

Brief Data view from the Beeston with Bittering Survey

The parish is valued as a rural community (84%) with local historic character(68%). In particular peace and quiet (92%), the community spirit (84%) and the activities held (72%) are considered important

The community wishes to enhance the rural and historic nature of the parish (94%), to keep and improve green spaces (91%). It would like footpaths and bridleways improved (81%) and is very keen on supporting local businesses (74%)

Development on brownfield (84%) and redundant commercial property (86%) are strongly preferred. 92% selected smaller developments of up to 5 houses. 2 to 3 bedroom houses (69%) are preferred with some form of Eco friendly aspect (61%). 60% would like to see starter/affordable homes.

The character (85%), design (77%) and materials (82%) used when designing a property are very important, so that they fit in with surrounding environment.

Concerns about future development include the negative impact on significant views (60%) and the loss of countryside (76%), increased traffic (85%), unsafe pedestrian routes(71%), and oversubscribed medical facilities (63%).

An improved public transport provision would be appreciated and indications are that it would be used.

Traffic issues raised include the parking outside the Primary School (82%), dangerous sections of the road (85%) and improving current footpaths (80%).

The Ploughshare (83%) is considered to be a very important asset to the village

A local shop (76%) and Post Office (68%) where considered very important to meet any future developments in the Parish.

The internet and domestic services are considered satisfactory

Parishioners would like to see more local events and dog walking in open spaces.

58% of the community would like to encourage new businesses in the parish. They would like to see smaller professional businesses, small retail/food outlets and for the change of use of existing buildings to allow this to happen.

90% of parishioners want to see the protection of existing habitats and 71% would like to see new projects beneficial to wildlife.

The community feels (92%) Solar, (63%) wind turbines and (88%) rainwater harvesting should be considered for new developments.