



# Pulborough Neighbourhood Plan

## Survey of residents

## Full results

Letting us know how  
to shape Pulborough  
as it grows



Pulborough Parish Council

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As part of the development of the Neighbourhood Plan it is required that residents' views are canvassed and a survey was developed to do this. It was circulated to all households in Pulborough parish in the summer of 2014.

The Parish Council had a copy delivered to every household in Pulborough parish, approximately 2,300 of them. Some went by contractor, some by the Royal Mail and some personally delivered by the council chairman - and others. More were handed out at the supermarkets and more downloaded from the council website.

There were 801 completed copies returned which is about 35% of the households in the parish. Compared with other parishes this is a good result.

Initial results were published at the Harvest Fair in September 2014 followed by an article in the Parish Bulletin circulated to all households. A more complete set of results were circulated with the Bulletin in June 2015.

The following report attempts to give a more thorough analysis. However the survey and the analysis were carried out by neighbourhood plan volunteers, not professional statisticians, so we are willing to be disproved on any conclusion. No-one will ever claim our arithmetic is perfect despite many checks. The Excel spreadsheet of the results can also be obtained from the parish office.

Percentages are generally from the total responses, 801, unless otherwise stated. In many questions, not everyone answered every point and we also rounded the percentages so totals may not add up to 100.

Format: The question, **in bold type**, is quoted exactly as in the survey and then the results are listed. Any comments are *in italics*.

### ABOUT YOU

#### Required information

Postcode: This was included to ensure the returns came from across the parish with no undue concentrations or gaps.

#### Age:

The following were the ages people declared.

Under 16	0	
17-24	10	1.25%
25-40	73	9.11%
41-64	333	41.57%
65+	366	45.69%

*Some people did not put their age. Some put ages of all or some in the household.*

*The skew to the older age groups means the answers throughout the survey and this report are biased to their opinions. Those in the younger age groups obviously put other priorities above the need to give their opinions about the place where they live.*

*In order to counter this, after completing the full analysis, we extracted the responses of everyone under 41 and looked at them separately to see what differences there might be. Any comments are included below.*

#### How long have you lived in Pulborough?

The length of time ranged from newcomers who had arrived only weeks before to four residents who had lived here for more than 70 years and two residents who had lived here for more than 80 years.

**If you work, do you work in Pulborough?**

*These figures, and those in the next question, are only indications because of the lower number of responses in the lower age groups although over half the respondents, 416 people, were within working age.*

127 people, 16% of all respondents and 31% of working age respondents, live and work in Pulborough.

**If you work outside Pulborough, where do you work?**

59 people, 14% of working age respondents, worked in London (within the M25).

34 people, 8% of working age respondents, worked in Horsham.

19 people, 5% of working age respondents, worked in Chichester

14 people, 3% of working age respondents, worked at Gatwick

14 people, 3% of working age respondents, worked in Guildford

10 people, 2% of working age respondents, worked in Crawley

102 people, incl some of the above, 25% of working age respondents, worked in West Sussex (those working in Pulborough need to be added to this figure to give a complete figure for West Sussex.)

37 people, incl some of the above, 9% of working age respondents, worked in Surrey

8 people, incl some of the above, 2% of working age respondents, worked in Hampshire

There were a few respondents who worked globally, airline crew perhaps, or international business people. Scotland was also mentioned by a few and some travelled the southeast and some around the country.

**Optional information**

We asked for names and addresses of those who were interested in more information about the Neighbourhood Plan. 398 people gave contact information.

**Part 2 A SHARED VISION FOR PULBOROUGH**

**Question 2.1: What do you most value about living in Pulborough parish? List up to three in order of importance. 1 being the most important. Please keep your answers short and to the point.**

Analysis of this and the next question could go on for pages. However, in brief, about two-thirds of people mention countryside, rural, views, the Downs or similar words.

About one-third mention friendly, village, community, nice neighbours or similar words.

About a quarter mention the railway or rail links and around a fifth, or 20%, mention the shops or supermarkets.

**Question 2.2: What do you most dislike about living in Pulborough parish? List up to three in order, 1 being the most important. Please keep your answers short and to the point.**

The biggest dislike was the amount, speed, size (HGVs) or noisiness of traffic mentioned by 321 people, 40% of respondents. Many people mentioned more than one aspect, some used all three dislikes (but were only counted once in this analysis).

Next most disliked was housing, the amount, sizes, types and positioning. This was mentioned by 120 people or 15% of respondents.

The lack of shops, either in general or particular types, was disliked by 112 people, 14% of respondents.

No centre to the village (well before question 2.11) was mentioned by 97 people, 12% of respondents.

Parking problems, frequently but not exclusively mentioning Stopham Rd and/or the station, was mentioned by 70 people, 9% of respondents.

Anti-social behaviour, often mentioning 'teenagers' and/or 'yobs' was disliked by 55 people, 7% of respondents.

A lack of social or leisure amenities was disliked by 44 people, 5% of respondents.

Swan Corner, either as an entrance to the village or the danger of crossing the road, was mentioned by 42 people, 5% of respondents.

**Question 2.3: Thinking about the village, how would you like Pulborough described in 15 years' time?**

**Question 2.4: Thinking about the parish how would you like Pulborough described in 15 years' time?**

In both cases respondents were given a choice of the same words: Accessible; Affordable; Attractive; Friendly; Prosperous; Rural; Safe; Traditional; Tranquil; Vibrant and asked to tick their top five in each question. The top five choices are as follows:-

<u>Village</u>	<u>Parish</u>
Safe (80%)	Rural (77%)
Friendly (75%)	Safe (76%)
Rural (73%)	Friendly (63%)
Attractive (53%)	Attractive (54%)
Tranquil (41%)	Tranquil (42%)

**Question 2.5: Bearing sustainable development in mind, what do you think are the biggest benefits development could bring to Pulborough parish? Please tick up to five. If you feel any are particularly important, then put a double tick.**

These were the 20 choices which were offered in alphabetical order. This is the result in order showing the number who chose it, percentage of the total and then the number who double-ticked it. Figures in column five below were not added to those in column three.

	Choice	No. who chose it	Percentage of total (801)	No. who double ticked it
1	Protection of the countryside and local assets	427	53%	81
2	Medical and care facilities	334	42%	36
3	A community with a balance of ages and incomes	328	41%	22
4	Village identity and sense of community	278	35%	40
5	Local jobs and businesses	272	34%	19
6	Shops and services	262	32%	17
7	Facilities and services for	222	28%	18

	young people			
8	Investment in infrastructure	207	26%	21
9	Broadband speeds	199	25%	24
10	Transport links	181	23%	10
11	Safe pedestrian routes	167	21%	20
12	Land for recreation (allotments, playing fields)	157	20%	15
13	Leisure facilities	156	19%	12
14	Schools and childcare	117	15%	11
15	Variety of housing	95	12%	9
16	Safe cycle routes	94	12%	8
17	Air quality	89	11%	7
18	Parking	87	11%	5
19	Mobile phone coverage	70	9%	8
20	Rental properties	24	3%	2
21	Energy production	16	2%	0

We asked people to write in their own answer if they liked. Few did and there was no overwhelming suggestion.

**Question 2.6: What worries you about further development in Pulborough parish? In other words, what outcomes of further development would you say are unsustainable? Please tick up to five. If you feel any are particularly important, then put a double tick.**

Again, the following 17 choices were given in alphabetical order. The results are listed in order of preference showing the number selecting each one, the percentage of the total responses (801) and number who double-ticked each one. The figures in column five below have not been added to those in column three.

	Choice	No. selecting each choice	Percentage of total responses (801)	No. who double-ticked each one
1	Increased traffic	554	69%	109
2	Loss of countryside and/or green space between existing settlements	484	60%	91
3	Oversubscribed medical and care facilities	401	50%	71
4	Increase in crime and anti-social behaviour	351	45%	55
5	Overloaded sewage and drainage system	298	37%	40
6	No obvious centre to Pulborough village	263	33%	20
7	Reduction in the amount of green space	252	31%	36
8	A weaker sense of community	200	25%	14

9	Overstretched local amenities	189	24%	24
10	Lack of school/childcare places or school/childcare overcrowding	162	20%	14
11	Expansion targeted only at people on high incomes	161	20%	19
12	Lack of adequate parking in Pulborough village	135	17%	8
13	Unsafe pedestrian routes	121	15%	11
14	Insufficient sports and leisure facilities	89	11%	5
15	Air quality	80	10%	8
16	Undermine local businesses	62	8%	3
17	Unsafe cycle routes	52	6%	4

We asked people to write in their own answer if they liked. Few did and there was no overwhelming suggestion.

**Question 2.7: Thinking about sustainable development, what single change would most improve your quality of life as a resident of Pulborough parish? Please keep your answers short and to the point.**

An interesting question, what 'single change' would people suggest? And difficult to analyse but here's a selection, and only a selection.

Reducing the amount of traffic is the biggest cry, nearly three times the next largest suggestion. The number and speed of HGVs is of particular concern. Many people want a bypass, both north-south and east-west. Rat-runs are also mentioned frequently.

More shops is the next request. Mainly small independent shops. And a village centre (see also 2.11).

Comments on housing developments feature strongly. The design, position, numbers and the people who live in them.

Footpaths are a concern, many need to be widened and some hedges need to be trimmed back but mainly pedestrians want to feel safer. Cycle ways are needed but away from roads.

Parking features as well. Either there's not enough or people are parking in the 'wrong' place.

Stopham Road gets more than a few mentions. And people who park on pavements.

There's a lot of suggestions for a leisure centre and a swimming pool.

And the medical centre is a concern because appointments need to be booked so far ahead.

## **PULBOROUGH AS A RURAL COMMUNITY**

**Question 2.8: Pulborough is a community at the heart of rural West Sussex. A rural feel and access to the countryside is fundamental not only to our quality of life and community identity but also to many aspects of our economy. Do you:**

Strongly agree	569 responses	71%
Agree	183	23%
Disagree	17	2%
Strongly disagree	6	1%
No opinion/Don't know	20	2%

*This is a huge vote, 94%, in support of defending the countryside.*

**Question 2.9: How important do you think it is that these individual settlements should remain physically separate from the others to maintain their identity? Please tick one option per settlement.**

	Essential	Important	Unimportant	No opinion/Don't know
Codmore Hill	169 21%	186 23%	295 37%	90 11%
Marehill	209 26%	180 22%	240 30%	111 14%
North Heath	267 33%	188 23%	161 20%	122 15%
Nutbourne	374 47%	206 26%	90 11%	83 10%
Pulborough village	286 36%	202 25%	198 25%	67 8%

*Nutbourne should remain separate. North Heath and Pulborough village both get over 50% on the 'separate' side but Codmore Hill and Marehill get just below. Apart from Nutbourne, an indicative but not a conclusive result.*

#### **A FRAGMENTED COMMUNITY?**

**Question 2.10: The Pulborough Community Action Plan 2012-2015 stated that the pattern of recent housing developments and lack of connections between them 'is having a negative effect on the village's identity and the community's sense of itself'. Do you:**

Strongly agree	193	24%
Agree	271	34%
Disagree	130	16%
Strongly disagree	39	5%
No opinion/Don't know	153	19%

*The 'agree' and 'strongly agree' add up to 58%. However, a question which gets nearly 20% 'don't know' probably could have been better phrased.*

#### **NO VILLAGE CENTRE**

**Question 2.11: The Neighbourhood Plan should have a settled approach to this issue (of no village centre). Please tell us which of the following approaches you think is in the best interests of the village and the wider parish.**

Do nothing – let the market decide and allow each area to develop as it will	86	11%
Actively support all four areas equally to develop their potential	285	36%
Choose one area to be the main commercial centre of the village and work with HDC and the landlords to realise its potential as a commercial/retail heart.	404	50%

**If you think we should make one area the main village centre, which should it be?**

Lower Street/Library/Village Hall area	465	58%
Swan Corner/Station Road area	20	2%
Tesco/Primary Care Centre/Colonnades/Recreation Ground area	117	15%

Codmore Hill/Sainsbury's/Coughtrey's area	14	2%
No opinion/Don't know	79	10%

*'Choose one area' was ticked by 404 people but 695 people made a choice between the four areas. Anyway, at 67% of those casting a vote, that's an endorsement of Lower Street.*

## **PULBOROUGH AS A SERVICE CENTRE**

**Question 2.12: Thinking of Pulborough village as a service centre, what services or amenities do you think are lacking? What does Pulborough not have that you would like it to have?**

**List up to three and please keep your answers short and to the point.**

In this question, 176 people, 22% of the 801 responders, wanted a leisure centre/gym/swimming pool.

This was far ahead of the next largest category which was 104 people, 13%, who just wanted more shops. However a further 66, 8%, specifically asked for a greengrocer, another 46, 6%, wanted a hardware/ironmongers and 44, 6%, wanted a bakery. Other shops were mentioned but these were the largest numbers. There were 8% of respondents who wanted a better or full-service post office but since the current one in Lower Street is going because he is losing money that is not likely to happen.

Restaurants and cafes, 8%, and pubs, 3%, were wanted by some.

Better parking is a requirement for many with 7% mentioning the lack of parking at the station.

Better bus services were wanted by 6% with trains only mentioned by a further 2%.

Public toilets were important to 4% and the primary care centre problems were mentioned by another 3%.

There were 30 people, 4% of responders, mentioning policing, a proper police station and/or a village constable or PCSO.

## **PART 3. HOUSING/DEVELOPMENT**

**Question 3.1: Thinking about the sustainable development of Pulborough over the next 15 years, where do you think the priority in house building should be in Pulborough parish? Please tick all that you would support:**

In-filling or re-use of brownfield sites in the existing built up area	595	74%
In-filling or re-use of brownfield sites outside the current built up areas and settlements	376	47%
Use of greenfield sites outside of the current built up areas and settlements	50	6%

A controlled extension of the built up area of: (please tick one or more)

Codmore Hill	332	41%
Marehill	131	16%
Nutbourne	73	9%
North Heath	244	30%
Pulborough village	203	25%

No opinion/don't know	47	6%
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Other: There were 71 comments, many saying 'no further development' while others suggested sites that have been picked up elsewhere.



**Question 3.2: Thinking about your next move, what type of house would you want to move to if you were to stay in Pulborough? Please tick one.**

*Results in order are:*

Bungalow	143	18%
3-4 bed house	111	14%
2-3 bed house	102	13%
Smaller retirement housing	73	9%
Warden-assisted retirement housing	67	8%
Eco-friendly	56	7%
1-2 bed house	45	6%
5+ bed house	32	4%
Flat	19	2%
Self-build	17	2%
Community housing (parish-owned for local people)	15	2%
Low-cost housing (relative to local incomes)	11	1%
Social housing	9	1%
Residential care	7	1%
Shared ownership	1	0%
Other	113	14%, most of whom had no plans to move

*Here 18% want to move to a bungalow but developers aren't building bungalows as the land is too expensive. Others want a 2, 3 or 4 bed house which is more likely to happen.*

**Question 3.3: Thinking about the needs of others in Pulborough, what types of housing do you think are most needed? Please tick up to five. If you feel any are particularly important, then put a double tick.**

*Results in order are:*

2-3 bed houses	297	37%
Smaller retirement housing	279	35%
Low cost housing (relative to local incomes)	277	35%
Community housing (parish owned for local people)	251	31%
Warden-assisted retirement housing	203	25%
1-2 bed houses	200	25%
Eco-friendly	197	25%
Bungalows	186	23%
3-4 bed houses	131	16%
Residential care	84	10%
Flats	81	10%
Shared ownership	67	8%
Social housing	59	7%
Self build	55	7%
5+ bed houses	22	3%
No opinion/ Don't know	74	9%
Other:	51	6%, mainly 'no more housing' with pleas for a mixture, houses with gardens and low-cost for local workers.

*The top choices are a recognition of the needs of families, older people and younger ones starting on the housing ladder. The 5+ bed executive homes come right at the bottom. However, there are sites out in the parish where a few executive homes might make more sense than smaller dwellings.*

**Question 3.4: How many houses do you think could be sustainably built in Pulborough parish in the next 15 years (2015-2030)? Please tick one of the following options.**

More than 500	33	4%
Up to 500	86	11%
Up to 400	52	6%
Up to 300	125	16%
Up to 200	179	22%
Up to 100	273	34%

*Only 53 people didn't answer this which could indicate that most people recognise that some development will be required in the future.*

**Question 3.5: What size of housing developments do you think would be most appropriate to meet the need for housing in Pulborough parish? Please tick all that apply. If you think an option is particularly important, then put a double tick.**

Large developments (more than 25 houses)	62	8%
Medium developments (10 to 25 houses)	320	40%
Smaller developments (fewer than 10 houses)	452	56%
Individual homes	287	36%
Other	54	

*Most people want a few houses here and there. Doesn't sit well with landowners wanting as much money for their land as possible and developers needing to maximise on their investment by building as many houses as planning will allow.*

**Question 3.6: Additional housing may require additional childcare services. Do you agree that the Neighbourhood Plan should seek to locate these within Pulborough parish?**

Strongly agree	244	30%
Agree	391	49%
Disagree	34	4%
Strongly disagree	5	1%
No opinion/Don't know	109	14%

**Question 3.7: Additional housing may require an additional primary school. Do you agree that the Neighbourhood Plan should seek to locate this within Pulborough parish?**

Strongly agree	217	27%
Agree	361	45%
Disagree	79	10%
Strongly disagree	12	1%
No opinion/Don't know	110	14%

#### PART 4. INFRASTRUCTURE

**Question 4.1** The Pulborough Community Action Plan 2012-2015 states that “infrastructure has not kept pace with development, and residents are becoming increasingly aware of and frustrated by the fact that infrastructure planning has been (and remains) insufficient”. Do you:

Strongly agree	325	41%
Agree	278	35%
Disagree	50	6%
Strongly disagree	6	1%
No opinion/Don't know	104	13%

**Question 4.2.** For each item of infrastructure, please put a tick to say whether it is Good, Acceptable or Poor. If you think we have left something out then please write it in the last two rows.

	Good	Average	Poor	Percentage of all 801 respondents
Sewerage/Drainage	239 30%	286 36%	208 26%	92%
Water Supply	436 55%	282 35%	35 4%	94%
Electricity	422 53%	303 38%	23 3%	94%
Gas	396 50%	236 30%	57 7%	87%
Mobile phone	114 14%	307 38%	295 37%	89%
Broadband	98 12%	275 34%	330 41%	87%
Pavements	69 9%	255 32%	398 50%	91%
Roads	64 8%	300 38%	393 49%	95%

*Roads and pavements come out with the poorest results with around half of respondents marking them down. Mobile phone coverage is not good but since the survey was taken in summer 2014 Vodafone have improved their signal in parts of the parish. Sewerage/Drainage also gets a poor result which is to be expected given the age and size of some parts of the system. Gas doesn't reach all parts so fewer people ticked anything there. Broadband isn't used by some older people, probably why the percentage of answers is lower, and we hope that when BT finish rolling out the new system that will improve reception in many parts of the village. Younger people placed Broadband highly. As regards other suggestions, some are commented on elsewhere but there were mentions of TV signal and of hedges overhanging pavements.*

**Question 4.3.** If money was available to invest in infrastructure, where should it be spent? Please tick up to three. If you think an option is particularly important, then put a double tick.

The results, in order, are:

Roads	484	60%	67 double ticks
Pavements	416	52%	65
Sewerage/Drainage	367	46%	60

Broadband	346	43%	56
Mobile phone	196	24%	21
Water Supply	69	9%	2
Electricity	42	5%	2
Gas	38	5%	2

The most frequent 'Other' added were concerning traffic and parking and some mentioning cycle ways.

*The figures add up to more than 100% as people were asked to tick up to three items. The percentages are of 801 total responses. The double ticks were not included in the first figure.*

**Question 4.4. Should the Neighbourhood Plan support land being made available for energy production? Please tick all that apply. If you think an option is particularly important, then put a double tick**

The results, in order, are:

Solar	352	44%	27 double ticks
Wind	219	27%	12
Geothermal	128	16%	7
Shale Gas (Fracking)	121	15%	7
Hydroelectric	79	10%	10
Biomass	78	10%	4
Oil	57	7%	1
Nuclear	14	2%	0
None of the above	162	20%	13
Don't know/no opinion	106	13%	

*Nearly half the respondents vote for solar and a quarter for wind power. However one in five want none of the above.*

**Question 4.5. West Sussex County Council held a public exhibition in Pulborough Village Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014 to discuss the reasons for and against fracking. No-one has yet suggested fracking within Pulborough parish, but if an application was made would you be:**

Strongly in favour	35	4%
Moderately in favour	138	17%
Moderately against	73	9%
Strongly against	328	41%
No opinion/Don't know	21	3%
Not enough information to make a decision	197	25%

*Now that oil prices are climbing again fracking is likely to return to the agenda sometime in the future so despite the headlines one in five respondents are in favour of fracking and one in four don't yet have enough information to make a decision. Half the respondents are against it.*

## **PART 5. BUSINESS & LOCAL ECONOMY**

**Question 5.1. Should the Neighbourhood Plan allocate land for business use? Please tick all that apply.**

The answers, in order, are:

Shops & Retail	467	58%
Light industrial units	374	47%
Food & restaurants	344	43%
Starter units	312	39%
Tourism businesses	307	38%
Offices	212	26%
Factory/manufacturing units	117	15%
No opinion/Don't know	31	4%
None of the above	53	7%

*Currently, the only commercial development actually being planned is the move of Hepworth's Brewery from Horsham to Brinsbury and the permission given to the Broomers Hill Industrial Park to add more units.*

**Question 5.2. Would you be in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan allocating land for the creation of a business centre providing low-cost, flexible workspaces, meeting rooms and managed services for local start-ups, small enterprises, freelancers and home workers?**

Strongly in favour	297	37%
Moderately in favour	364	45%
Moderately against	43	5%
Strongly against	38	5%
No opinion/Don't know	40	5%

*The thinking behind this is that there are many people running businesses from home and who would like to move out but can't afford or don't need normal industrial units. How and where we do it is the next question but the support is obviously there.*

## **PULBOROUGH IS AT THE HEART OF RURAL WEST SUSSEX**

**Question 5.3. The Parish Council has been working.....to maximise Pulborough's visitor economy. Would you be in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan developing policies that support this idea?**

Strongly in favour	370	46%
Moderately in favour	333	42%
Moderately against	21	3%
Strongly against	19	2%
No opinion/Don't know	37	5%

*We are in the centre of rural West Sussex and in the middle of the northern boundary of the national park and surrounded by places to go. We must be able to capitalise on that.*

## **PART 6. TRANSPORT**

**Question 6.1. As a Pulborough resident, what form of transport do you use most? Please tick one.**

The answers, in order, are:

Car	668	83%
Walking	99	12%

Train	43	5%
Bus	36	4%
Bicycle	7	1%
Motorbike	1	0%
Mobility vehicle/wheelchair	1	0%

*The classic dilemma, all the way through this survey respondents have said that traffic is one of the main dislikes about living in Pulborough. That and parking. But 83% use the car most of all.*

**Question 6.2. As a Pulborough resident, what other forms of transport would you like to use more? Please tick all that apply.**

The answers, in order, are:

Bus	274	34%
Train	262	33%
Bicycle	240	30%
Walking	233	29%
Car	42	5%
Mobility vehicle/wheelchair	14	2%
Motorbike	4	0%

*So around a third of people want to use other forms of transport rather than the car. Trains are seen as expensive and buses are no good for going to work and there aren't safe cycle ways or pavements for walkers.*

**Question 6.3. How often do you catch a bus to anywhere from Pulborough?**

Daily	4	0%
A few times a week	30	4%
A few times a month	55	7%
Occasionally	112	14%
Hardly ever	168	21%
Never	408	51%

**Question 6.4. How often do you catch a train to anywhere from Pulborough?**

Daily (commuting)	42	5%
A few times a week	29	4%
A few times a month	124	15%
Occasionally	385	48%
Hardly ever	134	17%
Never	67	8%

**Question 6.5: If you have mobility issues, what would make it easier for you to get around Pulborough?**

There were 94 responses, 12% of the total, mostly about the provision and upkeep of suitable pavements, footpaths and dropped curbstones.

### Railway Station

The rail station is a significant part of Pulborough's infrastructure and an attraction for people to choose to live here. However the facilities don't match the use and car parking needs urgent attention. Also, elderly and disabled people cannot use the London-bound platform without considerable difficulty. The Parish Council is talking to Network Rail and developers about possibilities. So we asked the following questions:

**Question 6.6. Do you think that Pulborough's railway station is an important asset and the Neighbourhood Plan should include policies that protect it?**

Strongly agree	643	80%
Agree	124	15%
Disagree	6	1%
Strongly disagree	1	0%
No opinion/Don't know	7	1%

*That is the most positive response of any question in this survey.*

**Question 6.7. Would you be in favour of development at the railway station if it improved parking and access to the railway and related services?**

Strongly in favour	510	64%
Moderately in favour	220	27%
Moderately against	13	2%
Strongly against	14	2%
No opinion/Don't know	21	3%

### Footpaths and bridleways

**Question 6.8. Are you in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan supporting the creation of better footpaths to make it safer and easier to get around the village and wider parish on foot?**

Strongly in favour	612	76%
Moderately in favour	144	18%
Moderately against	10	1%
Strongly against	4	0%
No opinion/Don't know	11	1%

*People want to get around the village on foot but walking beside the A roads is not a pleasant experience. People drive too fast and lorries speeding past narrow pavements is positively dangerous. So we have to look for other routes.*

**Question 6.9. Are you in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan supporting the creation of better bridleways to make it safer and easier to get around the village and the wider parish by horse or bicycle?**

Strongly in favour	406	51%
Moderately in favour	262	33%
Moderately against	26	3%
Strongly against	12	1%

No opinion/Don't know            73     9%

*Cycling is rapidly becoming more popular than golf (according to West Sussex County Council) and we have to consider how to provide ways to use cycles safely around the parish. It will be difficult as the railway has to be crossed and the main roads avoided.*

**Question 6.10. Do you think there is a car parking problem in Pulborough parish?**

Strongly agree	198	25%
Agree	294	37%
Disagree	193	24%
Strongly disagree	14	2%
No opinion/Don't know	78	10%

*492 respondents, 61% of the total, think there is a car parking problem.*

**Question 6.11. If so, tell us where and describe the parking problem. Please keep your answer short.**

Out of 462 people who commented, many people mentioned more than one place so the figures should be used with care.

The station was mentioned by 162 people, Stopham Road by 110, Station Road by 9 people and Swan Corner and the Corn Store by 9 people. So, adding them together, 290 people see the station and the surrounding area as a parking problem.

The next largest problem is Lower Street, together with the Village Hall, the Library, Swan View and the adjacent car park which had 120 mentions. Rivermead was mentioned by another 8 people.

St Mary's school, together with New Place Road, Aston Rise, Link Lane, Spinney Lane and Spinney North, Cousins Way, Rectory Lane and Rectory Close totted up 62 mentions.

A general mention of 'residential roads' or 'the estates' got 29 mentions.

St Mary's church got 16 mentions,

Tesco, the primary care centre and Spiro Close managed 16 mentions.

People who park on pavements were mentioned by 13 people and I think one of them was me.

Selfish unthinking peasants.

Various other places were mentioned but none more than three times.

**Question 6.12. If it can be shown that it would decrease the traffic flow through Pulborough, would you support the current campaign for a bypass on the A27 for Arundel?**

Yes	624	78%
No	47	6%
No opinion/Don't know	107	13%

*This is the only practical hope to reduce the traffic on the A29 and A283 as it tries to avoid the delays at Worthing and Arundel. It won't stop all traffic but it might reduce the numbers of heavy lorries.*

**Air Quality**

**Question 6.13. Are you concerned about air quality in Pulborough?**

Yes	232	29%
No	431	54%
No opinion/Don't know	108	13%



**Question 6.14. If you are concerned about air quality in Pulborough, tell us where.**

Top choking point is Lower Street with 62 mentions and the A283 adds another 6 mentions. Swan Corner gets 49 mentions, as does the A29 in general and then 'the A roads' adds 15 more. Church Hill gets 20 specific mentions, Codmore Hill/Sainsburys gets 10 mentions. Tesco/Harwoods gets six mentions. The station gets 11 and air traffic gets five. Everything else gets less than five.

**PART 7. PULBOROUGH'S TREASURES AND ASSETS**

*We wanted to know which of Pulborough's treasures and assets people thought were important - or not. There was also an element of advertising as we thought many people didn't know what the parish had to offer. So, beforehand, we asked various people to list what they thought were important and then asked the following question:-*

**Question. The following have been identified as features of Pulborough parish which residents would like to protect. Please look through the list and tick any that you agree with (put a double tick for those that you think are particularly important). Put a cross through any that you think should NOT be on the list.**

*We have been through all the responses and added up the initial mentions, double ticks and crosses for each one. Taking the initial figures we added one point for each double tick and removed one point for each cross. We ignored those who put more than two ticks, they were just counted as two. This gives the following result:-*

The Wildbrooks. Vital area to control winter flooding. Leisure walking. Access to river.	863
The whole River Arun. Reason the village exists. Parish boundary, Leisure facility.	838
St Mary's Church. The C of E parish church of the village	805
Old Stopham Bridge	773
Library	766
Village Hall	754
Recreation Ground. Main playing field for most sports	697
White Hart, Stopham. The only riverside pub left	674
Old Swan Bridge	671
Wey & Arun canal. Potential leisure facility in future	631
View over the Wildbrooks from Village Hall	621
The Pavilion on the recreation ground. Social facility for sports clubs	603
Church Place, cottages and lychgate opposite the church	596
East Glebe Field. Between Lower Street and Old Rectory Lane. Site of the Harvest Fair	586
Railway Station buildings and signal box	559
View over the Wildbrooks from Mare Hill Road	550
Nutbourne, Nutbourne Road area including the Rising Sun	533
Bowling Green and its pavilion. Leisure facility and open space.	507
Oddfellows public house, Lower Street	503
Old Place area and the Mill Pond. The old houses off Coombelands Lane by the railway	494

West Glebe Field. Between the railway and the church.	492
Old Rectory Lane area. Old houses and access to East Glebe Field	478
View from East Glebe Field	477
View of Church from South of the River	471
The 143 officially listed properties in Pulborough (these include some named above)	458
Coombelands and Gallops. Open area.	450
Chequers Hotel, Old Rectory Lane	441
Park Mound. Norman castle site	430
Nutbourne Common (Nutbourne Recreation Ground)	420
Barn House Lane area. Lane from Lower Street to the Wildbrooks	407
Pocket Park. Between Harwoods and the recreation ground	401
Potts Lane area. Lane between Rectory Lane and Lower Street	373
Mare Hill Quarry. A geological SSSI (site of special scientific interest)	367
Toat Monument, off Blackgate Lane	365
Pallingham Bridge. End of the tidal reach of the Arun	357
Monkey Hill area, Lane between Rectory Lane and Lower Street	348
WWII gun position by Park Mound	341
Park Farm Cuttings. A geological SSSI (site of special scientific interest)	326
Gay Street Lane	314
The Moat. Ditch and bank off Moat Lane. Unknown provenance	244

*What we can't answer is what people were thinking of when they answered the questions. Why, for instance, did 18 people put a double tick against Mare Hill Quarry and 18 people put a cross against it? (It was the only one that was exactly equal). Why, I wonder, did nine people vote against Old Swan Bridge and five against Old Stopham Bridge?*

*So, after all that, it should be fairly clear what the popular elements are. Having been through the results and entered 150 responses on the database I think that some people did not know where - or what - certain items were. I didn't know about the Toat Monument, for instance, until it was explained. Perhaps, in retrospect, the descriptions could have been better for some items. I suspect there was some muddling in some minds between Pallingham and Stopham Bridges, for instance. Did those who voted against the library object to the building, perhaps, rather than the service? And could anyone admire the architecture of the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground?*

*A few people ticked everything. One or two double ticked most. One or two only ticked a few items. Some crossed quite a lot. No observable pattern.*

### **Lastly, Question 7.1. Can you think of any we have forgotten?**

*Items not on the original list and added by more than one respondent (additions already on the original list or outside of the parish, e.g.RSPB, are not included here). The wording below is simplified, not necessarily how the respondent wrote it:-*

Cousins Way Recreation Field	Mentioned by 8 respondents
Memorial Garden, Swan View	Also 8 mentions
Lower Street shops	6 mentions
Pharmacy and Health Centre	3 mentions
White Horse pub	3 mentions
Allotments	2 mentions
Lime kiln at 17 Lower St.	2 mentions
Nature reserve by Rivermead and Little Dippers	2 mentions
New Place Nurseries	2 mentions
South Downs Light Railway	2 mentions
St Mary's School	2 mentions
Stream in Stream Lane	2 mentions
URC and RC churches	2 mentions

*Yes, we should have remembered some of those. Apologies for any offence.*

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