

# Newsletter

COTHERSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

## Cothelstone has spoken!

Cothelstone Neighbourhood Plan stage 1 consultation took place over a 6-week period between June 8th and July 19th 2015.

201 responses were received representing 36% of people aged 12 and above (based on the 2011 census). 55% of respondents had lived in the parish for more than 15 years. The results have been analysed and the main points are highlighted in this Newsletter. If anyone would like a full copy of the analysis via email or a paper version please email [diane.pennock@me.com](mailto:diane.pennock@me.com) or telephone 650911. The full results are also available on the Parish Council web-site – [www.cothelstoneparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.cothelstoneparishcouncil.org.uk)

Results of the consultation are consistent with and reflect results from the various surveys undertaken over the past 25 years (Cothelstone Parish Appraisal 1989-1990, Cothelstone Village Design Statement 2001 and Cothelstone Parish Plan 2006):

95%

Said Incorporate Village Design Statement

Said keep important buildings and other non-listed features/ structures to maintain the character – extensive list of suggestions given

91%

90%

Want to Support & Encourage businesses

99%

Said Maintain Conservation Area

Want to have & protect green spaces – extensive list given but some are neglected & need improving

95%

7%

Said there had been “too little” development over the last 10 years

### Next steps

The development of a vision with clear aims and objectives from these results in order to develop a “draft plan”.

Topics that have been highlighted that cannot be included in a Neighbourhood Plan because they are not “planning issues” will be examined and where possible identified as potential separate projects and annexed to the final Neighbourhood Plan.

When complete there will be an “open meeting” in the village hall to present the aims and objectives. Details of this will be publicised in the Autumn.

### Housing

- No big expansion
- Small development OK
- Limited number of mixed types of housing

but

- No apartments
- Any building to be sympathetic to the existing character of the village – 1% said this was not important
- Within a clear defined boundary – 14% said no limit
- 22% of respondents want no houses built over next 10-15 years
- 58% of respondents want less than 10 houses over next 10-15 years

Dog poo, parking, footpaths, traffic speed, public transport and poor internet were all highlighted as issues of concern.

The facilitation group: Diane Pennock, Ian Pennock, Richard Hunter, John Birkett, Lynn Metcalfe, Dreda Forster, Tom Hicks and Ross Law. There is also an ‘Action Team’ of residents who wish to help in other areas such as distribution of newsletters and questionnaires etc.