

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMENT SHEETS

HOUSING/BUILT ENVIRONMENT:

- village not suitable for starter homes
- no large houses required
- no building in the green belt x 4
- no mention of church or school or Parish halls
- sceptical that social housing can work in RM
- supportive of 3 trees as part of design code, & design code generally
- need social housing with preference for those living within a 4m radius
- if Station Close site considered, there needs to be a return road onto the A695
- affordable smaller houses welcomed, but not at the expense of the green belt!
- backing for affordable and smaller housing
- would like to see any planning or licensing applications, on PC land, by sports bodies/recreational committees submitted to LA, to have PC backing prior to application
- affordable housing, but not in the green belt

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- supportive of tree planting schemes, esp. replating woodland sites
- plant trees around perimeter of cricket field
- plant trees in gaps along A695
- possible dimming of streetlights was mentioned x2; blackout blinds are needed in parts of station close; station lights come on too early; loss of insects; educate residents about outside lighting and how it affects fauna
- reduction in streetlighting hours would be good
- need to promote hedgehog routes ie hedges not fences, or at least fences with gaps
- dog park requested with dog proof fence
- field around Wentworth to be a protected space?, due to 40 species of fungi
- would like track west of Church Lane to be a protected space x 2
- supportive of wild meadow
- needs to promote dark skies initiative
- links with TRT to be promoted

TRANSPORT AND STREETSCAPE

- 2 people in favour of 20mph thro' the village, esp. at Broomhaugh where older people have to cross the road. x 3
- suggestion of a priority lane scheme at the narrowest section of A695 x2
- change 30mph speed limit sign at W end village to show actual speed
- older residents were keen to get ADAPT to service the village??
- EV points should be progressed- old playground/ station/ parish hall etc.
- all public areas should be reinstated properly
- concerns re tennis club parking on Millfield Road
- need to encourage use of public transport
- looking forward to the pedestrian crossing to ameliorate the poor crossing at that point
- would like to see an off route cycle path to Stocksfield

NB perhaps streetscape should be moved to a different section; village entrances, street furniture and large areas of tarmac in village need to be considered??

LOCAL ECONOMY

- increase in shopping options should be welcomed- veg. boxes?
- encourage farmers to grow/farm organically
- is there still a covenant on some houses in the village preventing working from home/businesses? if so, can this be removed?
- concurred with efforts to improve connectivity. x2
- can Bobby's shop be designated a community asset?

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- could the path to the blue bridge either side of the river be reinstated?
- linking footpath and cycle paths felt to be good
- can footpath maps be located around the village?
- there used to be a welcome letter sent out from the PC to all new residents, with the clubs, facilities and 'rules' listed – could/should this be reinstated?
- should mental health be covered?
- relocating the tennis club adj. the CC, whilst a major scheme, should not be ruled out??
- hopes that "keeping the tennis club facilities up to date" does not include floodlights. x 8
- a village history society was mentioned
- new path along the line of the old roman road??
- more emphasis on therapeutic benefits of open space

RENEWABLE AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- EV points should be progressed- old playground/ station/ parish hall etc.
- welcomed the SUDS suggestion in the design code
- poor WAN signal in village preventing take up of smart meters
- supportive of community owned energy project
- wind generation project suggested for top of Whiteside bank
- would have preferred a target of 2030 for zero carbon achievement

Comments translated from the comments received from the 17 people who filled in sheets following the event and at the event, and emails rec'