



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

- Low completion of forms (75% of people did not complete) on the day.
- Low attendance from Netherfield (3 completed forms). This number was boosted by “postal” submissions to 19.
- Despite the information provided people do still not understand the purpose of a Neighbourhood plan (as evidenced in feedback).
- The majority of respondents 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

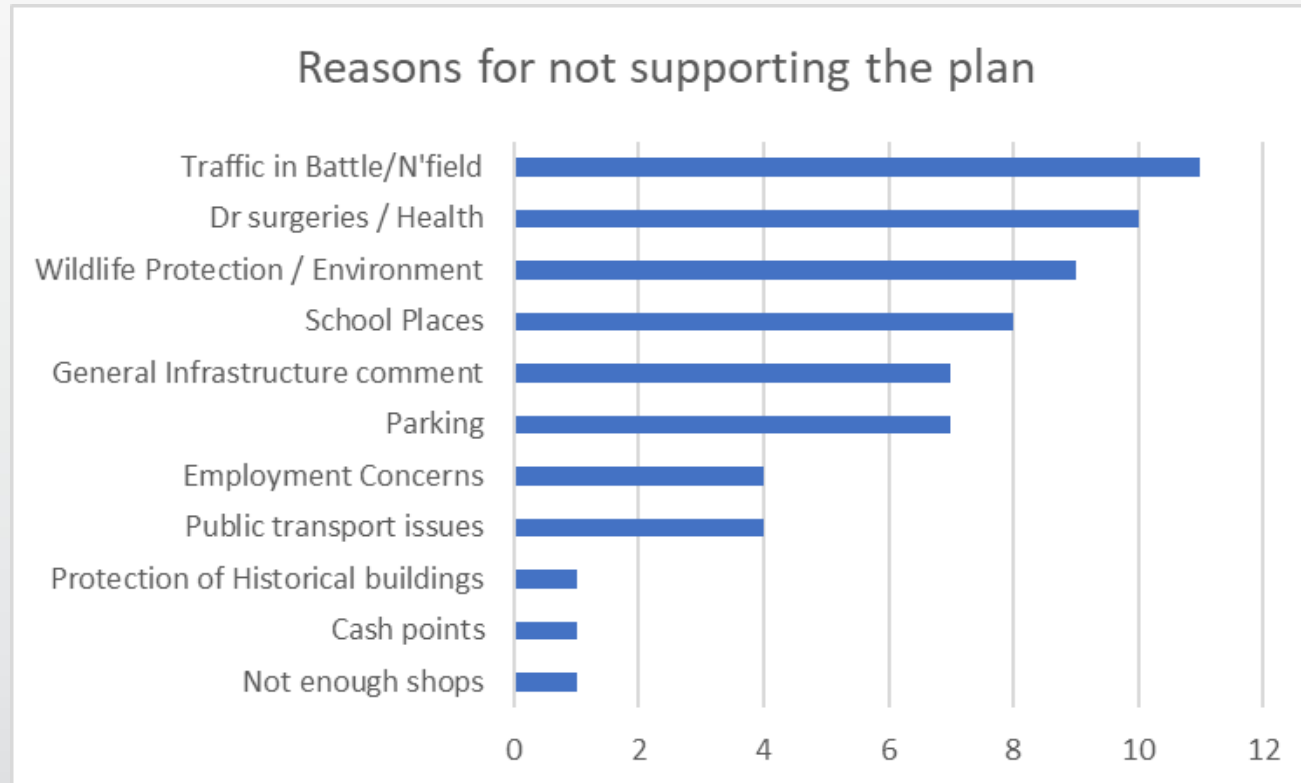
Location	Number	%
Battle	48	70%
Netherfield	19	28%
Other/Unknown	2	3%
Total	69	

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 where 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'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
- The purpose of the neighbourhood plan does not appear to be fully understood.
- A number of Netherfield respondents are against any form of development within the village.