

# **Whitburn Neighbourhood Plan**

## **Key Issues Consultation Survey Analysis Report**

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## **Introduction and background**

Whitburn Neighbourhood Forum (WNF) approached Shropshire Rural Communities Charity (Shropshire RCC) to assist with the analysis of survey data collected as part of a programme of 'Key Issues' consultation during August 2017.

Shropshire RCC is an independent charity based in Shrewsbury, Shropshire which aims to improve quality of life and strengthen communities in rural areas. As part of this remit they help local people to get involved in shaping the future of their community by working with groups and organisations to carry out consultation activities, often through the community-led plan process.

In recent years the neighbourhood planning process has become more popular and with it the need to help local people navigate it. Support the RCC offers includes help with initialising and establishing an appetite for neighbourhood planning, area designation, funding applications, design of the consultation process, independent analysis of the evidence, project planning, right through to finalising a vision, drawing up aims and objectives and ultimately writing the planning policy of the neighbourhood plan ready for examination and ultimately referendum.

### **The 'Key Issues' survey**

Shropshire RCC was not involved in the design of the survey on this occasion, nor the distribution or collection processes. We understand that the community was invited to take part either on a paper based form or electronically.

Distribution of paper forms out to the community was done by dividing the designated neighbourhood area into zones and volunteers hand delivered a form to each address within their allocated zone. This method of distribution is by far the most effective way to gain engagement. Extra forms were distributed to the local shops, community venues and businesses for people who worked in the area or those who required extra forms.

These venues also acted as a drop of point for completed forms. Alternatively people could return a reply via email to the Whitburn Neighbourhood Forum email address ([Whitburnnf@gmail.com](mailto:Whitburnnf@gmail.com)) or online via a link on the forum website ([whitburnnf.co.uk](http://whitburnnf.co.uk)).

A total of 2771 forms were distributed to households and businesses in the area.

The survey was also advertised at the forum meeting, by email to all 272 forum members, on Facebook and via the forum website.

The closing date for submissions was 1st September 2017 when the web link was taken offline but some late entry paper forms were accepted and the survey did not close until analysis started on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

## Analysis methodology

The information from the paper forms was entered into a spreadsheet format by neighbourhood forum volunteers and combined with any online data and this was how Shropshire RCC received the data in electronic format.

Data from a total of 179 survey forms (referred to as cases) has been examined and counted in this analysis.

We agreed with WNF to:

- State how many cases did not provide an answer for any particular question
- Report on themes and common words, phrases and areas of interest for question 1-4 (open comment questions)

As many answers comprised multiple aspects/likes/dislikes, we had to split these comments out in order to report and categorise accurately. Whilst we normally use specialist survey data analysis software, this had to be a manual process in order to identify the true intention of a comment and some interpretation has had to be applied by us. Examples of this are shown at the question they occurred at in the report below.

In order to be familiar with the area, various maps and internet sites were consulted so as to understand local situations and verify the names of buildings, parks, streets etc. Other 'local knowledge' related queries were dealt with through communications with the neighbourhood forum chair.

Question 5 (another open comment question) asking for 'Any other comments' has been analysed but some duplication of issues already mentioned in the same case (so by the same household) at earlier questions has occurred so some caution should be exercised when interpreting these results.

There also was some overlap between question 2 and 3. In general, the items which people don't like, usually crop up when describing what they want fixing, introducing or changing etc.

The demographic/auxiliary data (age, sex, postcode or email address) has not been linked to any of the other answers. In fact, the email addresses supplied with the data were removed prior to analysis in order to ensure anonymity.

The postcode data has been reported on alphabetically, with frequency of occurrence only.

Where 'As above' or 'See question x' was entered, the data has not been analysed twice.

We also agreed with WNPF to:

- Provide a bar chart of the number of people in each household e.g. single person households: 35 (46%), two person household... etc.
- Report on the total number of males and females in the participating households.
- Report on the ages of the participants in a bar chart using 10 year age bands.

Any percentages reported will be against the number of cases providing an answer for that question, not the maximum number possible (179). Specifically the percentages shown in the tables refer to the number of cases which included a comment in that category. Many comments fell in different categories hence the sum is greater than 100%.

We have made a few spelling corrections in the originally received file and on occasion inserted some text from elsewhere in the comment to make more sense. Where we have done this [ ] shows the text which we have added. On one occasion we corrected 'do' to 'don't' as we believed this was the intended word (case 130).

### **Traceability**

This report should be read in conjunction with the five spreadsheets (one for questions 1- 5) which show the theme/current issue categorisation. To safeguard transparency and maintain accuracy of evidence (vitaly important in the neighbourhood planning process) each line of data in the spreadsheets was assigned a unique number (so each case = each household = each form). Where we had to split a comment into several topics/likes/dislikes they have been given their own subset of the unique number. This means that each comment can be tracked back to the original form.

The 'main case' numbers remain the same throughout all five questions.

Please note that 181 main cases are found in the files as two duplicates (data from a form was input twice on two occasions) were found. The duplicate data has been removed but the case number remains. This means case 61 and 70 are empty.

### **Scope of a neighbourhood plan**

During the analysis, especially of the comments made at question 4 'What would you like the neighbourhood plan to address' it became apparent that there was some misalignment of expectations of what a neighbourhood plan can address.

As a rule a neighbourhood plan can include policies about land use, economic growth, development standards/criteria and such like. It can designate a certain area

for a particular type of use and make stipulations about the amount and type of development allowed.

It cannot challenge anything retrospectively. If planning permission has been granted or a development completed, the neighbourhood plan cannot do anything about those. A neighbourhood plan can also not fix anti-social or other inconsiderate behaviour by individuals. This includes issues around dog fouling, speeding, camp fires, cycling on pavements or litter.

It has no say over private property or how an individual runs their business.

From the overall comment pool received as part of this survey, perhaps it may be an idea to re-iterate the scope of a neighbourhood plan to the wider community. We also recommend that the steering group considers a way forward (alongside the issues raised which can be progressed as part of a neighbourhood plan), for those issues which fall under the remit of a local council or other authorities. There are many good suggestions made which fall outside of the scope of a neighbourhood plan but which could be taken forward as part of a Community Action Plan.

### **Personal comments**

On occasion, with surveys such as this one, a resident will use the opportunity to make comments of a personal nature or directed at a specific individual or group. These comments have not been counted or taken into the analysis, but have been highlighted in the analysis files which have been supplied back to the steering group. The steering group will need to consider what to do with these comments.

## Summary of findings

### *Question 1: What do you like about Whitburn and want to keep?*

Out of the 179 cases, 178 gave comments for this question. All comments were analysed and could be broadly categorised as follows:

<b>Topic/issue</b>	<b>Number of comments</b>	<b>(Total comments 178)</b>
Village feel and setting	70	39.3%
Green belt/space	60	33.7%
Library	42	23.6%
Community Spirit	35	19.7%
Park	28	15.7%
Beaches, coastline, seafront	27	15.2%
Rural Character, countryside and scenery	24	13.5%
Local Beauty, Front Street and Conservation Area	20	11.2%
Leisure Areas	20	11.2%
Amenities and community facilities in general	13	7.3%
Countryside Access	13	7.3%
Fields	11	6.2%
shops	11	6.2%
Village Green and other green throughout the village	11	6.2%
Views	10	5.6%
Pubs/restaurants	10	5.6%
Quiet/Peaceful	9	5.1%
Heritage and History	9	5.1%
Barnes Institute	8	4.5%
Doctors/ Dentists	7	3.9%
Wildlife/Nature	7	3.9%
Public transport links	6	3.4%
Schools	5	2.8%
Low Crime/feeling safe	4	2.2%
Churches	4	2.2%
National Trust	4	2.2%
Playgrounds	3	1.7%
Vets	3	1.7%
Windmill	2	1.1%
Allotments	2	1.1%
Lighthouse	1	0.6%

To clarify the percentage figures, 39.3% of the comments left for this question referred to/ were categorised as 'Village feel and setting'.

### **A real 'Village Feel' in a quiet and rural setting with great access to the countryside and coastline**

The unique 'Village Feel' of Whitburn where it is currently separated and away from urban sprawl was mentioned at least 70 times. Residents really appreciate the beauty of its picturesque and beautiful setting and that part of the village is a conservation area. Front Street in particular was mentioned both as part of the 'local beauty' and in conjunction to the conservation area as was Church Street. A total of 20 comments were classified this way.

Comments relating to the area being 'quiet and peaceful' were also recorded nine times. Its rural character, the fact that the countryside is so close and being surrounded by beautiful scenery was also mentioned another 24 times.

Access into the countryside is important to at least 13 of those taking part, as they specifically mentioned it; comments refer to walks and the nearby hills and coastal path. The spectacular views were mentioned at least ten times. The beaches, coastline and seafront were also mentioned at least 27 times.

### **Green belt and green spaces**

The words 'Green Belt' and the fact that the village is surrounded by green open spaces was by far the most mentioned fact in the comments received for question 1. At least 60 comments referred to this feature of life in and around Whitburn. The 'Green belt' is what appears to make Whitburn unique in the wider area, possibly because it gives it its separate village feel. A further additional 11 comments mentioned the agricultural fields surrounding the village specifically. Another seven comments mentioned aspects of nature and wildlife being close by. The 'Village Green' was mentioned at least ten times and residents also expressed their fondness for the general greenery in the actual village (trees and tree lined streets).

### **Community spirit**

The friendly people and general level of community spirit in Whitburn was mentioned at least 35 times. Another four comments also referred to the low crime rate and residents feeling safe in the area. At least five comments made reference to the village being clean and tidy.

### **Amenities, facilities and services**

At least 13 comments mentioned the general amenities and facilities in Whitburn. It appears that the village has a good range of them currently which residents value. At least 11 residents mention that they like the shops but as we will see in question 2, opinion is actually divided about them. Ten residents mentioned that they like the pubs, restaurants and cafés in Whitburn.

The library was the second most frequently used word in this question; it was mentioned at least 42 times in the comments for this question. As we will see in question 2, many people are concerned for its closure and really appreciate what it offers. Do bear in mind though that the library may fall outside the scope of a neighbourhood plan though. The Barnes Institute was also mentioned eight times and church four times.

Two residents mentioned the allotments.

Doctors and or dentists were mentioned seven times and the vet three times.

The schools got five mentions and playgrounds three. Access to and availability of leisure, recreational and sports facilities/areas was mentioned at least 20 times. Included in this is are mentions of the cricket club, the bowling green and the tennis courts. Also mentioned was the recreation field opposite the church. The park (Cornthwaite Park) was specifically mentioned on at least 28 occasions.

Four residents specifically mentioned the National Trust, and another additional one mentioned the Lighthouse and two more the Windmill. Appreciation of the heritage and history of the area was expressed in a further nine comments.

Six residents mentioned that they appreciate the good transport links which Whitburn currently enjoys.

### **Other comments**

A number of comments could not be classified because they either did not answer the question or they gave very wide views. These include:

*The Village.*

*Whitburn is a great place for family life*

*Certainly do not need any more housing*

*There is no need to develop the village with further housing beyond its current perimeter.*

*We like pretty much all of it and want to keep it basically as it is*

*Having a say in changes*

*Future residential new builds should be in keeping with the ambience of the historic village. Those built recently, or currently under construction are far too contemporary.*

*The change in speed limits. Drivers to take note in built up areas.*

These, together with all the other comments and their classification have been provided back to the steering group in an excel spreadsheet.



**Question 2. What do you dislike about Whitburn and want to change or improve?**

A number of personal comments aimed at individuals were made at this question; these have been noted but not analysed. Whilst they may be ‘what people dislike about Whitburn’, we have to focus on things that are within the scope of a neighbourhood plan and how people run a private business or show un-neighbourly behaviour is not within that scope. Whilst dog mess doesn’t fall within the scope of a neighbourhood plan either, there were many comments about this issue (and no one individual was singled out) so we have reported on this below. All comments received have of course been made available (categorised or not) in an excel spreadsheet to the steering group. A total of 172 cases out of the 179 recorded at least one comment for this question.

The comments can be largely classified as follows:

<b>Topic/issue</b>	<b>Number of comments</b>	(Total comments 172)
Housing/other developments	51	29.7%
Traffic volume	31	18.0%
Parking	23	13.4%
Traffic congestion	23	13.4%
Untidy/disrepair	22	12.8%
Traffic speed	16	9.3%
Empty shops/ derelict sites	16	9.3%
Dog mess	14	8.1%
Whitburn Lodge	14	8.1%
Road/pavement/footpath/trail maintenance	13	7.6%
Traffic calming measures	13	7.6%
Lack of shop variety	11	6.4%
Quarry	10	5.8%
Affordable housing (lack of)	9	5.2%
Pressure on schools/amenities	5	2.9%
Litter	5	2.9%
Public Transport	5	2.9%
Horse mess	4	2.3%
Traffic size of vehicles	3	1.7%
Signage	3	1.7%
Charley Hurley Centre site	2	1.2%

As part of the categorising of the comments, we have applied some streamlining. For instance, a comment ‘traffic’ has been translated into ‘congestion’. ‘The heavy traffic’ has been read as meaning ‘traffic volume’ and not to be referring to the size of vehicles. ‘Traffic lights in centre during busy periods’, has been translated as

'Congestion', as has the comment 'Traffic lights'. 'Dust' has been counted in the 'Quarry' category.

### **Development**

By far the most used category was relating to Housing Development. Fifty one comments were received, many mentioning concern for inappropriate development which has been allowed previously, destruction of the green belt and their fears about future development. An additional five comments mention concern about the pressure on local facilities and amenities if further development was to take place. Nine comments mention affordable housing and some of them say that there is a need for more of this in the village.

Sixteen residents ask if anything can be done about the offer of retail outlets in the village. Many of these comments mention the derelict/unused shops and the lack of variety of shopping facilities is also mentioned (another 11 comments).

Whitburn Lodge is mentioned at least 14 times and the Charley Hurley Centre another two times.

Three comments mention signage, either in relation to frontages and along the highway.

### **Litter, animal mess and untidiness**

Whilst in Question 1 many residents commented on the natural beauty and some even, mentioned the areas' cleanliness, 22 comments at Question 2 relate to disrepair, untidiness and general maintenance of areas and features. Dog mess is mentioned 14 times and horse mess on four occasions. Litter being an issue is mentioned another five times. It should be noted that many of these comments fall outside the scope of a neighbourhood plan but improvement possibilities could be explored with relevant authorities and tackled as part of a Community Action Plan.

### **Roads, traffic and transport**

Traffic related comments could be categorised as follows:

Speed – 16	Volume – 31	Vehicle size - 3
Congestion – 23	Traffic calming - 13	

Many residents feel traffic has increased over the years and many comments mentioned the traffic lights and how they feel that they are not adjusted properly and are adding to the congestion.

Parking is an issue mentioned in 23 comments, many giving details of where the issues are occurring (highlighted in blue in the spreadsheet that goes with this question).

Bad state of repair of roads, footpaths/trails and pavements is mentioned in 13 cases. Some of these are in conjunction with the quarry and the heavy lorries coming to and fro.

Finally, public transport is mentioned in five comments.

Again, some of these, whilst out of scope for a neighbourhood plan could be explored with the relevant authorities and an improvement plan put in place as part of a Community Action Plan.

**Question 3. What does Whitburn not have that you would like it to have?**

Nineteen cases did not put down any comment for this question. A number of others commented 'Nothing' or 'Can't think of anything'. These have been coloured green in the accompanying spreadsheet. This colouring also contains the 'as above' type comments.

Those comments which have not been categorised because they were too generic or did not answer the question are shown in red.

The other comments could largely be categorised as follows:

<b>Issue/comment</b>	<b>Number of comments</b>	(Total comments 160)
Range of shops/businesses	35	21.9%
Bar/dining/ hotel facilities	28	17.5%
Community centre	23	14.4%
Supermarket/grocery store	20	12.5%
Fruit and veg/green groce	17	10.6%
Facilities and activities for Families and children and the community	13	8.1%
Parking	13	8.1%
Sports centre/ exercise facilities and activities	12	7.5%
Affordable housing	7	4.4%
Public transport	7	4.4%
Library	7	4.4%
Nursing /residential home and bungalows	7	4.4%
Bank	6	3.8%
Dog bins/ less dog mess	5	3.1%
Young people	5	3.1%
Take away	5	3.1%
Public toilets	5	3.1%
Traffic flow/calming improvements	4	2.5%
Speed cameras/checks	3	1.9%
Floral displays/park/wildlife	3	1.9%
Cycle facilities	3	1.9%
Police Station/patrols	2	1.3%
Communication	2	1.3%
Roads	2	1.3%
Heritage centre	2	1.3%
Green spaces/ Village Green	1	0.6%

### **Shopping and food outlet facilities**

By far the most frequent category was the one about the variety of shops available in Whitburn. Thirty five comments were categorised in that way. Many simply asked for 'decent' shops or 'more small businesses'. One comment asked for a rate change to encourage businesses. Several suggestions of shops residents may like to see were also made including a pet shop, health food store, discount store and a bread shop. Six comments related to banking services.

A whole other category was assigned for comments about the want of a local supermarket, and 20 comments related to this. Also the want for a fruit and veg shop cropped up many times with 17 comments.

Five comments related to take away food facilities and another 28 mentioned other hospitality facilities (including bar/dining/ hotel).

### **Traffic, roads and parking**

Two comments related to issues regarding the roads, another three related to specific cycling facilities. Parking was mentioned 13 times.

Speed cameras/checks featured in three comments and another four comments referred to other traffic calming measures.

A range of specific improvements to public transport were mentioned seven times.

### **Facilities**

Two comments referred to some kind of heritage centre. At least five residents would like to see public toilets. One comment asked for a police station and another for police patrols. Five residents would like to see more dog bins and the library is mentioned again in this question (seven times).

### **Housing and development**

Seven comments make mention of affordable housing and another seven suggest that Whitburn could do with a nursing/residential home or more bungalows/ground floor accommodation.

### **Community facilities and activities**

At least 23 cases had a comment at this question relating to some kind of community centre. Another 13 comments suggested facilities and activities for families and children and the community in general. One comment suggested community floral displays and another two related to the park/wildlife. One other resident mentioned the Village Green and other green areas again, in relation to needing protection.

Sports centre/ exercise facilities and activities were mentioned twelve times. Five comments suggested something for young people specifically.

And finally, two comments were made which relate to communication; one suggesting a magazine and the other of a wider nature, regarding notice boards and updates to residents.

**Question 4. What do you think the neighbourhood plan should address?**

A total of 169 cases had comments for this question.

As with previous questions some personal comments were received. Whilst they are in the spreadsheet, they have not been reported on. Other comments such as 'The plan should address the quality of life and the safety of all residents' have not been categorised either as this is not specific enough. Again they have been left in the spreadsheet.

The comments can be broadly categorised as follows:

<b>Issue/topic</b>	<b>Number of comments</b>	<b>(Total comments 169)</b>
Housing Development	54	32.0%
Green Belt	54	32.0%
Traffic management (Speeding, Congestion)/ Transport	28	16.6%
Village character	25	14.8%
If development, only if amenities, infrastructure and services grow with it	23	13.6%
Parking	18	10.7%
Development for local need only (affordable, elderly)	15	8.9%
Library	14	8.3%
If development then affordable	11	6.5%
Charlie Hurley Centre	11	6.5%
Whitburn Lodge	10	5.9%
Regeneration/Empty shop occupancy	8	4.7%
Social housing	7	4.1%
leisure and outdoor activities	6	3.6%
Roads	6	3.6%
Dog and Horse Mess	5	3.0%
Parks	5	3.0%
Biodiversity/wildlife	4	2.4%
Community Spirit	4	2.4%
History and heritage	3	1.8%
Community Centre	3	1.8%
Youth	3	1.8%
Cleanliness	2	1.2%
Nursing home	2	1.2%
Sea Wall	1	0.6%

As was the case in question 3, several topics and issues raised here lie outside the scope of a neighbourhood plan. However, because they were so prevalent, they have been categorised and reported on. As suggested before, these should be reviewed as part of a separate Community Action Plan as many can be progressed and improvements achieved if the community pulls together.

Again, as with the previous categorisation, some rules have been applied when interpreting someone's comment. For instance, 'The amount of "affordable housing" being planned for Whitburn' has been counted in the general development category as from the comment it is not clear if the resident means there is too much already, there is not enough or if they simply want to clarify how much is planned for the village.

Another example of this is the comment 'village appearance' which has been added to those in the category 'cleanliness'. However it could belong to the 'village character' category, where most comments are about wanting to remain a village and the uniqueness of Whitburn so many residents mentioned in question 1.

## **Development**

Not surprisingly the largest number of comments were received in relation to housing development (54). A large number of the comments state that no more development is necessary or should be allowed. An equal amount of other comments mentions the encroachment onto the green belt around Whitburn (also 54 mentions). In 23 of the comments, residents express that if development was to go ahead in the future, that this needs to be sustainable development, where infrastructure and amenities are developed alongside and in conjunction. School places and medical facilities are mentioned on a number of occasions. A further 15 comments indicate that development should be modelled on local need, including affordable housing and accommodation more suitable for the elderly. At least seven residents mentioned that Whitburn needs more social housing. Another 11 comments contained the phrase 'affordable housing' specifically. Twenty five of the comments were related to the desire to keep the unique village character. Ten comments specifically mentioned Whitburn Lodge and another 11 the Charlie Hurley Centre. Eight comments fell in the category of regeneration of the business/shop aspect of the village. Finally, two comments mentioned a community centre and two a nursing home facility.

## **Traffic, transport and roads**

Whilst they may be mostly out of scope for a neighbourhood plan, 28 comments related to traffic management (incl speeding and congestion) and public transport. As recommended earlier, these are well worth a look at, to investigate how (other

than in the neighbourhood plan) they can be taken forward. Road matters were again raised (6 times) as was parking (18 times).

### **Community life**

Again, perhaps not suitable for a neighbourhood plan, but dog/horse mess was mentioned another five times and the library 14 times. One resident mentioned the sea wall specifically, although from the comment it is unclear in what way they want it addressing. Wildlife/biodiversity featured in the comments on four occasions and history/heritage three times. The remaining comments are categorised as six regarding leisure and outdoor activities, four regarding community spirit, five concerning parks, three to do specifically with young people and two with cleanliness of the area.

### **Question 5. Any other comments?**

A total of 80 cases had comments at this question. However, many re-iterated those already made elsewhere. For instance the library was mentioned again in five cases, infrastructure concerns in nine cases and the natural beauty of the unique village identity on five occasions each.

Whilst development issues were the most frequent topic with 15 mentions, an equal number of comments were left in support of the neighbourhood plan group. Among them, many messages along the lines of 'keep up the good work'.

However, also notable were the nine comments which related to communication about the neighbourhood plan. We recommend the committee reviews them and if necessary contacts the resident who made them to improve relationships and to ensure everyone feels informed about the next steps. The email details (if that particular resident left one) could be used for this purpose.

The full categorisation is as follows:

<b>Topic/issue</b>	<b>Number of comments</b>	(Total comments 80)
Keep up the good work	15	18.8%
Development	15	18.8%
Communications	9	11.3%
Infrastructure concerns	9	11.3%
Library	5	6.3%
Village identity	5	6.3%
Natural beauty	5	6.3%
Maintenance of the village	3	3.8%
Traffic related	3	3.8%
Charley Hurley site	2	2.5%
School	2	2.5%
Countryside Access	2	2.5%
Facilities/amenities	2	2.5%
Whitburn lodge	1	1.3%
History and Heritage	1	1.3%
Community Wardens	1	1.3%
Dog waste	1	1.3%
Wildlife habitat	1	1.3%

The full list of comments is of course shown in the spreadsheet.



**Question 6. Please provide your postcode**

Seven cases did not provide this information. One case just stated SR6. Two NE postcodes were reported (NE34 and NE33 4BD, the second one has a horse stabled in Whitburn). Three cases left house number and/or street name details.

There were a few data entry issues, and upper/lower case and correct spacing had to be corrected to allow reliable counts to be carried out. SR6 77BY was deemed a typing error and was corrected to SR6 7BY. SR6 ulb was removed as an invalid postcode, possibly should have been 7LB or 8 LB. SR6 7A L I was removed as an invalid postcode.

The remainder of the postcodes declared were as follows:

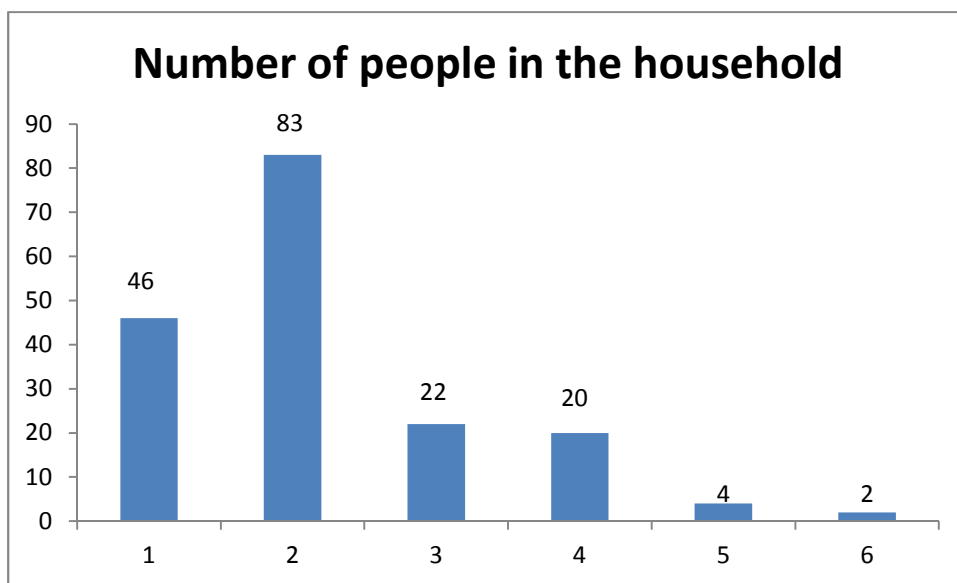
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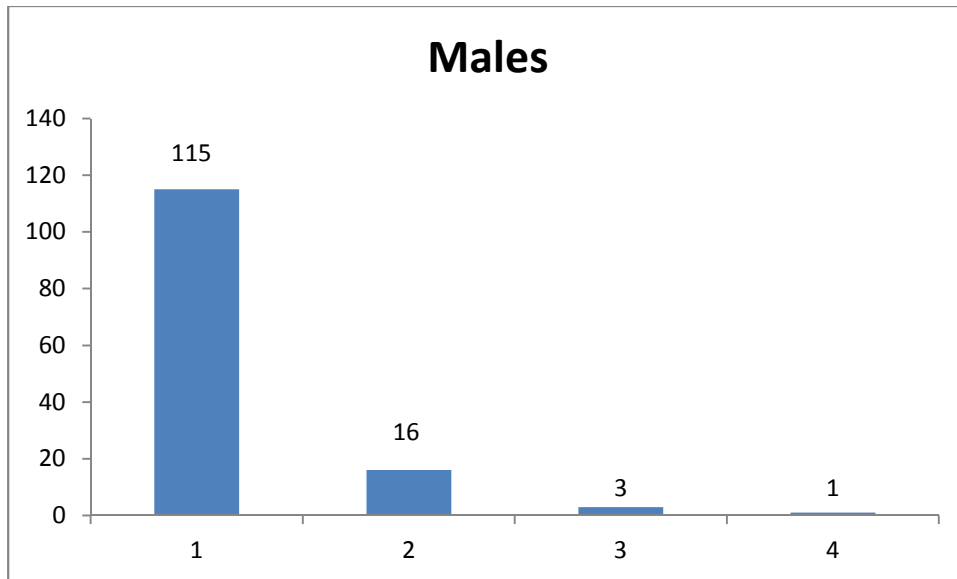
**Question 7. How many people are there in your household?**



Just two of the cases did not provide any data for this question. The graph shows that the vast majority of households taking part in the survey are two-people households (83). The next biggest group were the single person households at 46. Only six households have five or more members.

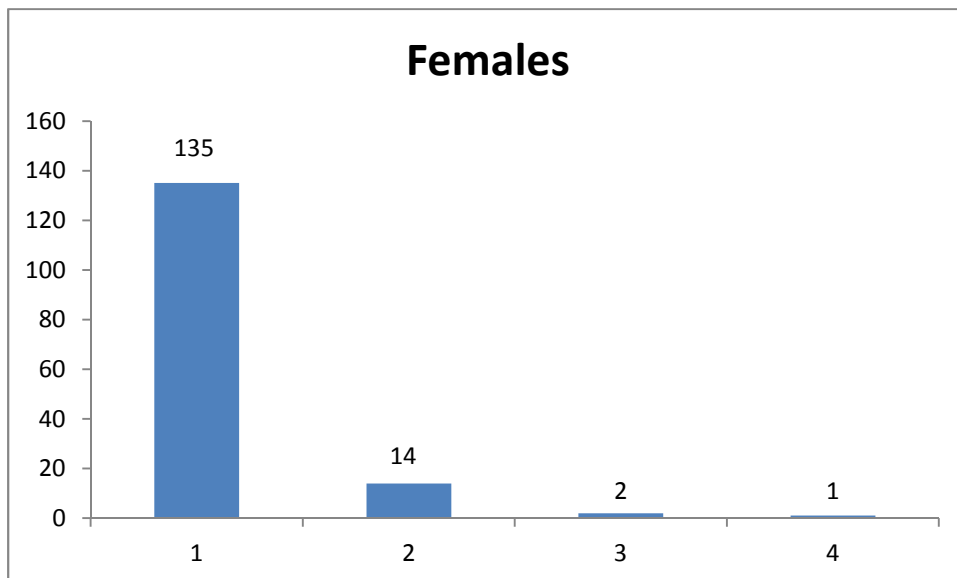
The total number of persons in the participating households was at least 390.

**Question 8. Please add the number of males who participated in this survey:**



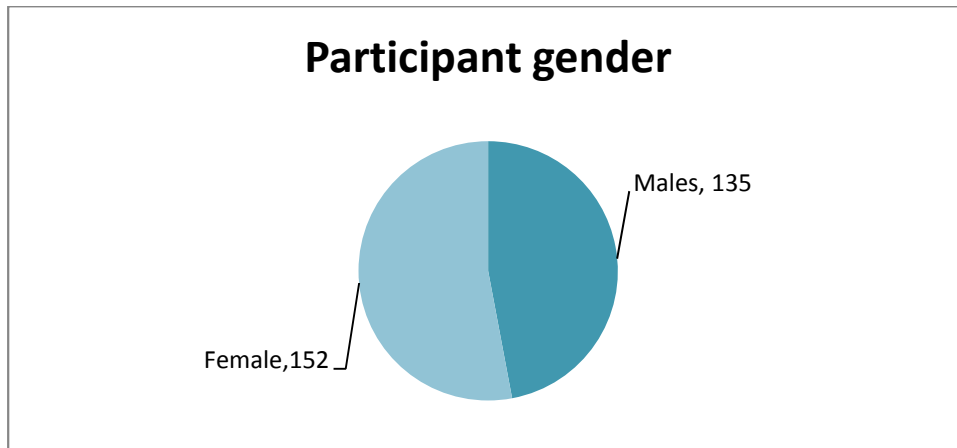
There were a total of 135 males declared as having taken part in this survey. The graph shows the number of males declared on each case, so 115 cases stated that one male had taken part in that particular survey response.

**Question 9. Please add the number of females who participated in this survey:**



The total number of females declared as having taken part in this survey was 152 so slightly higher than the number of males. Again the graph shows the number of females declared on each case, so 135 cases stated that one female had taken part in that particular survey response.

The graph below shows the distribution between males and females taking part in this survey taken from the data above.



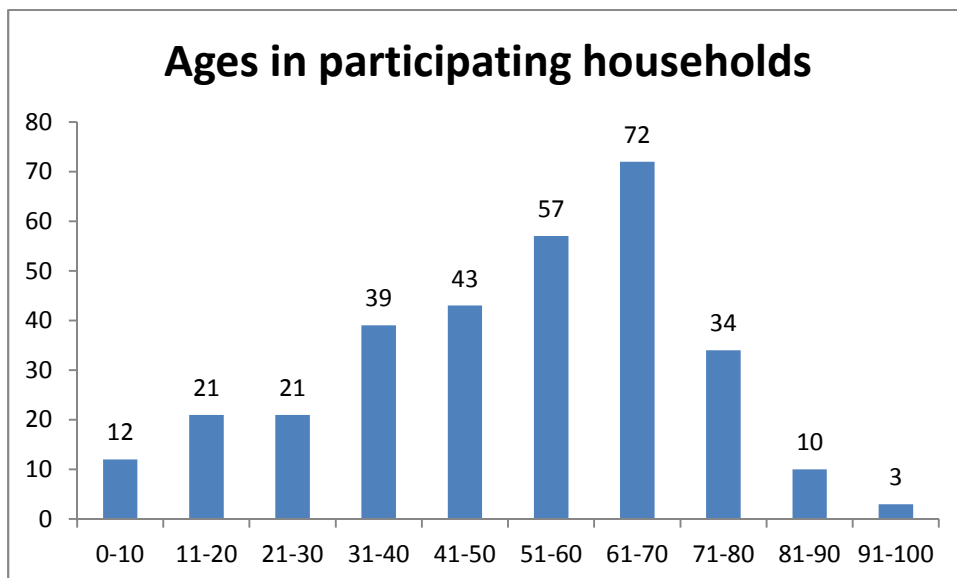
This shows that at least 287 persons were declared as having taken part in the survey.

**10. Please enter all the ages of the participants in this survey:**

Five cases did not provide this information.

One case stated 'pensioner' one 'I'm a pensioner' and one 'elderly'. One stated '60 to 70'. No ages have been recorded for these four cases.

From this data we can say with certainty that at least 321 persons were declared as participants in this survey. Their age distribution in bands of 10 years can be seen in the graph below.



***11. If you would like to be kept informed of progress and future consultations or you would like to become a forum member, please provide your email:***

Whilst the email addresses were included in the file supplied to us for analysis, this data was removed prior to looking at any of the data. It is for use by the Forum Committee to contact those who would like to be involved (see also question 5 about communication).

## **Recommendations for further consultation/action**

The residents of Whitburn have described a unique, rural and well-loved village surrounded by lovely green belt land for which there is much support to preserve and protect. Those who live there value its beautiful coastal location with easy access to the surrounding countryside. The neighbourhood plan should certainly aim to preserve this identity and the village character.

Recent development may not have been so well received and there could be scope to put specific design criteria in the neighbourhood plan for any future development.

A considerable number of residents appear to agree that some development is needed but local needs, affordability and sustainability (so services and infrastructure to grow with the village) are of great concern. A number of residents has expressed the wish to have no further development but coupling this with the strong desire to protect all current services and amenities and in many cases expand them, this may be unrealistic.

The repeated mention of specific locations may also point at scope to put in site allocations and allow for in-fill only restrictions elsewhere. This should certainly be explored together with local need.

The area appears to have some traffic issues, relating to the volume of vehicles and parking and whilst this is usually out of scope for a neighbourhood plan as a stand-alone topic, it could certainly be looked at in conjunction with future development to ensure this is not made worse and if possible improved.

There were many comments about the (lack of) variety of shops and other businesses in the village and there appears to be a great deal of appetite for some kind of regeneration of that particular area of the village. Economic growth is certainly an area a neighbourhood plan could address so should be looked into further.

There was much love shown for the library and facilities to bind the community together (sports facilities, community centre) as well as some improvement to the hospitality related amenities that are currently available. Whilst no plan can force a private business how to operate, nor can it demand how a local authority service is run, there may be scope to explore community ownership of some of these kinds of facilities.

Finally, whilst a good level of community spirit and togetherness shone through the comments there certainly appears scope to tackle some of the more 'village-life' type issues such as speeding, dog fouling, youth facilities and events in a Community Action Plan.