


Community Engagement – consultation summary

Event (eg name of group / event) :	Berkswell Festival
Nature of consultation (eg Community event; focus group; questionnaire) :	Community event and questionnaire [flyer]
Date : 18/6/2016	Venue : Berkswell festival ground
NDP lead : Wendy Wilson	Key contact (if applicable) : Simon Northover
Participant details (eg approximate number; attach register if available) :	<i>250 residents from Berkswell and surrounding area.</i>
<p>Purpose of consultation (ie nature of data to be collected incl. housing, education, traffic, public transport, retail, amenities and utilities. Focus on BC and/or rural areas incl. Berkswell) :</p> <p>To gather thoughts on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to select housing sites • Primary school provision in BC • Likes / improvements for “your” area • Future growth needs <p>Also attract volunteers and contact details (for NDP updates) Focus likely to be primarily on Berkswell village although whole designated area included</p>	
<p>Description of consultation (incl. photos; material presented / on display/ handouts) :</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>1) Display boards including map of sites and site specifics Residents asked to write thoughts on post-its in response to the following headings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites – how to choose? • Future needs – What? Where? • Your area – Likes? • Your area – Improvements? • Primary school provision (BC) – How? What? Where? <p>2) Flyer available for people to take away and return (see attached) asking for thoughts on site selection and primary school provision in BC</p> <p>3) Contact list for NDP updates and volunteers (see attached)</p>	
<p>Data collected (eg lists) :</p> <p>Likes: Love open countryside</p>	

Size of village re surrounding countryside.

Improvements:

Used to be playground behind Bear, removed. No playground anywhere

Parking Pound Close, 3 spaces for street, no access to 2/3rds properties

No bus services – only Taxibus

Parking – station and village centre

More parking spaces at station

Improve road safety at Bear crossroads, suggest traffic lights

Future needs:

Infrastructure must be upgraded if houses are to be built

Drainage in Berkswell is a serious issue and must be updated before any building commences, no tarmac

Better community facilities especially for young people

Range of shops

Provision of public services, i.e. health, education

Thousands of new houses, where are the following to be built- new schools, doctors, shops, roads, transports [buses etc]

Berkswell charities may be interested in more almshouses

Berkswell village traffic clogging and broadband which is terrible

Village should grow organically, use wedge between HS2 and mainline

Protecting diversity of wildlife especially re site 33, [Barretts Lane].

Parish will need additional infrastructure over and above new schools, e.g. proper shops, leisure activities e.g. swimming pool, better traffic management/more parking

Consider amenities, further development in Berkswell will require significant improvement in village facilities – including drainage

Sites:

Not greenbelt

Not large or medium developments, several smaller preferred

Protect areas of beauty

Minimise impact on current residents

A452 major trunk road – avoid more traffic

Easy access onto road network

Develop in existing gardens

Closeness to village centre and train station

Primary school provision:

Split junior and infants

Minimise traffic disruption at any additional sites

Two smaller schools

One large or two smaller schools?

Analysis of Results relating to themes and location (eg pie charts; mindmaps):

Where a specific comment was attributable solely to Berkswell or Balsall Common these are identified.

Analysis of Results [what's currently good/ what could be improved/ as community grows what's needed/flyer question on suitability of sites for development and Balsall primary education] **relating to themes and location :**

- Housing
 - Not greenbelt
 - Not large or medium developments, several smaller preferred [Berkswell]
 - Create more almshouses [Berkswell]
 - Village should grow organically, use wedge between HS2 and mainline [Berkswell]

- Develop in existing gardens
- Easy access onto road network
- Closeness to village centre and train station

- Education / childcare provision
 - Split junior and infants
 - Minimise traffic disruption at any additional sites
 - Two smaller schools [*Balsall Common*]
 - One large or two smaller schools? [*Balsall Common*]

- Traffic/ Road network
 - Better traffic management [*Berkswell*]
 - More parking [*Berkswell*]
 - 2 x station and village centre
 - Parking in Pound Close, no vehicle access to 2/3 properties [*Berkswell*]
 - Improved road safety at The Bear crossroads [*Berkswell*]
 - Traffic calming [*Berkswell*]
 - A452 major trunk road - avoid more traffic

- Public transport
 - No bus service – only Taxibus [*Berkswell*]

- Amenities (health and well-being)
 - Proper shops [*Berkswell*]
 - Leisure activities, e.g. swimming pool [*Berkswell*]
 - No playground anywhere in Berkswell [*Berkswell*]
 - Facilities for young people [*Balsall Common*]
 - Range of shops

- Amenities (environmental)
 - Protect areas of beauty [*Berkswell*]
 - Love open countryside [*Berkswell*]
 - Size of village re surrounding countryside [*Berkswell*]
 - Minimise impact on current residents [*Berkswell*]
 - Protecting diversity of wildlife especially re site 33, [Barretts Lane]. [*Balsall Common*]

- Utilities, Infrastructure
 - 2 x Improve local drainage [*Berkswell*]
 - Broadband is terrible [*Berkswell*]
 - Infrastructure must be upgraded if new houses [*Berkswell*]
 - 2 x Infrastructure such as doctors/shops/new schools/buses/roads to meet needs of new houses [*Balsall Common*]