

**13<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

## **WOODBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – REPORT**

### **Background**

Woodborough Parish Council has been consulting regarding the possible purchase of a 9 acre field on the south side of our village for recreational use.

The consultation has taken the form of: a leaflet with a response form delivered to homes, an online survey and a meeting held on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Leaflet correction & apology**

Cllr Patrick Smith, speaking as a member of the public at the consultation meeting, notified the PC of the following error: *“55 new houses are already included in the Local Plan to 2028 plus existing in-fill developments already passed”* should instead have read *“55 new houses are already included in the Local Plan to 2028 including existing in-fill developments already passed”*. WPC apologises for this inaccuracy.

### **Leaflet response**

30.6% of households returned the leaflet. 71.6% were for the proposal, 27.6% against the proposal, and 0.8% made comments without expressing a preference.

Some leaflets were returned with multiple signatories. 70.4% of all signatories were for the proposal and 29.6% of all signatories were against the proposal. For more information, see the table at the foot of this report.

### **Online survey**

There were 20 responses, 3 of which were ruled as invalid as they were not from residents of Woodborough. 7 respondents or 41.2% were in favour of the proposal, and 10 respondents or 58.8% were against the proposal.

### **Meeting held on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.15pm at the Village Hall**

This meeting was attended by members of the Parish Council and 87 members of the public.

Cllr Pat Woodfield made a short presentation regarding the proposed land and the opportunities, and Cllr John Charles-Jones spoke about the increase to the precept which would be required. Cllr Charles-Jones explained that it was not possible to share all the financial information as publicity would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the council in making any offer. Cllr Woodfield invited residents to make their comments known by returning the leaflet delivered to their homes or filling in a response form available at the meeting.

26 comments/questions were made from the floor. Concerns were expressed regarding the level of the precept and fear that it might rise further in future. Residents of Charnwood Way and Smalls Croft raised the issues of flooding, and extra traffic. There was a lively debate regarding the standard of the current facilities. Some residents put forward the view that they were inadequate, particularly compared to other villages, and suggested that this was an opportunity to improve facilities (especially for the younger parishioners), pull the village together and potentially stop a developer from putting houses on the land in the future. Several villagers commented that 9 acres of land would be too much. It was also suggested that the Parish Council might approach the owner of a smaller field immediately adjacent to the existing playing field as a potential alternative location for extra recreational facilities, to be accessed from Lingwood Lane.

## Detail of leaflet responses

No. of households is based on number of properties occupied by one or more registered electors in March 2015 (source: Gedling Borough Council)

	No. of households	No. of households that responded	Households		Electors	
			For	Against	For	Against
Aldene Way	19	6	5	1	5	1
Ash Grove	10	3	2	1	2	1
Bank Hill	26	11	9	2	9	4
Birch Rise	1	0	0	0	0	0
Broad Close	9	2	2	0	2	0
Buckland Drive	17	13	12	1	15	1
Charnwood Way	6	2	0	2	0	2
Church Walk	6	2	1	1	1	2
Dover Beck Drive	25	7	6.5	0.5	8	1
Field Lane	12	2	2	0	3	0
Foxwood Lane	18	4	4	0	5	0
Hawthorn Close	5	2	1	1	1	1
Holme Close	29	18	12	5	14	6
Lingwood Lane	14	8	7	0	8	0
Lowdham Lane	41	13	9	4	10	5
Main Street	132	46	38	8	41	10
Old Manor Close	15	5	2	3	2	4
Oldacres	15	2	1	1	1	1
Park Avenue	28	8	6	2	7	2
Pinfold Close	19	11	5	6	6	8
Pinfold Crescent	17	4	3	1	3	1
Ploughman Avenue	10	4	3	1	4	2
Private Road	12	6	6	0	7	0
Roe Hill	33	12	11	1	13	1
Roe Lane	10	1	1	0	1	0
Shelt Hill	29	8	5	3	6	6
Smalls Croft	27	15	12	3	14	4
Smithy Close	3	1	1	0	2	0
Sunningdale Drive	44	12	8	4	8	4
Taylors Croft	17	1	0	1	0	1
The Meadows	4	3	2	1	3	2
Westfield Lane	6	4	2	2	3	3
Whites Croft	11	2	2	0	2	0
Moor Lane	176	21	5	16	6	16
	846	259	185.5	71.5	212	89

% response

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2 forms/0.77% made comments only

**30.61**

**71.62**

**27.61**

**70.43**

**29.57**