

Bursledon Parish Plan: Survey One

Summary of Results

This is a summary of the results and analysis of our survey of Bursledon residents' views on **Housing and Community Facilities**. Out of 2,800 households 278 responded i.e. 10%.

On housing, the research shows that;

- A substantial number of Bursledon people do not want new housing development in Bursledon and do want strategic and local gaps protected from development.
- A very clear majority want the countryside and conservation areas protected from development.
- Down-sizing and ageing are given as the main reasons for a future move and most people want to remain in Bursledon.
- The most popular of alternative housing for many is a two-bedroomed bungalow with a garden.
- Most people do not know whether there is enough retirement housing in Bursledon, but there is support for all kinds, especially private, sheltered housing; secure, gated apartments; a rest home; a nursing home.
- Many people have taken the opportunity to express their individual opinions on this topic.

On community facilities, the research shows that;

- A wide range of community facilities in Bursledon are used by residents, with footpaths, shops, Manor Farm Country Park and the River Hamble being the most popular.
- Although the community buildings are used extensively by some residents, many do not use them. It would appear that some market research is needed to identify activities to draw people in.
- The most popular outdoor forms of recreation are walking the footpaths and visiting the River Hamble, with many also visiting Bursledon Windmill and the Strawberry Trail.
- Walking and dog walking are the most popular form of exercise in all the recreation venues. More exercise and recreation facilities for young and old were thought to be desirable, but only 31 suggestions were made.
- Respondents are almost equally divided about whether Bursledon is perceived to be a community, which means that many people feel it is not a community.
- The majority of people do not experience problems getting around Bursledon, though a minority does. Walking and car driving are the main methods of travelling. Getting to a cash point and to Manor Farm Country Park seem to present problems.
- The majority of respondents are in favour of the bringing together of community facilities in Lowford, though concern about the adequacy of car parking was voiced.

Support was expressed for additional facilities, especially public conveniences and a coffee bar.

- About half the respondents were aware of parish council services and most visited the office to enquire about planning applications.
- The majority was in favour of the reciting of the doctor's surgery.
- The main use of the library would be for borrowing books and a wide range of opening hours was sought. 37 people were willing to help as volunteers.

Full analysis of all of the questions in the survey is contained in the separate files on housing and community facilities. This survey and the others are of great value to our ongoing work on the Bursledon Parish Plan. This analysis has already been circulated to Eastleigh Borough Council and Bursledon Parish Council, and others locally so that the results can begin to inform decision making before the publishing of the Bursledon Parish Plan.

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