

Brilley Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan

Report on the Questionnaire undertaken in August 2014

Questionnaires were taken to 120 properties within the Parish. 24 (19.6%) properties did not respond. Therefore there was a response rate of 80.4% of properties surveyed. There were 122 individual returns, as some properties returned more than one questionnaire or gave details of more than 1 adult on a form. Not all questionnaires had complete demographic data and some individuals did not answer every question. Therefore the analysis uses the responses given for each question.

The demographic data show that of the 122 returns 52 (42.6%), identified as males and 56 (45.9%) as females. The questionnaire was developed to obtain responses from people within the parish on the electoral register and therefore the age categories were from 18 years old. Age demographic data that are given are as follows: 3 (2.4%) aged 18-25; 68 (55.7%) aged 26-65; 48 (39.3%) aged 65+. Data that was given on employment status are: 73 people (59.8%) identified as employed/self employed; 3 (2.4%) as not currently employed; and 43 (35.2%) as retired.

1. Do you agree that the school site should remain as a community open space? Responses were – strongly agree, agree, disagree and strongly disagree

65% of respondents strongly agreed with this question (33% of those aged 18-25 and over 64% of those aged 26-65 and 65+; over 62% of all employment groups strongly agreed).

28% of respondents agreed with the question (66% of those aged 18-25 agreed and around 20% of those aged 26-65 and 65+; 30% of employed/self employed and 25% of retired agreed).

Overall 93% respondents strongly agreed/agreed. Only 1 respondent strongly disagreed.

2. Are there any other areas within Brilley Parish that should be protected as a community asset?

43% of respondents identified areas that should be protected as community assets. However, some identified areas are outside the Brilley Parish boundary and are therefore outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). The areas identified that respondents think should be protected as community assets are:

- The village hall and field – with use of the school site as car park for the village hall once the building is demolished
- Church and churchyard
- Brilley Green Dingle
- The green lane known as Dark Lane.

3. Herefordshire Council has recommended that 4 new houses should be built in Brilley by 2031. Responses were – is this too many, just right or too few

The responses highlighted that the indicative target set in Herefordshire Council's Core Strategy document of 4 houses to be built in Brilley by 2031 is supported as overall 82% responded that 4 or more houses should be built and only 8% of respondents identified 4 new houses as too many.

48% of respondents stated this was just right (45% of those aged 26-65 and 50% of those aged 65+; 45% of employed/self employed and 53% of retired respondents).

34% of respondents stated this was too few (all those aged 18-25 and over 31% of those aged 26-65 and 65+; all those not currently employed and over 30% of employed/self employed or retired).

A few comments were made which highlighted issues of lack of infrastructure/amenities and whether having new houses spread around the area was better for the parish than having 4 or more new houses in one development.

4. What type of properties would you like to see? Respondents could tick as many types as they wished

The main point from responses to this question was the desire to see the development of affordable housing that can be used as starter or step down homes for people wishing to stay in the parish.

24% identified Social housing (housing association) properties (60% of those aged 18-25, 22% aged 26-65, 27% aged 65+; 23% of employed/self employed or retired and 33% of those not currently employed).

79% identified Affordable housing for local people (all aged 18-25, over 77% of those aged 26-65 and 65+; 77% of employed/self employed, all not currently employed, 86% of retired).

31% identified Family housing (over 32% of those aged 26-65 and 65+; 33% of those employed/self employed, 66% of not currently employed, 26% of retired).

71% identified Starter homes for younger people wanting to stay in the parish (all aged 18-25, over 70% of those aged 26-65 and 65+; 68% of employed/self employed, all those not currently employed, 74% of retired).

36% identified Step down homes for older people wanting to stay in the parish (33% of those aged 18-25, over 35% of those aged 26-65 and 65+; 30% of employed/self employed, 66% of those not currently working, 44% of retired).

10% identified New homes for people moving into the parish (12% of those aged 26-65, 8% of those aged 65+; over 10% of those employed/self employed or retired).

7 respondents identified other types of properties that could be considered within the scope of the NDP: bungalows, eco/energy efficient homes, aesthetically designed, development of ruined buildings and holiday accommodation. Other comments were about the definitions of the categories and the lack of amenities within the parish and one person felt there should be no new housing.

5. Do you have any land that you consider suitable for development before 2031?

14% responded yes or maybe to this question, showing that some development should be possible within the parish by 2031. It was also noted that 2 people who live outside the parish but who own land and/or do business in the parish indicated a wish to develop land.

6. Are there any other development issues in Brilley Parish that concern you? Only those issues that are related to development and are within the scope of the NDP are shown below

Issues identified –

- Car park on old school site for events and courses so there is no parking on dangerous, main road and reduction in speeding through the village
- No holiday lets
- New build where ruin exists
- Better accessibility, avoiding single-track roads where possible
- Holiday buildings at New Inn and possible building on field at 3 Woodside
- More bridle paths and better maintained footpaths
- Brunley Close big enough housing unit and shouldn't be expanded/developed further
- Ageing population and the future of farming, avoiding intensive farming/industrial units and spread of polytunnels
- Infrastructure, better Broadband and mobile signal would enhance existing business and attract new,
- Mobile phone mast – hidden of course
- Development must be carried out sympathetically.