



PARISH PLAN

Executive Summary

CHILDREN	
Children in household	Majority of respondents were households without children.
Schools attended	Majority went to school in the parish.
Travel to School	Most walked to school.
POLICING	
Crime & safety/policing	Concern about a lack of police visibility and youths gathering at Cheveley Park shops.
Feel safe	In the overall numerical survey, 91% of people indicated that they felt safe in Belmont Parish. However in the 130 comments written expressed some concerns.
LOCAL SERVICES	
Parish Council services	The community is not sure what the Parish Council does or what powers it has.
Health service provision	Comments on Health Service were extremely positive.
Services used	All services used by respondents
Services to be available	Low response - most respondents were satisfied with the services available.
TRANSPORT	
Bus services	A quarter of the responses referred to unreliable and late running services.
Reopening Leamside Line	Comments ranged from "definitely for" to "definitely against".
MISCELLANEOUS	
Education & Training	There was very little response to this section
Recreation & leisure facilities	Lack of facilities for all age groups. Mentally disabled people are not valued. Library facilities are excellent.
SHOPPING	
Shopping Facilities	Most comments concentrated on the state of the shops rather than the actual facilities. Post Office required in Gilesgate Moor.
Which areas used	Comments on shops and services covered in other sections.
Items unable to purchase locally	Butchery products.



ROADS AND TRAFFIC	
Adequacy of roads.	The road network inadequately meets the demands of the traffic generated by the retail parks. Carrville High Street is very congested.
Maintenance of roads	Roads are badly maintained and in a very poor state of repair across the whole of the parish. Potholes were mentioned in about 30% of responses.
Congestion	The school was the main area of concern.
Parking (High Street & Marshall Terrace)	All of the comments indicate that it is considered to be a problem area.
Commercial Traffic	Lorries and buses transporting pupils to Belmont Community School. Lorries and delivery vehicles using short cuts to reach destinations.
Pedestrian Crossings	More crossings required.
Speeding Vehicles	The two main roads causing concern with speeding vehicles are Broomside Lane and Carrville High Street. There is also concern in respect of particular named estate roads.
COUNTY COUNCIL	
County Council Services	Library well used and excellent. Residents' opinion ignored. Street cleaning not carried out often enough. More attention during winter months.
Rubbish Collection	Most people satisfied with service, however service could be improved.
Recycling	Recycling bins required to replace inadequate bags and boxes. Recycling should be weekly
	Avoid leaving a mess and replace receptacles in curtilage. Whilst some thought this was a good or excellent Service, others are cynical about the whole recycling exercise and real benefit to the environment.
Street Cleaning	Quality of street cleaning was a concern, the timing of street cleaning (before rubbish collection) was specifically referred to.
Grass Cutting	The mess left behind because grass cuttings is not collected by the machines combined with a poor

	standard of finish, some areas overcut and other areas shaved bare.
Footpaths & Pavements	Only one person stated that the pavements were in a good condition. All other comments had complaints.
Cost cutting preferences	Most of the comments on the economy really didn't relate to Belmont Parish but to wider issues.
ENVIRONMENT	
Environmental Issues	All of these areas are covered more fully in other parts of the questionnaire.
Preservation of Green Spaces	The comments here were very comprehensive; - leave our green spaces alone.
Litter	Most of the comments concerned litter dropped at lunchtimes by schoolchildren. Most felt that the problem of fast food outlets contributed to the litter Litter is noticed by a lot of people in the village and they would like to see a pro-active approach taken to solving the problem.
Dog Fouling	Almost all comments thought there was a problem of some kind.
Street Lighting	Typically comments of concern referred to lights being off, lights being on during the day, too light, too dark or lights being obscured. Other comments were complimentary both in terms of the level of lighting and the promptness of repair when required.
Litter picking	Cheveley Park shops, the school campus and the route between the school and Tesco were identified as problem areas.
Parking (Residential Areas)	Of all the comments, only 3 didn't complain about some aspect of parking in the Parish.
HOUSING	
Affordable Housing	Split was almost exactly 50/50 for and against. Neither wanted to see flats built. Several comments about the number of empty flats and houses.
Do we need more Housing?	The majority said "No".
If yes what kind?	No One was in favour of more flats or Social housing.