

Survey results:

Neighbourhood Planning for Barnham and Eastergate Parishes - Survey Report

September 2012



1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Planning System is changing. Under the new Localism Act people are being encouraged to become more involved in deciding how their communities should change and grow in the future. A strong Neighbourhood Plan will help Arun District Council's Local Plan to resist speculative or unwanted development in our villages. A Neighbourhood Plan will establish a long term vision to help influence and improve local facilities.
- 1.2 To start the process of drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan for the parishes of Barnham and Eastergate, the two parishes designed a questionnaire to ask residents what they think should be the local priorities. Respondents were informed that more a detailed consultation was planned for later in the year.
- 1.3 Arun District Council helped with the design of the questionnaire, provided an online survey, and analysed the survey results. Barnham and Eastergate Parish Councils printed the paper questionnaires, managed the distribution and collection of paper questionnaires, and handled the data entry of responses.
- 1.4 The consultation took place between May and July 2012. A total of 392 responses were received.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 Almost universal disagreement with the suggestion that more than 200 new houses should be built within the two parishes.
- 2.2 Almost universal agreement that the existing village boundaries and gaps between the villages should be maintained as well as greenfield sites and open spaces be protected.
- 2.3 Nearly three out of five consider the local area needs more employment. Only just over one in three respondents consider the local area to have sufficient facilities for employment.
- 2.4 Three quarters of Barnham based respondents have concerns about parking in their area. This compares with three in five of those living in Eastergate.
- 2.5 Five out of six have concerns about the number of HGVs using the roads in the villages. Those living in Barnham are slightly more likely to feel this. Four out of five have concerns about the speed of traffic locally. Again, those living in Barnham are more likely to feel this. 212 responses were received regarding traffic volume; many comments supported the view that local roads are very busy.
- 2.6 More than two in three say that they would like to see more local cycle lanes and routes.
- 2.7 Those living in Barnham (58%) are almost twice as likely to say they have been affected by flooding as those living in Eastergate (31%).
- 2.8 Again, those living in Barnham are twice as likely to say they have been affected by problems regarding sewerage (41% cp. 20%).
- 2.9 Facilities for teenagers; local footpaths, access to the countryside; healthcare; local bus services; and allotments are mentioned by between 57% and 62% as facilities that respondents would like to see extended or improved. Facilities for the retired are mentioned by just under a half, and the three facilities around education: schools; adult education; and child care/nurseries and mentioned by between one in five and one in four.
- 2.10 Three in five say that they would like the current parish boundaries to change to reflect the boundaries of the present settlements.
- 2.11 Respondents were asked if they had any other matters that they wished to raise that could assist in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. 167 comments were received covering a wide range of topics.
- 2.12 235 respondents expressed interest in participating in the next stage of the consultation.

3. FINDINGS

3.1 Section 1 of the survey looked at housing. Both Barnham and Eastergate parishes have accepted the allocation by Arun District Council of 100 houses to be built in each parish over the next seventeen years. [During the same period the district is expected to grow by 6,800 houses]. Three questions were asked under this section:

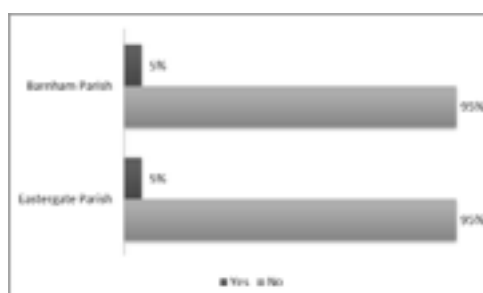
- Do you think there should be more than 200 houses built within the two parishes?
- Should the existing village boundaries and gaps between the villages in this area be maintained?
- Should the greenfield sites and open spaces be protected?

3.2 19 out of 20 (95%) disagree that there should be more than 200 houses built within the two parishes. This proportion is the same for those living in Barnham and Eastergate (see table 1 and figure 1).

Table 1: Do you think there should be more than 200 houses built within the two parishes?

[Base:386]	All responses	Barnham Parish	Eastergate Parish	Not sure
Yes	20	9	10	1
	5%	5%	5%	7%
No	366	174	179	13
	95%	95%	95%	93%

Figure 1 Do you think there should be more than 200 houses built within the two parishes?

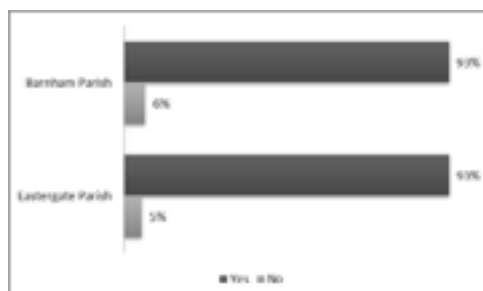


3.3 Almost the same proportion feels that the existing village boundaries and gaps between the villages should be maintained. This proportion is the same for those living in Barnham and Eastergate (see table 2 and figure 2).

Table 2: Should the existing village boundaries and gaps between the villages in this area be maintained?

[Base:380]	All responses	Barnham Parish	Eastergate Parish	Not sure
Yes	359	170	176	13
	93%	93%	93%	93%
No	21	11	9	1
	5%	6%	5%	7%

Figure 2: Should the existing village boundaries and gaps between the villages in this area be maintained?

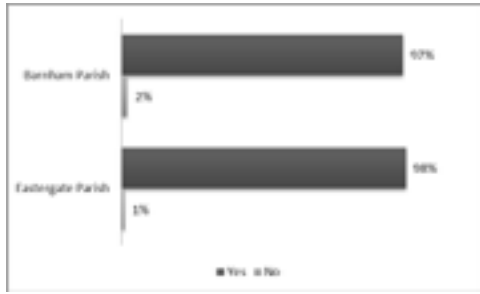


3.4 Almost all respondents feel that the greenfield sites and open spaces should be. Once again, the proportion is the same for those living in Barnham and Eastergate (see table 3 and figure 3).

Table 3: Should the greenfield sites and open spaces be protected?

[Base:383]	All responses	Barnham Parish	Eastergate Parish	Not sure
Yes	376	178	185	13
	97%	97%	98%	93%
No	7	4	2	1
	2%	2%	1%	7%

Figure 3: Should the greenfield sites and open spaces be protected?



3.5 Section 2 of the survey looked at employment. Two questions were asked under this section:

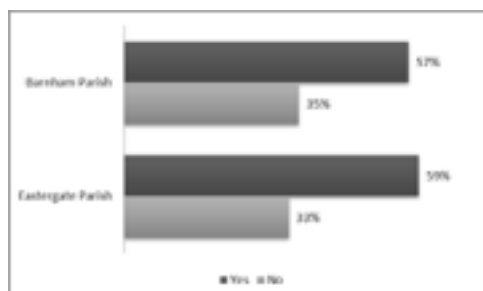
- Do you consider the local area needs more employment?
- Do you consider the local area has sufficient facilities for employment?

3.6 Nearly three out of five consider the local area needs more employment. This proportion is the same for those living in Barnham and Eastergate (see table 4 and figure 4). Note the percentages do not add up to 100% - the balance is accounted for those who did not reply to this question.

Table 4: Do you consider the local area needs more employment?

[Base:355]	All responses	Barnham Parish	Eastergate Parish	Not sure
Yes	220	105	111	4
	57%	57%	59%	29%
No	135	64	62	9
	35%	35%	33%	64%

Figure 4: Do you consider the local area needs more employment?

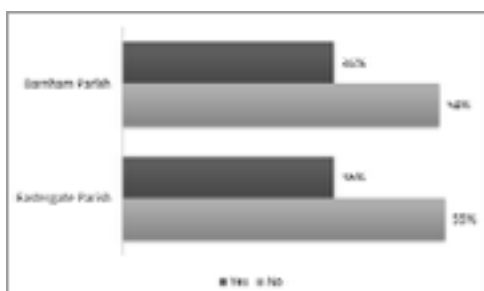


3.7 Only just over one in three respondents consider the local area to have sufficient facilities for employment. This proportion is the same for those living in Barnham and Eastergate (see table 5 and figure 5).

Table 5: Do you consider the local area has sufficient facilities for employment?

[Base:349]	All responses	Barnham Parish	Eastergate Parish	Not sure
Yes	142	66	68	8
	37%	36%	36%	57%
No	207	99	104	4
	54%	54%	55%	29%

Figure 5: Do you consider the local area has sufficient facilities for employment?



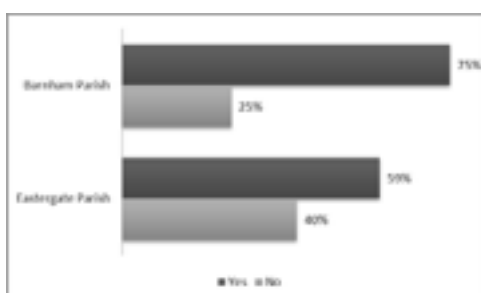
3.8. Section 3 of the survey asked roads and traffic.

3.9 Overall, two thirds have concerns about parking in their area. Those living in Barnham are more likely to feel this, with three quarters of Barnham based respondents expressing concerns compared with three in five of those living in Eastergate (see table 6 and figure 6).

Table 6: Do you have concerns about parking in your area?

[Base:383]	All responses	Barnham Parish	Eastergate Parish	Not sure
Yes	261	138	111	12
	68%	75%	59%	86%
No	122	45	76	1
	32%	25%	40%	7%

Figure 6: Do you have concerns about parking in your area?

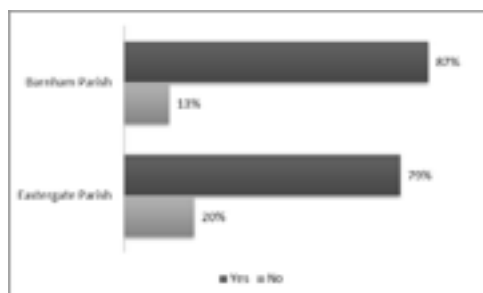


3.10 Five out of six have concerns about the number of HGVs using the road in the villages. Those living in Barnham are slightly more likely to feel this (see table 7 and figure 7).

Table 7: Do you have concerns about the number of HGVs using the roads in the villages?

[Base:382]	All responses	Barnham Parish	Eastergate Parish	Not sure
Yes	320	159	149	12
	83%	87%	79%	86%
No	62	23	38	1
	16%	13%	20%	7%

Figure 7: Do you have concerns about the number of HGVs using the roads in the villages?

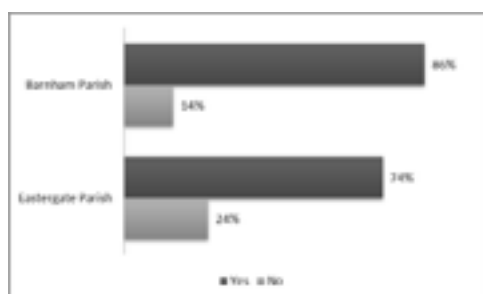


3.11 Four out of five have concerns about the speed of traffic locally. Again, those living in Barnham are more likely to feel this (see table 8 and figure 8).

Table 8: Do you have concerns about the speed of traffic in your local area?

[Base:381]	All responses	Barnham Parish	Eastergate Parish	Not sure
Yes	309	157	140	12
	80%	86%	74%	86%
No	72	26	45	1
	19%	14%	24%	7%

Figure 8: Do you have concerns about the speed of traffic in your local area?

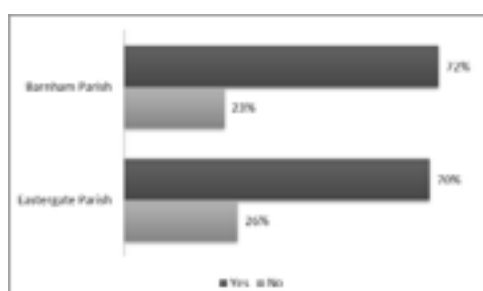


3.12 More than two in three say that they would like to see more local cycle lanes and routes. The percentage saying this is similar for respondents living in Barnham and Eastergate (see table 9 and figure 9).

Table 9: Would you like to see more local cycle lanes / cycle routes?

[Base:370]	All responses	Barnham Parish	Eastergate Parish	Not sure
Yes	273	132	132	9
	71%	72%	70%	64%
No	97	43	50	4
	25%	23%	26%	29%

Figure 9: Would you like to see more local cycle lanes / cycle routes?

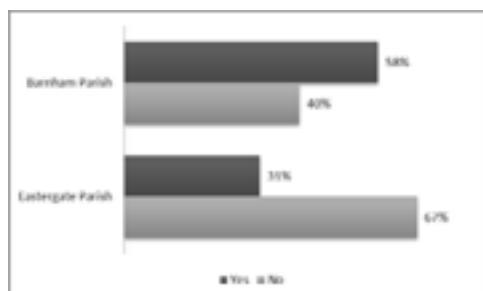


- 3.10 The next question asked for respondents' opinion on how busy the roads are in the villages. 212 responses were received. A full list of verbatim responses is available in the separate data report. In summary, comments supported the view that local roads are very busy.
- 3.11 The next section looked at drainage, flooding and sewerage issues.
- 3.12 Whilst just under half of all respondents say that they have experienced problems regarding flooding, those living in Barnham are almost twice as likely to say they have been affected as those living in Eastergate (58% cp. 31%) (see table 10 and figure 10).

Table 10: Have you experienced problems regarding flooding in your location?

[Base:379]	All responses	Barnham Parish	Eastergate Parish	Not sure
Yes	173	106	59	8
	45%	58%	31%	57%
No	206	74	127	5
	53%	40%	67%	36%

Figure 10: Have you experienced problems regarding flooding in your location?

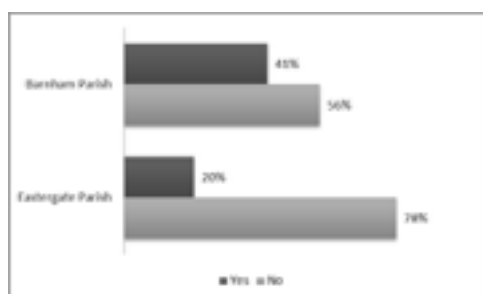


- 3.13 Again, whilst just under a third say that they have experienced problems regarding sewerage, those living in Barnham are twice as likely to say they have been affected (41% cp. 20%) (see table 11 and figure 11).

Table 11: Have you experienced problems regarding sewerage in your location?

[Base:375]	All responses	Barnham Parish	Eastergate Parish	Not sure
Yes	117	75	37	5
	30%	41%	20%	36%
No	258	103	148	7
	67%	56%	78%	50%

Figure 11: Have you experienced problems regarding sewerage in your location?



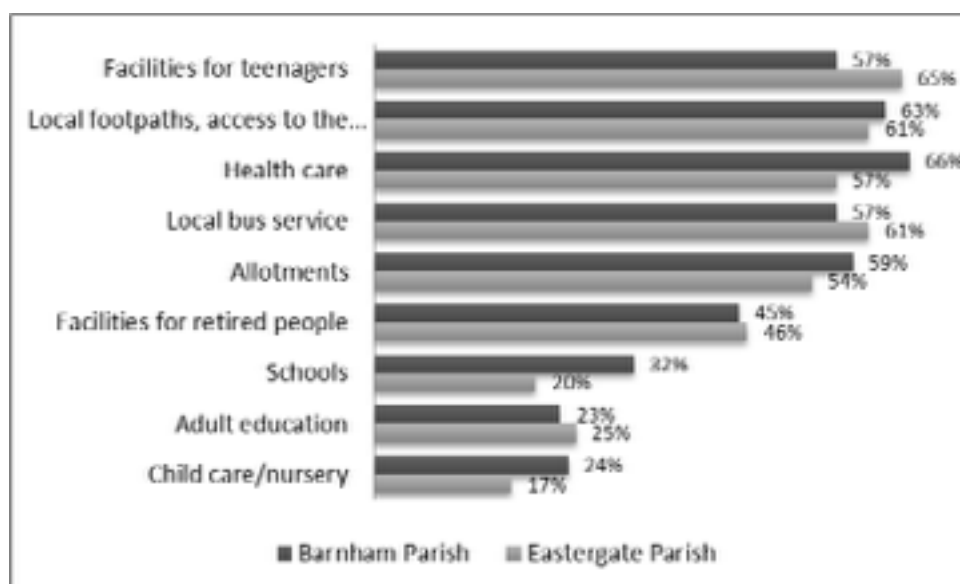
- 3.14 Those who had experienced problems were asked to provide details. 150 respondents provided details of a range of flooding issues. A full list of verbatim responses is available in the separate data report.
- 3.15 Section 5 asked about community facilities.
- 3.16 Looking at all respondents: facilities for teenagers; local footpaths, access to the countryside; healthcare; local bus services; and allotments are mentioned by between 57% and 62% as facilities that respondents would like to see extended or improved. Facilities for the retired are mentioned by just under a half, and the three facilities around education: schools; adult education; and child care/nurseries and mentioned by between one in five and one in four.
- 3.17 Responses are similar between the two parishes for many of the listed facilities but different for others. For example, residents of Barnham Parish are more likely to mention the need for healthcare (66% cp. 57%); schools (32% cp. 20%); child care/nursery (24% cp. 17%); whereas residents of Eastergate Parish are more likely to mention the need for facilities for teenagers (65% cp. 57%). There also appears to be a slight difference between responses for local bus service (Eastergate higher) and allotments (Barnham higher) (see table 12 and figure 12).

Table 12: Which of the following facilities in our two villages would you like to see extended or improved? (Please tick all that apply)

[Base:379] Sorted by response	All responses	Barnham Parish	Eastergate Parish	Not sure
Facilities for teenagers	239	105	123	11
	62%	57%	65%	79%
Local footpaths, access to the countryside	239	115	115	9
	62%	63%	61%	64%
Health care	236	121	108	7
	61%	66%	57%	50%
Local bus service	230	105	116	9
	60%	57%	61%	64%

Allotments	219	108	103	8
	57%	59%	54%	57%
Facilities for retired people	176	83	87	6
	46%	45%	46%	43%
Schools	97	59	37	1
	25%	32%	20%	7%
Adult education	92	43	47	2
	24%	23%	25%	14%
Child care/nursery	77	44	33	-
	20%	24%	17%	-

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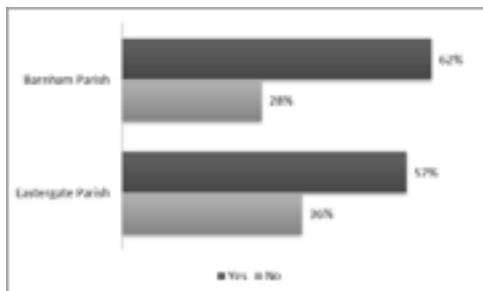
3.18 Three in five say that they would like the current parish boundaries to change to reflect the boundaries of the present settlements. This proportion is fairly similar for Barnham and Eastergate respondents (see table 13 and figure 13).

Table 13: Would you like the current parish boundaries to change to reflect the boundaries of the present settlements?

[Base:375]	All responses	Barnham Parish	Eastergate Parish	Not sure
Yes	230	113	108	9
	60%	62%	57%	64%
No	123	51	68	4

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Figure 13: Would you like the current parish boundaries to change to reflect the boundaries of the present settlements?



- 3.19 Respondents were asked if they had any other matters that they wished to raise that could assist in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. 167 comments were received covering a wide range of topics. A full list of verbatim responses is available in the separate data report.
- 3.20 The final question advised respondents that “this is the first stage in drawing up the Neighbourhood Plan. There will be more consultations needed in several areas such as housing, transport, employment, and community facilities. We need local people to help create this part of our Neighbourhood Plan. If you would be interested in helping please give your contact details below.” 235 respondents provided contact details.