

## Community Engagement – consultation summary

<b>Event (eg name of group / event) :</b>	BERKSWELL VILLAGE SURVEY
<b>Nature of consultation (eg Community event; focus group; questionnaire) :</b>	Residents survey
<b>Date :</b> Christmas 2015	<b>Venue :</b> Berkswell Village
<b>NDP lead :</b> Andrew Burrow	<b>Key contact (if applicable) :</b> n/a
<b>Participant details (eg approximate number; attach register if available) :</b>	about 100 homes surveyed, with 23 forms returned.
<p><b>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) :</b> To identify:</p> <p>QUESTION 1: 3 good things in the village to retain, Question2: 3 things that need improvement, QUESTION 3: is there a need for a small number of new homes for small families, Question 4: any other ideas for development [not just housing].</p> <p>Please note results from question 2 and 4 were combined because of the degree of overlap in the answers.</p>	
<b>Description of consultation (incl. photos; material presented / on display/ handouts) :</b>	
<b>Data collected (e.g. lists) :</b> See separate document	
<b>Analysis of Results relating to themes and location ( eg pie charts; mindmaps):</b>	
<p><b>HOUSING</b> QUESTION 1 – <i>good things</i></p> <p>Alms houses Village life yet close to shopping area Close to countryside and other necessary amenities (2) Located close to local amenities Village life/close to city Rural setting must be retained and new builds must not spoil the cultural heritage New housing must be in keeping, hidden from view and kept to a minimum</p> <p>QUESTION 2 &amp; 4 – <i>need improvement, other developments</i></p> <p>No more out of character development (examples given) Do not see need for being a conservation area Housing for local people Allow small scale development Small amount of development for younger buyers Council houses Development should be kept low key. Take great care. When it's gone its gone Pound Close to be less scruffy</p> <p>QUESTION 3 – <i>need for small number of new homes for small families</i></p> <p>No young families can survive in Berkswell - the infrastructure in not there to help them I am 25 years old. I have no opportunity to live in this area. The school has a good reputation but I will not be able to access this when I have a family The village is in decline as young people have no opportunity to stay in the area. Only a handful of children from the village attend the school. A limited amount of sympathetic development should be created on the edge of the village, similar to Pound Close was in the 60's.</p>	

Homes are necessary for young families. They are the future of the village and will keep the school going  
From a community point of view sympathetic consideration should be given to the possibility of a very limited amount of first time housing

Bring some younger families to keep the village stronger.

A suitable site in the interests of preserving the village and also convenience of residents in proposed dwellings

You can have as many houses as you wish but you may find that if only used as commuter homes they will bring nothink to the community within the village or village life - you can see that now, as the properties are sold and bought, the new residence take no part in the community, so you gain nothink.

Proportionately, young families can and do acquire houses in the village, as older people move on, younger people may move in to already established houses. The school is already oversubscribed and there are lots of community events to join in with.

Small terrace (2 up 2 down) at the bottom of Pound Close (where the playground was) or part of Bear car park

There should be a limited number of new homes in Berkswell for young families. This contributes to a thriving and healthy community, particularly for young children grow up in and experience the country aspect

I agree the need for affordable housing. Older people in larger family homes could move to smaller more purpose built accommodation freeing up family homes. Encourage discrete development on agricultural land but fix the land price to ensure affordability of new homes provided - restrict developer profit.

the more young families the less transportation needed to the school - keeps it a village school!

Supplying homes for older generations is more beneficial to the community

New homes -more hard standing and more drainage. Drainage system cannot cope

There are several young families already in the village and I think new homes will spoil the village, the community and perhaps we should concentrate on the children already in the village and make Berkswell somewhere they don't want to move away from.

More houses will destroy the village character which attracts a growing number of visitors.

There is already a waiting list for the school. There are young families and there is a mix in the village

A few new homes for young families (not executive homes)

Not at the loss of green field nor the green belt because this will ruin the character of the village

Redevelop existing "brown field" sites/already used land.

Preserve the conservation area and character

Free up rented accommodation. I do not think this is a problem at the moment. Rented accommodation needed for people who cannot have a mortgage for whatever reason.

If new starter homes are built there is no guarantee that young people will buy them except by careful management. To this end I would be very interested to see a Community Land Trust set up to develop and manage housing in the Parish. Property is or can be held through shared equity. We should acquire the site r/o the shops in Balsall and develop it. There is already a community housing initiative model via the Berkswell charities. It could be extended.

## **EDUCATION/CHILDCARE PROVISION**

QUESTION 1 – *good things*

School (4)

QUESTION 2 & 4 – *need improvement, other developments*

QUESTION 3 – *need for small number of homes for small families*

## **TRAFFIC/ROAD NETWORK**

QUESTION 1 – *good things*

QUESTION 2 & 4 – *need improvement, other developments*

No parking on village green  
Stop parking on local roads (2)  
Parking is difficult at times/more car parking (2)  
School drop off and pick up/parking (2)  
Traffic control/calming (9)  
Enforce width restriction down Lavender Hall Lane  
Protect children from motorists  
Speed cameras on Coventry Road/reduction of speed (5)  
Reduction of oversized/large vehicles through village (3)  
Too many cars around school time  
Better pavements/safer pedestrian ways (4)  
Reduce speed limit on Meriden Road approaching village to 40 mph  
Speed management  
Gateways  
Trim hedges opposite Thatched to improve road safety  
Traffic calming. It is much too fast on Lavender Hall Lane, particularly on darker evenings  
Safety around the school  
Children's safety. Amber flashing lights, lollypop lady  
Restrict parking from Alms Houses to cross roads at school drop off and pick up times  
Raised square at cross roads to slow down traffic  
Detailed improvements to Lavender Hall Lane (the drawing supplied will be given to the traffic calming working group)  
Pavement to Balsall Common  
Road narrowing on Meriden Road to slow traffic  
Better traffic management  
Restrict parking from Alms Houses to cross roads at school drop off and pick up times  
Hedge cutting around the S bend

QUESTION 3 – *need for small number of homes for small families*

#### **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

QUESTION 1 – *good things*

QUESTION 2 & 4 – *need improvement, other developments*

Bus service/buses for shopping (5)  
Bus service and public service infrastructure

QUESTION 3 – *need for small number of homes for small families*

#### **RETAIL**

QUESTION 1 – *good things*

Village Shop (13)  
Local pub (7)

QUESTION 2 & 4 – *need improvement, other developments*

Support shop  
Shops

QUESTION 3 – *need for small number of homes for small families*

#### **AMENITIES [health and well being]**

QUESTION 1 – *good things*

Retain all buildings over 50 years  
Reading rooms (2)  
The Green (5)  
well,  
Church (6)  
Open spaces and historic features  
Small village  
Attractive conservation area with many historic items (3)  
Attractive character of buildings  
Old fashioned charm  
Traditional nature of Warwickshire village  
Small traditional village setting (2)  
Must retain conservation area  
Easy access to country walks/rambling (2)  
Greenbelt, unspoilt countryside (2) and fields  
Access to countryside  
Rural feel / countryside (2)  
Village on the edge of countryside  
Semi rural  
Quiet village  
Peace  
Care in village  
Well maintained by PC and locals  
Clean and tidy  
High standard of village  
Trees, flowers, grass  
Local events  
Community activities  
Number of clubs, societies and activities (3)

QUESTION 2 & 4 – *need improvement, other developments*

Something for children in the village e.g. youth club & park  
Management of trees, verges by planting with care (already done by many)  
Footpath from Churchyard to Meriden road needs better surface. Its muddy when it rains.  
Footpaths/rights of way in winter  
More trees, flowers  
Youth club for children  
Park for children  
Outdoor playing fields i.e. 5-a-side football  
Defibrillator  
Aircraft noise/pollution  
More community spirit or options to volunteer to help the elderly in the village

QUESTION 3 – *need for small number of homes for small families*

**AMENITIES [environmental]**

QUESTION 2 & 4 – *need improvement, other developments.*

Solar panels mixed with livestock and other green energy ideas (3)

**UTILITIES**

QUESTION 1 – *good things*

QUESTION 2 & 4 – *need improvement, other developments*

Maintain ditches and water runoff from large flat areas e.g. cars parks  
Broadband connectivity  
Fibre optic broadband (3)

QUESTION 3 – *need for small number of homes for small families*

**ANYTHING ELSE?**

QUESTION 1 – *good things*

Friendly villagers (2)  
Lovely people  
People  
Care in people  
Community spirit (3)

QUESTION 2 & 4 – *need improvement, other developments.*

Nothing it is a fantastic place to live  
Affordable rent for the Church and estate  
Village occupants and surrounding areas across Parish opportunity to comment on any proposed changes.  
Information for visitors  
Closer links between Parish Council, Berkswell Society, felons, school, Lant Trust Berkswell Charities etc  
It does not need further development its fantastic as it is (2)

QUESTION 3 – *need for small number of homes for small families*