

Questionnaire Research Report

Executive Summary

This report presents the results from an analysis of the questionnaires distributed to all households in the Parish of Cholsey in September 2006. The research is just one element in a series of consultations being used to construct a Parish Plan. The response rate was 66%.

To fully understand the research method and the relevance and validity of the results, the report needs to be read in full.

The results confirms a general satisfaction with life in Cholsey and a desire to protect the parish from adverse changes. Most want to integrate the Fair Mile development with the village [Q34], but to limit further development [Q37, 43]. Within this framework, the requirement for affordable housing [Q35, 42, 43] and some larger houses need to be accommodated [Q36]. Most inhabitants of Winterbrook want to remain part of Cholsey Parish [Q33], although many admit to using few Cholsey facilities [Q43].

The major issues are:

- The control of speeding [Q28, 42, 43]
- The need for more parking and improved traffic control [Q29, 42, 43]
- A reduction in social problems (vandalism, litter, dog fouling and anti-social behaviour) [Q23, 42, 43]

On the parking issue, many mentioned the school and Church Road, and there is considerable support for a footpath between the school and the church car park [Q30, 40, 42, 43].

The extra facilities most in demand are:

- A GP Surgery [Q18,19,40]
- An NHS Dentist [Q20,40]
- An indoor sports facility (especially a gym and exercise classes) [Q7, 40]
- A cycle path to Wallingford [Q31,40]
- A permanent library [Q15,16,40]
- Better youth facilities [Q8, 10, 11, 40, 42, 43]
- Better public transport [Q32, 42, 43]

The most desired new facility for the Recreation Ground is externally-accessible toilets [Q9]. A large number of residents would consider joining an enhanced social club [Q13], and there appears to be considerable untapped volunteer effort available in the village to help with youth facilities and the library [Q12, 16]. However, most do not want to see any increase in Council Tax to pay for running costs, although there is a sizeable minority prepared to see a significant increase [Q41].