



Summary of feedback from Public Consultation May 4th 2019

(Analysis of forms handed in on the day and those delivered by hand afterwards)

August 2019

Executive Summary

- 37 forms (25%) were completed on the day. With postal forms the total completed surveys was 69 .
- Although a low number of forms completed by Netherfield residents (3 forms), this number was boosted by “postal” submissions to 19.
- Despite the information provided residents do still not understand the purpose of a Neighbourhood plan (as evidenced in feedback below).
- The majority of respondents (51%) would not support the plan in its current form. The main reasons for this are:
 - Not addressing traffic and parking concerns.
 - Not addressing infrastructure requirements with growth (schools and health services predominantly).
 - Lack of protection for the environment / wildlife.
- Netherfield sites were the most commented site locations. Blackfriars was 2nd.

Introduction

On Saturday May 4th a public consultation was held in the Battle Memorial Hall displaying the current workings of the Neighbourhood Steering group.

- 151 attended the consultation(estimated) on the day. After the consultation, all the documents used where made available on the website. Feedback forms where also available to download and complete.
- 37 feedback forms received on the day – 25% response rate of those attending (some where taken away to be completed later).
- A further 32 forms have been submitted following the event, making a total of 69 completed forms.
- This paper is an analysis of the submitted forms



Overall results

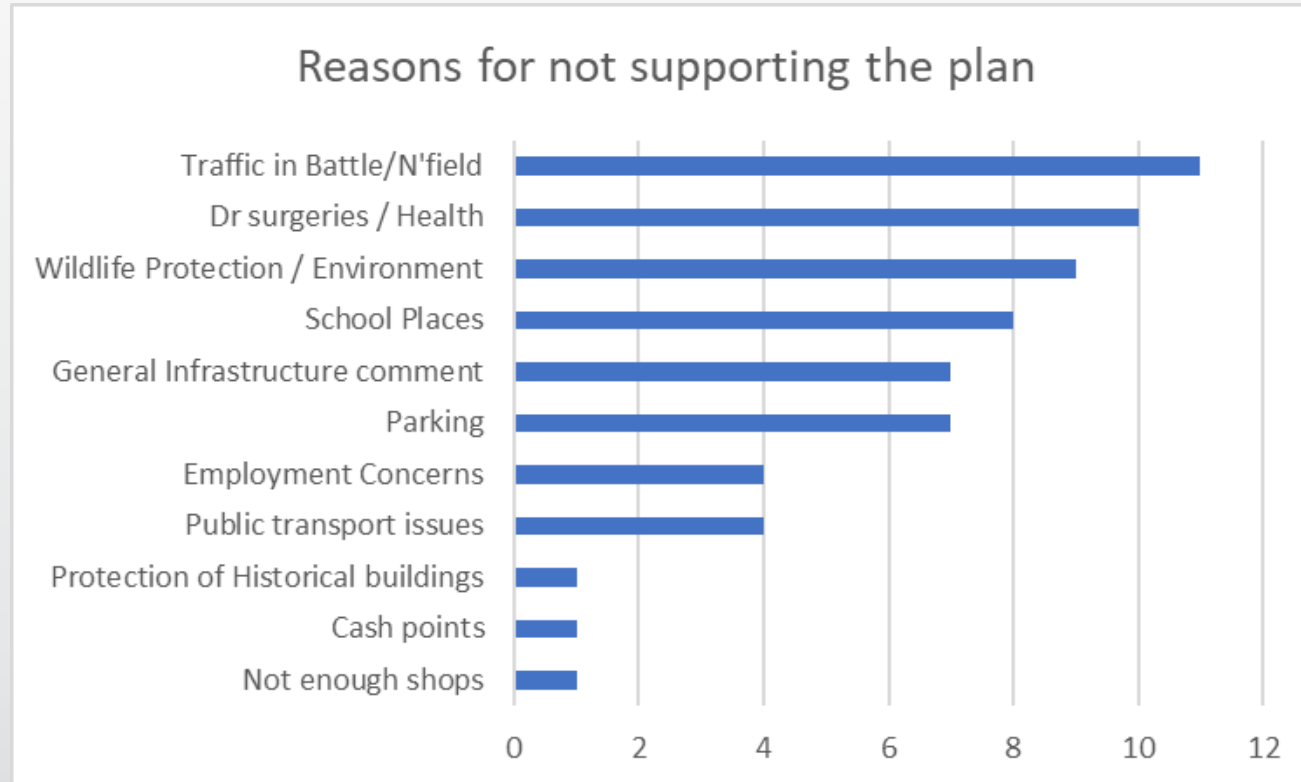
Location	Number	%
Battle	48	70%
Netherfield	19	28%
Other/Unknown	2	3%
Total	69	

Attended Before	Number	%
Yes	32	46%
No	37	54%
Total	69	

	All		Battle only		Netherfield only	
Voting	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Yes	29	42%	21	42%	8	42%
No	35	51%	24	48%	11	58%
Undecided	5	7%	5	10%	0	0%
Total	69		50		19	

Overall results

- Key Reasons for not supporting the plan



- Overall respondents did not feel the plan sufficiently answered the question of traffic/parking, overall infrastructure (health and schools) or protection of the environment (including flooding concerns, wildlife and emissions).

Feedback on the sites

- 51% (35) commented on specific sites (some multiple sites on the same form).
- 56 comments overall.

Site	Total Comments	% of those who commented	% of total responses
NE11 - Darvel Down p/ground	12	34%	17%
BA11 - Blackfriars	10	29%	14%
BA31a- Glengorse	10	29%	14%
NE06 - White Hse Poultry	10	29%	14%
NE05a - Swallow Barn	4	11%	6%
BA23 - Land r/o 26 Hastings Rd	3	9%	4%
BANS116	3	9%	4%
BA NS 105 - Land adj to 73 N Tr Rd	1	3%	1%
BA36 - Land at Calbec House	1	3%	1%
BANE118	1	3%	1%
"All"	1	3%	1%
Total	56		

Blackfriars feedback

- The following slides show categorised feedback on specific sites. A number of respondents gave feedback on a number of sites, but were not specific which site they were referring to. The data used is from the first site listed on their comment form.
- 10 (29%) respondents gave feedback on Blackfriars. The main comments were:

Blackfriars comments	Total Comments	% of those who commented
Too many houses	7	88%
Environmental impact	5	63%
Traffic	2	25%

Glengorse feedback

- 10 (29%) respondents gave feedback on Glengorse. The main comments were:

Glengorse comments	Total Comments	% of those who commented
Too many houses	6	100%
Environmental impact	4	67%
Not enough consultation	2	33%
Traffic	4	67%



Darvel Down / Poultry Farm feedback

- These are combined as most respondents commented on both sites.
- 12 (34%) respondents gave feedback on Darvel Down / Poultry Farm. The main comments were:

Darvel Down / Poultry Farm comments	Total Comments	% of those who commented
Too many houses	7	70%
Environmental impact	9	90%
Not enough consultation	3	30%
Traffic	7	70%
Schools need more local children	5	50%

Other relevant comments

- Detail the different sizes of the properties, with a desired bias towards lower cost, affordable housing for young, local people. Propose the percentage of “affordable homes” within the plan. (Also state what is “affordable”.)
- Public transport was often mentioned, including access to the railway station for disabled people, improvement in bus connections (Battle and Netherfield) and cycle ways.
- Environment was also often mentioned, particularly conservation of wildlife.
- A number of Netherfield respondents committed on a desire to see no development in the village.

Next steps / discussion points

- The size of Blackfriars is clearly a concern for people. This though is outside of the remit of the neighbourhood plan. At the public consultation, the Steering Group committee members directed people to Rother District Council's web site.
- The lack of coverage within the plan was commented on the following:
 - Local services / infrastructure – particularly schools, health services
 - What plans for local employment – light industrial, office units etc.
 - Traffic (particularly the High St) and parking
 - Public transport
 - Environmental protection
- Given the above information, the purpose of a neighbourhood plan does not appear to be fully understood.
- A number of Netherfield respondents are against any form of development within the village. They have not understood that the number of houses proposed for Netherfield is a Government / Rother DC requirement. Further communication on this and the fact that Netherfield requirement cannot be absorbed into the Battle/Telham total is needed.