



## RESIDENTS GENERAL SURVEY JUNE 2016 SUMMARY OF RESULTS

We received 132 replies to the questionnaire which represents a response rate of 12.1% which is good for this kind of exercise. Thank you to everyone in the Parish of Ashington who returned a questionnaire.

### Headlines:

85% of the replies indicated that you really like living in Ashington because it is:

- Small
- in a peaceful and quiet semi-rural location
- friendly
- clean village
- good community spirit
- nice countryside and scenery

### Economy/Business

- 25% of the replies commented on the good local shops, garage, pub & restaurants
- 25% of replies would like more shops and several residents mentioned a café in the village as a central meeting point.
- 44% would like to see healthcare facilities in the village or better access to those outside of the Parish

### Transport

- 24% of the replies liked the fact that Ashington has easy access to towns, countryside, airports, the coast and the A24
- 32% of replies disliked the noise of the A24 in the village.
- 37% disliked indiscriminate parking on pavements and verges in the village
- 22% would like to see speeding tackled.
- 30% were concerned at the number of lorries using the village as a 'rat run'.

### Planning

- 20% of replies were concerned about the increase in new houses and the threat of overdevelopment, without infrastructure and the potential loss of green spaces

- 57% suggested limits on new builds, with small infill development only, no large estates and restricted to Brownfield sites where possible. A number of people were concerned that too many large homes are built in the village and there is a lack of small, affordable or retirement properties.
- 47% were concerned about the pressure on local Infrastructure such as doctors, dentists, drainage, hospitals and schooling following new builds and suggested that infrastructure be improved prior to new builds.
- 35% supported no more housing or commercial development in the Parish.

#### Environment/Heritage/Local issues

- 16% of replies expressed concern about dog fouling in the village
- 11% were concerned about littering
- 10% were concerned with vandalism/anti-social behaviour

#### Community Facilities

- 9% praised the Warden service

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