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In total 95 surveys were returned, providing a good number of responses to the questions asked which will help greatly in ascertaining the direction of the Lea Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan.

A breakdown of those responses as a guide to the general themes found is set out below.

Please note that not all respondents completed the whole survey or whole questions.

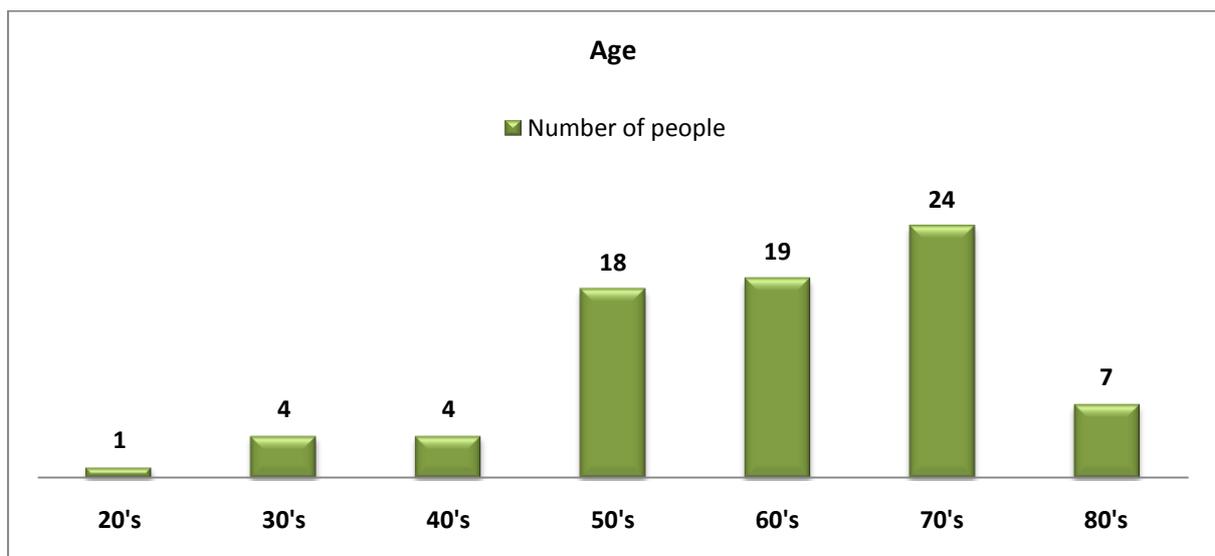
Comments written anywhere other than in the allocated comments sections have not been collated.

In addition to the returned surveys, a written response was received from Bidwells LLP, a copy of which is included at the end of this document in Appendix 1.

As a guide to the demographic of respondents, age and sex responses have been set out below.

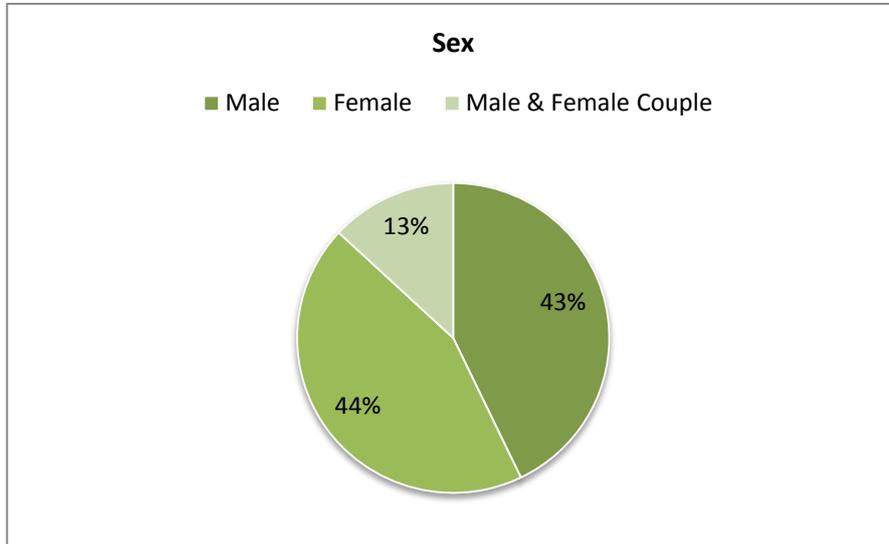
Age

77 people gave their age, the youngest was 24 and the eldest was 89. The chart below shows the number of people in each age grouping.



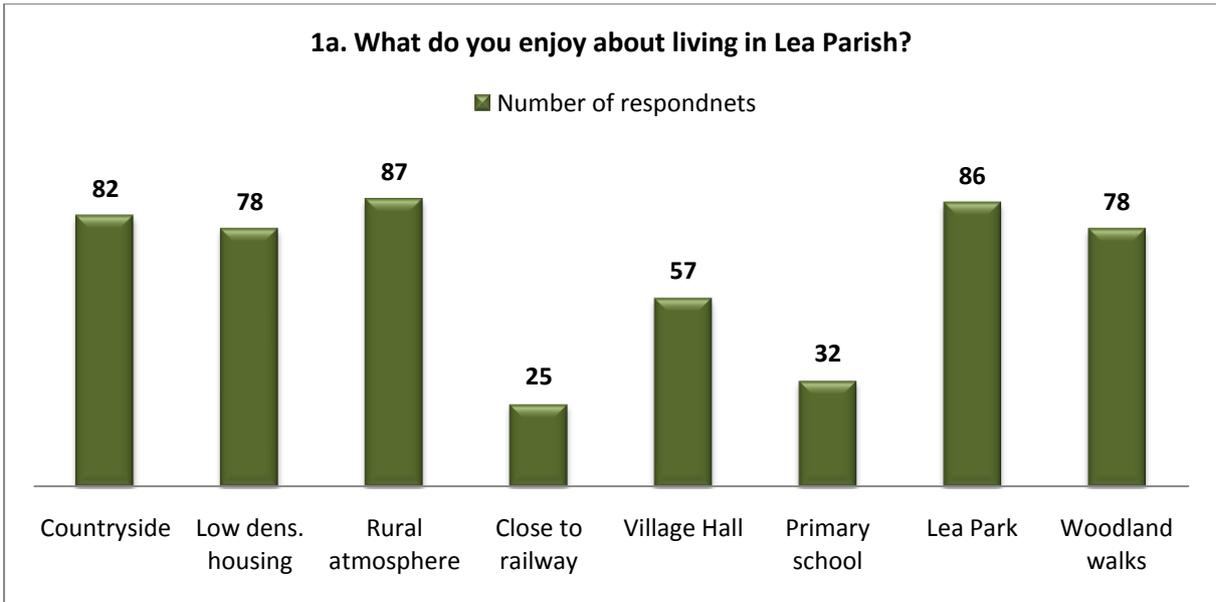
Sex

84 people completed this section, 36 were male, 37 were female, and 11 people answered both and indicated that they were completing the survey as a couple.

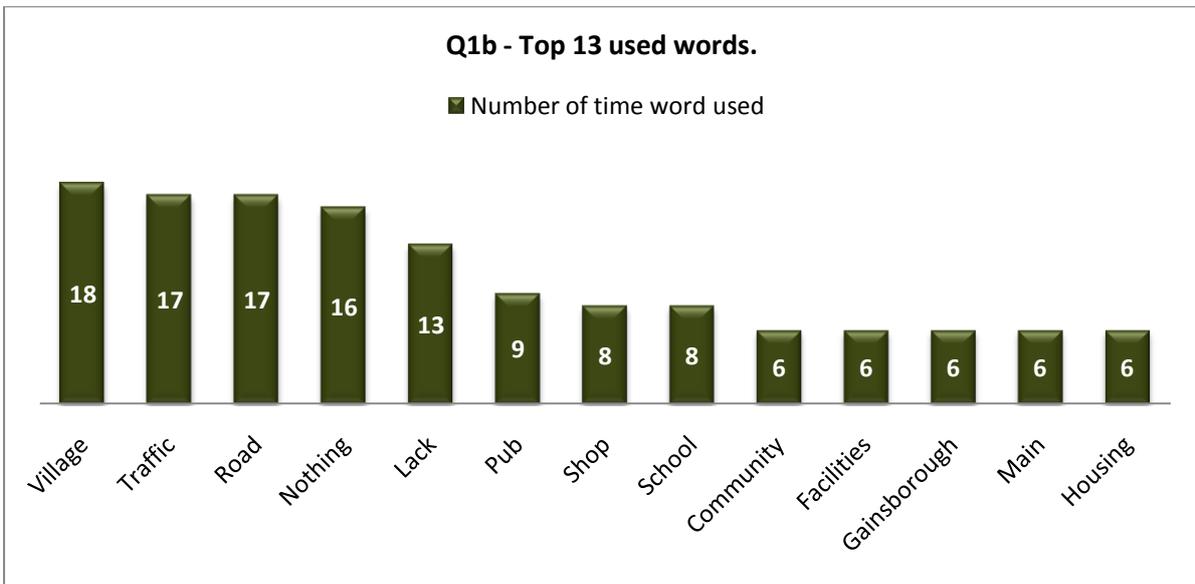


1a. What do you enjoy about living in Lea Parish?			
Easy access to the countryside	82	Village Hall and local facilities	57
Low density housing	78	Primary School	32
Rural atmosphere	87	Lea Park	86
Close to the Railway Station	25	Woodland walks	78

When asked what they enjoyed about living in Lea Parish, respondents said that the 'rural atmosphere' was what they most enjoyed the most, with 87 people selecting this, followed by 'Lea Park' with 86 respondent selections, 'easy access to the countryside' with 82 selections. 'Woodland walks' and 'low density housing' were each selected by 78 respondents, 'village hall & local facilities' had 57 respondent selections, 'primary school' had 32, and 'close to the railway station' had 25 selections.



1b. What do you dislike about living in Lea Parish?



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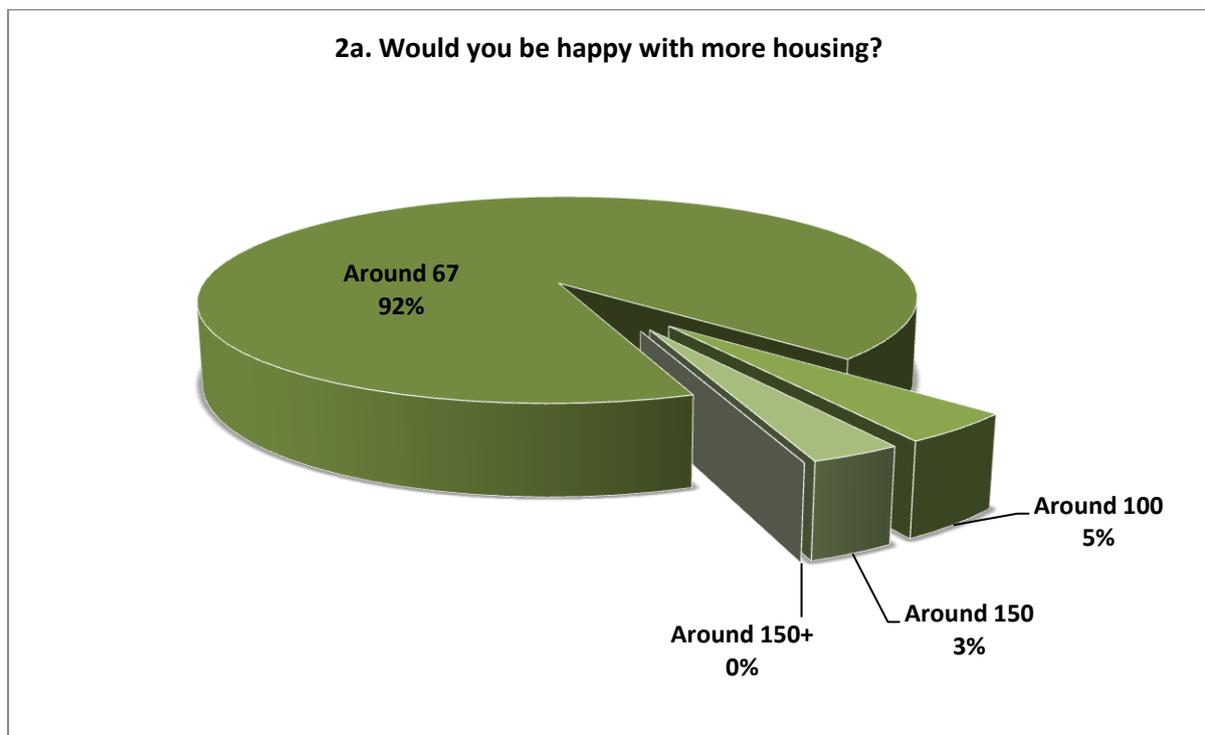
- No real dislikes. A village pub would be a bonus (traditional – in keeping).
- Lack of community spirit.
- Traffic on Gainsborough Road.
- Traffic noise – Main Road. Busy junction Lea Green / Willingham Road.
- No pub!
- Disappointed in the drainage system.
- No shop or pub.
- The speed of vehicles travelling along the main road through the village.

- Traffic on Willingham Road – it has become increasingly fast – perhaps some sort of traffic calming might be appropriate. Drains – not adequate in some areas.
- Busy main road! Speeding vehicles.
- Nothing.
- Don't dislike anything at all.
- Very isolated village with not much to bring residents together.
- People parking caravans / works vans in front of building lines.
- Nothing. Some extra facilities in the park such as an all weather football / hockey / basketball area would be good for younger people & upgrade play area.
- Lack of village shop.
- Too many parents cars parked on roads around school.
- 1 –Increasing length of time it takes to access Gainsborough Road from Cavendish Drive. 2 – Totally inappropriate planning applications being submitted by developers.
- Nothing.
- Nothing.
- The air of superiority and disgust displayed at the mention of social housing. Whilst of course supporting 'affordable housing' which allows the wealthy to purchase through sons and daughters to be let. Fact.
- Nothing.
- No shops or public house. High density post 1960 housing.
- Increasing traffic. Definitely increasing polluted air. Threat of large inappropriate, unsustainable housing developments.
- Volume & speed of traffic through village, especially early morning & evening.
- Very little.
- Traffic. Lack of children's play facilities.
- The ever increasing traffic.
- Recent (1950's) development on existing farmland in the heart of the village eroded the village's rural character.
- Nothing.
- Inadequate drainage / sewers during heavy rainfall.
- Nothing.
- Nothing in particular.
- Nothing.
- No shop within walking distance or pub.
- Traffic and noise from the main (Gainsborough) road.
- Traffic build up during drop off / pick up from school and the long queue at Willingham Rd / Gainsborough Road.
- Traffic build up.
- Lack of amenities for older residents especially day light hours. We have an aging population in the village.
- No shop etc.
- Nothing.
- The lack of maintenance carried out in the church grounds, which i understand is only carried out by volunteers.
- The bus service. Cars for sale on grass at roadside.

- Traffic bringing and collecting children to and from school which sees parents sitting with car engines running / loud music and sometimes disregard of driveways.
- Nothing.
- Constant threat of large housing developments that would destroy the village & surrounding countryside.
- Traffic noise and density and the fact it is 24/7 (on A156). Speed needs reducing from 40mph. It can take up to 5 mins to get out on road.
- Volume of traffic travelling through.
- Nothing.
- Developers thinking they can build on our green sites!!!
- Litter, vandalism, threat of huge housing developments, speeding, not being able to cross the road because it is so busy.
- The village is divided physically and lacks community spirit. (I have been active on the village hall committee).
- We like it!!
- The lack of public facilities. The lack of community spirit.
- People like Lea Lincs Properties trying to destroy it.
- Nothing.
- Very busy road, excess traffic. Difficult to cross road. Excess litter, dog excrement. Poor drainage.
- No facilities – shop, pub, communal hub,
- Although we have the village hall, there is no central hub i.e. pub, village shop. Older residents, disabled people can feel isolated.
- Lack of shop, pub.
- Very little so long as extra growth and housing is controlled.
- Nothing – we like it for the reasons identified above.
- Nothing – it is a pleasant village. Needs to stay a village & not become a satellite of Gainsborough.
- Nothing.
- Poor community spirit. Lacking in ‘village feel’ compared to other villages. Lack of village facilities.
- Lack of village facilities i.e. shop, pub. High traffic flow at pick up and drop off at school due to lack of village children attending.
- Drivers who exceed speed limit through the village especially entering from Lincoln direction.
- 40mph limit on main A road.
- Speeding up Willingham Hill, parking at school times on same hill.
- No pub, too many HGV’s.
- Volume of traffic on Gainsborough Road.
- There’s no sense of community other than our connections with the primary school.
- Lack of amenities, paces to socialise, limited sense of community, fewer younger residents.
- Lack of school parking – especially at school drop off pick up times.
- Busy road to get out of Cavendish to Main Road.

2a. Would you be happy with more housing?			
Around 67 homes (as local plan)	84	Around 150 homes	3
Around 100 homes	4	Around 150+ homes	0

When asked if they would be happy with more housing, 84 respondents (97%) answered 'around 67, as per the local plan', 4 respondents (5%) said 'around 100 homes', 3 respondents (3%) said 'around 150 homes', and 0 respondents (0%) said 'around 150+ homes'.



2b. Where do you think this new development should be located?

A comprehensive list of responses to this question is as follows:

- Brownfield. Infill & outskirts.
- Off Willingham Road.
- Preferably on main road west.
- Within the village building line – infill rather than fields which should be used for farming purposes.
- Pepper potted around the village, plots of 3 or less houses.
- On left when approaching Lea from Gainsborough.

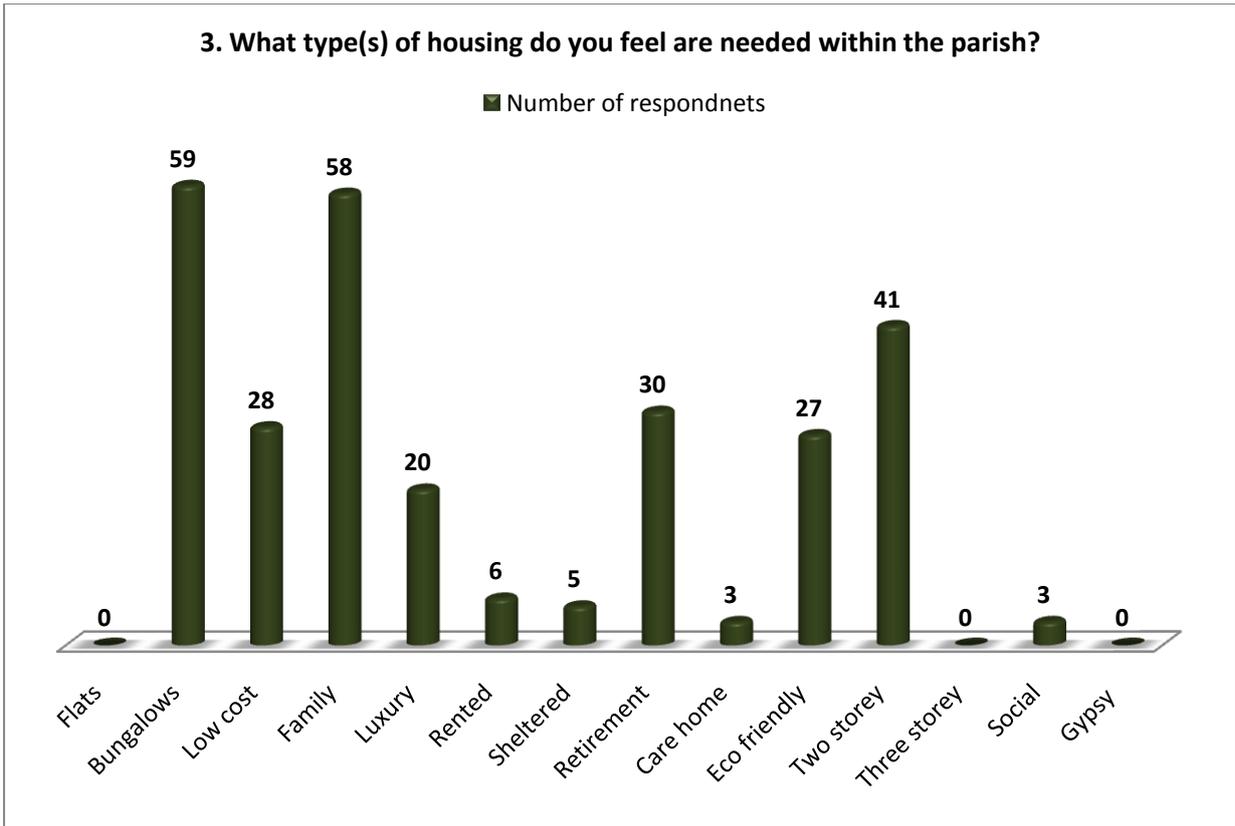
- Any development seems unnecessary as land in Gainsborough with planning permission, hasn't been developed.
- Scattered throughout the village, strip of land opposite Green Lane.
- As far as possible from the centre of Lea village, towards Knaith Park and away from areas likely to be flooded.
- On the main Lea to Gainsborough road or Lea to Lincoln, right hand side.
- Small developments or infill. Willingham Road or behind The Crescent / Green Lane (higher land only).
- Willingham Road.
- Along Willingham Road (uphill) away from flooding.
- Distributed around village, not all in one location.
- Previously used sites, areas with good access and which don't impact on wildlife & countryside.
- Open to discussion.
- Should be a village plan, where development is at least to benefit additional new housing, greater say on new housing within Lea.
- Infill building.
- Within the village boundary, available land within the village should be used!
- Area between the Rectory & the Old Rectory. Between Lansdall Ave & Causeway Lane behind Gainsborough Road houses.
- No where seems to be a safe option road wise.
- Infill developments e.g. The Rectory site, but not the area between Lea & Mayflower Close.
- The north end of Lea heading towards Gainsborough.
- Fox by Hill site.
- Dotted around.
- On the land going back to the River Trent.
- GR 828871 Land adjacent to burial ground. GR 838860 Willingham Rd, west of B1241. GR 827868 Heading north, high ground behind houses to the right of A156. Surface water from Willingham Rd diverted into existing pump at Old Pauls Malt will cover increased demand. Diverting gravity water onto Lea Marsh risks flooding if 2", 3" of rain falls up river in Staffordshire, Derbyshire the Trent will sit at flood level for up to 10 days+.
- I believe it should be located in several smaller developments on land which is not likely to cause large impact to existing residents.
- Pepper pot development, not more housing developments.
- 1 – On the playing field, but NOT a dense development and a quarter left as a burial ground.
2 – The odd bit of infill where practical and 3 – Small 5 to 7 mini housing groups on the edges of Lea where the infrastructure allows this.
- By infill as far as possible – if to be one site designated in Local Plan i.e. Willingham Road.
- Unsure.
- We think there should be small developments in any of the areas. Not all of the 67 homes in one site.
- Infill. Small developments.
- In small isolated developments (up to 9 dwellings as the CLLP) and infilling existing available sites.
- Willingham Road.

- Gainsborough Road.
- Small groups of mixed sized homes but I have no idea where.
- Somewhere to not interfere with traffic.
- Outskirts of village.
- Not really sure – geographically what is / isn't suitable??
- Existing brown sites.
- Infill development / existing plots.
- Within the existing village boundary. This is a difficult question as the Gainsborough / Lincoln Rd is a major very busy road. Willingham Rd is not wide enough to take more traffic, what with school vehicles parking on it, already causing problems.
- Up towards Knaith Park.
- Alongside the local building lines.
- Lea floods very badly already. It's a bad idea to increase the risk of flooding.
- Previously developed land.
- Spread around the village in small groups.
- Small developments scattered around existing village build up area. No large housing estate.
- On land between the Cromwells and Gainsborough boundary.
- Any Brownfield sites. Primary access to them must not be onto the A156. Old buildings.
- If there is to be any new homes they need to be Brownfield.
- Not on green land.
- Land identified on local Plan – land opposite Stainton Close off Willingham Road.
- Infill.
- Perhaps where the school now stands.
- I think it should be dotted around the village.
- Within the village there are a number of small plots that could accommodate a few properties, to keep within the village boundaries & not make it more spread out than it already is.
- Off Willingham Road.
- Within the existing boundaries of the village and not include the recent proposals by Lea Lincs Properties Ltd.
- Right hand side of Gainsborough Rd (going into Gainsborough), or infill, or Brownfield if available.
- Willingham Road area.
- As there have already been plans submitted for housing on the outskirts of the village, think that these should go ahead. The village needs to accommodate all ages and be able to grow.
- Scattered around the village, infill. Not near the park or woodland walks.
- Land to the west of village green and bus stop.
- On individual pockets of land.
- West side of Gainsborough Rd and behind Lansdall Avenue.
- Off the main Lincoln road, however we would be concerned about the level of additional traffic, particularly near the primary school (parking).
- Lea is too small to accommodate more housing. Flooding impact is a huge worry.
- Intermittently throughout the village.
- 'Dot and blob' development rather than single site in any one location.
- Small developments – pepper potting.

- Mainly infill / small numbers – possibly up to 6. Not in areas known / likely to flood. Not in locations that expand the village beyond current build boundaries.
- Scattered around.
- Infill only or small development of under 10.
- Moor House Farm.
- Between Lea and Knaith Park.
- On the other side of Lea Wood so there is access to A156 Lincoln Road. That way traffic would not be increased through the village itself (Willingham Rd).
- Around Lea in small clusters rather than one big development.
- Field opposite ‘The Grove’ – if vehicle access could be improved or extension of Green Lane? Part of the land opposite Green Lane, Lansdall Avenue? (possible plague burial restrictions)
- Not on Lea meadows because of flooding.

3. What type(s) of housing do you feel are needed within the parish?			
Flats	0	Retirement housing / apartments	30
Bungalows	59	Care home	3
Low cost / affordable / starter homes	28	Eco friendly housing	27
Family housing	58	Two storey houses	41
Luxury housing	20	Three storey houses	0
Rented accommodation	6	Social housing	3
Sheltered housing	5	Gypsy and Traveller sites	0

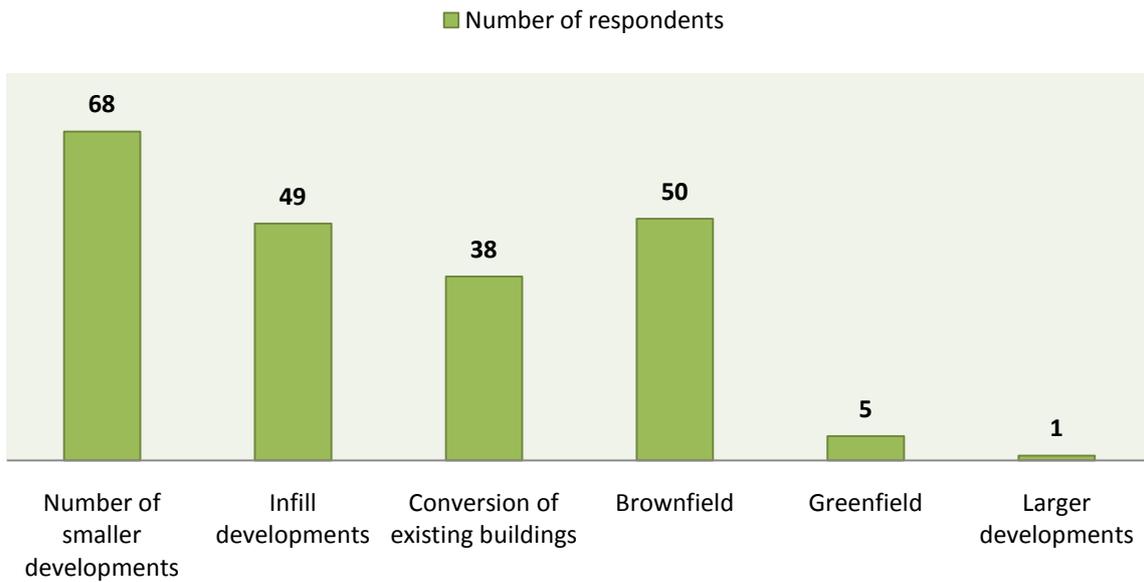
When asked what types of housing they felt were needed within the parish, 59 respondents said ‘bungalows’, followed in descending order of the number of times selected by, ‘family housing’ which was selected by 58 people, ‘two storey houses’ with 41 people, ‘retirement housing / apartments’ had 30 respondent selections, and ‘low cost / affordable / starter homes’ had 28 respondent selections. ‘Eco friendly housing’ was selected by 27 people, ‘luxury housing’ by 20, ‘rented accommodation’ had 6 selections while ‘sheltered housing’ had 5. ‘Care home’ and ‘social housing’ were both selected by 3 respondents, whilst 0 respondents selected ‘flats’, ‘three storey houses’ or ‘Gypsy and Traveller sites’.



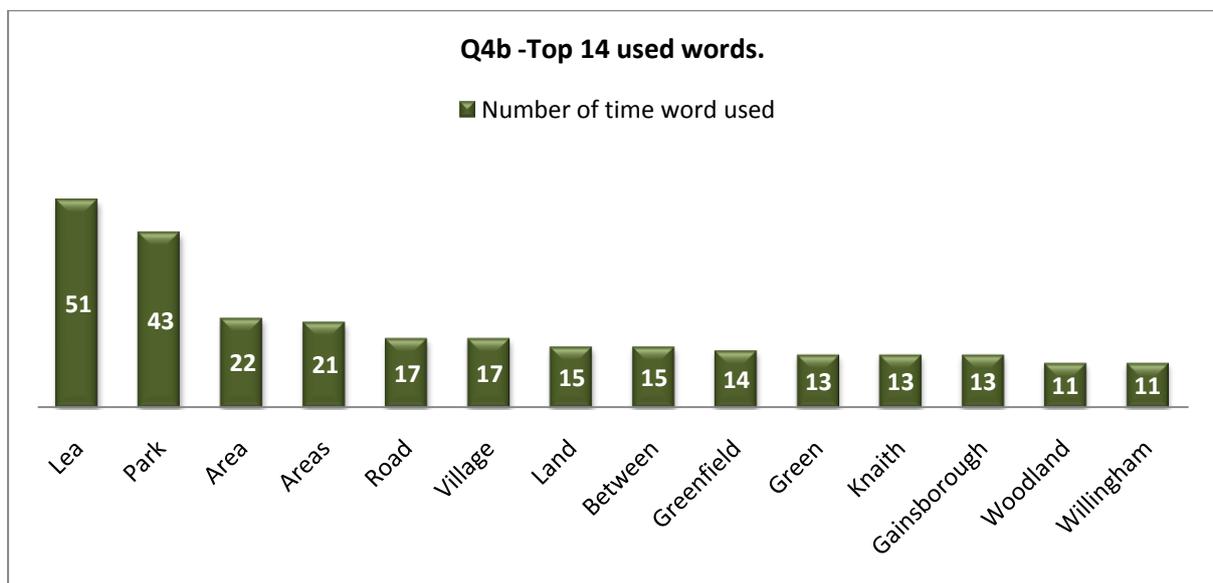
4a. Where would you prefer to see future development within the parish?			
A number of smaller developments	68	Brownfield (land previously developed)	50
Infill developments	49	Greenfield (land previously undeveloped)	5
Conversion of existing buildings	38	Larger developments	1

When asked where they would prefer to see future development within the parish, 68 respondents said ‘a number of smaller developments’, followed in descending order of the number of times selected by, ‘Brownfield’ sites which had 50 respondents selections, ‘infill developments’ which was selected by 49 people, ‘conversion of existing buildings’ with 38 selections, ‘Greenfield’ sites was selected by 5 people and ‘larger developments’ had 1 respondent selection.

4a. Where would you prefer to see future development within the parish?



4b. What areas would you like to remain free from developments?



A comprehensive list of responses to this question is as follows:

- Fields bordering Lea Park / woods.
- The park & outskirts because of its historical connections.
- Lea Park.
- A long road between Lea & Knaith.

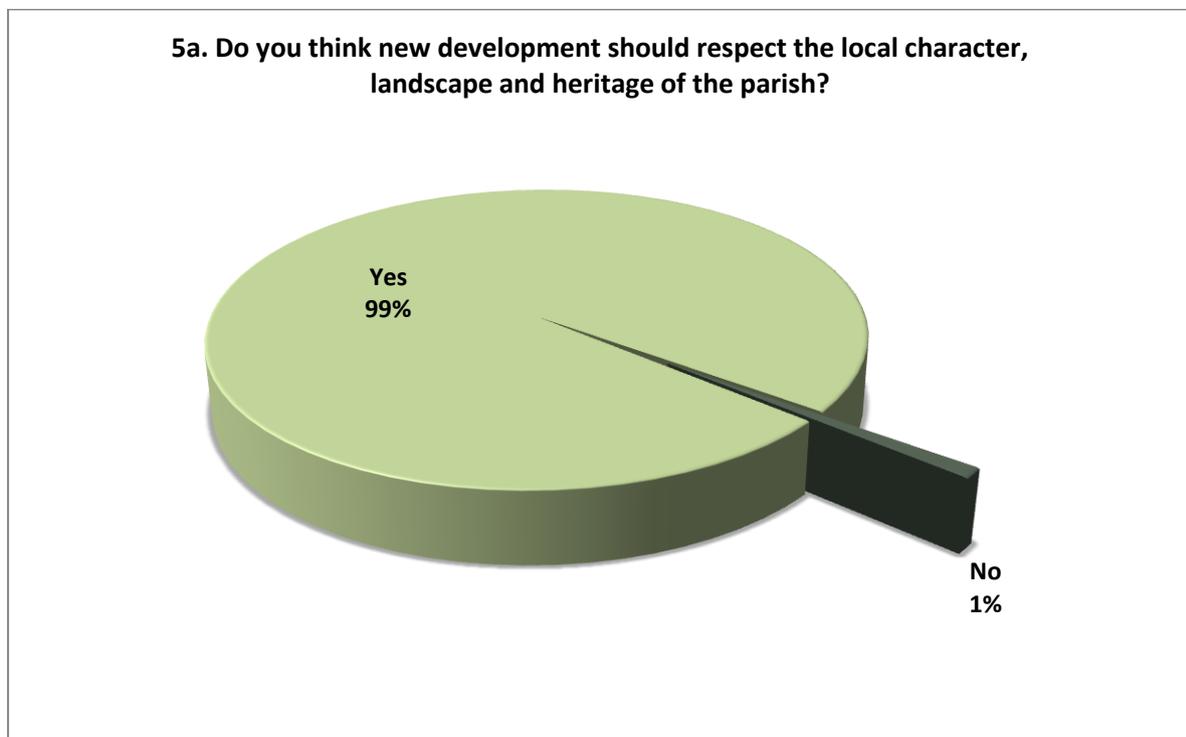
- Fields and farmland – areas which have natural beauty and [illegible] pathways.
- Around Lea Park and land between Lea and Knaith Park and area around woodland.
- All large green areas & none within 1 mile of Lea Park.
- The village.
- Existing Greenfields and woodlands.
- Lea Park. Willingham Road.
- Any areas that would be spoilt by increased traffic volume.
- Lea Park area.
- Woodland. Park area. Greenfields.
- Wildlife habitat areas, Lea Marshes & areas prone to flooding & saturation. Areas where access to main road is dangerous.
- The space from LH side from Lea boundary. The space LH side leading into village from Marton.
- Fields & parkland.
- The area between Lea and Knaith Park, Knaith and the A156.
- Sites outside the village boundary should not be developed.
- Green gap on Gainsborough Road.
- Just as it is.
- The area between Lea & Mayflower Close. The flood plain on Gainsborough Road.
- The area between the A156 & B1241 (Willingham Road to Knaith Park).
- Willingham Road sites.
- Lea Park. Marshes.
- All farmland around Lea village.
- Lea Park area west GR 835860 inclusive Lea Marsh. Greenfield sites south of Lea Park up to GR 835850 east. O/S landranger 112-1-50,000.
- Large open areas, woodlands, park area. The rural character of the village needs to be preserved.
- Greenfield sites between Lea & Knaith Park, Lea & Gainsborough. Lea Marsh development – high risk of flooding via access / egress.
- All of Lea as it is now, with the provision in 2a, 2b, 3 and 4a, as we accept the necessity for housing for people who do not have high incomes.
- Greenfield between Gainsborough boundary and Cavendish Drive.
- Greenfield & green wedge areas, except possibly very small areas.
- Existing green areas. Willingham Road.
- Greenfield sites and farmland outside the present village footprint.
- The land off the A156 opposite.
- Lea Park and surrounding fields and woodland.
- Any area that would not cause further problems to the sewerage and drainage system.
- Lea Park, wood, Willingham Road.
- Existing village.
- Not really sure which areas could be developed or not?? Apart from the obvious.
- All open and green areas.
- Existing open space, to retain a distinction between neighbouring village and town. Lea Park.
- Greenfield – previously undeveloped site. If it is necessary to develop a Greenfield site, then this should be within the existing village boundary.

- Greenfield.
- Old Station Rd at Knaith Park where it would be possible to widen the road and make access to Willingham Rd at the [illegible]. Quite a large junction.
- Lea Park and around village green.
- Lea Park.
- Greenfield.
- All Greenfield areas.
- Near main roads.
- Green area off Willingham Road adjacent to public footpaths and woodland walks.
- Area known as Lea Marshes, maintain area between Lea & Knaith as Greenfield.
- Countryside opposite and beyond Lea Park along the man road. All land on Willingham Road up to & beyond Knaith Park.
- Lea Park.
- Green spaces and low lying / flood plain areas. Current areas of low density (i.e. no infill).
- Greenfield areas.
- Green gap between Lea and Gainsborough.
- Definitive boundary between Gainsborough & Lea. Fields on left side going into Lea from Gainsborough leaving as is.
- The surrounding countryside.
- Flood land, farmland, land with access onto Gainsborough Road.
- The area directly above Lea Park and behind us.
- Area which would make the village join up to another village or town.
- All areas should be considered on their own merits.
- The area of land that was Moorhouse Farm from the village boundary towards Knaith Park.
- The area between Lea & Gainsborough. The land off Willingham Road near Lea Park.
- Lea Park, woodland area, all flood plain.
- Land liable to flood.
- The field between Gainsborough boundary and Lea otherwise we will just become a suburb of Gainsborough and lose our identity.
- Near the park and the woodland walks and fields that lead off from the park.
- Land which currently has footpaths passing in the middle of a proposed site. Also land which may cause the expansion to many 100's of homes in the future and joining of Lea to Knaith Park.
- Area around Lea Park / woodland and public footpaths / rights of access for dog walkers.
- The green field to south side of Lea hill and west of Willingham road (Iredale farm meadow).
- The land on east side of A156 where Gainsborough ends and Lea begins. Area surrounding the park.
- Existing Greenfield sites within the parish.
- Flood prone land – particularly with poor drainage & hard landscaping, water has to go somewhere.
- Lea Park. Area to the top right on Willingham Rd.
- Around and near to Lea Park. Any single large area of land currently used for agricultural purposes on the fringes of the village. Woodland (we were originally attracted to 'leafy Lea')
- Greenfield sites surrounding the village. Park. Woods.

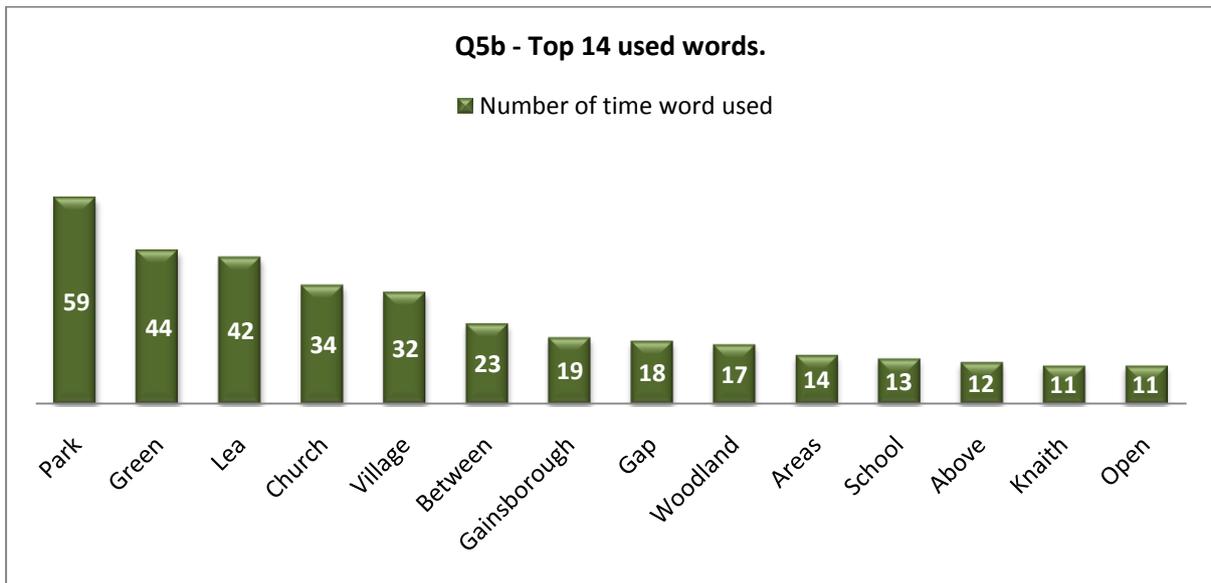
- Greenfield areas; areas on edge of village; Lea Park area & woodlands. Farmland; any location with risk of flooding and / or drainage problems. Locations for which it would be difficult to cope with extra vehicular traffic.
- Lea Park or areas near to woodland walks.
- All green spaces and most of the farming land.
- Green space on Gainsborough Road next to Mayflower Close.
- The fields between Lea & Knaith Park.
- Areas surrounding Lea Park.
- Lea Park, surrounding woodland, land between Lea & Knaith, woodland, village green.
- Lea Park & woods.

5a. Do you think new development should respect the local character, landscape and heritage of the parish?	
Yes	No
94	1

When asked if they thought new development should respect the local character, landscape and heritage of the parish, 94 respondents (99%) said 'yes' and 1 respondents (1%) said 'no'.



5b. Please list the local features are particularly important to you?
i.e. the church, the park, School, the green gap between Gainsborough and the villages etc.



A comprehensive list of responses to this question is as follows:

- Church (more community use required). The green belt / the park.
- Church, Lea Park & woods & school.
- All of the above, plus village [illegible] and local footpaths and rural views.
- Lea Park, fields and woodland between Lea and Knaith Park including Willingham Road & the green gap.
- As above.
- All above.
- The gap between Lea and Knaith Park. The church.
- The area to the west of the village i.e. the marshes which should remain the domain of wildlife.
- Park, church, green gap. The green. The rural quality of the village.
- The church & the park. Gap between Lea & Gainsborough. All woodland areas.
- The church. Green belt between village & Gainsborough, flood plain, Moor House Farm, green fields.
- Lea Park. Lea Green. Greenfields.
- Park area. Woodland – circular walks. Fields / green sites.
- Park, school, village hall, marsh area, riverside. Distance from Gainsborough.
- The above & the general rural atmosphere of the village.
- Woods & fields.
- All the above.
- Public footpaths through open farmland and parkland. The school & park. It is important that green spaces separating Lea from Gainsborough and other villages are maintained to allow Lea to retain its village status and not become a suburb of Gainsborough.
- Norborough Hills / Sheriffs Walk & surrounding footpaths & walks. Church is vitally important to our village. Play area for children & Lea Park.

- Park. Green gap.
- The church. Lea Park. Gaps between Gainsborough & Knaith Park.
- The green areas up to Knaith Park, Knaith, the church & park.
- 1 – Keeping Lea a village. 2 – Close eye on volume of traffic through village.
- All as the i.e.
- The school is over subscribed due to the transporting in of pupils.
- Green spaces. Low density housing. Local wildlife.
- All of the above plus spinney / wood along Willingham Rd & woodland surrounding park. My neighbour and I live in cottages built by the Anderson Estate in 1838 & they help to create a village atmosphere.
- 1 – Trees. 2 – Footpaths. 3 – Ponds & springs (don't fill them in) & floodplain (don't build on it!). 4 – Greenness (natural!). 5 – Park. 6 – All the present community buildings i.e. church, chapel, Butler's Pantry, VH. 7 – Well spaced housing (not like Anderson Way).
- Village hall.
- Lea Park. Lea green. Green wedge between Gainsborough & Lea. Roadside grass verges & trees.
- Open countryside, park & sports field.
- Green gaps, easy access to countryside.
- The church, Lea Park, the rural setting.
- All of the above, open views of countryside.
- The church. The park. The village green.
- Church / chapel / Lea Park / village green.
- Methodist chapel, the old pump, the two greens.
- The church, open fields, the park, local pub, low density housing, local wildlife – often visible in the church yard, village hall.
- Gap between the village & town and the fact it is a village.
- School, park, church, open spaces.
- Church. The rural atmosphere. The remaining green areas. The open areas between town and Lea. Village hall.
- Lea Park, open space between Gainsborough and village (Knaith Park).
- Maintain the Greenfield area between Lea and Knaith including the woodland areas. The park and recreational facilities i.e. tennis, football, cricket, children's play area.
- The ambience of the village from whichever way you approach it.
- Church, park, green gap.
- All of these.
- Greenfield, woodland, the common.
- The green gaps between Gainsborough & the villages.
- Church, Lea Park, green spaces.
- Green gap between Lea and Knaith Park and easy access to woodland and footpaths.
- All green areas between Gainsborough and Knaith Park, Lea Park very important to be left alone.
- Park and all woodland areas, public footpaths.
- Green gap between Lea and Gainsborough. Village community. Rural aspect. Low density housing.
- Park, village green, woodland walks and paths, church, Lea pump area.

- Green gap between Lea and Gainsborough.
- Lea Park nature reserve & surrounding green land. Green space between Gainsborough & Lea.
- All of the above. The village green area (pump area across the road). The peace and tranquillity.
- Park, open land, rural nature, church, school (I do not feel it is now necessarily in the right location). Would there be mileage in building houses where the school now stands and relocating the school in the future?
- The church, the park, the school, the rural nature of the village.
- Village hall for community. Park for walking. Gap between Gainsborough & Lea. Gap between Lea & Knaith Park.
- The local church.
- Village life as it currently exists.
- The park, the green gap separating Gainsborough.
- Church, Lea Park, woodland, fields, footpaths.
- Church, park, school.
- All of the above.
- The park and woodland walks.
- Ancient woodland and the view of them. Preserve the view from the B1241 towards the village and the park, from a much wider entrance into a proposed site i.e. hedge removed to allow visibility at entrance.
- The green gap, as above. The church and the park.
- Some Greenfield areas such as south side of Willingham Rd / Lea Hill and woodland around it. The school.
- The park, the space between Gains & Lea on east of A156. All of the above definitely village green.
- Green fields, Lea Park & its trees. Green gap between Lea & Gainsborough. The common. Hedgerows.
- The park and village hall. The complete quietness. Green fields. Lovely old church.
- Lea Park, the green gap between Gainsborough and Lea, views of the countryside giving the rural feel, St Helens church, woodland areas (leafy Lea).
- Green areas surrounding village. Large open field on Gainsborough Road approaching Mayflower Close. Park, woods, school, church.
- All above plus existing woodland areas, the green, village hall, Butler's Pantry, cricket ground, tennis courts, the open aspect and uninterrupted view westwards over the R. Trent valley / floodplain.
- Gap between Lea and Gainsborough.
- The church, the park and open areas around the public walks accessing woodland etc.
- Church – park – green area in housing areas.
- Village green.
- Church, park, green gap between Gains and villages.
- Church, park, school, green space that divides Lea up from Knaith Park.
- Park, green areas surrounding Lea.
- Church. Lea Park. Green spaces. Woodland.
- Yes to all of these.

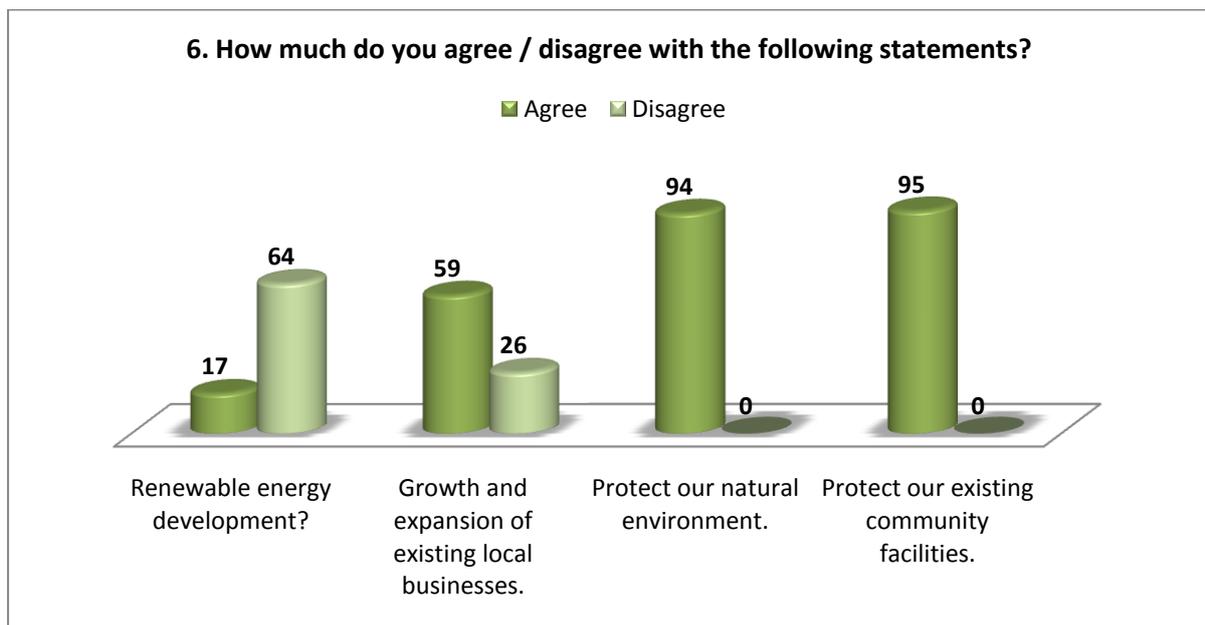
6. Do you agree / disagree with the following statements?		
	Agree	Disagree
Should areas be developed for renewable energy development?	17	64
The growth and expansion of existing local businesses within the Parish such as existing farms.	59	26
Protect our natural environment such as important trees, hedgerows, verges, local habitats and wildlife.	94	0
Protect our existing community facilities and green spaces like the village Hall, Lea Park and playing fields.	95	0

When asked if they agreed or disagreed with the statement: ‘should areas be developed for renewable energy development?’ 17 respondents said ‘agree’ and 64 said ‘disagree’.

When asked if they agreed or disagreed with: ‘the growth and expansion of existing local businesses within the Parish such as existing farms’, 59 respondents said they ‘agree’ and 26 said they ‘disagree’.

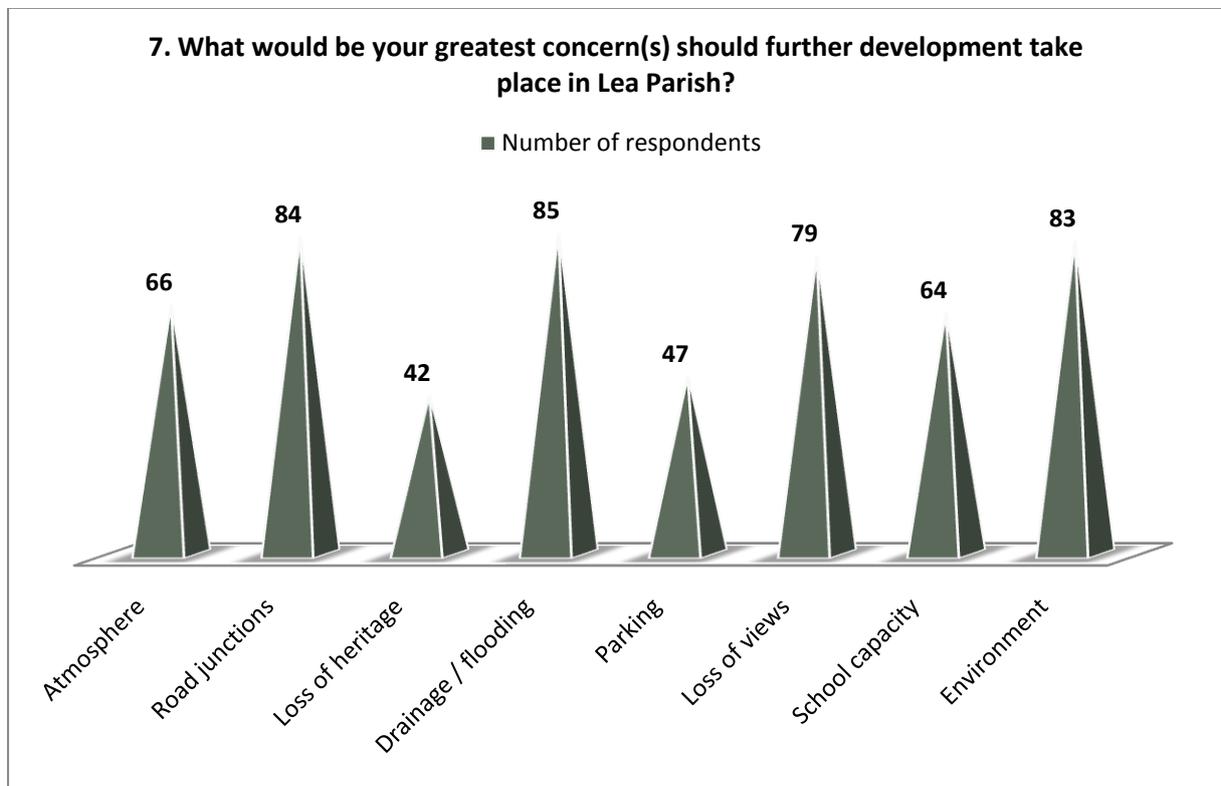
When asked if they agreed or disagreed with: ‘protect our natural environment such as important trees, hedgerows, verges, local habitats and wildlife’, 94 people said ‘agree’, and 0 respondents said ‘disagree’.

When asked if they agreed or disagreed with: ‘protect our existing community facilities and green spaces like the village Hall, Lea Park and playing fields’, 95 respondents said ‘agree’, and 0 respondents said ‘disagree’.



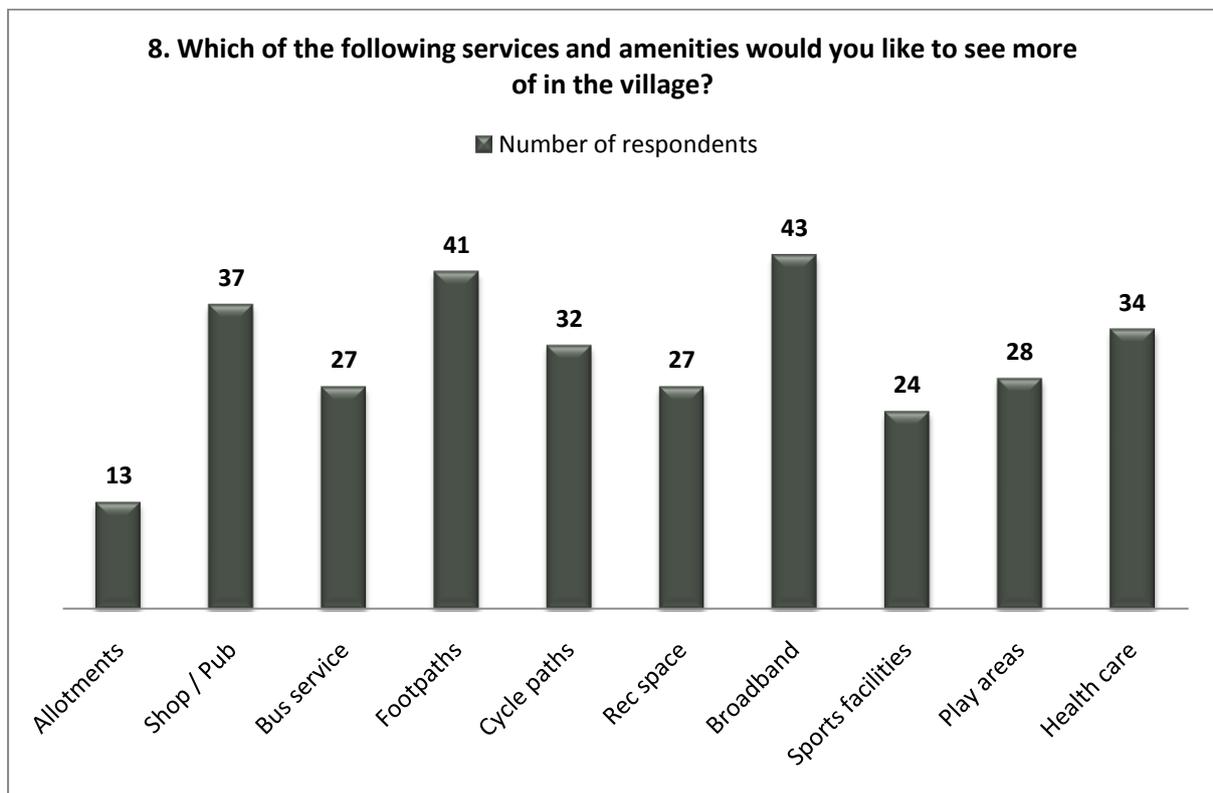
7. What would be your greatest concern(s) should further development take place in Lea Parish?			
Change to village atmosphere	66	Effect on parking	47
Effect on road junctions	84	Loss of views / green spaces	79
Potential loss of heritage features	42	Impact on school capacity	64
Impact on drainage and flooding	85	Impact on the natural environment	83

When asked what their greatest concerns would be, should further development take place in Lea Parish, 85 people selected 'impact on drainage and flooding', followed in descending order of the number of times selected by respondents, with 'effect on road junctions' which had 84 selections, and 'impact on the natural environment' which was selected by 83 people. 'Loss of views / green spaces' had 79 respondent selections, 'change to village atmosphere' was selected by 66 people, 'effect on parking' had 47 selections and finally the 'potential loss of heritage features' had 42 respondent selections.



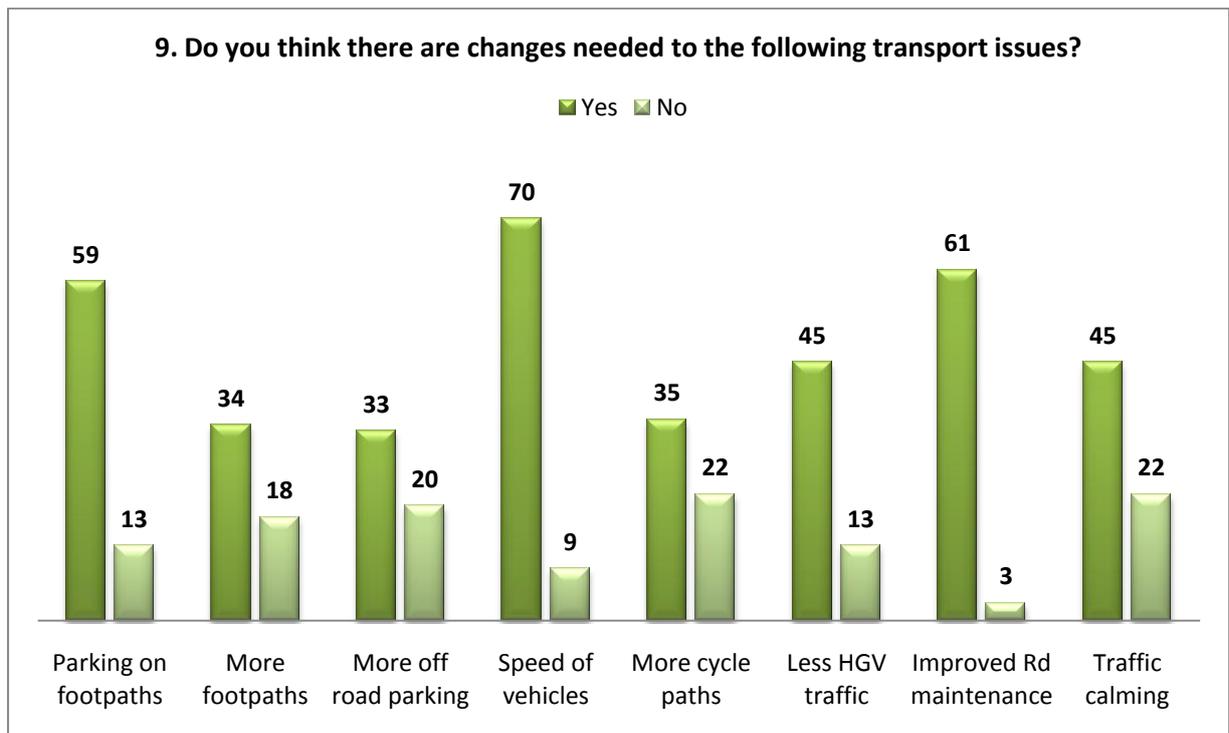
8. Which of the following services and amenities would you like to see more of in the village?			
Allotments	13	Recreational space	27
Shop /Pub	37	Improved broadband	43
Improved bus services	27	Sports facilities	24
Public footpaths	41	Children's play area	28
Cycle paths	32	Health care	34

When asked which services and amenities they would like to see more of in the village, 'improved broadband' was the most popular answer with 43 people saying this, followed in descending order of the number of times selected by respondents, with 'public footpaths' which had 41 selections, 'shop / pub' with 37 selections, 'healthcare' had 34 selections and 'cycle paths' had 32 respondent selections. 'Children's play area' was selected by 28 people, while 'improved bus service' and recreational space' were both chosen by 27 people. 'Sports facilities' was selected by 24 respondents, and 'allotments' by 13 people.



9. Do you think there are changes needed to the following transport issues?					
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Less parking on public footpaths	59	13	More cycle paths	35	22
More public footpaths	34	18	Less HGV traffic	45	13
More off road parking	33	20	Improved road maintenance	61	3
Speed of vehicles through the parish	70	9	Traffic calming	45	22

When asked if they thought changes were needed to certain transport issues, 59 respondents said 'yes' to 'less parking on public footpaths', while 13 said 'no' to this. For 'more public footpaths', 34 respondents said 'yes' and 18 said 'no'. For 'more off road parking', 33 people said 'yes' and 20 said 'no'. About 'the speed of vehicles through the parish', 70 respondents said 'yes' and 9 said 'no'. For 'more cycle paths', 35 respondents said 'yes' while 22 said 'no'. To 'less HGV traffic', 45 people said 'yes' and 13 said 'no'. For 'improved road maintenance', 61 people said 'yes' and 3 said 'no'. Finally, of 'traffic calming', 45 respondents said 'yes' while 22 said 'no'.



Other comments:

A comprehensive list of responses to this question is as follows:

- As the school will not to be big enough, why not sell the school site for development and build a new school off Willingham Road, with its own facilities. We would not have a problem with parents picking their little ones up between 3 – 4 each day.
- Will the NDP be another tier of local Government not listened to by the authorities?
- I notice under Q3 you mention Gypsy & Traveller sites. This must not take place.
- Want to keep Lea a village and not just becoming another extension of Gainsborough!
- Where possible the sharp bends (dangerous corners) from the village centre towards Knaith Park should be widened and made safer.
- Clamp down on the selling of cars from grass verges, village green & lay-by.
- Neighbourhood plan, future developments, have a greater say on new housing, flexible where new development is located.
- Lea is a village and should remain so and not become a suburb of Gainsborough or expanded to a degree that it loses its village character and puts more strain on already creaking infrastructure such as drainage, sewerage, roads, educational and medical capacity. Some new housing is required to enable young people to remain in the village but this should be modest and sensitively done.
- Until all available land is used within the village, there is no need to be developing land outside the village boundary. 15% growth can be obtained within the village of Lea to support the growth within the village rather than the village growing outwards.
- Progress in the village with housing can be made sympathetic to the existing village & community, without big housing developments.
- Just been notified of Lea Lincs revised application no 135491 for 135 properties. An improvement on their original application but still too many.
- We have major concerns that the village does not have the infrastructure to cope with extra housing i.e. inadequate road system, size of school, no Drs. The reason we moved to Lea was that it was small, quiet & unspoilt.
- The geographical area in which Lea is situated lends itself to the problems of flooding and difficulties in services relating to sewerage. The sewerage station at GR 817874 is over capacity regularly discharging effluent into the Carr Lane drain. Surface water either flows gravity down through Lea Marsh drain but is held up by high tides at the outlet. GR 815873 rarely maintained by En / agency. No pumping facility exists for surface water! To south of Gainsborough until mid Marton Torksy.
- Lea is a lovely place to live, it has a rural feel and although not many facilities it is close enough to town to access shops & entertainment. The local community are friendly and it has a small but thriving school all of which attracted us to move here. Traffic calming issues could improve the environment.
- The historic aspect of the village including several houses, green spaces & play areas. Lea Park as an amenity. No large housing developments, this would impact on the character of the village.

- It would be nice to have a bridleway across the Moorhouse Farm or between Lea & Knaith Park by railway; lots of provision already for walkers & dog walkers. Lea has had its fair share of development over last 30 years e.g. Priory Way, Anderson Way etc.
- The village has expanded rapidly in recent years, stretching the infrastructure; this has to be considered when assessing the impact of future developments.
- I would like the council to adopt the road / lane to the village hall and provide street lighting to it. Do we have land available for when church cemetery is full?
- We need to retain our village atmosphere whilst balancing the need to incorporate changes to benefit residents. We need to preserve what we have but also enhance to move to the future. However, being careful not to lose village life and become part of town.
- Possible overload for Dr's surgery i.e. Willingham. Traffic is already greatly increasing at school start & leave times. Possible need for traffic lights at junction at the bottom of Willingham Road & the main road into Gainsborough.
- If current applications to build around 450 & 130 houses go ahead, the character of Lea will change and it will become an estate on the edge of Gainsborough. The second stage proposal for more houses (after the 450) would also link Lea to Knaith Park. All this would adversely affect the medical and school facilities.
- There are a number of Brownfield sites in the Gainsborough area that should be developed first before destroying the countryside around Lea.
- Why does Lea not have any speed monitoring signs which many of the local villages in our area have? Why can't speed be reduced to 30mph?
- The volume of traffic is at a peak now. There would have to be a vast improvement in the infrastructure. It is a nice village as it is now; it does not want to be turned into a town.
- Keep Lea a village not a small town.
- Where we already have high density housing i.e. Anderson way, parking is an issue, it is debatable whether emergency vehicles could gain access during evening / night. Would not like to see this repeated. Would like to see speed limit of 40 reduced to 30 & extended further south. 'Village' feel maintained.
- Please keep our village special.
- Explore the possibility of relocating the school and the village hall (as a hub) to a more easily accessible site. Build some housing on the sites which would then be empty.
- Having lived in Lea over 25 years & we have seen development and if a large number of properties were built it would take away from the friendly village atmosphere that we have currently.
- The local school will have to re-examine its admission policy, if the village grows less pupils from outside the village should be allowed.
- Need for pedestrian crossing. A modern community centre. Upgrade sewerage / drainage system. Traffic reduction through village centre? Bypass?
- We have to move forward with a community say which represents every comment made. Some of the problems in Lea – drains etc may be overcome by a robust and collaborative approach with any future developer. A NDP is most welcome.
- Consider reviewing what mistakes have been made in previous developments in Lea, which have caused problems. Also consider how a new major development may contribute to solving some of these problems.

- Parking is an issue on Willingham Road, around school drop off and pick up times, so maybe an identified park and walk space would be useful, along with parental education.
- We don't think No 9 is a straightforward yes or no answer to some questions. What is a problem or nuisance in one area isn't in another.
- Additional public footpaths / cycle paths to and along the river bank from the village / tea shop would create / could create an additional attraction for the area plus jobs.
- I accept the need for housing development in all areas of the country. However, I firstly believe that it should always be proportionate. Therefore, planning considerations should always reflect the size, facilities and amenities of the community under consideration. This is why 'new towns' always struggle initially and take years even decades (sometimes never) to settle down, develop and flourish.
- I have enjoyed living in Lea for 28 years and the reason for living here was the green open spaces, village school, park facilities. Not much has changed over the years apart from the school now takes children from the town which causes huge traffic problems.
- Reduction of speed from 40 to 30 as other villages such as Marton, Torksey. Additional facilities such as outdoor bowling green. More community get togethers like bonfire night e.g. summer fete.
- Present cycle path as far as Mayflower at Lea border is a disgrace.
- New road bridge over the River Trent south of Lea to divert westbound traffic from Lea and Gainsborough.