

## Rawdon Neighbourhood Plan Summaries

### Question 1: Design – materials to be used

The majority of respondents felt a mixture of materials and methods should be used in new buildings. Many respondents felt that any new buildings should be in keeping/be sympathetic to the surrounding buildings.

### Question 2: Design of new buildings

The majority of respondents felt new buildings should match existing surrounding buildings. Other comments included buildings should be of high quality.

### Question 3: Other things about design

Respondents were similarly concerned about all 3 topics with designing out crime + anti-social behaviour being the greatest concern followed closely by street furniture + street scene, then shop frontages + signage.

### Question 4: Education – increase of school places

The most popular option for increasing school places was to increase places in all schools.

### Question 5: Education – infrastructure to be put in place before school expansion

Respondents felt most strongly that there should be on site drop off parking and traffic + parking restrictions. Respondents were also concerned with the method of transport for children and staff, many felt that alternative forms of transport should be encouraged (e.g. public transport/walking).

### Question 6: Education – Trinity University expansion

The majority of respondents felt there should be more on campus accommodation. The additional comments from respondents queried the need for any expansion and how this would impact the community.

### Question 7: Community facilities in Rawdon

Of the respondents who answered this question the most commonly used facilities included green spaces and the library. 132 respondents did not answer the question suggesting a lack of awareness of facilities.

#### Question 8: Facilities outside Rawdon

The most commonly used facilities were the cinema and swimming pool, however respondents used a wide range of facilities outside Rawdon from running clubs to the theatre.

#### Question 9: The most important facilities in Rawdon

Rawdon Billing was the most important leisure facility for respondents followed by Micklefield Park. Sports fields/clubs, the library and community facilities were also classes as important.

#### Question 10: Conservation of Rawdon

Green spaces and the countryside were seen by respondents as important areas that should be conserved. The village identity was also ranked highly as something that should be protected.

#### Question 11: How to deal with the conservation area

The majority of respondents felt that Rawdon's conservation areas should be strengthened and expanded. Rawdon Billing and Town Street were areas suggested by respondents as areas to protect.

#### Question 12: Heritage buildings

The majority of respondents felt that heritage buildings should be retained and many also felt that they should be listed. Other comments suggested finding modern uses for heritage buildings.

#### Question 13: Youth facilities

Respondents felt that developers should include open spaces, funding for services in Rawdon and activity sites.

#### Question 14: Where should youth and elderly facilities be located?

166 respondents did not answer this question; however Micklefield Park was the most common place to be identified as a place where facilities could be located. The most common facilities that respondents felt would be useful were community activities/clubs for both the youth and the elderly.

#### Question 15: Retired facilities

Respondents felt that developers should be required to provide affordable retirement housing, sheltered retired accommodation and funding for services in Rawdon. Many respondents felt that they would open up housing for families in the area.

#### Question 16: Shopping scene

The majority of respondents favoured traditional shop frontages with many requesting a farmers' market.

#### Question 17: Preservation of independent shops

The majority of respondents felt greater parking provision in shopping areas would help preserve independent shops along with putting planning restrictions on the use of shops.

#### Question 18: Shops that should be encouraged

Respondents were keen to have a variety of shops including greengrocers and independent shops being most popular. Respondents were less keen on having chain/large retailers.

#### Question 19: Where should roads be improved?

Respondents identified a number of areas of concern; most common were the A65 and A658 with congestion being key. Respondents were also concerned with the number of potholes in the area and traffic calming measures.

#### Question 20: Services that need a larger provision

Respondents were very concerned about the provision of services. Doctors, dentists and schools were all similarly seen as important and in need of a larger provision. Many of the additional comments mentioned the need for NHS dentists.

#### Question 21: Improvements to transport

Many respondents felt that there needs to be a greater provision for alternative transport. Many felt the need for improvements to public transport – bus/rail and improved foot/cycle paths. Respondents were also concerned that there needs to be more parking spaces in the area.

#### Question 22: Environmental issues

The majority of respondents rated the greenbelt and green spaces as important issues. The respondents were also concerned with litter, fly tipping and graffiti. Many of the additional comments were relating to dog mess and the need of bins.

#### Question 23: Environmental restrictions

Many respondents felt that new builds should have gardens and that paving over gardens should be restricted. Many also felt that housing should be environmentally sustainable.

#### Question 24: Green spaces that deserve “community green space” status

The most common place that respondents felt deserved this status was Rawdon Billing. Many also stated that the greenbelt and Micklefield Park were areas of importance.

#### Question 25: Should the Neighbourhood Plan address job creation and local business?

The majority of respondents felt the Neighbourhood Plan should address job creation and local business.

#### Question 26: Type of businesses suited to Rawdon

The most common business types that respondents felt suited Rawdon were farming, retail and office based business.

#### Question 27: What type of business should the Neighbourhood Plan encourage more of?

Respondents felt that retail and farming should be encouraged along with office bases businesses.