

BIERTON WITH BROUGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SURVEY RESULTS



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Executive Summary

Importance of Parish Identity

- ❖ 98% of respondents felt that the 'Parish should retain a distinct identity from the surrounding Parishes and towns' whilst 86% either 'Strongly Agreed' (51%) or 'Agreed' (35%) that the 'Parish needs to do more to retain a distinct identity from the surrounding Parishes and towns'.

Importance of Green Areas/ Rural Areas

- ❖ All of the respondents stated that 'Green Spaces in the Parish' were either 'Very Important' (84%) or 'Important' (16%).
- ❖ 98% of respondents stated, 'Retaining a rural feel' was 'Very Important' (74%) or 'Important' (24%). 97% of respondents felt it was either 'Very Important' (81%) or 'Important' (16%) for there to be 'Green areas separating the Parish from Aylesbury'. The same figure felt 'Protecting views into the countryside' were either 'Very Important' (80%) or 'Important' (17%). 96% of respondents highlighted that 'Protecting heritage sites of archaeological interest' were either 'Very Important' (68%) or 'Important' (28%), 94% 'Protecting agricultural land' and 92% 'Protecting village pubs'.
- ❖ 98% of respondents felt that a 'Green Buffer Zone should be kept between Bierton, Aylesbury and its surroundings' and 95% stated that a 'Green Buffer Zone should be kept between Broughton and its surroundings'.

Improvement and Protection of Green Spaces

- ❖ 80% of respondents felt that 'Green Spaces in the Parish need to be improved'.
- ❖ 90% of respondents either 'Strongly Agreed' (64%) or 'Agreed' (26%) that 'specific views in the Parish should be protected'.
- ❖ 96% of respondents either 'Strongly Agreed' (62%) or 'Agreed' (34%) that the 'footpaths of the Parish should be protected and enhanced including the views and flora/ fauna/ environment along and around them.'

Promotion of History and Heritage

- ❖ 94% of respondents indicated that the 'History and Heritage of the Parish' should be promoted.
- ❖ 90% of respondents stated the medieval mound behind the houses on Aylesbury Road should be enhanced as a historical asset of the Parish'

Protection of History and Heritage

- ❖ 98% of respondents think the 'Historic Buildings of the Parish' should be protected.

- ❖ 96% of respondents think the ‘ancient footpaths associated with old Quarrendon village and St Osyths Well should be protected’.
- ❖ 96% of respondents either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (74%) or ‘Agreed’ (22%) that more should be done to protect ‘St James’s Church’, whilst 95% felt more should be done to protect ‘St. Osyth’s Well.’ (65% ‘Strongly Agree’/ 30% ‘Agree’)

Prioritising Education Provision for Locals

- ❖ 97% of respondents either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (79%) or ‘Agreed’ (18%) that ‘Bierton C/E Combined School admissions policy should continue to prioritise residents living in the Parish of Bierton with Broughton’ whilst the same figure stated ‘Bierton Pre School admissions policy should continue to prioritise residents living in the Parish of Bierton with Broughton’. (76% ‘Strongly Agree’ and 21% ‘Agree’)

Driving to Schools Discouraged

- ❖ 82% of respondents either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (53%) or ‘Agreed’ (29%) that ‘Driving to the educational facilities should be discouraged’. Qualitative comments substantiated the statistics with a number of comments highlighting the current traffic dangers when walking to school.

No Further Housing Development

- ❖ 86% of respondents did not think ‘new housing development is needed in the Parish’. Qualitative comments augmented the viewpoint that no further housing development was wanted.
- ❖ 87% of respondents were ‘concerned about future housing development in the Parish’.

Please note that even if it was felt that no further housing development was needed the survey asked respondents for views and opinions on future development

Concern Over Future Housing Development

- ❖ There was widespread concern over future housing development in the Parish with over 90% of respondents stating they were either ‘Very Concerned’/ ‘Concerned’ about; ‘Increase in traffic’, (99%) ‘Impact on the rural nature of the Parish’ (98%). ‘Environmental impact’ (96%). ‘Size of large scale housing developments e.g. 50 or more houses’, (94%) ‘Impact on the views’, (94%) ‘Increased parking needs’, (92%) ‘Pressure on community facilities’ (90%) and ‘Size of medium-scale housing developments e.g. 11-50 houses’. (90%)

Off-street Parking for New Housing

- ❖ ‘In terms of new housing development in the Parish’, 96% of respondents either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (74%) or ‘Agreed’ (22%) with the assertion that ‘Houses should have sufficient off-street parking for the size of the house’.

Housing to fit in with Existing Streetscapes

- ❖ 92% of respondents stated that ‘Houses should fit in visually with existing streetscapes within the Parish’.

Housing for Young People and Sale on the Open Market

- ❖ Nearly three-quarters (73%) of respondents either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (30%) or ‘Agreed’ (43%) that ‘new housing development is needed in the Parish to enable local young people to remain living in the Parish’.
- ❖ 80% of respondents stated that ‘new housing development is needed in the Parish’ for ‘Homes for sale on the open market’. (80%)

Affordable Housing for Local People

- ❖ Just over three-quarters (77%) (49% ‘Strongly Agree’/ ‘Agree’ (28%) of respondents felt that affordable housing should be ‘For local people or those with a connection to the Parish’.

Small Family Homes

- ❖ When asked ‘What type of housing should be built in the Parish’ 39% of respondents chose ‘Small family homes (2-3 bedrooms) as their ‘First Priority’.

Development on Brownfield Sites

- ❖ 88% of respondents either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (44%) or ‘Agreed’ (40%) that in ‘terms of the location of potential sites to accommodate housing to meet a particular need in the Parish’ this should be on ‘brownfield sites (land which has previously been built on)’. Alternatively, 88% of respondents either ‘Strongly Disagreed’ (67%) or ‘Disagreed’ (21%) with ‘greenfield sites (land that has never been built on before’.
- ❖ Half of respondents stated that they or ‘any member of their family’ had not had a problem ‘finding suitable living accommodation in the Parish’ over the last 5 years.’
- ❖ From those 22% of respondents who had or anticipated a ‘problem finding suitable living accommodation in the Parish’ over the last 5 years, 81% stated that this was due to ‘Lack of homes to buy at a price I/they could afford’.

Healthcare Needed

- ❖ 81% of respondents stated that ‘healthcare provision is needed in the Parish’.
- ❖ From those respondents who stated that ‘healthcare provision is needed in the Parish’, 96% stated a ‘GP Practice’ was either ‘Very Important’ (42%) or ‘Important’ (41%) whilst 83% felt a ‘Pharmacy’ was either ‘Very Important’ (42%) or ‘Important’ (41%).

Reduction of Volume of Traffic

- ❖ 93% of respondents stated that the ‘volume of traffic in the Parish needs to be reduced’.

- ❖ From those respondents who felt the ‘volume of traffic in the Parish needs to be reduced’ 97% either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (85%) or ‘Agreed’ (15%) that this was on ‘A418/ Aylesbury Road, 84% ‘Broughton Lane’ (‘Strongly Agree’ (52%) and Agree (32%) and 81% ‘Burcott Lane’. (‘Strongly Agree’ (47%) and ‘Agree’ (34%)

Improvement in Traffic Management

- ❖ 93% of respondents felt that ‘traffic management in the Parish needs to be improved’. From those respondents who felt ‘traffic management in the Parish needs to be improved’, 94% stated this could be done by ‘Discourage use by HGV’s’, 84% ‘Speed awareness signs’ and 77% ‘Pedestrian crossing’. In terms of locations, ‘A418/ Aylesbury Road’ was targeted with 86% stating the road required ‘Pedestrian crossing’, 84% ‘Central islands’ and 81% ‘Additional speed cameras’.
- ❖ In regard to junctions where traffic management in the Parish needed to be improved’ the ‘A418 Aylesbury Road/ Burcott Lane’ junction was the key location with 87% stating ‘Discourage use by HGV’s’, 75% ‘Traffic lights’, 65% ‘Mini roundabout’, 60% ‘No right turns’ and 58% ‘Central islands’.

Construction of the Eastern Link Road

- ❖ 92% of respondents felt that the ‘construction of the Eastern Link Road’ should be prioritised. From those respondents who wanted to see the ‘construction of the Eastern Link Road’ prioritised 99% stated ‘Link A418 to A41 (Aston Clinton Bypass)’ and 99% ‘Bypass of Parish’ and 93% ‘Designed for HGV’s’.

Improvement in Car Parking

- ❖ Nearly three-quarters (71%) of respondents indicated that ‘car parking provision needs to be improved in the Parish’ 79% of whom wanted to ‘see more car parking’ ‘Near the Church’ (‘Strongly Agree’ (46%)/ ‘Agree’ (33%), the same figure ‘Near Jubilee Hall’ (‘Strongly Agree’ (45%)/ ‘Agree’ (34%) and ‘Near the Sports Centre’ (‘Strongly Agree’ (34%)/ ‘Agree’ (45%). 78% of respondents ‘Strongly Agreed’ (48%) or ‘Agreed’ (30%) with ‘Near the Bierton C/E Combined School’.
- ❖ 57% of respondents felt ‘there should be restrictions for on street parking in the Parish’. In terms of the ‘restrictions for on street parking in the Parish’ 93% stated ‘Grass verges’, 89% ‘Burcott Lane by the Old Chapel’, 74% ‘Burcott Lane by the Sports Centre’, 74% ‘Aylesbury Road’ and 71% ‘Parsons Lane and side roads’.
- ❖ In terms of parking at the educational facilities in the Parish 80% of respondents felt that ‘Emergency vehicle access to the School needs to be improved’ (50% ‘Strongly Agree’/ 30% ‘Agree’) and 76% ‘Parking should be controlled, using restrictions and enforcement.’ (54% ‘Strongly Agree’ and 22% ‘Agree’)

Improvements to Footways (Pavements)

- ❖ Over three-quarters of respondents felt that ‘footways (pavements) need to be improved in the Parish’. 85% of this cohort either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (54%) or ‘Agreed’ (31%) that this should be on ‘Burcott Lane’, with 84% ‘Broughton Lane’ (‘Strongly

Agree' (56%)/ 'Agree' (28%) and 82% 'A418-Aylesbury Road'. ('Strongly Agree' (60%) / 'Agree' (22%))

- ❖ 59% of respondents selected 'Improve surfaces on public footpaths/ rights of way' as their 'First Priority' in terms of 'improving connectivity in the Parish'.
- ❖ 72% of respondent stated 'Improved disabled access e.g. dropped kerbs' were either 'Very Important' (30%) or 'Important' (42%)

Improvements to Bus Services

- ❖ Nearly three-quarters (74%) of respondents felt it was either 'Very Important' (48%) or 'Important' (26%) that current bus service 'Links to Aylesbury' should be improved, whilst 68% stated 'Hospital service'. ('Very Important' (34%)/ 'Important' (34%))

Business Promotion

- ❖ 76% of respondents stated that 'local business in the Parish needs to be promoted'.

Infrastructure and Connectivity

- ❖ 88% of respondents stated that 'Faster Broadband' was either 'Very Important' (65%) or 'Important' (23%) in terms of the 'connectivity of the Parish' with 75% stating 'Fibre optic internet'. ('Very Important' (48%)/ 'Important' (27%))
- ❖ 85% of respondents indicated that 'Energy saving lighting' was either 'Very Important' (45%) or 'Important' (40%) to the 'infrastructure of the Parish'

Village Shops Needed

- ❖ 90% of respondents either 'Strongly Agreed' (57%) or 'Agreed' (33%) that 'Village Shop' would 'benefit the Parish', whilst 69% stated 'Farm Shop' ('Strongly Agree' (23%)/ 'Agree' (46%)) and 66% 'Post Office'. ('Strongly Agree' (31%)/ 'Agree' (35%))

Background

In total, **447** surveys were submitted via both the online system and hard copies. In some surveys, not all the individual questions or components to the question were completed as respondents skipped through certain elements, so the total number of respondents to each question or each element to the question is designated by an **N** figure. The percentage figures for each question refer to those respondents who answered that question or rated that particular option within the questions.

The Key Findings follow the structure of the survey. All qualitative comments, copied verbatim thus including grammatical errors, have been broken down per question. A separate Appendix document includes all the qualitative comments per question.

Section 1: About Your Household

Post Code	N=
HP20	22
HP22 5	308
HP22 7	41
Not Provided	76
	447

The majority of the responses were supplied from HP22 5 Post Code. (308)

1.1 How would you describe the current make up of your household? (Please tick one option only)	%
Living alone	18
Couple	39
Family with grown up children living at home	14
Family with young/ school age children	25
Shared occupancy	2
Prefer not to say	2
N=	443

39% of respondents described the current make-up of their household as a 'Couple'.

1.2 How old are you? (Please tick one option only)	%
Less than 18 years	1
18-26	1
27-35	9
36-45	15
46-55	20
56-65	19
66-75	21
76-80	6
Over 80	6
Prefer not to say	3
N=	445

60% of respondents were aged between 46 years and 75 years.

1.3 What is your current employment situation? (Please tick one option only)	%
Full Time worker	42
Part Time worker	16
Temporary employment	0
Unemployed	2
Retired	37
Carer	0
Student	1
Prefer not to say	2
N=	445

42% of respondents indicated that they were a 'Full Time Worker' with 37% stating 'Retired'.

1.4 How long have you lived in the Parish? (Please tick one option only)	%
Less than a year	11
1-5 years	23
6-10 years	11
11-25 years	24
More than 25 years	31
Prefer not to say	0
N=	446

34% of respondents had lived in the Parish for 5 years or under whilst 31% had been based in Bierton with Broughton for 'More than 25 years'.

1.5 How many people live at the property? (Please tick one option only)	%
1	18
2	40
3	17
4	18
5	4
6	1
More than 6	0
Prefer not to say	1
N=	

40% of respondents reported that '2' people lived at their property.

1.6 What is the number of bedrooms in your property (Please tick one option only)	%
1	2
2	16
3	35
4	34
More than 4	12
Prefer not to say	2
N=	

69% of respondents lived in either a '3' or '4' bedroom property.

1.7 How many Cars/ Vans are based at the property? (Please tick one option only)	%
1	30
2	49
3	13
4	5
5	1
6	0
More than 6	0
Prefer not to say	1
N=	431

49% of respondents reported that there were '2' Cars/ Vans based at the property.

1.8 Do you have off-street parking for all the Cars/ Vans based at the property?	%
Yes	87
No	13
N=	437

87% of respondents stated that they had off-street parking for all the Cars/ Vans based at the property.

1.9 How many people at the property have a valid driving license? (Please tick one option only)	%
1	24
2	60
3	12
4	3
5	1
6	0
More than 6	0
N=	434

60% of respondents reported that '2' people at the property had a valid driving license.

Section 2: Parish Identity

2.1 Do you think the Parish should retain a distinct identity from the surrounding Parishes and towns?	%
Yes	98
No	2
N=	443

98% of respondents felt that the ‘Parish should retain a distinct identity from the surrounding Parishes and towns’.

2.2 Do you think that the Parish needs to do more to retain a distinct identity from the surrounding Parishes and towns? (Please tick one option only)	%
Strongly Agree	51
Agree	35
No Opinion	12
Disagree	1
Strongly Disagree	0
N=	440

86% of respondents either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (51%) or ‘Agreed’ (35%) that the ‘Parish needs to do more to retain a distinct identity from the surrounding Parishes and towns’.

2.3 Please rate the importance of the following aspects of Parish Identity? (Please tick one option per row)

	Very Important %	Important %	No Opinion %	Not important %	Not at all Important %	N=
Green areas separating the Parish from Aylesbury	81	16	2	1	0	439
Green areas separating the Parish from adjacent Parishes	58	32	6	3	1	434
Having Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI's)	38	37	20	3	1	430
Retaining a rural feel	74	24	2	0	0	429
Protecting heritage sites and areas of archaeological interest	68	28	3	0	0	433
Protecting village pubs	56	36	7	0	0	433
Protecting and enhancing public footpaths	71	26	3	0	0	436
Protecting views into the countryside	80	17	2	1	0	435
Protecting agricultural land	66	28	6	0	0	435

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2.4 Do you think a Green Buffer Zone should be kept between Bierton, Aylesbury and its surroundings?	%
Yes	98
No	2
N=	436

98% of respondents felt that a ‘Green Buffer Zone should be kept between Bierton, Aylesbury and its surroundings’.

2.5 Do you think a Green Buffer Zone should be kept between Broughton and its surroundings?	%
Yes	95
No	5
N=	435

95% of respondents stated that a ‘Green Buffer Zone should be kept between Broughton and its surroundings’.

2.6 Please provide any further comments in terms of Parish Identity:

The key theme to emerge was the importance of ‘Keeping the Parish separate from Aylesbury’;

- ❖ *If we do not retain parish identity we will be swallowed up into Greater Aylesbury. Aylesbury itself is now a Market Town so we should have more open spaces, parks, etc to divide and distinguish individual areas/parishes*
- ❖ *Bierton needs to do everything possible to avoid being subsumed into the Greater Aylesbury conurbation. It is and needs to remain distinct and separate from Aylesbury*
- ❖ *As Bierton is so close to Aylesbury we must make sure we do not blend into Aylesbury*
- ❖ *Need to ensure we don't get swallowed up into Aylesbury*
- ❖ *Sadly, I think Bierton is not a great place to live. It is spoilt by the main road, mix of different housing styles and I have no faith that any such surveys such as this will have any impact. I believe that it will become part of Aylesbury.*
- ❖ *The parish should not be swallowed up into Aylesbury by new housing*
- ❖ *Bierton is its own village and do not join on to Aylesbury, Hulcott, or Broughton.*
- ❖ *There are many surrounding villages which were separate to Aylesbury at one time. Expansion is now jeopardising their identities. Rural communities are should be preserved so that both town and village dwellers can benefit from differences. There is much to be gained from each other.*
- ❖ *I feel that the Bierton villagers have fought hard over the years for their identity as a separate part of Aylesbury and that this is important and should continue*
- ❖ *The constant stream of traffic through Bierton has contributed to reducing the identity of the Parish and creating an extension of Aylesbury*
- ❖ *It's important to keep the village feel of Bierton, Broughton and hulcott separate from Aylesbury*

- ❖ Really want Bierton to be distinct from Aylesbury town and Watermead and Kingsbrook
- ❖ We feel that keeping a village identity is of utmost importance, Bierton should not become a suburb of Aylesbury. Perhaps a village shop would help?
- ❖ Bierton, Broughton and surrounding villages have always been independent. We do not want to become a suburb of Aylesbury.

Section 3: Environment and Green Spaces

3.1 Do you think the Green Spaces in the Parish are.....? (Please tick one option only)	%
Very Important	84
Important	16
No Opinion	0
Not Important	0
Not at all Important	0
N=	436

All of the respondents stated that 'Green Spaces in the Parish' were either 'Very Important' (84%) or 'Important' (16%).

3.2 Do you think the Green Spaces in the Parish need to be improved.....?	%
Yes	80
No	20
N=	

80% of respondents felt that 'Green Spaces in the Parish need to be improved'.

3.3 Which of the following actions to improve Green Spaces in the Parish should be prioritised? (Please place one tick per priority column)

	Priority 1 %	Priority 2 %	Priority 3 %
Protect wildlife	26	14	15
Reinstate hedgerows	7	13	5
Plant trees	8	6	9
Increase the number of public footpaths	7	14	6
Increase the number of bridleways	0	1	3
Increase the number of cyclepaths	8	8	11
Increase the number of litter/dog waste bins	5	4	8
Protect allotments	6	8	8
Protect nature reserves	5	14	8
Protect Conservation Areas	23	8	13
Develop community garden/orchard	8	9	13
N=	266	248	260

From those respondents who felt ‘Green Spaces in the Parish need to be improved’ 26% rated ‘Protect wildlife’ as their ‘First Priority’ in terms of improving ‘Green Space in the Parish’ with 23% selecting ‘Protect Conservation Areas’.

3.4 Do you think specific views in the Parish should be protected? (Please tick one option only)

	%
Strongly Agree	64
Agree	26
No Opinion	10
Disagree	0
Strongly Disagree	0
N=	425

90% of respondents either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (64%) or ‘Agreed’ (26%) that ‘specific views in the Parish should be protected’.

3.5 Where in the Parish do you think views should be protected?

21% of the qualitative comments cited the ‘Church’, including;

- ❖ Views from St James Church towards the hills
- ❖ Views of St James's Church Views of trees/fields, etc (i.e. the countryside)

- ❖ Views to the church and fields all around the village

16% of the qualitative comments referred to the ‘Chiltern Hills’, including;

- ❖ View of the Chiltern Hills from Aylesbury Road. Surrounding views of fields/ nature from Aylesbury. Views of the Chiltern Hills from historical landmarks such as the well and the church
- ❖ Where views of the Chiltern Hills already exist - these should be protected From St Osyths Well looking towards the Chiltern Hills. From Aylesbury Road towards Watermead and Weedon. Views around the top of Great Lane. Views at the Wingrave end of Bierton
Of church tower and to Chiltern Hills

3.6 Do you think that the footpaths of the Parish should be protected and enhanced including the views and flora/ fauna/ environment along and around them? (Please tick one option only)	%
Strongly Agree	62
Agree	34
No Opinion	3
Disagree	1
Strongly Disagree	0
N=	425

96% of respondents either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (62%) or ‘Agreed’ (34%) that the ‘footpaths of the Parish should be protected and enhanced including the views and flora/ fauna/ environment along and around them.’

3.7 Please provide any further comments in terms of Green Spaces in the Parish?

The key theme was that the ‘Green Spaces’ in the village needed to be protected, comments included;

- ❖ Keep as many green spaces as possible
- ❖ It’s a key characteristic of the parish that there are green spaces which separate it from Aylesbury town and gives it its unique identity, this needs to remain
- ❖ Green spaces should be protected and not overdeveloped. Footpaths should be narrow and organic (woodchip for example) to reflect the beauty of the nature surrounding
- ❖ No building on existing green spaces
- ❖ Really important to maintain and protect green spaces for general well-being of the populace and to improve the quality of the air/atmosphere

Section 4: History and Heritage

4.1 Do you think the History and Heritage of the Parish should be promoted? (Please tick one option only)	%
Yes	94
No	6
N=	428

94% of respondents indicated that the 'History and Heritage of the Parish' should be promoted.

4.2 Which of the following actions to promote the History and Heritage of the Parish should be prioritised? (Please place one tick per priority column)	Priority 1 %	Priority 2 %	Priority 3 %
Leaflets	8	8	25
Maps	8	23	26
Walks e.g. the Bierton Circular Walk	46	24	10
On Line information	28	29	18
Parish notice boards	8	16	17
Other	1	1	3
N=	334	306	293

46% of those who felt 'History and Heritage of the Parish' should be promoted choose 'Walks e.g. the Bierton Circular Walk as their 'First Priority'.

4.3 Do you think the ancient footpaths associated with old Quarrendon village and St Osyths Well should be protected	%
Yes	96
No	4
N=	423

96% of respondents think the 'ancient footpaths associated with old Quarrendon village and St Osyths Well should be protected'.

4.4 Do you think the medieval mound behind the houses on Aylesbury Road should be enhanced as a historical asset of the Parish?	%
Yes	90
No	10
N=	420

90% of respondents think the medieval mound behind the houses on Aylesbury Road should be enhanced as a historical asset of the Parish'.

4.5 Do you think the Historic Buildings of the Parish should be protected?	%
Yes	98
No	2
N=	423

98% of respondents think the ‘Historic Buildings of the Parish’ should be protected.

4.6 Which Historic Buildings in the Parish do you think more should be done to protect? (Please tick one option per row)						
	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	No Opinion %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	N=
St James’s Church	74	22	3	0	0	403
St. Osyth’s Well	65	30	4	0	0	397
Red Lion Pub	45	40	15	0	1	388
Th Dog House Pub	23	37	33	5	2	382
The Bell Pub	28	42	26	2	1	373
The Barn Venue	23	38	33	4	2	374
Other	43	16	39	0	2	56

96% of respondents either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (74%) or ‘Agreed’ (22%) that more should be done to protect ‘St James’s Church’, whilst 95% felt more should be done to protect ‘St. Osyth’s Well.’ (65% ‘Strongly Agree’/ 30% ‘Agree’)

4.7 Please provide any further comments in terms of History and Heritage in the Parish

The key theme was that the ‘History and Heritage’ of the village needs to be protected. Comments included;

- ❖ All historic buildings and sites in the parish should be protected
- ❖ I think more constraints should be put in place to protect the appearance of historic dwellings too.
- ❖ History and heritage are important and should be preserved, even UNESCO agrees
- ❖ The History and Heritage should be promoted in Bierton School to ensure that the children understand the importance of the past and how peoples' lives have changed
- ❖ Knowledge share among us all, so we can protect and share the knowledge with our younger generations
- ❖ There is a conservation area in Bierton which needs to be protected from inappropriate development.
- ❖ All historic buildings and sites in the parish should be protected

Section 5: Education

5.1 Do you think the provision of educational facilities in the Parish needs to be improved?	%
Yes	71
No	29
N=	393

70% of respondents felt that the ‘provision of educational facilities in the Parish needs to be improved.’

5.2 In terms of improving the provision of educational facilities do you think that....? (Please tick one option per row)						
	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	No Opinion %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	N=
Bierton C/E Combined School admissions policy should continue to prioritise residents living in the Parish of Bierton with Broughton	79	18	4	0	0	291
Bierton Pre-School admissions policy should continue to prioritise residents living in the Parish of Bierton with Broughton	76	21	3	0	0	286
New schools building in Kingsbrook should be built more quickly	62	28	8	1	0	288
Secondary School options should be improved	52	33	14	1	0	278
A dedicated nature education area should be developed	45	40	15	0	0	275
Other	38	10	48	0	3	29

97% of respondents either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (79%) or ‘Agreed’ (18%) that ‘Bierton C/E Combined School admissions policy should continue to prioritise residents living in the Parish of Bierton with Broughton’ whilst the same figure stated ‘Bierton Pre School admissions policy should continue to prioritise residents living in the Parish of Bierton with Broughton’. (76% ‘Strongly Agree’ and 21% ‘Agree’)

5.3 Do you think that vehicular access to the educational facilities in the Parish needs to be improved? (Please tick one option only)	%
Strongly Agree	46
Agree	21
No Opinion	28
Disagree	3
Strongly Disagree	2
N=	412

Two-thirds (67%) of respondents either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (46%) or ‘Agreed’ (21%) that ‘vehicular access to the educational facilities in the Parish needs to be improved’.

5.4 In terms of improving the vehicular access to the educational facilities in the Parish do you think... ..? (Please tick one option per row)

	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	No Opinion %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	N=
More parking spaces at the Bierton C/E Combined School are needed	43	29	17	7	4	272
Parking should be controlled, using restrictions and enforcement	54	22	13	9	3	268
More parking spaces at the sports centre are needed for Bierton Pre-School	24	42	26	7	1	273
Emergency vehicle access to the School needs to be improved	50	30	19	1	0	268
Driving to the educational facilities should be discouraged	53	29	11	5	1	273
Other	56	3	38	0	3	32

82% of respondents either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (53%) or ‘Agreed’ (29%) that ‘Driving to the educational facilities should be discouraged’, 80% ‘Emergency vehicle access to the School needs to be improved’ (50% ‘Strongly Agree’/ 30% ‘Agree’) and 76% ‘Parking should be controlled, using restrictions and enforcement.’ (54% ‘Strongly Agree’ and 22% ‘Agree’)

5.5 Do you think that pedestrian access to the educational facilities in the Parish needs to be improved? (Please tick one option only)	%
Strongly Agree	43
Agree	25
No Opinion	27
Disagree	4
Strongly Disagree	0
N=	415

68% of respondents either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (43%) or ‘Agreed’ (25%) that ‘pedestrian access to the educational facilities in the Parish needs to be improved’.

5.6 Please provide any further comments in terms of Educational Facilities in the Parish

The key theme to emerge was that ‘Walking to School’ should be encouraged, comments included;

- ❖ *Driving to school should be discouraged, but for that to be successful viable alternatives are needed - footpaths need improving, particularly turning right out of the top of Parsons Lane where they are narrow. With the level of traffic, it's dangerous at times to walk /bike young kids who are easily distracted along these paths. Catchment should be kept within the Parish to allow the reasonable prospect of walking to School*
- ❖ *it would be impossible to improve vehicle access to Bierton School. Pupils and parents should be encouraged to walk. Even living miles away there is plenty of parking on the lower part of the main road. It is healthy to walk. A very successful scheme many years ago ensured most children walked. It reduced cars greatly in Parsons Lane and children were rewarded with a free swim by walking*
- ❖ *Children (and their parents) should be encouraged to walk to school and dissuaded from using vehicles to get there. These only serve to block the roads unnecessarily.*
- ❖ *Children should be encouraged to walk or cycle to school for example in a parent led train*
- ❖ *Traffic should be banned and walking to school should be encouraged*
- ❖ *Parking by the well and on Broughton lane with walking access to school through new school entrances*

A number of comments also cited that currently ‘Walking to School is dangerous’;

- ❖ *Aylesbury Road pavements are too narrow. Very dangerous for children walking to school*
- ❖ *Footpaths to the school are too narrow and often heavy vehicle mirrors will encroach - not safe. Traffic is very heavy, and children are encouraged to walk which exposes them to high levels of pollution. vehicles often drive very fast, both at school and non-school times*
- ❖ *Walking to school on the main road is horrendous and unsafe*

- ❖ *It is unrealistic to say that people should not drive to the school. I started walking my 3 young children along the main road to school but it is FAR TOO DANGEROUS. Pavement is so narrow, if they stumble they are in the path of a ten-tonne lorry (probably driven by someone who is texting on their phone, something I often see)*

Section 6: Housing

6.1 Do you think that new housing development is needed in the Parish?	%
Yes	14
No	86
N=	406

86% of respondents did not think ‘new housing development is needed in the village’.

Please note that even if it was felt that no further housing development was needed the Steering Group still wanted to gather respondents views and opinions about potential future housing development.

6.2 The Draft Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP), identifies that up to 23 new houses/dwellings in addition to the 2450 houses on the Kingsbrook site, could be built in the village of Berton in the period 2018-2033. Assuming that the VALP is approved do you consider the following possible development options to be....? (Please tick one option per row)

	Very Important %	Important %	No Opinion %	Not important %	Not at all Important %	N=
One single development site for all	9	14	19	23	36	359
Sites evenly distributed across the village	27	39	15	9	10	361
Single house sites	25	32	24	11	8	343
Sites with 2 to 4 houses	16	38	22	15	9	353
Sites with 5 or more houses	3	12	25	29	31	340

In terms of the VALP, two-thirds of respondents rated ‘Sites evenly distributed across the village’ were either ‘Very Important’ (27%) or ‘Important’ (39%). 59% stated that possible development on a ‘single site for all’ was ‘Not at all Important’ (36%) or ‘Not Important’ (23%).

6.3 Please provide any further information regarding location that you feel is important when it comes to new housing development.

The key theme to emerge was that ‘No more development should take place’.

- ❖ *Given the need to preserve the character of the existing villages of Berton and Broughton/ Broughton Crossing and the development of Kingsbrook there should be no further new housing other than that already approved 28 February 2018 even if this*

means that the total of 23 new properties identified in the draft VALP is not established. Kingsbrook provides a more than adequate opportunity to meet local housing needs. As already indicated all green spaces should be preserved

- ❖ I don't feel any more houses need to be built as there is no infrastructure in place to accommodate these houses and feel we have enough to with Kingsbrook
- ❖ Bierton has had more than enough development with 2450 at Kingsbrook , no more is needed.
- ❖ No further housing development should be allowed between the existing village and Kingsbrook.
- ❖ I think with the large Kingsbrook development so close that there should not be any further requirement within the parish.
- ❖ I honestly cannot see why it is necessary to build any further houses in Bierton/ Broughton. Surely the 2400 homes already being constructed on Kingsbrook is enough.
- ❖ Any additional housing in the parish should be within Kingsbrook. There is no rationale for any additional housing elsewhere in the Parish.
- ❖ Any additional housing in the parish should be within Kingsbrook; there is no good reason for additional housing elsewhere in the parish
- ❖ We already have the Kingsbrook development I think Bierton have taken enough of a hit, the roads, school and other infrastructure cannot take anymore.
- ❖ Bierton village does not need more houses because the Kingsbrook development provides many new houses
- ❖ Kingsbrook development is sufficient

6.4 In terms of local housing need, do you think that new housing development is needed in the Parish for the following reasons? (Please tick one option per row)

	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	No Opinion %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	N=
To meet general housing need in the parish	11	27	18	25	20	392
To provide affordable housing (Homes for sale or rent provided through a Housing Association e.g. shared ownership or part buy, rent or part rent)	10	25	19	20	26	394
To enable local young people to remain living in the parish	30	43	12	7	9	406
To enable older people to move into more suitable accommodation for their needs	20	44	18	10	8	398
Other	19	0	59	8	14	59

Nearly three-quarters (73%) of respondents either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (30%) or ‘Agreed’ (43%) that ‘new housing development is needed in the Parish to enable local young people to remain living in the Parish’.

6.5 Are you concerned about future housing development in the Parish?	%
Yes	87
No	13
N=	382

87% of respondents were ‘concerned about future housing development in the Parish’.

6.6 In terms of future housing development in the Parish, are you concerned because of the... ..?(Please tick one option per row)

	Very Concerned %	Concerned %	No Opinion %	Not Concerned %	Not Concerned at all %	N=
Impact on the rural nature of the parish	76	22	1	1	0	334
Pressure on community facilities	65	25	7	3	0	333
Increase in traffic	92	7	1	0	0	337
Increased parking needs	72	20	6	1	1	332
Environmental impact	73	23	3	1	0	330
Impact on the views	65	29	5	0	1	327
Pressure on school places	56	24	16	2	2	330
Pressure on nearby GP and Health Services	68	21	8	2	1	334
Size of small-scale housing developments e.g. 1-10 houses	30	42	16	11	0	329
Size of medium scale housing developments e.g. 11-50 houses	69	21	8	1	1	329
Size of large scale housing developments e.g. 50 or more houses	85	9	5	0	1	330
Other	55	3	38	0	3	29

There was widespread concern over future housing development in the Parish with over 90% of respondents stating they were either ‘Very Concerned’/ ‘Concerned’ about; ‘Increase in traffic’, (99%) ‘Impact on the rural nature of the Parish’ (98%). ‘Environmental impact’ (96%). ‘Size of large scale housing developments e.g. 50 or more houses’, (94%) ‘Impact on the views’, (94%) ‘Increased parking needs’, (92%) ‘Pressure on community facilities’ (90%) and ‘Size of medium-scale housing developments e.g. 11-50 houses’. (90%)

6.7 In terms of local housing need, do you think that new housing development is needed in the Parish for the following reasons? (Please tick one option per row)

	Yes %	No %	N=
Homes for sale on the open market	80	20	367
Private rented homes	35	65	346
Affordable homes for sale provided through a Housing Association (e.g. shared ownership or part buy, part rent)	51	49	364
Affordable rented homes provided through a Housing Association	35	65	360
Other	11	89	38

80% of respondents stated that ‘new housing development is needed in the Parish’ for ‘Homes for sale on the open market’. (80%) Nearly two-thirds did not want to see ‘Private rented homes’ (65%) or ‘Affordable rented homes provided through a Housing Association’. (65%)

6.8 In terms of affordable housing in the Parish do you think this should be... ..?(Please tick one option per row)

	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	No Opinion %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	N=
For local people or those with a connection to the parish	49	28	14	6	3	408
For anyone who needs this type of housing	11	24	25	19	21	379

Just over three-quarters (77%) (49% ‘Strongly Agree’/ ‘Agree’ (28%) of respondents felt that affordable housing should be ‘For local people or those with a connection to the Parish’.

6.9 What type of new housing should be built in the Parish? (Please place one tick per priority column)

	Priority 1 %	Priority 2 %	Priority 3%
Bungalows	16	16	15
Small homes (1-2 bedrooms)	16	23	20
Small family homes (2-3 bedrooms)	39	29	8
Large family homes (4+ bedrooms)	11	11	15
Homes for people with specific housing needs (e.g. for those with disabilities, sheltered complexes for older people)	12	16	22
Flats	2	1	7
Homes with designated office or workspace	1	5	12
Other	2	0	1
N=	314	305	279

When asked ‘What type of housing should be built in the Parish’ 39% of respondents chose ‘Small family homes (2-3 bedrooms) as their ‘First Priority’.

6.10 In terms of the location of potential sites to accommodate housing to meet a particular need in the Parish do you think this should be... ..?(Please tick one option per row)

	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	No Opinion %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	N=
Next to existing houses	15	45	15	12	13	393
Next to businesses	8	31	38	15	9	370
On 'brownfield' sites (land which has previously been built on)	44	40	9	3	5	396
On 'greenfield' sites (land that has never been built on before)	2	3	7	21	67	387
On 'greenfield' sites only if there are no 'brownfield sites' available	5	19	10	18	49	394

88% of respondents either 'Strongly Agreed' (44%) or 'Agreed' (40%) that in 'terms of the location of potential sites to accommodate housing to meet a particular need in the Parish' this should be on 'brownfield sites (land which has previously been built on)'. Alternatively, 88% of respondents either 'Strongly Disagreed' (67%) or 'Disagreed' (21%) with 'greenfield sites (land that has never been built on before)'.

6.11 In terms of new housing development in the Parish do you think...?(Please tick one option per row)

	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	No Opinion %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	N=
Houses should fit in visually with existing streetscapes within the Parish	61	31	6	1	1	399
Houses should be designed to be innovative and non-traditional	5	17	26	31	20	384
Houses should be eco-friendly	33	49	15	1	2	385
Houses should have sufficient off-street parking for the size of the house	74	22	2	1	1	402
Other	38	0	52	3	7	29

‘In terms of new housing development in the Parish’, 96% of respondents either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (74%) or ‘Agreed’ (22%) with the assertion that ‘Houses should have sufficient off-street parking for the size of the house’ and 92% that ‘Houses should fit in visually with existing streetscapes within the Parish’.

6.12 Have you, or any member of your family (even if they do not live with you now) had a problem finding suitable living accommodation in the Parish? (Please tick one option only)

	%
Yes Currently	5
Yes, within the last 5 years	5
No, but I anticipate this being a problem within the next five years	12
No	50
Not applicable	29
N=	407

Half of respondents stated that they or ‘any member of their family’ had not had a problem ‘finding suitable living accommodation in the Parish’ over the last 5 years.’

6.13 What is/ was the exact nature of the problem? (Please tick all that apply)	%
Lack of homes to buy at a price I/they could afford	81
Lack of homes to rent at a price I/ they could afford	29
Lack of homes big enough	7
Lack of homes small enough	25
Lack of homes suitable for specialist personal needs (e.g. disabled people/ retirement living)	13
Other	1
N=	83

From those 22% of respondents who had or anticipated a ‘problem finding suitable living accommodation in the Parish’ over the last 5 years, 81% stated that this was due to ‘Lack of homes to buy at a price I/they could afford’.

6.14 Please provide any further comments in terms of Housing in the Parish?

The key theme to emerge was that ‘no further development’ was needed, comments included;

- ❖ *There are too many new houses already!!*
- ❖ *No more houses should be built in the parish, no matter what size*
- ❖ *Do not want any thank you*
- ❖ *There are 2 and a half thousand houses being developed at Kingsbrook. No other housing development is necessary.*
- ❖ *Please note that we do not believe that any more housing development is required in the village.*
- ❖ *We DO NOT need any more housing following the 2450 homes approved already. Enough is Enough!!*
- ❖ *There are 2,450 houses being built on the nearby Kingsbrook development which which more than meet local housing needs.*
- ❖ *The development of Kingsbrook should satisfy the housing needs of the parish for the near future.*
- ❖ *None is required*
- ❖ *There should be no new housing. The current new development is quite sufficient and in terms of affordable housing the developer should be rigorously held to promises they made to get the planning permission and not be allowed to renege on those promises.*
- ❖ *Do not want any new houses built in bierton*
- ❖ *I don't think the parish needs further houses due to the 2450 houses being built at Kingsbrook.*
- ❖ *We don't "need" housing, it will come from people wishing to capitalise on land and opportunities they have. The plan needs to control these aspirations*

Section 7: Healthcare

7.1 Do you think healthcare provision is needed in the Parish?	%
Yes	81
No	19
N=	393

81% of respondents stated that 'healthcare provision is needed in the Parish'.

7.2 In terms of healthcare in the Parish which of the following do you think is important (Please tick one option per row)						
	Very Important %	Important %	No Opinion %	Not important %	Not at all Important %	N=
Dentist	29	40	12	17	2	304
Pharmacy	42	41	9	7	1	311
GP Practice	70	26	2	2	0	321
Other	36	5	45	9	5	22

From those respondents who stated that 'healthcare provision is needed in the Parish', 96% stated a 'GP Practice' was either 'Very Important' (42%) or 'Important' (41%) whilst 83% felt a 'Pharmacy' was either 'Very Important' (42%) or 'Important' (41%).

7.3 Please provide any further comments in terms of Healthcare in the Parish

A number of comments cited the 'strain on existing Healthcare provision', comments included;

- ❖ *As the population of the Parish expands with the gradual completion of the Kingsbrook development, the existing GP practices in the area will struggle to cope. This needs to be addressed and potentially a new GP/Medical centre should be added.*
- ❖ *Huge demand generally placed on health and social care due to massive housing expansion.*
- ❖ *Healthcare is already under strain and more needs to be invested in local facilities especially with the increasing and ageing population.*
- ❖ *Local health centre/surgery is already over stretched with the new developments.*
- ❖ *Increased numbers from new housing and longer living*
- ❖ *the current provision for doctor surgeries will be under increasing pressure with Kingsbrook developing - it is already extremely busy*
- ❖ *A new surgery is necessary, but they closed Elmhurst and moved it.*
- ❖ *We need more community-based healthcare, nurses and carers to visit homes to take the strain off GP surgeries and hospitals*
- ❖ *Poplar Grove seems to be bursting at the seams and struggling with all the new residents registering there so a new GP surgery is urgently needed.*
- ❖ *With the extra housing already at Kingsbrook the local GP surgeries are already overrun. So another surgery is needed within this area to cope with this demand.*

Section 8: Transport

8.1 Do you think the volume of traffic in the Parish needs to be reduced?	%
Yes	93
No	7
N=	396

93% of respondents stated that the ‘volume of traffic in the Parish needs to be reduced’.

8.2 Where does the volume of traffic in the Parish need to be reduced (Please tick one option per row)						
	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	No Opinion %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	N=
Parsons Lane	40	27	30	2	0	332
Burcott Lane	47	34	15	4	0	347
Broughton Lane	52	32	13	4	0	338
A418/ Aylesbury Road	82	15	3	1	0	357
Bellingham Way (Kingsbrook)	17	22	46	11	4	308
Other	32	4	60	4	0	25

From those respondents who felt the ‘volume of traffic in the Parish needs to be reduced’ 97% either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (85%) or ‘Agreed’ (15%) that this was on ‘A418/ Aylesbury Road, 84% ‘Broughton Lane’ (‘Strongly Agree’ (52%) and Agree (32%) and 81% ‘Burcott Lane’ (‘Strongly Agree’ (47%) and ‘Agree’ (34%)

8.3 Do you think that traffic management in the Parish needs to be improved?	%
Yes	93
No	7
N=	375

93% of respondents felt that ‘traffic management in the Parish needs to be improved’.

8.4 How do you think traffic management in the Parish could be improved? (Please tick one option per row)

	Yes %	No %	N=
Additional speed cameras	56	44	327
Speed awareness signs	80	20	331
Reduced speed limits	48	52	318
Road narrowing	38	62	313
Central islands	53	47	307
Speed bumps	28	72	310
Discourage use by HGV's	94	6	338
One-way routes	16	84	299
Traffic lights	46	54	305
Pedestrian crossings	77	23	313
Mini roundabout	35	65	300
No right turns	12	88	293
Other	62	38	47

From those respondents who felt 'traffic management in the Parish needs to be improved', 94% stated this could be done by 'Discourage use by HGV's', 84% 'Speed awareness signs' and 77% 'Pedestrian crossing'.

8.5 On which of the following roads in the Parish do you think the listed traffic management options could be deployed? (Please tick all that apply)

	A418-Ayles. Road %	Burcott Lane %	Bellingham Way %	Broughton Lane %	Parsons Lane %	Great Lane %	Other %	N=
Additional speed cameras	81	42	16	34	5	4	0	227
Speed awareness signs	77	53	29	45	16	12	0	284
Reduced speed limits	48	43	15	33	39	19	1	182
Road narrowing	64	43	9	33	7	2	3	106
Central islands	84	17	11	11	3	0	2	129
Speed bumps	32	54	23	36	31	19	4	91
Discourage use by HGV's	73	64	31	62	24	21	2	313
One-way routes	18	30	9	36	18	0	15	33
Traffic lights	56	29	9	44	4	2	3	135
Pedestrian crossings	86	26	14	17	10	3	1	214
Mini roundabout	66	31	16	13	6	4	7	83
No right turns	19	47	13	13	9	0	16	32
Other	32	11	11	26	21	5	21	19

From those respondents who felt 'traffic management in the Parish needs to be improved' 'A418/ Aylesbury Road' was targeted with 86% stating the road required 'Pedestrian crossing', 84% 'Central islands' and 81% 'Additional speed cameras'.

8.6 On which of the following junctions in the Parish do you think the listed traffic management options could be deployed? (Please tick all that apply)

	A418-Ayles. Road/Great Lane %	A418-Aylesbury Road/ Parsons Lane %	A418 Aylesbury Road/ Burcott Lane %	A418-Aylesbury Road/ Cane End Lane %	Other %	N=
Central islands	47	40	58	37	5	98
Discourage use by HGV's	65	52	87	39	1	246
One-way routes	10	27	23	33	20	30
Traffic lights	31	22	75	20	7	118
Pedestrian crossings	36	26	64	30	4	151
Mini roundabout	23	28	65	32	5	96
No right turns	10	37	60	13	13	30
Other	27	9	45	18	36	11

From those respondents who felt 'traffic management in the Parish needs to be improved' the 'A418 Aylesbury Road/ Burcott Lane' junction was targeted with 87% stating 'Discourage use by HGV's', 75% 'Traffic lights', 65% 'Mini roundabout', 60% 'No right turns' and 58% 'Central islands'. 65% stated 'Discourage use by HGV's' 'A418 Aylesbury Road/ Great Lane'.

8.7 Do you think the construction of the Eastern Link Road should be prioritised?	%
Yes	92
No	8
N=	377

92% of respondents felt that the 'construction of the Eastern Link Road' should be prioritised.

8.8 Which of the following elements of the Eastern Link Road would you like to see? (Please tick one option per row)

	Yes %	No %	N=
Link A418 to A41 (Aston Clinton Bypass)	99	1	335
Dual carriageway	76	24	293
Double width single carriageway	45	55	239
Single carriageway	18	82	216
Cycle paths	84	16	279
Designed for HGV's	93	7	292
Bypass of Parish	99	1	309
Other	58	42	12

From those respondents who wanted to see the 'construction of the Eastern Link Road' prioritised 99% stated 'Link A418 to A41 (Aston Clinton Bypass)' and 99% 'Bypass of Parish' and 93% 'Designed for HGV's'.

8.9 Do you think car parking provision needs to be improved in the Parish?	%
Yes	71
No	29
N=	373

Nearly three-quarters (71%) of respondents indicated that 'car parking provision needs to be improved in the Parish'.

8.10 Where would you like to see more car parking in the Parish? (Please tick one option per row)						
	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	No Opinion %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	N=
Near the Church	46	33	14	6	2	238
Near Jubilee Hall	45	34	14	6	2	233
Near the Sports Centre	34	45	15	4	2	233
Near the Bierton C/E Combined School	48	30	16	4	2	238
A Park and Ride facility on the outskirts of the Parish for Aylesbury	18	19	21	19	23	232
Other	39	11	39	5	5	18

79% of respondents wanted to ‘see more car parking’ ‘Near the Church’ (‘Strongly Agree’ (46%)/ ‘Agree’ (33%), the same figure ‘Near Jubilee Hall’ (‘Strongly Agree’ (45%)/ ‘Agree’ (34%) and ‘Near the Sports Centre’ (‘Strongly Agree’ (34%)/ ‘Agree’ (45%). 78% of respondents ‘Strongly Agreed’ (48%) or ‘Agreed’ (30%) with ‘Near the Bierton C/E Combined School’.

8.11 Do you think there should be restrictions for on street parking in the Parish?	%
Yes	57
No	43
N=	375

57% of respondents felt ‘there should be restrictions for on street parking in the Parish’.

**8.12 Where would you like to see restrictions for on street parking in the Parish?
(Please tick one option per row)**

	Yes %	No %	N=
Burcott Lane by the old Chapel	89	11	191
Burcott Lane by the Sports Centre	74	26	179
Aylesbury Road	74	26	176
Parsons Lane and side roads	71	29	170
Grass verges	93	7	192
Other	82	18	11

In terms of the ‘restrictions for on street parking in the Parish’ 93% stated ‘Grass verges’, 89% ‘Burcott Lane by the Old Chapel’, 74% ‘Burcott Lane by the Sports Centre’, 74% ‘Aylesbury Road’ and 71% ‘Parsons Lane and side roads’.

8.13 Do you think that footways (pavements) need to be improved in the Parish?

	%
Yes	78
No	22
N=	380

Over three-quarters of respondents felt that ‘footways (pavements) need to be improved in the Parish’.

**8.14 Where do you think footways (pavements) need to be improved in the Parish?
(Please tick one option per row)**

	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	No Opinion %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	N=
Burcott Lane	54	31	12	3	0	265
Broughton Lane	56	28	13	2	0	271
A418-Aylesbury Road	60	22	14	3	0	264
Other	70	5	25	0	0	20

85% of those who felt ‘that footways (pavements) need to be improved in the Parish’ either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (54%) or ‘Agreed’ (31%) that this should be on ‘Burcott Lane’, with 84% ‘Broughton Lane’ (‘Strongly Agree’ (56%) / ‘Agree’ (28%)) and 82% ‘A418-Aylesbury Road’ (‘Strongly Agree’ (60%) / ‘Agree’ (22%)).

8.15 Which of the following actions to improve connectivity in the Parish should be prioritised? (Please place one tick per priority column)

	Priority 1 %	Priority 2 %	Priority 3 %
Improve surfaces on public footpaths/ rights of way	59	20	16
Increase the number of public footpaths/ rights of way	23	45	18
Widen the cycle paths	3	17	24
Increase the number of cycle paths	15	18	43
N=	302	263	234

59% of respondents selected ‘Improve surfaces on public footpaths/ rights of way’ as their ‘First Priority’ in terms of ‘improving connectivity in the Parish’.

8.16 Please outline where in the Parish you would like to see.....?

Improved footpath surfaces:

29% of respondents cited ‘Aylesbury Road’, 23% ‘Burcott Lane’ and 20% ‘A418’.

New footpaths:

41% of respondents cited ‘Burcott Lane’, 26% ‘Broughton Lane’ and 20% ‘Kingsbrook’.

Wider cycle paths:

23% of respondents cited ‘Aylesbury Road’.

New cycle paths:

29% of respondents cited ‘Burcott Lane’.

8.17 Do you use the bus service in the Parish? (Please tick one option only)	%
Daily	4
Weekly	8
Monthly	5
Less than once a Month	23
Never	61
N=	397

61% of respondents stated that they ‘Never’ use the ‘bus service in the Parish’.

8.18 How would you rate the current bus service in the Parish? (Please tick one option only)	%
Very Good	3
Good	13
No Opinion	56
Poor	21
Very Poor	6
N=	388

56% of respondents had ‘No Opinion’ when asked to ‘rate the current bus service in the Parish’ whilst 21% provided a rating of ‘Poor’.

8.19 What improvements to the current bus service in the Parish are important to you? (Please tick one option per row)						
	Very Important %	Important %	No Opinion %	Not important %	Not at all Important %	N=
Links to nearby villages	12	21	55	9	2	297
Links between Bierton, Broughton and Kingsbrook	14	20	54	8	3	297
Links to Aylesbury	48	26	24	1	1	336
More frequent service	36	23	38	3	1	320
Later running service	26	22	48	3	1	301
Earlier running service	12	17	61	7	1	275
More bus stops	12	13	59	13	2	283
Hospital service	34	34	29	3	1	315
Supermarket service	23	30	40	6	2	303
To/ from Secondary Schools	29	26	39	3	2	302
Other	13	8	76	0	3	38

Nearly three-quarters (74%) of respondents felt it was either ‘Very Important’ (48%) or ‘Important’ (26%) that current bus service ‘Links to Aylesbury’ should be improved, whilst 68% stated ‘Hospital service’. (‘Very Important’ (34%) / ‘Important’ (34%)

8.20 Provide further comments in terms of Transport in the Parish?

'Improvements to the Bus Service' were cited, comments included;

- ❖ *If you ever need to use the bus service look out for a very long wait in a very cold bus stop, normally in the rain! Also look out for the bus which simply doesn't turn up. Our bus service is really not a service but an endurance test, and once you give up and start to walk to town, that's when the bus will chug past!*
- ❖ *The Arriva service to the Cottlesloe school is poor and at times my child was left by the side of the road as the bus didn't stop. The fact there are no later services meant that young people cannot get safely home (from Army Cadets for example). A service to the hospitals/GP practice is needed for those without transport. I did try to use the local buses but found them not to run frequently enough, nor late enough so I drive.*
- ❖ *everyone's safety. Better link up to train services and bus hub early morning. Daytime provision for older people who can't or don't want to drive and may find it difficult to walk essential.*
- ❖ *The only bus through Bierton is the 150 Milton Keynes route and infrequent 165 service. It would be good to have a local service linked with Kingsbrook.*
- ❖ *Our bus service is the worst served around Aylesbury- only 1 an hour and not very late in the evenings. Also, it would help to have some sort of seating at the bus stops, a simple bench, concrete maybe is all it needs*
- ❖ *Better bus service may reduce the need for car journeys into Aylesbury.*
- ❖ *a dedicated bus service just from the parish to Aylesbury would be preferable in comparison to being just a few stops on a much longer route*
- ❖ *Since we have lived here there has never been a bus service.*
- ❖ *Bus service into Kingsbrook needs to start as soon as possible. This was promised after a limited number of houses were built but has not been delivered*
- ❖ *bus service not very frequent*

Section 9: Business

9.1 Do you think local business in the Parish needs to be promoted?	%
Yes	76
No	24
N=	380

76% of respondents stated that 'local business in the Parish needs to be promoted'.

9.2 Do you think more employment opportunities are needed in the Parish?	%
Yes	64
No	35
N=	323

64% of respondents indicated that 'more employment opportunities are needed in the Parish'.

9.3 What employment opportunities do you think are needed in the Parish?

The majority of comments reported the need for 'Small, Local Businesses' with a particular reference to a 'Shop'.

9.4 Do you think Bierton would benefit from a specific centre with parking and amenities?	%
Yes	47
No	53
N=	364

53% of respondents did not think Bierton 'would benefit from a specific centre with parking and amenities'.

9.5 Where do you think the specific centre could be located?

When asked where they felt a specific centre could be located 27% of the comments referred to 'Kingsbrook'.

9.6 Provide further comments in terms of Business in the Parish?

19% of the comments provided referred to the need for a 'Local Shop'.

Section 10: Infrastructure and Connectivity

10.1 In terms of connectivity in the Parish, how important are the following? (Please tick one option per row)

	Very Important %	Important %	No Opinion %	Not important %	Not at all Important %	N=
Faster Broadband	65	23	9	2	1	381
Free Wi-Fi in Community Facilities	27	37	26	8	3	371
Fibre optic internet	48	27	21	3	2	368
Cable TV services	25	23	36	11	6	355
Other	16	6	61	6	10	31

88% of respondents stated that 'Faster Broadband' was either 'Very Important' (65%) or 'Important' (23%) in terms of the 'connectivity of the Parish' with 75% stating 'Fibre optic internet'. ('Very Important' (48%) / 'Important' (27%))

10.2 In terms of infrastructure in the Parish, how important are the following? (Please tick one option per row)

	Very Important %	Important %	No Opinion %	Not important %	Not at all Important %	N=
More street lighting	22	29	29	13	7	362
Less street lighting	5	9	45	24	16	315
Energy saving lighting	45	40	10	3	1	366
More Post Boxes	15	32	32	18	3	348
CCTV	13	31	31	18	8	344
Improved disabled access e.g. dropped kerbs	30	42	25	3	0	362
Other	12	18	71	0	0	17

85% of respondents indicated that 'Energy saving lighting' was either 'Very Important' (45%) or 'Important' (40%) to the 'infrastructure of the Parish', whilst 72% stated 'Improved disabled access e.g. dropped kerbs'. ('Very Important' (30%) / 'Important' (42%))

10.3 Where would you like to see improved disabled access in the Parish?

‘Aylesbury Road’ was mentioned in a number of the comments, including;

- ❖ *Dropped kerbs are required across every side turning from the Aylesbury Road and similarly on any road crossing provided with pavements to side turnings off side roads. Those dropped kerbs at side roads off the Aylesbury Road which cause the user to confront oncoming traffic need to be turned through 90 degrees. That is not to ignore dropped kerbs to facilitate crossing the Aylesbury Road. Where a road crossing is provided with a refuge the width of the refuge needs to be long enough to accommodate mobility scooter/ a carer behind and pushing a wheelchair. Also, wide enough both ways for mothers with prams and walking children*
- ❖ *Along the Aylesbury Road footpaths, and Jubilee Hall*
- ❖ *New pavements along Aylesbury Road*
- ❖ *Dropped kerbs along great lane, Aylesbury Road and Parsons lane are not consistent or flat.*
- ❖ *This also includes children’s buggies as well as wheelchairs. Burcott Lane (journey from Aylesbury Road up to the playground).*
- ❖ *Aylesbury Road*
- ❖ *Wider footways along Aylesbury Road. Improved surfaces on footways throughout the Parish This question should be considered to include adults with push chairs/buggies and parents with accompanying toddlers.*
- ❖ *Wider pavements along Aylesbury Road*
- ❖ *In the vicinity of St James Church, Aylesbury Road*

10.4 Provide any further comments in terms of infrastructure and connectivity in the Parish?

A full list of the comments is available in the separate Appendix document.

Section 11: Community Facilities

11.1 Do you think that the following community facilities in the Parish need to be improved? (Please tick one option per row)

	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	No Opinion %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	N=
Jubilee Hall	28	33	33	5	1	370
Sports fields	11	26	50	12	1	355
Sports Hall	11	24	50	14	1	353
Playground	15	30	44	9	2	356
Canal Walk	26	42	25	6	0	368
Other	19	19	63	0	0	16

68% of respondents either 'Strongly Agreed' (26%) or 'Agreed' (42%) that 'Canal Walk' needed to be improved and 61% 'Jubilee Hall'. ('Strongly Agree' (28%)/ 'Agree' (31%))

11.2 Which of the following community facilities would benefit the Parish? (Please tick one option per row)

	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	No Opinion %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	N=
Village shop	57	33	7	3	1	381
Post Office	31	35	16	7	1	369
Fuel filling Station (e.g. on the Eastern Link Road)	19	32	25	15	9	358
Café	23	36	29	9	3	356
Allotment shop/ stall	15	37	41	6	1	345
Farm Shop	23	46	27	3	1	360
More religious centres	2	5	49	28	17	342
Improved storage for groups/ clubs	6	24	61	7	2	340
Community centre	15	34	41	7	2	351
More allotments	8	25	53	12	3	339
More playgrounds	12	33	43	10	2	352
Youth club	15	38	41	5	2	350
Outdoor gym/ Fitness trail	18	35	38	7	1	350
More tennis courts	5	15	56	20	4	345
Astroturf facilities	11	25	50	11	3	350
Other	30	4	61	4	0	23

90% of respondents either ‘Strongly Agreed’ (57%) or ‘Agreed’ (33%) that ‘Village Shop’ would ‘benefit the Parish’, whilst 69% stated ‘Farm Shop’ (‘Strongly Agree’ (23%)/ ‘Agree’ (46%) and 66% ‘Post Office’. (‘Strongly Agree’ (31%)/ ‘Agree’ (35%))

11.3 Which of the following community events would you support in the Parish? (Please tick one option per row)			
	Yes %	No %	N=
Community BBQ	77	23	350
Open Gardens	76	24	355
Scarecrow Competition	45	55	321
Beer Festivals	73	27	346
Other	85	15	34

‘Community BBQ’s’ (77%). ‘Open Gardens’ (76%) and ‘Beer Festivals’ (73%) were all community events which respondents would support.

11.4 Are there any other clubs/ societies that you would like to see based in the Parish?

A full list of the 73 comments is available in the separate Appendix document.

11.5 Which of the following websites/social media do you use? (Please tick all that apply)	%
Facebook- Bierton with Broughton Parish Council	47
Facebook- Bierton Families	23
Facebook- Biertons Future	18
Facebook- Kingsbrook Community	19
Website- www.BiertonVillage.org.uk	63
N=	222

In term of use of websites/ social media 63% of respondents used the ‘www.BiertonVillage.org.uk’ website and 47% the ‘Bierton with Broughton Parish Council’ Facebook Page.

11.6 Please provide any further comments in terms of Community Facilities in the Parish?

A full list of the 27 comments is available in the separate Appendix document.

How would you prefer to receive Neighbourhood Plan updates from the Steering Group?	%
Detailed in the Village Diary	41
A separate mailing through the post	46
Via the Biertons Future Facebook group	13
N=	377

46% of respondents indicated that they would ‘prefer to receive Neighbourhood Plan updates from the Steering Group’ by a ‘separate mailing through the post’ and 41% ‘Detailed in the Village Diary’.