

WHITTINGTON AND FISHERWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Building on the success of the Open Forum in October, the Steering Group embarked on a publicity campaign to advertise the emergence of the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire. There were leaflet drops, posters and numerous articles in local publications.

The Questionnaire, which had been produced with the Consultants Brooke-Smith, was distributed to every household, we believe, during early November, with a two week deadline for return. We are extremely grateful to Whittington Post Office for their assistance in receiving the completed Questionnaires, as well as Whittington Barracks who also received Questionnaires from household in their locality.

Well over 330 Questionnaires, duly completed, were returned. The Steering group owe a huge debt of gratitude to the residents of Whittington and Fisherwick for their invaluable contribution to our work, by returning so many Questionnaires containing essential information on the future of our villages. A return figure of over 36% is way over the expectations of the Steering Group and shows the depth of interest in the way forward for Whittington and Fisherwick.

Twenty Five Questionnaires were also completed by younger village members at the Youth Club, just prior to its closure. These results will also be analysed and form part of the final report.

We are grateful to Andy Owen from Brooke-Smith, who has worked extremely hard over the Christmas and New Year period to produce the data from the Questionnaires as well as a site matrix looking at possible building plots and their sustainability.

The Steering Group plan more information giving occasions to disseminate both verbally and in written form the findings of the Questionnaire, as well as looking in depth at the issues raised. This process will start next month and will help to form a robust base on which the Neighbourhood Plan can be taken forward.

The Steering Group is also looking to collate information from Businesses and the School to add to the data already collected.

The Steering Group hope to meet with interested developers in the near future to discuss their outline proposals for possible building in Whittington and Fisherwick and also to host an open event to allow residents to gain more information on the process, progress and the possible positive outcomes of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Once again, a big thank you to all who participated, we cannot do it without your support.

Garry Hyde

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