

Ashley

Services in Ashley, July & August 2011

July

Sunday 3 July	11am	Family Service
Sunday 10 July	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 July	11am	Family Service
Sunday 24 July	6pm	Reflective Worship
Monday 25 July	11am	Songs of Praise at Silhaven

August

Wed 3 August	12noon	Teddy Bears picnic—see below
Friday 5 August	7.30pm	Healing service
Sunday 7 August	11am	Family service
Sunday 21 August	9.30am	Holy Communion
	11am	Family Service
Monday 22 August	11am	Songs of Praise at Silhaven

All other services – see www.cheveleygroup.org

REVD ANN GURNER

Teddy Bears' Picnic

All Teddy Bears are invited to bring their owners to a special picnic in the grounds of St Mary's Church, Ashley from

12 noon on Wednesday 3 August.

Games, Treasure Hunt, Story Telling, Songs.

Please bring your own food; drinks will be available, If you need any more information, call me on 730201

MARGARET JACKSON

About Ashley

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The Future of Ashley — Have your Say

By the time this edition of About Ashley comes through your letter box every household in Ashley will have received a questionnaire entitled a 'Vision for Ashley'. This important document will form the basis for developments in Ashley extending over the next 20 years.

This questionnaire is a direct result of the Localism Bill currently going through Parliament and, when it is passed sometime this autumn, will put many decisions affecting your environment into the hands of the community rather than having decisions made at the top by officials who will be unaffected.

The questionnaire asks about the things in Ashley that you would like to see changed or remain unchanged. It relates to possible future developments and planning applications and will be used to ensure that key infrastructure and facilities are provided and improved.

The overall plan for East Cambridgeshire will be known as the Core Strategy and will incorporate the results of the consultations currently being conducted in all villages throughout Cambridgeshire.

At the time of writing, there is the possibility of substantial development of a 7.52 acre field located on the fringe of Ashley, adjacent to Silhalls Close. At the moment, it is outside Ashley's building envelope: but one of the questions asked in the questionnaire concerns *either* keeping the building envelope and permitting only in-fill development *or* to opt to have each application outside the envelope considered on its own merits.

East Cambridgeshire District Council is openly pro-development, so if Ashley residents do not give a clear indication of their wishes to remain a small village — if that is the majority decision — developments like this could go ahead.

Continued overleaf

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Future of Ashley — Have your Say

It can't be emphasised strongly enough that this questionnaire is not one to put through the shredder or into the recycling bin. Just take a few minutes to fill it in or you can go on-line to:

www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/consultation-villagetown-visions and complete it.

Completed paper forms can be passed to Chris Lewis or any parish councillor, thus saving you postage.

Every adult in Ashley is entitled to

Complete your survey form online or on paper. You paper copy can be given to Chris Lewis, who will send them to ECDC.

make their opinion known, so you are not limited to one per household. More paper copies can be obtained by contacting Chris Lewis, Parish Clerk or any member of the Parish Council.

The revised completion date for questionnaires is now *31 July 2011*, not 18 July as stated on the paper copy.

If you want your opinion to count, please give this matter your urgent consideration and fill in and return your questionnaire or complete it on-line.

OLIVE OAKERVEE

Ashley Development Action Group

Village and town surveys are currently being conducted across East Cambridgeshire District so that strategic development plans can be drawn up covering the next 20 years. As part of this process householders should already have received a questionnaire related to this village entitled 'Have your say on the development of Ashley'.

The Parish Council has also been approached separately by land agents for Darley Estates about the possible release of 7.52 acres of land adjacent to Silhalls Close for development. This large field is currently designated as agricultural land so is not currently available for development. However, this could change depending upon the results of the Ashley Survey.

The effect of the Localism Bill, presently going through Parliament is expected to become law in the Autumn. It will place more power in the hands of communities to make decisions relating to development in their village/town. Because there is already the offer of land for development on the edge of Ashley, the Parish Council recognises that if the survey shows the majority of Ashley residents to be either in favour of or not opposed to development, it may need to take significant decisions about how the land might be developed.

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This limit will be approximately equivalent to what would be available if a standard annuity was purchased. For a flexible drawdown version, other secure income (typically income from annuities, State pension and occupational pensions) of at least £20,000 p.a. must be in payment. The big advantage for a flexible drawdown scheme is that any amount of income can be drawn from the pension, though like all pensions the income will be subject to income tax.

Please Note: this article contains general information only and should not be viewed as specific advice.

JOHN BRAMWELL

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A Vision for Ashley

Have your say on the future of Ashley

- **What do you want to change or improve?**
- **What do you want to protect?**
- **What facilities would you like to see?**

What do you think? We want your views on how Ashley should change in the future. What sort of place would you like Ashley to be? What are your priorities for the village and the wider Parish? Your views will help us to form a long-term vision for Ashley which sets out how it should develop over the next 20 years.

What will the Vision do? The Vision will be used to guide decisions on future development and planning applications. It will also help ensure that key infrastructure and facilities are provided and improved. The Vision will be included in the statutory development plan for East Cambridgeshire - known as the 'Core Strategy'.

How do I comment? Please let us have your views by answering the questions below. Comments can be made from **27 June-1 August 2011** and should be posted to: Forward Planning, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE. Our website contains background documents, and questionnaires on other settlements (which you are welcome to fill out): www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/consultation-villagetown-visions. There will be a further opportunity to make comments on the draft Vision, which we hope to publish in early 2012. If you have any questions please call the Forward Planning team on 01353 665555.

Any information that you will provide will be used for the purpose of the Core Strategy, and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

1. Please provide your details:

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Company:	<input type="text"/>
Email address:	<input type="text"/>
Address 1:	<input type="text"/>
Address 2:	<input type="text"/>
Town/City:	<input type="text"/>
Postcode:	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>

2. Please select whether you would like your details to be added to the Core Strategy consultation database, in order to be notified of key stages of production:

- Yes No

3. Please indicate the main reason for your interest in Ashley:

- Local resident of Ashley Developer or local landowner
- Local business owner Potential investor
- Employee, working in Ashley Professional interest
- Other (please specify)

4. Would you like to see the village/parish change or improve in the future? If so, please list your top 3 priorities below (e.g. relating to community facilities, housing, transport, anything else):

Priority 1

Priority 2

Priority 3

Housing

5. Do you think there should be housing growth on the edge of Ashley? Please choose one of the following options:

- No
- Yes - small scale housing growth (up to 10 houses) for a mix of private and affordable housing (e.g. like provided by Sanctuary Hereward)
- Yes - medium scale housing growth (up to 20 houses) for a mix of private and affordable housing
- Yes - large scale housing growth (more than 20 houses) for a mix of private and affordable housing
- Yes - small/medium scale housing growth for affordable housing only

Other (please provide details)

6. Housing development will continue to come forward on small sites within the village. However, schemes are currently limited to a maximum of 2 dwellings (taking account of the size of the village and local facilities).

Do you think this approach should continue?

- Yes No Don't know

If you selected no, what alternative approach would you like to see?

Employment

7. Would you like to see more opportunities for small businesses in the village/parish? (e.g. offices, industrial units, workshops).

- Yes No

Development envelope

8. The development envelope marks the built up area of the village where development is normally allowed to take place. The area outside the development envelope is protected as open countryside.

Which of the following approaches would you prefer?

- Keep the development envelope
- Replace development envelopes with a policy that assesses each application on its merits

Local infrastructure and facilities

9. The District Council can secure funds from developers to spend on improving local infrastructure and facilities. If new development comes forward in the village, what benefits would you like to see? Please select your top 3 priorities from the list:

	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Improvements to play areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New play areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improvements to sports grounds/open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New sports ground/open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More school places	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A road improvement scheme	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improvements to the community/village hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New community/village hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you selected other, please provide details

10. For the priorities that you have selected in Question 9 above, can you provide more detail on what these improvements should be and where they should be located?

11. Please use this space to make any other comments:

Monitoring Information (Optional)

It would be useful if you could please provide the following information about yourself:

12. Sex

Male

Female

13. Status

- Employee
- Self-employed
- Unemployed
- Homeworker
- Student
- Retired

14. Age

- 0-16 years
- 17-24
- 25-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-74
- 75-84
- 85+

15. Ethnic origin

- White British
- White Irish
- Other white background
- Gypsy / Traveller
- Mixed ethnicity
- Chinese
- Indian
- Pakistani
- Other Asian background
- African
- Caribbean
- Other black background
- Other ethnic group

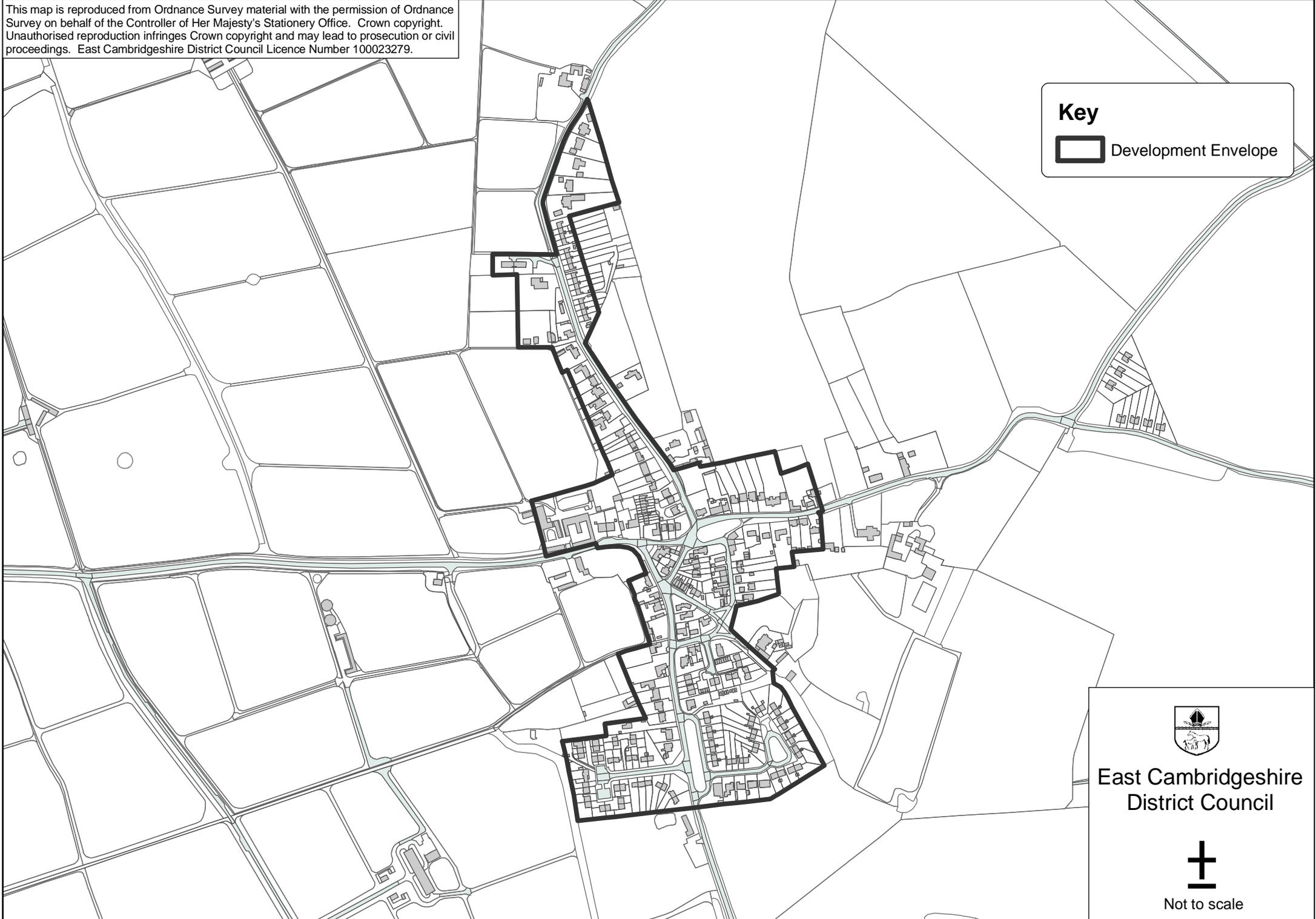
16. Disability

Under the Disability Discrimination Act a person has a disability if he/she 'has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities.' Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

- Yes
- No

Thank you for your help.

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Key

 Development Envelope



East Cambridgeshire
District Council



Not to scale

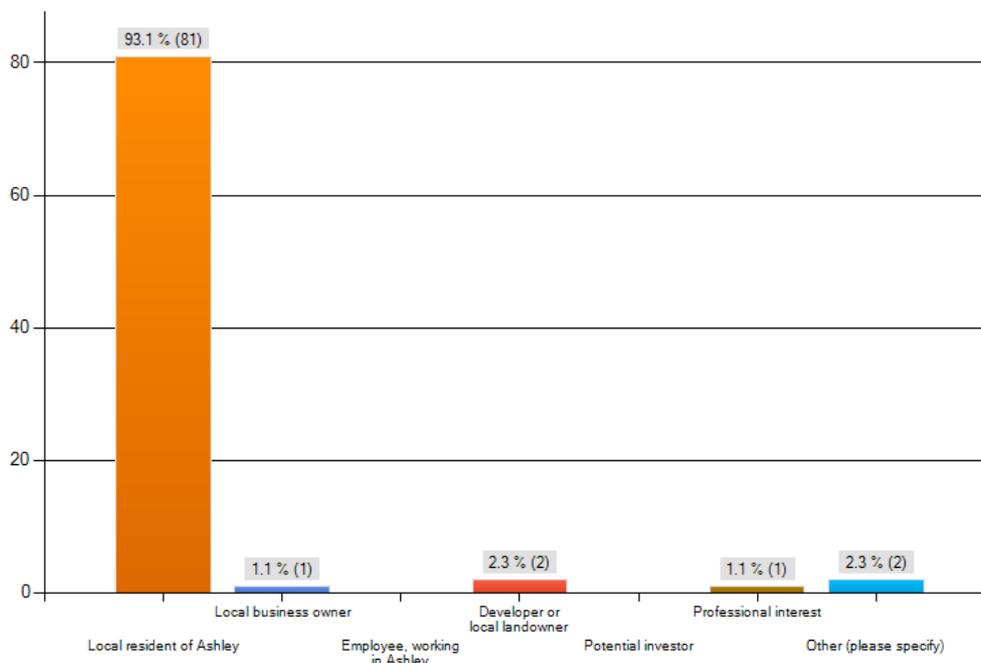
Ashley Village Vision Questionnaire Results

Key facts:

Consultation period:	27 th June – 1 st August 2011
Total responses:	87
Number of dwellings:	260
Response rate:	34%

Summary of Results

Q3. Please indicate your main interest in the development of Ashley



A total of 87 people responded to this question with 93.1% of respondents stating that their main interest in the development of Ashley was as a local resident.

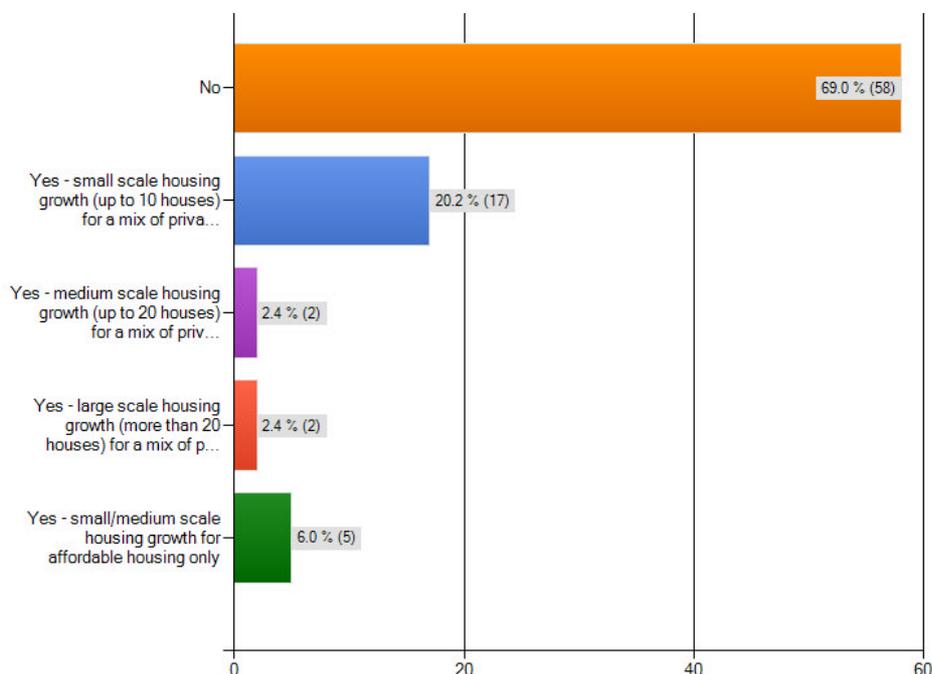
Q4. How would you like to see the village/parish change or improve in the future? Please list your top 3 priorities below:

A total of 126 suggestions were made on how the village/parish could improve in the future:

- Improved transport links/public transport services (26 comments)
- Transport - general (25 comments)
- Traffic calming/speed reduction (16 comments)
- Community facilities e.g. post office/village shop (16 comments)
- New housing (8 comments)
- Extension to village hall/new village hall (7 comments)
- No change (5 comments)
- More affordable housing (5 comments)
- Improvements to playing facilities/sports facilities (5 comments)
- Improve utilities – gas, street lighting (3 comments)
- Protect the countryside and walks (2 comments)
- Improve footpaths/cycleways (2 comments)
- Improve security to community facilities
- Tackle on-street parking in affordable housing areas
- Provision for small businesses

- Improve policing
- Less affordable housing

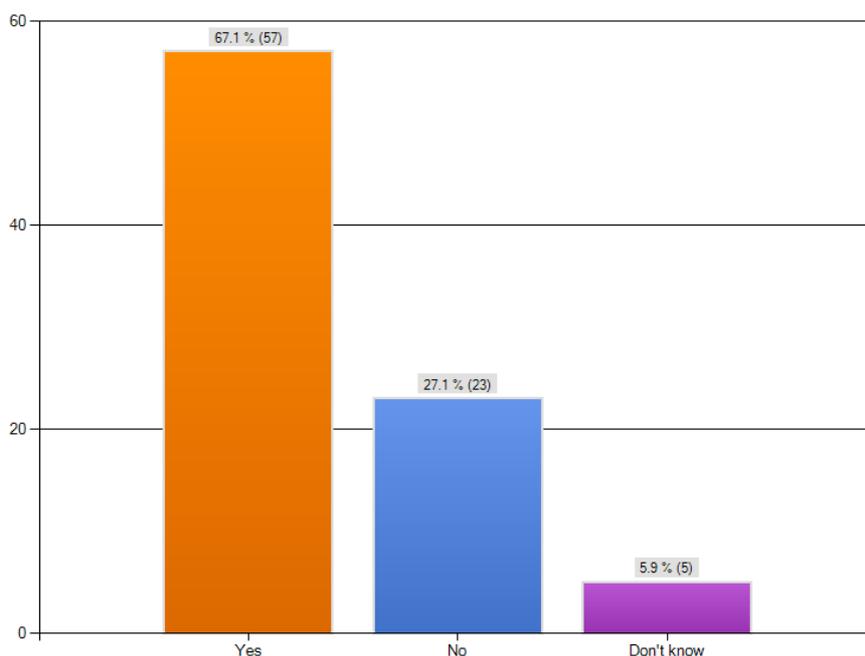
**Q5. Do you think housing growth should be permitted on the edge of Ashley?
Please choose one of the following options:**



A total of 84 people responded to this question, with 3 people choosing not to answer. The majority of respondents (69%) thought that housing growth should not be allowed outside the development envelope on the edge of Ashley.

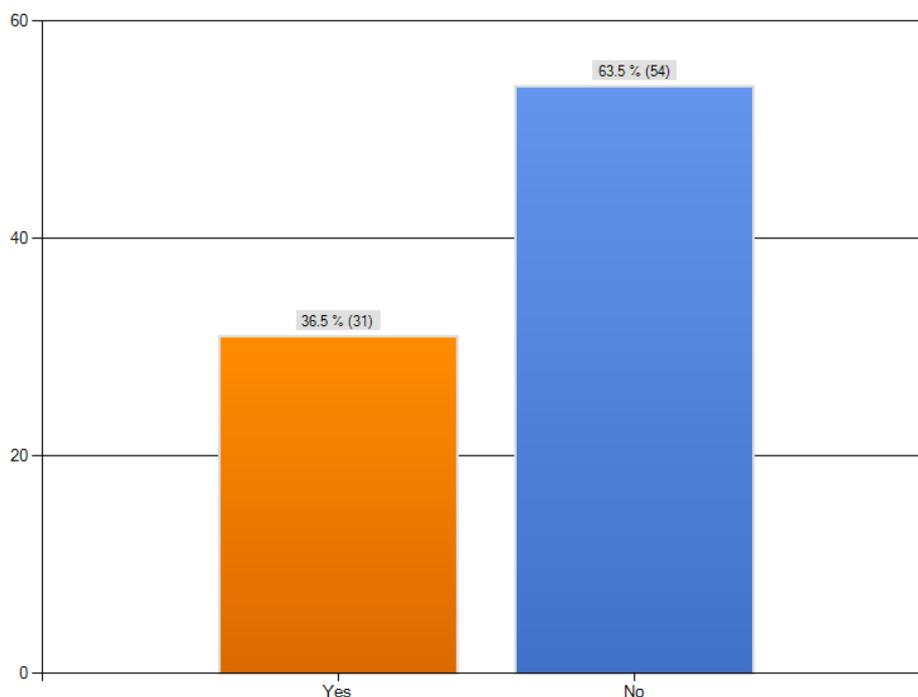
Of the people that supported growth (31.0%), most support was given to small scale housing growth for a mix of private and affordable dwellings (20.2%).

Q6. Housing development will continue to come forward on small sites within the village. However, schemes are currently limited to a maximum of 2 dwellings (taking account of the size of the village and local facilities). Do you think this approach should continue?



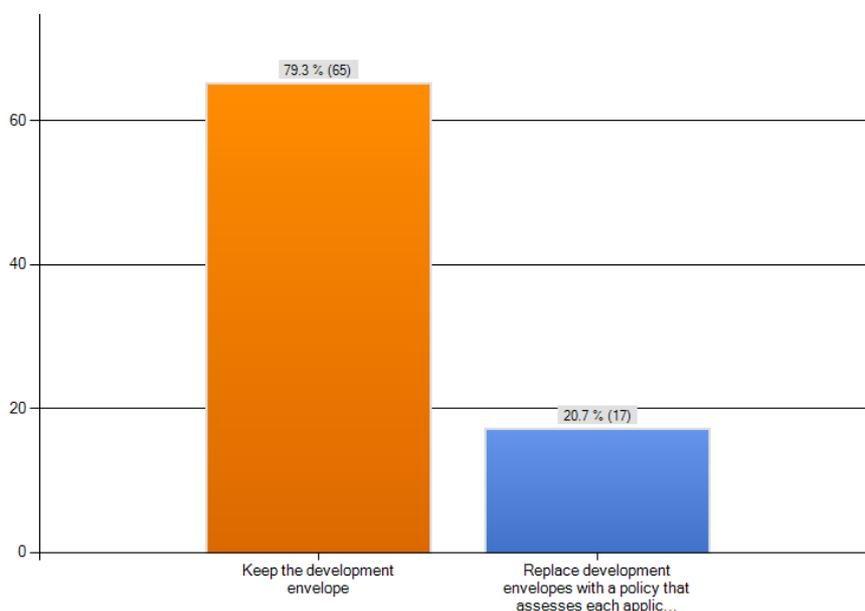
A total of 85 people responded to this question, with 2 choosing not to answer. The majority of respondents (67.1%) supported retention of the current policy to restrict housing schemes within the development envelope to a maximum of 2 dwellings. Approximately 27% of respondents disagreed with the current approach, whilst 5.9% did not know.

Q7. Would you like to see more opportunities for small businesses in the village/parish (e.g. offices, industrial units, workshops)?



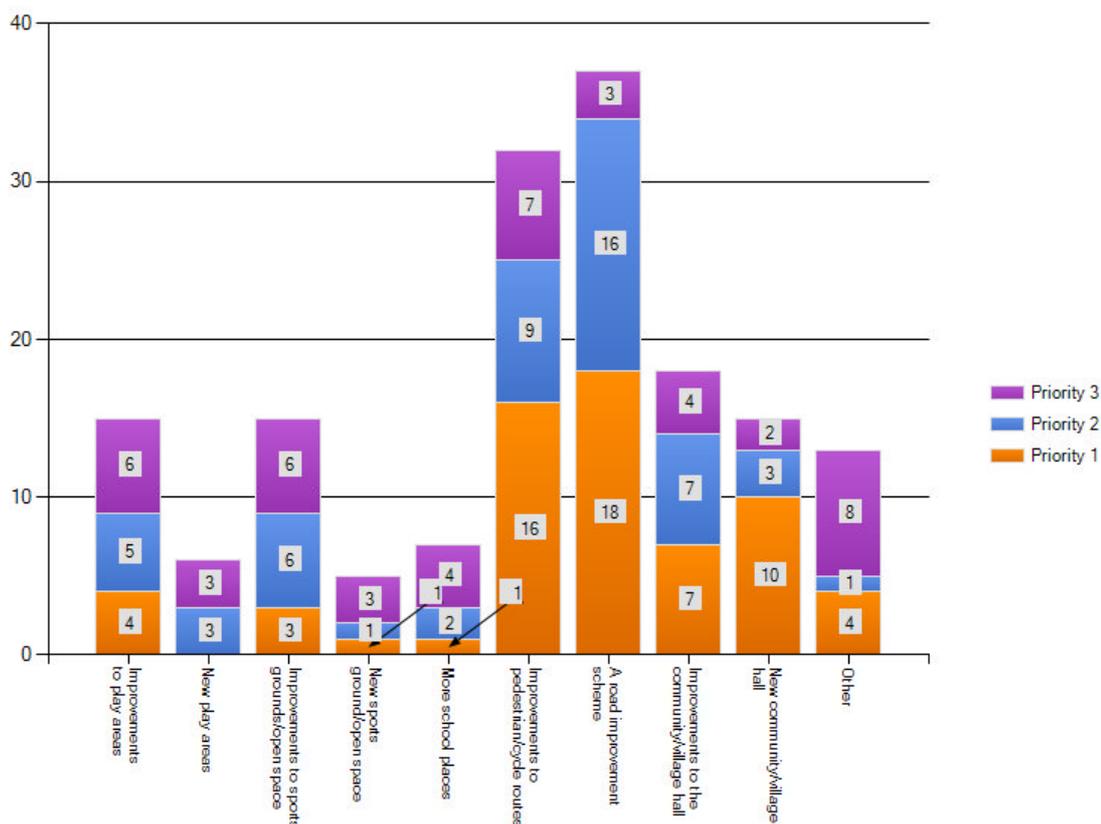
A total of 85 people responded to this question, with 2 choosing not to answer. Most respondents (63.5%) indicated they were not supportive of more employment development in the village/parish.

Q8. The development envelope marks the built up area of the village where development is normally allowed to take place. The area outside the development envelope is protected as open countryside. Which of the following approaches would you prefer?



A total of 82 people responded to this question, with 5 people choosing not to answer. The majority of respondents (79.3%) stated their preferred approach would be to keep the development envelope, whilst 20.7% thought that the development envelope should be replaced with a policy that assesses each application on its merits.

Q9. The District Council can secure funds from developers to spend on improving local infrastructure and facilities. If new development comes forward in the village, what benefits would you like to see?



A total of 64 people responded to this question, with 23 choosing not to answer. Overall, the need for a road improvement scheme (37 people), improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes (32 people) and improvements to the community/village hall (18 people) scored most highly.

Q10. For the priorities you have selected in Question 9 above, can you provide more detail on what these improvements should be and where they should be located?

A total of 31 people responded to this question, which raised infrastructure issues at the following locations:

- Existing village pavilion – needs extension or refurbishment
- Ashley stores – incorporate post office and second hand bookshop
- Traffic calming in the High Street, near junctions of Silverley Way and Silhalls Close
- Pedestrian crossing needed near the community centre
- Double yellow lines/warning signs needed on Church Street prior to the Mill Road turn
- Land to the southeast of Ashley proposed for development
- Footpaths from Gazeley Road and Mill Road need widening

- Sharp bend near the Crown Pub is a danger spot

The following non site-specific comments were also received: improve footpaths, traffic calming measures, need for a new infant/nursery school.

Q11. Please use this space to make any other comments:

A total of 32 people provided a response to this question making the following comments: opposed to growth of the village, need to reduce speeding, need more facilities (shops, businesses, community centre, evening entertainment), suggest developers contributions are used to lower council tax, expand the village by developing the Ousden and Gazely Road area.

Ashley Village Vision – Other Results

Strutt & Parker LLP submitted additional information on behalf of a client, in support of development of a 3ha site to the southeast of Ashley.