

Lesbury Parish NDP Review of Community Event on 7th November 2017

Position	Comment	Number of comments
1. Station parking	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Station car parking</li> <li>2. Station parking</li> <li>3. Parking at Alnmouth Station                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- needs purpose built car park 2 level, ref. Tring Station, Herts</li> <li>- Parking charge</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. More parking needed at the Railway Station</li> <li>5. Railways (both) attract users from wider areas.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- access</li> <li>- parking</li> <li>- services (commercial opportunities)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	5
2. Public transport	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Public transport links – station</li> <li>2. Road and traffic signposting is poor and inconsistent</li> <li>3. Introducing the 20 mph speed limit outside school along the Alnmouth Road has done very little to reduce speeding. Having followed and recognised vehicles, we know that a significant number of the vehicles belong to locals in Alnmouth, Lesbury and Hipsburn, and the X18 bus always speeds past the school as do most trade vans and lorries. We think it might be better to limit the 20 mph to only school hours i.e. between 8.30 - 9am and 3-4pm. Furthermore, the initial 20 mph sign is somewhat obscured by vegetation just off the roundabout. A far better method to slow drivers down would be to introduce another solar powered speed sign like on Station Road and up in Bilton - these both seem to be very effective at slowing traffic down.</li> </ol>	3
3. Hipsburn School	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hipsburn School already full</li> <li>2. Can Hipsburn Primary School expand further?</li> <li>3. Encouraging families into the area is the only way we can ensure continuity of the community. To this end, the school and its needs should be well supported in the plan.</li> </ol>	3
4. Childcare	Holiday club based out of term time at the school would be useful	1
5. Sheltered housing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sheltered housing</li> <li>2. Accommodation for older people who need more support (e.g. Weaver's Court)</li> </ol>	2
6. Second homes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What percentage of homes in the Parish have this status? Is there a percentage when local people can say enough is enough?</li> <li>2. How do we restrict numbers of second homes?</li> <li>3. Is it possible to put covenants on new properties to limit the number of holiday lets and second homes?</li> </ol>	3
7. Housing Needs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. More housing = jobs? Commuters? Rail Station parking at full capacity! Suggest a commuter's local bus service to bring people to station. Need??</li> <li>2. Opportunities for local young people to buy or rent</li> <li>3. Housing for carers near to their charge</li> <li>4. Varieties of tenure, including social housing and affordable housing</li> <li>5. In order to encourage families into the area, modest 3-4 bedroom houses should be built rather than grand 5 bedroom houses that will financially be out of reach to the average family.</li> </ol>	5

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8. Facilities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Facilities for young people (teenagers)</li> <li>2. Sports facilities – improve facilities for young people in the Parish</li> </ol>	2
9. Natural environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Comprehensive ecology reports by local people</li> <li>2. Northumberland Estates playing their part</li> <li>3. Need for churchyard field, overflow and future needs (incl. access)</li> </ol>	3
10. Dementia friendly status	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opportunities to give dementia friendly status more meaning</li> </ol>	1
11. Utilities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sewage overflow at footbridge</li> <li>2. Broadband</li> <li>3. Water pressure is low in some parts of village</li> <li>4. Local groundwater issues – Longhoughton Road, Lesbury churchyard, Fields bounding river, Some houses in Alside Court have permanent pumps as properties here flood</li> </ol>	2
12. Quarries	Two quarries – Longhoughton and Howick - Dangerous	1
13. NDP questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How long before NDP is adopted? How long is the NDP binding? i.e. When can it be amended? Until the law changes. How? When? Do we vote? About 2 years Who is NDP contact person? Where? How?</li> <li>2. The Parish Council need to work out how to engage with the large proportion of people aged 50 and under (parents with children). At the meeting, I was really disappointed to see that only 4 parents (including myself) of children at Hipsburn turned up to hear all about the plans. These families are key to the future of the Parish and need to contribute somehow.</li> </ol>	2
Email -	The comments I received concerned parking around the station, flooding risk around the church and the junction with Longhoughton Road and the lack of capacity of the sewage works. When given a choice between major developments with the benefits of improved services and infrastructure or minimal development with the possibility of minimal improvements, all I spoke to favoured the latter.	1