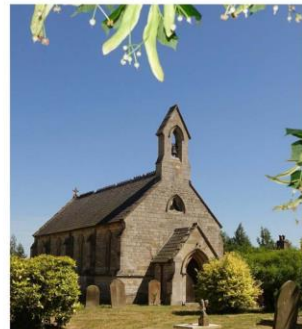




**The vision of the Plan is . . .**

*That the wellbeing of each household in the village, both large and small, present and future, be at the heart of future proposals for development of the village enabling it to accommodate change, secure social and economic prosperity for our community facilities and institutions and preserve the heritage that shaped it.*



## Scopwick & Kirkby Green Neighbourhood Plan

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### Household Questionnaire Analysis

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## What is Neighbourhood Planning?

Neighbourhood (Development) Plans give communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area over the next ten, fifteen, twenty years in ways that meet identified local need and make sense for local people.

Local people are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided. A Neighbourhood Plan provides the opportunity for communities to set out a positive vision for how they want their community to develop. They can put in place planning policies that will help deliver that vision or grant planning permission for the development they want to see.

Neighbourhood Development Plans will become part of the Local Plan and the policies contained within will be used in the determination of planning applications. It must be stressed that the policies produced cannot block development that is already part of the Local Plan (if in place). What they can do is shape where that development will go and what it will look like.

## What is the Central Lincolnshire Plan (Local Plan) and how will the Neighbourhood Plan fit in?



The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan was formally adopted in 2017 and now forms part of the Development Plan for the Central Lincolnshire authorities until 2036.

The plan is a policy document that local planning authorities are required to produce. It is used as a guide against which planning applications will be determined for such things as:

- The location of new homes
- The creation of new jobs
- The protection of open spaces

The plan must be in accordance with the National Policy Planning Framework (NPPF). The Local Plan covers the Districts of West Lindsey, North Kesteven and the City of Lincoln.

A Community's Neighbourhood Plan will need to consider the key issues and principles coming from the Local Plan's consultation in preparing its own document. It may be that the Local Plan will address a number of fundamental issues raised which would mean that the Neighbourhood Plan could potentially have fewer policies and be a simpler, more selective document.

The Neighbourhood Plan cannot promote less development than the Local Plan recommends but can, if passed by the inspector, specify policies and guidance on how new development should be designed, orientated and located.

The Neighbourhood Plan can also guide the provision of infrastructure e.g. setting out priorities for new development such as upgrading local paths and open spaces. In addition it can identify the need for new community facilities and where they should be located.

The Neighbourhood Plan will become part of the statutory development plan (Local Plan) for the area if successful at the referendum stage.

For more information about the Central Lincolnshire Plan visit:

[www.central-lincs.org.uk](http://www.central-lincs.org.uk)

## Introduction and Background

Scopwick and Kirkby Green Neighbourhood Plan working group combines both members of the Parish Council and the community. The group held a series of awareness raising events in 2018, before undertaking a communitywide household questionnaire designed by the group and delivered to all households in the Parish

This report relates to the analysis of this questionnaire, the Client Brief asked Community Lincs to:

- Data inputting and analysis of the questionnaire
- Produce a final report of the results

### **Analysis, Methodology, Quantitative & Qualitative Data Handling**

The analysis is based only on returned questionnaires and does not take into consideration 45.93 % of surveyed households. Whilst the questionnaire response rate was above average (approx. 30%) to similar surveys of this type, no inference can be made that the responses wholly represent the Parish. However the analysis will be used as a guide to Parish opinions in order to shape the vision and objectives of the Scopwick and Kirkby Green Neighbourhood Plan. The final plan will be subject to Parish approval via a referendum.

## Analysis of the Residents Questionnaire

A questionnaire was considered to be the most effective way to reach the whole Parish community. This gives all members the opportunity to respond in a consistent and measurable way to a range of questions in support of the community consultation process.

The design of the questionnaire was based on the need to incorporate key issues identified by the Steering Group from initial consultation with the community, ensuring that those relevant areas of concern to the community were addressed. The method of design involved the Steering Group drafting and refining the questions to ensure overall size of the questionnaire was appropriate, whilst important themes were covered.

The population of Scopwick and Kirkby Green Parish is recorded as 815 (280 households) in the 2011 census.

Every household received a questionnaire; 146 responses were collected, 110 paper copy questionnaires were returned, with a further 36 completing the questionnaire online

**The response rate based on one questionnaire per household returned equates to 54.07%**

The questionnaire data has been inputted to Survey Monkey for analysis independently by Community Lincs.

*Please note that to avoid misinterpretation; incorrect spelling /grammar/ abbreviations used by individual responders have not been amended in this report.*

*Where a selection of responses has been included in this report as a representation of responders' comments, these have been selected at random. The individual and summary response excel documents that list all comments will be provided as additional documents to this report.*



## Questions 1-3: About you and your family.

### Question 1: Where in Scopwick and Kirkby Green do you live?

144 responses were recorded and 2 responders chose to skip the question. Figure 1 below illustrates the breakdown of these responses.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Scopwick Village	72.22%	104
Kirkby Green	25.69%	37
Scopwick Heath	2.78%	4
Other (please specify)	0.69%	1

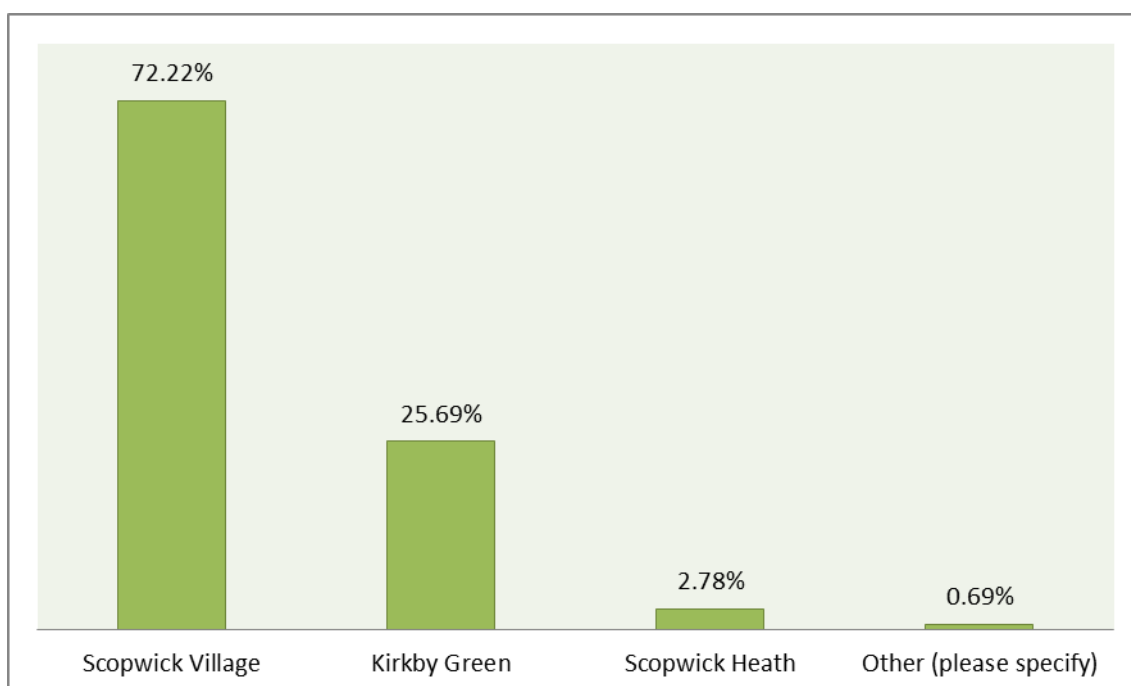


Figure 1

The chart shows that the highest percentage of responders is from the larger settlement of Scopwick Village. 'Other' relates to ½ mile outside of Scopwick village.



**Question 2: As part of gathering data trends we are interested in the age group you belong to.**

142 responses were recorded, 4 responders chose to skip the question.

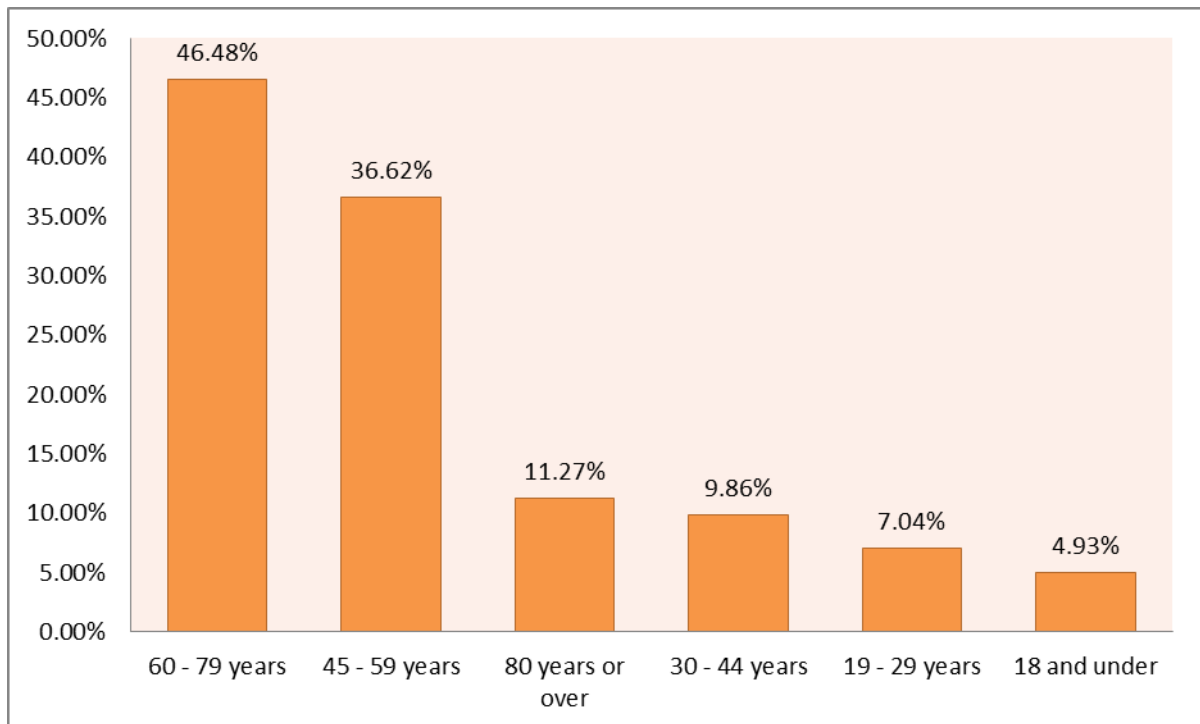


Figure 2

As the graph (Figure 2) indicates over 94% of responders were above the age of 45 years. This should be taken into consideration when considering the responses made throughout the questionnaire.

**Question 3: What is your Postcode?**

134 responses were recorded while 12 responders chose to skip the question.

Figure 3 illustrates the number of responders from each postcode area, the table is colour coded to identify the area of the Parish where the responder resides.

Postcode	Frequency
LN4 3PA	16
LN4 3PE	16
LN4 3NW	14
LN4 3PL	10
LN4 3PD	9
LN4 3PJ	9
LN4 3NJ	8
LN4 3NR	7
LN4 3PF	6
LN4 3NP	5
LN4 3NT	5
LN4 3NX	5
LN4 3NL	4
LN4 3NS	4
LN4 3NU	3
LN4 3DL	2
LN4 3JB	2
LN4 3PB	2
LN4 3PG	2
LN4 3PW	2
LN4 3NV	1
LN4 3PQ	1
LN4 3XB	1

	Scopwick
	Scopwick Heath
	Kirkby Green
	Other

Figure 3

Appendix 1 provides a further breakdown of the postcodes by location area.

### Questions 4-7: How responders regard where they live.

**Question 4: What do you like most about living within the Parish? (Tick all that apply).**

There were 106 responses recorded from Scopwick while 3 responders chose to skip the question. Kirkby Green received 36 responses and 1 responder chose to skip the question.

We have analysed the responses according to the main settlement in which the responders reside i.e. Scopwick and Kirkby Green. As Figure 4 illustrates there are slight variations in what responders most like about where they live.

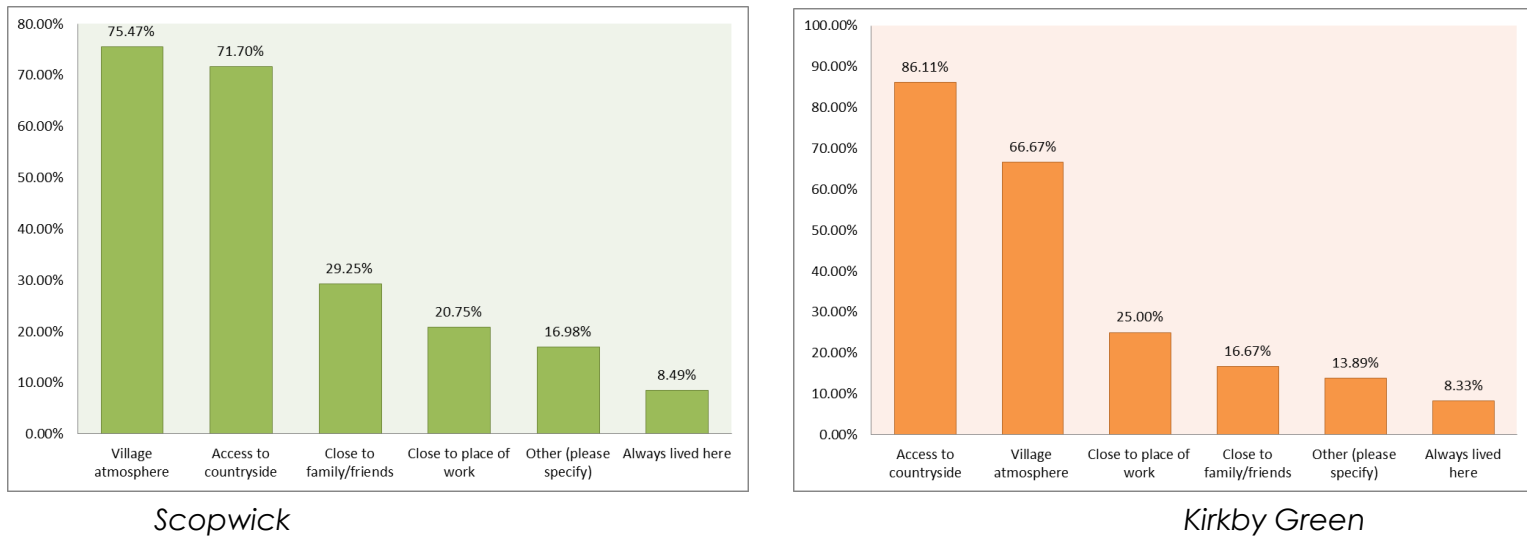


Figure 4

The Scopwick responders feel that village atmosphere is the best attribute for where they live; Kirkby Green responders place access to the countryside as their top choice.

A selection of the other comments is shown in the speech bubbles below in Figure 5:



Figure 5

### Question 5: What improvement would you like to see? (Open question)

A total of 103 responses were recorded and 43 responders chose to skip the question. Comments have been categorised and a sample shown in the table Figure 6.

Roads including speed, traffic control	Environment	Community Facilities/ services	Development	Access	Other
A mirror or traffic lights and a speed camera at the junction to main street.	Better maintenance of grassland surrounding the beck, particularly outside the village hall	More community events	More families living in the village, to encourage amenities to thrive i.e. the pub	A cycle path/pavement leading from Scopwick to Digby camp and to Blankney	Village residents valuing their community
We would like to see the speed limit reduced on the main road	Less dog mess	A pub with shop/post office and more activities at village hall	More starter homes to allow younger/ local people to live in the village. Small scale business opportunities	Better access to the main railway at Metheringham	The village to be more 'alive' during the day in the week
Pedestrian crossing for B1188 and a speed limit of 30mph	Paths being tidied	New neighbourhood watch signs	Affordable houses to encourage a younger generation of residents including young married couples	Better bus service	
Restrictions on heavy goods vehicles through village	Communal grass cut properly	Dog friendly pub with good food. Small convenience store. Drs (possible Limes)			

Figure 6

The pub as a community facility is favoured by a number of responders. Speed of traffic and the need for traffic calming measures were also a particular concern raised through this open question.

### Question 6: Thinking about safety, how safe do you feel living in the Parish?

140 responses were recorded while 6 responders chose to skip the question. The question required responders to respond using a sliding scale 1-100. The bar chart (Figure 7) shows the average score based on the settlements.

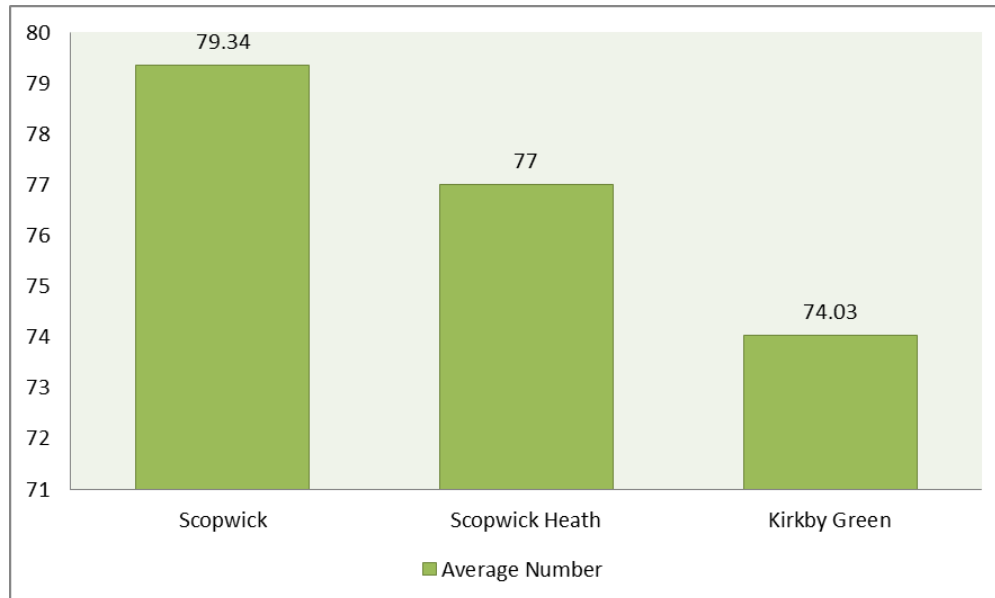


Figure 7

Looking at individual scores given by responders the range was 1-100 however this type of methodology is arguably not as clear as asking if responders feel 'very safe', 'safe' or 'unsafe' in their Parish.

### Question 7: How would you like the Parish described in 10-20 years' time?

141 responses were recorded with only 5 responders choosing to skip the question. Responders were able to select 5 of the 11 descriptions provided (Figure 8) while 6 additional comments were received:

**“Rural” (2)**

**“More 'energy' in the village”**

**“And ducks on the beck and daffodils in spring”**

**“We moved to the village 15 years ago for a quiet life and want to keep it that way”**

**“A vibrant community in a traditional setting”**

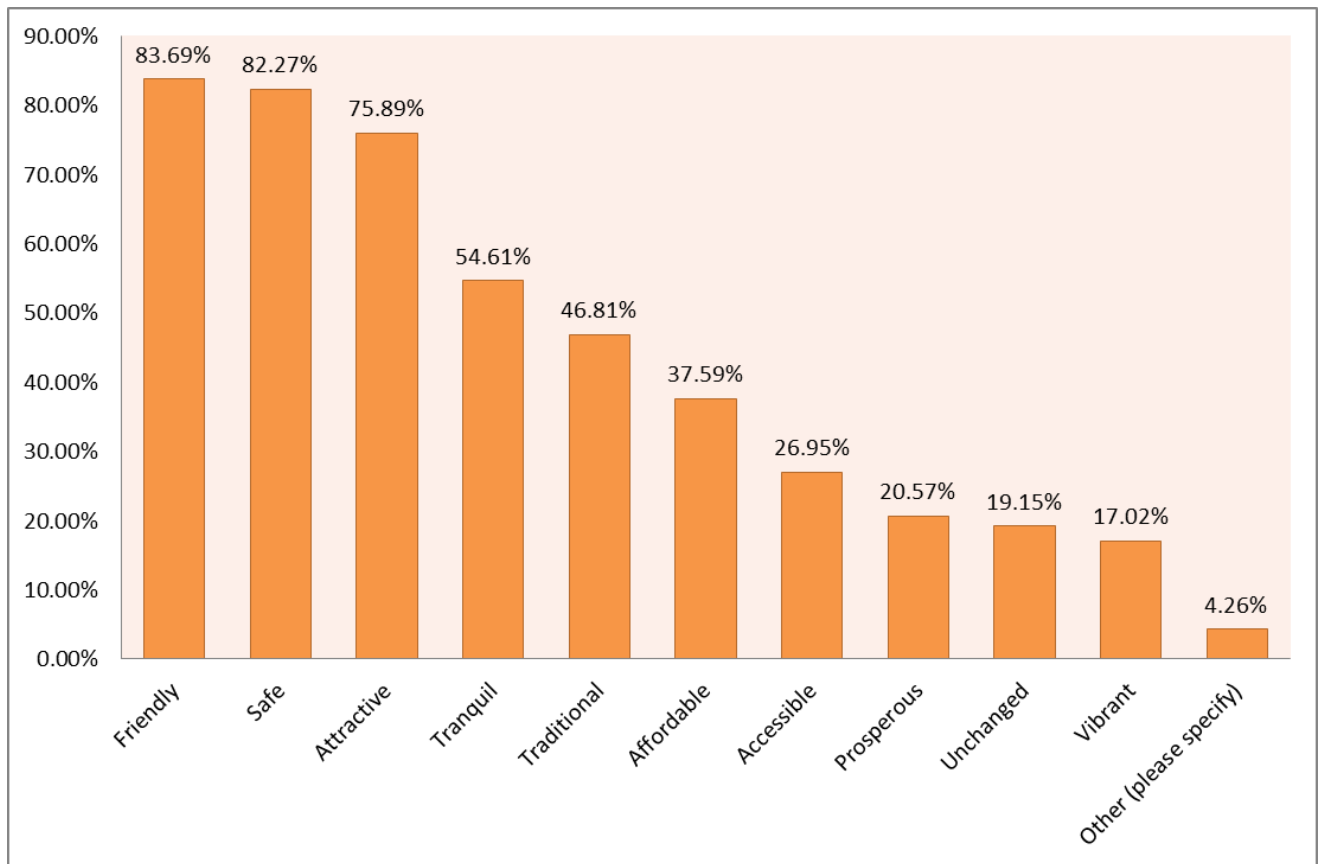


Figure 8

The top three descriptions favoured by responders when describing their Parish in the future were:

**Friendly**

**Safe**

**Attractive**

Tranquil was also selected by more than 50% of responders.

### Questions 8-15: The Community and Development of the Parish.

**Question 8: How important to the environment of the Parish are the following features? (Please tick all that apply)**

A total of 141 responses were collected and 5 responders chose to skip the question.

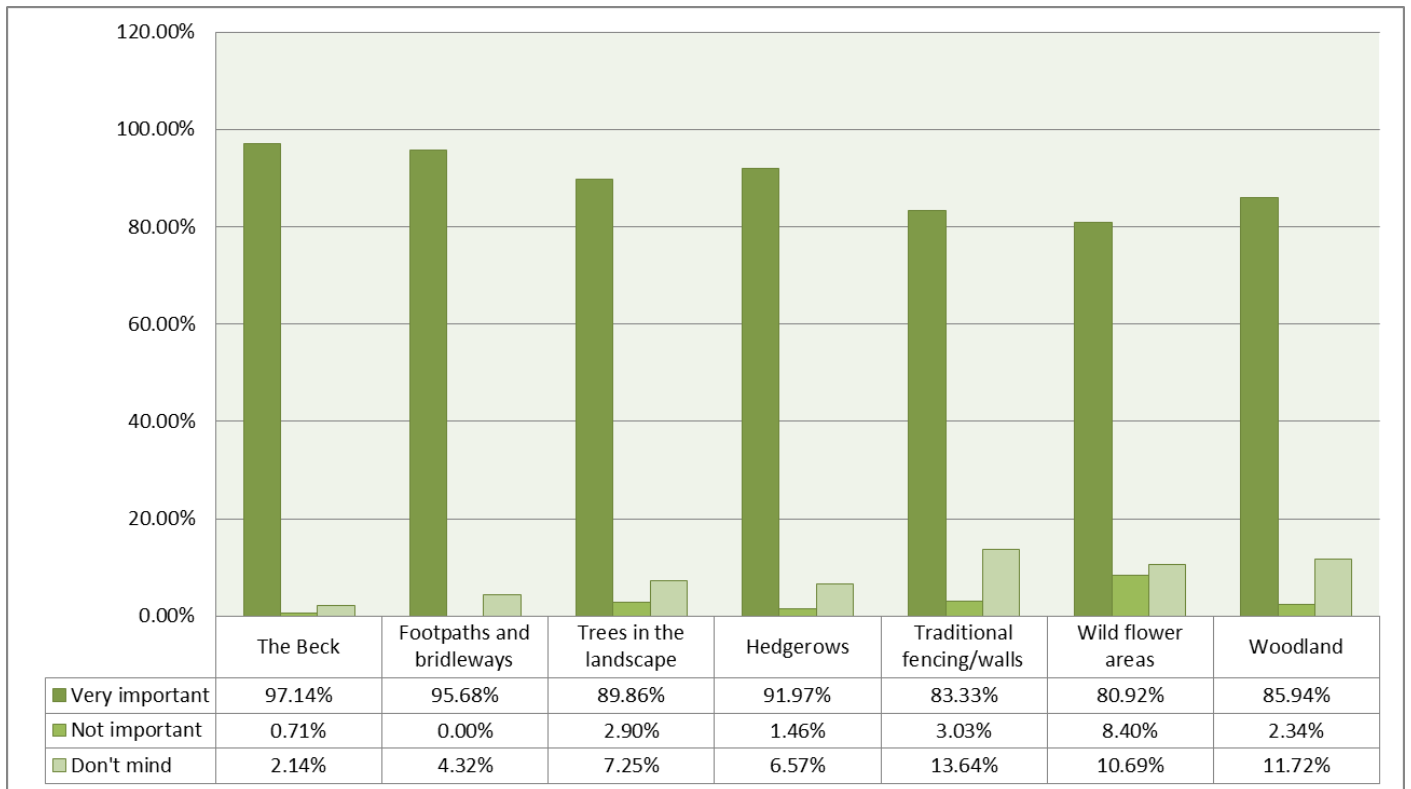


Figure 9

All the options provided in the question were rated as very important by more than 80% of responders. Overall when including “Not important “and “Don’t mind” as part of the analysis it can be concluded that the two most important features chosen by responders are:

1. The Beck (34 of 35 responders resident in Kirkby Green rated the Beck as very important)
2. Footpaths and Bridleways

**Question 9: Thinking about any new development in our Parish, how important to you is each of the following?**

140 responses were recorded, 6 responders chose to skip the question. Weighted averaging was used in the analysis of this question (Figure 10). Responders were also invited to state other matters that they consider important in development design. A selection is shown in Figure 11.



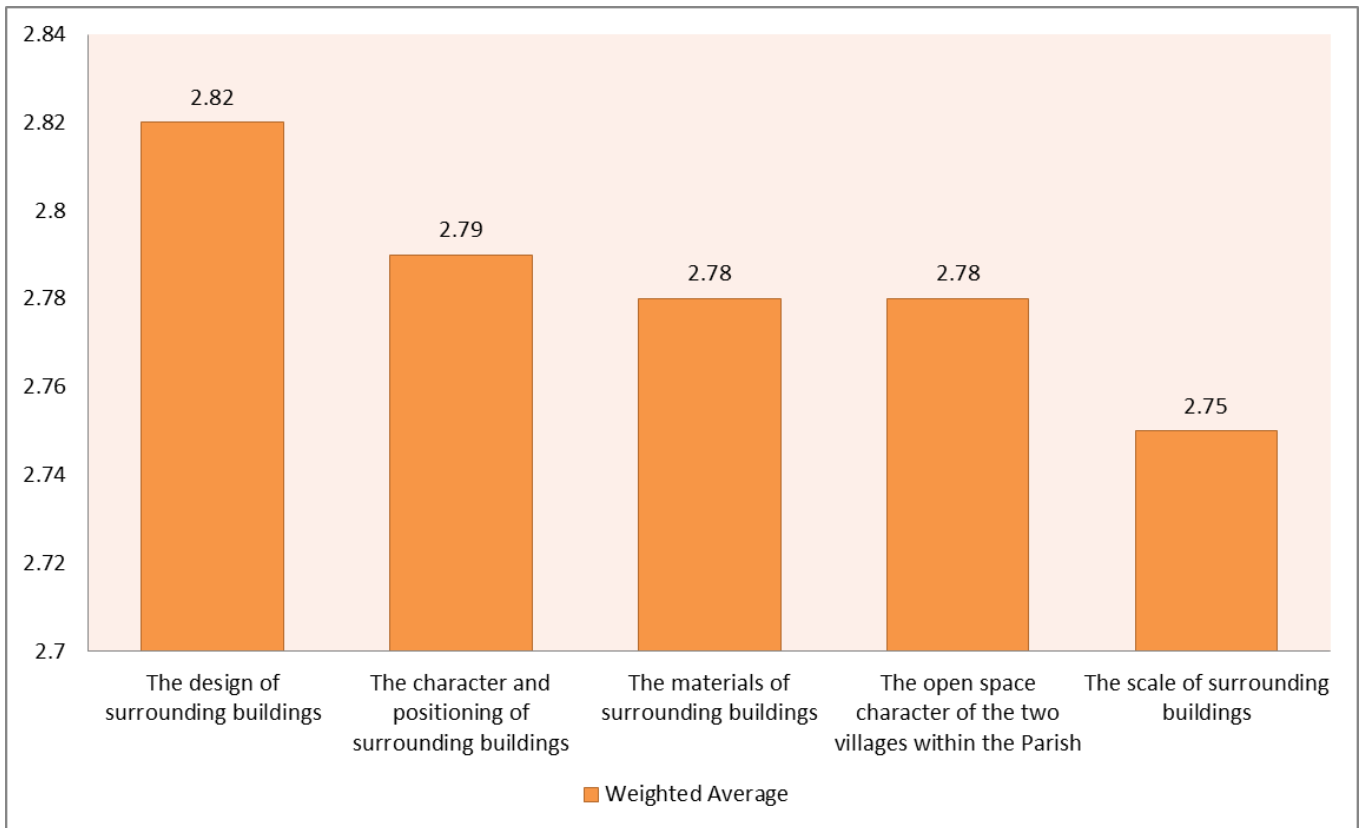


Figure 10

**Weighting Factors - Very Important = 3, Fairly Important = 2, Not Important = 1**

The design of the surrounding buildings in any new development is seen as the most important factor by responders to the question.

Scopwick Responses	Kirkby Green Responses
Different sizes of houses	All development should be sympathetic to the surroundings and be traditional style in keeping with an attractive village
Green space within the village, appropriate variety in garden size	Would not like to see the villages merge into one
In general, high buildings or houses with high steep pitch roofs to be avoided, all new property to have off-street parking , retention of existing garden spaces and views through to countryside	Leave both Kirkby Green/ Scopwick as they are
One of the Parish highlights is how well the overall look of new developments mirrors the original buildings. This should continue	Wildlife preservation and bird habitat

Figure 11

**Question10: What concerns you most about further development within the Parish? (Please tick all that apply)**

138 responses were collected, 8 responders chose to skip the question.

Note: Responders who completed the questionnaire on line were unable to tick more than one option.

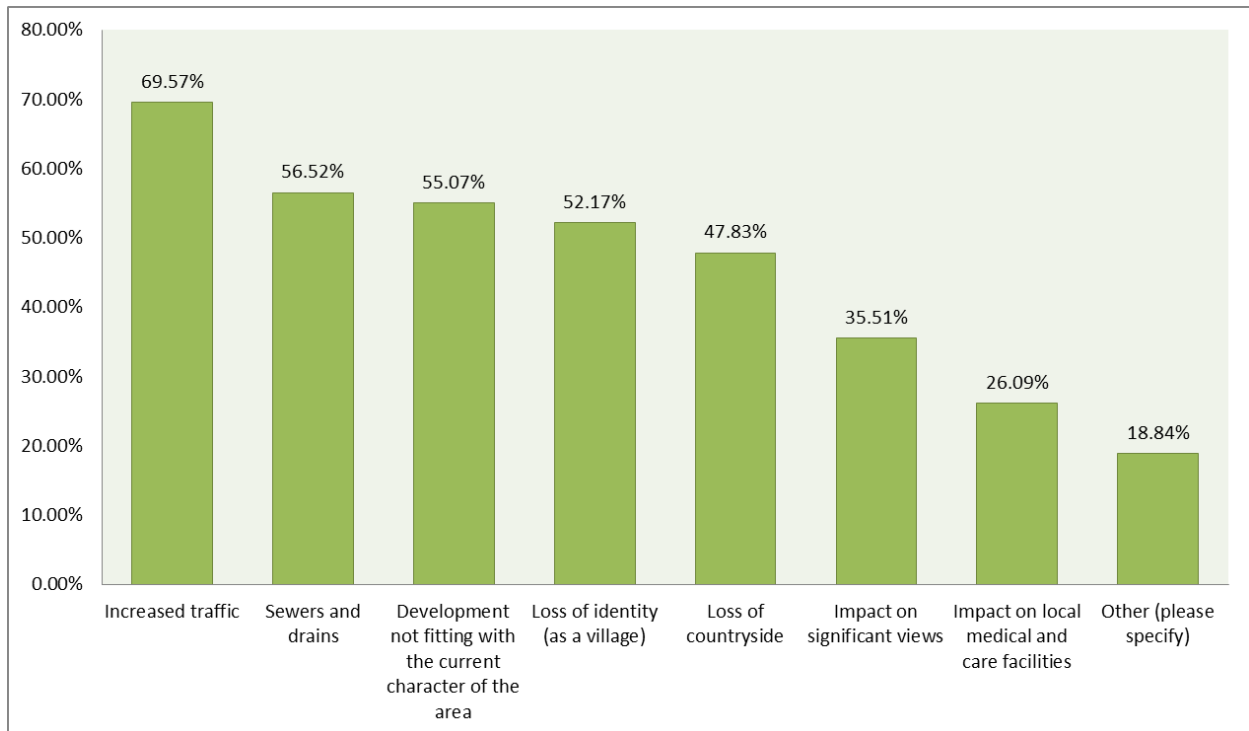


Figure 12

If there were further development in the Parish the single biggest concern of responders is 'Increase in traffic ' (Figure 12). 26 other comments were collected illustrated by a selection in the table below (Figure 13).

Scopwick Responses	Kirkby Green Responses
Becoming too big	Lack of affordable housing for local people
Building on beck flood risk areas downstream of B1188 along B1191. The sewage and drainage at the eastern end of Scopwick are already near critical partly due to the development at the western area of the village over the last 30 years	Weight restrictions on through roads unless for access. Speed Limit reduction on B1188
Development of small villages is a positive, if done correctly	Safety
Lack of amenities to support further housing	Noise

Figure 13

**Question 11: Are there any areas of land you think should be protected from development?**

124 responses were collected, 22 responders chose to skip the question.

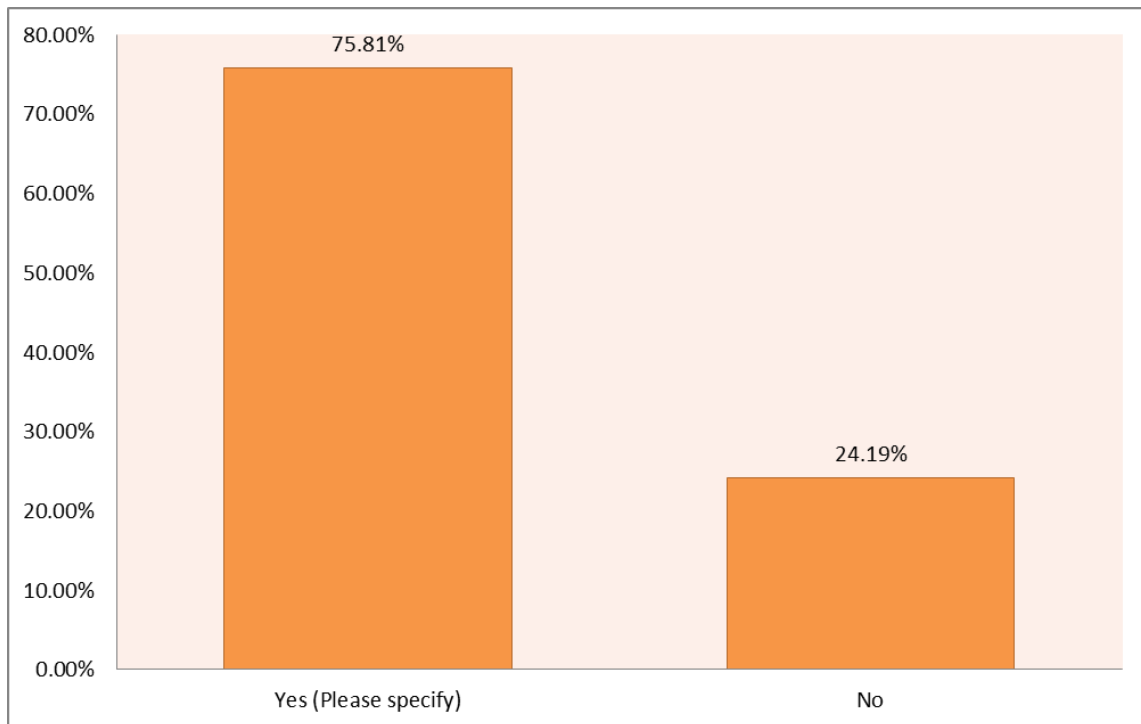


Figure 14

As Figure 14 illustrates, 75% of responders feel that certain areas of land should be protected. Responders were requested to specify the areas.

72 responders from Scopwick and 22 from Kirkby Green were collected. Figure 15 provides a sample.

Scopwick Responses	Kirkby Green Responses
No further development between Scopwick and Kirkby Green boundaries	Kirkby Green as a whole cannot support development
Village green and areas alongside the beck	Areas of specific local and/or historical interest
Development on surrounding Green fields sites	Acre Lane area and road heading out of Kirkby Green towards Scopwick
All fields surrounding the village	Alongside the beck in both villages + land between Scopwick and Kirkby Green so the 2 villages keep their own identity
Anything outside the curtilage	All of the brown and green field sites, around Scopwick and Kirkby Green. We do not require any more development of new builds

Scopwick Responses	Kirkby Green Responses
Woodland park area no estates to be built above 6 to 7 houses in a close or cul-de-sac at once	Kirkby Green junction with Church Lane. The Ford at Kirkby Green. Churchyard.
Areas overlooking other property	Fields to the rear of main St. in Kirkby Green

Figure 15

Building on green field sites is not favoured by responders, neither is further development between Scopwick and Kirkby Green.

**Question 12: How often do you or would you use the following facilities in the Parish?**

141 responses were recorded, 5 responders chose to skip the question. Figure 16 illustrates the most popular facilities in the Parish that are either used or would be used if available.

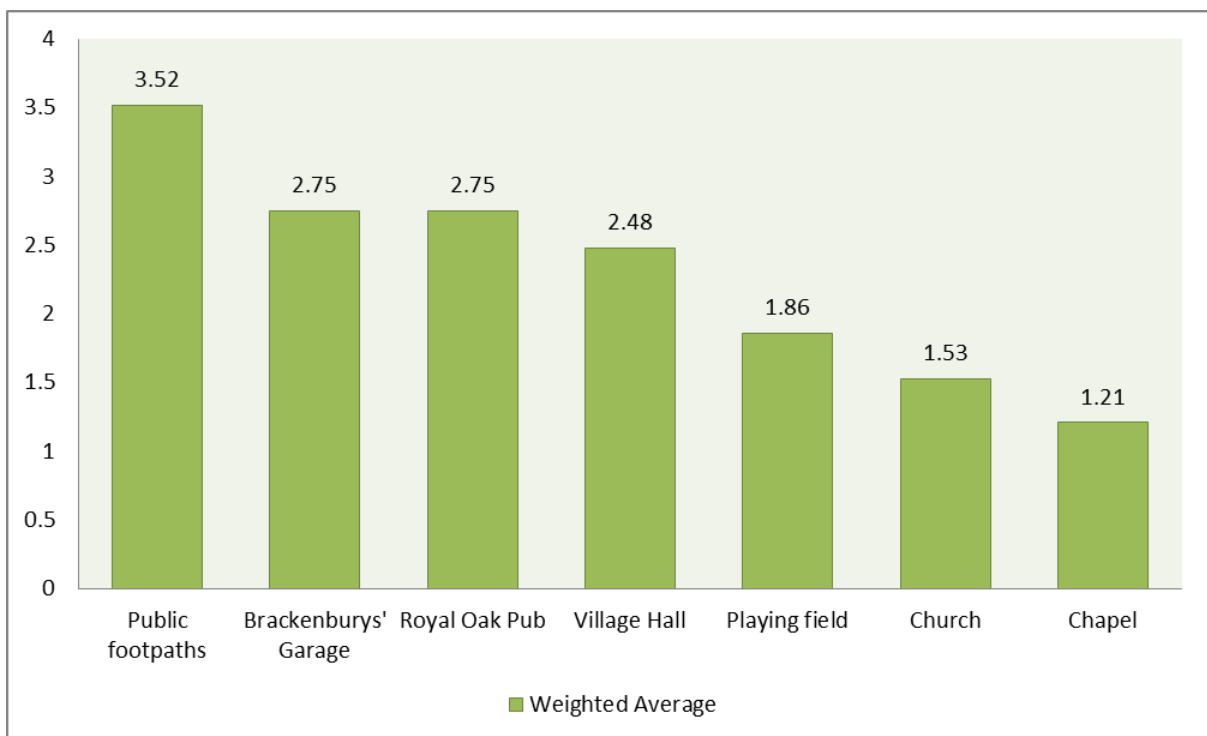


Figure 16

**Weighting Factors - 4 = Once a week or more, 3 = Once a month or more, 2 = A few times a year, 1 = Rarely/Never**

Public footbaths, Brackenbury's Garage and the Royal Oak Pub are considered the top three most popular facilities in the Parish using weighted average as the means of analysis.

**Question13: Do you think any of the community facilities listed in question 12 could be improved? (Please specify)**

85 responses were collected, 61 responders chose to skip the question. A selection is listed in the table (Figure 17). 63 of the responses recorded were from Scopwick responders, 22 from Kirkby Green.

Scopwick Responses	Kirkby Green Responses
Pub needs to be open	Parking outside village hall, need hard honeycomb inserting in grass verge to prevent it being cut up so much
Employ a youth leader to encourage young people to use the Field for organised games (priority for expenditure) 2. Install a mobile phone mast in the Church tower. 3. Expand the footpaths system on south side of Scopwick village. 4. Improve the lounge/dining and toilets accommodation in the Royal Oak and bring in social facilities	The pub is a focal point and gets people together, friends and family - very important. Playing field - could host family days etc.
Playing field equipment - Zip wire would be great, parking for village hall + church	More access to countryside south of Kirkby Green currently owned by Denis Estates
Pub -modernise. Playing field - small area that allows dogs. Village hall - better communication of village matters/activities/news	Mirrors at junction at Royal Oak Pub for better view from the right
Play park equipment. Some hedges along Springfield's need cutting back - eating into the footpath	Maintenance public footpaths, Maintenance church yard Kirkby Green

Figure 17

Some of the facilities that received a number of comments / suggestions were:

- The pub with 39 individual comments recorded.**
- Play park equipment**
- Parking for community buildings**
- Outdoor adult gym equipment**
- More activities at the village hall e.g. film nights**
- Medical practice**
- Funding for church facilities e.g. toilet**
- Public footpaths**

**Question 14: Do you support the development of the following energy sources on a commercial basis in our Parish?**

132 responses were recorded, 14 responders chose to skip the question. 21 other comments were received (Appendix 4).

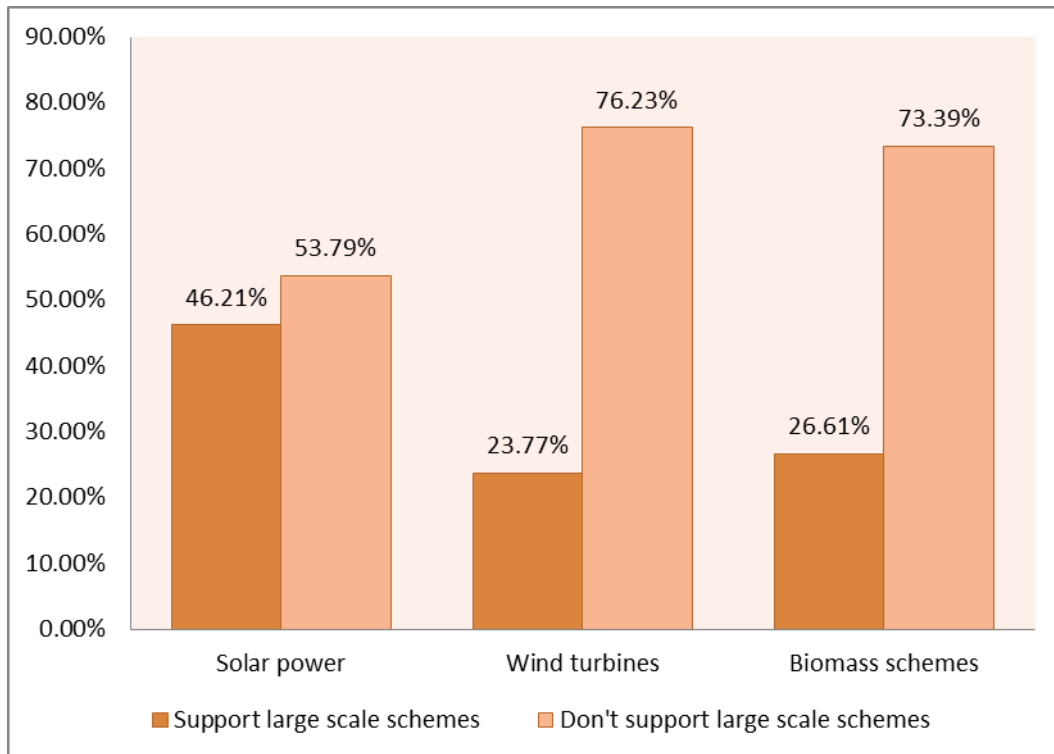


Figure 18

Figure 18 illustrates that whilst 46% of responders would support solar power development wind turbine and biomass schemes received much less support.

A selection of additional comments is shown here:

**A waste of time and money**

**I would support most clean energy sources but would require more information about the impact on the village**

**Depending on where these are/ impact on health and environment/wildlife. Need more knowledge**

**Thermal heat exchange**

**With a benefit to the community**

**Biomass smell, need extra traffic and could catch fire**

**Question 15: Do you or your family currently experience a problem with the performance of your broadband and mobile phone connection in the Parish?**

141 responses were collected, 5 responders chose to skip the question.

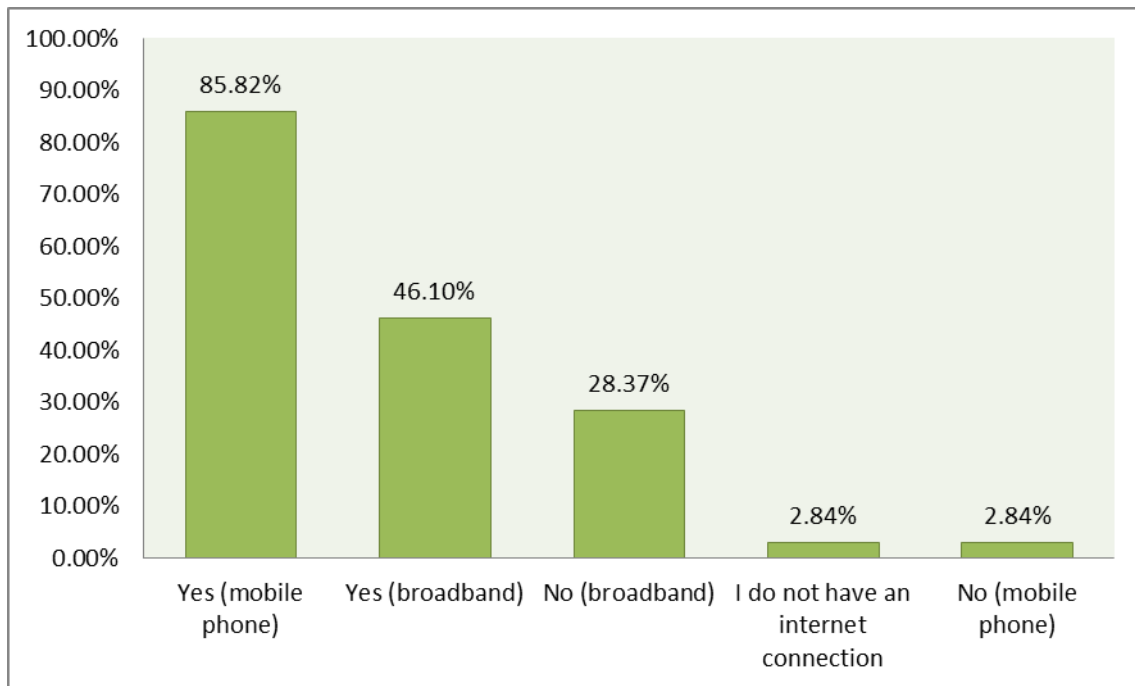


Figure 19

Looking at the responses by village (Figure 20) further illustrates that responders have difficulty with broadband and mobile phone connection performance.

Scopwick	Kirkby Green
Only 3 responders have no problem with their mobile phone performance	30 of 31 responders have a problem with mobile phone connection
37 responders experience problems with their broadband compared to 33 who do not	29 responders have problems with their broadband connection, 3 do not

Figure 20



## Questions 16-21: Housing Development

**Question 16: In the Central Lincolnshire plan 2016 - 2036, the advised housing growth in our Parish is 15 units. Our plan cannot request less housing growth, but if you feel additional housing could be accommodated, how many more could be built?**

102 responses were collected, 44 responders chose to skip the question.

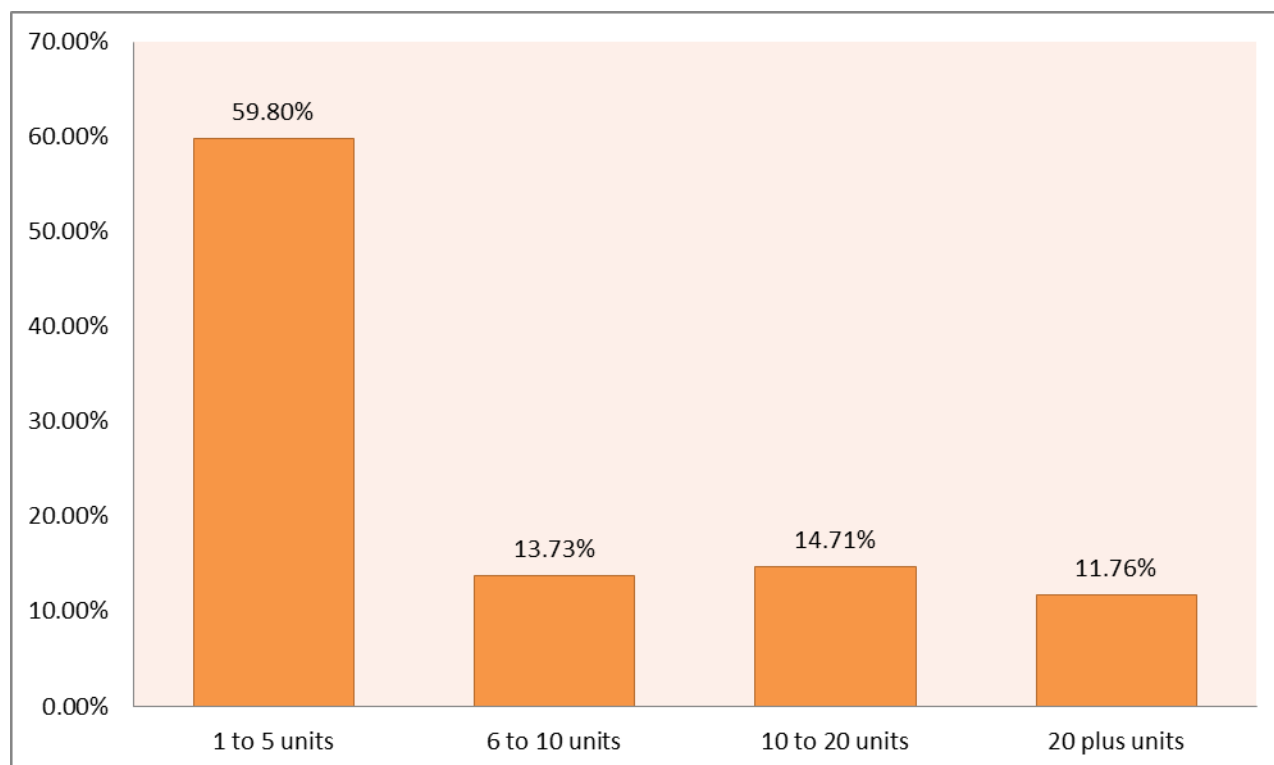


Figure 21

As figure 21 illustrates 59.8 % of responders to question 16 would favour small scale development in addition to the recommended growth stated in the Central Lincolnshire Plan.

Numerically this equates to:

<b>1 to 5 units</b>	<b>61 responses</b>
<b>6 to 10 units</b>	<b>14 responses</b>
<b>10 to 20 units</b>	<b>15 responses</b>
<b>20 plus units</b>	<b>12 responses</b>

**Question 17: In order to achieve housing development over the next 10-20 years in the Parish that is sustainable, how important is the use of the following?**

133 responses were collected, 13 responders chose to skip the question.

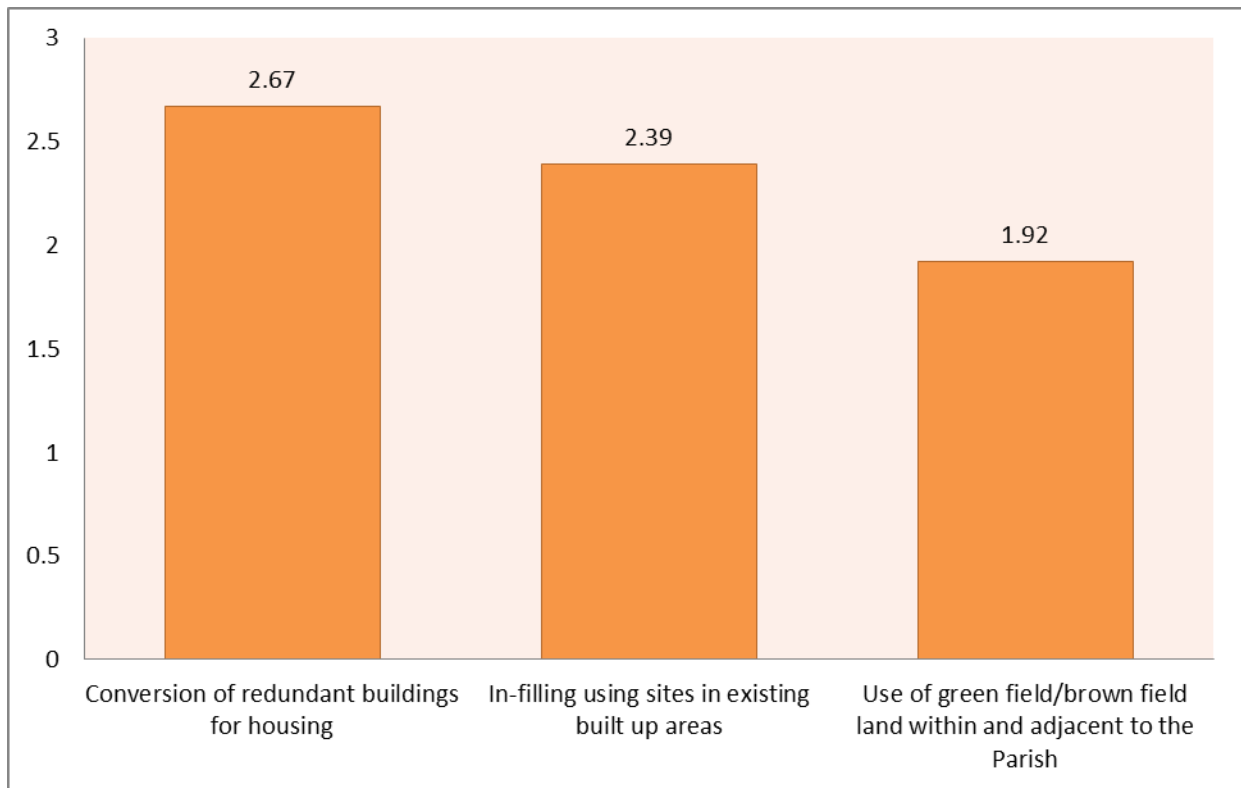


Figure 22

**Weighting factors - Very important = 3, Important = 2, Not important = 1**

Conversion of redundant buildings is the favoured method for development of any new housing, by respondents to this question. Use of green field/ brown field land is the least favoured method.

**Question 18: What sort of new housing should be built within the Parish? (Please tick all that apply)**

129 responses were collected, 17 responders chose to skip the question.

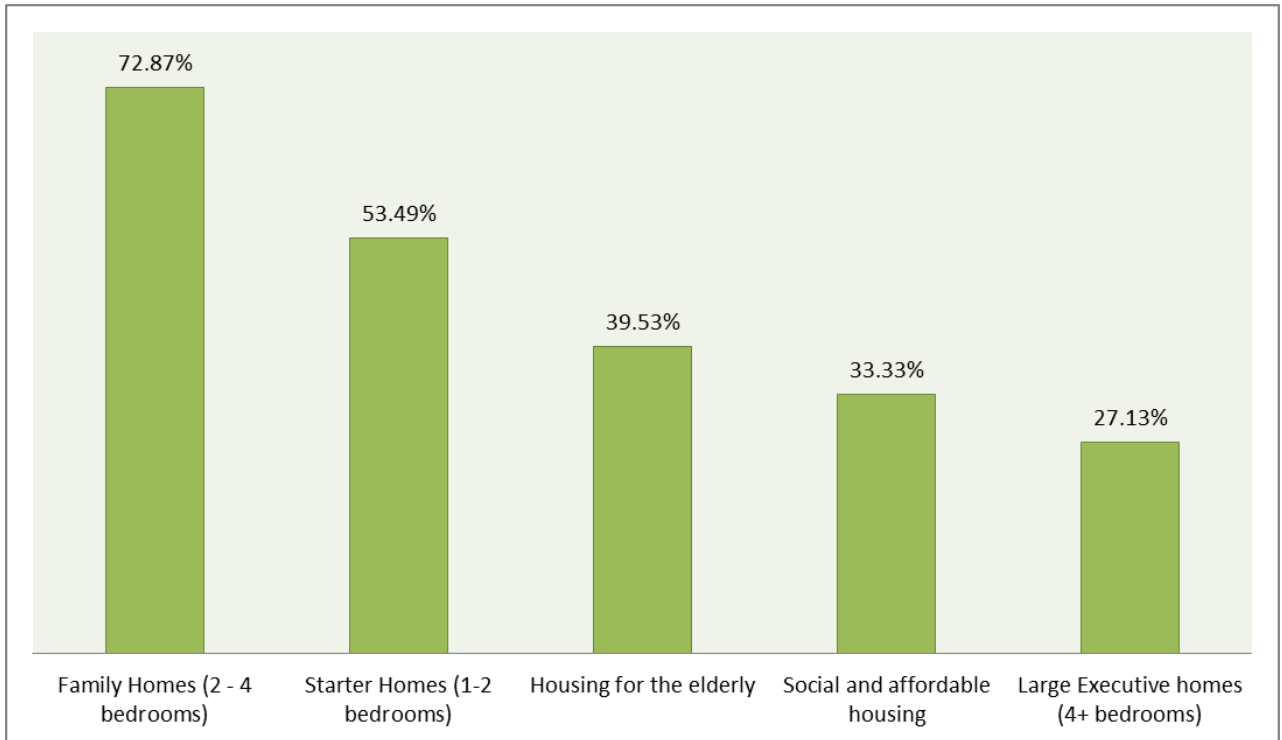


Figure 23

2-4 bedroom family homes are the preferred option amongst responders to the question, with almost three quarters choosing this option. The building of starter homes is the second most preferred option supported by just over 50% of responders.

**Question 19: Are there any sites you think suitable for new housing development within the Parish?**

133 responses were collected, 13 responders chose to skip the question.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Don't know	57.14%	76
Other (please specify)	40.60%	54
Yes (please describe below using the attached maps as guidance and state why you think it/they are suitable)	30.83%	41

Responders were able to use site allocation maps to identify their preferred sites, 41 responders chose to do this. Figures 24 and 25 illustrate the break down for both villages

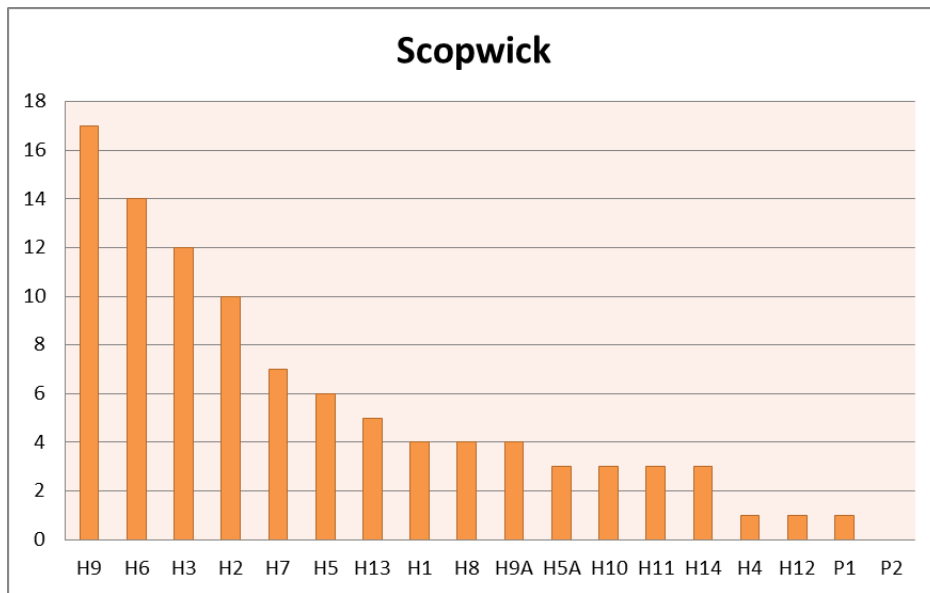


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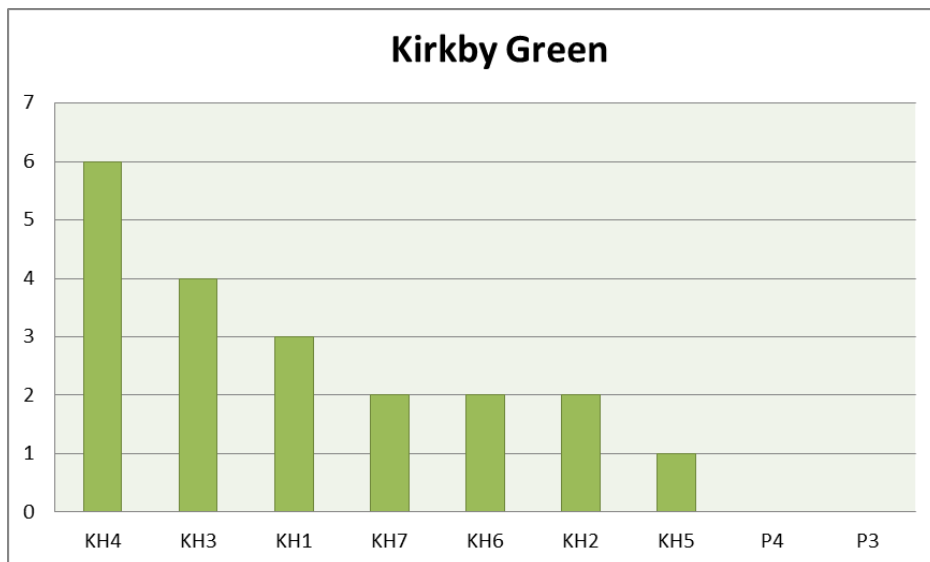


Figure 25

The site of the redundant “Limes residential home” received the most favourable comments as a site for potential development. Additional comments were received; a selection of these can be seen in the table (Figure 26).

Scopwick	Kirkby Green
All the paddocks to the south of Brookside	I do not support any further development
Development at Scopwick house should provide room for most of 15 units + fill in quarry on Vicarage lane + build	Your map does not cover the whole of Kirkby Green village. It omits 6 houses + 2 businesses

Scopwick	Kirkby Green
Land next to Station road farm, Scopwick as it is within the village boundaries	Yes, anywhere along the main road between Kirkby Gn and Scopwick
Frontage development only along Heath Road (1 1/2 story) land off Green Lane (with s106 road improvements) land to the south of Main St. Minor infilling Kirkby Green. (latches on plan)	On the 'Limes Care Home' site. This eyesore should be removed and new houses built there
Use of land for new housing needs to be carefully considered	This is a village - a rural village that needs to keep small, rural and not be overdeveloped.

Figure 26

**Question 20: Within the past five years, has anyone in your household had to move away or stay living with you due to lack of alternative housing in the Parish? (Please tick)**

134 responses were received, 12 responders chose to skip the question.

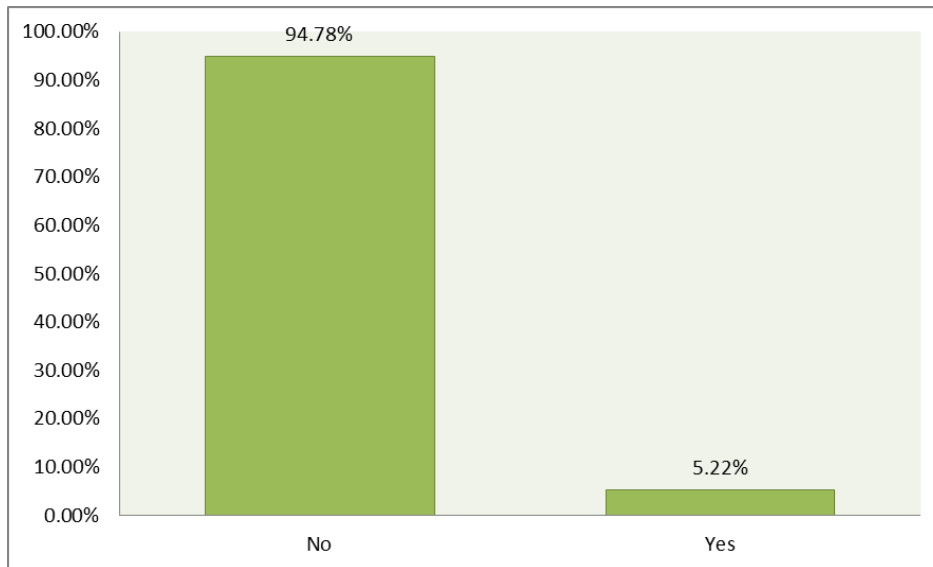


Figure 27

Only 6 responders in Scopwick and 1 from Kirkby Green answered “yes” to this question.

**Question 21: If you answered Yes to Question 20, please provide details (tick all that apply). If No go to Question 22**

8 responses were collected, 138 responders chose to skip the question.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Available housing too expensive	87.50%	7
No housing available	62.50%	5
Lack of social housing	25.00%	2
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0

Figure 28

The low response rate to this question indicates that the majority of responders or members of their household have not had a housing need in the past 5 years. The two responders who indicated the lack of social housing as a reason to leave the village were both from Scopwick.

### Questions 22- 27: Roads, Travel and Places of Work

#### Question 22: Should new business be encouraged within the Parish?

134 responses were collected, 12 responders chose to skip the question. 79 responders stated they were in favour of new business development (Figure 29).

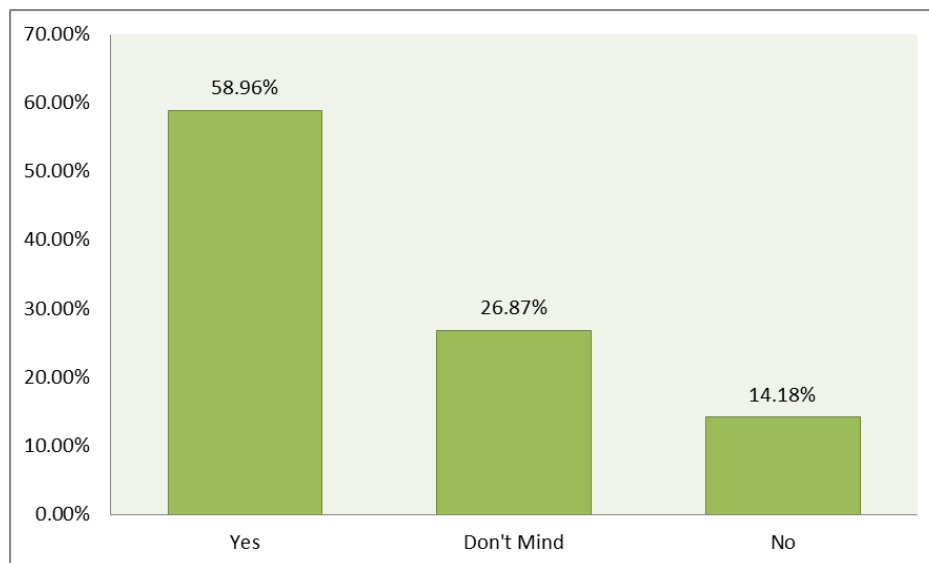


Figure 29

#### Question 23: What type of new business would you find acceptable?

127 responses were received, 19 responders chose to skip the question. Responders were able to select multiple answers. Figure 30 illustrates the most popular type of business development that would be acceptable is 'retail'; 100 responders selected this option.

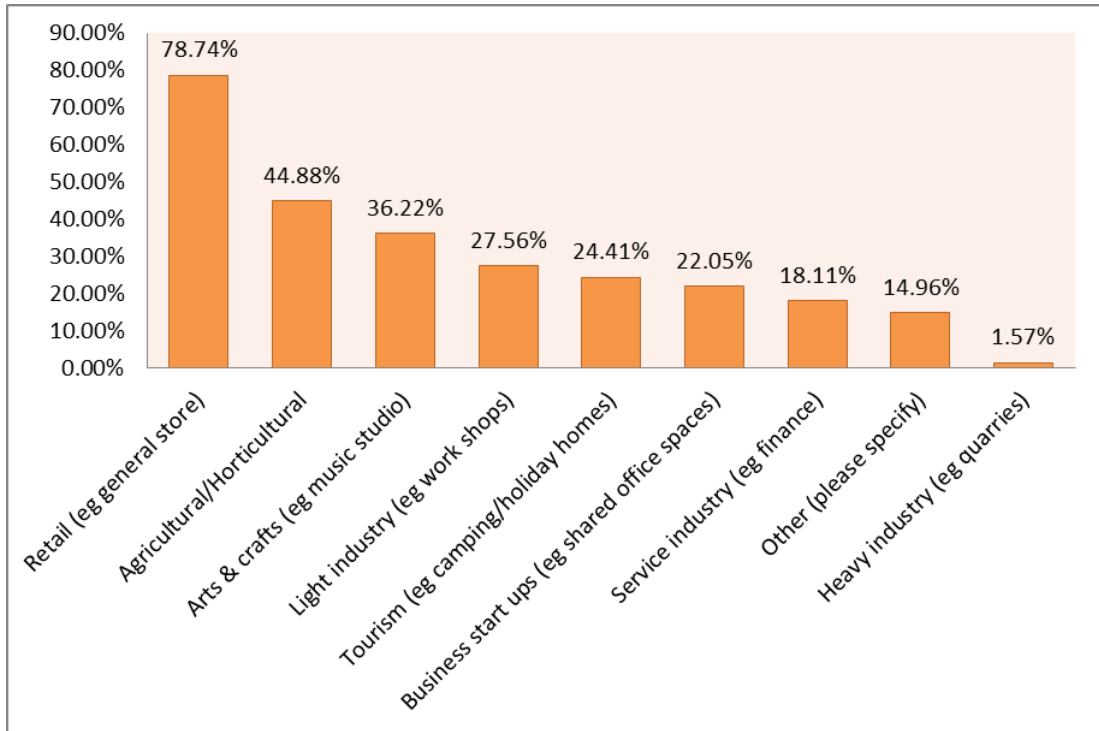


Figure 30

**Question 24: How do you travel to work or access facilities in the wider locality?**

128 responses were collected, 18 responders chose to skip the question. The response analysis indicates that some responders chose more than one option, a feasible response given the context of the question. Figure 31 illustrates the responses in both percentage and number.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Use a motor vehicle	98.44%	126
Walk	14.06%	18
Use public transport	11.72%	15
Cycle	7.81%	10

Figure 31

126 of the 128 responses recorded indicated that they use a motor vehicle for access to work and facilities in the wider locality.

**Question 25: What changes in the Parish would make it easier to get to work or access facilities in the wider location?**

126 responses were recorded, 20 responders chose to skip the question.



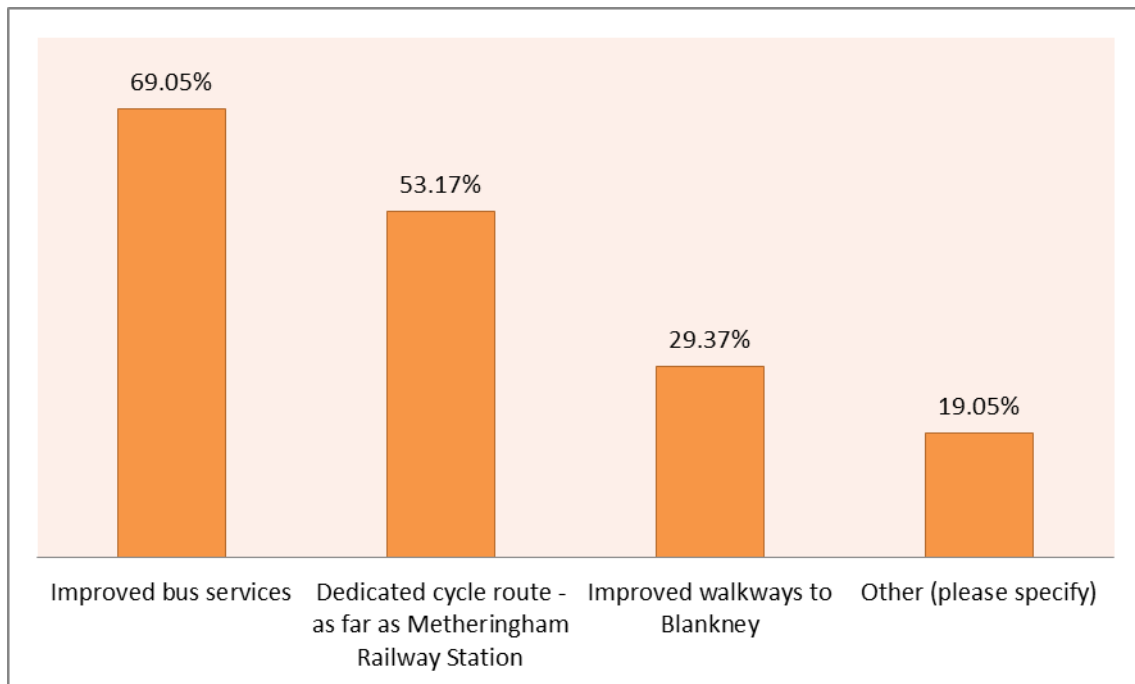


Figure 32

Improvements to bus services received the largest response, with a dedicated cycle route to Metheringham railway station the second most supported access improvement suggestion (Figure 32).

24 additional comments were received. A selection is shown in the speech bubbles:

- If owner car was not available it would have to be a taxi or move house for this 70+ resident
- Railway on Kirkby Green with pedestrian access
- Roundabout on the east junction of the 1911 onto the 1088

- A pathway round bend in Kirkby Green (nr Jacksons house) to complete one of the listed walks thru Scopwick + Kirkby Green - which is dangerous by foot
- Train service on a night is poor - stops at 8-9pm. Bus service into Lincoln until midnight and back would encourage people to use it more

**Question 26: Would you like to see extensions to the network of footpaths in the countryside surrounding the Parish?**

110 responses were recorded, 36 responders chose to skip the question. Responders who completed the paper questionnaire and answered yes to this question were able to identify extensions to footpaths using the maps provided. Only 4 people used the map identifying P1, P3 and P4 footpaths.

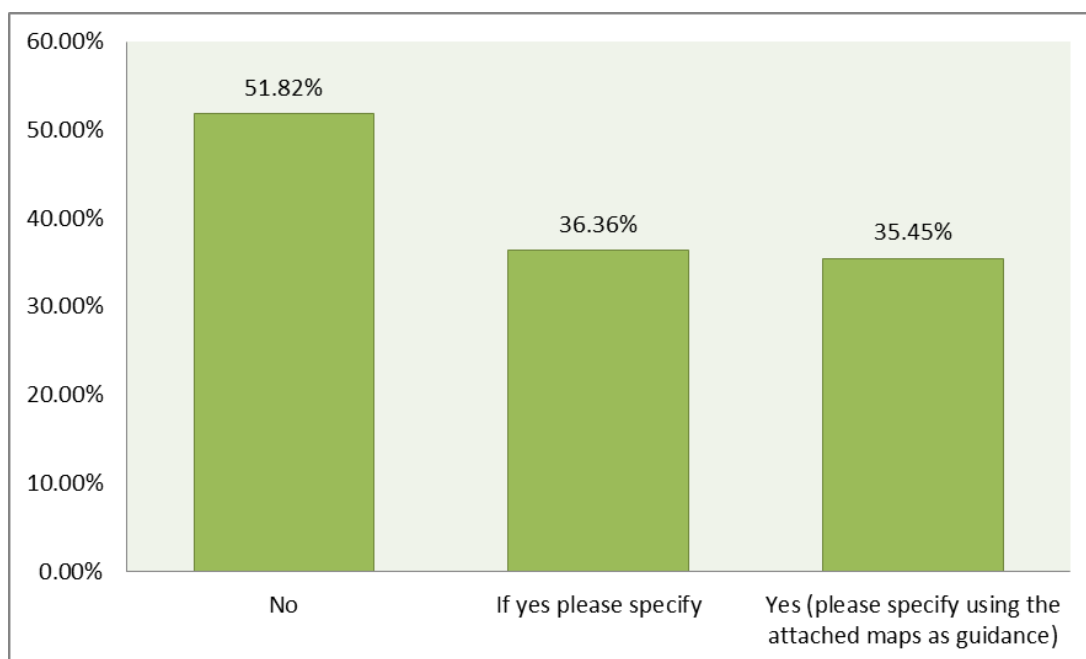


Figure 33

40 comments were received. A selection is shown in the table (Figure 34).

Scopwick	Kirkby Green
Bridleways for safe pony riding	The route from Kirkby Village Green over the railway comes to a dead end - it would be great to continue it to meet up with footpaths to Timberland or others south of the village
Improved footpaths/cycle way on B1188 through Scopwick to Metheringham for access to shops and station	Link footpath Old Ford Bridge Kirkby Green with ford to Rouston
I think we are already very lucky with footpaths in this village + dog walking places	Anywhere to improve easy walking access to other villages
Yes Kirkby Green to Walcott footpath restored, currently not marked	Footpath/ Cycle route from Scopwick to Metheringham

Scopwick	Kirkby Green
The existing network is adequate but a surfaced footpath to Blankney either roadside or other would be advantageous	Map is not comprehensive enough
The south side of Scopwick from the end of Beckside to the last houses going out east on Main street. The re-opening of the footpath going out east from Kirkby Green.	We like to walk but don't know the area well enough to comment further. Only been here 18 months. Would be brilliant if we could easily walk/ cycle to Metheringham

Figure 34

**Question 27: Would you like to see traffic calming measures introduced on the main roads in the Parish?**

133 responses were recorded, 13 responders chose to skip the question. As figure 35 illustrates, a significant majority of responders who answered the question would like to see traffic calming measures on the main roads in the Parish .

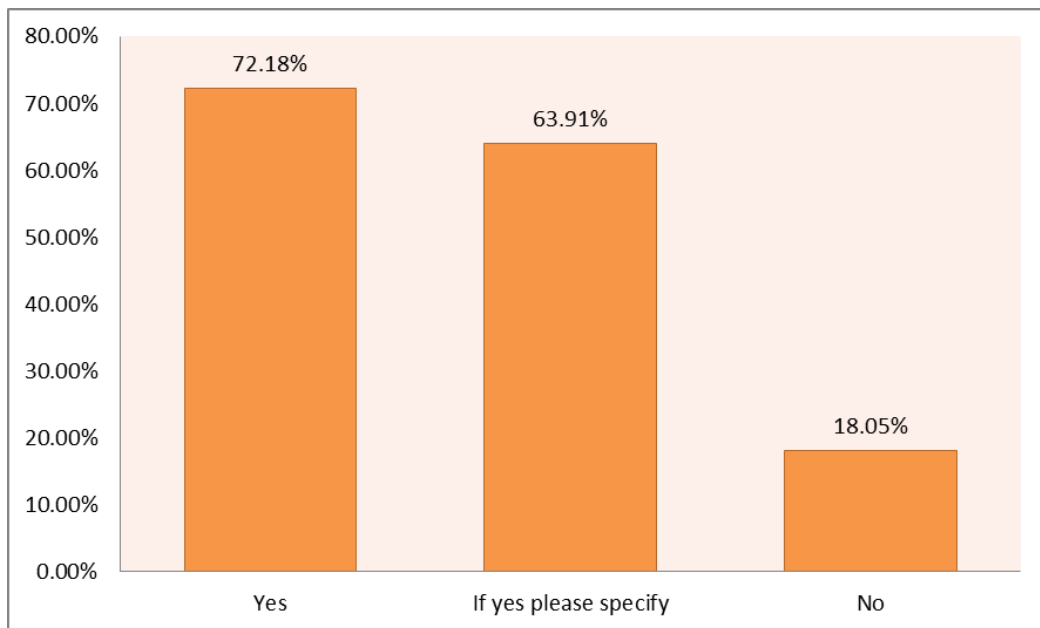


Figure 35

61 responders from Scopwick and 24 from Kirkby Green provided comments and suggestions. The table (Figure 36) illustrates a selection of these comments.

Scopwick	Kirkby Green
Absolutely - speed camera would be best on the main road	A speed restriction of 30mph, at the railway level crossing at Kirkby Green
Electronic speed of vehicles displayed	Illuminated speed signs specifically through Kirkby Green as traffic often reaches national speed limit and more. Restriction on heavy traffic through Scopwick and Kirkby Green. Has been a dramatic increase in construction vehicles again well in excess of 30mph. Danger to children and pets in Kirkby Green
40mph on B1188. Improved road access/visibility at T-junction on B1188/main street.	Traffic through Kirkby Green 7-9am and 4-6pm is very fast and many times I have not been able to pull out my drive safely due to others speed and recklessness.
Flashing signs when limit is exceeded	Make road from Timberland to Kirkby Green/ Scopwick 7.5 tonne only
Heath Road 40mph from R.A.F. Digby to Scopwick Speedbumps etc.	I would not like speed bumps or any other sort of constructed traffic calming, but I do think the police should set up a speed trap as some drivers do not observe the speed limits
Mini roundabout at main street junction of the B1188 as currently dangerous when exiting main road due to lack of visibility around the corner into speeding traffic.	Speed bumps would increase the vibration from heavy lorries to houses adjacent to the road.

Figure 36

### Additional Comments

**Question 28: If you have any other comments about the Neighbourhood Plan or if you wish to expand on any of your earlier comments then please do so.**

41 responses were collected for this final question. These have been loosely categorised.

A selection of these comments is illustrated in Figure 37. Comments have been divided into 2 tables

Roads/paths infrastructure	Development	Environment
Heavy lorries should use alternative routes farm workers cottages owned by Blankney + other farms are an eyesore and should have a facelift	With people living longer and only having small families, the village will need more housing to maintain a balanced community	Anything about improving the environment? Not just in villages but in wider Parish. Can we do something to safeguard the future landscape post ash die back? reconnect the land and the village
Pot holes in farriers court	Village is not suitable for affordable housing or elderly as transport too expensive	
The paths and roads around old people's bungalows should be improved	Q.17 Do not agree with building on green field land.	
Weight restriction through our village is very important to implement. These 30 ton H.G.V.s who speed through our villages has to stop. They are causing damage to our roads and buildings	New developments:- Corner of B1188 and B1911 -Area opposite entrance to vicarage lane to the left of bridge lane Field opposite Scopwick House (extension of proposed 30mph zone to Bloxholme Lane	

Community and Character	Services	Multiple Comment
<p>I really hope that the village keeps its charm and character. These are the reasons we moved to the village from Sleaford. As a family we like the slow pace it brings us after the stresses of school and work. Really hope it doesn't get too big and developed as spoils what we have here and surrounding us</p>	<p>Q.15 The almost complete lack of mobile phone signal in The Granaries is worrying should an emergency arise. Being disabled brings this to the fore.</p>	<p>Q16:- None Q17:- Conversion of 'The Limes' would improve facilities and appearance along Main street, whether for homes or small, quiet business accommodation Q18:- Lack of 'support' amenities for this Q22:- As long as within present character of village and of a clean, quiet nature Q23:- *Light industry - if quiet Q26:- Don't mind; we are already lucky to have a lot of footpaths across farmland and within village - We walkers - with or without dogs - would always use more Please always include 'Ducks on the Beck' in the plan. Very few villages are blessed with wildlife which attracts so many visitors - young and old - and the ducks are an obvious part. We should therefore maintain an environment which encourages and supports them and other creatures e.g. water voles</p>
<p>There are few villages that offer the peace and tranquillity of Scopwick. Once retail premises are introduced the whole fabric of the village will be spoiled. For those of us that chose the village to live in we were aware that it offered no facilities but shops are close by in Metheringham + Ruskington. The village hall also offers a wide range of activities in which people can be involved. Our village feels cared for + there is a sense of collective ownership</p>	<p>Scopwick is a great place to come for walks, cycles, and horse rides. A simple shop that sold (among other things) ice cream in the summer months would be a great idea, as would a place to get teas and coffees. Maintaining public footpaths/ bridleways would make Scopwick a great attraction, as would cycle paths to Metheringham. I would love to cycle safely there with my children</p>	<p>This village was once voted one of the prettiest in England. Nowadays the beck outside the village hall is a mud patch car park. Any new developments should be built in keeping with the current stone appearance.</p>

Figure 37

The following comments related to the questionnaire were also collected.

- *This is very admirable but in our experience, NKDC will do what it wants with lip service paid to the views of residents regarding unwanted planning. More weight is given to the needs of hedgehogs etc. than the legitimate concerns of residents*
- *The questionnaire should be provided for all adult household members individually not one per house*
- *This Neighbourhood Plan is fundamentally unnecessary and unlikely to become approved because of the limited scope of possible improvement. The Central Lincolnshire Plan provides most of the protection and definition of possible development for Tier 3 villages. Any energy and funding available should be directed to enhancing community activities and encouraging the participation of residents*
- *This survey is poorly put together. Many questions are leading, misleading and do not provide enough choice. Some questions that say select multiple answers only allow you to select one*
- *Why am I not included in the village facilities list? There are six occupied dwellings and two active businesses not mapped or mentioned in this plan*



## Conclusions and Recommendations

The broad conclusions that can be drawn from this consultation are:

### The Parish

Responders value the village atmosphere of the Parish and the ease of access to the surrounding countryside. The friendly atmosphere and quiet lifestyle are appreciated by responders. Important environmental features are the natural assets that form part of the Parish e.g. hedgerows, woodland, wildflower areas and in particular the Beck footpaths and bridleways.

Concerns centre on the speed of passing and through traffic; a number of suggestions were made for reducing the speed of vehicles and there is support for the installation of traffic calming measures.

The need for improved community facilities, in particular restoration of the Royal Oak pub received a lot of support along with improved play facilities.

Questionnaire Analysis identified that many responders experience difficulty with both their mobile phone signal and broadband connection.

Responders indicate that they find the Parish a relatively safe place to live scoring 'how safe' they feel between 74 and 79 out of a 100. However without finding out more about what might make people feel unsafe or responders' related experiences regarding community safety, it is difficult to draw any confident conclusion.

Looking to the future, responders wish their Parish to be friendly, safe and attractive.

### Development of the Parish

The biggest concern, should there be further development in the Parish, was the potential for an increase in traffic.

Responders wish a high level of regard to be given to the design of surrounding existing buildings in any new development. Building between the two villages, outside the curtilage or on green field sites received little support.

Less than half of all responders would be supportive of any commercial energy resources on a large scale, with only solar energy receiving any significant level of support.

## **Housing Development**

A majority of responders who answered the question would be in favour of small scale development (1-5 units) in addition to the Central Lincolnshire Plan's recommended growth for the Parish.

The use of redundant rural buildings and the development of 2-4 bed family homes were also the preferred option in any future development. 1-2 bed starter homes were also an option supported by 53% of responders. At this stage, consultation has not highlighted a significant housing need in the Parish although the comments of the 7 responders should not be dismissed.

A number of potential sites for additional homes were put forward, with the redundant "Limes Residential Home" amongst the favoured options.

There should be consideration given to the 43% of responders who chose to skip this question. Some responders do not support further development and voice concerns regarding 'over development' and losing the rural feel of the Parish.

Development of retail type business received the most support amongst responders to the question which dovetails with responders comments regarding access to a local shop/public house/post office.

## **Accessibility**

To access facilities and services outside the Parish including work, 126 of the 128 responders use a motor vehicle, although there is wide support for improved bus services and improvements and extensions to cycle paths and footpaths, particularly to the nearest service centre of Metheringham.

## Recommendations

The age breakdown of respondents to the household questionnaire should be a factor when considering the responses made throughout the questionnaire.

Feedback to residents, on the main results of the survey should take place as soon as possible using a variety of social media and traditional forms of communication.

A summary of the salient points of the Central Lincolnshire Plan should be communicated to the community in particular:

- Excerpts from the vision
- Primary growth locations
- The level and distribution of growth
- What this means for Scopwick and Kirkby Green in development of the Neighbourhood Plan including compliance with the legislation

It will be important to demonstrate how the development of Scopwick and Kirkby Green's Plan can influence positive growth that secures the future of the Parish through the development of a vision, objectives and policies that have been produced by the community.

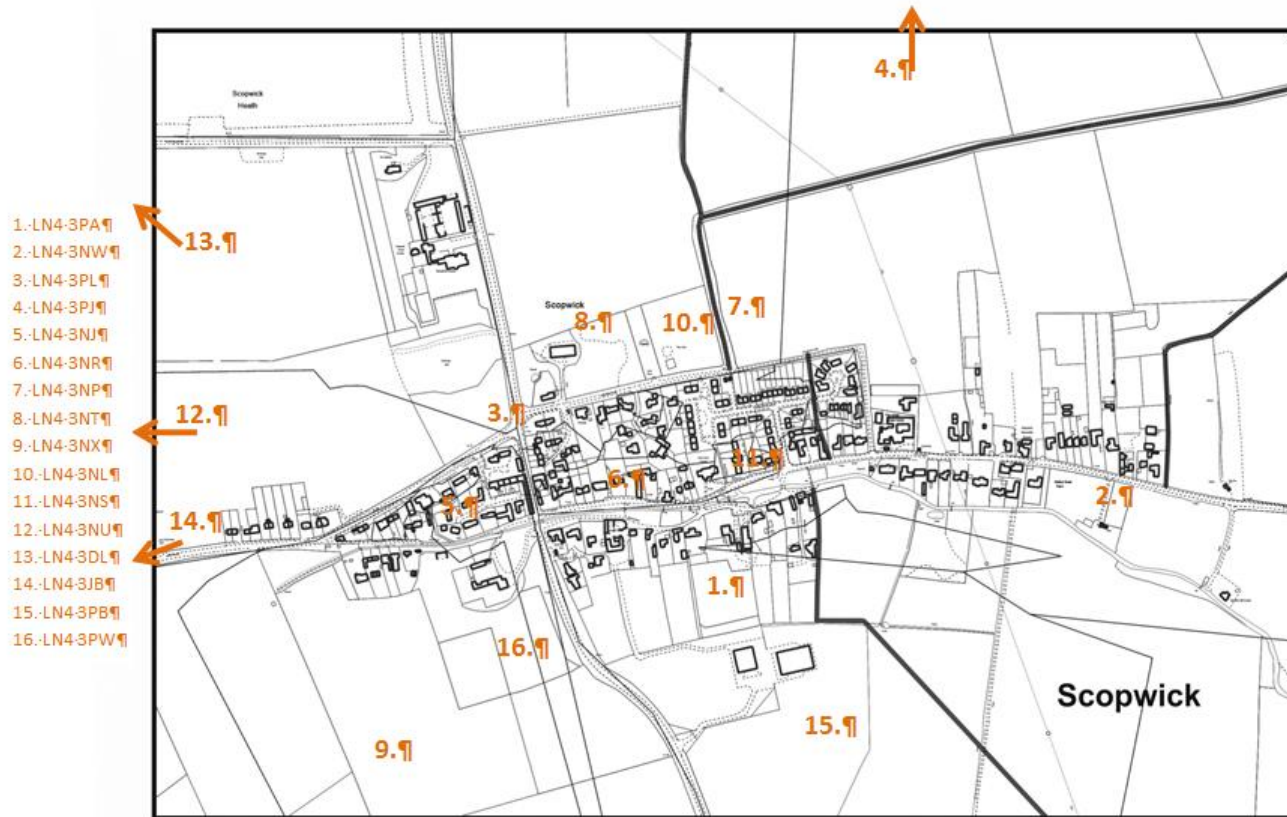
A visioning/feedback event will be excellent platform to begin this process and ensure the community are on-board for the upcoming stages of the Neighbourhood Plan.

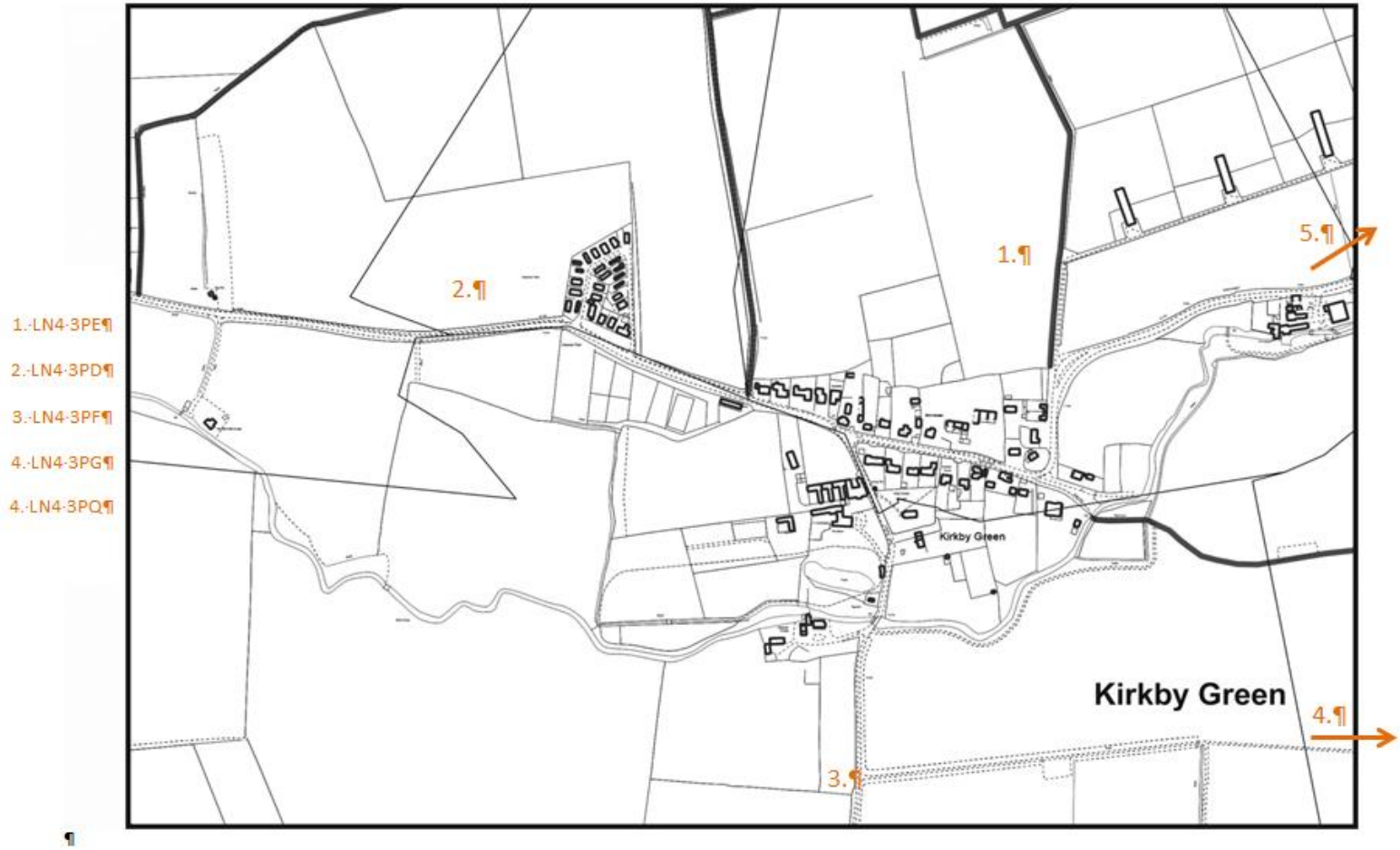
This would also be a good time to continue discussion regarding access to facilities v development and ensure that those who rely on, or would prefer to use public transport know about 'CallConnect' including eligibility, service routes, times and how to book.

Ensure the whole community continues to have its say on the evolution of the Neighbourhood Plan; at each stage, the community should be consulted and provided with the opportunity to feedback in a meaningful way. It is also important to start engaging with other stakeholders such as landowners, local businesses and young people in the Parish.

# Appendices

## Postcodes





# Site Allocation

