SHEEPY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DROP-IN EVENTS

Tuesday 19th & Friday 29th January 2016

Consultation Results

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1) BACKGROUND

Project Brief:

The RCC (Leicestershire & Rutland) was commissioned by Sheepy Parish Council to:

> ***Inform and consult the community on the Sheepy Neighbourhood Plan via two Community Engagement Drop-in Events.***

Aim:

The aim of these two events was to inform the community on Neighbourhood Planning and gain some initial feedback from residents on what they liked, disliked or would like to see improved within the parish.

Publicity:

The event was publicised throughout the parish via:

- Publicity Leaflet distributed to all households (Annex 1)
- Colour posters displayed on notice boards and at key locations in each Parish (Annex 1)
- Article in the Sheepy Group Gazette
- Article in the Grapevine
- Facebook SheepyParishNP
- Twitter @SheepyParishNP

For Reference:
These Drop-in events were held at venues in both Sibson and Sheepy Magna in order to engage as many residents as possible across the rural areas that make up the Parish. For reference, the collated comments received at the Sibson Drop-in event are shown in *Italic* within this report.

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Drop-In Event Format

	ACTION	DETAILS
1 ↓	Sign In	RCC Officer/Steering Group Member asked attendees to complete a short registration form upon entering the event. This enabled the gathering of key demographical data including; post code, age, gender, ethnicity and employment status. RCC Officer/Steering Group Member asked attendees to complete a contact details slip if they wanted to be kept updated with the NDP process following the event or help with the project.
2 ↓	Introduction	RCC Officer/Steering Group Members will provide a brief introduction to the event including; background to the project, format of the event, how to have a say, and how to stay updated following the event.
3 ↓	Background to Project	Information outlining the background of the project was provided via a display board. Key points covered included: *What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan, why produce one, what a plan can and cannot do what the plan will look at and the designated NDP Area.*
4 ↓	Consultation on Key Issues	A series of display boards were erected around the room, each of which focused on a different topic related to planning and development displaying some background information on the parish as listed below: - ***Open Green Spaces*** - ***History & Heritage*** - ***Environment*** - ***Flooding*** - ***Renewable Energy*** - ***Facilities & Services*** - ***Traffic & Transport*** - ***Housing*** - ***Employment & Business/Economy*** Having read each of the displays, attendees were asked to list the three things that they liked, disliked, or wanted to see improved in relation to each topic area.
5 ↓	Visual Maps	Opportunity to indicate important Green Open Spaces. Coloured dots were provided for attendees to highlight green spaces that they valued within the parish (**Green** – 3 sites valued for visual amenity; **Blue** – 3 sites valued for recreational use).
6 ↓	Additional Comments	Attendees were provided with blank slips to enable them to put forward any additional comments relevant to the project.

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2) RESULTS

Demographics		
Total Attendance	**Total 113 (105 Registered) (26 Sibson) (87 Sheepy Magna)**	
POST CODES / STREETS REPRESENTED		
CV9 3RA-Meadow Close, Sheepy Magna	14	
CV13 6JX - Main Road, Upton	10	
CV9 3QR - Main Road, Sheepy Magna	8	
CV9 3QS - Church Lane, Sheepy Magna	6	
CV9 3ND - Pinwall Lane, Pinwall	5	
CV9 3QY - Ratcliffe Lane Sheepy Magna	3	
CV9 3RS -Twycross Rd, Sheepy Magna	3	
CV9 3RH -Highfield Close Sheepy Magna	2	
CV9 3RY - Ashcroft, Sheepy Magna	2	
CV9 3QT - Park View, Sheepy Magna	1	
CV9 3RR x1 Orton Lane, Sheepy Magna	1	
CV13 6LB - Twycross Road, Sibson	1	
CV9 3RZ - Oakfield Way Sheepy Magna	12	
CV13 6LE - Sheepy Road, Sibson	8	
CV9 3QU - Main Road, Sheepy Magna	6	
CV9 3RT - Twycross Road, Sheepy Magna	5	
CV13 6PA - Bosworth Road, Wellsborough	3	
CV9 3RW - Church Croft, Sheepy Magna	3	
CV9 3RE - Sibson Road, Sheepy Parva	3	
CV9 3PF - Pinwall Lane, Sheepy Magna	2	
CV9 3RQ - Cliffe Lodge, Sheepy Magna	2	
CV9 3RL - Mill Lane, Sheepy Parva	2	
CV9 3NJ - Orton Lane, Sheepy Magna	1	
CV9 3RU - Riverside Close, Sheepy Magna	1	
CV9 3QZ - Ratcliffe lane, Sheepy Magna	1	
Gender:	Female	53
	Male	52
Age Category:	75 or over	11
	65 – 74	36
	55 – 64	18
	45 – 54	16
	35 – 44	18
	25 – 34	02
	18 – 24	00
	Under 18	04
Employment Status:	Employed (Full Time)	34
	Employed (Part Time)	15
	Full Time Education	05
	Part Time Education	00
	Unemployed	01
	Retired	50
	Housewife/Househusband	01
Ethnicity:	White British	101
	White Irish	01
	White Other	01
	Other	01

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Open Green Spaces	
Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO OPEN GREEN SPACES • *WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH* • *WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH* • *WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED*
Total Comments	**21**

COMMENTS

<u>LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH</u>:

- *The Parish has some stunning countryside*
- We moved to Sheepy for the village and open spaces – we should not lose this opportunity

<u>WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED</u>:

- *It would be very good to see the countryside, churches and parks kept in good and/or better condition*
- Maintain the footpaths and walkways around the glade playing field and field adjacent to Oakfield / Meadow Close.

<u>IN REFERENCE TO THE NP</u>:

Green Belt:

- No building in Green Belt
- I agree
- Me too
- No building on the green belt please. That's what green belt is all about. Can't we be classed as site of natural beauty?
- There should be no building development in green belt
- Is there any green belt here? I thought it was open countryside?

Views / Vistas:

- *Identify the main views and provide protection*

Open Spaces:

- *The rural nature of Sheepy needs to be enshrined in the neighbourhood plan. The balance of open space to buildings needs to be a foundation of the plan.*
- Building needs to be limited to areas where there are existing settlements so wide open spaces are maintained

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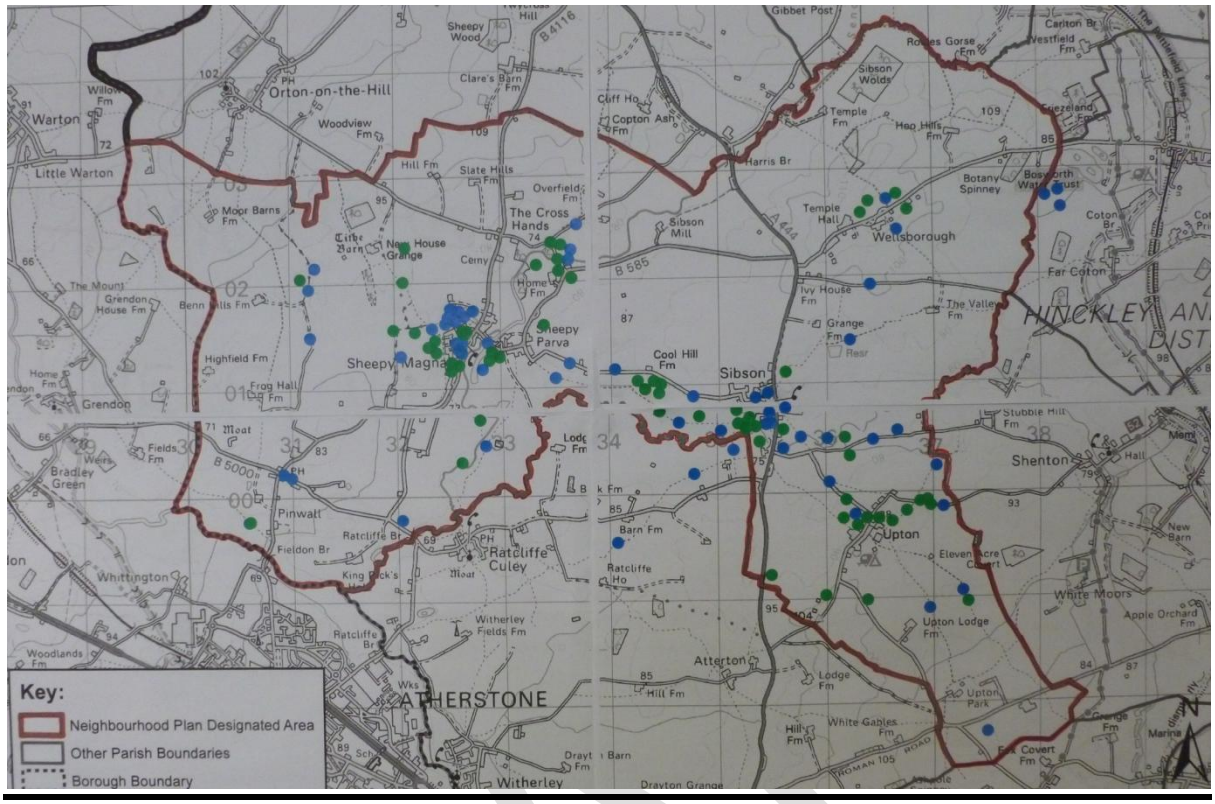
Protection

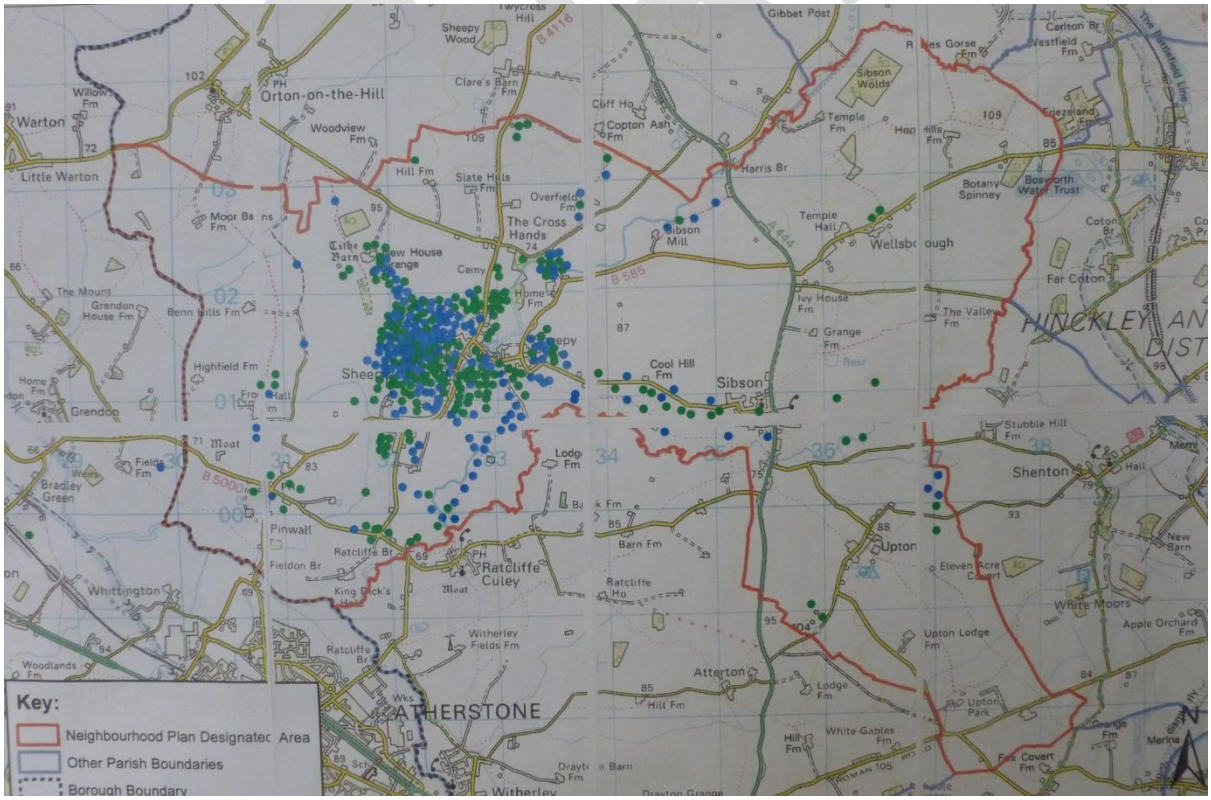
- *We should be proud of our beautiful open spaces and protect at all cost.*
- *Green spaces need to be protected by the plan with guarantees that they will not be built upon*
- We need to protect our green belt areas
- As a community we need to protect our green and open spaces
- Ditto above comment - We need to protect rural nature of village and respect environment!
- Sheepy playing field and glade need to be protected
- Preservation of the green areas is imperative
- No development on agricultural land

Important Open Green Spaces	
Question / Instruction	Please use the sticky dots provided to identify on the map any important green spaces that you value in the Parish **Please place a BLUE dot on up to 3 green spaces that you value most for Leisure & Recreation (e.g. walking, cycling, relaxing, playing, or sport).** **Please place a GREEN dot on up to 3 green spaces that you value most for their visual amenity (view of, from or within the village).**
Total Dots	**Blue:** XX **Green:** XX

Map for further analysis



Sibson Event



Sheepy Magna Event

History & Heritage	
Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO HISTORY & HERITAGE • *WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH* • *WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH* • *WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED*
Total Comments	**45**

COMMENTS

LIKE

- *Like rural unspoilt character of listed buildings*
- *Like small personable community open countryside*
- *Like easy access to the countryside*
- *Like 7.5T Limit for vehicles on Sheepy Road/Sibson Road*
- *Like rural character*
- *Like unique characteristics of listed and important buildings*
- *Like. We live at Manor Farm Cottage and feel privileged to live in and maintain a building of historical interest*
- *Like village community, variety of housing, conservation areas.*
- *Like preservation of rural communities, open spaces, wildlife on doorstep*
- *Like the stunning old buildings in the parish*
- *Like Sibson settlement boundary "as is" – small is beautiful!*

NOT LIKE

- *Dislike newer housing out of character with village – should be sympathetic with older architecture (e.g. eyebrow windows*
- *Dislike introduction of modern style solar panelling. Should be in keeping with rural/rustic style*
- *Dislike new inappropriate housing, road widening*
- *The existing listed buildings are not being preserved or enhanced*
- *Dislike removal of old sign post outside Sheepy school*

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WOULD LIKE TO SEE

Preserving Heritage / Character:

- *Would like to see all grade 2 and above preserved well and grade 2 buildings as well where possible*
- *Upton – preservation of petrol pumps and Old Blacksmith building to be preserved*
- *Buildings of historical importance to the parish should be preserved – even if not historically important in national sense*
- Look after the old buildings and preserve / care for them
- Preserving the heritage of the villages is vital; however, the village hall in Sheepy is no longer fit for purpose. Parking is inadequate and the layout isn't great. A new village hall with parking and a small shop
- I love our church and listed buildings and would like our village to be preserved, and not over developed, as that could affect schooling. Any more buildings must incorporate a shop
- Villages like Sheepy are few and far between, all of the old buildings must be preserved. People love the village just as it is
- We have a very varied group of buildings within the parish which should definitely be preserved for posterity
- I believe the architecture and heritage of the neighbourhood needs to be preserved
- Sheepy has a number of historic buildings remaining, it is important that these are maintained and not drastically altered in order to preserve their appearance
- The aging buildings in the parish should be preserved in order to maintain the identity of the village. It was a great shame that the shop was demolished and replaced so recently altering the feature aspect of the centre of the village
- We need to preserve our old houses and not ruin our village by over development
- Most important that we preserve our history and heritage in the parish
- It is important to preserve the heritage of local listed buildings whilst being sensitive to the needs of the owners of these buildings and their need to modernise.
- Agree with above .. private ownership can be too, in danger of crippling change
- The character of the village could easily be ruined by over development and the traffic that goes with it. Also need to consider wildlife!!
- *New buildings should echo historical make up of villages*
- Need to keep character of village by looking after all buildings, but also buildings alone don't make a village, need to protect green areas / trees too! Need both to keep the village lovely

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- We should support our old buildings and heritage they are an important part of our heritage
- *Improve protection from flooding*
- All efforts should be made to maintain the strong village feel even though Sheepy is growing
- Apply for new bridge to be erected over River Sence at or near the church

Historical knowledge / Education:

- Sheepy local history society now has archives of documents, maps, photo's, artefacts etc. Important that a permanent facility remains to house this
- *Upton House – recognition of history of building*
- *Improve knowledge and understanding of planning regulations in relation to listed buildings*
- *Improve increased recognition of historical buildings*
- *Identify and promote and protect the "Poor Pieces" Charity land*

Other:

- The County Council over rules settlement boundaries – they are not relevant
- Balance between treasured buildings used by community and museums that are in danger of becoming obsolete

Environment	
Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO ENVIRONMENT • *WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH* • *WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH* • *WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED*
Total Comments	**61**
COMMENTS	

LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH

- *Rural nature and close access to countryside*
- *Like the rural environment within the parish*
- There are Badgers, Otters and Foxes on Watery Lane
- Sheepy Glade a great asset and all footpaths around the village

- Habitat for wildlife is great here. We have to preserve it.
- Walks around the area are fantastic. We need to preserve these. They are all used frequently by walkers
- Like small friendly community rural aspects!
- Like the walks around the area, these should be preserved. Way Markers are great
- Love Sheepy Glade, let's get bird boxes up in there!
- We are lucky to live in such a lovely place, with nice walks and plentiful wildlife. It should be a priority to keep the village small enough to keep it that way
- The Glade is a great environmental asset to the village

NOT LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH

- Despite there being many bins for dog poo round the village, the park and tracks around the field are disgusting. Owners seem to think because they are not on footpaths that this is ok.
- Educate the dog owners further about clearing up after nature calls their dog. We do! – a dog owner
- Dog fouling is still in existence
- Naming and shaming of persistent dog owners
- We did have lots of badgers but some have been poisoned so it seems and left by the roadside to indicate road kill – outrageous!
- Sheepy is in a designated Bio Diversity Improvement Area. In the past this does not seem to have been acknowledged by the Borough Council. Do not like that the wildlife has suffered
- *Dislike the solar farms*
- We don't need any more houses taking up grade A farmland

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Heritage / Character:

- *There are other areas of ancient pasture that should be noted and recorded. Woodland areas should be developed. Ancient ponds restored*
- *Any further housing development in Upton should be in keeping with existing OLDER buildings NOT modern design*
- *The parish is defined by its rural character which should be preserved and encouraged*
- *Ensure the universal rural environmental aesthetic view is protected and maintained (especially if tree/hedgerow die back continues – all in line/tandem with new building development ideas*

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Light pollution:

- *Reduce light pollution in countryside – security lights pointing down, etc*
- *Reduce urban light pollution*
- *It would be nice to see less littering/more done about it especially on roads such as the one that goes from Sheepy to Twycross*

Trees:

- *Plant more trees and coppice areas to improve air quality*
- *Do we need more trees? Yes!*
- Encourage planting of tree corridors along roads and hedges

Wildlife:

- *Identify and promote wildlife conservation areas*
- *Maintain/improve areas for wildlife – natural corridors to allow movement*
- *Hedgerows to be maintained to encourage wildlife and not pulled out. Gaps should be re-planted*
- *Designate special areas where wildlife can be allowed to thrive. Signpost them. Generally a sense of identity*
- Keep hedges / trees lining fields for wildlife / foods and nice views
- <u>New areas of wildlife</u> could be the disused pond / pit / hollow, be cleared for wildlife that lies at the back of Parkinsons Farm.
- Wildflower areas would be nice.
- Four or Five years ago a pair of Red kites were observed along Wellsborough Road out of Sheepy. Haven't been sited since. I visit my field most days. Swallows / Sparrows prolific in field outside 126. Will be interesting to see if they return this year, their nesting place has disappeared. Other neighbourhoods have included wildlife corridors
- The wildlife and 'Greenery' needs to be preserved within the local area. It is one of the best things in the area and would be spoiled by development
- Take care and protect the wild areas in the village including the Glade. This is a great asset as is the playing field and field adjacent to Oakfield Way
- Consideration should be given to extending areas like Sheepy Glade which has successfully attracted two species of woodpecker and five species of the Tit family
- This surely needs support of landowners to put up areas for biodiversity. Our Sheepy Glade has been a success
- Environmental surveys should be carried out periodically to record changes in wildlife populations
- Do <u>not</u> build in Sheepy magna fields, the wildlife and views here are amazing

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Agriculture:

- Maintain agricultural use of the farmland surrounding the villages. This is a rural parish and needs to be kept as one
- *Do not encroach on farmland*
- There is no more land suitable for development. We must not build on the fields behind the church and playing field. Farming is heritage and environment.

Walks:

- Walks around the parish must be protected as this is essential for our children, health, well being and dog owners
- *The parish council should designate parishioners to walk footpaths and keep them open and visible*
- Field walks to be maintained i.e. the fields at the back of the houses on the left hand side coming from Atherstone
- The ability to walk locally around fields needs to be maintained.

Litter:

- Volunteer community litter pick would be good
- Is there a regular litter picking walk I can join? I'd like to make a difference?

Other:

- Allowing Sheepy will continue to grow, efforts to keep the pleasant environment and ecology 'No matter what'
- Restrict building in the fields
- Educational needs – nature trails etc. Future of the environment depends on us!
- *Supportive of designated areas especially linked with flood control*
- Not sure why the pasture land is species poor. Can't we do anything to improve this, a lot of people try to do it in their own gardens. Involve RSPB etc?
- We would improve our carbon footprint by having a shop!
- We have lots of Starlings and Sparrows around here which are on the RSPB 'At Risk' list. If you build on the fields, these will disappear
- Would like to see the brook in Sheepy Glade regularly maintained
- Considering traffic and buildings, no building in established nature areas!

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Flooding	
Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO FLOODING • *WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH* • *WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH* • *WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED*
Total Comments	**49**

COMMENTS

LIKE ABOUT SHEEP PARISH

- Drainage plan already put into place has been extremely effective and very much appreciated
- *Villagers in Sibson put their own money into dredging the river Sence (flood zone 3). This has reduced flooding and waterlogged fields*

NOT LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH

- If the recent amount of rain falling on Cumbria fell on Sheepy how well would the current flood model hold up in Sheepy?
- *I have been refused home insurance due to proximity of river though it is no risk to my house*
- Is the bridge opposite the church safe? I believe this may accentuate the flooding. By the pub as well?
- *Sibson floods too!*
- *Surface water issues on Long Row, Sheepy. Road CANNOT take surface water from both directions – drains get full – water floods Long Row cottages. Further hard standing development, etc, would make this worse. Local knowledge NOT taken into consideration when new developments put in.*

WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED

Flood Plains:

- *Stop any development on floodplains in village*
- *Don't build on floodplains!*
- No building on flood plains
- Flooding – the council will build on flood plains regardless of historical flooding. Again the planning committee has its own agenda and is hand in glove with big business
- Do not build on flood plains and allow farmers to dredge the river or a cost effective and obvious solution to flooding. Ensure any new development respects the flood plains/sewerage, etc

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- Do not build on flood plains (obvious!) Dredge the river and ditches
- Do not build new houses on flood plains OR areas affected eg. fields behind the estate behind the Black Horse. Huge amounts of soil are washed off during heavy rain.
- No building on flood zones
- No building on flood plains
- Do not build on flood plain and keep rivers clear of debris
- No new builds on areas that are prone to flooding!
- *Prevent building on floodplains*
- *No new building on floodplains but also not within a reasonable further distance (ie. flooding will get worse)*
- *Stop development on upstream floodplains that affect village*
- *New building should not be allowed on ANY land that is liable to flood*
- Do not build on flood plains! We need the fields to draw down the water! Ensure rivers are kept clear. Recent works have made a huge difference!
  1. Are the drains able to cope with runoff water? 2. Dredging is not always the answer – just take the reeds from the middle of the river and keep flow clear. 3. Continuously remove debris and obstacles reducing the flow
- Need to consider how housing development will affect the villages. The flood plains should be preserved
- No more house building on flood zones but find ways of holding water back with a slow release flood plains, water meadows, etc
- Good planning and design needed for homes built on flood plain. Consider what will happen WHEN it floods and design the property to cope
- Building on the flood plain – just make sure floor level is above the flood level. Problem solved people do this elsewhere

Dredging:

- *Regular dredging of watercourses is essential to prevent flooding (ref. Cumbria-Cockermouth)*
- Keep dredging the river to prevent future problems
- Keep on top of dredging the river so we do not experience floods obstructing the main road as before
- Keep dredging the river could not agree more yes!!!!
- Dredging of rivers so important and no building on flood plains
- Ditches to be cleaned out regularly to prevent flooding

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- Regular waterway maintenance to prevent flooding
- Keeping on top of dredging the river
- Dredging of river needs to be kept up
- Does dredging actually work as it speeds the flow of water? We need the flood plains to flood!
- Randall field overflow from river at old mill should be cleaned out to relieve water in village

Trees:

- More tree planting and bushes to "soak up" water!
- More tree planting where possible. Helps protect the land
- Grow trees to drink floods and do not build more housing
- Plant more trees to slow the water down – fast flowing water causes more damage than slow moving
- The neighbourhood plan will need to consider a. Siting of new buildings b. Plan for tree planting near rivers in order to absorb excess water

Meadows / Grass:

- *Create water meadows to reduce flooding*
- River meadows must be protected along the Sense valley. Encouragement of farms to keep grass rather than plough up

Defences:

- New flood barrier should be built outside public house and church
- *It would be good to see more flood defences in case of such a scenario and it would be good to have an organised and prepared way to deal with it*

Surface Water:

- *Take account of surface water runoff. More hard surfaces – more rapid run off. Don't develop areas where surface water runoff accumulates and is held in temporary storage*

Other:

- There should be a constant review process to ensure wherever possible latest developments are used to reduce flooding risk
- *Ensure continued action by authorities and agencies to reduce flood risk (working together)*

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Renewable Energy	
Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO RENEWABLE ENERGY • *WHAT DO YOU LIKE* • *WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE* • *WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE*
Total Comments	**57**

COMMENTS

LIKE / WOULD LIKE TO SEE

Solar Renewable:

- *Solar panels on churches and public buildings*
- *Solar panels on ALL new houses*
- Mandatory for all new homes to have solar panels
- *Householder solar/wind good (new builds, etc) but against community solar/wind farms agreed*
- *Free solar panel subsidies for all dwellings*
- Solar and small scale wind should be encouraged
- Consider community solar scheme or hydro? That locals could invest in
- *Would a solar farm be a practical application?*
- Solar farms and wind farms need to be considered, but located in appropriate places
- Solar panels yes
- Solar panel tiles for the roof
- Solar panels on the roof a good idea
- *Solar panels to be encouraged where visibility restricts or on commercial/industrial/farm buildings*
- *I think solar panels are fine with the exception of one's visible from the road and I would strongly dislike wind turbines*
- Solar panel arrays on all south facing roofs and not in fields, sterilising agricultural land
- Bulk grant for PV solar cells e.g. if 50 houses all agree to install
- *Consider – solar panel energy generation on commercial industrial agricultural*

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even church roof – flat roof installations which do not directly impinge on rural landscape prospective

- *Solar panels only when sympathetic to the feel of the villages. Encourage ground source heat pumps instead*

Wind Renewable:

- Totally in support of schemes that aren't very ugly. Wind turbines are pretty
- *Wind turbines ok subject to location. Does not disturb bird/wildlife or visibly inappropriate*
- I like wind turbines
- Maybe a wind turbine to help the village, it would have to be a full size one
- Solar panels on roofs are a better alternative to a field of solar panels. A field should be used for farming and not solar panels
- I support the idea (Consider alternative renewable energy projects) More small scale renewable energy sources e.g. wind turbines, solar PV
- *All new houses and businesses to be carbon-neutral*
- *Would like village/parish to go carbon free (not through ugly wind generators) but through use of ground heat, etc*

Water Renewable:

- Hydro electricity generated from the River Sence
- *Access feasibility of using river to generate electricity*
- I would NOT like wind turbines, but we could use hydro power of the river Sence – less impact on the environment
- It would appear that water turbines are of a low priority, but with the water supplies around Sheepy, trout pond, lake etc Surely some consideration should be given to this type of generation
- We are all for conserving water
- Water butts for harvesting rain water would be sensible
- Water butts to collect rainwater to then use in the garden
- *Without subsidies wind turbines are not economic – rainwater could be used for flushing toilets, etc, but needs large storage tanks and pumps*

Environment:

- We should try and keep the village without eyesores, but find sources that can be used without effecting the visuals
- *Encourage the building of environmentally friendly housing*
- Renewable energy is important, but need to look into ways to lessen impact on character of properties / village / wildlife, but definitely look into!!

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- We have a ground source heat pump which is very successful. We collect rainwater for watering the garden

- Consider alternative renewable energy projects that are not detrimental to the pleasant views and scenery etc. E.g. small scale, low and independent standing solar PV cells maximising use of suitable agricultural land. Can be sympathetic to existing wildlife

- In response to the point around nuclear fusion. We are not in favour of a nuclear power plant, we'd rather have renewable

- Not sure what schemes are available, or how they work. Maybe more information could be sent out in church magazine / talks to show how we can contribute?

NOT LIKE

Solar Renewable:

- *Against- solar panels and wind farms spoiling the horizon!*

- *No solar or wind farms – destroys countryside*

- Solar panels must not be put on old buildings (like at Pinwall opposite Clarke's garage) never! A travesty!!

- Solar panels look so ugly – to put them on old building is a sacrilege!!!!

- If they are so good (Solar farms and wind farms) why do they need such a big subsidy!!!

- Solar panels on home roofs are so ugly

- I hate the look of hideous solar thermal panels on buildings in fields. How they appear and disrupt the wildlife and scenery. I don't believe they are economically viable either. If you have to harness nature's energy, can't we use the sea or part of the underused desert instead?

- *Really dislike solar panels on houses especially when seen from the roadside*

- *Retro fitted solar panels destroy visual character of buildings when visible from front elevation*

Water Renewable:

- *No wind farms – limited life span and then left derelict*

- Wind turbines spoil the look of an area and are not the 'perfect' solution
- No wind turbines! Very unsightly
- No wind turbines
- We do not want wind turbines – no wind farms

Other:

- *Conservation areas character would be ruined by most renewable energy schemes like solar panels, wind turbines – not convinced of their effectiveness*

- The wildlife needs to be preserved. Renewable energy can be detrimental to nature. We need nuclear fusion / fission

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Facilities & Services	
Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO FACILITIES & SERVICES • *WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH* • *WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH* • *WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED*
Total Comments	**69**

COMMENTS

WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED

Retail:

- *Small shop would be useful*
- *Provide shop facilities for the elderly. Post services, etc*
- We need a shop!
- We need a village shop and post office!
- We need our shop and post office back!
- I miss the shop. How can we bring it back? Tricky yes, but the village is growing
- Can we have our shop back please!
- Shop would be a bonus
- A local shop to employ local young people. A small community centre for teenagers (local only! not from Atherstone). No retail outlets please! School is a vital asset!
- There is a precedent for a shop in this village. The old one is sorely missed
- The shop is missed and Post Office. We agree!
- The shop is definitely missed as it also was a good place to keep in touch with residents
- Would love to have a local shop at least for papers/bread/milk, etc
- Agree with this comment about the need for a shop in the village
- Was a shame that Sheepy Shack was closed down, and it will be a shame if the Black Horse closes
- Like the fact there are no factories or large industrial units. Would love a shop – for newspapers, groceries, etc. What about a community shop?
- More micro businesses such as restaurants, b&b's,etc. Local shop like a co-op maybe?

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- A local shop would be a good idea
- A shop is very badly needed, Post Office also
- We need a shop!
- Village shop would be good again. It was always busy
- Let us have a shop back
- A shop would be lovely. Any ideas to make one profitable here?
- Please include a shop in the plan
- A village shop/post office in Sheepy is needed, for older people it is a treck to get pensions. But where? Also acts as a place for people to meet and the "Community" to grow
- We do not need services such as a library, GP, shops (other than a small convenience store). Maintain the rural aspect to the village please
- A village shop needs to be financially viable, i.e. make a profit for the owner. If villagers like myself are only going to use it for sundry items, a shop will not survive. For those without own transport and elderly some form of assistance needs to be considered
- No further commercial businesses to be introduced near the pub e.g. a shop. Enough noise already in this area. This would be opposed to by neighbouring properties

Broadband / phone:

- *Broadband! (And if we cannot get that, a community subscription satellite service)*
- *Phone and internet services need to be upgraded to modern standards*
- *Improved broadband for whole parish – the more rural the area the greater the need!*
- *Improved broadband service*
- *Better broadband connection service*
- *Need to improve broadband service*
- *Improved internet (broadband) to whole parish*
- Fast broadband to all areas of parish!
- Fast broadband needed desperately
- *Internet service is awful. Needs bringing up to date. Mobile phone reception as well*
- *Need to improve communications i.e. Broadband, telephone, mobile phone, etc*
- *Universal Cell phone coverage – would benefit from update – across all parish*
- Fast broadband please – consistent throughout the parish – asap

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- Fast broadband please!
- Better and more reliable broadband.
- Internet speed is outrageous!
- The increase in housing will increase connection times (internet/mobile phone connection) with more people using it. Although this has been discussed before no action has taken place. We must get on with fibre optic cable.
- Mobile phone connection is poor, this needs to be addressed.
- A reliable phone signal would be a huge improvement (Sheepy)
- Decent phone signal

Children & Young People:

- *We need facilities for kids groups (cubs, brownies, scouts, etc) in Sheepy. Especially for the winter nights*
- *Facility for nursery / pre-school in Sheepy needed*
- There are no facilities for the teenage youth. A football pitch and a few swings are hardly enough. A youth pavilion is required with snooker tables / table tennis / basket ball/ five a side soccer enabling the youth to take part in activities instead of sitting or watching games on electronic devices.
- Appreciate the playing field with facilities for children. Would not want to lose this
- The recreation ground is a great space and should be preserved, we use it with our grandchildren
- I agree as well (The recreation ground is a great space and should be preserved)
- Protect the play area and playing field. This should <u>never</u> be built on! It is vital for the community
- Really enjoy the park area – my 2 year old loves it!

Infrastructure:

- *Increased residential development should only be allowed when the infrastructure supports it*
- Development must be supported by further investment in local amenities, facilities and devices. One without the other is not sustainable
- Extension to Memorial Hall Car Park
- A need for a larger/adaptable community venue with car parking facilities. The WI is soon to outgrow the car park with nowhere else to go

Community:

- *Consider Community self help groups to address, monitor, report anti-social behaviour, fly tipping, vandalism, road rage, etc*

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- *Consider a survey parish by parish on the broad topic of parishioners idea of their respective "happiness wish" to enhance current village life*

- The church should be used for more community events

Leisure:

- *Attract low impact leisure, walking, fishing, bird watching, etc*

- *Build a swimming pool*

- Sports for older people, bowls green, croquet lawn

Education:

- *We need to plan for the expansion of the school if it is ever required*

- The infrastructure for schooling has not been put into place for the increase of children in the parish for additional housing. The school is already at its capacity pupil wise. Provision should be made for an increase in classrooms and teachers before any future housing developments are considered.

Emergency Services:

- *Emergency service response service for the community*

- *Improved and consistent response times for emergency services*

Traffic & Transport	
Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT • *WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH* • *WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH* • *WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED*
Total Comments	**109**
COMMENTS	

LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH

- *Like bus service 7*

- Buses are excellent

NOT LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH

Speeding:

- *Dislike increasing use of village roads by lorries*

- *Dislikes – Sheepy – speeding through village*

- *Dislike - speeding through Pinwall and Sheepy.*

- *Dislike inconsistent speed limits to village*
- *Illogical irrational speed limits*
- *A444 Sibson junction very dangerous. Speed control often ignored by drivers*
- *Dislike speeding along Bosworth Road, Wellsborough late night heavy load lorries*
- *Pinwall Lane used as a rat run by vehicles which speed! As no pavement dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists, dog walkers, etc*
- Don't like the main road through, I think it is positively dangerous at times- too fast
- Cars speeding before Memorial Hall both ways, when a monitor was set up several years ago, traffic lights appeared and traffic had to stop. I never worked out what the lights were for when speed monitoring came to an end, the signals disappeared
- A weight limit. A pity this road is a rat run, avoiding the red gate junction. Perhaps a word with Aldi and TNT. UPS are the worst culprits but if all our neighbouring villages and towns are building more houses = more traffic be a lot more streets with speeders
- Too many large lorries, etc, speeding through the village!
- I live on main road (30mph) section – the Lorries obey the speed limit. Car drivers are the speeders plus some go wrong side of the island
- Too much speeding especially at school times. Do not take notice of amber lights.
- We find the traffic driving extremely fast on the B4116 towards Twycross. Quite a few accidents. Speed limits?
- Not enough speed limit signs. Drivers often think it is 40mph through village
- No flashing signs – they do not work
- Traffic calming please (not unsightly)
- How are you going to slow people down to the appropriate speed levels?

Bus Service:

- Bus gradually being eradicated, now Measham to Atherstone missing out villages! Was useful when Ashby-Nuneaton. Seems using tactic if make it inconvenient then can say NOT BEING USED a lot too close to Rail Station
- Buses – no transport direct to Leicester or Nuneaton
- Well you missed the bus! The parish council did nothing to support the No. 7.

Cycle / Footpaths:

- Big concerns regarding small narrow pathway outside Sheepy Lodge combined with <u>speeding large lorries/HGV's</u>. I have a 2 year old and really <u>fear walking</u> due to speed and size of traffic

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Parking:

- *Street parking in recent years has spoilt the aesthetics of the Sibson village. Causes hazard*

Dangerous Junctions:

- *Sibson/Sheepy is used as short cut by parcel vehicles – UPS especially. Dangerous exit from Sibson onto A444*
- *Turning into Sibson from A444 is very dangerous – someone drove into the back of me!*
- *Sheepy-Cross Hands used as shortcuts – worse at night!*
- Something should be done about crossroads at Pinwall – before a major accident occurs. Used to be a roundabout which would resolve the issue

HGV's:

- Large lorries through the village are a problem
- Traffic horrendous – including large lorries
- Large lorries have started to use the village as a 'cut through' causing noise and pollution. Can this be addressed? (Also dangerous) I very much agree too

Other:

- Amount of temporary traffic lights outside the homes due to property development – dangerous! Do property developers consider affect on traffic
- Sheepy is so close to major roads and motorways in every direction. It is not necessary to put them into a beautiful village – also applies to surrounding villages

WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED

Cycle / Footpaths:

- *Need cycle paths/footpaths as lanes are getting busier.*
- *Improve road from Sheepy to Twycross before Cross Lanes – very narrow for cyclists and horse riders*
- *Cycling and walking should include horse riding. As roads get busier it becomes more dangerous. Lots of horses in the parish*
- *Like – it would be nice to see a cycling and/or horse lane*
- *I would like to see more cycle paths, village lanes are quite dangerous for cyclists*
- Introduce a pavement from the edge up the village to the overflow Cemetery at Cross Hands.
- Maintain ALL the walking paths as currently marked. Already lost the link to main road by the bungalow (Mr Moody's). Do not lose any more e.g. where the camper van is frequently parked
- Pavements for safe walking beyond village e.g. up to cemetery

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- A footpath from the edge of Sheepy Magna to the Cemetery is needed

- How about a zebra crossing by the school? Yes!

Speed Monitoring:

- *Speed monitoring by parish would be good – to slow traffic down*

- *A444 Sibson lorries and cars drive too quickly up the hill when they can't see Sheepy Road junction – speed camera needed*

- Install flashing speed monitor at both ends of village, like there is in Twycross. Limit whole of village to 30mph rather than some parts 40mph. A lot of traffic problems, however, down to careless drivers!

- Do not like the main road – positively dangerous at times. How about some flashing speed signs to try to slow people down?

- Speed checks at school time in 20 zone. So many parents of school children speed into village! They should know better. Traffic calming from Church to past Sibson turning is desperately needed!

- Hit speeders in their pockets

- Put average speed cameras the length of Sheepy Magna
- School need to urge parents to slow down when bringing children to school. They should behave better. It is a matter of time before there is an accident!

- 30mph limit should start at Parkinson's Farm – residential both sides! Should be 30!

- Keep the 30mph speed limit – can we not extend it as far as Parkinson's Farm?

- Speed limits coming into village (from Pinwall) needs reducing – too many accidents on that nasty bend!

- Extend 30mph limit through Sheepy!

- Extend 30mph limit

- Fine speeding traffic, ie. more than 40mph in 30mph (and sometimes 20mph. MORE EFFECTIVE WARNING OUT OF VILLAGE (towards Twycross)

- Extend 30 mph further beyond village limits and put in traffic calming to slow cars entering the village

- Remove the 30mph zone it was fine with the 40mph and school warning area

- Further speed restrictions in Sheepy village

Traffic Speed /Calming:

- *Shortcut through Sibson has become dangerous – need to slow traffic down*

- Traffic calming measures need to put in place

- Traffic calming on the roads entering the village
- Some form of traffic calming (not speed bumps!) as a high proportion of vehicles speed through the village.

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- Traffic along main road, Sheepy – lots of HGV's going way too fast and I do not live that close to road. Speed should be 30 schools/built up areas. Make traffic calming measures so it is not an easy route alternative to 444?

- Traffic needs to slow down. Suggest a chicane at either end of the village to slow traffic (Market Bosworth has one!)

- Traffic calming i.e. speed bumps NOT flashing signs. Total waste of money and ignored by boy racers

- Road narrowing at each end of village and in the middle like entrance to Bosworth by St. Peters

- Traffic calming – and crossing by the primary school! Absolute priority

- Can we have some speed bumps or width restrictors to slow the traffic down by the village hall?

- Outside of Sheepy traffic does not remain at 30 speed? Do we or can we consider traffic calming measures?

- Traffic calming at ends of village – flashing 30 signs
- Speed bumps and traffic calming needed

- 30mph at Pinwall Cross Roads and also all along Pinwall Lane to Ratcliffe Culey

- Chicane is preferable to speed bumps – less noisy when lorries go by

Bus Service:

- *Would like to see the bus service maintained or expanded*

- *Use School buses for all the community*

- *School bus for post 16 education should be provided*

- Ensure the future of the school bus. Consider a school minibus from Atherstone to reduce traffic from Radcliffe and Sheepy

- *Community transport to take elderly to hospital/doctors*

- *We need more investment in the bus service*

- *Bus to Market Bosworth would be useful*

- *Bus route needed to link Sibson and Market Bosworth*

- *Community bus service to link villages and run to Market Bosworth and Atherstone*

- Extend bus route from Market Bosworth to Sheepy so that there is public transport access to Leicester

- The bus service ideally needs to be extended to Market Bosworth and connect to Leicester as all the school children migrate that way due to schooling, etc

- Bus service not a realistic, cost effective proposition – how about a minibus – Atherstone-Sheepy-Bosworth

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- Urgent need for more public transport (buses) through the village to aid the elderly and those who do not have their own transport

- Better bus service (minibus)

- No. 7 bus Atherstone to Market Bosworth (connection to Leicester)?

- Need to keep a bus service going for those who do not drive as there is no shops here anymore

- Agree some bus link to Bosworth would be good!

- Community bus scheme

- Bus links to Bosworth/Leicester for working people as well as shoppers

Parking:

- Encourage people to park on their driveways rather than the road. Parking is getting silly in Oakfield/Ashcroft! People could tarmac their grass and park on it rather than the road!

HGV's:

- Is the main road through Sheepy still a lorry route? – if so should it be removed now work completed on A5. More 30mph enforcement needed

- Consider alternative diversion routes – the current work on the A5 is pushing huge amounts of HGV's through the village and the roads are too narrow for this

- Weight limit through village. The number of arctics is rapidly increasing particularly with the constant diversions

- Access only heavy lorries. Should be stopped from coming from Twycross through to Atherstone B4116

Dangerous Junctions:

- *Blind spot at Sheepy Road and A444 (by Cock Inn) – needs sorting*

- *Sibson – dangerous junction from Sheepy Road onto A444 at Cock Inn. Needs improved speed controls – camera by Millers*

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Housing	
Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO HOUSING • *WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH* • *WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH* • *WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED*
Total Comments	**63**

COMMENTS

LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH

No Comments

NOT LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH

- There seems to be an abundance of larger houses that feel the need to be surrounded by high walls giving the village an unpleasant feel, a “don’t touch” feel
- Big business interests rule in Sheepy – the needs of local folk in the provision of housing for youngsters will never be a priority
- Appreciate need for housing <u>but</u> seems to be a high disproportionate increase of houses being built – <u>not</u> in keeping with local style and infilling green space and rural feel to village that is unique to Sheepy

WOULD LIKE TO SEE

Affordable Housing

- *Starter homes for locals*
- *Low cost housing required to help youngsters remain in the community and small housing and bungalows for older people to downsize into*
- *More affordable housing could allow for a large amount of people interested in he town but would dislike multi-story flats*
- *Need more low cost starter homes rather than large detached properties to encourage young people to stay in or come into the area*
- New developments have taken place and future ones are being considered. The properties being built are 3, 4, 5 bedroom, with no affordable first time buyer dwellings. The young have to leave the parish to rent or get on the property ladder.
- Affordable housing that is aimed at residents and their families – many would like to stay in the village but cannot afford to buy. (Thinking of children of villagers and couples who do not have kids)
- Flats/small houses in Sheepy, always plans for affordable/normal 2/3/4 bed houses. What about for a single person, who wants to stay in village? Only wants 1 bed!!

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- Affordable housing was meant for ex-Sheepy residents or siblings of Sheepy residents to remain in the village. They should remain in the spirit of this and not be used to make a profit later on

- Need one bedroom part rent/part buy to enable youngsters to get on property ladder and stay in village – too many big houses

- More affordable housing required, but attention must be given to sighting in relation to existing properties

- Affordable housing

- Not affordable housing but low cost for people in the parish who want to stay but cannot afford it

- Affordable housing for younger occupants of the village. Not everybody wants 4+ bed houses and not everybody has a well paid job to pay the inflated housing prices!

- Young adults are unable to afford properties in villages losing this generation from our community

- Think there is a need for smaller, cheaper housing for young people and older who want to downsize

- Supportive of small-scale development throughout the parish – that is thoughtfully executed e.g. small, in-keeping with existing development and rural surroundings, that is environmentally – friendly (low carbon footprint), good quality and suits small and young families as well as empty nesters – needs to be affordable

- No new affordable housing unless for use of residents children/oaps. We do not need more people with low incomes moving in!

In keeping:

- *New builds should be of designs in keeping with local properties and of equal scale. Brownfield Sites should be exhausted before Greenfield sites are considered*

- *All new build must be in character with the existing buildings*

- *Development to be in keeping – no Greenfield building*

- *New builds should fit the character of existing buildings – re-develop unsightly areas*

- *Any new houses should be in keeping with existing buildings and linked to community needs.*

- *Any developments need to be in keeping with the character of the parish*

- *Maintain the character of our hamlets/villages*

- Future housing developments need to be sustainable for the village to maintain its character. Not too many!

- Building needs to be in the style of the village regardless of size

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- Developments need to be small and segregated to keep the appeal of the small village lifestyle and community. Estate style developments are not in keeping with the area. Develop the country lifestyle

- Development should be spread between the villages so they all maintain their character. A small amount of development in keeping with existing style of village should be allowed in all villages so the existing facilities can cope

- The countryside of the local area needs to be preserved and maintained. I would not like any more housing developments

- Build in areas that do not compromise the feel and character of the village. House design must be in keeping with the vernacular

Dwelling Type:

- 3 small terraces that have just been built on a brown field site at the side of my house were very quickly bought by young couples, 2 pair locals and one a singleton coming to work in the area. Shows a need for this size of dwelling

- Family homes should be encouraged with ensuing facilities such as the school, pub and church can be mentioned

- Flats could be built (similar style to Market Bosworth Pipistrele Drive?) in a pleasant small at front development with managed grounds. Good for older people, manageable (younger people around) and good for 20-40 year olds who want to stay in village. A lot of people in village know each other, a way of keeping community together

- Flats/maisonettes not appropriate in village environment if built as new. Perhaps some larger properties could be converted into flats as at the Old Rectory

- Two storey flats. If you must build houses very small development. Need communal park areas as well

- More understanding from other residents. Flats could be built for people without family so they do not have to move out of village!

- Sheltered housing? X 2

- More homes for 'retirees' and homes for first time buyers

- Sheltered housing or retirement housing for residents wanting to "downsize" but not have to leave the village – bungalows?

Restrict / Control:

- *Sheepy has already provided more than its fair share of new housing. The plan should severely restrict further new builds*

- *New builds only within existing geographic footprint. No sprawl into unspoilt countryside*

- *No Greenfield site building*

- *Restrict housing development within village boundaries to maintain views and heritage*

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- We do not need any more housing in Sheepy. Build onto the towns and city brown sites instead. Do not build on the fields

- All villages take a share of housing new builds not just Sheepy

- Any future housing should be infill if possible. School already at capacity but catchment children come first, if those from Atherstone can no longer get a place/sibling place, so be it. Local school for locals only

- Housing control needs to be maintained, the latest development is where the village wants it, provided we control this, then we will maintain a level of village feel, lose it and its gone!

- No building in Oakfield Way. I totally agree!

- I would not like more houses in the countryside

- No large estates keep to 2/3 on a plot

- New estates should be extended if houses have to go somewhere

- Communal 'grassy' areas and no large scale development in the village only

- Keep the countryside – single houses in appropriate places but no large estates on green fields

- We are surrounded by beautiful fields. These should not be given up for housing developments. If houses must be built, build a few in many locations rather than extending or creating estates

Infrastructure:

- If we are to allow more houses then we need a better infrastructure, a shop and a doctor's surgery. If the school is to take on more pupils extra parking is needed

- Any houses built should incorporate a shop AND its important that the school is considered we don't want it expanding or turning villagers away

- Why wasn't money provided to the school when we have recent houses built. Any future houses need more infrastructure to be undertaken

Other:

- How do these stats compare to adjoining parishes?

- It is all very well to say affordable housing but these are not just cheap houses – people need to understand what they actually are. Yes, there are a lot of large houses – should they be knocked down to make way for smaller houses

- Will the neighbourhood plan reference the rural housing scheme/housing needs survey in order to answer fully/partly questions raised as part of the neighbourhood plan?

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Public Rights of Way	
Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY • *WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH* • *WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH* • *WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED*
Total Comments	**23**

COMMENTS

LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH

- *The parish has some fantastic walks through open countryside*
- *Public footpaths in Sibson are well maintained – lovely walk along river Sence*
- We have excellent walks in the area that are frequently used. Daily basis in fact. Please please do not erode these
- There is a balance to be maintained – the custodians (farmers) and users. Let's stay friends

NOT LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH

No comments

WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED

- *Publish a guide to walks around the parish*
- Sad we have lost access to the path along one side of Sheepy Lake. Is there no way this can be opened up for the villagers in future?
- I like all the footpaths round the fields, but it would be great to have more footpaths along the lanes e.g. Ratcliffe Lane, so that going for a walk in the winter doesn't involve a mud bath!
- *Great idea about the guide*
- *I do not believe public footpaths are signed adequately*
- *Improve public footpaths and add cycle ways*
- *It would be good to see more public footpaths and bridleways especially considering how popular horse riding is becoming*
- Dog walking designated area. Some irresponsible dog owners let their dog run over the park and poo

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- Can we make the footpath from Sheepy Parva to Ratcliffe dog friendly at the stiles – especially at Ratcliffe end
- Dog friendly footpaths would be good
- We agree (Dog friendly footpaths)
- Agree! (Dog friendly footpaths)
- Dog friendly is great, but please pick up your poo!!
- People need educating on responsible use of footpaths and not straying off track and irritating farmers / terrifying their livestock. Fields are our livelihood
- *Keep all public footpaths open*
- *Keep access to footpaths open*
- *Horse riding is very popular – contributes to the economy and the area. Ensure adequate bridleways to avoid busy roads*
- A continuous footpath from the village to the cemetery to aid a circular walk up the Orston Lane end down through New House Grange
- Field walk to be maintained for walking ie. the fields at the back of the houses on the left hand side coming from Atherstone

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Employment & Business/Economy	
Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO BUSINESS/ECONOMY • *WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH* • *WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH* • *WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED*
Total Comments	**42**

COMMENTS

LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH

No comments

NOT LIKE ABOUT SHEEPY PARISH

- Was a thriving village shop, been there MANY MANY years and was allowed to be bought to fall into disrepair enough to demolish

Not Wanted:

- *No warehousing or distribution*
- *No business parks, restrict to farm units for same*
- Industrial units/factories not appropriate in village environment. These would also produce more heavy lorries on these quiet country roads.
- Sheepy Magna is a designated "rural village" so industrial units would not comply with this
- Any move toward industry will directly affect all aspects of Sheepy. Although there is a need, it has to be measured
- Industrial/warehouses do not belong in villages really. Atherstone is close – why not there. Too much traffic already!!
- This is a "country retreat" <u>not</u> appropriate for further business development. Enough industry in towns and cities. Use those sites and leave the countryside alone!!
- Industrial units should be confined to Atherstone industrial estates. These would not be appropriate in Sheepy Magna
- The town of Atherstone nearby. Plenty of opportunity for industry there
- No industrial warehouses. Keep them in Atherstone
- No need for any industrial/warehouse type developments – would destroy the village Atherstone is not far away! Plenty of units there!
- Absolutely no need for offices/industrial units as this is a rural parish and the industry is farming

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- Light industry using existing built-on land!

- Restrict such development to appropriate site i.e. more jobs are required People who live in country villages do not wish them spoilt with business development

- No need for industrial units – Carlyon Road – Atherstone is only 1 ¾ miles away. 21st century allows for e-business to be run from home, not requiring large spaces for the business

WOULD LIKE TO SEE

Retail:

- *We need local shops and post offices*

- Perhaps a community shop run by volunteers but where?

- The village would not support large retail units but the introduction of a shop would serve everyone

- All we need is a shop to employ school leavers as before, nothing matters more than a shop!

- People say they want a shop – but who will give up their house? It has to be on the main road by the lay-by

- A local shop and post office x 2 yes! Put it anywhere that houses are built

- A village shop would be great. A place to meet local people as well. On the main road

Small Business:

- Farm out buildings could perhaps offer space for small retail units/office space

- Would support in parish generally, development/renovation in relation to micro and local businesses e.g. local food/produce shops/counters/pop ups, etc

- Industrial units/warehouses would ruin the character of village. Small businesses can be run from home office block

- *Restrict commercial development to rural craft / artisan micro businesses*

- Encourage local businesses to provide work experience opportunities for local community

- There should be more support for the existing business to recruit and thrive

- Think office space would be a good idea. Perhaps buildings which are not used full time such as Sibson village hall could be utilised

- Some people who live in the parish actually work here too – and their families have for many generations lived and worked that is. Local business had been the backbone of the village for a long time and some of them still exist. Support should be given to existing business to allow them to grow and thrive and support should be given to new businesses in the parish to support the community and provide jobs for local people who have not yet retired

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- The village needs small businesses to keep the village alive. The church is a building that needs using more

- *Sibson has a pub, hotel, church – could they provide other services during open hours e.g. parcel collection?*

Broadband:

- Broadband speeds are rubbish

- Fibre optic broadband in Upton and through the parish

- Improve broadband speeds to enable more working from home

- Broadband speed is rubbish!

- Decent reliable wifi and broadband rather than the current patchy/slow connection. Village shop/post office a good idea but would also cause traffic problems/parking issues, of which we already have plenty

Other:

- A country "retreat" sounds like a retirement village. Not a living, breathing village with workers who would like to live locally

- There is already a lot of working from home

- *Preserve the beauty of the parish to enhance the tourism industry*

- *Can the local pub in Sheepy have any protection against closure?*

Additional Comments

7 COMMENTS

- *Villages should have road / street names*

- *Consider developing a hamlet village theme, aesthetic view to adopt for all developments in each of Sheepy's communities – with a key input from residents of each respective community. I.e. planning themes to develop and enhance tourists visiting to boost the local economy in one simple way – encouraging best kept village – Britain in bloom type appearances to property, residential & commercial – and the overall community appearance and way of life. Perhaps it could be "The happiness" quotient!*

- Good idea bringing community together as there are new residents in village

- Diverse comments read as I have moved around the display: - question over individual needs – and community spirit! A village is built around a community and we need to support and strengthen that value.

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- With the growth within the village and fairly high numbers of elderly people. Consideration should be given to reinstating a commercial shop.

- Please ensure the parish retains its rural agricultural character and that outside influences cannot dictate. Please ensure the village school gives and continues to give priority to local children. We do not want to become a satellite of xxx ensure outsiders respect the village.

I am writing to let you know my wishes for our village of Sheepy Magna Drop in Event.

1st **A friendly happy shop** where we can get all our needs. To save having to dash off to a superstore. I am thinking ahead when I cannot drive anymore and would be able to walk and get my needs. This applies to many more people as well as me in the village. May I suggest 2 sites for a shop. First in the pub. Would the landlord and brewery be interested to turn the garage into a shop? Another plan is to build a new shop on the green along the side of the Twitchell Lane. This would be ideal as the lay by would act as a car park and is right in the centre of the village too.

2nd is to **get the River Sence dredged out** and the banks made up to let the water flow though as it should. This to stop me having to live with fear of having water ever coming into the road and causing floods. This again applies to many more people in the village.

3rd is to have a **footpath up to the cemetery**, it is so narrow for people to walk up there. A person has told me she had a near escape of an accident walking up there. Then when the footpath gets to the cemetery the bank on the right hand side could be dug off the same on the left side and room for 2 funeral cars to pull in off the road. I how Evans would appreciate this and make it much safer.

These three wishes are what the village needs to make it a happy village to live in. As you say you need our input of the village. These three wishes are mine. The need of a shop must come first. See what you can do as a Parish Council. I know it will not be easy to have these 3 wishes carried out but what is easy in this day of red tape? Please do your best. A Spar Shop would be good. I am also told the Co-op are looking for smaller shops. What do you think?

Yours sincerely
Dorrien Moody
PS: A resident of the village all my life

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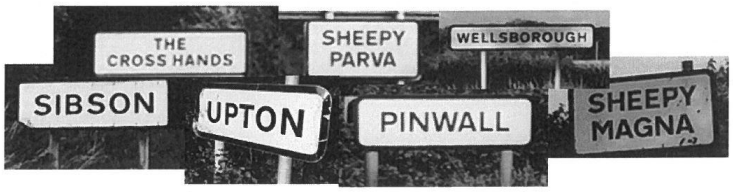
ANNEX 1

SHEEPY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
COMMUNITY DROP IN EVENT



SIBSON VILLAGE HALL - TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY 2016 between 3.00pm - 8.00pm

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SHEEPY MAGNA - FRIDAY 29TH JANUARY 2016 between 3.00pm - 8.00pm.

Each of these drop-in events is one of the first steps in the consultation process that will give those who live and work in the Parish their say on the future shape and development of their community.

We need your input on the things you like about living in the Parish and some of the things you feel need to change.

By coming to one of these events you can tell us your thoughts on what housing and business development is needed, if any, where it should go and what it should look like.

You can tell us what improvements to local services are needed in the coming years to support a growing and evolving community.

You can also learn about the progress we, the Sheepy Parish Council Steering Group are making towards a Neighbourhood Plan. Maybe you'd even like to volunteer to help us.

The Neighbourhood Plan must reflect the wishes of the local people.
So please come along to one of these drop-in events and make sure your voice is heard.

We look forward to seeing you in January.

To find out more....

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