



Wollaston Neighbourhood Plan

Summary of Questionnaire Responses



A summary of responses to a questionnaire issued to households in the Neighbourhood Plan Area in November 2013.

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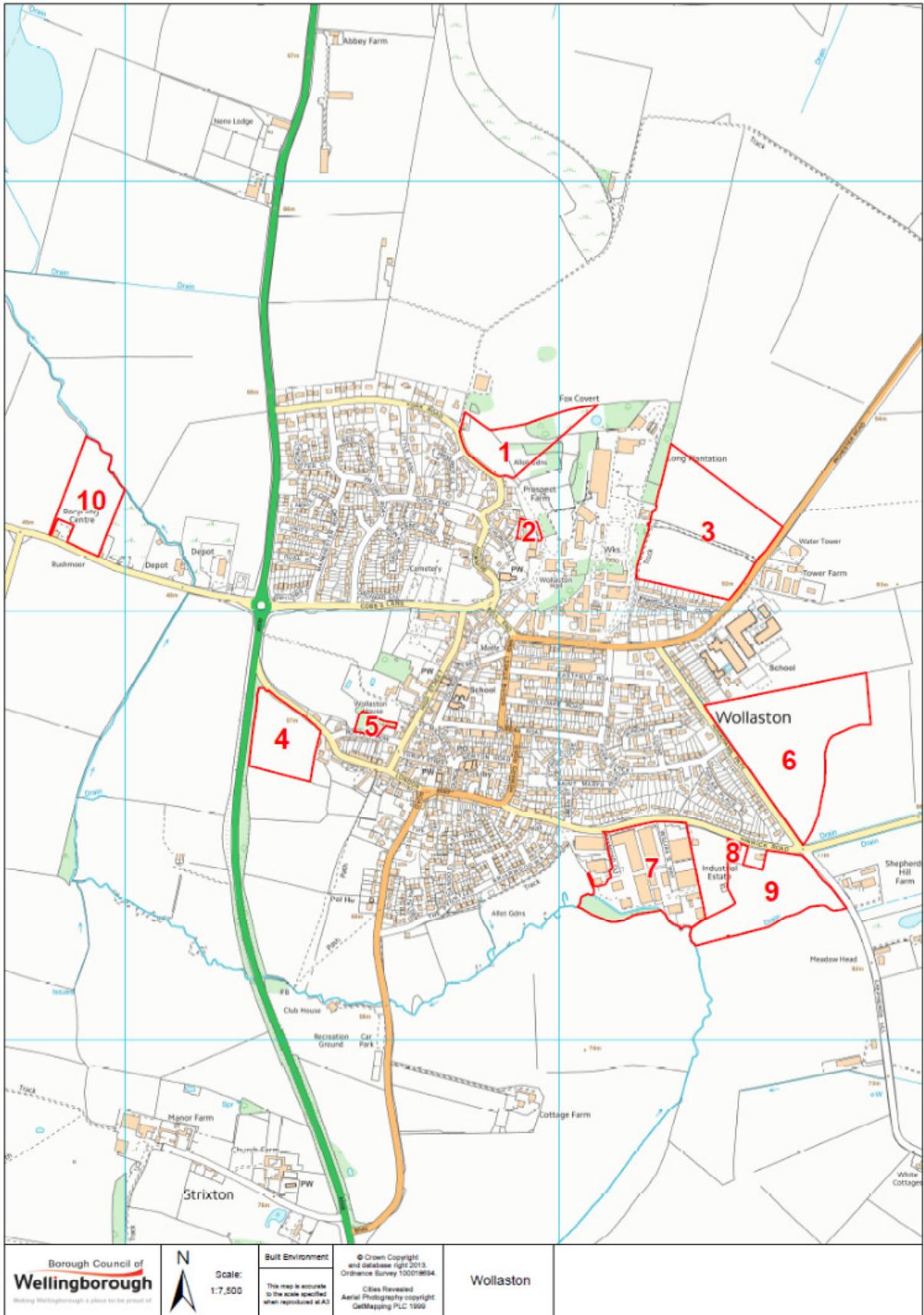
1. Introduction

- 1.1 In November 2013 the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group issued a questionnaire to every household in the Neighbourhood Plan area requesting responses by 20th December 2013. In total, 299 surveys were returned (~20%). The questions were, in part, designed to help the Steering Group to understand the level of agreement within the community for the Plan to try to address a number of issues raised during earlier consultation with residents (including the young and the elderly), the business community, the Borough Council, land owners' and other stakeholders. The questionnaire also sought feedback on the scale of housing that ought to be provided for between 2011 and 2031 and on an assessment of the sites put forward by promoters' for housing and employment. The responses are analysed in sections 2–8, below whilst Appendix 1 details the actual number of responses to those questions which were closed-ended.
- 1.2 The Steering Group also issued the Draft Housing and Employment Sites Assessment Background Paper, referred to in the questionnaire, to a range of stakeholders including the site promoters', the Borough Council, adjoining Parishes, the highway authority, utility companies, the Environment Agency, English Heritage and Natural England. These responses are not included in this document but will be referred to in an updated Draft Housing and Employment Sites Assessment Background Paper.

2. Housing (Q1-9 and 46)

- 2.1 **Housing number:** Approximately 70% of respondents thought that the Neighbourhood Plan should provide for the minimum amount of housing required by the Core Spatial Strategy. At the time that the questionnaire was issued this figure was unknown, although respondents were advised that it was likely to be at least 160 homes for the period 2011 to 2031. A further 27% of respondents thought that a greater level of housing should be provided with the remainder undecided.
- 2.2 **Housing types:** A majority of respondents thought that the Plan should:
 - Restrict affordable housing to residents and persons with a strong local connection (~75%);
 - Encourage the provision of sheltered housing (~90%);
 - Encourage some care home provision (~75%); and
 - Provide smaller homes for people who wish to downsize (~67%). One respondent commented that there are not enough bungalows or OAP flats.
 - In addition, a proportion of respondents (~19%) expressed an interest in building their own home if land was available.
- 2.3 **Housing sites – key issues:** The questionnaire included a summary assessment of the various sites that were being promoted for development by land owners and a map indicating their location, which is reproduced on page 2, below. People were referred to a Background Paper available on the website and at Wollaston Library

for a more detailed assessment. A majority of respondents (66%) thought that the key issues had been identified whilst 18% raised a number of concerns either of a generic or site specific nature.



2.4 **Generic matters:** Concerns were raised about the capacity of infrastructure in Wollaston, most notably in respect of schools, health care, sewers, and parking and traffic both in general and more specifically in relation to the shopping facilities in the village.

2.5 **Site-specific matters:** Specific concerns not referred to in the assessment:

Site 1: Land off York Rd:

- Risk of flooding to Prospect Close;
- Poor access to A509 and additional traffic using Hickmire, which is already dangerous due to its narrow width and absent/narrow footpaths;
- The rural space is an integral part of the village character; and
- (sites 1 and 2) Buzzards nest in the woodland, the younger plantations are a home for small mammals and birds and the open areas are frequented by a number of butterfly species.

Site 2: Land within grounds of Wollaston Hall:

- Noise/smell pollution;
- Wildlife importance (see site 1);
- Risk of flooding to Prospect Close as a result of the development;
- Accessibility;
- Important views;
- Detrimental to the character of the conservation area; and
- Too small.

Site 3: Land off Irchester Rd:

- Traffic volume, safety and speed;
- Housing, together with existing school and Scott Bader related traffic, would increase traffic congestion in this area and the risk of traffic accidents including children and pedestrians;
- Impact on farming business and seasonal employees’;
- Increased risk of flooding to houses below;
- Important views; and
- Better suited to employment as it is located adjacent to the main route to/from Irchester.

Site 4: Land south of London Rd/adjacent to A509:

- London Rd is one way at this point - access into the village is already dangerous due to on-road parking and a sharp bend;
- The site would be better used for employment if access to the A509 is possible. This would negate the need for HGVs visiting the site to go through the village; and
- Impact on farming business and seasonal employees’.

Site 5: Land north side of Rotten Row:

- Inadequate access.

Site 6: Land east of Hookhams Path:

- Severe light pollution;
- Site enhances arrival into Wollaston;
- Development would reduce the extent of open countryside between Wollaston and Irchester;
- Increase in traffic going past the school;
- Needs to take account of existing HGV and Santa Pod traffic;
- Speed of vehicles using Hookhams Path at weekends to access Santa Pod;
- Noise from Santa Pod; and
- Impact on farming business and seasonal employees'

Site 7: Part of Hinwick Rd industrial estate:

- Would increase traffic; and
- If the site was developed for housing the residents of Hinwick Rd would continue to suffer from noise, disruption and traffic congestion unless an access is built from the London Rd end.

Sites 8 and 9 Adjacent/rear of no 196 Hinwick Rd

- Would increase traffic; and
- Need to address existing issues - lorries, parked cars on Hinwick Rd and Santa Pod traffic.

2.6 Other housing sites proposed by respondents (though not land owners') include:

- Grounds of Wollaston House;
- Near the recreation ground on London Rd;
- Rear of York Rd;
- Land south of site 4; and
- Area between sites 7 and 8.

2.7 Housing – preferred sites: The questionnaire asked people to rank the sites most suitable for housing in order of preference. The results are listed in the following table.

Site	Ranking (%)				
	1*	2*	3*	4*	5*
1 –York Rd	8.4	5.1	7.2	12.0	16.5
2 –Wollaston Hall	4.2	5.1	4.6	3.8	4.3
3 – Irchester Rd	21.8	16.0	12.8	12.0	12.8
4 –London Rd	10.9	8.9	11.8	12.0	17.7
5 – Rotten Row	1.3	6.3	6.2	9.8	12.2
6 – Hookhams Path	26.8	19.0	0.0	11.4	7.3
7 – Hinwick Rd industrial estate	15.9	5.9	10.3	14.1	6.7
8 – Timotay site (Hinwick Rd)	4.6	19.0	17.9	13.0	9.1
9 – adjacent 196 Hinwick Rd	6.3	14.8	29.2	12.0	13.4
Total	100.2	100.1	100.0	100.1	100.0
*Based on the following number of responses:					
1 - 239	2 - 237	3 - 195	4 - 184	5 - 164	

- None of the sites was the preferred choice of a majority of respondents.
- The sites most often ranked 1st were Hookhams Path, Irchester Rd and Hinwick Rd.
- The sites most frequently ranked 2nd were Hookhams Path, Timotay (Hinwick Rd) and London Rd.
- The sites most frequently ranked either 1st or 2nd were Hookhams Path (45.8%), Irchester Rd (37.8%), Timotay (Hinwick Rd) (23.6%) and Hinwick Rd industrial estate (21.8%).

3. Employment (Q10-16 and 47).

3.1 **Employment needs:** Most respondents (~90%) were of the opinion that there is insufficient infrastructure (e.g. road capacity) to support large businesses.

- ~85% thought that the focus in Wollaston should be on accommodating small businesses.
- ~ 60% wanted to see the Hinwick Rd estate retained as an employment area whilst 22% did not.

3.2 **Employment sites – key issues:** The questionnaire included a summary assessment of 4 sites promoted for employment, either in whole or in part, by the land owners'. People were referred to a Background Paper available on the website and at Wollaston Library for the more detailed assessment. A majority of respondents (~65%) thought that the key issues had been identified whilst ~11% raised concerns.

3.3 **Generic matters:** The majority of comments related to employment in general and were not site-specific. They included the following:

- Parking, access and traffic issues within the village;
- The existing industrial estate is under-used - there is re no need for further land;
- Employment land should be close to the A509 to minimise the number of commercial and HGV movements through the village;
- Development should be located away from the village as many of the roads within Wollaston are narrow;
- Additional employment would result in an influx of workers and increase demand for housing;
- Development would have an adverse impact on the village character;
- The type of employment should be specified; and
- Industrial uses should be confined to one area with the exception of small 'cottage industries'.

3.4 **Site specific matters:** Comments specific to a particular site included the following:

Site 1: Land off York Rd

- Access to the A509/increase in traffic along York Rd;
- Hickmire is already dangerous for 2 way traffic due to the narrow road with lengths of footpath either absent or too narrow; and
- See also comments regarding use of the site for housing

Site 3: Land to the west of Irchester Rd:

- Good access;
- See also comments regarding use of the site for housing.

Site 10: Doddington Rd (west of A509):

- If the site has been assessed as a poor location for employment in the past, why is it being considered now?
- The road is unsuitable.
- Access to A509 needs to be upgraded
- Development of the site would preclude the need for HGV traffic to enter the village

3.5 **Other employment sites proposed** by respondents (though not land owners') include:

- Site 4: Land south of London Rd/adjacent to A509 would be better used for employment if access to the A509 is possible;
- Area around Tower Farm, Irchester Rd; and
- Area between sites 7 and 8.

4. Parking, traffic and road safety (Q17-25, 48 and 49).

4.1 Parking

Earlier consultation identified a general concern about inadequate parking provision. Areas most frequently referred to included the secondary school and Hinwick Rd. Responses to the questionnaire indicate that:

- ~97% of respondents want parking provision within new developments to be increased and the loss of existing parking provision to be resisted.
- ~32% think that the secondary school parking issues need to be addressed whilst only ~3% disagreed. The majority, however, either had no opinion or did not respond to this question. One respondent commented that opening the side entrance from Hookhams Path would prevent children being dropped off/picked up from having to cross the busy Irchester Rd. It would also enable local children to use this route. The only children using the front gate would be those using the bus. Another commented that parents parking on the main road and blocking the access/ visibility needs to be addressed. The school could create a drive through drop off/collection route or provide parking on the spare land at the rear of the school.
- A similar percentage (~32%) of respondents consider that parking issues along Hinwick Rd need to be addressed. Again, however, ~65% either had no opinion or did not respond to this question. One respondent commented that vehicles belonging to employees of the landscape gardening business had turned part of Hinwick Rd into 'a single track road' during the daytime. Another suggested that the wide green verge on Hinwick Road could be used for parking. Others referred to the problems caused by the narrow width of the road towards its junction with London Rd.

- Question 25 asked if there were other areas where addressing parking issues ought to be a priority. The most common responses referred to the following:
 - Newton Rd - particularly in relation to the Co-op store;
 - College St and South St - particularly at the beginning/end of the primary school day;
 - The Cuckoo Triangle at the Cobbs Lane/Bell End/Hickmire junction.
 - To a lesser extent, some residents also thought that there was a parking problem at the Holyoake Rd/South St junction (where there is a factory); along Howard Rd (arising from parking on both sides of the road) and Queen's Rd; High St; and London Rd in the vicinity of High St.
 - It was suggested that there is a need for more parking for the disabled.

4.2 Road safety

Earlier consultation identified concerns about road safety, particularly amongst young people and the questionnaire therefore included questions about this issue:

- ~68% of respondents thought that road safety was a concern at the Hookhams Path/Hinwick Rd junction.
- ~43% would like to see more pedestrian crossings whilst ~31% consider further provision to be unnecessary. The questionnaire invited people to identify specific locations where pedestrian crossings were most needed. Those most frequently referred to were:
 - Hinwick Rd/Feast Field access, particularly for children walking to school;
 - High St/Cobbs Lane (in the vicinity of the former Cuckoo ph and pocket park);
 - London Rd – to provide safe access to the playing field; and
 - Newton Rd – in the vicinity of the Co-op store.

4.3 Speed restrictions

Several responses referred to the need for speed restrictions at the following locations:

- Along routes used by Santa Pod traffic;
- South St;
- A509 between York Rd and London Rd to improve safety to/from the village; and
- Throughout the village.
- It was also suggested that traffic calming measures should be introduced along Irchester Road to discourage drivers from using it as a rat run at rush hour.

4.4 One way traffic

A number of respondents would like various streets within the village to be 'one way' in order to alleviate traffic problems. The streets referred to include: High St, College St, Newton Rd, Howard Rd, Council St, streets of terraced housing, and London Rd from its junction with High St. One respondent suggested having a one-way system through the village centre i.e. Cobbs Lane/Bell End/South Street/Hinwick Road to London Road to High Street to Cobbs Lane or reverse. Another suggested that the priority should be changed at the Hinwick Rd/Howard Rd junction.

4.5 HGV traffic

Several respondents would like to see measures introduced to curb some lorry movements, including:

- A weight limit on Cobbs Lane to make HGVs use an alternative route;
- A new access from London Rd to keep lorries out of the village and open up areas for business and housing;
- Lorries prohibited from using Hinwick Rd between the Nag's Head and the Vulcanising factory as the road is too narrow and is residential in nature

5. Conservation of buildings and their settings (Q26-29 & 50).

5.1 The questionnaire sought to identify the level of support for the following suggestions made in response to earlier consultation:

- Improvements to the Cuckoo Triangle and the Cradle - ~59% and ~56% (respectively) of respondents would like to see improvements made to these two areas whilst ~21% and ~22% (respectively) consider change to be unnecessary.
- The provision of a sculpture in the pocket park – this was supported by ~13% of respondents. A majority (~54%), however, disagree with the suggestion.
- The extension and/or other improvements to the Conservation Area – this was supported by ~33% and opposed by ~12%. The majority of respondents (55%), however, either had no opinion or did not answer this particular question. Suggestions for extending the Conservation Area included the following:
 - The parkland area of Wollaston House;
 - Site 1 (land off York Rd);
 - All buildings of historic interest;
 - All of High St and Rotten Row to protect older buildings;
 - Industrial heritage and Victorian terraces;
 - York Rd/Little Lane;
 - Prospect House was the first brick built building in the village;
 - No 24 York Rd is located at the original entrance to Wollaston from Wollaston Hall; and
 - The cemetery.
- A comment was received suggesting that the Heritage Society needs help to maintain Beacon Hill.

6. Open space, important views and nature conservation (Q32 – 39 and 51).

6.1 Earlier consultation responses referred to several areas of open space, views and nature conservation opportunities and the questionnaire therefore sought to identify the level of support for several of these ideas. A majority of respondents thought that:

- The open space within the grounds of Wollaston House should be retained (~78%);
- The views into the village from the south across the rising land west of London Rd are important (~67%);
- Site 1 (York Rd) should not be developed (~59%);
- Key entrances into the village should be improved (~67%);
- The spinney at the London Rd/A509 junction should be retained (~70%);
- Access to Wollaston Brook should be improved and its nature conservation value enhanced (~71%);
- An area of woodland should be created close to the village (~74%).

6.2 The questionnaire also asked respondents to identify any other important public views into or out of the village or areas of open space (other than the recreation ground and play areas). The responses included the following views and sites:

- Into the village from the west and south west, including the view from Hardwater Rd towards the church spire;
- Out across the Nene valley;
- From Shepherds Hill;
- Into the village from the approaches;
- Across site 9 from Hookhams Path;
- Out across the open land east of Hookhams Path;
- Out across London Rd from the Pyghtles;
- Removal of the Hinwick Rd industrial estate would present an opportunity to improve the views into the countryside beyond;
- Area 3 – the public footpath is used by many people to walk their dog; and
- All green fields

7. Services and facilities (Q 40 – 42, 52 and 53)

7.1 **Provision for young people:** Earlier consultation with young people had identified a demand for specific facilities including a youth shelter, a skateboard facility and improvements to play facilities. The questionnaire sought opinions on a suitable location for a youth shelter and skateboard facility and on improvements required to play facilities.

7.2 **Youth shelter** - the locations most frequently referred to in responses were the playing fields off London Rd, the village hall and the Hinwick Rd industrial estate. Other suggestions included the school and several of the sites being promoted for development.

7.3 **Skateboard facility** – the location most frequently referred to was the playing fields off London Rd. Other suggestions included several of the sites being promoted for development and the Hinwick Rd industrial estate. Several respondents queried the need for a skateboard park.

7.4 **Play area improvements** - A number of comments made on this issue were not of a site specific nature. Whilst several respondents did not consider better provision to be necessary a much greater number indicated that facilities ought to be

improved. Comments included the need for better maintenance and supervision; CCTV; an area for the recreational walking of dogs' off-lead; indoor provision; and more adventurous equipment. It was also suggested that the use of current facilities should be monitored before further provision is made.

7.5 Comments relating to play area improvements on specific sites were as follows:

London Rd playing fields:

- A tennis court;
- More provision for aged 10+;
- Improvements needed for young people up to the age of 10;
- More swings and climbing frames;
- The site is too far out of the village;
- Better footpaths to the playing fields;
- A cycletrack around the recreation ground for adults/children and for use by children learning to ride;
- Wooden adventure structures;
- More large swings;
- A zip wire;
- A skateboard and BMX track; and
- Better opening times.

The Pyghtles:

- Currently has broken equipment and the swings are poorly maintained;
- The flooring is misshapen and needs replacing;
- Include provision for older children - a climbing frame/slide similar to that at St Mary's Rd and/or some larger swings; and
- Needs to be fenced for children only.

St Mary's Rd:

Fencing to prevent children running into the road;
Frequented by youths who play with lighter gas; and
Cover and seats for adults waiting for their children.

7.6 **Play areas - additional provision** - Approximately 21% of respondents thought that there was a need for a play area in their neighbourhood. The area most often referred to was the Priory Rd estate with provision needed for children of primary school and pre-school age. Several respondents also suggested that there was a need for equipment suitable for teenagers in this area. Site 1 (York Rd) and the grounds of Wollaston House were the most frequently identified locations for the play area. Other locations referred to in responses included several of the sites proposed for development.

7.7 **Provision for adults:** Earlier consultation had indicated a need for additional cricket and football provision. The questionnaire sought to determine the level of support for prioritising this need and identify other areas of sports provision for which there could be a demand.

7.8 **Cricket and football:** A question asking if additional cricket and football facilities should be a priority met with a mixed response. Approximately 32% thought that

such provision should be a priority whilst ~34% disagreed and the remaining 34% either had no opinion or did not respond to the question.

7.9 **Other facilities:** The questionnaire asked people if there were other sports facilities that they would use on a regular basis if available in Wollaston.

- A minority of respondents (~19%) thought that there were such facilities.
- The need for a gym was the most frequently highlighted requirement.
- Other facilities most often identified included badminton, bowls, squash and cycling. It was suggested that the facilities at the secondary school should be made available in the evenings and several respondents wanted a recreation hall.

8. Other issues

8.1 The final section of the questionnaire allowed for further explanation of responses and for people to highlight other land related uses. In total, 103 responses were received to this part of the questionnaire. These have been incorporated into the preceding sections where they provide further explanation of a response. The following provides a summary of other issues raised:

8.2 **No development:** A number of respondents were opposed to development in Wollaston. The reasons given included the following:

- Inadequate infrastructure including roads, drainage, schools, doctors, parking and public transport;
- Loss of village character;
- Wollaston is losing its sense of community – pubs and clubs have closed and the village carnival is no longer running as no one wants to get involved; and
- Empty houses (including those in nearby towns) should be used rather than building new homes.

8.3 **Allotments:** There needs to be further provision.

8.4 **Broadband:** Improved broadband is required to attract new businesses and for domestic use.

8.5 **Creche:** ‘Busy Bees’ is oversubscribed – there is a need for additional crèche facilities

8.6 **Cycling:** Measures should be taken to encourage cycling, including more routes, to improve health and reduce car trips.

8.7 **Leisure:** There is a need for a pub/events venue for adults (over 40s).

8.8 **Lights:** Street lights should be put back on.

8.9 **Renewables:** The Neighbourhood Plan should include a renewable energy policy for the village.

8.10 **Shops:** Possible retail store area. Concern at loss of shops.

Appendix 1

Responses to closed-ended questions

Housing – how much and where should it be built?

The Neighbourhood Plan must provide for the amount of housing required by the North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy. That Strategy is under review and whilst the number of new homes to be built in Wollaston between 2011 and 2031 has not yet been decided it is likely to be at least 160. As part of the Neighbourhood Plan we need to decide if we should provide for more than the minimum requirement and where the homes should go.

1	How many homes do you think should be built in Wollaston between 2011 and 2031? Please Tick.	Minimum required	Up to 200	200 – 250	250 +	No opinion
		209	46	24	11	9
2	Have a look at the map on page 2 and assessments on page 3-4. Do you think we have identified all of the key issues for each of the potential housing sites? Please Tick	Yes		No		No opinion
		199		53		34
3	<i>If you answered 'no' to question 2, please answer question 4b</i>					
4	Using the site numbers on the map on page 2 please rank, in order of preference , the sites that you think would be most suitable for housing (<i>NB site 10 is proposed solely for employment and is not therefore available for housing</i>)	1 st choice	2 nd choice	3 rd choice	4 th choice	5 th choice
		For responses to question 4, please see Appendix 2, below.				

Housing – what type of housing should be provided?

In 2012 a village survey provided information on the type and tenure of housing needed over the next few years. Following on from that survey there are several further questions on which we are now inviting views. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

		Agree	Disagree	No opinion
5	We should try to restrict the availability of affordable housing to existing residents and persons with a strong local connection with Wollaston.	225	38	31
6	We should encourage the provision of sheltered housing for elderly people wishing to live independently but with extra help if needed.	271	9	17
7	We should encourage some care home provision	223	25	43
8	We want some smaller homes for people who wish to downsize	201	51	40
9	I would be very interested in building my own home if land was available	57	130	95

Employment – which sites are suitable for employment?

Despite there being over 100 businesses in Wollaston, most residents travel further afield to work. The map (page 2) includes several sites which could provide opportunities for some residents to work more locally. **Sites 1 and 2 are being promoted by the owner either for employment or for housing; site 3 is proposed mainly for housing but could include some employment land; and site 10 is being promoted solely for employment.**

10	Have a look at the map on page 2 and brief assessments on page 3-4. Do you think we have identified all of the key issues for each of the potential employment sites? Please Tick	Yes	No	No opinion	
		196	33	61	
11	<i>If you answered 'no' to question 10, please answer question 47.</i>				
12	Using the site numbers on the map on page 2 please indicate which of the following sites (either in whole or in part) might be suitable for employment? Please Tick.	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 10
		60	64	109	172

Employment – other issues.

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

		Agree	Disagree	No opinion		
13	We should try to retain the Hinwick Rd industrial estate as an employment area.	181	66	44		
14	The village has insufficient infrastructure (e.g. road capacity) to support large businesses which are best located in nearby towns.	269	30	8		
15	Wollaston should focus on accommodating small businesses.	253	13	27		
16	Where do you work?					
	Wollaston	Wellingborough	Northampton	Milton Keynes	Other	Don't work
	54	31	40	14	64	139

Parking and traffic

Some residents have told us that they are concerned about the increase in traffic from new developments and inadequate parking provision in new and existing areas of development. Census information also reveals that the average household in Wollaston now has 1.55 cars compared with a national average of 1.16.

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

		Agree	Disagree	No opinion
17	Parking provision should be increased within new developments.	282	4	4
18	We should resist the loss of residential parking.	281	1	6
19	Road safety at the Hookhams Path/Hinwick Rd junction should be improved.	203	38	53
20	More pedestrian crossing points are needed.	123	87	73
21	<i>Young people in particular have referred to the need for more pedestrian crossings. If you think more are necessary, please answer question 48</i>			
22	Do we need to address parking issues at the following locations:	70	1	10
23	The secondary school?	96	10	24
24	Hinwick Rd?	95	9	23
25	<i>If you think that there are other areas where addressing parking issues ought to be a priority, please answer question 49</i>			

Conservation of buildings and their settings.

The most important buildings and monuments in Wollaston are protected because they are listed or scheduled. There are, however, other buildings of local importance (eg. Green Plaque buildings). In addition, the centre of Wollaston is a Conservation Area which provides some control over the demolition of unlisted buildings and provides a basis for conserving the special interest of the area. Some residents have made particular suggestions and we need to identify the level of support for some of these.

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

		Agree	Disagree	No opinion
26	The Cuckoo Triangle (i.e. the square outside the former Cuckoo public house) should be improved	176	62	56
27	The 'Cradle' (i.e. the square at the London Rd/Hinwick Rd junction) should be improved	166	65	64
28	A sculpture should be provided in the pocket park	39	160	90
29	The conservation area should be improved in other ways and/or or extended (A map of the conservation area is available on the Neighbourhood Plan documents section of the Parish Council website (http://www.wollastonparishcouncil.gov.uk and at Wollaston library)	97	34	139
30	<i>If you think that the conservation area should be improved or extended, please answer question 50</i>			

Open space, important views and opportunities for nature conservation.

Some residents have highlighted areas of open space, views and opportunities to improve the nature conservation value of the area. We need to identify the level of support for some of the suggestions.

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

		Agree	Disagree	No opinion
32	The grounds of Wollaston House provide an area of open space which should be retained.	234	25	55
33	There are important views into the village from the south across the rising land west of London Rd	201	32	61
34	The open land on York Rd (opposite Prospect Close and marked 1 on the attached map) is an area of open space which should be retained	176	60	69
35	We should try to improve the appearance of the key entrances into the village (Cobbs Lane, Irchester Rd, London Rd, Hinwick Rd/Hookhams Path)	199	42	51
36	The small spinney on the south side of the London Rd/A509 junction is an important feature which should be retained.	209	21	64
37	We should try to improve access to Wollaston Brook and its nature conservation value.	211	23	59
38	We should look for an opportunity to provide an area of woodland close to the village	222	25	49
39	<i>If there are other public views into/out of the village or areas of open space that you think are important to conserve (other than the recreation ground and play areas), please answer question 51</i>			

Services and facilities - what additional provision is needed?

Development of sites for housing may provide opportunities to provide new facilities or help support existing facilities.

Provision for young people:

Young people have told us that they want new and better facilities like a skateboard park and more/better parks. Further suggestions have included a youth shelter, a cafe that provides a venue for young people and a 'full-time' youth club.

40	<i>If you are aware of a suitable location for a youth shelter; a suitable location for a skateboard facility; or if you think that improvements are needed to existing playing facilities, please answer question 52</i>			
41	Is there a need for a new play area in your area of Wollaston?	Yes	No	No opinion
		63	140	89
42	<i>If there is a need for a new play area in your area of Wollaston, please answer question 53</i>			

Provision for adults:

In terms of sports provision a need for further cricket and football provision has been identified.

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

		Agree	Disagree	No opinion
43	We should prioritise cricket and football as areas of sport requiring additional provision.	95	102	97
44	There are areas of sports provision available in other villages but not in Wollaston. I would use these on a regular basis if they could be provided in the village.	56	94	134
45	<i>If you agree with the above statement (44), please answer question 54</i>			

Appendix 2

Responses to Question 4 - suitability of sites for housing ranked in order of preference

Site 1					Site 2					Site 3					Site 4					Site 5				
Land off York Rd					Land off Wollaston Hall					Land west of Irchester Rd					Land South of London Rd					Land north of Rotten Row				
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Site 1					Site 2					Site 3					Site 4					Site 5				
20	12	14	22	27	10	12	9	7	7	52	38	25	22	21	26	21	23	22	29	3	15	12	18	20
Site 6					Site 7					Site 8					Site 9					Site 10				
Land east of Hookhams Path					Hinwick Rd industrial site					Timotay site					Land at 196 Hinwick Rd					Doddington Road				
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Site 6					Site 7					Site 8					Site 9					Site 10				
64	45	0	21	12	38	14	20	26	11	11	45	35	24	15	15	35	57	22	22	3	1	2	1	3