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### CONSULTATION STATEMENT

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## INTRODUCTION

**1.0** Neighbourhood Planning has provided an important opportunity for communities to shape their local environment for future generations. Identifying and evaluating opportunities and constraints will mean that the community is in an informed position and therefore better able to protect our valuable natural assets. This consultation statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 in respect of the Utkinton and Cotebrook Neighbourhood Plan. The legal basis of the Statement is provided by Section 15 (2) of Part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, which requires that a consultation statement should:

- Contain details of the persons and bodies that were consulted about the proposed Utkinton and Cotebrook Neighbourhood Plan;
- Explain how they were consulted;
- Summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
- Describe how those issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Utkinton and Cotebrook Neighbourhood Plan.

**2.0** The parish of Utkinton and Cotebrook is a rural one, in the unitary authority of Cheshire West and Chester Council. The parish is small, rustic and peaceful, with two villages within its boundaries, Utkinton in the west and Cotebrook in the east. The southern part of the parish is bounded by the larger village of Tarporley. The parish has a population of 705 residents. There are many dwellings beyond the settlement boundaries in the Parish, but the main clusters are around John Street and Quarry Bank in Utkinton and Tarporley Road (A49) and Oulton Mill Lane in Cotebrook.

**2.1** Whilst the number of parishioners is relatively small, thus enabling consultation with all members of the community, the isolation of parts of that community has meant that opportunities for consultation had to be varied and accessible. Every opportunity was taken to ensure the community was aware of the Neighbourhood Plan and enable them to contribute to its development through various consultation events and questionnaires.

**2.2** Additionally, the Parish Council has published information on its website <http://www.UtkintonandCotebrookparishcouncil.com> that has pages dedicated to the Neighbourhood Plan, where Neighbourhood Plan documents and background evidence have been published and are available to view. Furthermore, the Parish Magazine '*The Courier*' has contained information about the nature, details and progress of the Plan.

**2.3** The Neighbourhood Plan has been promoted with leaflets, posters on notice boards throughout the Parish, questionnaires and the promotion of a raffle with prizes, by the Steering Group.

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## **BACKGROUND**

**3.0** The Utkinton and Cotebrook Neighbourhood Plan is a community plan, continuing from the Parish Plan and derives its vision, objectives and policies from the community, Parish and Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan. From the outset, the Parish Council and the Steering Group were determined that the residents should be kept informed and given every opportunity to inform the Steering Group of their views. Communication, consultation and information in various forms have played a major role in formulating the Utkinton and Cotebrook Neighbourhood Plan.

- **3.1** Cheshire West and Chester Council were consulted throughout the process and have provided invaluable information and advice. Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish was designated as a Neighbourhood Plan Area by Cheshire West and Chester Council on 22nd November 2016. The Neighbourhood Area boundary was modified on 17th October 2019, to reflect minor amendments to the Parish Council Boundary following Local Governance Review. This change ensured that the Neighbourhood Area aligned with the Parish Council boundary.

It was considered essential to:

- Promote a high degree of awareness of the project
- Form a steering group that contained both Parish Council members and volunteers from the local community
- Encourage every resident to contribute to the development of the Neighbourhood Plan
- Promote consultation events and provide regular updates on the status of the Neighbourhood Plan and its development

Key to this programme was publicity to assure residents engagement. This was achieved by holding public meetings, information delivered by post, progress reports, publicised meetings of the Steering Group and attendance by Steering Group members at Parish Council meetings.

**3.2** A Steering Group had been formed at a previously publicised public meeting, which included members of the Parish Council and parishioners. The Group selected comprised two Parish Councillors and volunteers from the community.

## **CONSULTATION**

**4.0** The initial public consultation took place at the beginning of June and July 2017. It was a phased programme, giving everybody the opportunity to consider;

- ✓ What they liked about living in the Parish
- ✓ Improvements that could be made
- ✓ Dislikes
- ✓ Evolution of the Parish over the Neighbourhood Plan period
- ✓ Benefits/problems of development

**4.1** The programme involved a postcard delivered with *'The Courier'*, the Parish Council magazine and a questionnaire hand delivered to each household in the Parish.

**4.2** A public meeting was held in each village where members of the public questioned Planning Consultant Richard Thresh, Neighbourhood Plan Advisers Carol Weaver and Graham Spencer and Local Ward Councillor Eveleigh Moore-Dutton who had knowledge and experience of the implementation, progress and outcomes of Neighbourhood Plans. These meetings were held on the 15th July 2017 in Cotebrook Village Hall and the 22nd July 2017 at Utkinton Village Hall.

**4.3** The questionnaires varied slightly to give residents, farmers and businesses an opportunity to comment on the Neighbourhood Plan from their particular perspective. In this initial consultation, no age limit was placed on consultees and any teenagers and younger children were encouraged to take part with their families, filling in the forms.

**4.4** As well as delivering the questionnaires to houses in the Parish The Steering Group members attended and set up a stall at the Utkinton Village Fete in July 2017. This function was attended by many residents in the Parish and proved very effective. Similarly, a stall was set up over two weekends at the local shop in Utkinton. Additionally, the survey and meetings were advertised on the Parish Council notice boards and website. Furthermore, the questionnaire could be downloaded from the Parish Council website.

**4.5** There were several locations identified where the completed forms could be left for collection. These were, the two Village Halls, the Village shop in Utkinton and the home of the Chairman of the Steering Group, Tony Dahill. Sealed boxes were used in the public locations. 153 responses were received, a response rate in relation to the population of the parish, of 22%.

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**4.6** The returned questionnaires were examined and priorities, concerns, needs, expectations and suggestions were identified and collated. To simplify, identify and quantify these the responses were sorted in to age groups. Whilst the groups may be considered arbitrary, it was felt the age ranges identified were representative of the different generations in the Parish. The responses of all the groups are listed below, without comment or qualification;

**4.7** The following are the responses of all the age groups. The names, if given, have been deleted from these sheets as respondents were told that they need not give any personal details, but that if they did so, their comments would be published anonymously. This stricture applied to all the people who returned forms, regardless of age. Misspellings and errors have not been rectified and where words could not be read, it has been identified.

## Responses from residents of the Parish 12 - 18 years of age

### Q1) What do you like about living in the Parish?

Sex	Name	Answer
M		Quiet & the views
M		Quiet & the Sandstone trail
M		Quiet & The Wood
F		Views & Walks
M		Running routes
M		Calmer than other places
M		Quiet
F		Dog walking in the forest
M		I like walks & the views
F		I like walks & the views
M		Dog walking in the forest
M		Quiet & safe to walk around
M		Quiet
F		Views and the Walks
F		The views & houses
		Animals and countryside
M		Views and the Walks

### Q2) Could any of these points be improved?

Sex	Name	Answer
M		Needs to be louder so can have more fun. Make better roads
M		Better roads, less litter and a football pitch
M		No
M		Football pitch needed
M		Need a park & football pitches
M		Ban horses on the road

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M		Pathways and Roads
M		The roads are dangerous & we need a bus stop
M		No
M		Footpaths need improving
		Play park
M		Football pitch needed

### Q3) Is there anything the Parish lacks, or you dislike?

Sex	Name	Answer
M		More parks and football pitch
M		No buses
M		Need a cycle path, need a park and football pitches
F		Farm shop too expensive
M		Need football pitch
M		Lacks activities for kids to do
M		More parks and football pitch
F		A49 is too fast and hedges aren't cut so lots of crashes
M		Need better internet and a park
F		Farm shop too expensive, no more houses
M		A49 is too fast and hedges aren't cut so lots of crashes
M		Public transport needed and a football pitch
M		More parks and football pitch
F		No
F		More parks and football pitch, too much litter
		Park
M		More for Children to do socially

### Q4) How would you like to see the Parish evolve over the next 10-15 years?

Sex	Name	Answer
M		Park and football pitch
M		More shops and a park
M		More shops, better walks and a park
F		Cheaper shop and more buildings so we can have more fun
M		Football pitch
M		Kids play area and a Cycle path
M		Expand
F		A cycle path and no big housing estates in the fields
M		A bus service, a few more houses, no retirement homes
F		I want it to stay as countryside
M		Safer roads and a cycle path
M		Safe walking path to Tarporley
M		No bungalows
F		Need a football pitch
		Play park

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More bins and more paths

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## Q5) What benefits would you like development to bring to the community?

Sex	Name	Answer
M		None
M		More people
M		More things for kids to do
F		More bins and a park
M		More kids to be able to play football
M		Better Wifi
M		Streetlights and a bus service
F		Need the road not to be as fast
M		A Park and more houses
F		A park and cheaper shops
M		A big park in between Cotebrook and Utkinton for us to share - Bus service
M		Better village hall, facilities and cycle path
M		BMX park
F		More bins
F		More bins and a park
		Play park
M		More for Children to do socially

## Q6) What problems could a development cause you?

Sex	Name	Answer
M		The noise it will bring
M		Destroy the countryside, power
M		Could be louder, ruin natural things and be annoying in general
F		Less internet signal and more noise
M		Noise
M		Power cuts
M		Nothing
F		Noise / Power cuts
M		Noise / Power cuts
F		More people and more cars
M		Too noisy - more power cuts
M		Too loud - too many cars driving too fast
M		Noise / Power cuts
F		Too many cars & people - More houses noise and pollution
F		Cars speeding down the road
		Noise
M		Noise



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## Responses from residents of the Parish 19 to 35 years of age

### Q1) What do you like about living in the Parish?

Sex	Answer
F	Quiet, friendly, farm shop
F	Views
M	Walks, Community Spirit, Farm shop
F	Community, Safe neighbourhood, friendly
F	Countryside, peaceful and quiet
M	Community, look after village
F	Community, friendly, quiet
F	No travelling, community
M	Walks, scenery, peaceful
F	Countryside, peaceful and quiet, walks
F	Friendly community
M	Rural, Quiet, lovely community
F	friendly, Quiet, lovely community
M	friendly, Quiet, Good school, 2 x civic halls
M	friendly, Quiet, lovely community, Farm Shop

### Q2) Could any of these points be improved?

Sex	Answer
F	Roads need resurfacing
F	Need better pavements
M	None
F	Pavements
F	None
M	Roads need resurfacing, childrens play facility
F	None
F	Village need to support the farm shop
M	Road speeds
F	Not improved but conserve the area
F	Safe play area - reduce speeding traffic
M	None
F	None
M	None
M	Safer roads, cycle routes/footpaths, Open space and playground

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## Q3) Is there anything the Parish lacks, or you dislike?

Sex	Answer
F	Roads and signage improved
F	Fields or play area for children, pavements
M	Safe footpath to Tarporley
F	No
F	No
M	Attitude towards the childrens play facility
F	No footpath to Tarporley, No Park for the children
F	People not supporting the farm shop
M	Speeding traffic
F	N/a
F	No park and speeding traffic
M	Cotebrook needs a village shop
F	We lack open space and a playground. Transport links and footpath to Tarporley
M	No footpath to Tarporley, No Park for the children
M	Footpath to Tarporley, Park for Children

## Q4) How would you like to see the Parish evolve over the next 10-15 years?

Sex	Answer
F	Footpath, Roads and signage improved
F	More pavements, Park for kids
M	Kids Park
F	Better footpaths, better parking for school
F	Remain a quaint village
M	Stop planning -keep the village lovely
F	More for kids, Park and football field
F	Sensible planning
M	Landfill only
F	Be more environmentally friendly
F	Play area
M	More walks near Mill pool lake
F	We lack open space and a playground. Transport links and footpath to Tarporley
M	Proportionate growth
M	Preserve the school and farm shop. Footpath to Tarporley

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## Q5) What benefits would you like development to bring to the Community?

Sex	Answer
F	Footpath To Tarporley
F	A Park for Children
M	Better roads and a park
F	
F	A bus route
M	Bus service and Park
F	Park or football pitch
F	Not encroach on to Green land
M	Investment
F	There wouldn't be any benefits
F	A Play area
M	Good architecture
F	Open spaces and sustainability
M	Speed controls on John Street, Local pub on Farm Shop grounds
M	Sensible development, nice buildings which are affordable for those wanting to get on the property ladder

## Q6) What problems could a development cause you?

Sex	Answer
F	More damage to roads, noise, views ruined
F	Taking away views
M	Taking away views
F	More houses
F	Too much traffic on the road
M	Loss of privacy
F	Schools full to capacity
F	Taking away views
M	Speeding Traffic
F	Speeding Traffic, Damage to environment
F	Speeding Traffic
M	Noise, lose views
F	Parking on Quarry Bank an issue, further damage to roads by vehicles, loss of community
M	Congestion and impact to countryside
M	Cramming too many houses on plots - wrong style or pricing may reduce the house price in the parish.

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## Responses from residents of the Parish 40 - 59 years of age

### Q1) What do you like about living in the Parish?

Sex	Answer
F	Rural, quiet, small
M	Quiet Nice people
M	Friendly, farm shop, good school
F	Lovely peaceful village
M	Walks
M	Countryside
F	The school, views
M	The school, views
M	Countryside, views, walks, farm shop
F	Farm shop
M	Views, countryside, friendly people
F	None
M	Views, countryside, friendly people
F	Views, countryside, friendly people, wild life
F	Stunning location, friendly
F	Views, sense of community
F	Rural, wildlife
M	Rural, countryside
	Peace and quiet, rural views
	Quiet, countryside
M	Peace and quiet, fresh air
F	Quiet
F	It is peaceful and the unspoilt countryside is a rare thing to still have on your doorstep
	Environment
M	Friendly, quiet
F	The views. Village atmosphere, Rose Farm shop
F	The landscape, views and elevated position
M	Lovely community feel and spirit
F	Lovely community feel and spirit
M	Small friendly, slightly isolated but close enough to bigger towns
F	Countryside
M	Rural but close to amenities
F	Views, woodland, countryside
F	Rose Farm shop, views
F	Quiet, easy transport routes
F	Rural, quiet, walking routes, close to amenities
F	Friendly community, beautiful scenery
M	Peace and Calm
F	Quiet rural location
F	Peace and quiet, fresh air, green space
M	Views, peace and quiet, Rose Farm shop

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F	Views, peace and quiet, Rose Farm shop
F	Countryside, quiet, nice walks

## Q2) Could any of these points be improved?

Sex	Answer
F	None
M	Keep it as it is
M	Play area for kids
F	Play area for kids
M	Visible signs
M	More pavements
F	New facilities
M	Overgrown paths, and more footpaths
M	Roads need resurfacing
F	Parks and recreation, community space
M	Bus service
F	None
M	None
F	Protect what we have
F	Struggled to find us
F	None
F	None
M	None
	Road surfaces. Footpaths
	Keeping hedges trimmed
M	No
F	Road surfaces.
F	I would like to see a footpath to Tarporley and a play area for the young children in the village.
	Rights of way and transport
M	None
F	Roads cleared of mud
F	None
M	20mph on John Street due to speeding traffic
F	20mph on John Street due to speeding traffic
M	Better roads surface and drainage
F	Safe play area for children
M	A pub in the village, public bus
F	None
F	Roads need improving, wifi too slow
F	Hard to get involved with the community
F	None
F	None
M	Speed control introduced and weight limit
F	None

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F	Less cars
M	Footpath to Tarporley, Public transport, more community events in the village hall, could it have a temporary licence to become a community pub
F	Footpath to Tarporley, Public transport, more community events in the village hall, could it have a temporary licence to become a community pub
F	Footpath to Tarporley,

### Q3) Is there anything the Parish lacks, or you dislike?

Sex	Answer
F	There is an invisible, exclusive Parish Council breeding distrust
M	No playground , would like a pub
M	No playground , would like a pub
F	Would like a pub
M	No playground
M	Take away
F	No playground
M	No playground
M	Roads are in a poor condition
F	Speeding motorists and Need a bus service
M	No playground
F	None
M	Developers
F	No playground
F	Signage to advertise
F	State of the roads
F	Dog fouling, speeding motorists, Footpath to Tarporley
M	Dog fouling, speeding motorists, Footpath to Tarporley
	No playground, Dogs fouling on footpaths
	No playground, Poor quality of roads
M	Decent Road surfaces
F	Decent Road surfaces
F	I think access to our service centre (Tarporley) is not easy unless you drive
	Footpaths to Tarporley, and public transport
M	Children's playground, PUB, Footpaths to Tarporley
F	Road surfaces
F	Footpaths to Tarporley, and public transport , no playground
M	None
F	None
M	Pub, far too many speeding cars
F	Footpaths to Tarporley, and public transport , no playground
M	Footpaths to Tarporley
F	Footpaths to Tarporley and public transport , no playground
F	Footpaths to Tarporley and public transport , no playground
F	Footpaths to Tarporley and public transport , no playground
F	After 20 years I still don't feel part of the community

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F	Footpaths to Tarporley and public transport , no playground
M	Improved road surface, better broadband
F	Playground needed, maintain roads
F	Play area
M	Lack of pub, Playground, more dog bins at the top of quarry road,
F	Lack of pub, Playground, more dog bins at the top of quarry road,
F	Public transports, footpath to Tarporley

## Q4) How would you like the Parish to evolve over the next 10-15 years?

Sex	Answer
F	
M	playground , would like a pub
M	playground , would like a pub
F	Would like a pub
M	playground
M	Take away
F	Playground
M	Playground
M	Improved Roads are in a poor condition
F	Speeding motorists and Need a bus service
M	Playground
F	None
M	
F	Playground
F	Signage to advertise
F	Improved roads
F	Reduce speeding motorists, Footpath to Tarporley
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	Playground
	Playground, improve quality of roads
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F	Public transports, footpath to Tarporley

**Q5) Inevitably, there will be development in the future. What benefits would you like it to bring to the community?**

Sex	Answer
F	More amenities and space for people New tennis court new activities bowling green
M/F	Children's play area, safe footpaths, country pub, allotments, Parking for village hall
F	
F	Better access to Tarporley/Kelsall by foot/cycle. Supporting infrastructure
F	Opportunity to connect with wider world when desired Safeguard green spaces Affordable retirement houses
F	It will not bring benefits to the village. This is a village not a town. Stop building
F	Perhaps - a community
F	Investing in infrastructure. Playground. Improve village hall facilities
M	
F	Why inevitably? Covenants not to object to existing village life. Farmyard activities
F	Play or focal area for kids. Maintain what we have, Improve internet access
M	Slow growth. Affordable housing for local people
F	Bus service that is regular and available early in the morning and evening
	Not necessarily
F	Public transport
M	Younger families
F	Play area. Improved wifi + broadband footpath to Tarporley
M/F	We wouldn't welcome any more housing. If the ... ..? Has a small happy community
M	A 'gentle' increase in community size - variety
F	Pavement to Tarporley and play area
	People need homes but ensure roads maintained to increase traffic. Pathway to Tarporley to ensure safety
M	Better upkeep of local roads



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## Responses from group 60+

### Q1) What do you like about living in the Parish?

Sex	Answer
M	Peaceful and quiet
M	Rural
M	Lived here 76 years - love everything
F	Quiet
M	Peaceful and quiet, Countryside and rural location
F	Peaceful and quiet, Countryside and rural location
F	Everything
M	
F	Countryside
F	Views
F	Peaceful, small community
M	Countryside
M	Peaceful and quiet, Countryside and rural location, views
M	Peaceful and quiet, Countryside and rural location, views
M	Peaceful and quiet, Countryside and rural location, views
F	Peaceful and quiet, Countryside and rural location, views
M	Peaceful and quiet, Clean air lovely place to live
F	Views, farm shop
F	Peaceful and quiet, Countryside and rural location, views
M	Quality of land, lovely countryside
M	No travelling, meeting lovely people
M	Know all the local people
F	Peaceful and quiet, Countryside and rural location, views
M	Peaceful and quiet, Countryside and rural location, views
M	Views, farm shop
F	Peaceful and quiet, Countryside and rural location, views
F	Peaceful and quiet, Countryside and rural location, views
M	Peaceful and quiet, Countryside, farm shop, views, friendly people
M	Peaceful and quiet, Countryside, farm shop, views, friendly people
F	Peaceful and quiet, Countryside, views
M	Peaceful and quiet, Countryside, views
F	Peaceful and quiet, Countryside, farm shop, views, friendly people
M	Rural countryside
M	Quiet, clean air, lots of walks
F	Beautiful rural location
M	Quiet, countryside, community
M	Access to facilities in the region, friendly atmosphere
M	The views, community
M	Quiet, countryside, community
M	Community Spirit
F	Rural, friendly atmosphere
M	Rural, farm shop

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M	Countryside, Low traffic
M	Rural , beautiful and unspoilt
F	Rural, great community, Rose farm shop
M	Country location, nice views and access to facilities and shops at Tarporley. Not to mention peace and quiet and access to footpaths and other rural amenities
F	Friendly village and neighbours. Local Rose Farm shop, well stocked and very helpful friendly staff. Open views of countryside. Pleasant walks
M	It's rural and relatively quiet. Close to Primrose Wood, for exercise. Has a good shop/PO which acts as a focal point
M	Location of village
M	Rural setting, close to amenities
M	Tranquillity, Rural landscape
F	Lovely, safe community
F	Low crime rate, countryside, interesting history
F	Open prison for pensioners and kids.
F	Views, countryside, Rose Farm, shop
F	Very friendly and helpful
F	Happy and friendly community
M	Rural and quiet
F	Lived here a long time
M	Local shop
M	Rural, peace and quiet
F	Views, peace and quiet and Rose Farm Shop
F	Sense of community, Rural, quiet,
F	Views, peace and quiet and Rose Farm Shop
M	Countryside, Village Hall, Tranquil
F	Great sense of community
F	Quiet, rural location
F	Rural, views and scenery. Friendly community and Rose Farm Shop
M	Rural, views and scenery. Friendly community and Rose Farm Shop
F	Everything
M	Rural
F	Friendliness, countryside
M	Rural, countryside, peace and quiet
F	Rural, countryside, peace and quiet
M	Rural Ambience. Relatively crime free. Generally quiet
F	The peace and quiet. Like living in the countryside. Fairly crime free.
M/F	It's semi-rural. Close to many networks -road rail city coast etc. Good eating places
F	It is friendly and compact
M	Rural community
F	It's rural but essential services are fairly nearby
F	Rural settings and having a local community
	Quiet peaceful rural living
F	Semi rural but with links to M56, Crewe Station and airports

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## Q2) Could any of these points be improved?

Sex	Answer
M	Community recreational facilities, public transport
M	Public Transport
M	
F	
M	
F	Preserve what we have
F	Public Transport
M	Wider roads
F	
F	Internet
F	Not too much development
M	
M	Community recreational facilities, overgrown paths
M	Footpath to Tarporley
M	Roads need resurfacing
F	Community recreational facilities
M	
F	
F	Protect what we have
M	Speeding Traffic
M	Villagers support us
M	Highway maintenance
F	Speeding Traffic
M	
M	Speeding Traffic
F	
F	
M	
M	
F	
M	Allotments for the community
F	Wider roads
M	Light sensor on LED lights
M	Speeding Traffic
F	
M	
M	Speeding Traffic
M	
M	Public Transport
M	
F	
M	Footpath to Tarporley
M	Speeding Traffic
M	Verges protected and introduction of more designation passing spaces.

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F	Enterprise hub for small businesses
M	Overgrown paths that we have could tended to and be improved, possibly before new paths are created
F	Village social meetings?
M	No
M	No
M	Closer link to church, village hall and parish council, improved public transport
M	Protect the countryside from inappropriate development
F	Faster broadband
F	None
F	None
F	None
F	None
F	None
M	Less traffic
F	None
M	30mph on Utkinton Lane due to no footpath
M	None
F	None
F	Looking after the elderly scheme, more community initiatives and celebrations
F	Footpaths need clearly and hedges cutting back
M	Recreation facilities and playground. Paths clearing
F	Improvements to Cotebrook Hall will improve the use of it
F	Bus to Tarpoley
F	Roads need resurfacing
M	Speed cameras
F	Public transport
M	None
F	None
M	None
F	None
M	A49 footpath returned to its original width as the grass/turf has reduced by half
F	The A49 returned to its original width, the grass and weeds have encroached too far
M/F	Roads mud and holes - speed of vehicles
F	More social events
M	More community spirit
F	Yes, with a regular bus service
F	Controlled planning that does not destroy this rural community
	Maintain status quo please

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## Q3) Is there anything the Parish lacks, or you dislike?

Sex	Answer
M	Community recreational facilities, public transport, improved broadband
M	Public transport
M	Public transport
F	
M	
F	Community recreational facilities, public transport, Footpath to Tarporley
F	Public transport
M	Community recreational facilities
F	Broadband
F	Footpath to Tarporley
F	Public transport
M	Community recreational facilities
M	Community recreational facilities, public transport,
M	Public transport
M	Roads need improving
F	Community recreational facilities
M	Village club bar in village hall, Membership only
F	Community recreational facilities, public transport, speeding traffic needs controlling
F	Dislike the way developers are trying to ruin the landscape
M	Public transport
M	Public transport
M	Dislike speeding cars
F	Footpath to Tarporley ,public transport
M	Community recreational facilities, public transport, Footpath to Tarporley
M	
F	excess mud in the road
F	Hedges not cut back on a regular basis
M	Footpath to Tarporley ,public transport
M	Community recreational facilities, public transport, Footpath to Tarporley
F	Community recreational facilities, Reduced speed limit
M	Community recreational facilities,
F	Dislike speeding cars
M	
M	
F	
M	Dislike speeding cars
M	Community recreational facilities,
M	Narrow roads
M	No pub in Utkinton
M	
F	Community recreational facilities, condition of roads
M	Community recreational facilities, public transport, Footpath to Tarporley
M	Community recreational facilities, public transport, Footpath to Tarporley

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M	Public transport
F	Speeding cars and lack of footpaths
M	Roads are in a poor condition. Litter is a problem. Heavy vehicles moving on the roads that weren't designed to take them
F	Speed of some traffic on country lanes. Tractors and cars driving on verges.
M	A communal green space (e.g. for children)
M	No
M	Speeding cars and lack of footpaths
M	Resurface the tennis court
F	Improve road surfaces
F	Public Transport and better broadband
F	Nothing for children to do
F	Playground
F	None
F	Public bus
M	Speed restrictions and public transport
F	None
M	Additional parking at village hall
M	Public transport
F	No development
F	Footpath to Tarporley
F	A pub, public transport
M	Road speeds, and improved amenities
F	Speeding cars and lack of footpaths
F	Speeding cars and lack of footpaths
F	All the infill building
M	Speeding cars and lack of footpaths
F	No public transport
M	None
F	None
M	Speeding cars and lack of footpaths
F	Speeding cars and lack of footpaths
F	Safe footpaths on the A49 required. Bus route on A49 required connecting Cuddington station and Tarporley
	Speed along John Street
F	Poor condition of the roads and lack of gritting in the winter when roads are icy
F	The lack of a regular bus service
M	Faster broadband
F	Activities for children
M/F	Lack of public house, activities for children, no church chapel
	Mobile phone coverage and broadband are extremely poor and need to be improved
M	Very poor broadband and poor mobile coverage Both of these need improving

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## Q4) How would you like to see the Parish evolve over the next 10-15 years?

Sex	Answer
M	Rural setting, close to amenities
M	Tranquillity, Rural landscape
F	Lovely, safe community
F	Low crime rate, countryside, interesting history
F	Open prison for pensioners and kids.
F	Views, countryside, Rose Farm, shop
F	Very friendly and helpful
F	Happy and friendly community
M	Rural and quiet
F	Lived here a long time
M	Local shop
M	Rural, peace and quiet
F	Views, peace and quiet and Rose Farm Shop
F	Sense of community, Rural, quiet,
F	Views, peace and quiet and Rose Farm Shop
M	Countryside, Village Hall, Tranquil
F	Great sense of community
F	Quiet, rural location
F	Rural, views and scenery. Friendly community and Rose Farm Shop
M	Rural, views and scenery. Friendly community and Rose Farm Shop
F	Everything
M	Rural
F	Friendliness, countryside
M	Rural, countryside, peace and quiet
F	Rural, countryside, peace and quiet
M	Sensible planning
M	Sensible planning
M	Small pockets of development i.e.: 1/2 houses
F	Improved service centre
M	Reduced speed limit
M	Small volume of affordable housing
F	Improved roads, controlled development
F	
M	Improved roads, controlled development
M	Infill houses only
F	Infill houses only
M	Public transport, better broadband
F	Considered architecture
M	Controlled small developments
M	Greener sustainable village
F	Recreational facilities
M	Reduced speed limit, affordable housing
M	Controlled smaller developments
M	Infill development only

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M	Controlled smaller developments
M	Controlled smaller developments
F	Infill development only
M	Controlled smaller developments
M	Controlled smaller developments, introduction of younger families
M	Ban on large housing developments, More employment
F	Ensure expansion of school and introduction of affordable houses
M	Controlled development that is sustainable within the existing community boundaries.
F	Slowly, given the present infrastructure. Country lanes would struggle with more traffic. There is no playground for children at present. School would struggle with higher intake of children.
M	As with the previous 15 years, by continuing to ensure a balance between development and maintenance of the natural environment
M	Slow development
M	Affordable housing for local people
M	None
F	Public transport,
F	Public transport,
F	None
F	None
F	None
F	Companionship for everyone 'I won't be here'
M	More younger families
F	I am getting older
M	None
M	Something for the children / playground
F	Attractive smaller houses for older generation
F	Footpath, better community events
F	Increased public transport
M	New families into the village
F	Public transport,
F	None
F	New development must bring benefits to the village
M	New development must bring benefits to the village
F	None
M	None
F	None
M	Countryside should be protected
F	Countryside should be protected
M	More affordable housing
M	More affordable housing for younger families
M/F	Low cost housing for young local people. More of a community feel embracing all walks of life and social groups. Care of environment
F	Evolve without being over developed
	Maintain rural, quiet, peaceful living
F	Affordable housing required



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**Q5) Inevitably, there will be development in the future. What benefits would you like it to bring to the community?**

Sex	Answer
M	Closer interaction between age groups. Liaison between 2 village hall activities and parish council for events
M	Additional spend to support local traders
F	Negotiate a playing field
M	Whatever development does exist in the future developers should make a financial contribution to improvement of the overall infrastructure
	Since 1970 the number of homes build is in the region of 93 - 1.9 a year the largest was in Utkinton in 1980 32 homes
F	If the village (Cotebrook) extends a local shop would be very helpful
F	Young families, affordable housing better transport links community cohesiveness re broadband and green issues
F	More parking for cars
M	No more building
M	Any development should be minimal and sympathetic to the rural architectural style and blend into the existing environment
F	Opportunity for ageing population to downsize and stay in village who would not qualify for social eg. Market bungalow
F	Young families, affordable housing better transport links community cohesiveness re broadband and green issues
F	Better service, pharmacies, surgeries
M	It will not be inevitable because it is an LSC
F	Controlled development, consultation all benefits everyone in the end
M	Public transport connectivity recreation
	That it remains mixed and isn't focused on bringing people from Manchester or Liverpool to use as a dormitory. Not all development is housing
M	Employment opportunity a share of the proceeds of shale development
F	Public transport
M	Facilities for kids
	Increased social return
F	Younger families and youngsters being a central part of the village to enable the school to grow and become more a part of the community
M	Affordable housing for local people. Better transport links
M	Use any development to fund local needs such as the footpath described in 2
F	Affordable housing for young families. Some play facilities for young children Public transport traffic speed control
F	I cannot see that development would bring any benefits to the community
M	Sensible planning without .....? On green belt unless special circumstances
F	If it brings people providing the above services
F	If by development one means housing [ok] if development involves factory this would be inappropriate
M	The priority given to small really low-cost homes for young people

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M	Continued viability of the school a few more employment opportunities more usage of the village halls for social and educational means
MF	Housing for locals that they can afford
MF	We think the challenge for the parish will be to try to protect what we have here and enjoyed for the last 30 years
M	Generate Energy for all e.g. Hydro scheme at Mill pond on Utkinton Lane A community orchard allotments would encourage more local people
F	Ability to work from home but not large industrial buildings. I imagine a slightly bigger primary school so able to run their own teams
M	Proper footpaths - regular bus services larger car park for community hall
M	Learn from Ashton Hayes and become carbon neutral any development would be infill Small group of affordable houses needed
M	More people which will require more facilities
F	Keeping its rural roots and not becoming a suburb of Tarporley and beyond
MF	Housing for young locals low cost help to buy school to0 expand employment locally faster broadband speed
F	Better demographics
M	Better demographics a small shop
F	Transport Business Small housing for local people
M	Affordable housing for local people
	Care and companionship for everyone
M	More younger families
	I am in my late 70s so something for the children in the area
F	I am getting older
F	Attractive 2 bed housing for older residents which would release many larger properties
F	footpath greater effort to market community centre as venue for groups afternoon/ lunch club /evening clubs
F	more public transport, the school being sustained
M	keeping the community alive new 'blood' into the village
F	AS better bus service with development comes a need for additional health and dental services
	Very little as it would spoil the peaceful rural atmosphere
M/F	Any development would have to be sustainable within the local infrastructure. If local jobs were provided this would be a good thing
F	If there is development then maybe the use of a village shop
M/F	In areas of outstanding natural beauty and special county value development is not inevitable or acceptable Protect the area
F	
M	
F	
M	
F	
F	
F	
M	
F	
F	
M	

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## Q6) What problems could a development cause you?

Sex	Answer
M	Congestion, oversubscribed school, change the character of the parish
M	Development will be limited to infill
M	Increase traffic
F	Increase traffic
M	No improvement
F	Spoil views, noise, road issues
F	Increase traffic
M	Increase traffic
F	increase traffic, spoil the beauty
F	increase traffic
F	Increase traffic and people
M	Increase traffic
M	None
M	increased traffic
M	increased traffic, development work
F	Alter the feel of the village, building where we currently enjoy the countryside
M	Traffic, extra noise
F	Noise from traffic, loss of view
F	Noise from traffic, loss of view, lose green space, too many people, possible increase in crime
M	None
M	Increase in people exercising dogs on farmland
M	None
F	Increase traffic
M	Increase traffic
M	Increased traffic
F	Increased traffic, noise, litter
F	Increased traffic
M	Increased traffic
M	lose views
F	lose views
M	lose views
F	Increased traffic
M	Increased traffic
M	Destruction of green belt sites, increased traffic
F	Increased traffic
M	Increased traffic
M	Increased traffic

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M	Large estate detrimental
M	Increased traffic
M	Pressure on existing services ie; doctors, dentist etc
F	Loss of rural atmosphere, increased traffic
M	Lose the unique feel of the village
M	Noise and increased traffic
M	Increased Traffic and parking problems.
F	Increased traffic and broadband issues
M	Can't envisage that localised development will cause me any problems
F	More traffic
M	Realistically, only minor quality of life issues
M	No loss of trees
M	Playground
M	Spoil views, noise,
F	None
F	None
F	None
F	None
F	None
F	I won't be here
M	More traffic, pressure on infrastructure
F	None
M	None
M	Traffic, extra noise
F	None
F	Noise, traffic, parking, loss of privacy
F	Increased Traffic
M	Only infill, Large scale development will harm the village
F	Increased speeding cars
F	Increased road issues
F	Increased traffic and road surfaces
M	None
F	None
M	None
F	None
M	Increased traffic, loss of green space,
F	Increased traffic, loss of green space,

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**4.8** A group of pupils (not all in the same year) who lived in the Parish but attended Tarporley High School were visited in the School and given a short presentation on the Neighbourhood Plan and asked to fill in the questionnaire during a programme designed and monitored by their teachers. The results were collated and considered when compiling the Neighbourhood Plan and recorded below together with the interesting results of this particular survey;

## Q1) What do you like about living in the Parish?

Sex	Name	Answer
M		Quiet & the views
M		Quiet & the Sandstone trail
M		Quiet & The Wood
F		Views & Walks
M		Running routes
M		Calmer than other places
M		Quiet
F		Dog walking in the forest
M		I like walks & the views
F		I like walks & the views
M		Dog walking in the forest
M		Quiet & safe to walk around
M		Quiet
F		Views and the Walks
F		The views & houses

Q1 Top Answers	
Quiet	7
Views	6
Walks	6
Forest	3

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## Q2) Could any of these points be improved?

Sex	Name	Answer
M		Needs to be louder so can have more fun. Make better roads
M		Better roads, less litter and a football pitch
M		No
F		Too quiet
M		Football pitch needed
M		Need a park & football pitches
M		Ban horses on the road
F		Need a bus stop and a park
M		Pathways and Roads
F		Wider paths
M		The roads are dangerous & we need a bus stop
M		No
M		Footpaths need improving
F		The paths are uneven
F		The paths & roads

Q2 Top Answers	
Footpath	5
Roads	5
Football pitch	3
Bus stop	2

## Q3) Is there anything the Parish lacks, or you dislike?

Sex	Name	Answer
M		More parks and football pitch
M		No buses
M		Need a cycle path, need a park and football pitches
F		Farm shop too expensive
M		Need football pitch
M		Lacks activities for kids to do
M		More parks and football pitch
F		A49 is too fast and hedges aren't cut so lots of crashes
M		Need better internet and a park
F		Farm shop too expensive, no more houses
M		A49 is too fast and hedges aren't cut so lots of crashes
M		Public transport needed and a football pitch
M		More parks and football pitch
F		No

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F	More parks and football pitch, too much litter
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Q3 Top Answers	
<b>Football pitch</b>	<b>7</b>
Park	6
Bus service	2
Cycle path	1

## Q4) How would you like to see the Parish evolve over the next 10-15 years?

Sex	Answer
M	Park and football pitch
M	More shops and a park
M	More shops, better walks and a park
F	Cheaper shop and more buildings so we can have more fun
M	Football pitch
M	Kids play area and a Cycle path
M	Expand
F	A cycle path and no big housing estates in the fields
M	A bus service, a few more houses, no retirement homes
F	I want it to stay as countryside
M	Safer roads and a cycle path
M	Safe walking path to Tarporley
M	No bungalows
F	Need a football pitch
F	More bins and more paths

Q4 Top Answers	
<b>Cycle path/paths</b>	<b>5</b>
Park	4
Football pitch	3
Football pitch	3

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Q5) What benefits would you like development to bring to the community?	
Sex	Answer
M	None
M	More people
M	More things for kids to do
F	More bins and a park
M	More kids to be able to play football
M	Better Wifi
M	Streetlights and a bus service
F	Need the road not to be as fast
M	A Park and more houses
F	A park and cheaper shops
M	A big park in between Cotebrook and Utkinton for us to share - Bus service
M	Better village hall, facilities and cycle path
M	BMX park
F	More bins
F	More bins and a park

Q5 Top Answers	
Park	5
Bus service	2
More bins	2
Streetlights	1



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## Q6) What problems could a development cause you?

Sex	Name	Answer
M		The noise it will bring
M		Destroy the countryside, power
M		Could be louder, ruin natural things and be annoying in general
F		Less internet signal and more noise
M		Noise
M		Powercuts
M		Nothing
F		Noise / Powercuts
M		Noise / Powercuts
F		More people and more cars
M		Too noisy - more powercuts
M		Too loud - too many cars driving too fast
M		Noise / Powercuts
F		Too many cars & people - More houses noise and pollution
F		Cars speeding down the road

Q6 Top Answers	
Noise	8
Powercuts	6
Speeding/more cars	4
More people	2

**4.9** A questionnaire was devised by the Steering Group for pupils at St. Pauls CofE Primary School and the teachers there agreed to present them during specific lessons relevant to the topic, in which the questions were a natural corollary to the subject being taught. Indeed, some of the responses are used in the Neighbourhood Plan itself. The responses reflect the fact that not all the children who attend the school live in the Parish.

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Q1) What Do You Like About Living in Utkinton and Cotebrook?	Village	Age
It is the countryside	Cotebrook	5
I like the farm shop	Utkinton	6
I like it because it is not crowded	Cotebrook	7
I like everything about Utkinton	Utkinton	5
That it is good with my friends	Utkinton	7
I like my farm shop	Utkinton	6
The bright houses	Utkinton	No
It has public facilities like pubs and a hair dresser in Cotebrook	Cotebrook	10
I live close to my school	Utkinton	9
It is quite peaceful	Utkinton	11
It has nice houses and I do just like living there	Utkinton	9
It is nice because it is in the countryside and the air is fresh	Utkinton	10½
Almost everyone is lovely and there's lots of fields and dog walking places	Utkinton	10
Everybody gets along. And they're (sentence incomplete)	Utkinton	10

	No Village Stated	
I like school because I like the playground and the people		No
It is really friendly and pretty		11
No response		11

	Other Villages	
I like the houses around and for from my school	Tarporley	5
Happy	Tarporley	10
That Utkinton has an AMAZING school (emphasis on the amazing!). It is peaceful and is the countryside	Tarporley	11

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It's a great place to live	Tarporley	11
Happy	Tarporley	9
OK	Tarporley	10
It's a good place to live	Tarporley	11
Everyone is friendly and you get to know them well	Tarporley	9½
Utkinton primary is the best school	Tarporley	10
Utkinton primary	Tarporley	11½
That it isn't busy	Estone Place	6
I love going to Utkinton	Alraham	9
I like it at Utkinton (sic) is because we are a nice little school and we all care for each other	Winsford	10
I love doing maths	Winsford	6
I like the school in Utkinton	Nantwich	No
I like going to my friends house	Nantwich	10

Q2) Is There Anything You Don't Like	Village	Age
I don't like that there are houses near and there are roads	Cotebrook	5
I don't like that my house is far from school	Utkinton	6
I don't like the village because it doesn't have any sports places	Cotebrook	7
I don't like the busy roads	Utkinton	5
Not that much parking spaces	Utkinton	7
I don't like the traffic	Utkinton	6
I don't like the busy road	Utkinton	No
I don't like that there is a busy road by our house	Cotebrook	10
No	Utkinton	9
No	Utkinton	11

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No	Utkinton	9
Cars go very fast down the lanes	Utkinton	10%
No	Utkinton	10
Nothing	Utkinton	10

	No Village Stated	
I don't like walking down the steep hill		No
The roads are very small		11
No		11

	Other Villages	
I don't like the dead plants	Tarporley	5
Nothing	Tarporley	10
Nothing	Tarporley	11
Cars go too fast	Tarporley	11
It is busy	Tarporley	9
No	Tarporley	10
Cars come in really fast	Tarporley	11
It could be more modern in bits but no too modern	Tarporley	9%
Nothing	Tarporley	10
Answer actually relates to next box	Tarporley	11½
When it is snowy	Estone Place	6
No	Alraham	9
No	Winsford	10
The daily mile and homework	Winsford	6
I don't like their busy roads	Nantwich	No

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No	Nantwich	10
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Q3) How Would You Change or Make Better	Village	Age
I would change where I live	Cotebrook	5
I would make the school bigger	Utkinton	6
I would like them to make some sport places	Cotebrook	7
So the cars go slow	Utkinton	5
They need more things to do	Utkinton	7
I would change the traffic	Utkinton	6
I would change the road	Utkinton	No
I would change the road speed limit so cars drive a bit slower and more careful	Cotebrook	10
More areas to play	Utkinton	9
I think it could have more places to play	Utkinton	11
More speed limit signs	Utkinton	9
Change the speed limits and have more places to have fun for kids	Utkinton	10¾
A big park with lots of equipment	Utkinton	10
Buses for people	Utkinton	10

	No Village Stated	
I would make the hill a bit more not steeper		No
Make it bigger and a park		11
Nothing		11

	Other Villages	
I fix the (missing word) and change the plants	Tarporley	5

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Park	Tarporley	10
Better Utkinton Village Hall	Tarporley	11
Play area	Tarporley	11
By helping people get a better house	Tarporley	9
Park	Tarporley	10
More grass and play area	Tarporley	11
I would make it more modern and have more places to play (for kids)	Tarporley	9¼
A changing room when we get ready for PE	Tarporley	10
If there were clubs at the village hall then Utkinton would become more of a destination. Also if there was anywhere to eat like a café or restaurant (except for Rose Farm)	Tarporley	11½
On a flat surface	Estone Place	6
No driving over 40	Alpraham	9
I would make our school when we have tournaments or for the football practice more	Winsford	10
I would want to change sports club to singing club	Winsford	6
I would change the playground because I want better stuff to play with	Nantwich	No
A slide in a park	Nantwich	10

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Q4) Is There Anything You Think The Village Needs	Village	Age
A play barn	Cotebrook	5
I think the villages can have a skyscraper	Utkinton	6
I think builders should build more houses for people to live in	Cotebrook	7
The villages need more things	Utkinton	5
More roads	Utkinton	7
More sports	Utkinton	6
They need more sports clubs	Utkinton	No
A proper pavement so it is safe to walk along and maybe a shop to get little things from	Cotebrook	10
An area to play out of school	Utkinton	9
No	Utkinton	11
A park	Utkinton	9
No response	Utkinton	10%
Sustainable palm oil instead of normal palm oil	Utkinton	10
More places for children to play. Especially Utkinton	Utkinton	10

	No Village Stated	
Some more shops		No
No		11
I do not know		11

	Other Villages	
No response	Tarporley	5
Co-Op	Tarporley	10
More places to play for children ie safe	Tarporley	11
A park	Tarporley	11

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More support	Tarporley	9
More shops and Parks	Tarporley	10
Zoo	Tarporley	11
No	Tarporley	9¼
No	Tarporley	10
Playground. Shops	Tarporley	11½
More flatness	Estone Place	6
Park for children to play in. 50p shop. Sweet shop	Alpraham	9
We need a childrens play area	Winsford	10
Mint Ice cream and craft club	Winsford	6
The village needs more shops because some people might not have no food	Nantwich	No
No	Nantwich	10



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**5.0** There are a small number of businesses and farms in the Parish. All were approached and offered the opportunity to respond to the survey. They were told that the survey could be made specifically to suit their business. Unfortunately, the return was poor.

<b>Q1 What benefits are there in running a business in the village?</b>	
Business - Construction (BC)	I have grown up in the village therefore I know all the local people
Business - retail (BR)	Small friendly site, stunning location, customers enjoy coming out to the site, friendly. Views, donkeys, free parking
Business - Farming, retail (BF)	No travelling, meeting local people

<b>Q2 What problems are there?</b>	
BC	The condition of the roads, e.g. potholes width of roads and overhanging hedges
BR	Some people have struggled to find us or have found us by chance
BF	Not supported by a large percentage of village. But we have a large number of locals who do support and appreciate what we try to achieve

<b>Q3 How could the problems be improved/resolved?</b>	
BC	Highway maintenance, e.g. trimming hedges, resurfacing roads
BR	Apart from leaflet dropping in neighbouring area, road signage for the site would be helpful
BF	More people supporting us from village. However we are fortunate to have customers who travel from far and wide and from neighbouring villages

<b>Q4 Is there anything the parish lacks. or that you dislike?</b>	
BC	The speed of lots of cars travelling through the village is the main problem. A 20mph limit would be better
BR	Needs a community field for all to enjoy. Children to play/kick a football; picnics; village BBQs Primary school to use for activities

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BF	Lacks public transport, dislike the way people speed though the village
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## Q5 How would you like to see the Parish evolve over the next 10 - 15 years?

BC	A vast improvement in the road conditions. A limit on the amount of mass dwellings e.g. new estates! Only single dwellings should be considered
BR	Apart from the comments in the section below Villages such as Utkinton should be left alone as we need to have communities to suit ALL people. Not all of us want urban living in the countryside, spume of us prefer the peace and quiet of more rural villages
BF	Sensible planning

## Q6 Inevitably there will be development in the future. What benefits would you like it to bring to the community?

BC	Keep the local shop busy!
BR	We DO NOT need large-scale development as is currently being threatened. Apart from Weaver Vale housing providing a regular supply of houses, local needs could also be met by allowing the occasional 'organic' property. Possibly with a local occupancy clause.
BF	People who understand country life and appreciate that the 'green fields' are not for people to exercise their dogs and always keep to public footpaths. These fields are where we make our living.

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Farming has been and still is an important part of Parish Daily life, although the number and nature of the farms has altered significantly over recent years. Again, the questions were altered slightly to be relevant, without changing the nature of the survey. Again, the response was poor.

## **Q1 What benefits are there in farming in the Parish?**

Live and work locally

## **Q2 What problems are there with farming caused by your location?**

Conditions of roads, potholes and overhanging hedges, speeding traffic, selfish riding by cyclists + horse riders. Fields are for the animals to feed or crops to be grown not play areas or dog walking spaces

## **Q3 How could the problems be improved/resolved?**

Maintain roads and footpaths cut back hedges speed calming measures

## **Q4 Is there anything that the Parish lacks or you dislike?**

Lacks regular bus service Dislike speeding motorists

## **Q5 How would you like to see the Parish evolve over the next 10 -15 years?**

Maintain village life with only sensible planning i.e. individual infill dwellings in keeping with surroundings sympathetic and special circumstances

## **Q6 Inevitably there will be development in the future. What benefits would you like it to bring to the community? What problems could it cause you?**

New residents appreciating what is already here otherwise why move here? Already people think they can walk everywhere not realising its not PARKLAND but as working area with a living to be made

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Retail outlets and any light industrial businesses were approached. The questions were suggested by the respondents and are recorded below. Again the response was poor.

## Q1 How would you describe your organisation?

SE Small engineering service. Business consultancy

P/R Gastro pub, restaurant

## Q2 How involved is your organisation with Utkinton and Cotebrook and its residents?

SE Very involved with village Hall new build

P/R Very interested. Support Village Hall and other local charities. £2,000 last year. Good percentage of villagers and neighbours use pub.

## Q3 Are your members drawn from the parish and/or are they part of a wider body/membership/organisation?

SE N/A

P/R Wider body destination place

## Q4 Are you aware of the Neighbourhood Plan, its processes, objectives and aspirations?

SE Yes

P/R No

## Q5 Would you and/or your organisation be prepared to contribute to the formation of the Neighbourhood Plan?

SE No

P/R Yes, happy to help. Would like to come to next open meeting

## Q6 Do you see the Neighbourhood Plan as an opportunity for your organisation? If so, why?

SE No

P/R Yes if opens up the village for new development

## Q7 What are your specific interests as regards the neighbourhood plan?

SE As a resident, improved broadband, traffic management

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P/R New development to bring in young professional people - lot of older residents.  
Better broadband. Public transport would be necessary if affordable housing considered

5.1 Copies of the questionnaires circulated.

## Resident Questionnaire

**What do you like about living in the Parish?**

**Could any of these points be improved?**

**Is there anything the parish lacks, or that you dislike?**

**How would you like to see the Parish evolve over the next 10 - 15 years?**

**Inevitably, there will be development in the future. What benefits would you like it to bring to the community?**

**What problems could development cause you?**

Please circle

Are you

Female

Male

Age group

3 -11

12 - 18

19 - 39

40 - 59

60+

(optional) Name.....

**Thank you for completing this questionnaire,**

**please see overleaf for return information and if you need more space**

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Your responses will be added to others and could be published anonymously in the final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan. Can you be contacted to discuss these matters further if necessary?

Yes

No

Your address.....

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Contact No.....

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## Local Business Questionnaire

**What benefits are there in running a business in the village?**

**What problems are there?**

**How could the problems be improved/resolved?**

**Is there anything the parish lacks, or that you dislike?**

**How would you like to see the Parish evolve over the next 10 - 15 years?**

**Inevitably, there will be development in the future. What benefits would you like it to bring to the community?**

**Name..... Village.....**

**Nature of Business.....**

Your opinions are important to this project, please continue overleaf if necessary and **return to**;

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Yes                       No

(optional) Your contact no; .....

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Address.....

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## Farming Questionnaire

**What benefits are there in farming in the Parish?**

**What problems are there with farming caused by your location?**

**How could the problems be improved/resolved?**

**Is there anything the parish lacks, or that you dislike?**

**How would you like to see the Parish evolve over the next 10 - 15 years?**

**Inevitably, there will be development in the future. What benefits would you like it to bring to the community? What problems could it cause you?**

**Name.....**

**Village.....**

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Yes

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Address.....

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## Tarporley High School Questionnaire

Q1) What do you like about living in the Parish?

Q2) Could any of these points be improved?

Q3) Is there anything the Parish lacks, or you dislike?

Q4) How would you like to see the Parish evolve over the next 10-15 years?

Q5) What benefits would you like development to bring to the community?

Q6) What problems could a development cause you?

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## **Utkinton & Cotebrook Neighbourhood Plan**

### **Utkinton St Paul's CofE Primary School**

What do you like about living in the villages of Utkinton & Cotebrook?

Is there anything that you don't like about the villages?

How would you change them or make them better?

Is there anything YOU think the villages need?

Do you live in:

Utkinton      Cotebrook      Other Village \_\_\_\_\_

What is your Age?: \_\_\_\_\_

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**5.2** As well as being advertised on notice boards throughout the Parish, postcards were delivered to every household advertising the Public Meetings in Cotebrook and Utkinton Village halls.

## Postcard

### Utkinton and Cotebrook Neighbourhood Plan

Public consultation meetings – The NDP Steering Group will be holding two meetings to discuss progress to date and to table a number of issues on which we would like your input.

Please could you signify which meeting you would like to attend so that we can ensure sufficient seating and refreshments? They will take the form of a brief presentation followed by Q&A and one-to-one discussions. We will also hand out some questionnaires for you to complete at the meeting or to return to us.

Some of the issues we would like your views on might be:

- Planning and development
- Public Transport
- Communications
- Highways and roads
- Infrastructure across the Parish

Please indicate which meeting you would like to attend below - respond using this postcard by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July it is 'freepost' so will cost you nothing:

Date / Venue	Meeting Preference	Nos. Attending
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July – Cotebrook Village Hall		
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July – Utkinton Village Hall		

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## RESIDENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE

**5.3** The format of the questionnaire was 'open' so that there was no 'leading' of the respondents and the format produced a range of comments, issues and concerns.

**5.4** When asked what residents like about living in Utkinton and Cotebrook the most popular answers across all age ranges were;

Living in the Parish;	<b>Quiet and Views</b>
Improvements;	<b>Footpath, roads, play area, speeding traffic</b>
Parish lacks;	<b>Football pitch, play area, public transport</b>
Development	<b>Cycle path, controlled development</b>
What benefits should development bring;	<b>Play area, community recreational facilities</b>
What problems could development cause;	<b>Noise, lost views, increased traffic</b>

**5.5** The results highlighted the issues that were important, and residents wished to see addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan. The responses helped to form the basis of the Neighbourhood Plan vision, objectives and policies, and helped to determine what evidence needed to be gathered to inform the policies.

**5.6** Many residents commented on the need to protect and enhance the wonderful and valued wildlife of Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish, and a Cheshire Wildlife Trust report was therefore commissioned and can be viewed at [http://www.Utkinton and Cotebrookparishcouncil.com](http://www.UtkintonandCotebrookparishcouncil.com) where a précis of the report is posted.

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## DEVELOPMENT

**6.0** Development, whilst not a divisive issue amongst Parishioners i.e. they wanted controlled, appropriate and organic growth, drew a variety of comments and has, in the past been an issue that has taxed the Parish Council and various groups in the Parish. A decision was made to approach Cheshire Community Action (CCA) in a bid to obtain a definitive and widely acceptable Housing Needs Survey that followed national good practice guidance.

**6.1** The household survey shown below was posted, by CCA to all residents in Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish in the first week of January 2018. Residents receiving the survey in the post could return it to CCA by freepost. To increase accessibility there was also an option to complete it online, which was highlighted in the covering letter of the printed version and promoted locally by the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Group.

**6.2** CCA worked with Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Group to agree the covering letter for the survey. A letter signed by the Chairman of Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish Council, Mr. Frank Tunney accompanied the questionnaire. The Housing Needs Survey questionnaire was based on a template approved by Cheshire West and Chester Council.

**6.3** The survey required responses from as many local residents as possible, including details of anyone known to have moved away from Utkinton and Cotebrook due to a lack of suitable housing in the last five (5) years.

**6.4** The deadline for responses was 16 February 2018 so that residents had six (6) weeks to respond. CCA carried out data entry and analysed the responses. Hard copy responses were manually entered into the same database as those already completed on-line, using Survey Monkey.

**6.5** As the survey was only sent to residents living in Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish, only local housing needs are addressed in this report. A separate Housing Needs Assessment report includes analysis of strategic data including longer-term trend analysis. This can be viewed on the Utkinton and Cotebrook Community Website in the section created for the Neighbourhood Plan.

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## UTKINTON & COTEBROOK PARISH

### HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY 2018

Dear Resident,

The Utkinton & Cotebrook Parish Council invites you to complete this Housing Needs Survey. The survey is important, as it will provide information on your current housing situation and how this may change in the future.

We hope to understand everyone's housing needs and we would particularly like to hear from you if the existing housing in the village does not meet your current needs or likely needs in the future.

The survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete and all responses will be kept confidential. All data will only be used anonymously for informing land use planning policy in our Neighbourhood Plan, and may be used to influence planning applications to help meet local housing needs.

If you have any questions about the survey please contact:  
[john.heselwood@cheshireaction.org.uk](mailto:john.heselwood@cheshireaction.org.uk) or call John on 01244 305321.

**If possible we would like you to complete this survey online. This will help to keep costs to a minimum. Please go to: [https:// www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/UCHNS](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/UCHNS)** (input the address into your internet browser address bar, not the search engine e.g. google)

**Please return handwritten responses by post in the enclosed freepost**

**envelope. The deadline for responses is: 16 February 2018.**

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,



Francis Tunney

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**6.6** A total of 143 surveys were returned out of the 327 surveys distributed giving an overall **response rate of 44%**. The mean average response to CCA Housing Needs Surveys in the last 5 years was 26% and **44%** is the greatest number of responses CCA have received. This report is suitable for guiding and informing:

- Rural housing developments, including those by community led housing groups, registered providers (housing associations) and private developers
- Parish and town councils
- Communities

**6.7** The key findings of the survey can be viewed in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan document.

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## OPPORTUNITIES

**7.0** Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish is a rural Parish with much grazing and pasture land. Happily, there is still an abundance of wildlife in the Parish and a large number of Parishioners expressed concern about damage to the environment and loss of views and vistas in the initial survey. In order to ensure as wide and relevant a consultation as possible, a report from Cheshire Wildlife Trust (CWT) on the natural environment, flora and fauna in the Parish was commissioned, as an integral part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

**7.1** The first stage to protecting and enhancing the natural environment was to identify the natural assets that exist within the neighbourhood. The objective of the report is to identify the core, high ecological value sites for nature conservation in Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish, as well as sites deemed to be of medium ecological value. The high value sites are recommended for protection through the Neighbourhood Planning process and the medium value sites could be considered as biodiversity opportunity areas subject to further evaluation.

**7.2** Medium and high value sites should also act as an alert in the planning system triggering full evaluation should they be proposed for future development. The report also aims to identify key local and regional ecological networks within the neighbourhood planning area and recommends that these be protected through the Neighbourhood Plan. It also identifies key characteristics associated with the landscape character of the Utkinton and Cotebrook area so these can be referenced in planning policies.

**7.3** The full report completed in April 2018, Protecting and Enhancing Utkinton and Cotebrook's Natural Environment, was also available on the Parish Council website. A presentation of the report to the Parish Council exhorting them to adopt the recommendations in the report was made and was accepted by that body in its entirety. To enhance, publicise and offer opportunities for comment, Farmers and Landowners were informed of the survey via the Parish website and references in the Courier.



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**8.0** Having considered the feedback from the survey, reports and comments made by the Parishioners, Groups, businesses and organisations consulted, the Utkinton and Cotebrook Neighbourhood Plan Vision and Objectives document was drawn up. The responses to this document would form the basis of Neighbourhood Plan Draft Policies.

**8.1** This document was delivered throughout the Parish, one copy to each dwelling with a business reply envelope so that respondents incurred no cost, over the weekend of the 6th and 7th October 2018. Prior to the delivery of the Draft Vision and Objectives document, the content and delivery was discussed at a Parish Council meeting and was understood and supported by all the Councillors. Notices were displayed throughout the Parish indicating the nature of the document, time scales and the location of drop off points.

**8.2** The document included details of people who could be contacted should anybody need help, advice or support in filling in or returning the document. This and other questionnaires helped to determine what evidence needed to be gathered to inform the policies. There was an opportunity for respondents to attach comments to the questionnaires and they are recorded below. The consultation period ran until Friday 16th November.

**8.3** The Vision and Objectives document addressed topics, issues, concerns and hopes raised during the previous consultations. They were;

- Homes to meet the needs of local people
- Protecting the built environment
- Better facilities for local people
- Supporting the local economy
- Transport, communication and infrastructure
- Encouraging and supporting local distinctiveness
- Protecting landscape and nature conservation interests

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## Additional comments 'Vision and Objectives' Report

*Nb: The following comments are transcribed verbatim from the 'V&O' survey responses, the language is as it was written.*

These responses are additional comments made on the Vision and Objectives Questionnaire. People were encouraged to respond and were told that their details would not be divulged if they were given. Not all respondents gave personal details. In order to maintain the integrity of the survey, no names are given in the following Comments, Responses and Actions.

TOPIC	COMMENTS	ACTION
<b>Supporting the Local Economy</b>  Not everybody who responded commented on every policy	P1 "careful what you wish for. Fracking is a business - I don't know how popular that would be P2 " Surely all applications are considered on their merit: P3 "This is very broad. Nearly all applications have an unacceptable impact on someone. Would you say 'no' to everything that has an objector? P4 "I don't believe this is a role for the NP. Where would the skills come from to give business this professional help? P5 "This could open the floodgates to a raft of development proposals. I am not against this in principle, but the current wording is too wide."	This person was spoken to personally, as he had taken the time and effort to comment on every policy within the V & O Document. He is aware of the problems that can occur in the Parish and whilst some comments were merely statements, the responses were discussed by the Steering Group and where it was considered necessary additions or deletions were made to the Final Draft.
	High-speed broadband is needed not just within the village.	At all times we were promoting Broadband throughout the Parish
	P1 It is not for the community to support business rather the other way round. Most exist in a 'laissez faire' atmosphere. P5 This is an inevitable factor in modern life. If I understand it then 'Life/Work' means remote workers. This isn't something we have the capability to support.	We disagreed  It is not simply 'remote workers' we were considering in the Plan
	Identify a light industrial unit area within the boundary to develop.	There is an area within the Parish that fits into this category. Although small it is viable and supported locally. See comments above
	Working from home. I would love reliable broadband. BT and I have a 'special' relationship bordering on desperate.	Agreed
	P3 Some impact is inevitable	
<b>Protecting the Built Environment</b>	Within the NP the xxxx ( <i>possibly</i> ; fabric) of all housing stock should be stated i.e., slate roof - stone/brick construction to maintain the village character	We have been as detailed as is reasonable
	Some current housing stock is uninspired and lack lustre  New developments could provide sufficient infrastructure to support the community. In	The Plan has addressed that

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	particular there should be a GP/Walk-in health surgery or satellite thereof, together with a Post Office and adequate parking.	There is a Post Office with adequate parking. There are two GP practices and a Hospital within 1.5 miles of most areas of the Parish
	Can't believe the area is not designated as green belt. Is it possible to address this with the powers that be?	Local Plan Part 2 has addressed the designation of the land in the Parish
	P5 Sustainability and fiscal consideration should be assessed to underpin financial viability of brownfield sites, which often are contaminated	This would be considered upon any relevant application and comments made too CWaC by the PC
	P1 Any significant development would entirely alter the characteristics of Utkinton, i.e. Another "estate" would totally spoil the village and become "busy" rather than a peaceful environment so cherished. P3 I don't believe we should ever use the phrase 'modern design' as it opens the way for ugly boxes and awful materials. Let's stick to something like "traditional". P4 I think the provision of social housing is top priority - too much emphasis on carbon emissions may adversely affect the cost. P5 "The Neighbourhood Plan will identify sites" therefore this proposal is unnecessary, See "meeting the needs" Proposal 2. P6 it's very disruptive living through development, so it's best to get it over and done with quickly.	That was agreed and only 'infill' has been recommended in the Draft Plan  Addressed in the Plan  A statement.  It was later agreed that we would not identify sites  A statement
<b>Better facilities for local people</b>	NB 6 adverse and disabled facilities  Anything to support our elderly residents, I am hugely in favour of.  P2 Developers should be encouraged to add benefit/resources to the village with the granting [of] planning permission. i.e. fund playground, footpath to Tarporley.  P3 The Local Authority must also be involved and take some responsibility for this.	Written into legislation  A statement  That has been addressed  We agreed
	P2 Whilst this sounds good, my experience is that developers will say whatever is necessary to get permission, if we go this route, we should be looking for promises in writing.  P3 Voluntary and community sectors are already stretched. We should be setting up our own groups within the Parish.  P4 Motherhood and apple pie? The play area is a good example of where different needs can't both be met. Don't make promises you can't keep.	People have different experiences and we will follow good practice.  Not specific as to what groups, but there are groups using parish facilities that people can join  Suitably admonished

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	<p>P5 I'm not sure what this means. Generally speaking, those people who want to get involved do get involved. Should it say, "Promote opportunities more strongly"?</p>	<p>Discussed with PC and entries on the Community Website We feel the Neighbourhood Plan should seek to support all organisations and Groups within the Parish</p>
	<p>P1 Given that the School and Church are funded by CWaC and the Diocese, then any focus should be on the two village halls.</p> <p>P3 Engaging with the Voluntary sectors has never been a focus - simply because of the lack of facilities in the community.</p>	<p>A statement</p> <p>See comments above</p>
	<p>Infrastructure in support of an expanding community has to be addressed. A GP/health centre (or satellite), a Post Office, and decent public transport should be provided as a basic foundation.</p>	<p>This is being addressed</p>
<p><b>Homes to meet the needs of local people</b></p>	<p>Number of dwellings; "If including Cotebrook then 20+"</p> <p>P2 At what stage at the drawing up of the NP will suitable sites for housing developments be identified? Also, who will decide these? This is such an important issue that I couldn't give my full support to the proposal without knowing more detail.</p> <p>Planning permission should look favourably upon dependent living accommodation, or development of (domestic) living spaces for older family members.</p> <p>The NP group and PC should work TOGETHER to achieve this.</p> <p>In a village such as Utkinton development should be kept to 'organic' growth i.e. single properties on a suitable piece of land for a family member. This would stop 'large' development sites rui[n]g the village and enable and help families to stay.</p> <p>While I agree with proposal 1, I'm not sure if it is necessary to build new housing simply to attract people into the area. Local people in need of housing area priority. This is the reason I have given proposal 1 a 3 (circled)</p> <p>P2 "The Neighbourhood Plan will identify sites suitable for housing development" Who will identify the sites? This puts a very specific responsibility on their shoulders. Surely the NP should merely outline the parameters to be considered when judging future planning applications and not to present a list of sites likely to be approved.</p>	<p>People were asked what number of dwellings they considered acceptable for development within the Parish The respondent was spoken to and the matter of identification of sites was explained to him. We would only recommend 'infill'.</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>We are doing so</p> <p>Agreed in principle</p> <p>Agreed, dwellings should be built for local people first.</p> <p>This is no longer a 'responsibility'.</p>

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	<p>This puts a lot of commercial power in the hands of those identifying the potential sites.</p> <p>The village requires mixed stock development to maintain a controlled population growth to facilitate the amenities within the village i.e. school + shop. A upper limit of 55 houses over a 5 year period will ensure village sustainability and succession.</p>	Agreed and numbers discussed
<b>Encouraging and supporting Local Distinctiveness</b>	<p>1 I support the notion of 'meeting the needs of the community' but this proposal suggests we are offering an opportunity to lots of people to come and live here, which is unsustainable.</p> <p>4 I think we need proper "social housing" 5 in each village. Affordable housing does not fulfil the same criteria as it merely offers a discount to a very high figure - so it's really only affordable for the better off!</p>	It was a questionnaire for the guidance of the Steering Group, enabling us to discuss the needs of the community. There were no offers and we understand the cost of 'affordable housing'.
	<p>Proposals 1 - 5 All of these proposals are sounding like a suspicious acceptance of the 'Northgate Field' planning application. This should not be accepted or passed as it goes against everything that makes Utkinton such a peaceful, unique, unurbanised place to live.</p>	The Steering Group had no input on the Northgate Field application. It was rejected on Appeal
	<p>P1 Putting it simply they already do. It's just that these suit their needs rather than the community</p> <p>P2 Given that we only have 2 fingerposts, I don't know what Cheshire railings are I would agree</p> <p>P3 Yes but these would be 'weasel words' from a developer.</p> <p>P4 100% but is this too expensive and what are Cheshire unique species?</p> <p>P5 I So? (literally)</p>	<p>We are trying to protect the community with the NP.</p> <p>Message will be passed re railings.</p> <p>No comment</p> <p>Details on CWaC sites</p> <p>No comment</p>
	<p>Grass verges should be maintained as such. Tarmac and coving (sic) stones have started to creep into the village lanes off the main roads.</p>	Agreed
	<p>P4 I don't understand the thinking behind this. I have many plants and trees in my garden which are not native to Cheshire, but they are thriving and look great. Attractiveness and how well they grow should be the determining features</p>	A matter of opinion
<b>Transport, Communication and Infrastructure</b>	<p>To encourage business opportunities in the area, dialogue with the appropriate company is a priority.</p> <p>Q, 1 + 2 Developers should help fund question 2</p>	A matter to be pursued by the Parish Council

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Why try to urbanise Utkinton with footways and cycleways?? There is neither the space or money to do this. It is an accepted part of living somewhere like Utkinton. If you want urban living.....	There is no intention to 'urbanise' anywhere. Footpaths and cycleway promote healthy living.
Consider this being done in phases rather than trying to achieve all at once - footway to Tarporley.	Agreed
General. Issues identified include traffic speed but there is no mention of this in the proposals. In particular I find it odd that the A49 has speed limits whilst Stable Lane/Fishpool Road are de-restricted!! (Despite being a 'B' road)	This matter is currently being discussed with Cheshire West and Cheater Highways Department.
2. I hope the very important walkway idea connecting Utkinton and Tarporley is still being <i>considered as it is a scheme with many merits.</i>	Efforts are being made to do this
Can we also add in that existing footways will be maintained/kept free of vegetation? It is extremely dangerous to walk anywhere in the Parish, even along the A49, due to narrow/ overgrown paths, and no street lighting. Speed limits along the A49 should reflect the safety of pedestrian, cycle or horse traffic.	That is the responsibility of CWaC and the PC monitor the paths.
I live in a lane with no street lighting and am happy to keep it that way. It's easy to see approaching cars at night because of their headlights. As a pedestrian I wear reflective jacket and carry a torch at night. It's the countryside - light pollution is just another form of pollution.	There was general agreement to this statement, but safety is always a priority.
P5 Yes please!!	
Broadband is "not good" in John Street, served from Tarporley Exchange.	It is a matter addressed in the Plan
P1 <u>ALL</u> development whether a single property or multiple will bring an average of 1.7 cars per household. P2 This is a truly laudable goal but it is an expensive one. It needs to be seen <i>vis-a-vis</i> the true requirement by each sector of society. P3 The <b>ONLY</b> way to achieve this is for the community to run its own transport that caters for 0730 to 1730 7 days, P4 BT Openreach simply will not deliver. An organisation such as B4RN (Broadband for the Rural North) could help.	These issues are being addressed> We are aware of the cost implications and a survey will be conducted on Transport.
We have the worst mobile phone signal and this needs to be addressed,	Ongoing
Fast broadband has become an important factor in our lives & probably increasingly so. It is not available to all households in the Parish & it should be.	Ongoing

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	<p>There's still no fast broadband for us in Tirley Lane let alone fibre. Current speed 2mb! Should be Openreach/BT to provide.</p>	<p>Fibre will be introduced in due course</p>
	<p>2.3.4. These matters need addressing already - NOT because of development. They are existing problems needing urgent improvement. We score low on all these issues, to serve existing residents. Feel strongly about POT HOLES, lack of footpaths and badly maintained footpaths. Absence of footpaths especially main road to Tarporley. <u>SAFETY</u></p>	<p>Already noted and being addressed</p>
	<p>Part of comments about broadband, electric bikes cut off. Will be asked to clarify at appropriate time.</p>	
<p><b>Protecting Landscape and nature conservation interests</b></p>	<p>4.5. Where possible expand such areas for wildlife, amenities and open space for public use and enjoyment, Increase footpaths and open space for walks (exercise).</p> <p>Consideration for this sector will be paramount, bit do not become obsessed with the subject at the expense of any development.</p> <p>P5 The potential development of Northgate is controversial. I suggest the Parish should construct its own proposal for, say, 5 social houses on the field designed in such a way that a 'village green' feel is achieved. This would meet the need for truly affordable houses and create a village centre that can be enjoyed by everyone.</p>	<p>We realise the importance of these issues and they are all addressed in the Plan</p> <p>No obsessions within the group</p> <p>Respondent unaware of recent refusal on Appeal by Inspector</p>

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**8.4** The Vision and Objective forms when collected and analysed resulted in a **52%** return from the residents to the survey. The policies most supported would form the structure of the Policy document, but not exclusively so. The policies had to be in general conformity with the National and Local Plans, and the Cheshire West and Cheshire Landscape Strategy Part 1 (March 2016).

**8.5** Contact was made by the Steering Group with the Teachers and Pupils of St. Paul's Primary School in Utkinton. An appropriate questionnaire was devised and the pupils offered an opportunity with their teachers to respond. Their responses were included in the Neighbourhood Plan.



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## Environment

**9.0** Residents consider the Parish to be a pleasant, healthy and peaceful place to live. Public health was seen as an important and multi-faceted such that a holistic approach was required. As a result, Claire Glazzard, Public Health Programme Lead for Cheshire West and Chester Council was invited to speak to members of the Steering Group.

**9.1** Ms. Glazzard advised on the impact of the built and natural environment on health, concentrating on five key built environment topics: neighbourhood design, housing, healthier food, natural and sustainable environment, and transport. Any development must include personal development and opportunities to improve the health status of residents.

**9.2** That meeting resulted in Ms Glazzard offering support and advice in addressing the issues in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. Comment from the meeting and subsequent advice were included in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

**9.3** On completion of the Draft Utkinton and Cotebrook Neighbourhood Plan, a printed copy was delivered to every dwelling in Cotebrook and Utkinton over the weekend of the 20th & 21st July 2019. Thus began the consultation period of six weeks.

**9.4** Two meetings on the were held in the Parish to give residents the opportunity to discuss the contents of the Draft Plan with members of the Steering Group and representatives of the Parish Council.

**9.5** The meetings were held on the 17th August 2019 in Cotebrook Village Hall and the 7th September 2019 in Utkinton Village Hall.

**9.6** The consultation with Statutory Consultees as designated in the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations began on the 17th October 2019 and was completed on 30th November 2019. During this time the Draft Neighbourhood Plan was placed on the Parish website and the local community and statutory consultees were given the opportunity to comment on the Draft Plan. It included all neighbouring Parish Councils. The response and action taken in each case is listed below;

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## Specific Responses from Statutory Consultees:

Consultee	Response	Action
Highways England	No comment at this stage	None required
Cheshire Brine Subsidence Compensation Board	No comment at this stage	None required
Natural England	No specific comments on this Plan	Literature provided considered by Steering Group
The Mersey Forest	No specific comment on this Plan	
Crime Reduction Team, Cheshire Police	I appreciate the size of your parish is not going to generate any large scale developments, however we would strongly recommend that any developments are built to the principles of Secured by Design and early consultation is undertaken with one of the Cheshire Police Designing out Crime Officers	Information passed to Parish Council for future reference on receipt of development applications
The Coal Authority	Literature on resolving the impacts of mining	No relevance in this Parish area
Willington Parish Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the concerns and issues of the Utkinton and Cotebrook parish are not surprisingly very similar to ours; we fully support the plan and would be interested in any future developments</li> <li>2. it will be really interesting to see how the community transport link develops. We would very much like Willington to be considered in the initiative. The complete lack of public transport in Willington is of</li> </ol>	Will communicate through PC as the Plan develops and areas of common interest discussed where beneficial

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	<p>significant concern to our residents, particularly those who do not drive, are without transport or who are keen to reduce their environmental impact</p> <p>3. we really liked the children's comments</p> <p>4. we welcome the prospect of an orchard being planted which we are sure will provide an excellent community asset. One of our councillors (Rob Merrick) has considerable experience with orchards; Rob is more than happy to provide any advice or assistance (e.g. good varieties to grow and pollination partnerships that complement one another). Hopefully the land earmarked for the orchard isn't waterlogged like the adjacent land (hatched red)...first tip... apple trees don't like wet feet!! You can contact Rob via e-mail (cc'ed).</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to get in touch if Willington can assist further in any way.</p>	
Cheshire Gardens Trust	<p>There are a number of listed buildings, including Utkinton Hall, Grade I, within the area which we consider should be mentioned in the NPD, perhaps under Policy 7. All listed buildings could be included in an appendix. They are heritage assets that make a significant contribution to local character. Associated with Utkinton Hall are the remains</p>	List produced for Appendix

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	of a potentially significant garden where some features are listed but where a full investigation has not been possible due to current ownership and access restrictions.	
Cheshire West and Chester	Comments on Draft Utkinton and Cotebrook NDP supplied by all relevant Departments, collated, presented and added to as advice notes on the document by Lyndsay Jennings.	Meeting with Steering Group and Parish Council and amendments made

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**9.7** The original consultation began in July 2017 and the comments and responses can be seen in this document pp 5 - 43.

**9.8** A 'Vision and Objectives' questionnaire was delivered to every household in the Parish so that residents could express their preference for the policies within the document. The responses to that questionnaire can be viewed in this document pp 57 - 62

**9.9** During the research to determine consultation methods for the Utkinton & Cotebrook Neighbourhood Plan, the number of social groups within the Parish and their age range and demographic was collated. It was noted that due to the small population of the Parish there are no specific groups representing racial, minority, ethnic, disabled or LBGT+ persons.

**10.0** Prior to the commencement and throughout the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan, contact was made and maintained with Cheshire Community Action. The advice given and the work done on behalf of the Parish Council, for the Neighbourhood Plan, helped form the policies within the Neighbourhood Plan. Cheshire Community Action was responsible for the 'Housing Needs Report for Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish' which was funded by Cheshire West and Chester Council and conducted and published as an independent Housing Needs Survey of the Parish in 2018.

**10.1** Prior to the commencement and throughout the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan, contact was made and maintained with people representing the various relevant departments of Cheshire West and Chester Council. The advice and guidance given on these occasions was prompt, helpful and gratefully accepted.