

Summary of Responses to the Options Consultation Survey: October 2021

The options consultation survey is an important step in the neighbourhood planning process, and involves asking residents in a structured way about draft proposals for action in a plan so that full account can be taken of their suggestions as a plan moves towards completion.

The survey was undertaken in late September/early October 2021, and this report provides a one page summary of the findings. The full report (including full survey data) is available at <https://ravensdenplan.info>. 66 responses were received, approximately 18% of the total Parish households, or 9% of the total population. The survey was preceded by an exhibition of work on the Plan to date (held at the village hall) and attended by 51 people. The survey was completed in hard copy form, and circulated via the Parish email list, the Neighbourhood Plan web site, to those attending the exhibition, and to others known to be interested.

The most obvious feature of the survey results is the overwhelming support for almost all the draft proposals of the Neighbourhood Planning Group. In particular:

- 64 (97%) agreed with the draft vision as set out in the survey.
- 100% agreed that there should be no significant further residential development in the Plan beyond the two small developments proposed.
- 100% agreed that there should be design guidance/codes in the Plan.
- 98% agreed with the draft objective concerning community and employment facilities as set out in the survey.
- 97% agreed with the draft objective concerning transport and travel as set out in the survey.

Only two areas of significant disagreement were evident, and in both cases very much a minority. First, respondents were asked whether they agreed that two possible small development sites should be allocated for new housing. The site on Butler Street was supported by 94%, but the other at the top of Cleat Hill received slightly less support at 77%, with most dissenters citing perceived access or traffic problems.

The second area of slight dissent concerned a question on whether respondents agreed on six proposed draft sites for local green space designations. Five of the sites were supported by 96% or more respondents, but the proposed designation of Charity Field (in Church End) received slightly less support at 89% although still an overwhelming majority. The reasons cited by those who disagreed focussed on the lack of public access to the Field, and its future use.

A substantial number of helpful comments were made, which are recorded in the full report noted above. The most common factor identified was the general content of those responding to the way that the Plan is being produced, and that it has the confidence of those taking part in the survey.