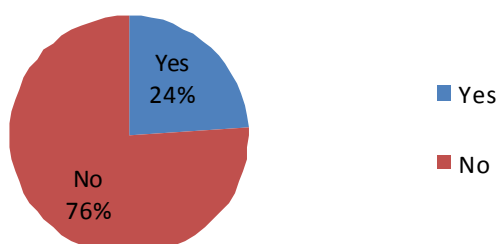


4(+ times a week)	2-3 times a week	Once a week	Once a month
26.00%	16.00%	24.00%	34%

6.2 Cycling

The following section regarding movement focussed on cycling. Residents were first asked if they ever cycled in Harworth & Bircotes, 66 responses were received to this question.

Do you cycle in Harworth & Bircotes?

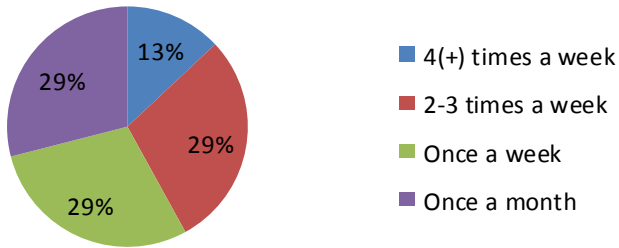


Yes	No
24.00%	76.00%

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If residents stated that they did cycle in Harworth & Bircotes they were then asked how often they did so, 14 responses were received to this question.

How often do you cycle in Harworth & Bircotes?

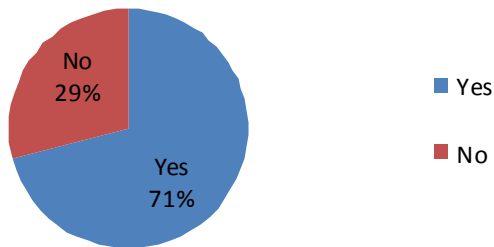


4(+ times a week)	2-3 times a week	Once a week	Once a month
13.00%	29.00%	29.00%	29%

6.3 Cycling Provision

The final question in this section asked local residents if they believed that there was adequate cycling provision in Harworth & Bircotes currently.

Do you think there is adequate cycling provision?

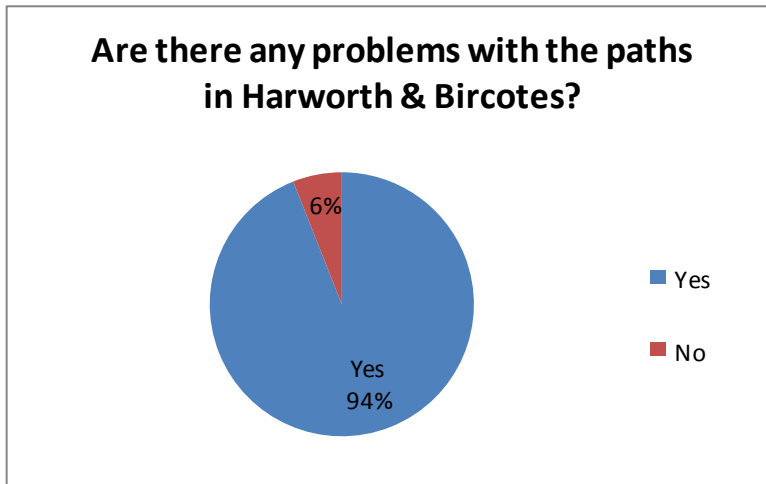


Yes	No
71.00%	29.00%

HARWORTH AND BIRCOTES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN RESIDENTS' SURVEYS

6.4 Condition of Paths

Local residents were asked if they believed there were any problems with paths in Harworth & Bircotes, 50 responses were received to this question. Residents were also provided the opportunity to comment on what these problems were, with the majority stating pot holes and general untidiness of paths as the main issues, which the neighbourhood plan unfortunately cannot address.



Yes	No
94.00%	6.00%

6.5 Safety

The final section regarding movement in the residents survey focussed on safety, initially asking local residents if they generally felt safe whilst walking around Harworth & Bircotes, 60 responses were received to this question.



Yes	No
63.00%	37.00%

Residents were then asked to identify where and when they felt unsafe whilst walking in Harworth & Bircotes. The most common responses are listed below.

- Wimpey Estate
- Snipe Park and Snipe Park Wood
- Walking at night - not enough street lights

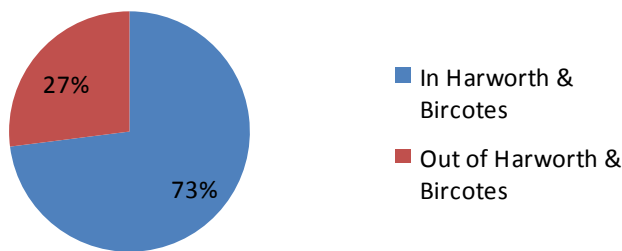
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7. SHOPPING

7.1 Weekly food shop location

The first question in the shopping section of the survey asked local residents where they usually did their weekly food shopping, the results have been classified as either in Harworth & Bircotes or out of the town. 78 responses were received to this question with the majority mentioning they shopped at the recently developed ASDA on the edge of the town centre.

Where do you do your usual weekly food shop?

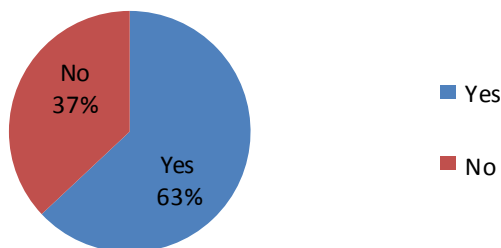


In Harworth & Bircotes	Out of Harworth & Bircotes
73.00%	27.00%

7.2 Use of shops on Scrooby Road

Residents were then asked if they used the shops located in the town centre on Scrooby Road, 76 responses were received to this question.

Do you use the shops on Scrooby Road?

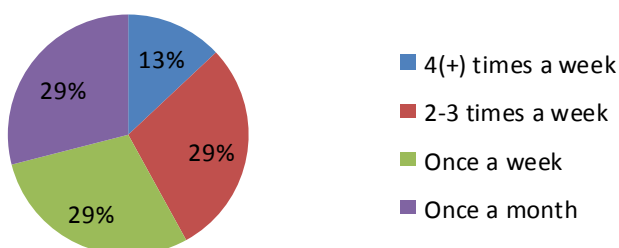


Yes	No
63.00%	37.00%

Residents who stated they did not use the shops on Scrooby Road were asked to identify reasons they did not do so, the most common responses are listed below.

- Current shops are not appropriate, need less takeaways and more retail outlets.
- The area needs regenerating and the shop fronts need improving.
- Too many closed shops.
- No need to as ASDA and other areas cater for what I need.

How often do you use the shops on Scrooby Road?



4(+) times a week	2-3 times a week	Once a week	Once a month
13.00%	29.00%	29.00%	29%

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RESIDENTS' SURVEYS

8. DEVELOPMENT SITES

The final section of the residents survey asked local residents to identify potential development sites in the town and suggest what they would like to see the site developed for. The most common development sites identified with their preferred uses are listed below.

- Old Colliery Site - most comments suggested site should come forward primarily for housing development with a mix of other uses included in its redevelopment.
- Snipe Park Wood - several comments received suggesting that the site needs cleaning up and developing as a controlled and managed space to go for walks, with potential to be a country park.
- Thompson Avenue & Common Lane - housing here (Airey Housing) is in need of redeveloping (scheme currently underway to do so)
- Piggeries Site on the north side of Scrooby Road - site should be developed for housing (permission already granted)
- Scrooby Road - shop fronts and shops themselves in need of renovating, parking issues also need resolving.

Appendix F: Business & Landowners Questionnaire

Haworth & Bircotes Business Questions

Name..... Company..... Position.....

1. Where is your business located?

2. What area does your business operate in?.....

3. How long have you been based in Harworth and Bircotes?.....

4. Do you employ local people from Harworth & Bircotes?

5. What skills are you looking for from the local workforce?
.....
.....

6. Are you planning on expanding your business in the next 16 years? (site)

YES NO

7. What do you need to allow your business to grow?
.....
.....

8. Do you see your business still operating in Harworth & Bircotes in 16 years' time?

YES NO

9. Why is this?.....

Contact Details

Would you like to be kept informed of the neighbourhood plan process?

Email:

Phone number:.....

Appendix G: Shop Front Consultation Event Poster

**HARWORTH & BIRCOTES
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

WE NEED YOU TO MAKE HARWORTH & BIRCOTES A BETTER PLACE!

PLEASE COME IN AND TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

OPEN

Monday 2 December 10am - 12.30pm 1.30pm - 4pm
Tuesday 3 December 10am - 12.30pm 1.30pm - 4pm
Thursday 5 December 10am - 12.30pm 1.30pm - 4pm
Friday 6 December 10am - 12.30pm 1.30pm - 4pm

Employment
Shops
Cycling
Parks & Leisure
New Homes

Harworth & Bircotes
ALWAYS CAREFUL DRIVERS

Appendix H: Secondary School Event Report

Planning for Your Future: Serlby Park Secondary School: 5th December 2013

Harworth & Bircotes Neighbourhood
Development Plan
2013 - 2029

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 Harworth & Bircotes Town Council secured funding through Locality to undertake three separate consultation events in the primary schools located in the town. Helen Metcalfe from Planning with People was appointed to run these events with assistance from Bassetlaw District Council on behalf of Harworth & Bircotes Town Council.
- 1.2 The event at Serlby Park Secondary School was held on the 5th December running from 9:00-11:00 am. 64 students were in attendance all aged between 11-13 years old.

2 Format

- 2.1 The sessions began with a learning section focusing on what planning is and how it does and will, directly affect the students' lives. The purpose of this was to raise students awareness on the vast extent of issues that planning covers, and thus what the Harworth & Bircotes Neighbourhood Plan will cover.
- 2.2 This teaching was interspersed with several activities aimed at gathering consultation information on the views and opinions of young people living in Harworth & Bircotes. To complete these activities, students worked in groups of 9-11 children per group. A full agenda for the session can be found in Appendix 1 of this report, with a copy of the presentation slides available for viewing in Appendix 2.

3 First Activity

- 3.1 The first of these activities involved students drawing and/or describing the view from their bedroom, this was followed by feeding back to the group on whether they liked or did not like this view. These drawings/descriptions are available from Harworth & Bircotes Town Council on request.

4 Second Activity

- 4.1 The second activity involved students working in their groups working with a large A0 map of the town. On this, students were asked to firstly locate their school and their house, locating this using a silver star. Following this, students were asked to map what they liked and disliked about the town. This was done by using green dots for areas/things they liked, and red dots for areas/things they did not like.
- 4.2 In addition to this, students were required to accompany each dot placed on the map with a post it note explaining the reasoning and feelings behind this decision, as well as if possible, how this could be addressed. Examples of the maps from this activity are available to view in Appendix 3 of this report.
- 4.3 The results from this activity can be found in the table below, separated for each group.

	LIKES	DISLIKES
GROUP 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like the Pavilion • The skate park is fun, it needs expanding and improving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths and parks need more lighting (Dead Dogs Island, Snipe Wood) • Shops are not very good, need more clothes and shoes shops • Need more restaurants and places to eat • The whole town feels old, needs modernising such as with new houses • Do not like the Sewage plant, it smells
GROUP 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like the old railway track it is good for walking the dog • Like the ASDA, great place to get food from • Like the skate park and BMX track, but they both need improving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not like sewage plants because it smells • Do not like Snipe Wood and Dead Dogs Island, nasty people hang out here • Do not like the Wimpy Estate because there is lots of trouble round there and people taking drugs

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I do not like the old railway because it takes up to much space and isn't used • Do not like the Colliery, knock it down and build more houses, new sports centre and shopping centre • Do not like current shops, we need more clothes shops • Do not like the Colliery, it is not being used and is just taking up space
GROUP 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming pool is good, but needs to be bigger • I like the area because all my family and friends live here • Like to play in Droversdale Wood • Like the Pavilion, it is fun 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not like the colliery, they should build a shopping centre on the site • Do not like the BMX track it is dangerous • Do not like the shops, there is not enough and not enough choice • No good shops in H&B
GROUP 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like Snipe Park it is fun to play at • I like the Pavilion it is really fun • I like the area because my friends and family are here • I like Plum Tree it is a good place for the Warehouses • I like to play at the Tommy Simpson field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We don't like the pit area as it is never used and is taking up to much space • The Pavilion needs tidying up and teenagers hang around • The BMX track is dangerous • I do not like the Whimpey Estate because I do not feel safe • Do not like the Sewage Works it smells
GROUP 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like the skate ark, serves the large skating community in the area • I like Snipe Park, it is somewhere to go • Asda, means we do not 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not like Droversdale Wood, it needs tidying up and made safer • The skate park needs tidying up and made safer

	<p>have to go to Doncaster for food shopping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like the Co-op it is a good place to shop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not like Tommy Simpson field because nobody goes on it because there is nothing to do • No cycle paths • Do not like the area because you cannot cycle round it properly, you have to go on the roads
GROUP 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like Snipe Wood, lots of trees to climb • The Youth Club is very good • I like the BMX track • I like the skate park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not like Whimpey Estate • Roads are really horrible, need replacing • The Pavilion needs tidying up and looking after more

4.4 Following this students were asked what were the three most important things they believed should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan, what was said by the students is provided below.

- New school is needed if there are more houses
- Motorbikes should not be allowed on fields
- Better BMX track
- Snipe Park needs improving
- Park on the Whimpey Estate
- Park on the skate area
- Smaller skate park for beginners
- More houses and parks on the colliery
- We need a job centre because people need jobs
- Cycle routes around the village

5 Third Activity

- 5.1 The final activity students were asked to complete involved creating their own model town using the information they had acquired throughout the session. A blank map of a town was provided along with models of different building types and uses as well as parks and leisure facilities.
- 5.2 Students were invited to be creative and think about where things should be located and why. Students were then asked to feedback to the group on the design of their town and why they had done it so; prizes were awarded to students from the group who it was felt had designed the best town.

6 Conclusion

- 6.1 The information collected at this event is invaluable as it aids the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in understanding what young people value about their community and what they would like to see change. This will also help the Plan makers to design policies that continue to nurture and protect the aspects of Harworth & Bircotes that local people like, whilst planning for development that will address identified issues and enhance the town in a way that meets local needs.
- 6.2 The main issues identified from this event that the Neighbourhood Plan could attempt to address:
- The lack of cycling provision around the village
 - Need for smaller play area facilities
 - Improve current play facilities
 - Address current traffic issues
 - Need better variety of shops on Scrooby Road
- 6.3 Further consultation with the schools is required at the six weeks consultation period at the draft plan stage. The school's student council have requested to be involved in the neighbourhood plan process and was subsequently invited to join the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group.

7 Appendix

Appendix 1: Agenda of the Event



Planning the future of Harworth

- 9.00** **Who are we and what are we here for?**
- 9.10** **What is town planning and how does it affect your life?**
- 9.20** **Activity 1: Can you describe the view outside your bedroom window?**
- 9.30** **Feedback: what do you see and how have planners affected that?**
- 9.40** **Activity 2: Let's look at maps of Harworth**
- Can you find where you live? Your school? Where you socialise?
Where the shops are?
- 9.50** **Activity 3: If you were town planners what would you do to improve Harworth?**
- Use maps red spots 'dislike', green spots 'like'; post it notes to explain why.
- 10.10** **Feedback**
- 10.25** **Can you design your ideal town?**
- Think of all the things you like about your area, think about all the planning issues you have considered this morning. Using models can you create the ideal town? Work in groups.
- 10.45** **Award prize to winning group.**
- 11.00** **Close**

Appendix 2: Presentation Slides

How do you want Harworth planned?



Why are you here?

- What do you want Harworth to look like in 2028?
- The town council needs your help to write the Harworth Plan
- It's your life that will be affected
- We want your ideas, Natalie is here to listen to you!



How can you help the town council?

- Listen and learn about what town planning is
- Describe what you can see from your bedroom window
- Look at maps of Harworth and tell us what you do and don't like about it
- If you were town planners what would you do?
- Can you design your ideal town, can you show us how it should be done?



Rules!

- Get stuck in
- Team effort
- Ask questions



WHAT THINGS ARE PLANNED?



How has town planning affected you?

- What can you see from your bedroom window?
- Can you see other houses, parks or fields?
- Town planning has decided where the houses should go ...
- ...and has stopped the fields around Harworth being built on...
- ... and can decide where houses will go in the future



What is around you?

- Draw or describe what you can see from your bedroom window?
- 10 minutes
- Be prepared to share with the class what you see every day
- Do you like your view?
- Why?



What is the point of town planning?

- It shapes the places where we all live and work and the country we live in.
- Good planning means we get the right building in the right place at the right time.



Tell us what you think!

- Maps of Harworth
- They are your maps to help the town council understand what you think about living in Harworth
- Put the name of your school on and your names and ages around the edge
- Follow the instructions carefully, make sure you use the right coloured spots and stars



First of all ...

- Put a silver star where you live
- Can you find your school?
- Can you work out your route to school?
- Where do you go to play, walk the dog, meet your friends?
- Where are your local shops?



Likes and dislikes

- Can you put your likes and dislikes on the map
- Red spots = dislike
- Gold stars = like
- Use post it notes to explain what you mean
- Everyone must right down one like and one dislike
- If you don't put it on the map Natalie can't write it up in her report for the town council.



Feedback

- 3 key points that must be in the Neighbourhood Plan



Now you are town planners!

Tell your mum and dad about the Neighbourhood Plan

We will have more ideas and questions to ask you before Christmas
Look out for your maps in a shop window in town

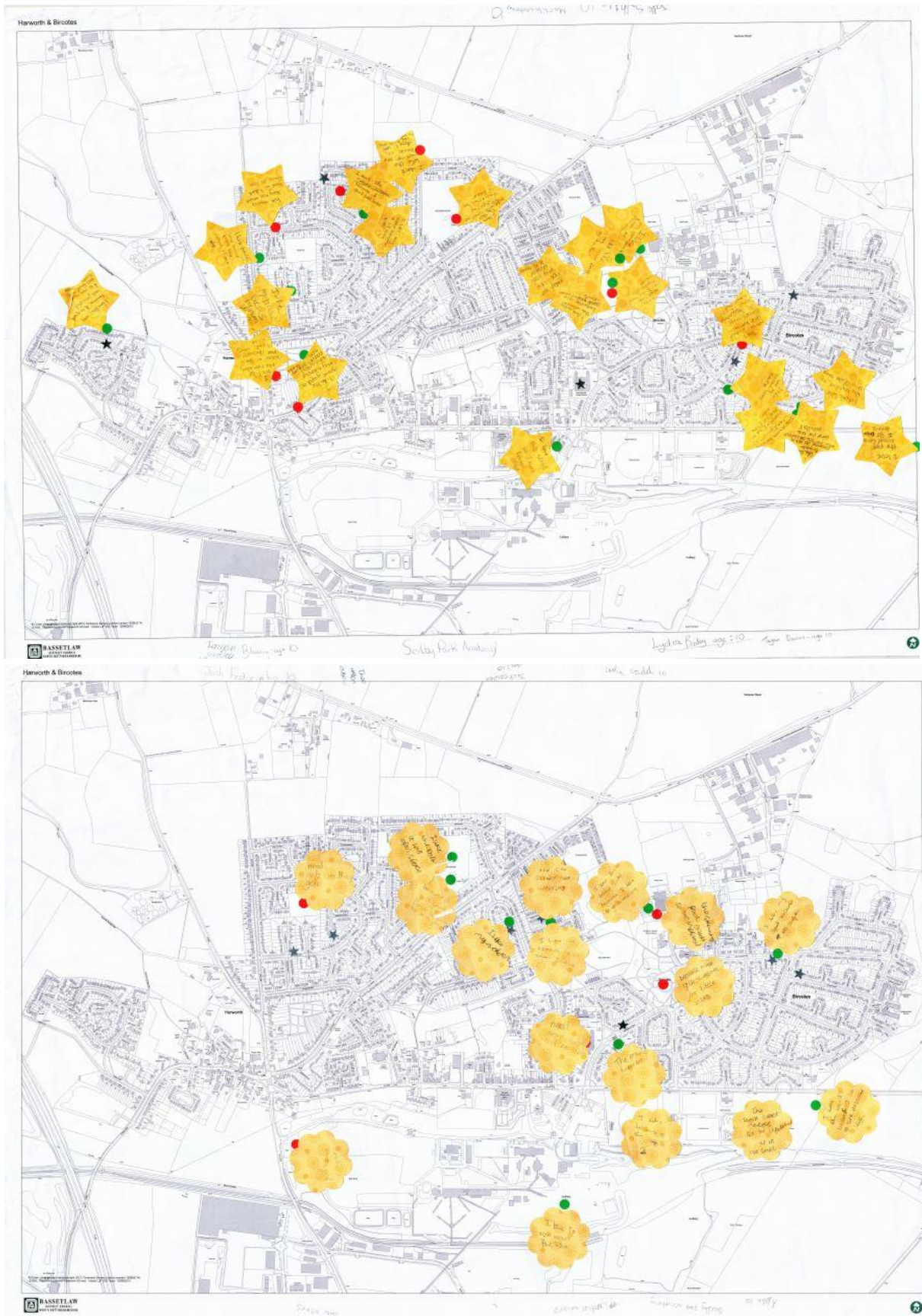


Planning your ideal town

- Where will you live?
- Where will your mum and dad work?
- Where will you go to school?
- Where would you go shopping?
- What about other things, libraries, cinema, doctors?
- What will your town look like?
- Will there be trees?
- How will you get about?



Appendix 3: Example Maps



Appendix I: Affordable Housing Survey Report



**HARWORTH &
BIRCOTES
HOUSING NEEDS
SURVEY**

**Midlands Rural Housing
April 2014**



Thank you to the
residents of
Harworth & Bircotes
for their help and
support with this
survey.



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Executive Summary

Midlands Rural Housing completed a Housing Needs Survey in Harworth & Bircotes during March 2014, to assess future housing requirements. As well as requesting specific housing information, the survey asks some general questions relating to the quality of life in the town.

Harworth & Bircotes is a small town parish formed from two individual communities. Recently it has suffered from the decline of the coal mining industry and is now requiring some redevelopment. It has good road links to neighbouring areas. Local employment is mainly low income. Housing stock is mainly terraced and semi-detached. Property values are low.

Respondents generally feel that Harworth & Bircotes is a good place to live, having a community spirit, balanced population and adequate housing. However, the population is ageing which raises some concerns over the sustainability of local amenities and the suitability of local housing stock. Almost 70% of stock is family housing but less than 30% is occupied by families with children.

The level of home ownership is lower than average. The private rental sector is buoyant and 20% of respondents are residing in social rented housing. The majority of people wanting to move house in the foreseeable future will be seeking retirement property. There is a high demand for two bedroom bungalows.

Most people have lived in Harworth & Bircotes for many years and will be seeking long-term housing in the future. There are high levels of support for new developments of open market housing for sale, particularly small starter homes and small bungalows, and for affordable properties for rent and shared ownership.

Thirteen respondents have a desire to purchase housing on the open market. Three respondents have a preference for renting in the private sector. Eleven respondents are interested in affordable housing for rent. Two respondents are interested in affordable housing for shared ownership.

Our recommendations are that, to alleviate the current housing need in Harworth & Bircotes:-

Consideration should be given to providing thirteen affordable properties for rent and shared ownership.

Future housing development plans should give high consideration to developing small retirement homes, particularly two bedroom bungalows and to starter homes for 1st time buyers.



Introduction

Midlands Rural Housing works with local authorities and other partners to increase the availability of affordable homes for local people in rural areas. In 2005 MRH established the Trent Valley Partnership to work closely with authorities in the East Midlands region.

Bassetlaw District Council has asked Midlands Rural Housing to assist parishes that are formulating neighbourhood plans, by undertaking housing needs studies to identify future housing requirements within those parishes.

The town and parish of Harworth & Bircotes is formed from two settlements, the original farming community of Harworth and the more recent coal mining community of Bircotes. Harworth & Bircotes has a population of almost 8,000 people and has 3,338 households (2011 census).

In February 2014, Midlands Rural Housing and Bassetlaw District Council worked together to deliver a Housing Needs Survey form to every household. The return date for the survey was 24th March 2014 and returns were made via a 'Freepost' envelope directly to Midlands Rural Housing.

Purpose of the Survey

The aim of the survey was to assess the current and future housing needs of Harworth & Bircotes in order to provide the parish with the information it requires to formulate a neighbourhood plan.

Housing Costs

Property Values: Bassetlaw Jan 2014

	Av Detached	Av Semi	Av Terrace	Av Flat	Av Overall Price	No. Of Sales
Nottinghamshire	£ 216,616	£ 121,989	£ 99,427	£ 106,230	£ 148,664	1097
Bassetlaw	187,215	111,269	76,169	70,642	131,827	185
Source: Land Registry						

The table above provides a comparison of the property prices in the county of Nottinghamshire and in Bassetlaw District. It shows that, across the board, prices in Bassetlaw are well below average for the county. A family wanting to purchase an average terrace house in Bassetlaw would need to be earning approximately £23,000 per annum to secure a mortgage with a 10% deposit.

Within Bassetlaw, however, there is a marked difference between the house prices in the urban and the rural areas. Recent house prices in the rural villages show the minimum price to purchase a 2 bedroomed house was about £150,000 and there were very few properties for sale at this 'lower end of the market'. In reality a first time buyer would need an income of around £45,000 per year to buy a property in a rural village. More than 70% of households in these villages are earning less than £45,000 per annum – most households earn between £20,000 and £30,000.

The shortage of entry level properties in rural villages suggests that first time buyers and single income households will face additional difficulties in accessing the owner-occupied sector.

However, a brief look at properties on the market in Harworth & Bircotes during April 2014 shows the following results: (Zoopla.com)

Harworth – 47 properties for sale:

16 Detached properties at an average asking price of £157,300
 25 Semi-detached properties at an average asking price of £107,950
 6 Terraced townhouses at an average asking price of £130,600

Bircotes – 28 properties for sale:

3 Detached properties at an average asking price of £139,950
 16 Semi-detached properties at an average asking price of £96,500
 9 Terraced properties at an average asking price of £83,300



The figures above show that there is a marked difference in house prices between the two communities of Harworth and Bircotes, with Bircotes having lower house prices across the board.

There is a range of property types and sizes available, with several two bedroomed, three bedroomed and four bedroomed properties being on the market. There are also a number of bungalows available.

A first time buyer wanting to purchase a terraced property in Bircotes with a 10% deposit and a mortgage of 3.5x income would need to be earning approximately £22,000.

A family wanting to purchase a semi-detached property in Bircotes with a 10% deposit and a mortgage of 3.5x income would need a household income of approximately £25,000.

A search for rental properties available in Harworth & Bircotes identified a range of properties on the market. In Harworth, rental prices are again higher than those in Bircotes. The following properties are currently available for rent:

Harworth –

- 5 bedroom Detached House - £795pcm
- 3 bedroom Terraced House - £525pcm
- 3 bedroom Semi-detached House - £500pcm
- 2 bedroom Semi-detached House - £475pcm

Bircotes –

- 4 bedroom flat - £500pcm
- 2 bedroom flat - £475pcm
- 3 bedroom Terraced House - £477pcm
- 3 bedroom Terraced House - £445pcm
- 3 bedroom Terraced House - £425pcm
- 2 bedroom Terraced House - £425pcm
- 3 bedroom Terraced House - £400pcm
- 3 bedroom Semi-detached House - £425pcm
- 1 bedroom Bungalow - £375pcm
- 3 x 1 bedroom flats - £375pcm
- 1 Studio flat - £375pcm

Respondents' Details

The following sections of this report detail the responses from the questionnaires distributed and returned during March 2014 in Harworth & Bircotes. Respondents' individual details have been kept confidential and any identifiable attributes have not been included in the results. Any comments that have been made may also have been edited so as not to identify individual circumstances.

The following results are a snapshot in time and provide the parish and the District Council with an insight in terms of current housing need, the desirability of the town as a place to live, and the current level of facilities serving the local community.

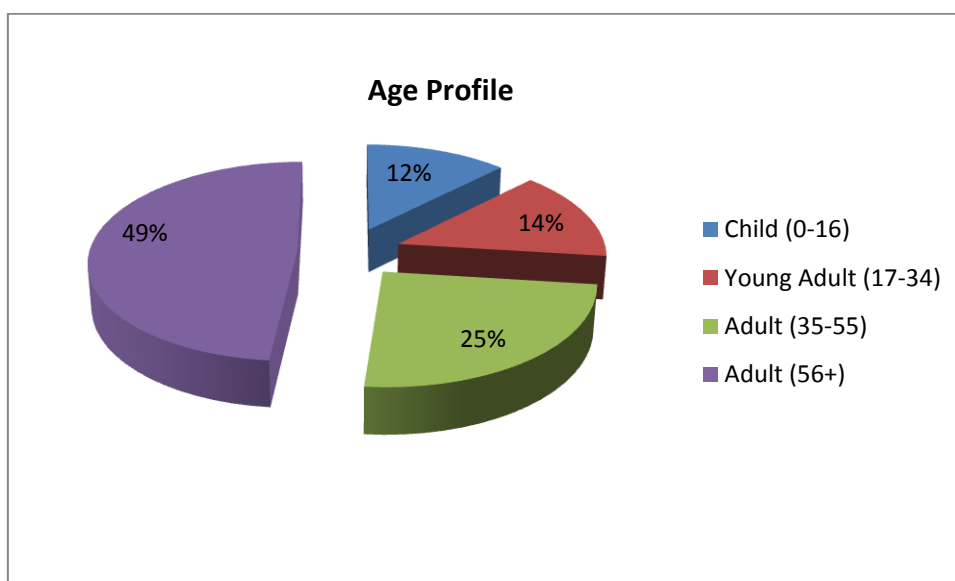
A total of 211 survey forms were received giving a return rate of 6%. This figure is low in comparison to results achieved in rural parishes and may reflect the fact that Harworth & Bircotes has a greater availability of housing, at more affordable prices, than rural parishes.

Age Profile

The chart below shows the age profile of the people captured on the 211 survey forms returned. The responses show that the largest single population group in Harworth & Bircotes, representing 49%, is that of 56+ older adults.

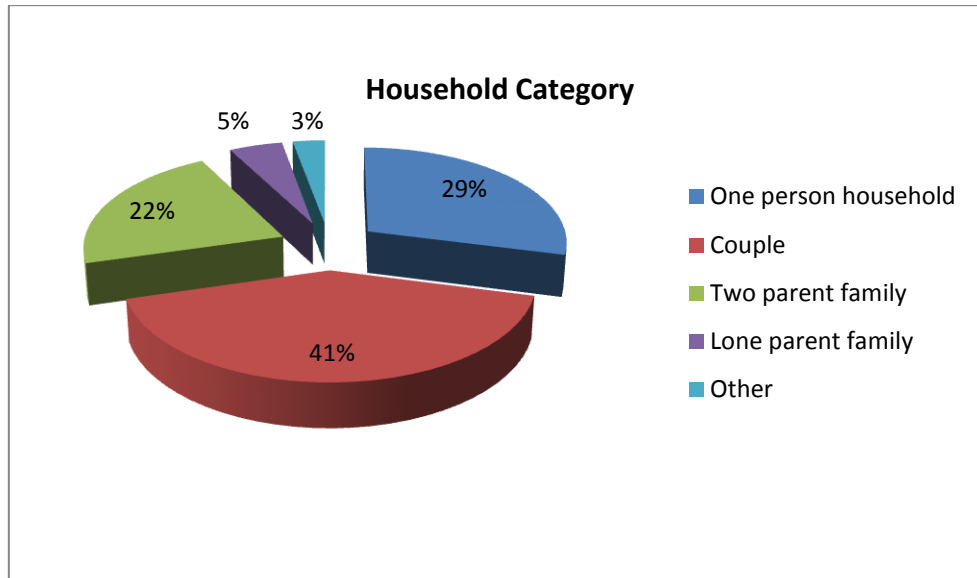
The proportion of children under 16 is quite low at 12%, although the proportion of young adults is reasonable at 14%, indicating that this population group are remaining living in the town.

However, the overall figures indicate an ageing population which may affect the long-term sustainability of Harworth & Bircotes' amenities.



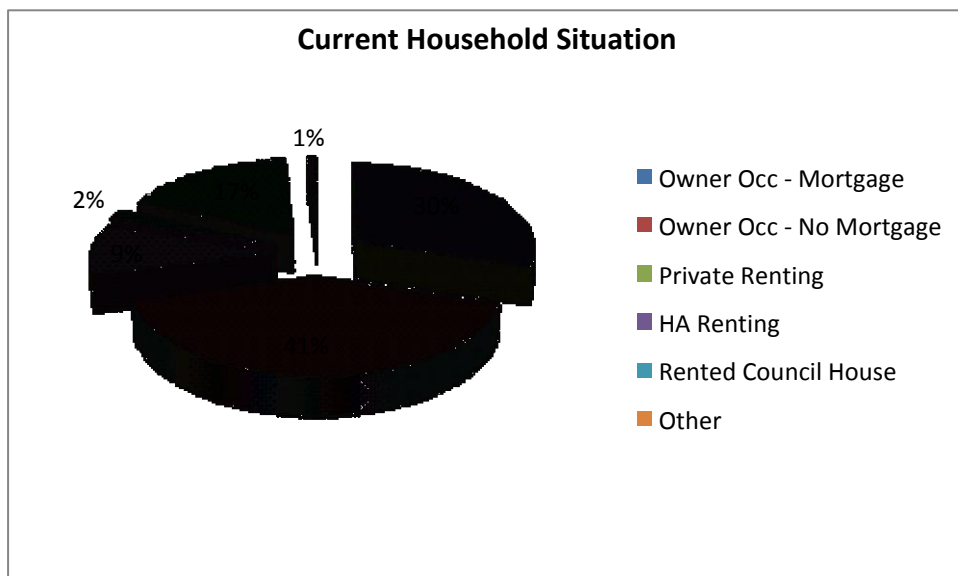
Household Size and Mix

The following chart shows the number of households in each size/mix category. Those households containing single occupants and couples amounted to 70% of respondents, while households containing families represented 27% of total households.



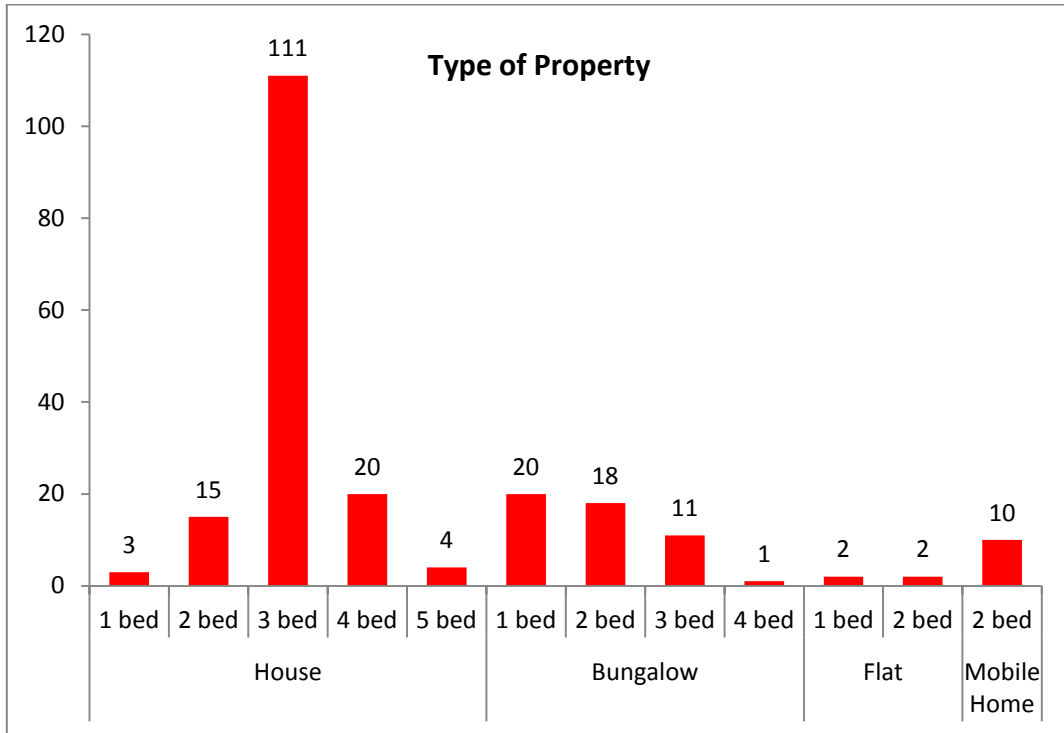
Tenure of all Respondents

The following chart shows the current household tenure of all respondents. Owner-occupiers make up 71% of households. Privately rented accommodation makes up 9% of total households and social rented housing, 19%.



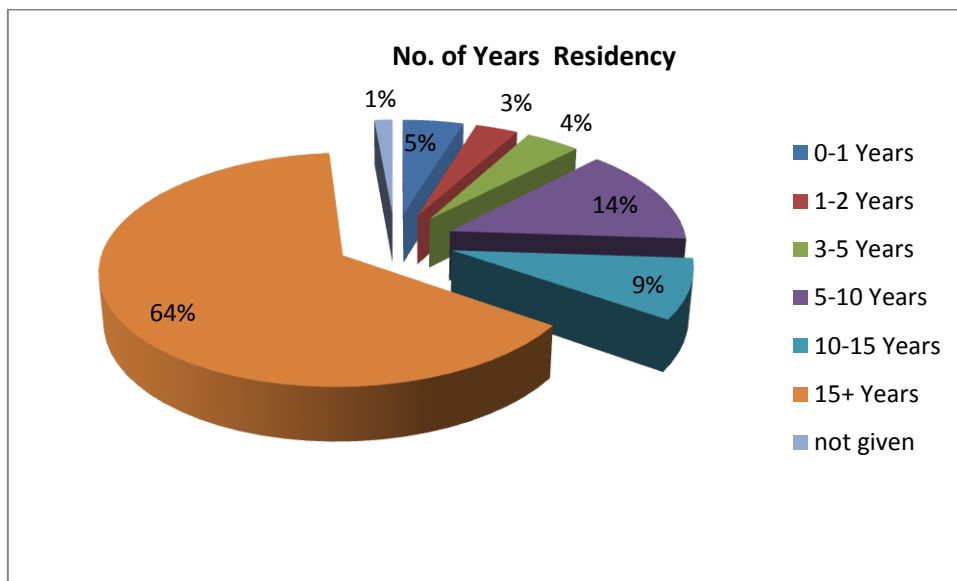
Property Types

The following chart details the types of property that respondents currently live in. 68% of respondents live in family sized properties with three or more bedrooms, with 32% living in 1 or 2 bed roomed accommodation.



Residency

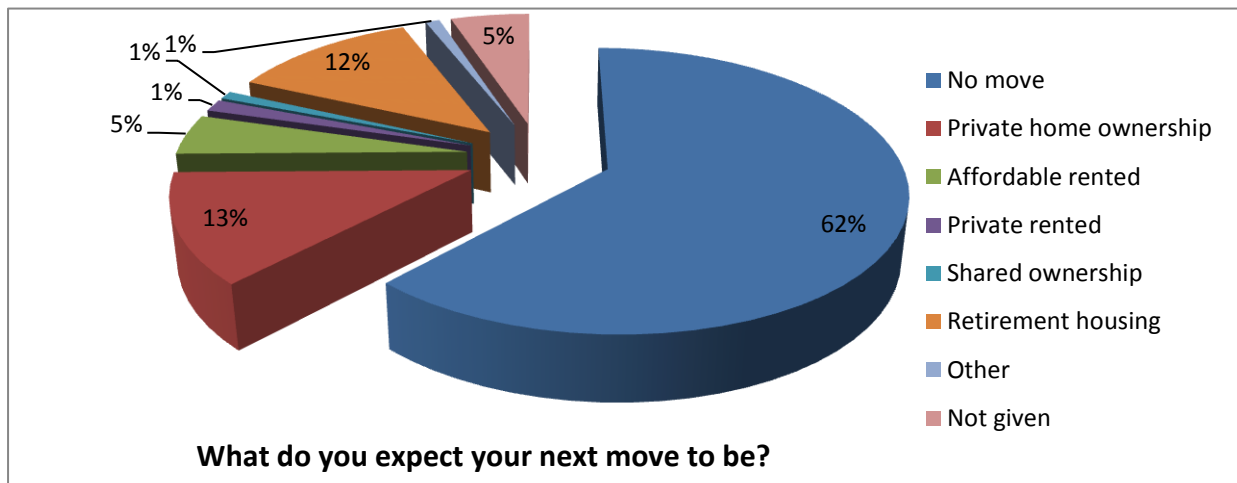
The chart below shows that 91% of respondents have lived in the parish for more than 3 years, with 64% having lived in Harworth & Bircotes for 15 years or more.



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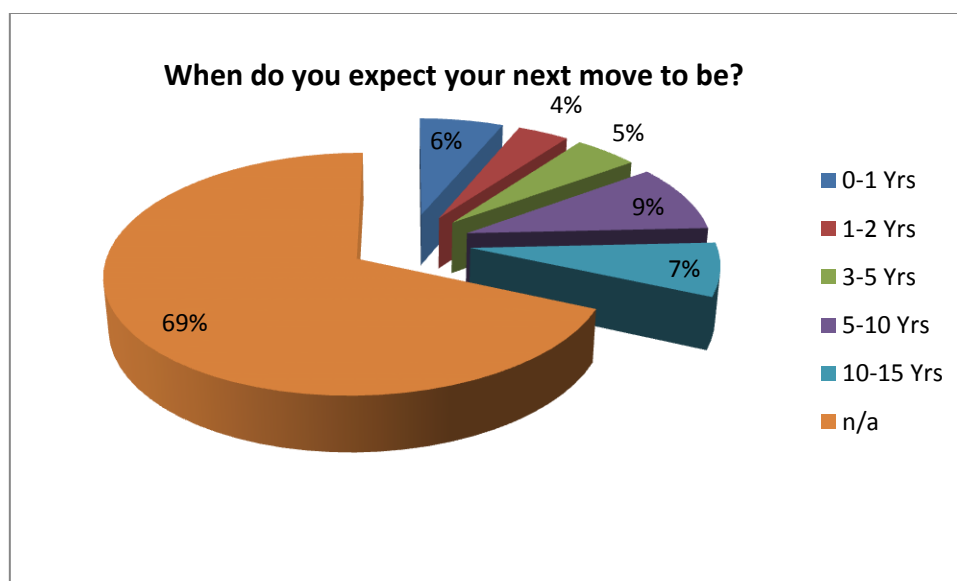
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Timescales

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Availability of Affordable Housing in Bassetlaw

House prices are generally low in Harworth & Bircotes. Average house prices in the District's urban areas are low in comparison with neighbouring rural areas and houses are regarded as being good value for money.

Even so, the relatively low wage levels of many residents means that a lack of affordable housing provision, particularly two and three bedroom houses, remains a serious issue. It is unlikely that future housing allocations will be sufficient to deliver the levels of affordable housing required for the District and so the Council is already taking steps to supplement this supply through such initiatives as the use of Council owned land (either in partnership with a developer or as a house builder in its own right); active promotion of rural exception sites; improvements to the Council's own housing portfolio; and an Empty Homes strategy.

Planning Context

The District Council is mindful of the fact that, while most of the District's population lives in Worksop, Retford or Harworth Bircotes, the District has an expansive rural area.

The District's Core Strategy (Local Plan) designates Harworth & Bircotes as a main regeneration area. The Core Strategy allocates 1560 properties to be built on redevelopment land in the area. The affordable housing target is 15%.

The Site Allocations Preferred Options Document 2014 sets out the site allocations and number of houses expected. Acknowledging that this may not provide communities with sufficient opportunity to secure affordable housing, it makes provision for so-called 'exception sites' for affordable housing (where there is community support and the Council is satisfied that local need exists). This Housing Needs Survey will provide robust evidence regarding the existence, or not, of local need.

The provision of any housing that may be provided as a result of the survey would be subject to conditions of occupation that would give priority to people with a local connection to the town, who are in housing need.

Respondents' Details

The following sections of this report detail the responses from the questionnaires distributed and returned during March 2014 in Harworth & Bircotes. Respondents' individual details have been kept confidential and any identifiable attributes have not been included in the results. Any comments that have been made may also have been edited so as not to identify individual circumstances.

The following results are a snapshot in time and provide the parish and the District Council with an insight in terms of current housing need, the desirability of the town as a place to live, and the current level of facilities serving the local community.

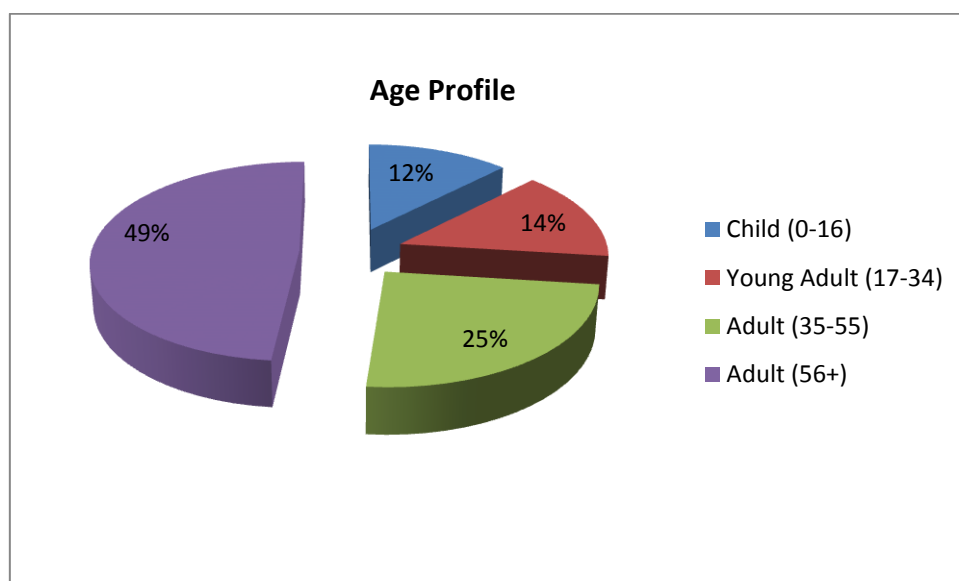
A total of 211 survey forms were received giving a return rate of 6%. This figure is low in comparison to results achieved in rural parishes and may reflect the fact that Harworth & Bircotes has a greater availability of housing, at more affordable prices, than rural parishes.

Age Profile

The chart below shows the age profile of the people captured on the 211 survey forms returned. The responses show that the largest single population group in Harworth & Bircotes, representing 49%, is that of 56+ older adults.

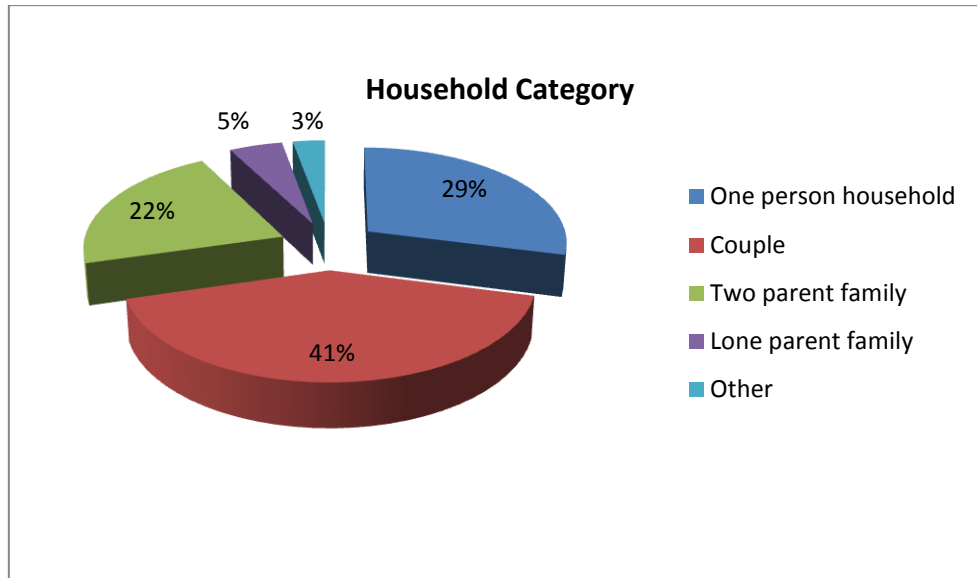
The proportion of children under 16 is quite low at 12%, although the proportion of young adults is reasonable at 14%, indicating that this population group are remaining living in the town.

However, the overall figures indicate an ageing population which may affect the long-term sustainability of Harworth & Bircotes' amenities.



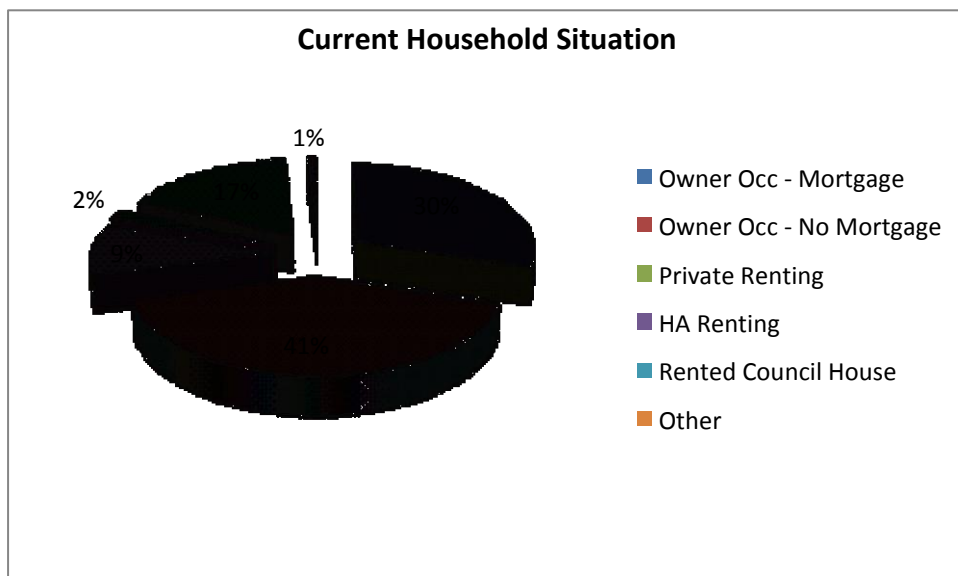
Household Size and Mix

The following chart shows the number of households in each size/mix category. Those households containing single occupants and couples amounted to 70% of respondents, while households containing families represented 27% of total households.



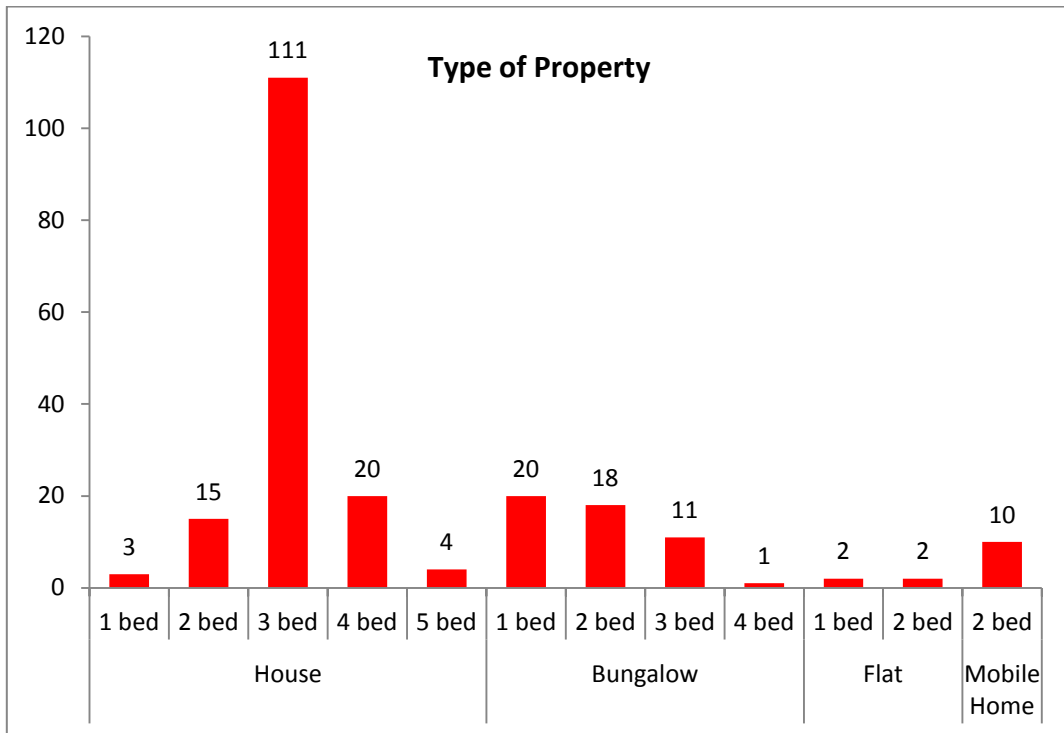
Tenure of all Respondents

The following chart shows the current household tenure of all respondents. Owner-occupiers make up 71% of households. Privately rented accommodation makes up 9% of total households and social rented housing, 19%.



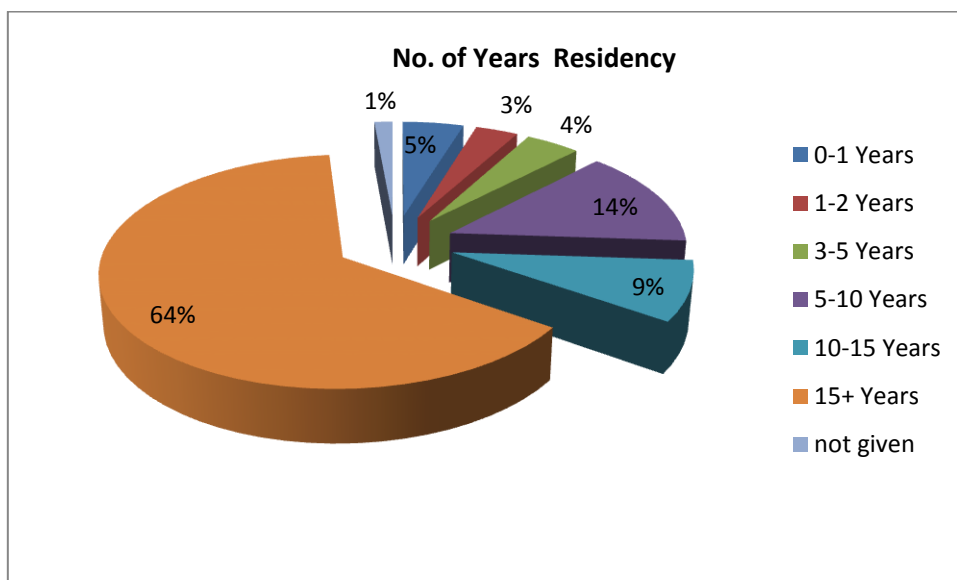
Property Types

The following chart details the types of property that respondents currently live in. 68% of respondents live in family sized properties with three or more bedrooms, with 32% living in 1 or 2 bed roomed accommodation.



Residency

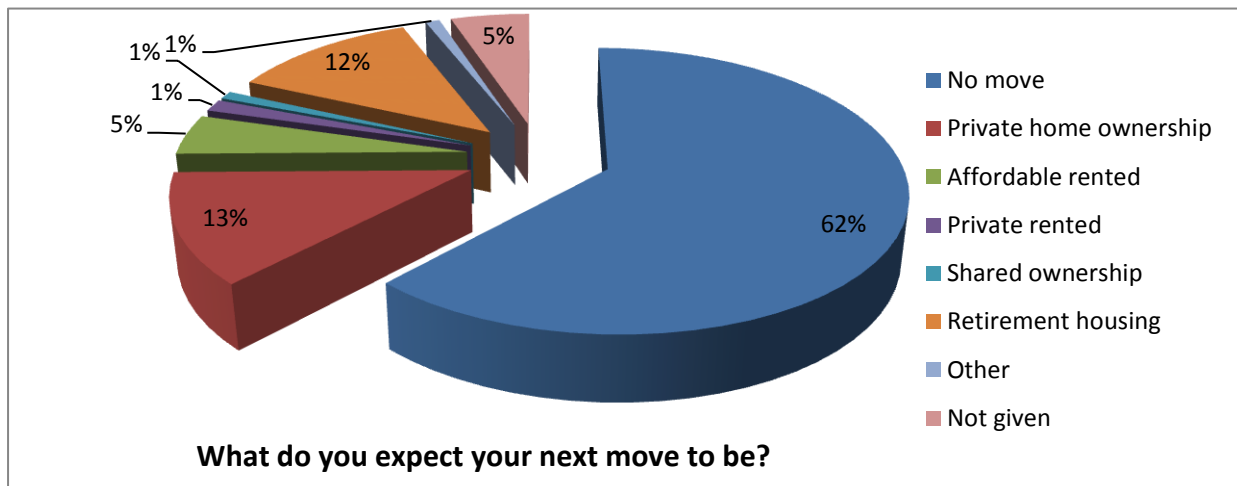
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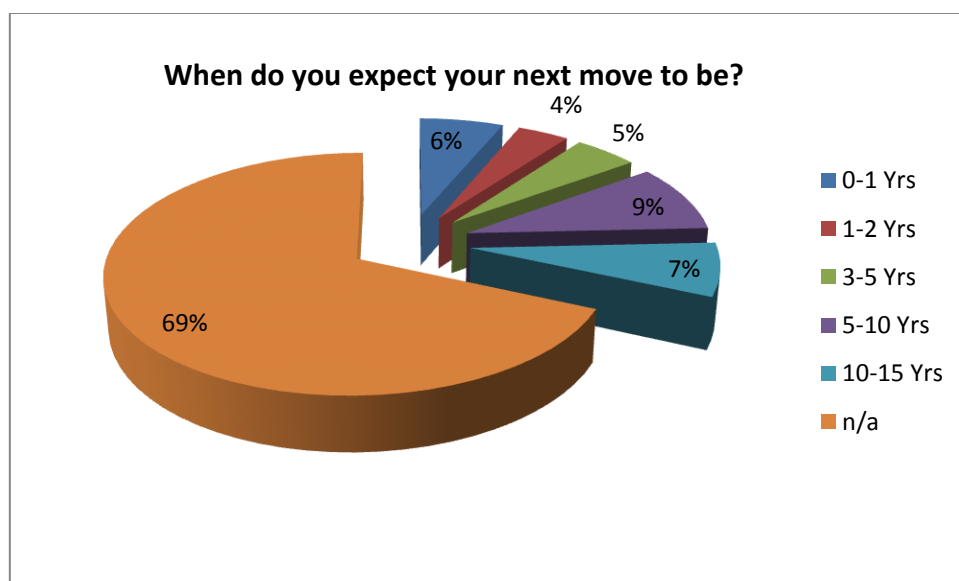
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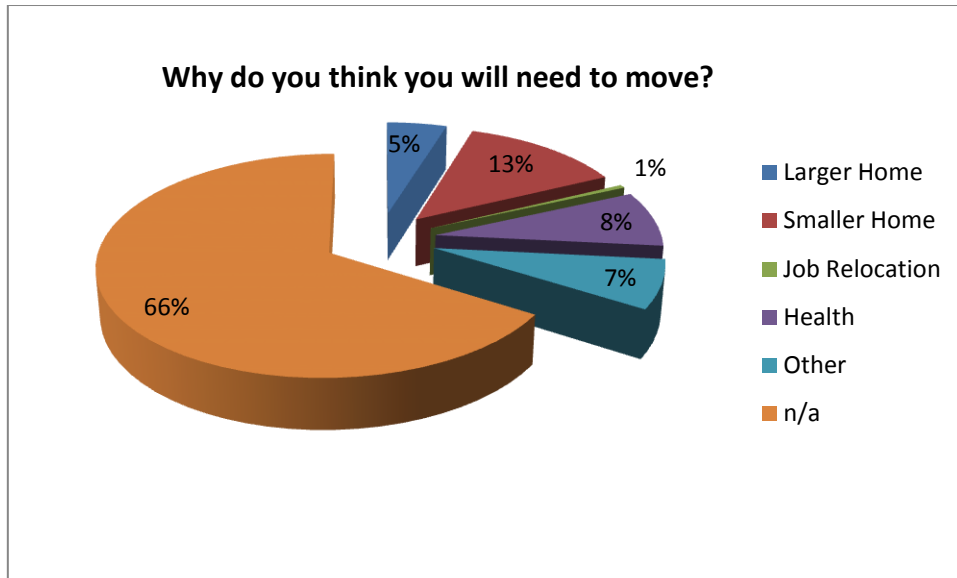
Timescales

The chart below shows that 15% of respondents are expecting to move within the next five years and a further 16% in 5-15 years time.



Why Do You Need To Move?

Householders were asked their reasons for needing to move in the future. The chart below shows that 13% will be seeking to downsize to a smaller property. 8% will need to move for health reasons and 5% will require a larger home. 7% have other reasons for moving.

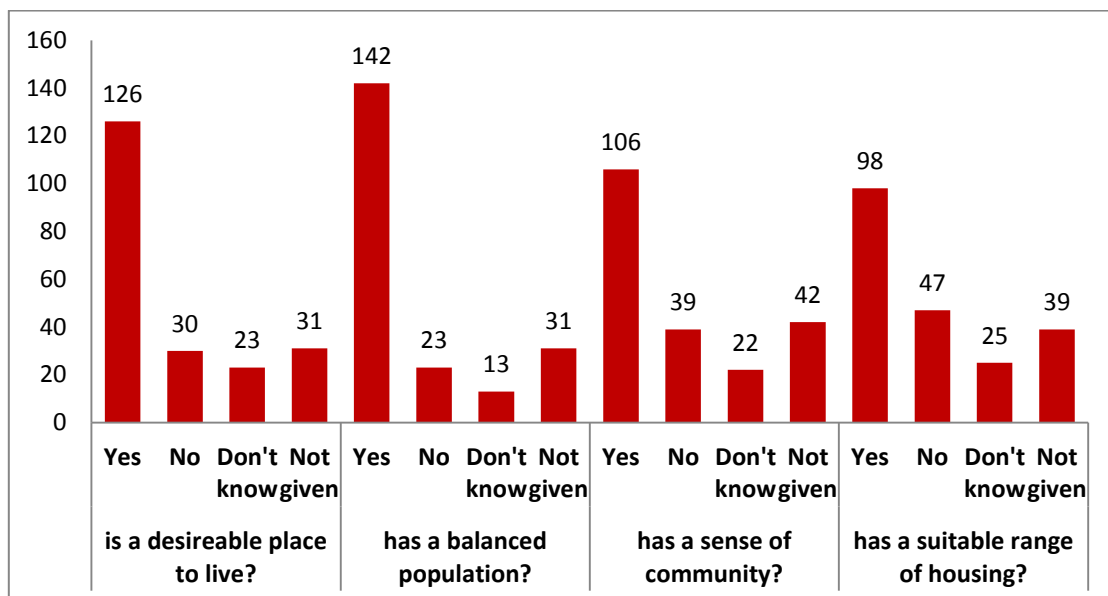


Sustainability Issues

Respondents were asked a series of questions relating to the perceived advantages and disadvantages of living in Harworth & Bircotes. The purpose of these questions is to build-up a picture of life in the parish and to identify any issues that could form a threat to the long-term sustainability of the parish. The following two charts detail respondents' answers, from which we can gain an indication whether any housing provided in the future will be sustainable, i.e. will people want to live there in the future?

Looking at life in the parish, the first chart, below, relates to Q9 on the survey questionnaire and seeks to identify the advantages of living in Harworth & Bircotes.

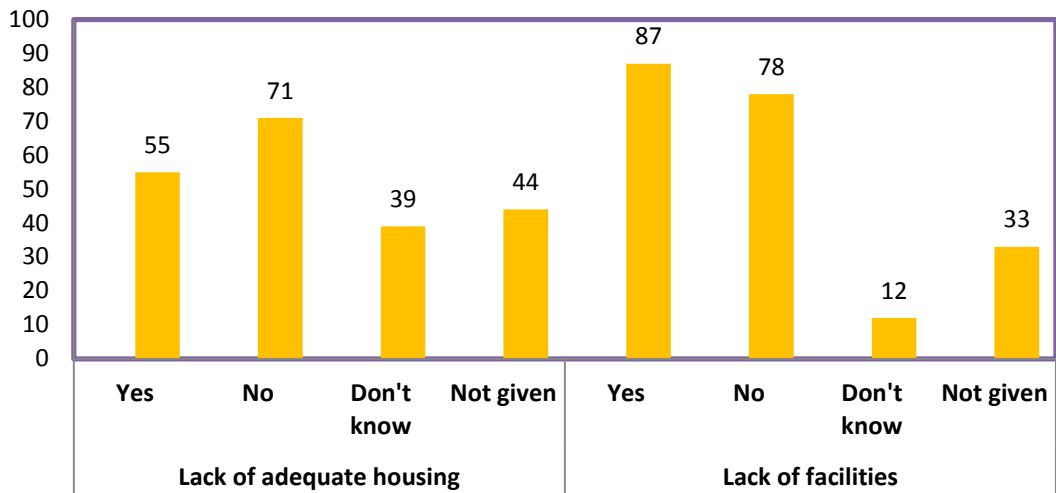
Do you feel that the parish –



From the chart above it can be seen that the vast majority of respondents consider that Harworth & Bircotes is a desirable place to live, has a balanced population and has a sense of community. Asked whether the parish has a suitable range of housing, respondents were less sure, with fewer than 50% giving a positive answer.

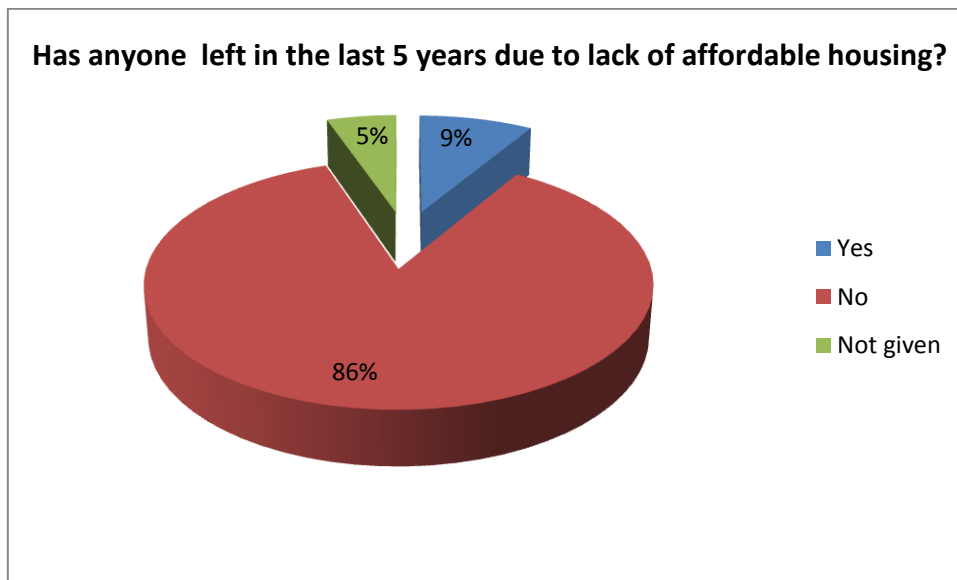
On the following page, the second chart, relating to Q10 on the questionnaire, asks whether Harworth & Bircotes lacks adequate housing or facilities.

Do you feel that the parish suffers from –



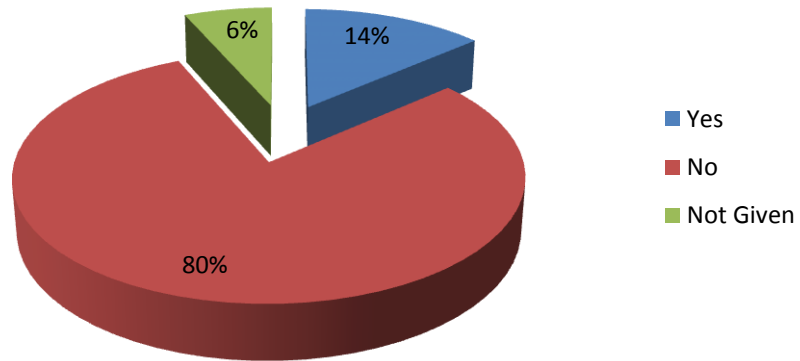
In relation to housing stock, there is mixed opinion, with 55 respondents saying there is a lack of adequate housing and 71 saying there isn't. 83 respondents were either undecided or did not give an opinion.

With regard to facilities, opinion was also divided. Although 87 think there is a lack of facilities, 78 respondents were of the opposite opinion and a further 45 were undecided or did not give an opinion.



9% of respondents claimed to know someone who had left their parish in the last five years because property prices were not affordable.

Has anyone left in the last 5 years due to lack of suitable housing?

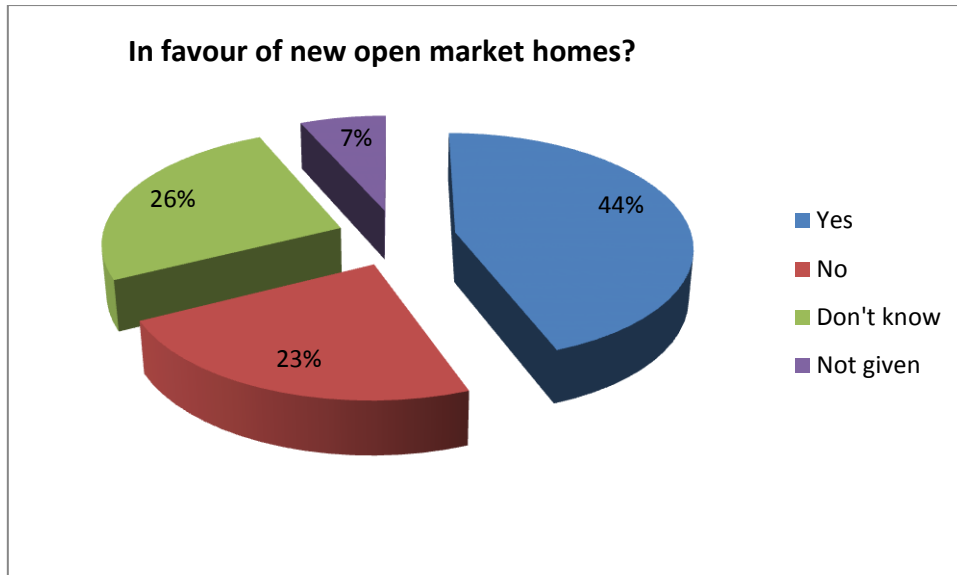


14% of respondents claimed to know someone who had left their parish in the last five years because the type of property they required was not available.

Local Support for Housing Development

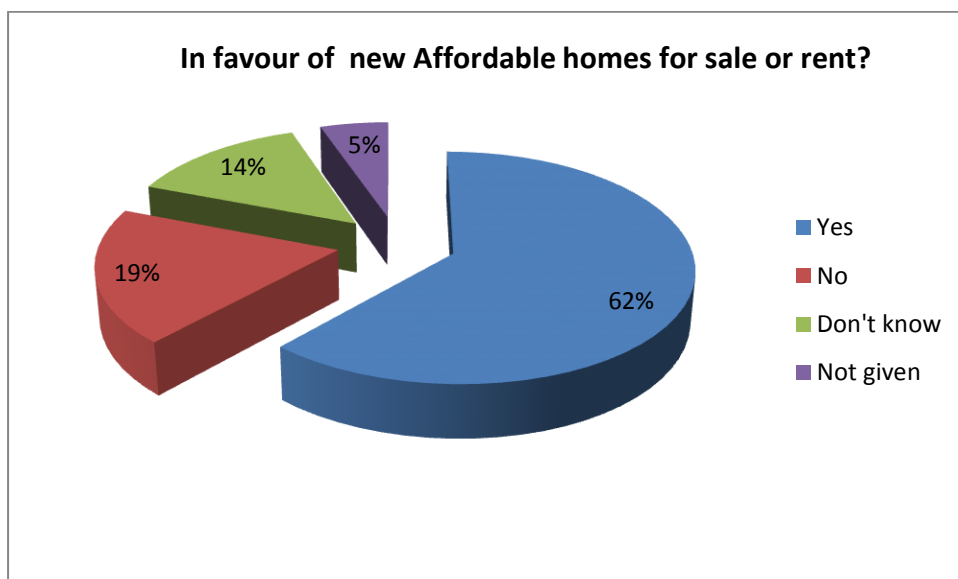
Respondents were asked whether they would be in favour of housing development in Harworth & Bircotes, and, if so, what type of development?

Would you be in favour of a development of new open market homes for sale?



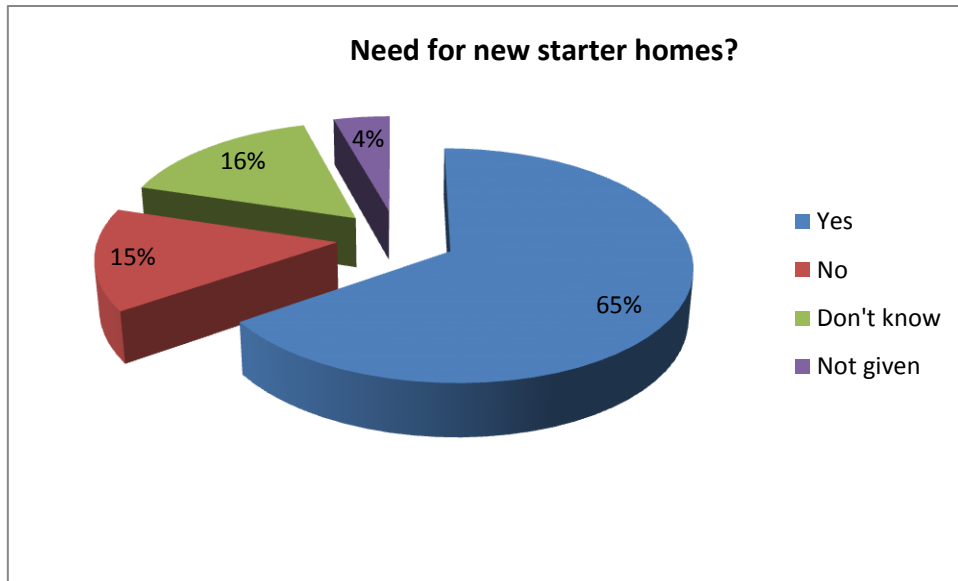
44% would be in favour of new housing development, with only 23% being directly opposed. 33% were undecided or gave no opinion.

Would you be in favour of a development of new 'affordable' homes for rent and shared ownership, for local people?



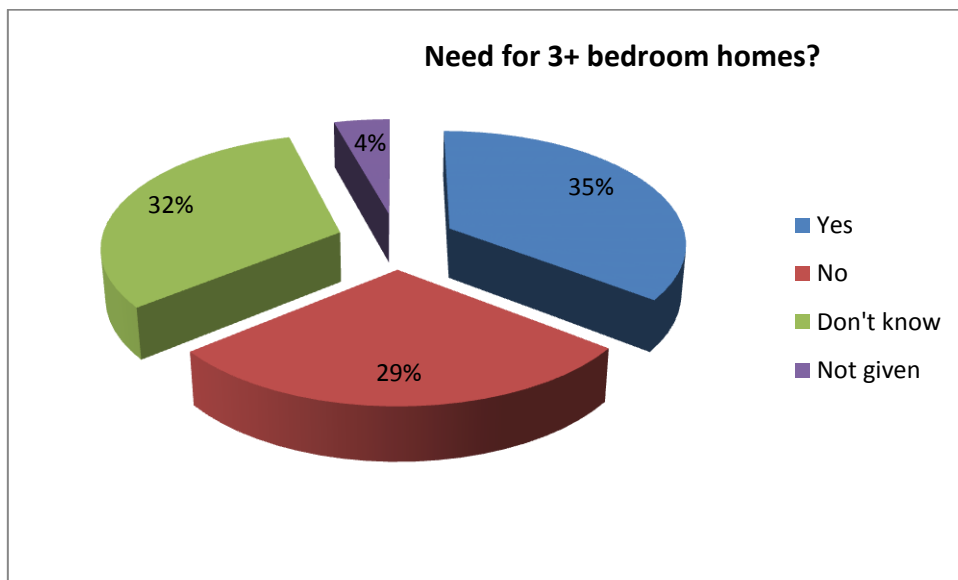
62% of respondents are in favour, 19% opposed, and 19% other.

Is there a need for 1 or 2 bed starter homes for sale, to help first time buyers?



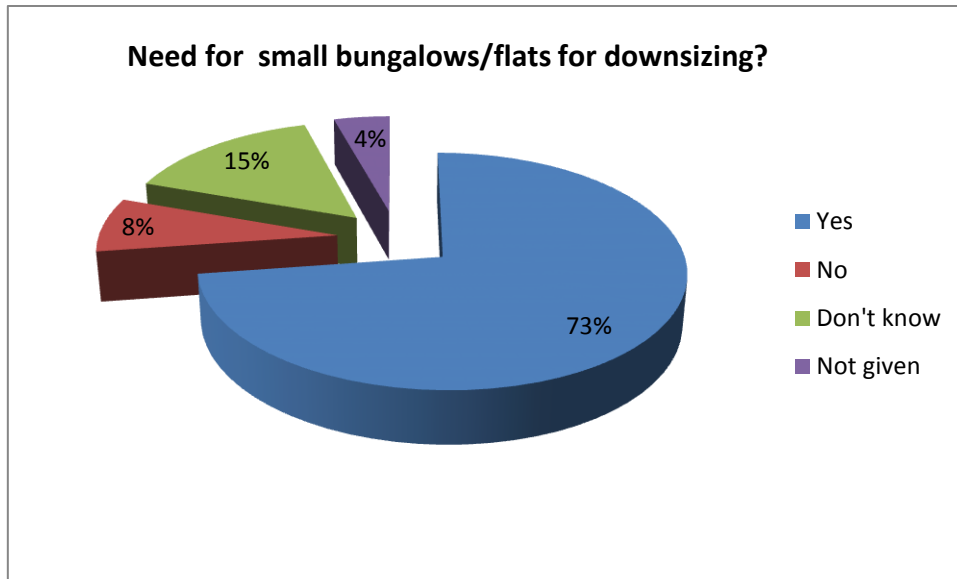
Over 65% of respondents believe there is a need for more starter homes in Harworth & Bircotes. 15% would not be in support, with 20% being undecided or did not give an opinion.

Is there a need for more 3+ bedroom homes for sale?



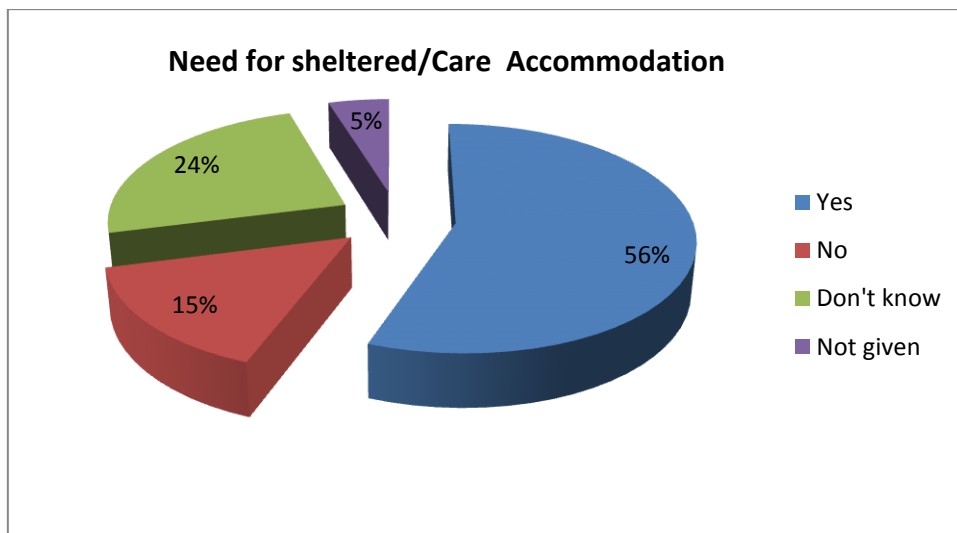
In this case there was much less support for new development. Only 35% of respondents were in favour, with 29% being opposed and 36% being undecided or giving no opinion.

Is there a need for small bungalows or flats for sale, to help older people wanting to downsize?



73% of respondents were in favour of developing open market properties to help older people to downsize. Only 8% were directly opposed.

Is there a need for sheltered housing or care accommodation for the elderly?

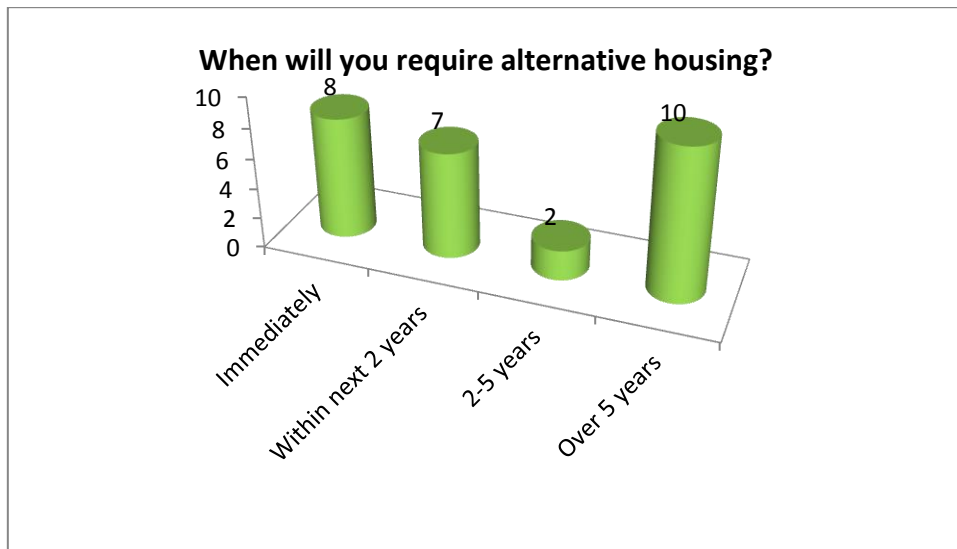


56% of respondents felt that there is a need for dedicated elderly people's accommodation.

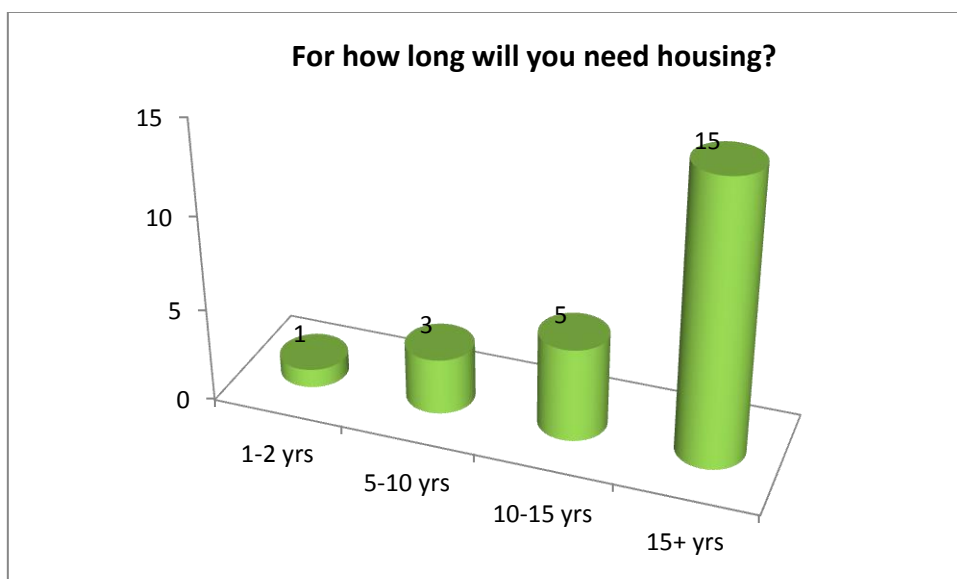
Housing Needs Analysis

Of the 211 returns, 182 were from people who would be considered as adequately housed and would not be looking to move to alternative accommodation within the foreseeable future. These respondents completed a survey form primarily to offer their opinion regarding 'local needs' housing development, as well as to give their comments regarding the sustainability of Harworth & Bircotes and comment on its facilities.

Twenty nine respondents have indicated their need to find alternative properties in the future.



Eight respondents require new housing immediately, seven within two years and two within five years. Ten respondents will not want to move for over five years.

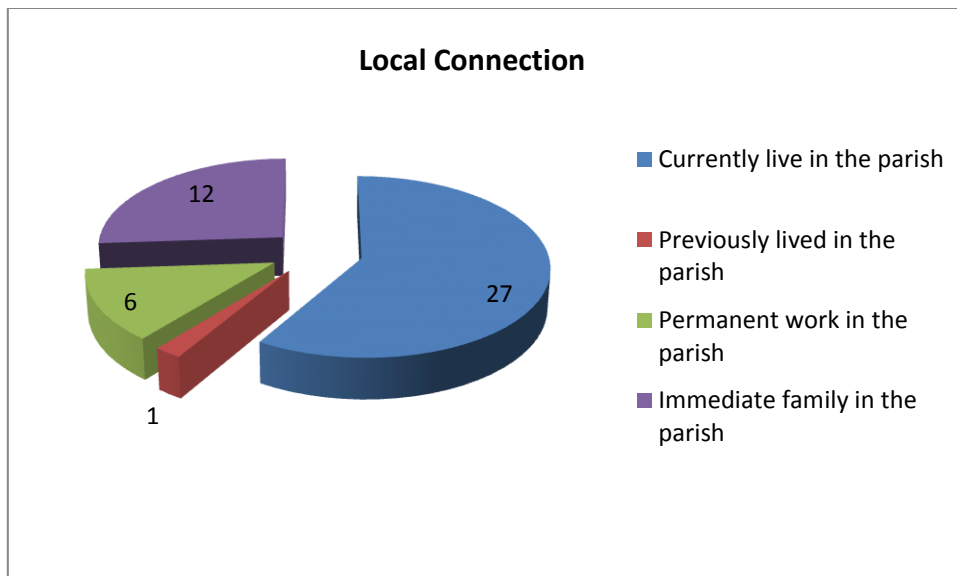


One respondent will only require housing for a period of up to two years. Three respondents will require housing for between 5 -10 years and twenty for over 10 years.

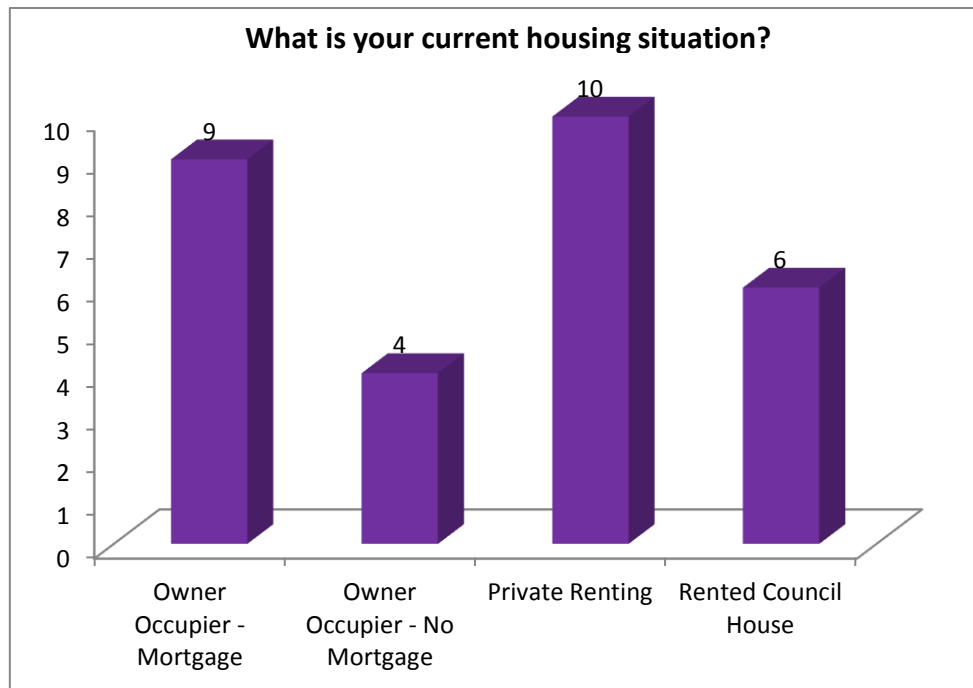
Three respondents are registered on a Housing Association register and ten are registered on the Local Authority Register.

Registering an Interest

Twenty nine respondents would like to register an interest in future housing supply in Harworth & Bircotes. All but one currently live in the town and one has previously lived there and would like to return. Several respondents work in the parish and/or have immediate family living locally.

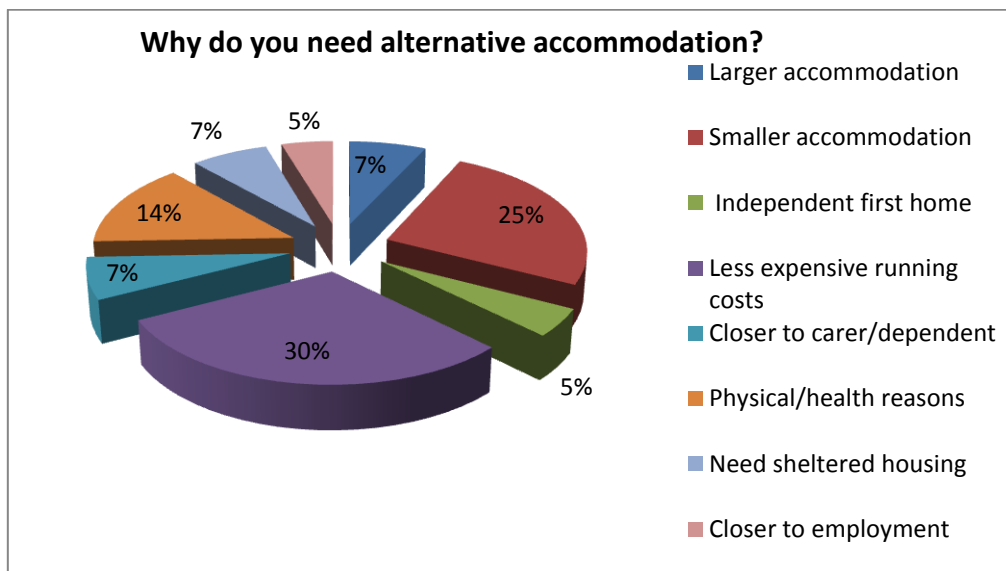


The chart below shows the current housing situation of those respondents who have registered an interest in alternative housing in Harworth & Bircotes.



In total, 13 respondents are owner-occupiers, with 10 renting in the private sector and 6 renting from the Local Authority.

Need to Move



Respondents were asked why they would need to move in the future. The chart above outlines their reasons. The main reasons given were less expensive running costs, a requirement for smaller housing and physical or health needs.

Alternative Housing Requirements

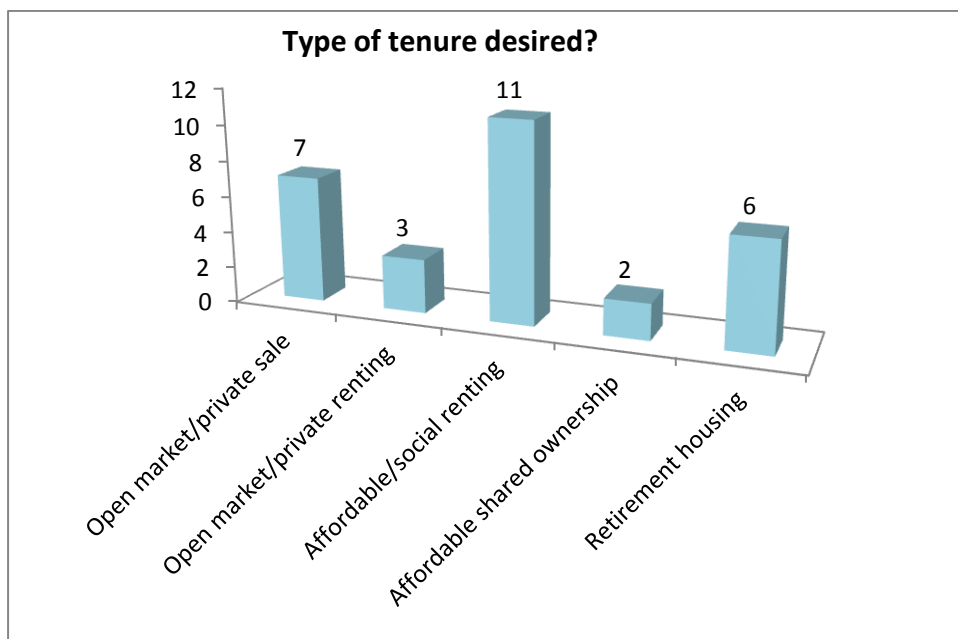
The twenty nine respondents were asked what would be the most suitable type of housing for you. The chart below shows their responses.

13 respondents have indicated that would prefer open market housing for sale. Of these, 6 respondents will be seeking retirement housing.

3 respondents would prefer to remain in the private rental sector.

11 respondents have indicated an interest in affordable rented property.

2 respondents would be interested in affordable shared ownership.



Type/Size of Property Required

Respondents were asked what type and size of property would be required. Some indicated more than one choice. There is a requirement for 1 & 2 bed properties across the board. The highest requirement is for 2 bed roomed bungalows.

	House					Bungalow		Flat	
	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed	1 bed	2 bed	1 bed	2 bed
Number Required	2	11	3	5	3	5	14	0	1



Conclusions & Recommendations

Midlands Rural Housing has conducted a detailed study of the housing needs of Harworth & Bircotes. This study has not only investigated the actual housing needs, but has also ascertained residents' views with regard to living in the town, and has identified the level of local support for housing development to meet local needs.

Harworth & Bircotes is formed from two individual settlements. Firstly, the original farming community of Harworth and secondly, the coal mining community of Bircotes which was formed in the 1920's. Harworth & Bircotes lies midway between Worksop and Doncaster. Both are approximately ten miles distant. The town is situated in a triangle bounded by three major roads, the A1(M) to the west, the A631 to the north and the A614 to the east which give good road links to local motorway networks and to employment centres such as Doncaster and Rotherham. There is no local railway station.

With the decline in coal mining, local employment is often in low skilled, low income jobs such as retailing and transport, although there are prospects for re-development of ex-coalmining areas leading to new employment opportunities.

Existing housing stock consists largely of terraced and semi-detached properties, much of which was developed at the height of the coal mining era. Property values are generally below average for the East Midlands and Nottinghamshire, although on a par for Bassetlaw District. Locally, there are a wide range of properties available for sale or rent.

The population of Harworth & Bircotes is ageing, with almost 50% of respondents being older adults. The proportion of children under 16 is low. This gives some concern over the sustainability of local amenities in the long-term. Just 27% of respondents are family households, with 70% being single person households or couples.

In contrast, 68% of respondents are living in family sized accommodation, with 32% living in one or two bedroom properties, indicating that there is major under-occupation of family-sized properties. Property ownership is lower than average leading to a high percentage of rented households. In particular, almost 20% of respondents are in social rented housing.

64% of respondents to the survey have lived in Harworth & Bircotes for over 15 years and 62% do not expect to move in the future. Reflecting the ageing nature of the population, of those who do expect to move, 12% of respondents will be seeking retirement housing. A further 6% will expect to move into social housing. 50% of those wanting to move will be seeking to do so in the next five years. The main reasons for wanting to move were given as the need to downsize or for health reasons, although 5% of respondents will be looking to move into larger properties. In general, respondents are content with Harworth & Bircotes as a place to live, the majority believing it to be a desirable place to live, with a good community spirit, well balanced population and a suitable range of housing. However, significant



numbers of respondents felt that there is some lack of adequate housing and also a lack of adequate facilities in the town. Several knew of people who had left Harworth & Bircotes due to a lack of affordable or suitable housing.

Looking at future housing requirements in Harworth & Bircotes, the survey asked a range of questions relating to what types of housing people would like to see being developed. The results were as follows:-

44% would be in favour of developing a range of new homes for sale on the open market.

62% would be in favour of developing 'affordable' homes for rent and shared ownership.

65% would be in favour of developing new starter homes for sale on the open market.

35% would be in favour of developing new 3+ bed roomed homes for sale on the open market.

73% would be in favour of developing small bungalows or flats for sale on the open market.

56% would be in favour of sheltered housing or care accommodation for the elderly.

Twenty nine respondents have registered an interest in future housing needs. 50% of these will require housing within the next five years. Thirteen of them are registered on local housing registers. All but one are currently living in Harworth Bircotes and require long-term housing. All have a strong connection to the town. Thirteen are owner-occupiers, ten are renting in the private sector and six are living in social rented housing. The three main reasons for needing to move are given as, a need for lower running costs, a need for smaller housing and for health/physical reasons.

The twenty nine respondents have indicated the following preferences for future housing:-

13 have indicated a desire to purchase on the open market, including 6 who would be seeking to purchase a retirement property.

3 respondents would prefer renting in the private sector.

11 respondents would be interested in affordable rented property.

2 respondents would be interested in affordable shared ownership.

The respondents would be seeking a range of property types and sizes, but the most popular requirements are two bed roomed bungalows and two bed roomed houses.

Our recommendations are that, to alleviate current and future housing needs in Harworth & Bircotes;

Consideration should be given to providing 13 affordable properties for rent and shared ownership.

Future housing development plans should give high consideration to small retirement properties, particularly 2 bed bungalows, and to starter homes for 1st time buyers.



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Appendix J: Green Infrastructure Study Consultation***Identified Consultees***

16.8 The following list details the identified bodies and groups that the Draft Green Infrastructure was sent to inviting them to comment on the document.

- Tickhill Parish Council
- Natural England
- Notts Wildlife Trust
- Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council
- Harworth Estates
- Spawforths (land agents for Harworth Estates)
- Scrooby Parish Council
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Woodland Trust
- Sport England

