

## Southern Villages Area cont'd

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- There is a need to improve public transport provision and the footpath network between villages and local community facilities.
- Some residents highlighted the need for affordable housing provision in villages to meet local need.
- New housing should be restricted to 'infill' within existing village confines or be provided by bringing empty homes back into use.
- Existing village boundaries should be kept.
- There is a need for accommodation for older people in this area.
- A lack of younger people in this area is impacting on service provision and the vitality of local communities.
- There is a need for new transport infrastructure locally including a new bridge over the River Trent.
- Local broadband and leisure provision should be improved.

## Stenson Area

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- Most residents in this area value the local countryside, and the opportunities it offers for walking and other informal leisure activities.
- Residents highlighted the need to resist further house building around Wragley Way.
- Some residents highlighted the strong sense of community they feel from living in this area.
- A large number of residents in Stenson Fields were concerned about the parking outside of the local school including on local verges and around Heather Close.
- There are concerns about speeding along Wragley Way, Pilgrims Way and Arleston Lane and the safety of the Wragley Way, Stenson Road Junction.
- Many residents highlighted the need to better manage and maintain recreational areas, public open space and highways and verges.
- Bridges on Stenson Road should be replaced or upgraded.
- The need for additional facilities such as a hall, facilities for young children, enhanced bus services, sports facilities and broadband provision were all highlighted.
- Some local residents raised concern about motorbikes using existing footpaths.
- Some residents highlighted the need to protect the countryside around the Trent and Mersey canal.

## Swadlincote Area

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- Residents in this area appreciated the relatively easy access to the countryside, although many people thought that sport and recreation facilities such as parks, cycle paths and leisure facilities should be improved and expanded.
- Many residents identified a lack of parking in the town centre and around local schools as a significant issue locally. Congestion on local roads during the school run and at rush hour was highlighted as a problem.
- A small number of residents identified the need for primary school specifically in the Church Gresley area and a new senior school for Swadlincote.
- Some residents suggested that housing and employment development should be spread throughout Swadlincote to lessen local impacts.
- Some residents are concerned that further housing development will destroy any opportunity of creating a forest environment and will impact on the identity of separate communities.
- There is a need to support the development of small-scale employment sites and businesses including tourism and leisure based businesses associated with the National Forest.
- The run down appearance of some parts of the Swadlincote area was identified as an issue.
- Views northwards from this area should be preserved.

## Willington and Findern Area

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- Residents in this area appreciate the local countryside including access to the Trent and Mersey Canal and the River Trent, and the opportunities it offers for informal leisure activities.
- Many residents felt that villages had a strong sense of community spirit and felt safe living in Willington and Findern villages.
- Many residents suggested that this area has good services and facilities and good road and rail links to the main urban areas. Although a number of residents expressed concern about local bus services. In particular the operation times and the frequency of bus services was highlighted as a concern.
- Many residents highlighted a lack of activities for children and teenagers as a local issue and emphasised the need to resolve flooding and other maintenance issues on Hillside recreation ground in Findern.
- Many residents were keen to see the provision of more affordable housing, starter homes and bungalows to meet local need, but generally it was considered that housing should be small scale to ensure that villages remain compact and do not become suburbs of Derby. A need to provide homes for the elderly has also been highlighted as a local issue.
- All new development should be of a high quality and have adequate parking provision.
- Many residents wish to see greenfields between Findern and Derby protected from further development.
- There is a need to provide playing fields/sports facilities and more land for allotments.
- Flooding was identified as a significant local issue in Willington.

## Woodville Area

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- Residents in this area appreciate the close proximity to the countryside and the National Forest, which offer opportunity to leisure and recreation opportunities.
- Many residents feel Woodville is friendly and safe place to live.
- Many local people thought that the countryside around Woodville should be protected from new development and any future housing provision should be to meet local need only.
- Some residents thought public transport provision needed expanding.
- Many people raised concerns about the amount of traffic congestion in Woodville, especially around Clock Island and the number of HGVs using the A511.
- Concern was expressed about the visual appearance of land around Clock Island and employment land to the south of Woodhouse Street which is in need for employment based regeneration.
- Residents identified the need for number of new facilities including adult learning classes, a young children's play area, a new football facility, an indoor sports/village hall facility and also a medical centre.
- The Council should plan for employment use in the Woodville-Swadlincote Area Action Plan as many jobs have been lost in the area in the last few years.
- The countryside around Hartshorne should be protected from development.



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## Summary of Responses to Neighbourhood Planning Drop-In Events

February - May 2011

The District Council held a number of 'drop-in' events during February and March this year to talk to local people about neighbourhood planning and the Local Development Framework.

This leaflet summarises the responses ...



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