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Hazelwood Neighbourhood Plan 2021 - Survey Highlights

Introduction

Total Hazelwood Parish households mailed via AVBC official listing 152

Total number of respondents: 58 38.1% (plus one letter) to date.

a/ Percentages for questions answered by a single response are based on 58 responses.

b/ Percentages for multiple answers per question are calculated on the total number of answers.

c/ In considering the narrative answers and comments, some have required interpretation. Whilst differing views could be taken, the belief is that the statistics would not be materially different.

d/ The summary below notes the key findings with the wider spread of comments provided in an appendix. Whilst any individual comment is not statistically significant, the total shown provides a rich selection of views, offering Hazelwood Parish Council considerable food for thought.

QUESTIONS:

1. Living in Hazelwood

a) What do you like about it?

- 96.5% predominantly and almost unanimously love the rural character, tranquillity of the area, open countryside views and its appeal to walkers, runners and cyclists; thus continuing to support the whole reason for adopting the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Access to nearby facilities and shops in Duffield and Belper a frequent comment.
- A neighbourly and friendly community and spirit (mostly).

b) Any dislikes?

- 50% mention 'traffic' and 'speeding traffic'.
- Too many big houses, modern designs, and threat of developers.
- Ugly and unsympathetic extensions, need for better control (2 comments).
- Lack of public transport to Duffield and from Nether Lane
- Poor road surfaces
- A few comments expressing concern re. no pavements or safe walkways for pedestrians. Others not wishing this or lighting or other non-rural features.
- Concern that the playing field is almost for 'bowlers only' and not attractive/friendly for families/other users.
- Parking becoming more congested.
- Lack of sense of community.

2. How would you describe Hazelwood in 2021-v-2016?

The same	3 (5.1%)	Somewhat different	12 (20.6%)
Largely unchanged	31 (53.4%)	Significantly different	2 (3.4%)
No comment or no answer	10 (17.2%)		

The same and largely unchanged total of 34 (58.6%) contrasts strongly with the two (3.4%) responses registering significantly differently.

Comments:

- Multiple developments have changed areas but not 'yet' detrimental.
- Homes beginning to 'fill the gaps' – 'creep'.
- Continuous pressure by developers (popular response).
- Need more young people.
- Too many 'mansions'/gates (a few comments).
- Community spirit dwindling.
- Traffic intensity 'becoming unmanageable'.
- State of roads (several references).
- Newly moved in comments encouraging

3. Nearly 5 years after the Hazelwood Plan was made part of the planning process do you think it is safeguarding the vision for the Parish?

YES: 43 (74.1%) Several ticked 'yes', but 'only just'.
NO: 6 (10.3%)
NEUTRAL 5 (8.6%)
NO COMMENT/ANSWER: 5 (8.6%)

Comments:

- A common theme suggests it is doing its job but is 'under pressure' and will come under more pressure from developers.
- Some suggest development is 'inevitable'.
- Those in the 'NO' camp suggest that the planning process is 'not consistent' or favours a select few and there is little control on designs which could create a dangerous precedent.
- Concerns over changes to boundaries, styles, fences and, thus, character
- Welcome comments of support for Plan

4 Do you think housing and other requirements for all ages are being met?

YES:	19 (32.7%)
NO:	27 (46.5%)
NEUTRAL	6 (10.3%)
NO ANSWER	6 (10.3%)

Comments:

- General view would be that Hazelwood in its current state is not attractive to younger families because the homes are not affordable to them (too large) or to first time buyers.
- Equally, the lack of public transport, direct links or local facilities/amenities is not attractive to younger age groups.
- Appears to be recognition that there is no perfect solution.

5 In Hazelwood, since 2016, the NP's vision and policies have been considered in determining applications for new homes and extensions to existing properties. How have these policies impacted on the character of Hazelwood?

Positively:	34 (58.6%)	Some 'mostly'
Negatively:	6 (10.3%)	
Neutral/neither:	6 (10.3%)	
No answer	7 (12.0%)	
Confusion	1 (1.7%)	

Comments:

- 28 comments. A number focus on continuing to resist further major developments and ugly extensions.
- Others are specifically supportive; the Plan has been good for restraining excesses and helped to ensure work approved has been largely appropriate.
- A few comments on the negative side suggesting policies were being inconsistently applied and people find a way to 'bend the rules' (x 3).

6 We are all aware of the climate crisis and issues around the environment. How would you like to see the Parish do its bit towards saving the planet?

74 multiple comments. Main points;

- 24 (32.4%) references – more bins, more recycling units (at Memorial Hall), electric car charging points, less electric gates, zero plastic plan, more solar panels, encourage recycling, encourage eco-community projects/volunteering.

- 14 (18.9%) Tree planting very popular response. Possibly applying for grants/subsidies.
- 9 (12.1%) Less development
- 6 (8.1%) Slowing traffic also common response.
- 5 (6.7%) Less unnecessary lighting
- 4 ((5.4%) More public transport (direct bus routes) also common response.
- Parish becomes an 'Exemplar' in all its policies and actions to achieve the above.

7 What would make living in Hazelwood better for you?

33 multiple comments. Main points

- Less cars, reduce and control speed – VERY popular.
- Resist further development via the Plan
- Popular theme for direct bus routes/no reduction of existing services.
- Popular theme for more community events/gatherings/café/ Christmas carol service in Memorial Hall ie including non-churchgoers.
- Pavements/walkways come up c. 6 times. Other comments against this.
- More litter bins and more benches.
- Parking controls.
- Improve state of roads/potholes.

8 Anything else you would like to be considered during the review process?

35 Multiple responses

- Defend against the infilling of gaps in road frontages
- Continue to oppose developers.
- Closely control 'extensions' breaking into countryside.
- Note disgruntled Blackbrook resident does not feel part of HNP.
- Encourage voluntary activities to protect community.
- PC not accessible! – 'more diversity – women'.
- Inconsistency of planning application process.
- More community initiatives.

Summary of common themes:

1. Control speeding traffic.
2. Resist multi-housing development.
3. Direct bus routes to Belper/Duffield/Derby.
4. Increase tree planting.
5. Encourage more community activities/events/gatherings.
6. HNP to continue to do its good work.

Appendix of comments

Almost everyone

Values the countryside location which is quiet, with views and where the people are neighbourly and friendly.

Most respondents

Dislike speeding and the lack of speed restrictions

They want the roads, verges and pavements to be well maintained

Appreciate that the NP is working to restrict the scale of 'development' and are keen for this to be safeguarded/'no development with multiple housing schemes'

Many respondents

Feel that there are not enough litter/dog bag bins

Would like to see a bus service to Duffield

Would like to see more tree planting (and a preservation plan)

Would like to see improved facilities for children's play

Many other issues are common to multiple responses

Affordable housing for young people

Defend against the infilling of gaps in road frontages

Tighter control over the appearance and size of extensions

Improve road safety and provide road calming measures and 20/30mph limits to reduce speed and co2. (40mph on Ashbourne Road) Green signs not working

Provide opportunities for building/enhancing a sense of community spirit and social gatherings/carol service in Memorial Hall

Allow pub, community café and shop

Find ways to grant-aid renewable energy (exemplar 'eco community')

Individual requests for help

Sustainability/Energy saving

Electric charge points at Memorial Hall/Firestone layby to encourage electric vehicles

Recycling point at Memorial Hall/natural centre

Group pricing energy subsidy

Promote sustainability

No street lights

Cycling/traffic controls

Cycle lanes and improved footpaths in Ashbourne Road

Give cyclists priority

Parking controls particularly for vans and lorries

Ban HGVs

Reduce speed and volume of Lubrizol traffic

Development

Don't permit more than 3 bedrooms/4 beds ok

Don't permit wholly modern developments

No mini estates, ribbon developments or unfriendly gates

Statement to require designs in context with neighbours in style and colour

Don't allow render

Brownfield development only/limit building in gardens

No reduction of arable land

Environment/biodiversity

Community project to remove Himalayan Balsom (Lumb Woods)

Widen hedgerows to increase biodiversity (include bulbs and wild flowers and encourage hedge planting rather than fences)

Rewild some areas

Bee hotels and sponsor a sapling

Zero plastic waste policy

Lack of consideration by mowers and hedge cutters

Don't pollard churchyard trees

Various

Outdoor pool for the Parish

Help young families to come to Hazelwood

Women and younger people on Parish Council

Fairer planning system

Need for a bench at Shottlegate near bus stop

Access to train at Hazelwood

Accessible playing field (family friendly). Make safe access to Memorial Hall site

Loss of mobile library

No Primary school

Register of trades people

Revamp Parish Council web site