

Summary of findings from SLNP Walk-in 19th May 2018

Summary of comments

From the 108 visitors, 57 forms with comments were received (53%).

Of these, 9 either commended the committee for the work done and the presentation or were left blank.

Of the remainder, (84%) all were in agreement with the objectives.

General comments mainly fell into the area of housing, with a small number advocating more senior housing with a mention of Simon Badger's land as a suitable location.

Area				
Housing	Low cost for elderly/ Senior housing	Warden assisted	Affordable homes for families	General affordable housing/ for younger people
Number of comments	6	2	3	3
Percentage of visitors on the day.	6%	2%	3%	3%

A couple of people questioned whether the demographic of the respondents to the survey (mainly older people) reflects the actual demographic of the population.

Summary of written comments

1. I feel it is very important to preserve the character of the villages by preventing existing bungalows from being converted into larger homes. Some form of warden assisted housing for the elderly would be amazing!
2. Perhaps if housing is required, may we have smaller properties, maybe wardened for village people who are moving from larger properties, but desperately want to stay in the village.
3. I think that the provision of housing of low cost, and housing for the elderly are the ONLY housing needs in this village. Our school is now unable to admit all children who want to go there (a victim of its own success) so housing for young families not totally good.
4. It may well be difficult to maintain the status of the villages as they currently exist and at the same time address many of the future needs of an ageing population.
5. I would like a small development (say 8) of private small houses (1 or 2 bed) or bungalows. Maybe looked after by a warden for older residents to reside (downsize). Ideal place - field to the west of Low Road being Brock House. I have lived in Church Lench for 50 years and don't want to leave. We could help each other out as we always have done.
6. Need more senior housing which will free up larger homes for families. Suggest field behind Brock House on Low Road
7. I would like to reinforce the view that we do not need more large houses. Need for senior housing (field to the west of Low Road behind Brock House?). I continue to disagree with proposed development of the Paddock: many reasons.
8. I very much agree that more homes needed for older people.
9. How does the demographic of respondents to the survey ie mainly older people (few families) reflect the actual demographic of population from the census? Families may just not have had time to fill in lengthy questionnaire (we didn't). Affordable homes for families needed if school is to thrive.
10. The houses that have large garden $\frac{1}{2}$ acre or more should be compulsory purchased and demolished for low cost new build with more units than a single house or bungalow.

11. Needs of older people: I can foresee a need for a small development of affordable low rise houses for down-sizers who don't want to leave Church Lench. It would be unreasonable not to expect some development, but it must be gradual and modest, to keep with the modesty of the old village.
12. I feel as a young person within the village more affordable housing is an important subject to consider. Meaning current residents younger generations are able to stay near by their families and keep the Lenches great!
13. I believe provisions should be made so that younger residents within the village eg children of residents have a greater opportunity of buying homes within the village. This could be done through affordable housing or schemes such as rural workers dwellings. Many residents have lived in the village for 25 years+ and it would be nice for the next generation to have this chance. We are a rural community surrounded by a rural landscape: with this in mind is it possible to accommodate rural workers into the plan which would also contribute to the sustainability and local economy of the village. I can also see from the photos displayed that rural workers played a large part in early Church Lench, Atch Lench, Ab Lench and Sheriffs Lench!
14. Mentioned many people lived in village over 25 years no provision for Young Rural workers or possible self build projects. High percentage older people and states villagers want more homes for older people, not sustainable village for older people? Need more younger people able to buy houses at affordable prices.
15. Question around representiveness of the survey - maybe consider other ways of gathering thoughts and ideas. However today is a good step in that direction!
16. Excellent work by committee shows that there is very little demand for more housing in the South Lenches.
17. Exhibition based on the NIMBI factor.
18. I feel some limited windfall development would be acceptable. Agree that any development should be restricted to very small windfall sites (eg rural exception sites). If any development were to be permitted it should be of a type suitable to enable younger people to live in the Parish.
19. Strongly disagree that more 3 - bedroom houses are needed. Need is to get younger people into village, so smaller houses. And at the other end - more suitable for older people downsizing.
20. We need to maintain a 'young' village. No more retirement homes.