

Barcombe Neighbourhood Plan Survey Results

Survey Overview

The survey was opened on 20 April 2024 and closed on 7 August 2024. In total, there were 151 responses to the survey. The survey was conducted on behalf of the Parish by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group which has been formed by the Parish Council to help develop the new Neighbourhood Plan for the village.

The survey was publicised in a number of ways in the Parish, including in the Barcombe News, on Facebook, on the Barcombe Parish Council website and by a banner at the roundabout at the end of Barcombe Cross High Street.

Given the number of responses overall to individual questions in the various age groups, it is unclear whether the results of the survey fully reflect the views of the whole community. For example, the fact that only 2% of the respondents were under the age 34 suggests that the views of younger residents may not have been captured in some topics.

In order to provide a comprehensive summary of the results, particular themes have been separated out and the associated questions grouped together and listed, as below.

At the last village housing survey in 2015 there were about 590 dwellings in Barcombe Parish and approximately 1475 individuals living in the Parish. With regard to numbers of respondents for this survey, it is assumed that the majority of responses have been on behalf of the household and therefore the completion rate is approximately 25% of the households in the Parish. Responses by household would also go some way to explaining why there were so few respondents aged under 34.

Housing (Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Q5, Q6, Q7)

There were 150 respondents to Question 1.

This is obviously a topic close to everyone's heart in Barcombe Parish. In total of those that wanted their own property in Barcombe, 14 (9%) said **'YES'** and 41 (27%) said **'NO, BUT MAY WANT TO OR NEED TO WITHIN THE NEXT 5 YEARS'**.

Of those that wanted to move and stay in Barcombe (now or in the next five years), 63 answered Question 2. Of these, 26 (41%) said that it was a **'SINGLE ADULT'** that wished to relocate in Barcombe whilst 18 (29%) said that it was an **'ADULT COUPLE'** that wishes to relocate. In total, 70% are single or adult couples (under 65). Also, 4 (6%) are **'SINGLE ADULT OVER 65'** wishing to relocate within the village and 9 (14%) are a **'COUPLE OVER 65'**.

The reason why the majority wish to move out from their current property and relocate within Barcombe Parish are: 28 (44%) to **'LIVE INDEPENDENTLY'** and 8 (12%) stated that their current house is **'TOO LARGE'** and a further 10 (16%) cited **'OTHER'** reasons..these included: reliance on a car/wanting better public transport/children wanting property.

The type of property required by those moving include: 35 (54%) stated a **'HOUSE'**, 26 (40%) a **'FLAT/APARTMENT'**, 18 (28%) a **'BUNGALOW'** and 13 (20%) sheltered **'RETIREMENT HOUSING/SHELTERED HOUSING/ ASSISTED LIVING'**. Note that respondents were able to answer with up to 3 types of property.

As expected, the survey demonstrates that the majority of those that are currently living in Barcombe Parish and need to move out now or in the next 5 years, would like to stay in Barcombe. This would include young family members that would like to move out from their parents and also those that are older but wish to move to a property that is more suitable for their circumstances.

Affordable Housing (Q8, Q9)

134 of the 151 respondents answered these questions.

The results from this question reveal that: 58 (43%) wanted to see '**AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SALE**', 19 (14%) stated '**SOCIAL RENTED HOMES**' and 19 (14%) '**A COMMUNITY LAND TRUST**'.

Although a number of these answered in the '**OTHER**' category, and stated that they would have liked to choose more than just one option and others stated, "*please don't have any more housing*"! However, neither of those questions were asked.

Although there is some desire to have social housing within the village, it is clear that the majority of respondents would like to see more affordable houses for sale, if housing has to be built.

Safety in the Parish (Q10)

144 Respondents answered this question.

It was great to see that the overwhelming majority, 142 (99%) stated that they believe that Barcombe Parish is a safe place to live.

Road Safety (Q11, Q12, Q13, Q14)

139 Respondents answered Question 11.

The majority of respondents felt that road safety is an issue for residents of the Parish using any of the forms of transport mentioned in the question, but particularly for cyclists and pedestrians.

Respondents were allowed to tick as many answers as they wished and the results were as follows:

- 128 safety of pedestrians
- 109 safety of cyclists
- 79 of horse riders
- 63 of car drivers
- 45 of motorcyclists

In terms of what can be done to improve road safety in the Parish (Question 12), there were a range of suggestions, including:

■ <i>Reduce speed limits of the roads around Barcombe</i>
■ <i>Discourage the use of the village as a cut-through</i>
■ <i>Better maintenance of the roads and hedges</i>
■ <i>Improve existing pavements and put in new pavements in areas of greatest use</i>
■ <i>Traffic calming measures, including speed humps/pinch points/cameras and occasional speed checks</i>
■ <i>Have weight limits for large vehicles</i>
■ <i>Prevent cycle races in the village</i>
■ <i>Provide flood warning system on Barcombe Mills road</i>
■ <i>Improve parking arrangements in the village</i>
■ <i>Provision of new cycle paths around the village and to other local areas</i>
■ <i>Parking restrictions on the road at Barcombe Mills</i>
■ <i>Provision of a pedestrian crossing near the roundabout</i>

140 Respondents answered Question 13 and 126 (90%) of these felt that large vehicles and traffic congestion are '**A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM**' or '**SOMEWHAT A PROBLEM**' in Barcombe Parish. Only 14 (10%) stated that large vehicles and traffic congestion are not a problem at all.

In terms of what can be done to improve traffic flow (Question 14), here are some of the suggestions:

■ <i>Reduce speed limits on the roads around Barcombe</i>
■ <i>Discourage the use of the village as a cut-through, particularly for large vehicles</i>
■ <i>Better maintenance of the roads and hedges</i>
■ <i>Traffic calming measures, including speed humps and pinch points</i>
■ <i>Have weight limits for large vehicles</i>
■ <i>More frequent bus service</i>
■ <i>Improve parking arrangements in the village and better enforcement</i>
■ <i>Traffic lights at the Crink</i>
■ <i>Better road signage, particularly on the A26 and A275, stating roads through Barcombe Cross are not suitable for large vehicles</i>

Recreational Amenities (Q15, Q16, Q17, Q18)

140 Respondents answered Question 15.

Overall, 116 (83%) of respondents stated that they are '**SATISFIED**' or '**VERY SATISFIED**' with the recreational facilities provided within Barcombe Parish, including recreation ground, pavilion, village hall, sports hall, Wild About Barcombe and other public spaces. A further 14 (10%) of respondents stated that they were '**NEITHER SATISFIED**' or '**DISSATISFIED**' with the facilities.

The remaining 10 (7%), stating they were '**DISSATISFIED**' or '**VERY DISSATISFIED**' stated that they selected that for the following reasons in response to Question 16:

- *More equipment for the older teenage children needed*
- *Better maintenance of the recreation ground needed*
- *The recreation ground is dominated by adult male sports teams*
- *A Multi-use Games Area (MUGA) is required*
- *A basketball court is required*
- *A skate park is required*
- *The village hall is too expensive to hire*
- *Pavilion needs updating*
- *Sports Hall is too small for football and cricket.*

Interestingly, although only 10 respondents stated they were '**DISSATISFIED**' or '**VERY DISSATISFIED**' in their answer to Question 15, 14 responded to Question 16! The writer takes this to mean, although relatively happy with the facilities, more can be done in terms of the facilities available in the Parish.

139 Respondents answered Question 17.

Overall, 118 (85%) were '**SATISFIED**' or '**VERY SATISFIED**' with the Local services, including the pub and shop. And 13 (9%) stated they were '**NEITHER SATISFIED OR DISSATISFIED**'.

The remaining respondents, 8 (6%) stated they were '**VERY DISSATISFIED**' or '**DISSATISFIED**' for the following reasons in response to Question 18:

- *Shop looks tired and could be improved*
- *No cafe in the village*
- *Pub charges high prices (because of high lease costs)*
- *Barcombe Parish requires a Residential Home for older people wishing to stay in the village*
- *Parking for those that use the shop can be difficult.*

Again, although only 8 respondents stated they were '**DISSATISFIED**' or '**VERY DISSATISFIED**' in their answer to Question 17, 15 responded to Question 18. This is likely to mean, although relatively happy with the local services, more can be done in terms of the services available in the Parish.

Environment (Q19, Q20)

144 Respondents answered Question 19 about the environment. This is a relatively complex question and not easy to précis here. However, looking at the numbers of those respondents who stated that they were '**VERY CONCERNED**' or '**EXTREMELY CONCERNED**', then a reasonable understanding can be ascertained.

- For Air Pollution, 32 (25%) were very concerned or extremely concerned
- For Soil Pollution, 31 (24%) were very concerned or extremely concerned
- For Ecology/Wildlife, 58 (44%) were very concerned or extremely concerned
- For Flooding, 69 (52%) were very concerned or extremely concerned
- For Trees, 34 (26%) were very concerned or extremely concerned
- For Water Contamination, 85 (64%) were very concerned or extremely concerned
- For Landscape, 58 (44%) were very concerned or extremely concerned.

Not unexpectedly for Barcombe, the majority of concerns relate to Flooding and Water Contamination, followed by Ecology/Wildlife and Landscape.

Respondents were then asked those that stated they were either '**VERY CONCERNED**' or '**EXTREMELY CONCERNED**' in Question 20, their reasons for giving that marking. 99 respondents answered giving a range of different views, the key ones being:

- *Flooding at Barcombe Mills and Spithurst*
- *Water contamination of the river Ouse*
- *Development of new dwellings on farmland*
- *Excessive traffic through the village and increased air and noise pollution*
- *Use of pesticides by farmers and runoff into watercourses*
- *Sewage overflow into watercourses, rivers and streams*
- *No or little protection from environmental issues*
- *Need for oil heating in the parish with little alternative for sustainable fuels*
- *Loss of wildlife due to development and the resulting destruction of habitats.*

Additional Facility for the Parish (Q21)

■ <i>Swimming pool</i>	■ <i>Cycle/walking paths</i>
■ <i>More housing</i>	■ <i>Bigger school</i>
■ <i>Cafe</i>	■ <i>Skate ramp</i>
■ <i>Additional parking spaces</i>	■ <i>Children's nursery</i>
■ <i>Astroturf pitch</i>	■ <i>CCTV near playground</i>
■ <i>Basketball net, goal area and pitch</i>	■ <i>Community heating scheme</i>
■ <i>Indoor and outdoor gym</i>	■ <i>Visiting library</i>
■ <i>Care Home/Sheltered Housing Complex</i>	■ <i>Youth club</i>
■ <i>Drs surgery, health centre and pharmacy</i>	■ <i>Another pub</i>
■ <i>Social club/community centre for the isolated elderly, youngsters and others</i>	■ <i>Additional seating around the village</i>

Although the below suggestions are not strictly 'a facility', these items were mentioned in response to this question:

- *Extension of main drainage for those that are currently not on it*
- *Return of the local Police Constable*
- *Affordable housing for young people*
- *Better public transport.*

Barcombe Parish of the Future (Q22)

There have been many views (some conflicting) on what Barcombe Parish should look like in 10 years time. It is not easy to précis all the various views and therefore each comment has been included here for completeness. Individual comments are as follows:

- *Rather bigger due to domestic housing with more than adequate services provided for water, energy & access*
- *A small but forward thinking cohesive community. Village life should be maintained with shop and pub and existing facilities. Preservation of the countryside and wildlife and biodiversity. No extensive building.*
- *A larger village but with much better traffic management taking better note of requirements of pedestrians. Mains drainage throughout and removal of overhead cables.*
- *To try and stay as a village with houses that younger people could afford*
- *We absolutely have a need for more housing, affordable to keep young families here. But building should not be at the detriment of our green spaces. I'd hope that our amenities; the shop, pub, school are thriving.*
- *The charming village it currently is with its lively local community*
- *An idyllic area preserved*
- *Still a thriving community village that caters for all*
- *More pro-active towards wildlife by protecting the diversity we have in particular working on protecting threatened species such as bees and hedgehogs. This would involve more community engagement and setting up of working parties to clean streams, do more regular litter picks and restore hedgerows*
- *To maintain its rural qualities but to have a multi generational community that cares for one another! A train station would be good!*
- *Inclusive of all ages and ethnicities. More opportunities to bring the community together eg. Closing of the high street for community street fairs and celebrations.*
- *Less car dependent and more space for walkers and cyclists in the centre of the village (there are way too many cars taking up space in the village centre)*

- *Friendly and welcoming. More activities for young and old*
- *The same as it is at the moment*
- *A viable village - not over developed*
- *Thriving inclusive community that retains its traditions and distinctive feel as well as having good balance of housing alongside rich, protected natural environment which benefits everyone*
- *Unspoilt by development and traffic and to retain as much of it's history and character as possible*
- *A place that continues to have a thriving community spirit, but with less dog poo on the rec*
- *A community that stood up for its local environment, its wildlife and wild places and recognised its special rural character.*
- *A vibrant small countryside community*
- *To stay a small community friendly parish. Why does it need to become anything ?*
- *As it is, still a quaint village with great community and facilities. And a good amount of countryside/flora and fauna/footpaths and bridleways for us all to enjoy!*
- *I will leave Barcombe I hope by then, it will be ruined by too many new houses with too narrow roads to accommodate the 100+ extra daily cars on the road*
- *A few more homes that Barcombe people have priority to have.*
- *Welcoming and appealing for people of all ages.*
- *Stay a village not get to big*
- *Bigger school, one more classroom. Better roads. Floods on Mills road needs live information in when Rd is flooded. Preferably for Mills Rd no to flood as it prevents a lot of people from working when the Rd is closed. A lovely calm village which is safe for my children to roam about in. Better bus transport. More electric charge points. Community co op to get solar panels and air source heat pumps as more affordable options.*
- *Remain a rural village that is not over-developed*

- *Still small intimate village with more social housing infilling gaps within current village boundary*
- *It would be nice to have more bike lanes so people can get around more safely on bikes.*
- *A place where people who have grown up here are able to buy property and bring up their young families*
- *Slightly bigger with green energy at its heart*
- *Small village community*
- *Safer for pedestrians/horseriders walking on country roads*
- *I'd like it to be a place that young people and old people who want to remain in the village could afford to do so. Also a place that maintains its beauty and focuses on a need to protect the environment.*
- *As a village Barcombe is hard to fault. Improvements I'd like to see would be increased public transport, termination of through traffic, truly affordable and appropriate housing for our young and old and greater emphasis on ecology, natural surroundings, wildlife and access to the countryside.*
- *A thriving, caring community where everyone contributes to the life of the village.*
- *To remain the same. There is a real concern about excessive housing developments over running the community*
- *Maintain existing services. Over the past twenty or so years many shops and organisations have disappeared.*
- *More supported by public transport and with safer routes to cycle to Lewes.*
- *Less reliant on oil. Retaining the core village amenities such as shop, school, pub are important to the spirit of the village. We should think more of our young people both those at school and those looking to get on the housing ladder. It should not become a 2nd home village*
- *One in which wildlife is still thriving and the nightingales are still here!*
- *Peaceful, kind, friendly*
- *Hopefully not too big and still have the community spirit that is so important for the parish*
- *A carbon neutral community where there are opportunities for everyone.*

- *To remain a small rural village. With better public transport and better, safer active travel routes..*
- *As it is with some homes that people who live here can stay here*
- *Quiet.*
- *Broadly the same as it is now*
- *A more self-sufficient community, with more local jobs. Not a dormitory village. A place surrounded by nature, appreciated by all*
- *Socially and environmentally : needs to be pro actively ie not just reactively well led across multiple facts and opportunities and threats and make best use of the potential for greater community engagement Keep finding out and addressing young people and vulnerable needs socially, housing, etc*
- *A welcoming, friendly, safe and beautiful Sussex Village to live in. Would be very sad to see any development lead too a change in nature of a small Sussex Weald village*
- *A peaceful, safe area with limited new residential development*
- *Should be allowed to remain as a small rural parish with basic facilities and services*
- *Continue as a pleasant rural village for us to live in*
- *Not to become an urban sprawl with too many new homes, people & cars. That would be a travesty.*
- *Maintain its village community and feel*
- *A wilderness! We moved to the countryside for tranquility not our social life so would like to see a reduction in traffic and house building. We also want to see an improvement in wildlife populations.*
- *A shining light of sustainability for people and environment*
- *Maintaining village ethos with thriving church, pub, school, shop. A great community*
- *No bigger. With 100 houses planned the village is moving towards an impersonal blob. Recent funerals have been supported by hundreds - a real community*

- *I'd like it to retain its character and remain a mix of generations and socio-economic groups but with more ethnic diversity*
- *To stay much as it is now*
- *Continue as a small community based village with increased housing stock for those starting out and those down sizing*
- *A sustainable village where children and older people can move around safely and new development are carefully integrated and designed so as we don't become a community of distinct cells carved up by an arterial road*
- *Affordable housing for young people and families, but not large estates; to many and the feel of village community is lost! Sheltered accommodation would also be good, so that larger houses would become free for families living in the village*
- *Well being at top of our agenda - village decarbonised and powering itself with energy*
- *Still a welcoming friendly community, but with cycle links (!!) to Lewes and elsewhere... not car-dependent as it is now even locally. A local leader in sustainability, sustainable agriculture, rewilding and renewable power.*
- *well, better flood control, less traffic and NO MORE HOUSES*
- *Safe, caring, clean.*
- *Safe, quiet*
- *An environmentally aware and responsible community which agrees on suitable areas for the required provision of genuinely affordable new housing for the younger generations who are currently being driven out of the village because of house prices and lack of availability. Ideally we will not become a village solely consisting of older generations and air b and b opportunities or overly expensive new builds that are being bought as second or third homes rather than by people for use as their main homes who want to join this warm community.*

- *An environmentally aware community with suitable provision of genuinely affordable new housing in locations that are brownfield sites rather than destroying natural habitats and reducing available agricultural land, as opposed to expensive new builds that are approved at the urging of profiteering landowners and developers that will inevitably be out of the achievable financial reach of younger generations who are currently being driven out of the village by house prices. Ideally we will not become a village where new homes are bought up as investments by people who then seek to let them out rather than by those who actually want to use them as their main home and join the community.*
- *A place where wildlife thrives and any development is small scale ,ecologically sound and based on need, not on the greed of what makes developers the most money.*
- *To remain a rural village. To be at the forefront of adopting green energy. To be a closeknit community that supports each other.*
- *The same friendly village that it is now without loads more housing that would spoil the village*
- *Barcombe is a very special place full of really welcoming people. I just hope that it stays that way in 10 years time and does not loose its current charm.*
- *I would like it to remain a small village community*
- *Somewhere with safer roads*
- *The same lovely quiet village we moved to, that is idyllic for our children to grow up in and have freedom, while supporting the wildlife and families in need here.*
- *I would love to see the access to the village from Barcombe mills limited to 6ft 6"*
- *A thriving community with a more diverse population*
- *I would like it to remain the village it has always been, with a strong community supporting each other and working together.*
- *A peaceful, rural village with all the amenities it has now*
- *Continue to be community lead & supported, with room & housing for the children of Barcombe to stay if they choose to*
- *A bit livelier*
- *On balance I would prefer minimum growth or change*

- *To remain a quiet, rural area without traffic congestion and well-served by public transport (as described at 21. above).*
- *Similar to now, I feel it has the right balance for young & old. I wouldn't want it to grow much bigger. If it does it would lose its village feel*
- *Fossil fuel free*
- *To continue to be a beautiful, friendly and safe community spirited place where people look out for each other. A mixture of older people, families and young adults/couples.*
- *A community that maintains an identifiable village centre and strong common identity.*
- *Continuing to be welcoming; community driven and friendly village with lots of community drive opportunities to build connections and new friendships amongst the village community. Keeping the current facilities and clubs that are already in the village and enhancing with new ones where demand is the. Any housing or expansions that is added is of a high quality and architectural interest to enhance the beautiful buildings already in the village.*
- *Not overcrowded like surrounding villages*
- *Not too many changes, maintain village status and not over build as in other places.*
- *Low traffic with better public transport*
- *quiet, safe, and no bigger*
- *Very similar to how it is now. Quiet and friendly*
- *Very similar feel to. Ow, mostly rural with access to countryside and a definitive boundary gap of nature to surrounding villages. Not merging with Newick or Lewes.*
- *Similar to what it is now but with houses that don't rely on oil for heating. A place where young families can afford housing, and where our natural environment is protected, including our dark skies. Ideally we would have less heavy goods vehicles cutting through Barcombe and less traffic in general.*

- *I would like to see housing in the parish growing at a manageable rate, namely around 1% per year. If there are say 700 dwellings now, that would mean another 7 each year or 70 every ten years. Faster growth puts too great a strain on the existing services. Slower growth means Barcombe gets stuck and our school, village shop, church, pub will suffer.*
- *Bigger with more housing - social housing but still with a small village feel*
- *A self sufficient community, not a suburb of Lewes and Uckfield, with employment in the rural economy is prioritised.*
- *To maintain its peaceful nature. To remain a small village not a sprawling one. One that cares for its environment and the impact we have on it. To have a strong environmental policy- more trees needed, more wildlife habitat.*
- *Slightly bigger due to some new houses catering for a wide socio economic group.*
- *I'd like it to be pretty much the same but without all the traffic and no more development. It's a beautiful country village with good amenities. It should be preserved*
- *Thriving and pleasant. Not overcrowded and frenetic.*
- *Still a close-knit community with lots of clubs and societies, a pub, a church, a Post Office and shop, a thriving school and enough affordable housing for those who are first-time buyers, as well as retired older folk who have always lived in Barcombe but need to downsize to smaller accommodation, near their family.*
- *A predominantly rural parish, with development restricted both in volume and to specific, suitable sites.*
- *A place where community members can meet, interact and move around freely and safely as one cohesive community not a space carved in half by a through road and separate cells as disparate disconnected compartments*
- *Continuing to be a friendly and welcoming community*
- *Same as it is really, minus the potholes, heavy traffic, and flooding*
- *I would like it to remain a country village and not a suburb of Lewes/ Ringmer*
- *It's so special just the way it is. I think it needs protecting*
- *Community orientated and with less traffic.*

- *I'd like to see that the village remains vibrant and still a great place to live. I would like to see the sports teams flourish and not too many new houses being built to overwhelm the village.*
- *I would like to see fewer cars with better public transport. No more housing built. We are a small rural community and I'd like it stay that way. No further development in or around the village, we need to protect the character of the place and support and cherish our wildlife. It would be great to see more people growing their own food and supporting local farmers.*
- *The same, just bigger*
- *Continue to be small and rural - that's why we moved here.*
- *An open, friendly, small and safe village for families, not ruined by unnecessary development.*
- *Eco friendly*
- *As little change as possible.*

Use of Cars (Q23, Q24, Q25, Q29)

There were 134 respondents to these questions on the survey.

Of those that responded to Question 23, no one claimed they didn't have a car and at the other end of the scale, 10 (8%) claimed they had four or more cars. The majority though, 87 (84%) said they had either one or two cars in their household.

In terms of electric and plug-in hybrid cars, 106 (79%) stated that they had none; 21 (16%) stated that they had one, and seven (5%) said they had two of these cars. Obviously not a large take up of 'green vehicles' in the Parish at this moment in time.

45 (34%) of those responding to Question 25 stated that, on average, their household do more than 15 car journeys a week; 21 (16%) said between 11 and 15 car journeys a week; 45 (34%) between 6 and 10 journeys and 22 (17%) said between one and five journeys are made every week by members of their household.

In using their cars, 41 (31%) respondents stated that their household did not use their cars for work and 25 (19%) said that their household travels more than 100 miles to get to work each week. In between, 14 (11%) said between 1 and 10 miles; 30 (23%) said between 11 and 50 and 30 (23%) stated between 11 and 100 miles are done each week by members of their household getting to work.

It is clear from the survey that the majority of residents still rely on their car for travel to work and for leisure.

Travelling by Train (Q26, Q27, Q28)

There were 132 respondents to Question 26, about how many train journeys are made by members of their household in one week. Of these, 85 (64%) said that they never use the trains at all. 25 (19%) said that they use the train once a week, 8 (6%) said twice a week and 14 (11%) said more than three times a week.

It is fair to say that except for commuters that need to use the train daily, the train is not frequently used by those that live in the Parish and most would appear to use alternative methods for their daily travel.

When asked whether they would travel by train more if the station was easier to get to, 73 (55%) said '**YES**' and the rest said '**NO**' (45%).

Of those that said '**NO**', the reasons given are as follows:

- *Requires a better bus service to the station*
- *Car more convenient and flexible*
- *Destination (for work or leisure) is not well serviced by public transport*
- *Too expensive*
- *Need car for travelling whilst at work*
- *Quality of Service*
- *Car Parking charges at the station.*

Home Deliveries (Q30)

It is clear from the responses that most of those that completed the survey have home deliveries. However, only 134 of the 151 respondents completed this question on the survey.

Only 23 (17%) of the respondents said that they have no home deliveries at all. 85 (63%) of respondents said that they had between one and three deliveries per week and 26 (19%) said they had more than three deliveries per week.

From the results, there is likely to be a minimum of 262 home deliveries a week. Some of these could have been delivered by the postman but the majority would have been by separate van and thus adding to the traffic on the roads around Barcombe Parish. However, it is reasonable to assume that many others that did not undertake the survey will also have home deliveries, and so the result could be that there are a very large number of deliveries to households in Barcombe Parish. The traffic, as a result of all these deliveries, is likely to be significant.

Renewable Energy (Q31, Q32, Q33)

Only 133 of the respondents completed these three questions in the survey.

The majority, 73 (55%) responded to say '**YES**' local land should be used to accommodate solar panels. 26 (19%) though disagreed and stated '**NO**' and the rest 35 (26%) said that they didn't know.

In terms of whether the respondents would be interested in joining an energy group to help promote Net Zero, 51 (38%) said '**YES**' they would be interested, but 46 (35%) said '**NO**' they wouldn't be interested. The rest, 36 (27%) said they didn't know.

Finally, in response to Question 33 and investing in a community energy generation scheme, there was no clear view. 49 (37%) said '**YES**', 32 said '**NO**' and the rest 53 (40%) said they didn't know.

From the survey, there would appear to be no clear view on the subject of renewable energy in the Parish, although the majority were in agreement to using local land to accommodate solar panels.

Neighbourhood Plan Help (Q34)

Not every respondent answered this question about being prepared to help with the Neighbourhood Plan. In total 131 answered and 20 skipped this question. The results being that respondents would like to help by:

- *Responding to surveys 33 (25%)*
- *Joining the Neighbourhood Plan working Group 15 (11%)*
- *Voting in the Neighbourhood Referendum 15 (11%)*
- *Not sure 14 (11%)*
- *No thank you 13 (10%)*
- *Distributing information 4 (3%)*
- *Helping with a website 2 (2%)*
- *Not sure but would like to help where I can 35 (27%).*

Elsewhere in the survey, quite a few respondents made a comment that they would like to have indicated more than one of the above, however that was not an option. However, from the writer's perspective, the results show that interest in helping with the development of the NP is not that great. However, 15 respondents did say that they would like to join the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

Other Comments (Q35)

For consideration for use in the Neighbourhood Plan

- *"Only that I am very concerned about loss of the countryside."*
- *"Great need for more homes and better traffic management."*
- *"Not currently. Please don't build too many new houses although we recognise some are needed."*
- *"I am concerned that almost 20% of the parking spaces in the village car park have been designated for electric charging with no prior survey within the village. In the time that they have been in operation I have seen one car charge for approx 30 mins and no more. Additionally the trees over growing the car park are an issue for parking as they have not been tended to in the last 15 years and they cause damage to cars parking below with bird mess landing in them in high quantity and apples falling on bonnets and wing mirrors."*
- *"Doctor's surgery in village even on part time basis."*
- *"Need for youth services and social opportunities for all which are not church based. Think it would be helpful if equality, diversity and inclusion in the village was thought about... Does everyone feel equally included and welcome regardless of background, disability, religion etc? I have a feeling they might not."*
- *"Keep our village as a lovely relatively safe village. Take safety and ecology into account with regards to all decisions made by PC."*
- *"Very concerned about the amount of house building proposed, especially that on perfectly good farm land. We need to grow our own food and not depend on importing. And the houses proposed are mostly unaffordable to locals and young people."*
- *"A reservoir for water storage and to eliminate the flooding at Barcombe Mills would be an official excellent idea."*
- *"My main concern is wanting to be behind plans to create safe cycling routes out of Barcombe and slowing the speeding traffic in areas where children are walking along small pavements."*
- *"The infrastructure is already worn out, adding more houses will make this worse. Net zero is utterly pointless."*

- *"House building on good agricultural land should be abolished. Additional housing to be built in the parish will put additional pressure on water supplies, waste/sewage disposal and rural roads."*
- *"In Scotland where my son has recently moved to, all rural villages are 20mph and they have their own solar panel area and wind generator. Dead man tree hill has an old wind generator for moving water for the farm which has been dead for many years. Replace it with a new wind generator for electricity. The area might also be suitable for a solar panel area. We should look at this situation asap."*
- *"Nets put up when cricket is playing to protect playground and residential homes from cricket balls. Also the speed some drivers drive down School Lane, School Path....."*
- *"Climate change has been happening since time immemorial. We have been duped into believing there is a crisis. To replace needed disabled parking spaces in the car park with EV charging is ridiculous! Most people who have EV's have charging points at home in this area. We are going to ruin any opportunities for our children by bankrupting them by spending money unnecessarily!"*
- *"The mills during the summer is dangerous to road users with unsafe parking on the the bends with families distracted getting their water toys off their vehicles."*
- *"The pot holes and damaged road verges along the main roads serving the village are getting very dangerous. Drug dealing by young teenagers in the car park area of the rec is an ongoing concern. Dog walkers not picking up their dog poo in the rec and surrounding areas is an ongoing battle - we have a dog and have had to pick up other dog poo while we are out and do not want to end up having nowhere safe available to walk our dog responsibly as a result of others not doing what they should."*
- *"The roads around here are not built to cope with more traffic especially from lorries and especially when it floods!"*
- *"More car parking in the village is needed."*
- *"I am worried that the Blackcurrant field site will keep on expanding."*

- *"I repeat my concern about public transport not only because of convenience, but also to help reduce carbon emissions. Barcombe needs to be served by a REGULAR, FREQUENT, 7-DAY A WEEK public transport service to reduce the need for residents to use cars and reduce traffic. The current bus and flexibus are not fit for most people's needs. A bus needs to follow a FIXED ROUTE through Barcombe (and nearby villages) between Barcombe and Lewes, and possibly Uckfield, AT LEAST every hour from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00pm Monday to Saturday and 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sundays."*
- *"Curious to know if the community energy generation scheme is only going to be available to support those who can invest in it. We should be ambitious for the whole community of Barcombe, regardless of means."*
- *"Parking in the village is an issue. It's easier to drive to Clayhill for a small shop (milk etc) than to park in the village. Not all Barcombe Parish is an easy walk to the village centre. Buses - any chance of linking to the A272 via Spithurst and then Haywards Heath is accessible?"*
- *"Well done taking this on now. I doubt if you are able to influence it much but new open market housing should provide for families (preferably with young children) and not be solely aimed at the affluent. If any steps could be taken to avoid the village becoming a dormitory, that would be good."*
- *"I'd like to reiterate that the 40mph areas (eg Spithurst Road) are inappropriate in a residential area. Also building masses of houses on the road to Barcombe Mills is simply asking for fatal accidents."*
- *"Some questions poorly framed. Others need supplementary information, for example definition/purpose/scope of a Community Land Trust."*
- *"Barcombe is a beautiful place to live. We must invest in green energy and stop development to protect that."*

For noting, and possible inclusion later in the Neighbourhood Plan:

- *"Hopeless survey - eg one can only make one choice in many answers." A number of individuals stated this, in particular for question 34, which relates to helping with the Neighbourhood Plan!*
- *"You really really need to have a presence on Social Media especially Facebook which is where most of the community you work on behalf of are communicating with each other."*
- *"Getting to Parish Council meetings in the dark is very difficult when it's in the Sports Pavilion. The Village Hall would be nicer!"*
- *"Littering from vehicles is a pain."*
- *"No. Feel extremely lucky to live in such a lovely village."*
- *"Make sure the outcomes are deliverable."*
- *"Thank you for investment in the plan."*
- *"A cohesive neighbourhood plan in conjunction with Lewes local plan is essential in my opinion."*
- *"Pet owners need to take greater responsibility for their animals; they should not be a nuisance for neighbours."*
- *"No new houses in the blackcurrant field!!!!"*

Age of Respondents (Q36)

Not quite all of the respondents completed this question (150 out of 151) and three of those that did decided not to give their age. From the stats 101 (77%) that completed the survey were between the ages of 45 and 74 and most of these were in the 45 to 54 age bracket (45). No one under the age of 24 completed the survey.

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ANNEXE 1

SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. Welcome to the Barcombe Neighbourhood Plan Survey 2024

Thank you for participating in our survey. Your feedback is important for Barcombe Parish.

There are 36 questions covering nine topics to do with: 'housing needs', 'community safety', 'village facilities', 'the natural environment', 'looking forward and visioning', 'transport', 'energy supplies', 'getting involved with the Neighbourhood Plan for Barcombe' and 'age group'. These topics and questions have been drafted by the Barcombe Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

The survey will run from 23 April 2024 to 31 May 2024. Primarily this is an online survey using Survey Monkey with paper copies being offered to anyone who wants one.

The survey will be promoted using communication channels:

- **The Parish Council's website**
- **A press release in the parish magazine**
- **Frequent reminders posted on the Barcombe Village Facebook pages**

Data analysis of the survey will be generated by Survey Monkey software with comments analysis carried out by the Barcombe Neighbourhood Plan Working Group. The data will be used to inform the content of the Neighbourhood Plan.

2. Housing Needs 1

1. Does any member of your household want to move to their own property (rented or owned) and remain in Barcombe Parish?

- Yes
- No, but a member of the household may want or need to move in the next five years
- No, it is unlikely that any member of the household may want or need to move out in the next five years
- No, the member of the household wants to move away

3. Housing 2

2. Barcombe Parish is a safe place to live

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly agree | <input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree |
| <input type="radio"/> Agree | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| <input type="radio"/> Disagree | |

3. If the answer to Question 8 is 'OTHER', give details

4. What sort of new Affordable Housing would you like to see in Barcombe Parish?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Social rented homes | <input type="radio"/> Self-build homes |
| <input type="radio"/> Affordable housing for sale | <input type="radio"/> A Community Land Trust |
| <input type="radio"/> Co-housing or co-op schemes | <input type="radio"/> Other |
| <input type="radio"/> Shared equity homes | |

5. If the answer to Question 6 is 'OTHER', give details

6. What type of property would be most suitable for the member of your household that is wanting or needing to move?

[Please select up to 3 of the following options]

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> House | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheltered/Assisted Living |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bungalow | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flat/Apartment | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

7. If the answer to Question 4 is 'OTHER REASONS', give details

8. If your answer to Question 1 was either 'YES', or 'NO BUT A MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD MAY WANT OR NEED TO MOVE IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS', what is the main reason your current property/accommodation is unsuitable for the member of your household who wants to move?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Too big | <input type="radio"/> Unsuitable for health/mobility requirements |
| <input type="radio"/> Too small | <input type="radio"/> Want/need to live independently |
| <input type="radio"/> Too expensive | <input type="radio"/> Want/need to move for work reasons |
| <input type="radio"/> Too difficult/costly to maintain | <input type="radio"/> Other reasons. |

9. If your answer to Question 2 is 'OTHER', provide a term that best describes the member of your household that wants to move out

10. If your answer to Question 1 was either 'YES', or 'NO, BUT A MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD MAY WANT OR NEED TO MOVE IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS', which of the following best describes that member of the household?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> A single adult | <input type="radio"/> A single adult over 65 |
| <input type="radio"/> An adult couple | <input type="radio"/> A couple over 65 |
| <input type="radio"/> A couple with children | <input type="radio"/> Other |

11. Do you think road safety is an issue for Barcombe Parish?

[Choose as many answers as you wish]

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> For Cyclists | <input type="checkbox"/> For Horse Riders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For Pedestrians | <input type="checkbox"/> For Motorcyclists |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For Car Drivers | |

12. What should be done to help improve road safety, if anything?

13. To what extent do you think large vehicles and traffic congestion are a problem in Barcombe Parish?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> A very serious problem | <input type="radio"/> Not a problem at all |
| <input type="radio"/> Somewhat a problem | |

14. What could be done to help and improve traffic flow in Barcombe Parish, if anything?

4. Village Facilities

15. How satisfied are you with the recreational amenities provided within Barcombe Parish (recreation ground, pavilion, village hall, sports hall, Wild About Barcombe and other public spaces)?

- Very satisfied Dissatisfied
 Satisfied Very dissatisfied
 Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

16. If the answer to Question 15 was 'DISSATISFIED' or 'VERY DISSATISFIED', state why this is the case

17. Generally, how satisfied are you with the local services, pub, shop etc. and other amenities in Barcombe?

- Very satisfied Dissatisfied
 Satisfied Very dissatisfied
 Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

18. If your answer to Question 17 is 'DISSATISFIED' or 'VERY DISSATISFIED', state why this is the case

5. Natural Environment

19. Do you have any environmental concerns for Barcombe Parish?

	Not at all concerned	Slightly concerned	Moderately concerned	Very concerned	Extremely concerned
Carbon Emissions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Air Pollution/Noise Pollution	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Soil Pollution	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ecology/Wildlife	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Flooding/Flood Risk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trees	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water Contamination	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Landscape	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

20. If any of your answers to Question 19 is 'VERY CONCERNED' or 'EXTREMELY CONCERNED', what reasons do you have?

6. Looking Forward and Visioning

21. In your opinion, for which additional community facility do you think there is the greatest need for in Barcombe Parish?

22. Looking forward 10 years, what kind of place would you like Barcombe Parish to become?

7. Transport

23. How many cars are there in your household?

- 0 3
 1 4
 2 More than 4

24. How many of the cars in your household are either electric or plug in hybrid?

- 0 2
 1 More than 2

25. On average, how many car journeys are made by members of your household in one week?

- 0 Between 11 and 15
 Between 1 and 5 More than 15
 Between 6 and 10

26. On average, how many train journeys are made by members of your household in one week?

- 0 3
 1 More than 3
 2

27. If the train station was easier to get to would you travel by train more often?

- Yes No

28. If the answer to Question 27 was 'NO', explain why?

29. On average, how many car miles do members of your household travel in order to get to work each week?

- 0 Between 51 and 100
 Between 1 and 10 More than 100
 Between 11 and 50

30. On average, how many home deliveries does your household receive in one week?

- 0 3
 1 More than 3
 2

8. Energy Supplies

31. Should local land be used to accommodate energy generating solar panels?

Yes

No

Don't know

32. Would you be interested in joining an energy group to consider and promote a move to Net Zero energy use in the Parish?

Yes

No

Don't know

33. Would you be prepared to invest in a community energy generation scheme?

Yes

No

Don't know

9. Getting Involved

34. In which of the following ways would you be willing to be involved in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Barcombe?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Distributing information | <input type="radio"/> Voting in the neighbourhood referendum |
| <input type="radio"/> Helping with a website | <input type="radio"/> Not sure but would like to help where I can |
| <input type="radio"/> Joining the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group | <input type="radio"/> No thank you |
| <input type="radio"/> Responding to surveys | <input type="radio"/> Not sure |

35. Have you any other comments, feedback or concerns, not covered elsewhere in this survey, you would like to make?

10. Age Group

36. What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18 - 24
- 25 - 34
- 35 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55 - 64
- 65 - 74
- 75+
- Prefer not to say