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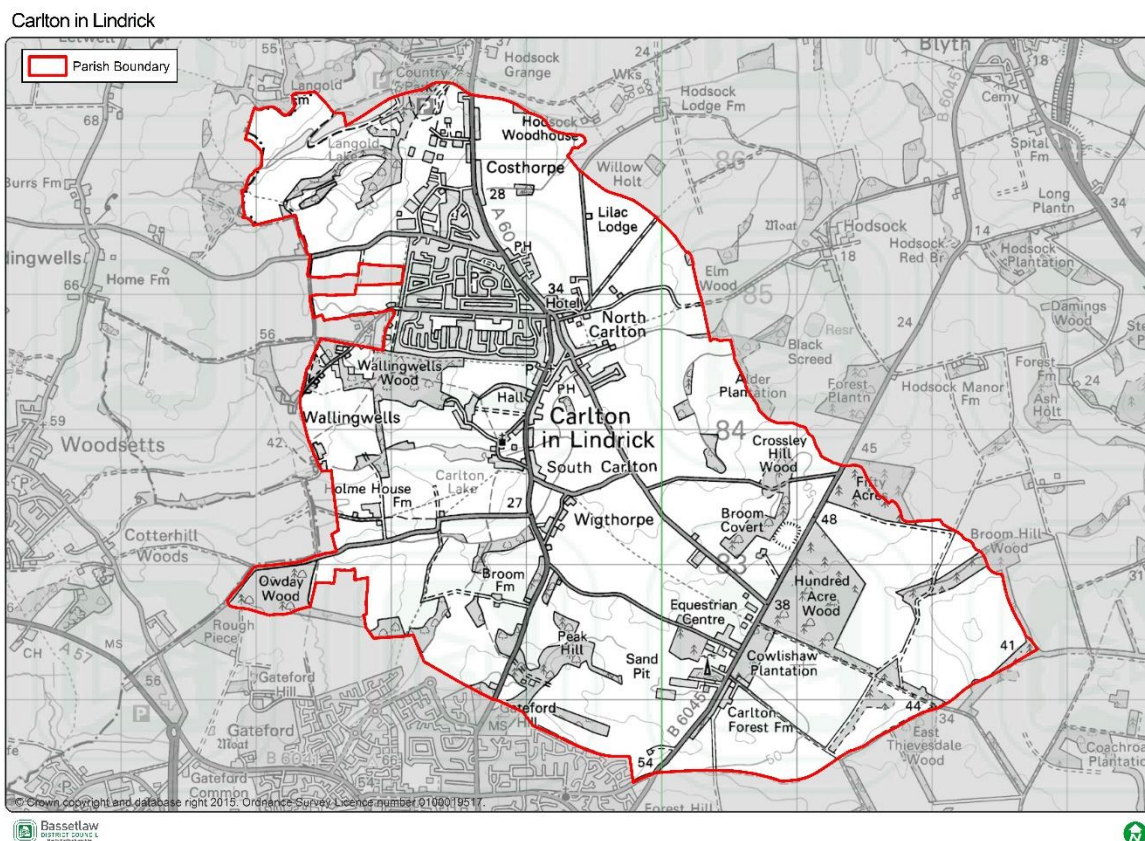
Carlton in Lindrick Neighbourhood Plan Business Survey Feedback

Introduction

Carlton Parish Council are in the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the village and have now begun consulting the community and businesses on local issues and opportunities.

The preliminary consultation events are designed to identify 'key' issues and opportunities that the Neighbourhood Plan can focus on in the future and later include these within the vision and objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Map 1: Neighbourhood Plan Area



These issues and opportunities are important as they will help establish the Neighbourhood Plans 'vision' and priorities in order for the group to create detailed planning policies on the issues that matter to the community.

The Parish Council undertook, and intends to undertake further, consultation with various community groups and individuals to enable the feedback to be inclusive and represent a wide range of individuals within the community.

- Local community groups;
- Businesses;
- Sports groups; and
- Other individuals.

The Parish Council undertook a SWOT analysis (figure 1) of their 'known' issues and potential opportunities within Carlton and how a Neighbourhood Plan might overcome and deliver these in

the future. In addition to the questionnaire, the Parish Council has also consulted local amenity groups and associations within the community to find out what they feel the issues and opportunities are for the future.

Figure 1: SWOT Analysis

<p>STRENGTHS</p> <p>Civic Centre Youth Centre Good Pubs Good Road Network Good Primary Schools Good Health Service Good links to Worksop and Doncaster New Burial Ground Amount of Public Open Space Level of Public Rights of Way</p>	<p>WEAKNESSES</p> <p>Quality of new developments Lack of services on new developments Lack of protection of our historic buildings Poor public transport Derelict areas within the village No heart to the village Lack of employment Not enough for young people to do</p>
<p>OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p>Redevelop the former Colliery site Employment expansion at Peppers site Petrol station More jobs and industry Developing the land around the library Improve leisure and recreation facilities Potential to turn Langold Country Park into a regional attraction.</p>	<p>THREATS</p> <p>Colliery site not getting redeveloped Aging population Need for affordable housing Increased anti-social behaviour Decline in local policing James Hince building being closed Increase in traffic</p>

In addition to the above, the Parish Council created a questionnaire which has asked a series of questions on residents' experience, feelings, issues and opportunities they wish to see included in the Plan.

Detailed feedback from the Business Survey

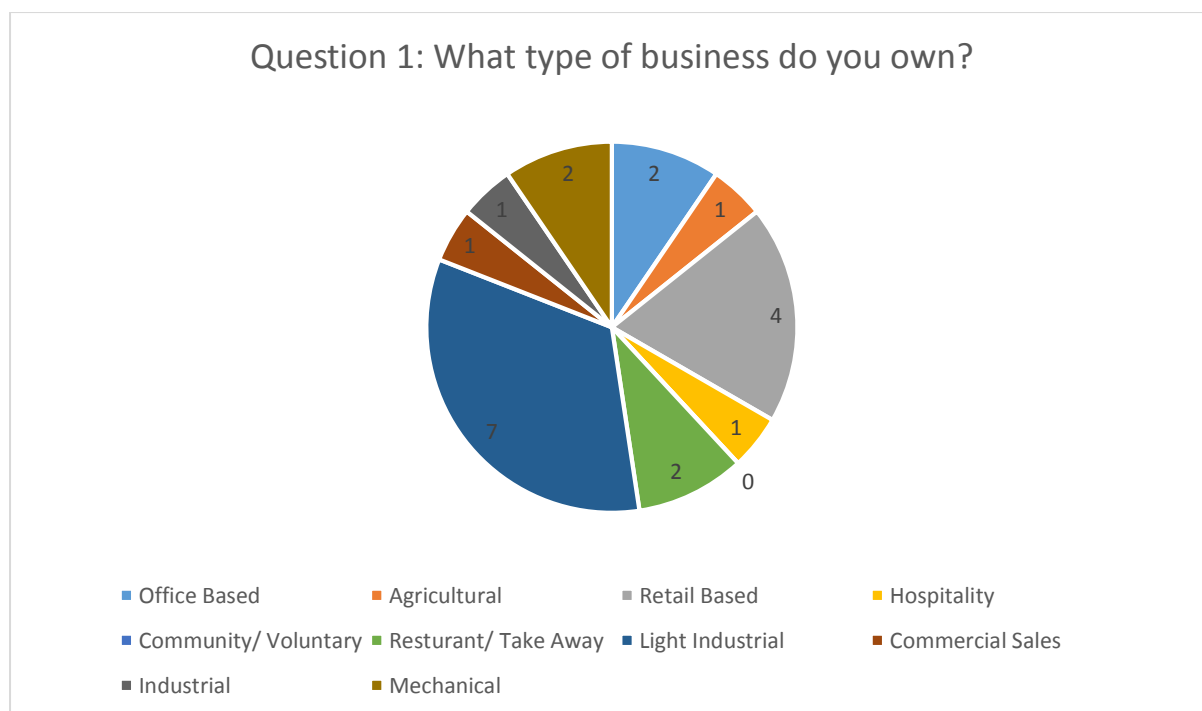
The consultation period ran from 1st June until 30th June 2016 and the Council received 21 responses.

The business survey was designed to capture more corporate responses to the Neighbourhood plan in order for the content of the plan to appropriately inform future developments.

It was agreed that due to the size of the parish, an employment section within the Neighbourhood Plan would be beneficial to existing and future businesses in the area.

Question 1: What type of business do you own?

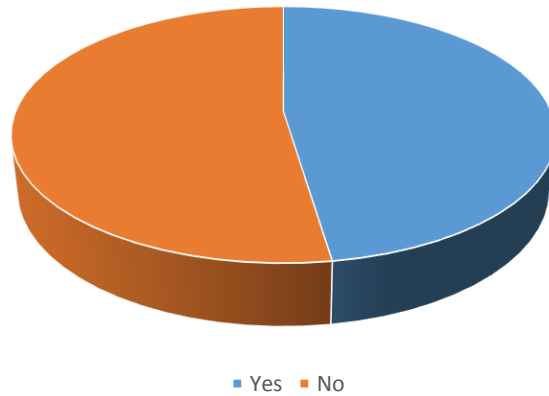
The majority of businesses who responded were in the industrial and retail sectors. It seemed the majority of light industrial businesses were located within the main Industrial estate in Carlton.



Question 2: Do you feel new residential developments would support the growth of your business?

This question gave business owners an opportunity to state whether new residential development could support the growth of their businesses. The responses show a general split of opinion on this question.

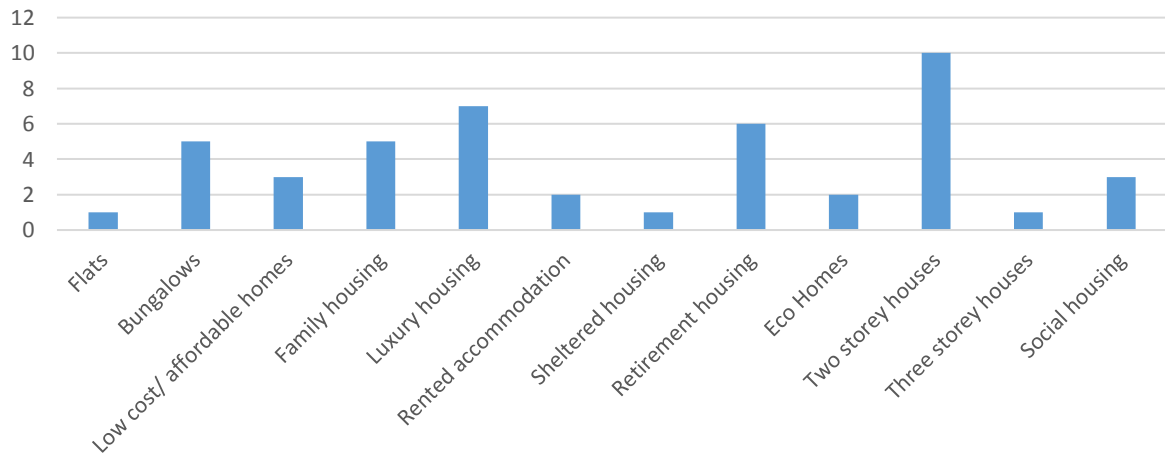
Question 2: Do you feel new residential developments would benefit the growth of your business?



Question 3: Is there a need for any specialist types of housing in Carlton in Lindrick?

This question included a multiple choice answer and respondents could tick more than one answer. Bungalows and two-storey luxury housing were viewed as the most needed, but it has also been suggested that there is also a need for further types of accommodation for elderly people within the village.

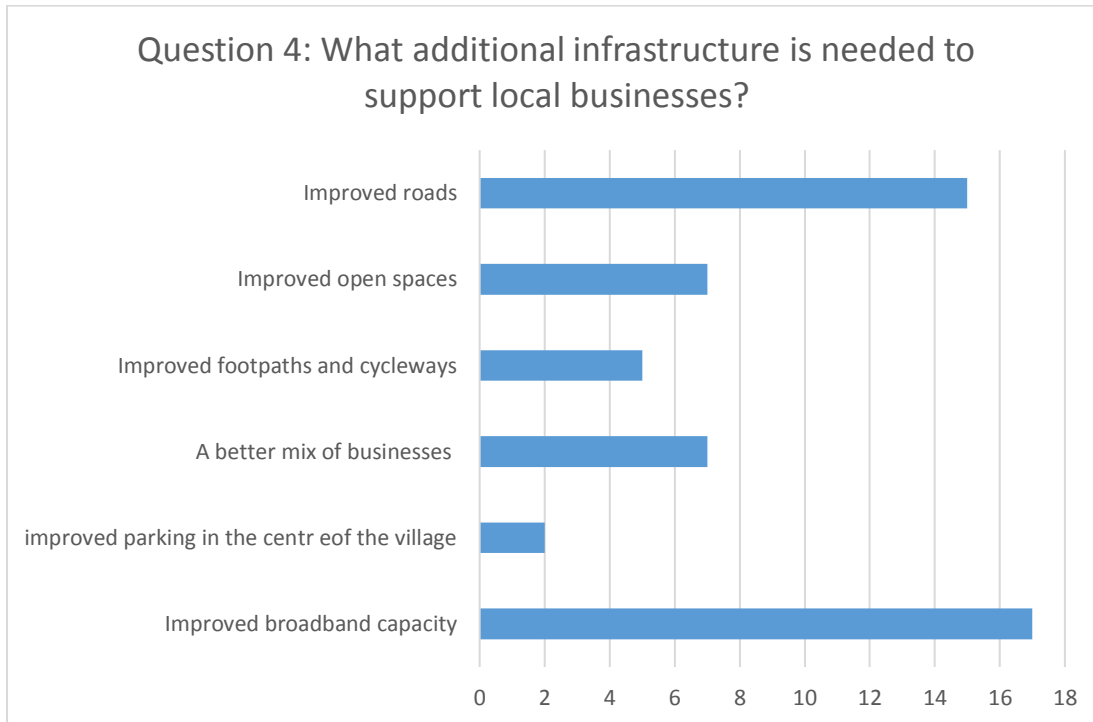
Question 3: What type(s) of housing do you feel are needed within the parish to support local businesses?



Question 4: What additional infrastructure is needed to support local businesses?

The majority of responses said similar with local broadband connectivity and road infrastructure being the most needed. Parking was viewed as the least.

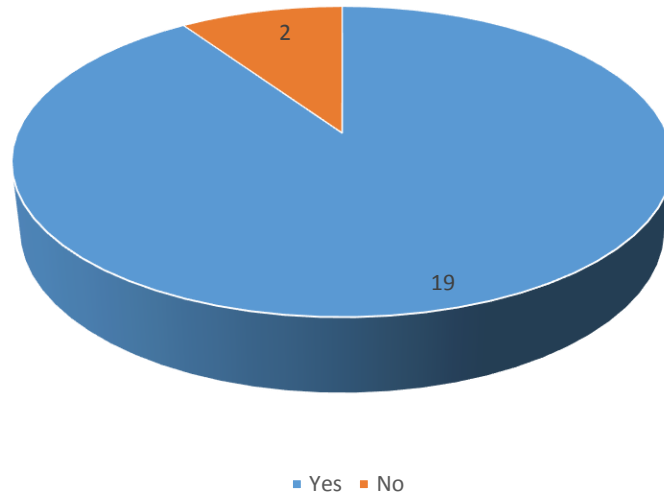
There was a general consensus that some of the footpaths need upgrading around the parish.



Question 5: Do you think the Neighbourhood Plan should be supporting the growth of local businesses?

This question was aimed at seeing whether the Neighbourhood Plan should include policies on local employment and business growth. The majority of responses agreed and thought that the Neighbourhood Plan should be supportive of business expansion and the creation of new employment within the parish.

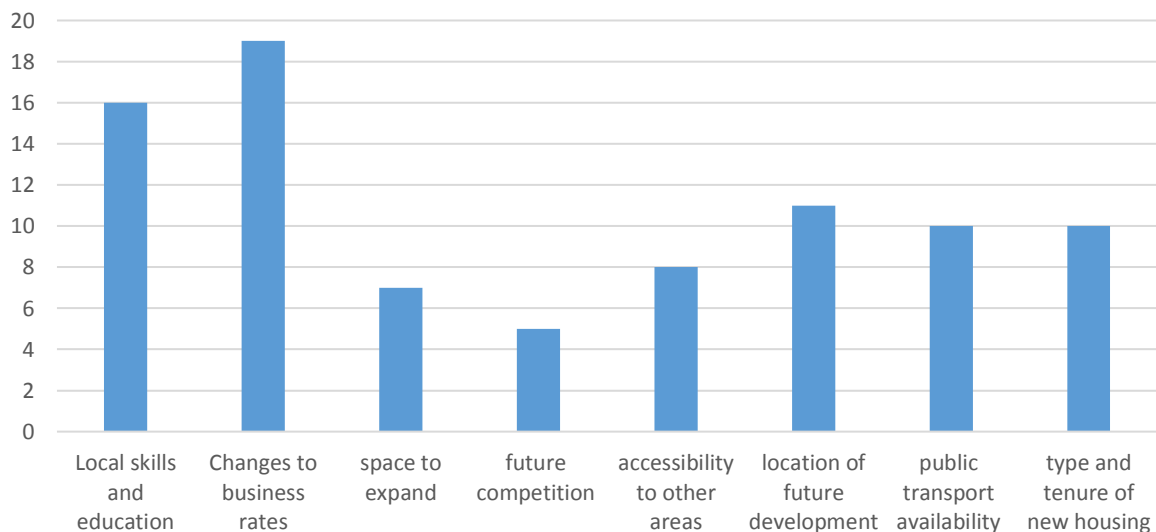
Question 5: Do you think the Neighbourhood Plan should be supporting the growth of local businesses?



Question 6: If the Neighbourhood Plan was to include a planning policy about business development, which of the following aspects are important to your business?

Again, this question was a multiple choice and respondents could tick more than one answer. The chart below states that most businesses believe improving local skills and education, changes to business rates and the location of future development were the most important aspects to include within any planning policies. Future competition and accessibility to other areas were seen as a lower priority.

Question 6: If the Neighbourhood Plan was to include a planning policy about business development, which of the following aspects are important to you?



Opportunities raised through the consultation

Housing and affordable housing – provide an appropriate mix and type of properties in order to meet the needs of the local community.

Opportunities suggested:

- A mix of type and size of homes in large scale new developments;
- Provide smaller homes in order to encourage families into the area;
- The focus for more additional elderly accommodation; and
- The need to include a mix of affordable home types in to new developments.

Infrastructure – Improvements need to be made to local infrastructure in order to improve access to local businesses.

Opportunities suggested:

- Improve the broadband capacity to help local businesses
- Improve public footpaths and roads to and from the village

Retail - Improve the range of shops within the village in order to increase the level of footfall within the main shopping area.

Opportunities suggested:

- Encourage new shops to the village;

Environment – improve the quality and range of local green spaces within the village.

Opportunities suggested:

- Improve the existing footpaths and open spaces around the village – particularly those linking North and South Carlton.

Priorities to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan

Following the feedback to the various consultation events, the following priorities are those that should form the Neighbourhood Plan objectives – that will then help the Parish Council create the planning policies based on these planning related ‘themes’.

- **Housing** – increase the provision of types of homes that are most needed by the community;
- **Employment and business** – attracting new business and jobs to the area;
- **Green Infrastructure** (open space, public access, sport and recreation) improve sports grounds and the links and connections to Langold Country Park;
- **Infrastructure and Transport** – improve the frequency of services and improve existing links within the village.

Next Steps

The Parish Council are now looking to undertake further consultation with the community on some of the issues raised once a draft 'vision', objectives and policies for the Plan have been created. All the consultation work will be included within a Consultation Summary document which will be produced at the Regulation 14 (Draft Plan) stage of the process later this year.