

Southern Villages Area cont'd

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- There is a need to improve public transport provision and the footpath network between villages and local community facilities.
- Some residents highlighted the need for affordable housing provision in villages to meet local need.
- New housing should be restricted to 'infill' within existing village confines or be provided by bringing empty homes back into use.
- Existing village boundaries should be kept.
- There is a need for accommodation for older people in this area.
- A lack of younger people in this area is impacting on service provision and the vitality of local communities.
- There is a need for new transport infrastructure locally including a new bridge over the River Trent.
- Local broadband and leisure provision should be improved.

Stenson Area

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- Most residents in this area value the local countryside, and the opportunities it offers for walking and other informal leisure activities.
- Residents highlighted the need to resist further house building around Wragley Way.
- Some residents highlighted the strong sense of community they feel from living in this area.
- A large number of residents in Stenson Fields were concerned about the parking outside of the local school including on local verges and around Heather Close.
- There are concerns about speeding along Wragley Way, Pilgrims Way and Arleston Lane and the safety of the Wragley Way, Stenson Road Junction.
- Many residents highlighted the need to better manage and maintain recreational areas, public open space and highways and verges.
- Bridges on Stenson Road should be replaced or upgraded.
- The need for additional facilities such as a hall, facilities for young children, enhanced bus services, sports facilities and broadband provision were all highlighted.
- Some local residents raised concern about motorbikes using existing footpaths.
- Some residents highlighted the need to protect the countryside around the Trent and Mersey canal.

Swadlincote Area

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- Residents in this area appreciated the relatively easy access to the countryside, although many people thought that sport and recreation facilities such as parks, cycle paths and leisure facilities should be improved and expanded.
- Many residents identified a lack of parking in the town centre and around local schools as a significant issue locally. Congestion on local roads during the school run and at rush hour was highlighted as a problem.
- A small number of residents identified the need for primary school specifically in the Church Gresley area and a new senior school for Swadlincote.
- Some residents suggested that housing and employment development should be spread throughout Swadlincote to lessen local impacts.
- Some residents are concerned that further housing development will destroy any opportunity of creating a forest environment and will impact on the identity of separate communities.
- There is a need to support the development of small-scale employment sites and businesses including tourism and leisure based businesses associated with the National Forest.
- The run down appearance of some parts of the Swadlincote area was identified as an issue.
- Views northwards from this area should be preserved.

Willington and Findern Area

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- Residents in this area appreciate the local countryside including access to the Trent and Mersey Canal and the River Trent, and the opportunities it offers for informal leisure activities.
- Many residents felt that villages had a strong sense of community spirit and felt safe living in Willington and Findern villages.
- Many residents suggested that this area has good services and facilities and good road and rail links to the main urban areas. Although a number of residents expressed concern about local bus services. In particular the operation times and the frequency of bus services was highlighted as a concern.
- Many residents highlighted a lack of activities for children and teenagers as a local issue and emphasised the need to resolve flooding and other maintenance issues on Hillside recreation ground in Findern.
- Many residents were keen to see the provision of more affordable housing, starter homes and bungalows to meet local need, but generally it was considered that housing should be small scale to ensure that villages remain compact and do not become suburbs of Derby. A need to provide homes for the elderly has also been highlighted as a local issue.
- All new development should be of a high quality and have adequate parking provision.
- Many residents wish to see greenfields between Findern and Derby protected from further development.
- There is a need to provide playing fields/sports facilities and more land for allotments.
- Flooding was identified as a significant local issue in Willington.

Woodville Area

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- Residents in this area appreciate the close proximity to the countryside and the National Forest, which offer opportunity to leisure and recreation opportunities.
- Many residents feel Woodville is friendly and safe place to live.
- Many local people thought that the countryside around Woodville should be protected from new development and any future housing provision should be to meet local need only.
- Some residents thought public transport provision needed expanding.
- Many people raised concerns about the amount of traffic congestion in Woodville, especially around Clock Island and the number of HGVs using the A511.
- Concern was expressed about the visual appearance of land around Clock Island and employment land to the south of Woodhouse Street which is in need for employment based regeneration.
- Residents identified the need for number of new facilities including adult learning classes, a young children's play area, a new football facility, an indoor sports/village hall facility and also a medical centre.
- The Council should plan for employment use in the Woodville-Swadlincote Area Action Plan as many jobs have been lost in the area in the last few years.
- The countryside around Hartshorne should be protected from development.



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Summary of Responses to Neighbourhood Planning Drop-In Events

February - May 2011

The District Council held a number of 'drop-in' events during February and March this year to talk to local people about neighbourhood planning and the Local Development Framework.

This leaflet summarises the responses ...



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Aston Area

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- Residents in this area placed great value on the need to protect the countryside and the opportunities it offers for leisure and recreation.
- Many residents felt that villages had a strong sense of community spirit and general friendliness often not present in urban areas.
- There is some support for limited housing provision in Aston to ensure that the village does not stagnate, although some people did not wish to see any further growth. Generally it was felt that growth should only meet local rather than Derby City or district-wide need.
- Community facilities across this area are in need of improvement. In particular the need for a local secondary school, larger medical surgery in Aston and part time surgery in Weston were raised.
- Support for provision of additional sports facilities; youth clubs; allotments; enhanced public transport provision and additional walking and cycling routes were highlighted during previous consultation events.
- Residents in Weston are concerned about the demolition and rebuilding of homes in the village and the wider impact this is having on village character. There was some support for the designation of a conservation area in Weston.
- Many residents in Barrow were concerned about the ability of road infrastructure to cope with major new housing and industrial development nearby.

Etwall Area

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- Many residents considered that the area offered an attractive place to live, which is relatively well served by existing village facilities, public transport and walking and cycling path provision and easy access to the surrounding countryside.
- Local residents are also generally satisfied with quality of the local environment, with many residents highlighting that this is a safe, attractive and peaceful place to live.
- Many people considered that development beyond existing village boundaries could harm community spirit. There was very limited support for additional housing or employment growth in this area, with those supporting growth indicating that it should be within existing development boundaries and mainly to meet local and affordable needs.
- Many local residents highlighted concerns regarding excessive daytime parking in Etwall village close to John Port School and highlighted a need for greater local parking provision.
- Many residents highlighted the need to improve local public transport provision and for improvement in local cycling routes, especially between Egginton and the Mickleover Greenway.
- Many people expressed concern regarding road noise from the A50 and A38 and wanted to see noise attenuation provided.
- Residents raised concern about the potential for a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange at Egginton Common with many people concerned that there was no need for this facility locally.
- Many local people wish to see greenfields around Mickleover protected from further development.
- Many residents were concerned that existing community facilities did not adequately meet existing needs and could not sustain further growth locally.
- Local roads around Derby could not cope with any further housing development.

Hatton Area

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- Many residents appreciated the strong sense of community spirit locally and the support and activities provided to young people locally.
- Many residents appreciated the surrounding countryside and the opportunities it presented for walking, cycling and other informal leisure activities.

Hatton Area cont'd

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- Many residents in Hatton are concerned about the amount and speed of traffic that travels through the village including the number of HGV's. A number of residents suggested that access to the Nestle plant should be moved and a bypass built to reduce traffic flows in the village.
- Many residents identified the need for additional facilities, including a doctor's surgery, an indoor leisure facility and a more defined village centre with additional shops and parking.
- There was limited support for additional housing provision to meet local needs.
- Many residents identified poor broadband speeds as an issue.
- Many residents wished to see the River Dove Flood Risk Management Scheme implemented in a timely manner to reduce flood risk locally.
- Some residents considered that the sewage network can not accommodate further housing growth.

Hilton Area

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- Many residents highlighted access to the local countryside as a key benefit from living in Hilton
- Many local people considered that Hilton had relatively good access to local services and facilities, although a number of residents highlighted a lack of activities for young people and young parents in Hilton and the north west and identified a need for the provision of additional leisure facilities.
- Many residents were concerned about the how fast and how much Hilton village had grown and the quality of new homes provided as a result of recent growth.
- A lot of residents are concerned that infrastructure provision has not kept pace with growth and as such some facilities cannot cope with local demand.
- Some residents felt that Hilton has no sense of place or focal point and is already over developed and that higher standards should be used to ensure that future development better reflects Hilton's local and historic identity.
- Some residents did not support additional housing or employment provision in Hilton.
- Some residents supported limited growth in named settlements including Church Broughton. This should be at proportional levels to the size of the settlements.
- Many residents considered that general improvements to local retail provision together with recreation, leisure and facilities including broadband provision were needed.
- Many residents wish to see the greater provision of walking and cycling routes locally together with new woodland planting to help link the village with the countryside and soften views into Hilton from the surrounding countryside.

Melbourne Area

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- Residents enjoy and value the historic character of the area.
- Many residents are satisfied that the area has good transport links and access to employment opportunities both within and outside of South Derbyshire.
- Many residents feel that Melbourne is a safe place to live.
- Small-scale housing, including housing provision specifically for the elderly, was supported by a small number of residents.
- Some residents highlighted the need for a new Trent crossing to bypass Swarkestone Bridge, although support for this was mixed.
- Many residents highlighted the need for a local secondary school to meet the needs of Melbourne and other nearby rural communities.
- Some residents identified a need for further community facilities including allotments and a village/concert hall.

Repton Area

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- Residents highlighted the importance of heritage and the open and rural character of local villages and the need to protect these areas from inappropriate development.
- Many residents appreciated the strong sense of community spirit locally and considered this area a safe place to live.
- There was some support for limited new affordable housing provision to meet local need.
- Some residents felt that new housing developments should avoid communities where state school education provision is at capacity. In particular Repton, where schooling for secondary education is through John Port at Etwall.
- The lack of infrastructure and employment opportunities together with the importance of preserving the historic character of Repton and surrounding villages was considered a barrier for any large-scale development.
- Many residents expressed concern about the level of traffic on Main Street and the lack of parking in Repton Centre. Concern was also raised about through traffic in Ticknall.
- Many residents suggested the need to improve the recreation, leisure and community facilities and pedestrian and public transport linkages between individual settlements.
- The National Forest and Foremark Reservoir and other heritage assets such as Calke Park should be the focus for a stronger local tourism industry.

Southern Villages Area

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- Residents highlighted the importance of the open and rural character of local villages and the need to protect these areas from inappropriate development
- Significant value is placed on the access and leisure opportunities to Rosliston Forestry Centre, Conkers and the wider National Forest.

