

Bishopthorpe@Crossroads

Summary of Crossroads Questionnaire Responses October 2004

Introduction

The Questionnaire was distributed on behalf of the Project by the Bishopthorpe and Wheldrake Ward Committee.

We are grateful to the officers of the City Council, to Lister's Newsagents and to Riley's Pharmacy for collecting the returns.

Forty-four questionnaires were returned, of which twenty-four were signed by two people. Thus a total of sixty-eight people are represented in the returns. All of them said that they would like to see improvements to the area. Duplicate responses are counted twice in the summary. We are grateful to all who took the trouble to complete and return the questionnaires.

Whilst the largest number of returns came from people living within a few minutes walk of the site, about a quarter came from residents in less central areas of the village.

It had not been possible to trial the questionnaire before distribution. Considering this, it appeared to provide adequately for the points people wished to raise. Some uncertainty had occurred as to choice of box for point to be made. Where this was obvious, the opinion was assigned to the correct section when the forms were summarised.

In some instances, it was necessary to simplify in order to codify. It was not possible, for example, to list every detail of location for plant containers, but the suggestion was counted as a desire for more planting.

One problem arose with the question, "What feature should be kept?" This was too ambiguous. A few people, quite reasonably, included the main buildings in their answers. Obviously, it should not be assumed the the small number of votes for these is a true reflection of the desire to retain the Pinfold (12) or the Methodist Church (1) is a true reflection of general opinion. The fault lay in the wording of the question.

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Nature of usage

People use the junction as follows:

Drive through it - 65

Walk through it - 69

Rest in it - 2

Access Old School - 17

Access Methodist Church - 13

Access Library - 53

Access shops - 69

Access Archbishop of York School - 10

Cycle through it - 6

Expressions of possible willingness to help with the Project

Willing 33

Unwilling/unable 28

Section not completed 8

Some people apologised that through age or infirmity they would be unable to help.

Responses categorised by theme

Pinfold

Remove

Blackthorn tree 2

Add

Focal point (village name board; water feature) 6

History and/or Information Board 6

Seating 2

Change

Tidy Pinfold 3

Keep

Pinfold 12

Private house - corner Main St./Sim Balk Lane

Remove

Hard surface of open area 1

Fence 2

Change

Frontage/general appearance 5

Library

Remove

Concrete from surrounding area 10

Bollards 9

Change

Appearance of building 4,

Surrounding area 7

Frontage 10

Rebuild 1

Locate in Old School 1

Locate elsewhere 2

Seat outside 4

Pitched Roof 1

Add

Concealed rear access for staff & deliveries 2

New landscaping 7

Screening to rooflights 2

Replace coping stone on wall 2

Keep

The Library 5

Roads

Remove

Excess signs	13	Part of outbuild by Methodist Church	1
Speed tables	3	Old bus stop remnants	2
Puddles	2	Overhanging branches	2

Add

Traffic lights	1	Rumble strips	1
Coherent signs	2	Bus Shelter	5
Crossing Warden	4	Efficient policing	4
Parking restrictions	7	Parking provision	13
Pedestrian crossing	23	Speed cameras	2
One way system (Temple Rd./Cop. Lane)	8	Roundabout	6

Change

Pavement and/or road surface	12	Paved area nr Methodist. Church	1
Grass to lay by - Cop. Lane	4	Extra road bumps	2
Signposts	2	Road layout	6
Extend Appleton Rd. lay by	4	Ban HGV's	3
Traffic calming	2	Cop. Lane Jct.	1

Keep

Traffic calming	1	
Junction without roundabout	2	
Methodist Church corner	unchanged	3

Old School

Remove

Tarmac surround 2

Add

Seat outside 1

Conservatory to frontage 3

Fencing around play area 2

Better boundary wall 1

Outdoor café

Change

Vehicular Access 2

Front area 3

Paint school 1

Paint fences/gates 2

Clock 1

(Convert to Library 1)

Keep

Old School 3

Clock 2

The Area Generally

Remove

Unsightly fences 12

Gas structure 2

Weeds/litter 3

Salt bin 1

Add

Planting (Gardens/tubs/baskets) 23

Seating 24

Trees 10

Rubbish bin(s) 4

Security cameras 2

Christmas tree 2

Cycle racks 3

Change

Fences 5

Gas installation 1

Area in front of Methodist church 2

Grass outside shops 4

Shop frontages 1

Keep

Junior School trees 1

Existing seat (but refurbish) 4

Bin 3

Method. Church & grounds unchanged 1

All existing community facilities 2

Shops 2