



Repton Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

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What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- Sets out how we, the residents, see Repton and Milton developing over the next few years
- Covers a range of issues (see later)
- Sits within the structure of local government planning
- Gives us a recognised voice
 - It is a statutory document

Typical Areas Covered by a Neighbourhood Plan

- Housing, Industrial Buildings / Businesses
- Facilities and Services
- Roads, Road Safety and Transport
- Crime and Safety
- Work, Training and Local Economy
- Education and Training
- Leisure and Tourism
- Environment and Sustainability
- Children and Young People

Why do we need a Neighbourhood Plan?

- It gives us a say in change and development
- As a recognised document it carries weight when planning decisions are made; it must be considered
- It allows people to make well advised judgements about how they would like the villages to change, rather than simply reacting to events

Examples of how to construct a Neighbourhood Plan

- We are far from the first to attempt this
- There is a vast amount of material available, much of it easily accessible on the internet
- This ranges from guidance documents from various local governments to the plans other villages have produced
- We can use this to help produce our plan

Consultation

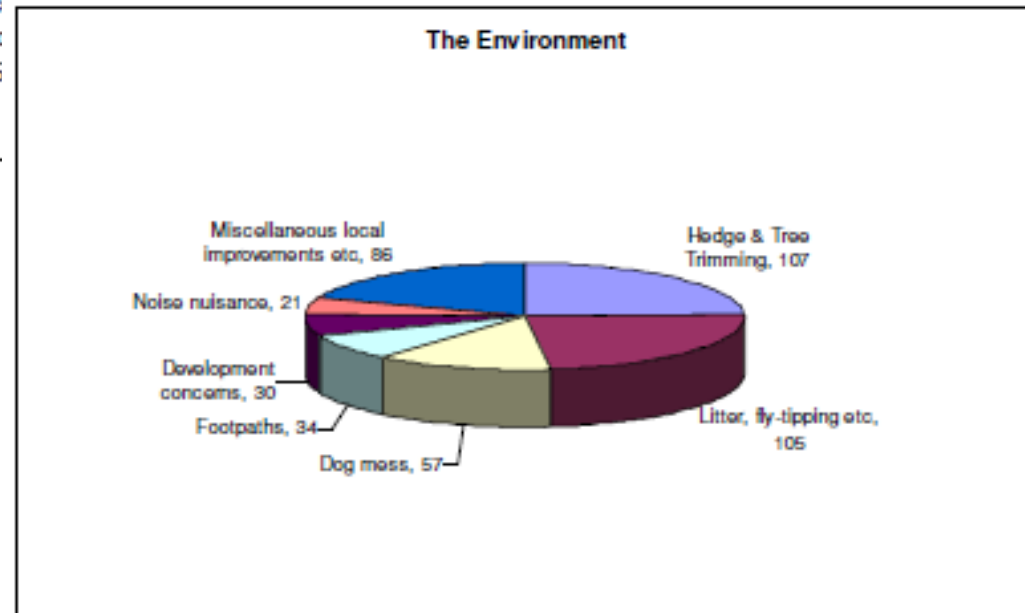
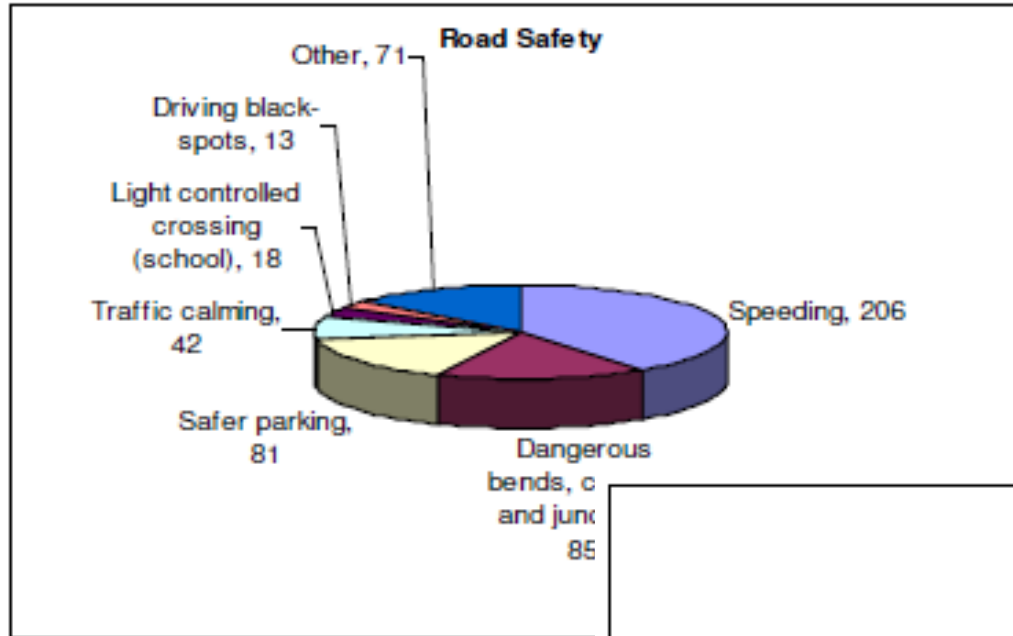
- This is the key to a good and credible Neighbourhood Plan
- The plan must reflect the views of a significant part of the community
- The way to achieve this is through a series of consultation exercises
- This is often achieved with open meetings and questionnaires
- Organising these forms a major part of producing the material for the Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation - Examples

HOUSING

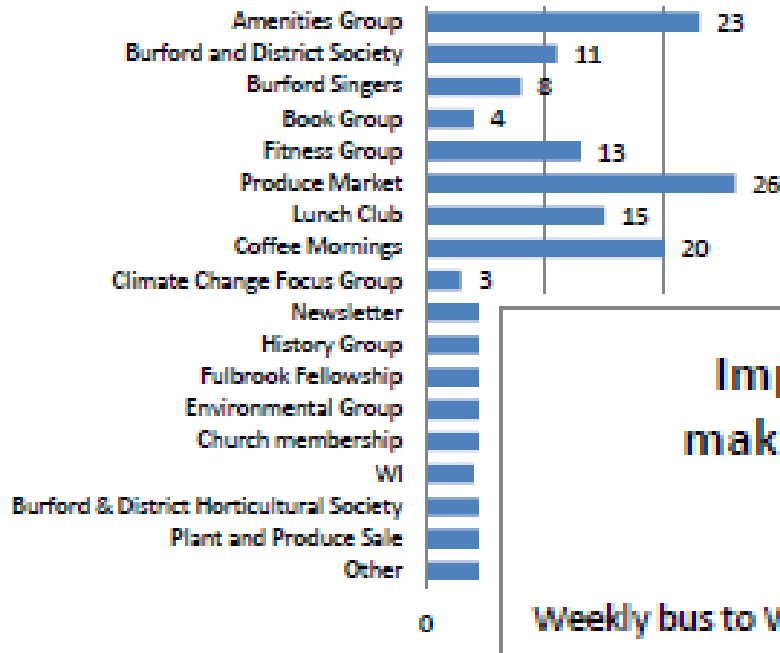
	YES	UNSURE	NO
1 The draft Core Strategy recently published by Northumberland County Council proposes that Ponteland should contribute an additional 850 new houses over the next 20 years.			
1.1 Do you support that proposal?	<input type="checkbox"/> 4%	<input type="checkbox"/> 6%	<input type="checkbox"/> 90%
1.2 Would you support that proposal if it did not require the loss of green belt?	<input type="checkbox"/> 19%	<input type="checkbox"/> 17%	<input type="checkbox"/> 64%
2 There is a chronic shortfall of affordable housing and housing for the over 60s both nationally and locally. With this in mind would you agree with the following:-			
2.1 More affordable housing should be provided in Ponteland?	<input type="checkbox"/> 32%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 48%
2.2 Affordable housing should comprise a mix of rental and ownership?	<input type="checkbox"/> 44%	<input type="checkbox"/> 16%	<input type="checkbox"/> 40%
2.3 There should be more provision of housing suitable for retirees?	<input type="checkbox"/> 40%	<input type="checkbox"/> 23%	<input type="checkbox"/> 37%
2.4 There should be more residential style care homes in Ponteland?	<input type="checkbox"/> 18%	<input type="checkbox"/> 25%	<input type="checkbox"/> 57%
2.5 Housing mix and tenure should be left to market forces?	<input type="checkbox"/> 36%	<input type="checkbox"/> 16%	<input type="checkbox"/> 48%
3 Do you agree that new housing should preferably be on 'brown field' sites only i.e. previously developed land	<input type="checkbox"/> 92%	<input type="checkbox"/> 3%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5%
4 If Green Belt land has to be released for housing should this be:-			
4.1 Close to the village centre with pedestrian and cycle links?	<input type="checkbox"/> 35%	<input type="checkbox"/> 12%	<input type="checkbox"/> 53%
4.2 Away from the village centre in smaller developments with separate identities?	<input type="checkbox"/> 31%	<input type="checkbox"/> 19%	<input type="checkbox"/> 50%
4.3 Left to market forces to bring sites forward?	<input type="checkbox"/> 12%	<input type="checkbox"/> 13%	<input type="checkbox"/> 75%

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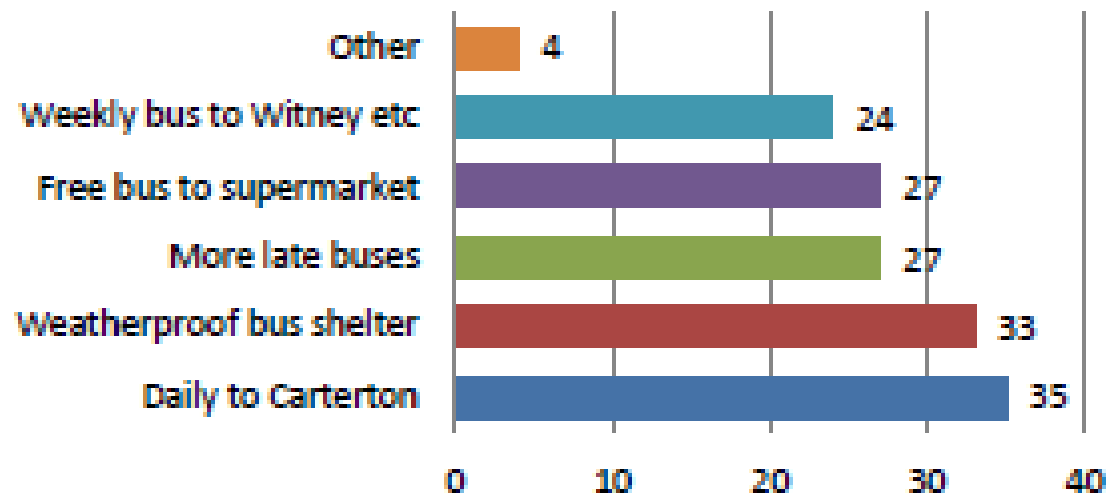


Consultation - Examples

Regular Attendance at Fulbrook Societies, Groups & Events



Improvements to the bus service making you more likely to use them



Consultation - Examples

Section 4: The Environment

This section is trying to understand what use residents make of the natural environment in Fulbrook and what other issues and improvements people would like to see.

[Road traffic is the subject of a separate set of questions in section 5.]

Footpaths

Question 4.1

How often do people in your household use the off-road footpaths and bridleways in the countryside around Fulbrook?

More than once a week Once a week Once a month Less than once a month Never

Question 4.2

Are there any improvements to the footpaths you would like to see? If so, what?

Street Lighting

Question 4.3

Do you think that more street lighting is needed in some parts of Fulbrook?

YES NO Don't Know

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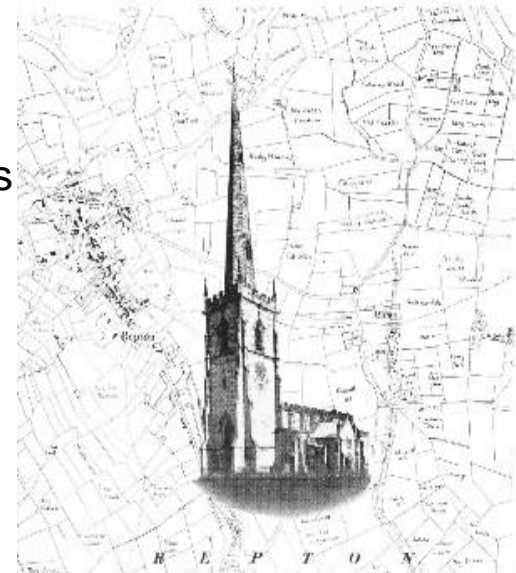
Question 1.16

Here are some ideas for other possible groups in the village. Would you be interested in taking an active part in any of the following?

Drama/Play reading	<input type="checkbox"/>	Music group	<input type="checkbox"/>
A community choir	<input type="checkbox"/>	Knitting/sewing group	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussion group	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gardening club	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lunch club with speaker	<input type="checkbox"/>	Debating group	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christmas craft market	<input type="checkbox"/>	Participating in Artweeks	<input type="checkbox"/>
Humanist Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amnesty International	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poetry Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Book Club	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="text"/>		

The Village Design Statement

- Written in 2006
- Covers much of what would typically go in a Neighbourhood Plan
- Forms a very good basis to build on
- Contents:
 - 1. Introduction
 - 2. The Landscape Setting of the Settlements
 - 3. Building Form and Layout
 - 4. The History of Repton & Milton
 - 5. Transport and Communications
 - 6. Community and Economy
 - 7. Acknowledgements
 - 8. Further Information
 - 9. Map



http://www.reptonvillage.org.uk/village_society/village_design_statement1.htm

The Way Forward

- A steering committee has been formed made up of members of the Parish Council
- The parish boundary has been formally submitted to SDDC as the area for the plan
- Establish a working group – we need *your* help
- Develop a project plan and secure funding
- Community consultation
- Prioritising and planning action
- Drafting the plan
- Finalising the plan
- Submit for approval by SDDC
- Hold referendum
- Adopt and implement the plan

The Way Forward - Plan

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Activity

Parish council agrees to NP proposal

Form steering committee

Decide on boundary of plan area

Apply to SDDC to have area formally recognised

Produce publicity material and arrange launch meeting

Form a working group

Agree a constitution

Plan in detail the work required and agree jobs

Apply to funding through mycommunityrights

Review the existing evidence base – community make-up, Village Design Statement, census etc.

Start the promotion campaign. Write a website, posters, parish magazine, hand-outs in local organisations etc.

Hold first consultation – what issues concern/interest people

Collate the results and use them to draft the next consultation

Hold the second consultation

Collate the results and use them to draft the NP

Circulate the draft plan (and summary) as part of the final consultation process

Submit the NP and evidence base to SDDC

SDDC reviews the NP. If it is judged sound SDDC arranges for formal independent examination

SDDC arranges referendum

If vote is in favour, plan is adopted

NP is adopted and becomes statutory planning guidance



Working Group

- Typically needs about 5 to 10 people actively taking part
- Must cover a representative range of views
- Ideally membership would include people from major village institutions
- Is not an offshoot of the parish council but reports to the steering committee
- Enthusiasm and a desire to get the task completed essential
- **Please leave your name and contact details**