STRETTON ON DUNSMORE PARISH COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Stage 1 consultation

Narrative findings from Stage 1 questionnaire – Online Only – DRAFT

SUMMARY

40 villagers responded to the online survey of four questions asking around likes and dislikes and what people would like or not like to see in the future.

This document summarises the key findings and themes emerging from which the group might identify policy options and suggestions to test at the fete.

Likes and dislikes

People most valued the quiet setting and village feel (22), low crime rate (5) , the green spaces (14) and countryside around us (6) , the lack of through traffic to the village centre (2) and the community spirit enabled by village events (18), the pub (12), shop (8) and surgery (4).

The main dislikes were around the wrong type and style of homes being built (7) to meet local needs for affordable (3) and accessible housing for older people (2), flooding and sewage (5), fly tipping (6), speeding (7) and suitability of village roads to current traffic mix (11) and parking provision (7) and the lack of a coffee shop (2)t or sports or other facilities for younger residents.

What people would like to see in the future

Respondents were keen to preserve the village feel (6) with the right level of sustainable attractive development with the right infrastructure (12). Others did not want to see more homes being built at all (8) and any further loss of greenbelt (5) or farmland to housing or warehousing/ industrial use (2).

Protection of green belt (10), reduction in flooding/sewage risk (7) and more spaces for wildlife/ rewilding were raised, alongside maintenance issues, better footpaths and cycling routes. Only one mention around village owned green energy site.

Villagers felt the narrow lanes needed to be improved with passing places and calming measures and a 30mph limit (10), a 20mph for the narrow lanes in the village centre was proposed (4). More smaller busses offering new routes (4) were also suggested.

The biggest issue around community facilities was ensuring we have a sustainable pub (23), shop (9) surgery (2) and school (2). Alongside that were suggestions about a café (3), bigger village hall/ sports hall with parking (3), activities for young families (3), various sports clubs and sports facility ideas (7) and fast food outlets (2)

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