

## ALVINGTON NDP AREA

### NDP 1ST CONSULTATION EVENT SUMMARY

#### General Comments

- The event took place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 between 10.00am and 4.00pm and held as a drop in session at Alvington Memorial Hall
- The NDP event outlined the history of the area with photographs, local history information and maps dating back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. There were themed displays: Housing, Transport, Traffic and Road Safety, Flooding, Environment, Work and Infrastructure themed information. Reports, planning documents and character assessments of the area could also be viewed.
- The event was advertised through:  
The Alvington Parish website and newsletter which reaches every household in the Parish  
Posters on the Parish noticeboard and in the village hall  
Flyers were available in the local pubs and village hall  
Email invitations to key stakeholders and partners.
- 109 people signed in with a non-obligatory signature but obligatory postcode. The average time people spent at the event was 45 minutes- 1 hour.
- A questionnaire was given to every attendee and also available online. Many people filled in the questionnaire over refreshments where they had the opportunity to discuss issues. Members of the Steering Group and the Glos Rural Community Council Community Adviser were on hand to answer questions and encourage comments.

#### Consultation

Attendees were consulted on the following:

- Distinctive character.
- Housing, Transport, Traffic and Road Safety, Flooding, Environment, Work and Infrastructure.
- What people liked about Alvington and what could be improved
- Priority topics
- The comments were analysed externally

#### Questionnaire

76 questionnaires were completed from a wide postcode area. The age range was as follows:

AGE	up to 11	12- 17	18 - 25	26 - 59	Age 60+	No age ticked
Nos. of respondents	5	1	1	31	35	3

#### Key Points from the Questionnaire

Respondents generally liked the quiet, peaceful rural countryside and friendly community. There were some comments about accessibility for commuting.

Improvements were mainly around road safety, traffic and the A48. Other improvements were the general look of the village and facilities. Lack of broadband and mobile phone coverage were the major infrastructure comments but general infrastructure considerations when developments were permitted were a concern.

## Numbers of comments by topic

1. What do you like?					2. What could be improved				
Countryside/ scenery	peace & quiet	Community	Small size	Access	A48/ traffic	facilities/ tidiness	transport	Infra structure	Develop ment
25	10	7	19	13	40	27	11	8	16

## Priorities from the questionnaire in order of importance.

	Very important	%	Quite important	%	Not important	%	No opinion	No reply
a) traffic/Road safety	50	61%	22	27%	0	0%	2	8
r) Footpaths	42	51%	26	32%	3	4%	1	11
b) Local character	41	50%	29	35%	3	4%		9
g) Environment	37	45%	32	39%	0	0%		13
f) Public Transport	33	40%	28	34%	7	9%	3	11
o) Fuel station/ store	33	40%	27	33%	8	10%	1	13
c) Buildings design	30	37%	32	39%	8	10%	2	10
k) Education	27	33%	23	28%	10	12%	7	15
q) Pubs	26	32%	26	32%	10	12%	6	14
d) Heritage	26	32%	35	43%	5	6%	3	13
n) Facilities for young people	26	32%	31	38%	6	7%	6	13
p) Church	24	29%	24	29%	15	18%	8	11
i) Health Facilities	22	27%	29	35%	14	17%	2	15
m) Facilities for older people	22	27%	39	48%	3	4%	6	12
e) Sports	21	26%	31	38%	11	13%	5	14
l) Affordable Housing	19	23%	25	30%	15	18%	9	14
j) Employment	18	22%	28	34%	17	21%	5	14
h) Arts	5	6%	19	23%	28	34%	14	16

**Key Points from Comments**

People were asked what they value under specific headings: Housing, Transport, Traffic and Road Safety, Flooding, Environment, Work and Infrastructure.

**Housing:** Issues around sustainability alongside no building on farmland and better infrastructure for existing homes as well as infrastructure considerations for new developments.

**Transport:** Necessity for car ownership and lack of good public transport. Use of train with a bus service to the station.

Traffic and Road Safety: Too much traffic, size of lorries and speeds of vehicles. Safety issues and need for an A48 crossing. Safety issues around Clanna Lane and A48 junction. Parking issues especially around the Goble pub.

Flooding: Flooding has worsened over 20 years. Do not build on 'flood plain'. Issues around specific areas at Swan Hill and Clanna.

Environment: Extend the conservation area to include Knapp Lane. Comments on footpaths and better maintenance. Village environment- control of signage.

Work: No comments

Work and Infrastructure: Lack of mobile phone coverage and poor broadband. Better drainage at Clanna.