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In order to determine how Mawsley Villagers felt about further development within the Mawsley Parish boundary a questionnaire was constructed and hand delivered to all dwellings within the Village in July 2016, with a request to complete by end August 2016. At the same time the questionnaire was posted on the online survey site – Surveymonkey.co.uk.

The reason for the questionnaire was to gain feedback from the Village to help determine the viability and need to progress further with producing a Neighbourhood Plan for further development of Mawsley Village.

It was also indicated that the findings would be shared with the Village so that the Parish Council could subsequently decide if proceeding with a Neighbourhood Plan was viable and this will be decided in the coming months.

In total 112 questionnaires were completed, which based on circa 900 dwellings in the village represented around a 12% response.

55% of the respondents were in the age group 26-49, with disappointingly, only 3% below the age of 25.

More than 20 questionnaires were anonymous or with vague or partial contact details. However the answer trends were consistent with other fully filled in questionnaires.

The results show that there appears to be a consistent general trend as to why Mawsley Village has become the home of choice for many , as follows:-

* Safe
* Quiet
* Community Spirit
* Friendly
* Countryside
* Village life
* School
* Local facilities – Doctors, Dentist, TCAM, Shop, Indian restaurant

There was also an apparent consistent trend with regard to the areas of concern in Mawsley.

By far, with over 90%, inconsiderate PARKING is the number 1 issue, followed closely by poor MOBILE PHONE coverage and reliable BROADBAND speed. Anecdotally it is understood that a significant number of Villagers work from home so these two issues would be very important.

Included and other areas of concern are:-

* Parking
* Mobile Phone coverage and broadband
* Lack of a circular path/cycle way around the village
* Roads not being adopted
* No Pub
* Lack of other shops
* Speeding
* Threat of further development
* No activities for teenagers
* Lack of suitable housing for the elderly
* Limited bus service
* Care of Public Open space
* Post box location

There appears to be NO SUPPORT FOR FURTHER HOUSING DEVELOPMENT. The general view is that Mawsley has already been overdeveloped and is much larger than originally planned. This is putting too much strain on the school, facilities and adds to the parking problem according to a significant number of respondents.

It is apparent that many people moved to Mawsley, as a new village, for what it was and not what they wanted it to be developed into.

There seems to be a demand for more suitable housing for the elderly, especially bungalows and sheltered housing /gym which is being suggested for the Pub site (if the site is never going to be developed as a Pub/Restaurant, which appears likely).

More than 20 respondents suggested that, if necessary, additional housing could be placed on the field between the two entrances.

Less than 5 respondents suggested that the land off Cransley Rise could be developed, but only if that allowed for the circular path/cycleway to be completed.

With regard to changing ‘one thing in the village’ the following points were popular:-

* Adopt the roads
* Complete the cycle path
* Review Article 4 restrictions
* Build pub restaurant
* More shops in the empty units in Barnwell Court

In the case of TCAM development the following main points were prevalent:-

* More facilities for older people i.e. bingo, whist, bridge.
* Expand bar area to provide a “quieter” area
* Develop Patio area to provide more seating and Patio heating
* Generally more activities at centre
* Regular Farmers market/local producers stalls

As the Parish Council enters into the next phase of consideration and consultation we would welcome any thoughts or comments from all interested parties in the Village.

Please send any comments to Juliet Lewis, Acting Parish Clerk at mawsleyparishcouncil@outlook.com

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