

# CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

## Curbridge Triangle Parish Questionnaire Results

### Background

The Parish Council has been approached by a Planning Consultancy and a PR Agency, acting on behalf of Investors and Developers unknown, with a view to building around 100 houses on the green fields in the centre of the Village.

The Council feel that this is such a big issue that it should consult all Parishioners in order to help formulate their response.

### Numbers and Returns

**190** questionnaires were hand-delivered to households (1 per household) in the 2 Parishes.

Main Road	60
Well Lane	70
Bampton Road	18
Burford Road	12
Lew	30
Total	190

**81** questionnaires were returned, completed. That is **43%**.

Excluding (for the purpose of this analysis) the 1 return from Lew and assuming a nil return from Burford Road, then **80** returns were received out of **148**. That is **54%**.

By Street/Parish the returns were:

Main Road	24
Well Lane	21
Bampton Road	4
Lew	1
Not stated	31
Total	81

### The Response

Against the development	<b>66 = 82%</b>
Undecided	<b>9 = 11%</b>
For the development	<b>6 = 7%</b>
Total	<b>81 = 100%</b>

## **Reasons for decision/comments**

65 Respondents added further comments, 16 did not.

### ***Against the development/undecided***

- 37 Destruction of the character of the Village
- 22 Unacceptable increase in traffic in and around the Village
- 19 No infrastructure or facilities (healthcare/schooling) to support the proposed development
- 14 Adverse effect on the environment and wildlife in the Village
- 13 Lack of drainage/increase in flooding
- 8 "Don't be fooled by Developer promises"
- 7 Sewerage system cannot cope
- 5 Reduction in property values
- 5 Health care/schooling too far away and already overloaded
- 4 Increase in noise
- 3 Loss of privacy
- 3 Proposed development too big
- 3 Any development should wait until the effects on the Village of the Downs Road (east) development become known
- 2 Why the need for all the housing developments/number of new houses in our locality?

### ***For the development***

- 2 Shop and other facilities
- 1 New Village Hall
- 1 Preserve wildlife and trees
- 1 "It's inevitable"

## **Developer money suggestions**

A number of suggestions were put forward for Village facilities, should the development proceed.

- New Village Hall with car parking
- Subsidised transport
- Subsidised village shop
- Village shop
- Fixed % affordable/starter homes
- Larger playground
- Speed ramps
- Doctors' surgery
- School
- Local school accessible on foot or by cycle
- Leisure centre
- Woodland
- Well Lane resurfacing

## **Others**

- 29 Respondents gave their email details to enable updates via the Parish web site
- 4 Respondents offered their assistance

## **Conclusions**

1. There was a high rate of response to the questionnaire.
2. This was especially the case within the confines of the village of Curbridge, where 54% of households responded.
3. Overwhelmingly, 82%, of Respondents were against the proposed development. Only 7% were in favour, the remaining 11% being undecided.
4. The most common reason for opposition to the proposal was “the destruction of the character of the Village”, followed by “an unacceptable increase in traffic” and “the complete lack of facilities and infrastructure in the Village to support such a development.”
5. A number of suggestions were put forward for developer funded ‘facilities’ should the development go ahead.

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