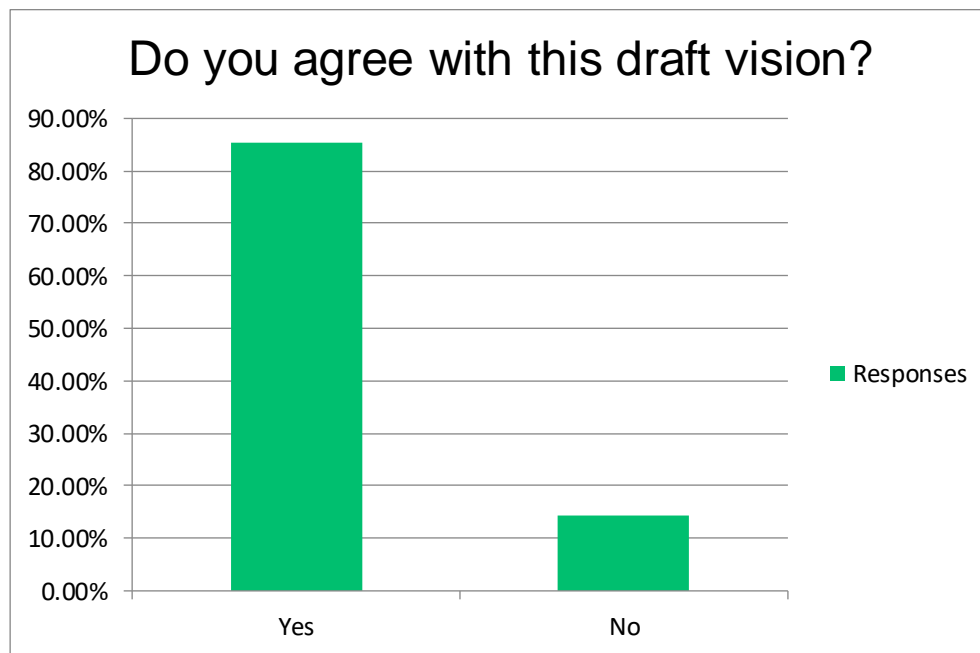


Rennington Parish Council
Neighbourhood Development Plan
Summary of September 2021 Survey Results

77 individuals completed this survey, 39 were completed online.

Our vision is to embrace the need for change and to meet the expanding needs of a growing population whilst protecting those important things that have attracted generations of people to choose Rennington Parish as a place to live and raise their families.

1. Do you agree with the draft vision?



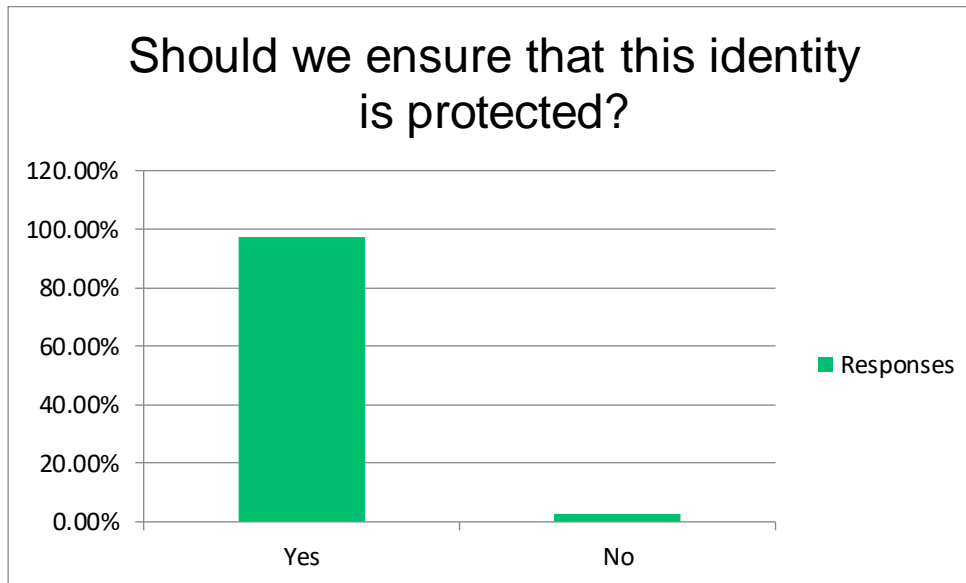
Comments:

- At present the population appears to be skewed towards older people. Rock Cricket Club is fantastic and a great example of how to cater for and attract young people.
- I think that Rennington has already had it's fair share of development in the four new estates
- Yes subject to no further development of our non brownfield sites
- We agree in principle with the vision but feel it needs to be expanded to clarify the need for change.
- Apart from providing for the potential needs of young/old of the village should they wish to continue to live here, most existing residents came here or belonged here when Rennington/Rock/Stamford was a 'small community' and not a 'large' village.

- More importance on enabling young people/young families to move/stay in the area to keep it dynamic and full of life and not just a nice place to retire to.
- Specifically our vision is for a community that:
 - is safe and healthy where people want to work and live for the long term
 - is inclusive, promoting a strong sense of community spirit
 - has suitable quality of housing for people to live in
 - is welcoming to visitors and works well with the neighbouring parishes
 - protects the importance of its historic, geographical and natural assets.
- I have concerns on the 'over-policing' of village life and the individual approach to how residents manage their property. Keep it simple, friendly and not over 'official'!
- Meeting the needs of a growing population could well prove detrimental to the very things that attract people to the area in the first place, namely the charming character of the villages and hamlets and the wide open spaces which do indeed deserve our protection. Taking Rock as an example, why seek to accommodate more people when so many of the existing homes are holiday/2nd homes which contribute less to the community and leave the village underpopulated in winter months.
- It would be nice to think of it as a parish to raise their families, not enough in the parish. There are very few houses to rent and certainly no houses that are affordable. Young people that have grown up in the villages have been forced out to live elsewhere.
- Feel the statement is contradictory.
- This is a good opportunity to reconsider the priorities of our community from the bottom up; ensuring all residents have the opportunity to share their views and interests.
- It should say something about developing a sustainable community
- We would suggest modifying the last sentence to say 'as a place to live, to work and to raise their families'.
- Happy with Rennington as it is ..

The identity of the distinct settlements within Rennington Parish enable residents to enjoy life in a pleasant, well-serviced rural setting.

2. Should we ensure that this identity is protected?



Comments:

- 'Identity' is a fine word but needs to be defined clearly
- The current development at Rock North Farm Rennington is totally out of character of the village and unsympathetic in design and building materials
- Further development of houses for holiday lettings will erode the traditional identity of the area
- Can all settlements be well serviced? Is this realistic?
- Not convinced that the parish is currently 'well-serviced'. we are probably not 'well-serviced' if the phrase covers issues such as -properly maintaining the village green, cutting of council verges, overgrown water treatment plant, overflowing from the drains & gullies, signage, litter and dog bins.
- Rock is a peaceful small village, which has changed considerably in the 16 years we have been living here. Changing from a village of 20 odd houses where everyone knew each other to 40 odd houses and counting with many second and holiday homes.
- Distinct settlements should remain distinct, well-serviced?
- Whilst protecting identities the parish must also be prepared to embrace change in order to attract young families into the parish.
- It is by ensuring that existing green spaces between and within the various communities are preserved, and avoiding ribbon development and development generally outside the settlement boundaries, that the identity of the distinct settlements is protected.
- I believe the aspect of 'rural' needs to be forefront for all our settlements, as a distinct feature of parish life. It is why most of us have chosen to live and work here.

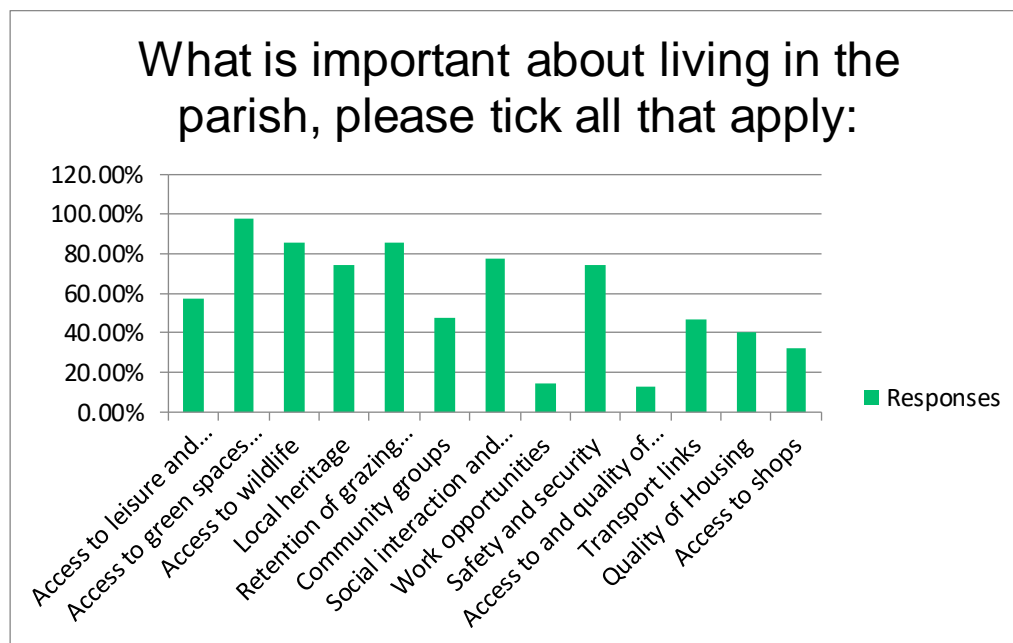
3. Whereabouts in the parish do you live?



Comments:

- Low Hockett Farm
- Rock South farm
- Live at Shipley; work and Farm at Stamford Farm and Hamlet. Will live at Stamford in the next few years
- The Hocket

4. What is important about living in the Parish?



Comments:

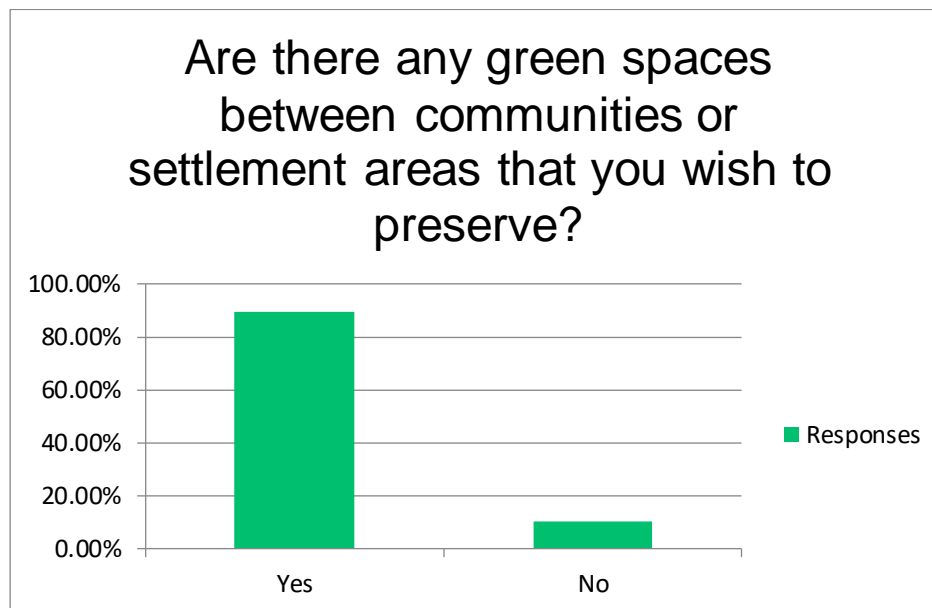
- We moved here to a small quiet rural village with no transport link from the village except by car. It remains important to preserve the peaceful surroundings and the access to green space and local heritage ie. Northumberland Coast.
- Had I/we required access to other services/facilities I would have chosen a different location. I/we chose Rennington specifically for the rural quietness and pace of life and access to coast and country.
- A housing stock ought to be varied & mixed in tenure & size to ensure a balanced community.
- The pub. Hopefully community cohesion will improve through the NDP process. Access to good local schools will be crucial in attracting young families. It is unclear whether this question refers to the parish as it is, or as it might become. If it is the latter, I would tick every box.
- Note: Rennington parish is nestled within a much larger area/community and it is important that it seeks to live in harmony with neighbouring parishes.
- Access to and quality of schools is not relevant to me but is important if the parish is to attract the younger community.
At this moment in time, transport links are not important for me however in time, an improved bus service or local 'dial-a-ride' might be needed to maintain independence.
- Protecting our environment, providing employment and housing
- The peacefulness of living in a quiet rural village.
- I believe we need to maintain the sense of a distinct locality that preserves countryside living. Attention needs to be given to the needs of people and the rural environment.

5. What is the single most thing that needs to be better to improve the quality of life in Rennington Parish?

Comments:

- Provision of good affordable housing for local people
- Perhaps a small shop maybe selling some locally produced vegetables, fruit, arts/crafts etc.
However, having lived here most of my life I am more than happy with the village the way it is - not growing too large.
- Keeping community hubs
- Improved public transport
- Access to a shop (even if only a mobile one).
Bus service to Alnwick to run daily.
- Access to green spaces & countryside.
Public transport to Alnwick
- Restriction of too much development of the wrong type of properties. We need to enable younger families to remain in the community if they wish or need to for work or family reasons.
- Access to village. No real public footpath, only one across field which is not accessible in winter time, and is ploughed up each year.
- Retain the village pub
- The percentage of holiday homes i.e. 2nd homes, holiday lets Airbnb, should not increase above the present levels
- Greater integration and cooperation with neighbouring parishes.
- A better balance of people of different ages, therefore more younger people and established families with children
- Connectivity between villages/towns in and out of parish (not car based) i.e. footpaths/cycle paths/public transport.
- Greater community engagement - a community that holds conversations that seek to determine what might be a shared sense of place for the parish.
- Reduce the speed of traffic passing through the villages, particularly in Rennington, where there's a lot of tractor activity in the summer months and also construction traffic of late. Reducing speeding vehicles will increase safety for both residents and wildlife (the number of moor hen chicks killed on the road is heart breaking!).
- Access to ultrafast fibre broadband throughout the Parish. Especially important at a time when an ever-increasing number of people are able to work from home: it is this that can create improved work opportunities for all and help ensure that young people remain in the community.
- I can't think of anything as I love living here....
- More activities in the village hall to bring people together more and provide more leisure activities (more kinds of exercise classes, book group or book swap, local history or whatever people want).
- Community interaction and support

6. Are there any green spaces between communities or settlement areas that you would wish to preserve?

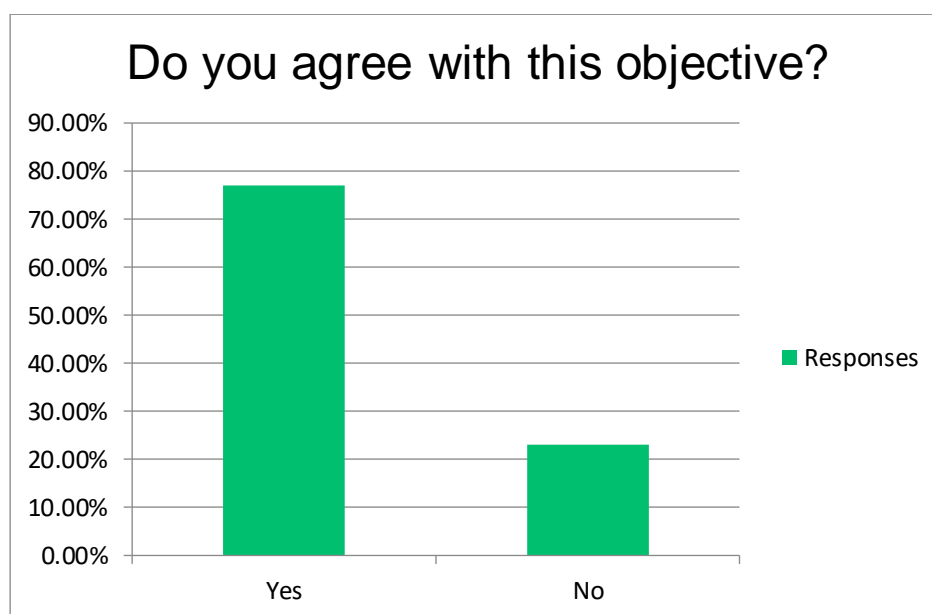


Comments:

- Pasture land between Horseshoes pub and Rock North Farm
- Pasture land on both sides of the road to the north of Rock North Farm
- Pasture land between Plantation Cottage and Rock Hall
- All green fields between the villages
- The Avenue at Rock
- Rennington Village green
- Retention of grazing & pasture to the south & west of South Meadow new development
- The green spaces around the various hamlets needs to be preserved
- Any current undeveloped land particularly grazing land around Rennington
- Field between Stamford Cottages and Rennington.
- Top paddock north of Stamford Lea.
- Village green free from dog toilet facility! Even if mess is carried away 'residue' remains. Dog walkers try to avoid dog barking within 'normal' (could be working) hours. We now have dog walkers visiting. Counted 7 dogs, 2 not on lead, in Rennington this week (29/9/21) supposedly being looked after by 2 young men.
- Developments in private gardens & driveways should be discouraged, this will prevent overcrowding.
- The fields and woodland areas in and around Rock and Rennington
- All of them
- Village greens ,
- Rock cricket ground; the land beside the B1340 between Rennington and Stamford Lea, and the land adjacent to Church Rd from Ridgeway Croft up to Rock.
- Front park in front of Rock Hall and immediate area in middle of Rock village including the pond.

Housing development that meets the need of a growing population must be sensitive to the distinct communities of Rennington Parish. This objective will seek to consider housing for retired people, young families and others wishing to live in the area.

7. Do you agree with this objective?

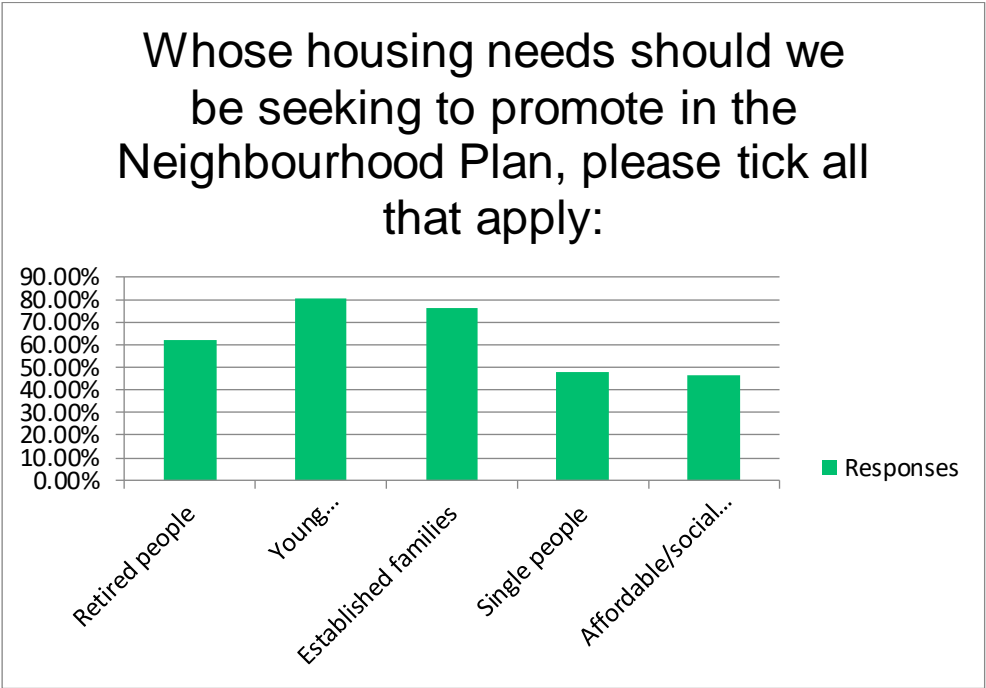


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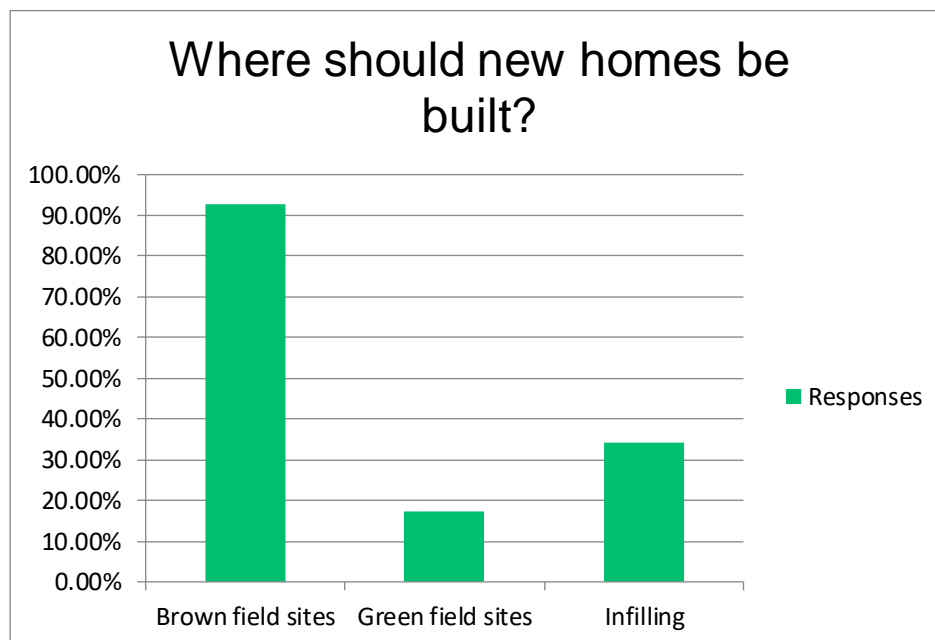
- However, young families need facilities like play areas, foot and cycleways that will be well maintained, and the like.
- Housing in this area will be used as second homes and supply will never satisfy demand
- No further development should be allowed unless brownfield
- Important for existing residents to stay if they wish but is it realistic to be able to attract older/younger people when we have limited services/facilities to support needs without the need for own transport everywhere!
- If there is room for development.
- Smaller properties should be encouraged in order to address imbalance of housing stock.
NDP should include an aim to discourage second home & holiday let properties within any new developments in future
- All future developments must not permit further holiday lets within the parish. There needs to be an explicit covenant to this effect written into each new title deed.
- Properties for young starters in life and those nearer to the end are equally important.
- No large scale developments, no more than 8-10 units in one go. This will allow the absorption of residents more easily.
- We have lived in other parts of the UK where low cost / affordable housing has been constructed and the inhabitants have not looked after the properties which has resulted in them resembling a shanty town.
- Not sure we need more housing for retired people. I would substitute 'working people' for the retired

- Yes, but primary residences only
- Also need to provide more properties designed with disabled access and look at accessibility across the parish in general. It is important that the community has a balance of all age groups .
- I agree wholeheartedly and feel strongly that, in future, all development needs to be in-keeping and sensitive, affordable and an opportunity for young and old to enjoy our community.
- We have enough housing for older people; we need affordable homes for young people especially young families. No more second homes!
- although the above is very important, so are houses for newcomers and second homes to support the economy
- Do not want any more housing developments in Rennington.

8. Whose housing needs should we be seeking to promote in the Neighbourhood Plan?



9. Where should new homes be built?

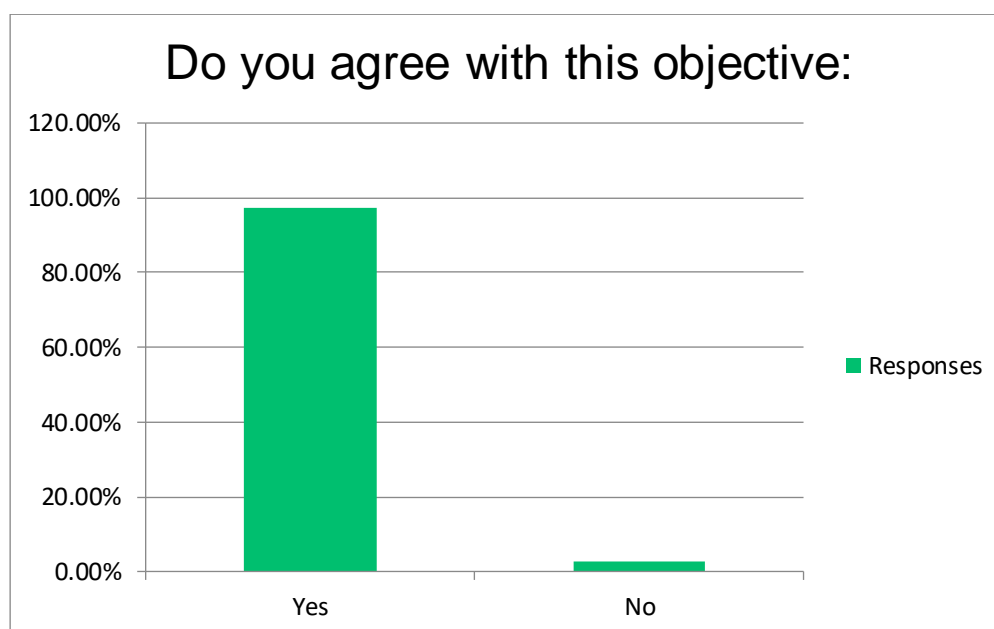


Comments:

- Brown field sites should be used where possible, accepting that some greenfield areas may be needed to accommodate future growth
- 'Infilling' is messy a developers excuse to target what is sometimes a greenfield site
- Not greenfield sites, but land identified in Local Plan for building.
- No not infilling
- I find it difficult to pigeonhole my answer in this way. Each housing project should be assessed on its own merits. Siting is just one of the factors which needs to be taken into account. How new housing blends in with the existing village is crucially important.
- Careful development west and east of tB1340 between Rennington and Stamford Lea ensuring practical connectivity with Rennington Village
- new homes should have greater awareness of low cost heating, insulation, solar power
- This is difficult to answer because most sites in the Parish are greenfield sites. Sympathetic developments in keeping with the environment should not be completely ruled out
- The villages and hamlets need to expand to provide more properties and in turn should be large enough to support local businesses and improve infrastructure in general. The design of new dwellings needs to be sympathetic to the surroundings and landscaping is key to blending in with the existing countryside and houses. Making use of old farm buildings to convert to housing and/ or re-purposing for other business use
- Any new homes to be built should be of a high standard echoing traditional local property and in keeping with the nature of the villages. Traditional stone material should be used (so, for example, not artificial stone) and existing building lines should be respected. Over-development would be detrimental to the character of the settlements.
- Within the established settlement areas only
- Do not need more new homes in Rennington

In promoting the use of green spaces, our objective is to provide attractive locations for residents and visitors to enjoy. This will include the network of public rights of way (footpaths and bridleways), recreational spaces, and community facilities.

10. Do you agree with this objective?



Comments:

- People don't follow paths and don't keep their dogs on leads
- Improve & protect existing spaces and facilities rather than any radical 'improvements' or 'change'.
- To enable a round tour of village without using a dangerous road (see q5)
- Framers continue to plough up paths but too slow to re-instate pathways e.g. path from village to the old Mason's Arms site.
- We agree with public rights of way but would not like to see new recreational spaces and new community facilities. We already have a village green which is hardly ever used other than for car parking during Scarecrow weekend and parking for village hall attendance. People move here because it is open countryside and pleasantly quiet. If others would like Rennington to be more like a town then my advice would be move to a town which would have everything they desire and leave the rural way of life to those that appreciate it.

11. Considering the public rights of way, do you wish to comment further?

Comments:

- However, the footpaths need to be maintained. Many cannot be crossed because of nettles etc. Paths across crops need to be delineated properly.
- The footpaths and bridleways need to be preserved. For instance, the footpath over the field to Stamford Cottages has been ploughed out. This needs to be reinstated.
- Dogs must be kept on leads.
Horses using bridleways need respect.
- Better sign posted.
Vegetation removed from stiles
- It would be good to have more public footpaths and signposting of current footpaths is non-existent in places and needs to be improved and reinstated where necessary.
- we would like improved safety for cyclists and support the vision of improved access to footpaths and bridleways.
- Important to maintain the access and safety of all existing footpaths - particularly bridges and stiles. In doing so we would not wish to over-develop footpath networks - please keep our paths rustic and low-key without excessive way-marking.
- More, safer footpaths and cycleways are needed. We should be able to walk and cycle safely between communities separated from traffic. Some permissive paths should be restored e.g. around Lee Moor.
- Maintenance of existing public rights of way + establishment of footpaths & cycle paths between Rock/Rennington and Alnwick/coast
- A footpath between Rennington and Rock needs consideration.
Many footpaths are not accessible by all, particularly wheelchair users.
- Need to consider the up keep of these rights of way ; there is an impact on livestock with gates are left open especially around the railway lines; would like more cycle paths but not keen on open access for 4wd vehicles as can cause damage and rutting ; More park benches / build in seating along the rights of way improving the experience with those accessibility needs. Littering is a problem so more bins will be required on the rights of way.
- Need to improve network to provide joined up and useful routes. Many old rights of way appear to have disappeared, others cut by A1
- Existing rights of way need to be better signposted and maintained, A new footpaths/rights of way between Rennington and the coast avoiding roads .
- I support increased networking of footpaths/bridleways/tracks to increase options and routes for walking, cycling, riding etc. Potentially a path linking Rock and Rennington as many people currently walk that route along the road.

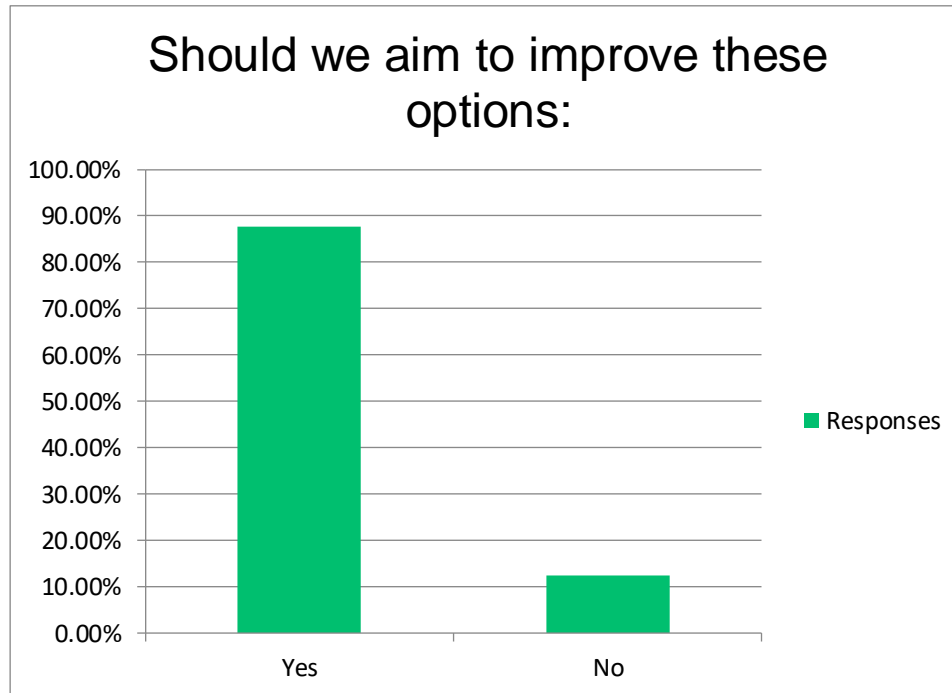
12. Considering the recreational space and community facilities (village hall, village pub, village green, cricket club, parish churches), do you wish to comment further?

Comments:

- Pub is very important
Cricket club is very important
- If we wish to attract young people then some of the area within the village greens could be used for play areas and football.
What about a tennis court
- All the facilities mentioned exist within the Parish. Rock would benefit from a hall community social hub which is presently under consideration with the Church.
- These are important and should be preserved and encouraged
- Very important community assets for village life. All should be supported and protected wherever possible.
- Our village hall became the permanent base for a model railway club and our new village hall (Blacksmith's Hall) has never really been available for village use and is currently used by a gin distillery.
- The pub is essential to the village
- Both parish churches & village hall requires investment so that their full potential can be realised.
- it would be a pity to lose any of them, but to a large extent it is a matter of use it or lose it.
- Preservation of all of the above.
Designated area for safe, off-lead dog walking.
There are car parking issues in both Rock and Rennington which need consideration. Verge parking in Rennington has invaded privacy of occupants on occasions.
- Would like to see some play areas in each community space ; possibly some outdoor sports equipment for adult fitness.
- More activities in village hall? Community shop? Community cafe?
- It is essential to the character and cohesion of the village that the pub remains as licensed premises. Further consideration should be given to characterising it as an Asset of Community Value. Extension of its role to include a coffee shop, overnight accommodation or a small shop should be encouraged. The other community facilities should be supported as much as possible although the churches may be largely outside the scope of this current exercise.
- all very important.

We need to understand your views on the transport options and infrastructure with the distinct communities of the Parish.

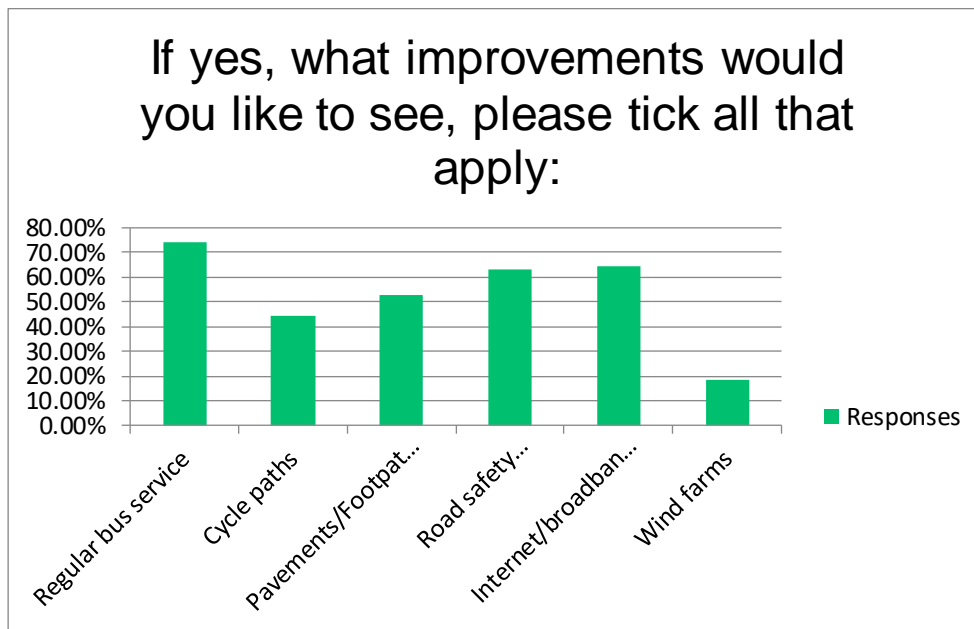
13. Should we aim to improve these options



Comments:

- Older people, at some point, may no longer be able to drive.
- Would anyone use them?
How many people use the present bus service?
- Ensure roads are well maintained to facilitate safe cycling/walking. Limit speeds in and around. Promote 'dail-a-ride' service rather than bus services which would not be viable.
- The present transport options seem to be sufficient for what is a very small number of residents, scattered throughout the Parish
- Costal services to call in at Rennington. Once in either direction to provide public bus service to Alnwick
- this is a rural area with adequate transport links, greater publicity and possible expansion of community transport such as NEED in Alnwick, greater use of shared transport, cycling between communities.
- A stop on a bus route would be good. Visitors to The Grange could use it. If there were more houses for young families they could use it too.
- If you choose to move to a rural parish you expect that transport and infrastructure options are limited. This is part of the attraction.
- Please ensure commitment from new builds to provide adequate GPs - not just building but actual Doctors and Allied health professionals, schools, home care support, electric car points before any scheme approved.
- Rennington is a village and highly unlikely to attract a bus route so keep as a rural village. If you want a Starbucks move to Alnwick

14. If yes, what improvements would you like to see



Comments:

- Bus service - yes but electric ones
Road safety - If hedges are not trimmed sight lines can be difficult.
Speeds through villages should be 20mph rather than 30
It is beyond the scope of this Parish but some form of tidal power would be brilliant.
- Horse riding paths
- No wind farms
- Regular bus service meaning hourly.
Road safety measures to protect cyclists
Pavement between Rock/Rennington (pathway)
- cycle paths - not at expense of natural verges
Pavements - where necessary but avoid 'over manicuring' and spoiling natural environment
wind farms- not close to settlements
- Reclaim from the builders the footpath outside new development opposite North Farm.
Reduce speed limit to 30mph from just before Rennington House until just after Stamford Lea. Introduce 20mph limit within Rennington
- We absolutely do not need wind farms blotting the landscape.
Off-road bikers a nuisance occasionally. Mountain bikers should remember to 'ring their bell' rather than scare the life out of you when flashing by.
- Perhaps a bus service that would facilitate a 2 hour shopping trips to Alnwick & back.
Improved visibility at the Stamford 4 way junction
- Connectivity with the AONB coast, the national park, Alnwick and Alnmouth station should be considered in respect of all transport modes.
Regular bus service could be on a 'dial a bus' basis.
Cycle paths within and beyond the parish that connect with the coastal area and into Alnwick as a priority.
How we manage electrification of transport within the parish will be important - impacts on housing, roads, etc.
Road safety: B1340 is a key local and tourist roadway linking the A1 and the ever-increasing coastal area. Traffic capacity is likely to continue rising during the life of

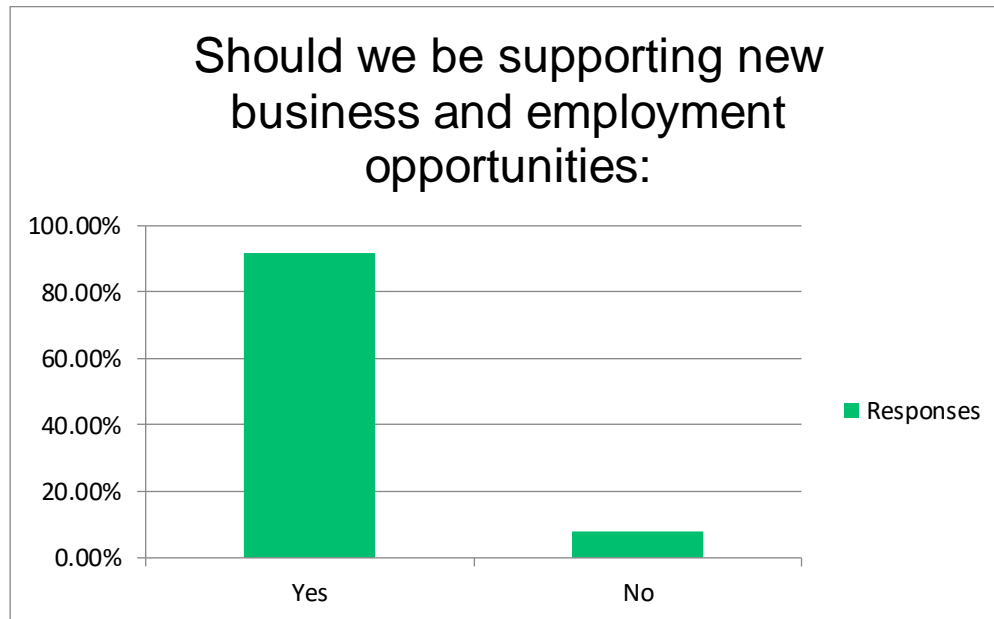
this plan creating greater difficulties for local residents accessing the route, on road safety issues, on pollution issues, etc. The section south of Rennington through to Stamford Lea will increasingly be concern in such matters and should be bypassed giving valuable 'breathing space' between traffic and residential areas. The existing route could become a pleasant village road/lane/walkway.

Road safety: A1 is a national highway and due to be upgraded/widened near and through the parish with a major junction linking a route through the parish to coastal areas. It would be expected that this route will become busier overtime and potentially will increase traffic volumes through both Rock and Rennington leading to the need for traffic calming measures

- The lack of bus services at Stamford limit the type of families that can move in and also make it difficult for teenage children to access part time jobs, friends , towns and social activities necessary for their social development . A mini bus service/taxi service could help. Reduce speed limit at Stamford to at least 40 mph before reducing limits elsewhere. Also support other types of renewable energies to improve the infrastructure of new builds and existing businesses and dwellings - make available electric charging ports for cars etc.
Improved recycling facilities across all areas of the Parish and additional bins- There is a big problem with littering on the roadsides that that needs to be addressed .
- As a life-long club cyclist I consider there is very little need for on-road cycle paths in the area, as most of the roads have very little traffic (compared to the rest of the UK). Driver education would represent a much better investment of any funds available. However off-road provision could be improved - see comment 11 above.
- Footpath access to allow connection with Alnwick by crossing the A1 safely.
- Internet is good in our house in Rennington and allows us to work from home , perhaps advice/help on boosters that can be purchased and put in houses would help those who feel broadband speed inadequate.
Seahouses road is busy and dangerous for cyclists. I am not sure NCC would have resources to do cycle paths
- The parish could benefit financially from a wind farm to provide better amenities if a suitable site could be found.
- I don't think a regular bus services is realistic but increasing numbers of pedestrians are using our narrow and dangerous roads. The broadband offer to several houses is still dismal.

We need to understand your views on the local economy, existing businesses, opportunities for new enterprises, and home working provision.

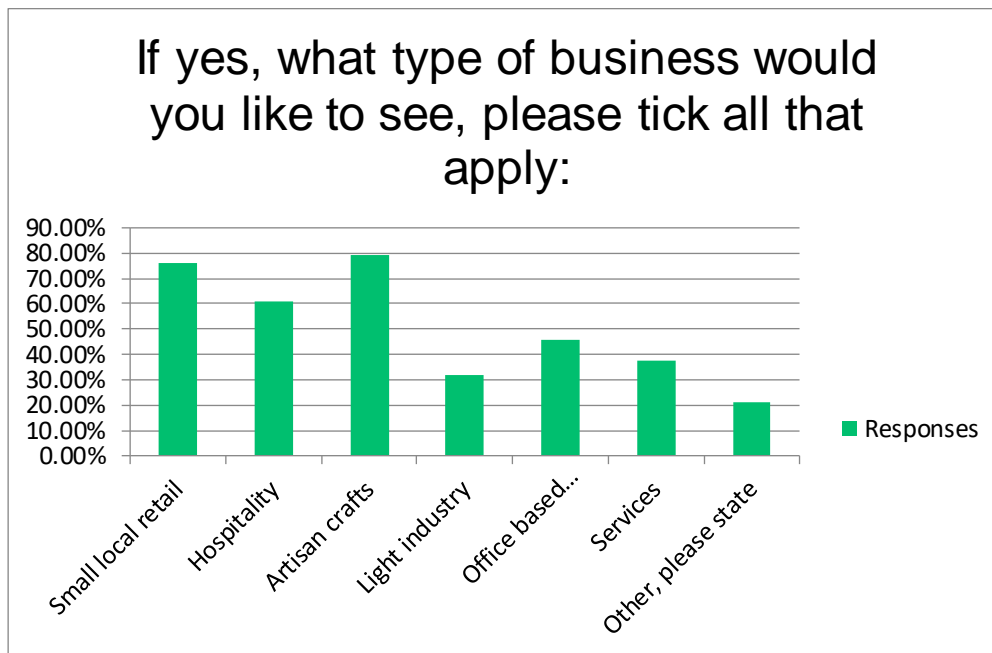
15. Should we be supporting new business and employment opportunities



Comments:

- Homeworking will become more important. New large businesses would be better located nearer large conurbations.
- we would support small local retail within Rennington ie. small café, bakery, post office/shop or an art gallery/craft outlet. We would not support any 'industry' within the village that could be intrusive or noisy
- But in the right location. Currently there are 7 empty units on Lee Moor business Park. There is much unrealised potential there.
- Local employment, new ideas, adds to the spice and interest of life.
- Alnwick is already set up to accommodate business ventures.
- Business park at Lee Moor - can't think we need anymore. There is a pub in the village and a cafe at Rock retirement home for the elderly.
- I would definitely support new businesses and employment, plus working from home.
- I am unsure about this - I hope that any new business / employment ventures will resonate with our rural life. I would be concerned about environmental impacts, such as noise, transportation and buildings that would not be sympathetic to the pastoral aspects of the parish.
- We are a quiet peaceful community the infra structure here (ie no parking available) is not conducive to business development (Alnwick is a much more obvious choice) ... a good broadband service for any home working is of course a given .

16. If yes, what type of business would you like to see



Comments:

- Small local retail - probably not viable unless population increases. Possibly specialist retail may attract visitors.
Hospitality - retain pub and restaurant facility
Light industry - in some areas but should not be intrusive to residential occupants. There needs to be a balance between residential and business needs in settlement areas e.g. parking and other disturbances such as noise.
- Employment opportunity is vital in rural areas such as ours, to try and retain younger people & encourage more younger people to move into the Parish.
- Small home-run businesses, artisan crafts, & perhaps a farm shop. Otherwise there is limited scope for new businesses with local benefit except for perhaps in agriculture and related industries.
- Home based enterprise
- businesses that support peoples well-being and fitness; a variety of accommodation for tourism; log cabins, caravans, camping, food service ; providing business for social activities
- All above as long as existing property is utilised. Light industry of an appropriate kind may be possible if accommodated in redundant farm buildings in suitable locations.
- If appropriate spaces were found, businesses mentioned above such as shop, cafe, post office. These can be combined. Barns or other workshops could be used for crafts. People can also work from home as they have been doing. Any light industry or some crafts would be best outside the village, like in farm buildings.
- Support and facilities for young entrepreneurs.
- All businesses should be encouraged so that young families can be supported and housed.

17. Is there anything else you would like to comment on?

Comment:

- This plan to be successful should not be seen as Rennington-centric. Currently Council does not collect glass for recycling. We need bottle banks in the main villages. Driving to the recycling depot damages environment.
- The area around the pond at Rock would benefit from being made more attractive as even now many people find it a desirable place to sit and relax
- 1) Could you please consider climate change and environmental issues within the plan and how as a community we address those issues (ie. ponds, plant trees, public transport)
2) Could you consider the impact of tourism in our area and how we address the possibility of too much tourism and its impact on our area (Impact of litter, second homes, holiday homes, parking, toilets etc)
- Any future change/development needs to be progressed with sensitivity as there is the potential to cause divisiveness within and between existing communities. A difficult balance to achieve to satisfy all!
- As a family that have lived and worked in this parish for generations, one side farming in Rennington and one in Rock Village we very much understand how special this place is. However, when those who have been born and raised here cannot afford to buy and stay here - what is the 'identity' of this area you are trying to protect?
- I am very disappointed with the response of the Parish and District Council over the new housing development at North Farm. I flagged up a problem with the stone before a brick was laid (October) the Council dragged it out for so long the houses were built before a decision was made. Now look what we have got. Do you honestly think this new plan will change this happening again?
- Consider the possibility of creating a village pond in Rennington where the burn comes down towards Ridgeway Croft. With the right mix of fauna and flowers this would help create a habitat for wildlife and further enhance the environment of Rennington.
Need a programme of work for tackling ash die-back combined with a programme of replanting.
To minimise light pollution we would not wish to see any further street lighting within the Parish. At the same time residents should be encouraged to ensure that their own lighting is not too bright or intrusive.
- I would like to see the Drythrottle bends bypassed on the B6347 between Charlton Mires and Rock Midstead, and the road access to Midstead strengthened. Improved parking at Rennington village hall would be desirable.
- Attracting younger people and families is crucial, but the amenities and employment opportunities need to be there as the relationship between the three are symbiotic. The issue of the predominance of local landowners when it comes to further housing development needs to be addressed - best done by engaging constructively with them in my view. The get-out loopholes when it comes to affordable housing need to be closed, and housing size and wider design and living space issues addressed to ensure local people can afford to buy and younger families will move in. We do not need any more second homes or holiday lets, unless the latter are needed to make other businesses more viable.
- Environment ignored by survey. Noise & light pollution
- If the parish settlements are to become sustainable they need to grow in population size and peoples diversity - age, employment, etc. Otherwise resident wishes for more local services, keeping a pub open, retaining village halls, etc will not be attainable. This plan therefore needs to gather evidence that demands support from higher authorities for managed development to take place.

- I think we should remember we live in a quiet village and it has changed considerably over the 36 years I have lived here. If people want retail, industry, and so on why pick here to live go elsewhere. I think a few more smaller houses would be acceptable.
- Safe access to the western side of the A1 on foot or bicycle is almost impossible without travelling considerable distances - bridge at Denwick to the south, underpass (on foot or bike) at North Charlton to the north. Other safe crossing points - bridges or underpasses should be considered.
- The wood chip factory In Rock is noisy and involves constant heavy goods traffic. It is not appropriate for a rural area. Burning timber for heating purposes is not environmentally friendly.
- Is there sufficient primary care in Alnwick to care for all the new builds around Alnwick, Lesbury etc ? provision of healthcare is important for quality of life
- Better public engagement and this is the first step forward in achieving this
- The sewage treatment facilities need to be significantly upgraded before any further development within Rennington Village is undertaken.
Removal of invasive plant species, such as Himalayan Balsam, needs to be given a higher priority.
- I would like to see some changes in attitude between the villages and towards private landowners. The realistic costs of maintaining the rural landscape and public access need to be recognised instead of being taken for granted and a negative default attitude towards any change.

18. Age Group

