



1. What makes your Parish unique or special?

Pattishall Parish includes three villages and three hamlets, separated by attractive, open countryside but each with its own character and interesting history.

The Parish is set in a rural area on the borders of the Northamptonshire Heights and the Nene Valley. Located 4 miles north of Towcester adjacent to the Roman Watling Street (A5) and Banbury Lane, an ancient drove way.

Pattishall Parish developed its first Parish Plan in 2008 and included both short and long term objectives based on feedback from the community. Over the past five years most Parish Plan actions have been delivered not least the renewed community spirit that fostered many groups and organisations, which remain active and well supported. (For example Neighbourhood Watch). Development of the Parish Hall is on-going - more than £160,000 has been raised through grants and events to fund the work.

The South Northamptonshire Local plan initiative offered the opportunity to go back to the community with a new questionnaire - the resulting feedback underpins this response and will form the basis of an updated Parish Plan (PP2).

Sustainability

Social Indicators

Pattishall Parish is a diverse community of 650 households (90 % owner occupied) with a dwelling mix consistent with the overall SNC distribution. The number of two bedroom homes is 6% higher than SNC and in a price bracket that offers opportunity for first time buyers.

Almost 70% of residents have lived in the Parish for more than 10 years

Our recent questionnaire indicates that 8% of households are currently in need of alternative accommodation. More than half wish to remain in the Parish or another village close to Pattishall. One of the key reasons for change is to upsize or downsize – interestingly the percentages are similar (approx. 25% - 30%) suggesting an option to exchange properties within the Parish if a method of matching could be established. However, it is

recognised that there is a lack of suitable, 4 bedroom homes available at a market price level that would enable families to upsize but not leave the Parish.

Over the past decade there has been a shift in age profile – 35% of residents are now in the age group 45 - 64 (+5% change). The 25 - 44 Age group has decreased by 8%.

As a rural area, Parish residents are dependent on their own transport, 70% of households have two or more cars, which creates parking issues especially in areas with terraced housing without driveways or garages. This is a key issue for new developments – 91% of respondents strongly agreed that adequate off road parking was an essential design element of new schemes.

Community Facilities

The Parish is very active with wide range of activities and clubs including a Pre-School offer, all based at the Parish Hall. We have an excellent primary school, attracting families from inside and outside the Parish.

The Parish publishes a magazine - Around Pattishall, five times per year, which is distributed to every household and to our neighbouring Parish - Cold Higham. There is also a Parish website:

<http://www.pattishallparish.org.uk>

There are two pubs, the Eastcote Arms, the Red Lion in Fosters Booth and a restaurant. We have active church or chapel communities in all three villages and a regular bus service to Towcester and Northampton, which is used by 28% of residents. We no longer have a village shop or post office.

Economic and Commercial

There are local employment opportunities within the Parish – several farms, both pubs and small industrial units available in Astcote, Dalscote, Millview, Pattishall and Yorks Farm on the A5. There are two garages offering both repairs and maintenance together with MOT service. The School, pre-school and nursery all employ people from within and outside the parish.

Local residents offer a wide range of services: Builders, Carpenters, Gardening, Landscaping and general maintenance, Tree surgeons, delivery of logs etc. A number of residents indicated that they operate small business from their homes, some offering employment for others. 7% of residents work within the Parish and a further 16% have a return journey of less than 5 miles.

Environmental

There is an attractive network of footpaths and bridleways linking the three villages and hamlets. The Pattishall Millennium walk – a 12.5m route around the Parish boundary was way marked as part of the celebrations in 2000. A brook runs in a valley through open countryside between the three villages; an area we wish to recognise as a designated green space.

Our large playing fields accommodate two full size football pitches, a tennis court and a fully equipped play area for children. There are two other dedicated play areas within the Parish. We also have a thriving community of allotment users – there is currently a short waiting list.

History

Pattishall, the largest village in the Parish, is mentioned in the Domesday Book. The Parish Church of Holy Cross sits at the heart of Pattishall village on a small limestone plateau and dates from Saxon times. The village of Astcote once had a thriving industry producing handmade boots and shoes. Eastcote is still a farming community although cows no longer walk down the main street to be milked. During the first World War an internment camp for German seamen was established in the fields below the village. Many of the prisoners whiled away time making model boats and a complete model harbour was built by the brook.

More local history can be found on the Parish website:

<http://www.pattishallparish.org.uk>

2. What potential is there to enhance the place?

The Parish Council has expressed a commitment to build community spirit through the active engagement of residents in the Parish Plan process and the encouragement of activity groups. Enhancement should be community led, residents supporting their own Parish and contributing towards an attractive, safe, clean place to live.

Feedback gathered in our recent community questionnaire highlighted key areas where residents would value improvement:

- Protect our local green spaces from development
- Re-furbish the village greens
- Create a people/dog friendly (by replacing stiles with kissing gates) circular route/linear park linking the three villages
- Encourage involvement/engagement of the wider community
- Identify at least one site per village for limited development. *(However, it is essential that the community has the opportunity to suggest specific sites within the Parish Plan for future growth, rather than allowing piecemeal development to take place)*
- Improve access to the Parish Hall/Playing Fields with a new pedestrian/disabled walkway from the main gate to the entrance, re-surface the car park and provide better exterior lighting
- Try to establish a community shop based in one of the pubs
- Offer a monthly meeting/coffee shop at the Parish Hall
- Make more of the historic linkages to the shoe industry and the site of the internment camp

3. Do you have a vision for your Parish for the next 10-15 years?

Yes

Vision

Use the opportunity of limited development to improve the Parish for everyone

Principles:

- Maintain the open countryside between the villages, which is a key characteristic of the Parish
- Use development to enhance the three different village styles:
 - Astcote – (shoe industry), Eastcote (rural farming), Pattishall, (core limestone/ironstone)
- Identify and retain 'green spaces' within the village confines
- Support long term sustainability of community, school, pre-school, pub, churches, bus service, Parish hall etc
- Encourage small-scale employment facilities in the community. Aim for faster broadband to support employment activity
- Establish a user/dog friendly footpath linking the three villages
- Ensure Parish Plan 2 process consults with the full community at key stages

Achieving the vision based on these principles means that the Parish must remain attractive to residents (and potential new residents) by protecting the open countryside between and maintaining the character of the three distinctive villages; preventing ribbon development and encouraging enhancements that will improve the Parish for everyone.

4. Has your Parish completed a community questionnaire as part of the preparation for the SNC Local Plan? If so what are the results of this?

Yes – October – November 2013 (see appendix 1 below).

5. What needs does your Parish have over the next 10 -15 years?

Although our recent community questionnaire has highlighted many areas for improvement, some are nice to have but the following are prioritised as critical needs for the next decade:

- To retain and enhance the local services, facilities and transport we already have within the Parish.
- To manage limited development providing opportunity for those who wish to upsize but not leave the Parish plus a few additional,

affordable housing units. *(However, it is essential that the community has the opportunity to suggest specific sites within the Parish Plan for future growth, rather than allowing piecemeal development to take place)*

- To improve access to the Parish Hall/Playing Fields with a new pedestrian/disabled walkway from the main gate to the entrance, re-surface the car park and provide better exterior lighting
- To establish a Community shop, possibly located in one of the pubs or at the Parish Hall– a feasibility study will be required
- To offer additional activities at the Parish Hall and Playing Field
- To provide more off road parking
- To have access to faster broadband and mains gas
- To control speeding through the villages

6. Has the Parish got any hopes or aspirations that it wants to achieve?

Yes

The original Parish Plan, published in July 2008, detailed 8 significant actions areas to improve the Parish. Over the past 5 years most of these actions have been delivered including new equipment for the play areas and major developments in the Parish Hall (More than £160,000 has been raised through grants and donations to fund the work).

However it is vital to maintain momentum. Our current community questionnaire has highlighted several new areas, which we plan to achieve by 2020 including:

- Protecting our local green spaces from development
- Re-furbishing the village greens
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- Encouraging involvement/engagement of the wider community
- Identifying at least one site per village for limited development *(However, it is essential that the community has the opportunity to suggest specific sites within the Parish Plan for future growth, rather than allowing piecemeal development to take place).*
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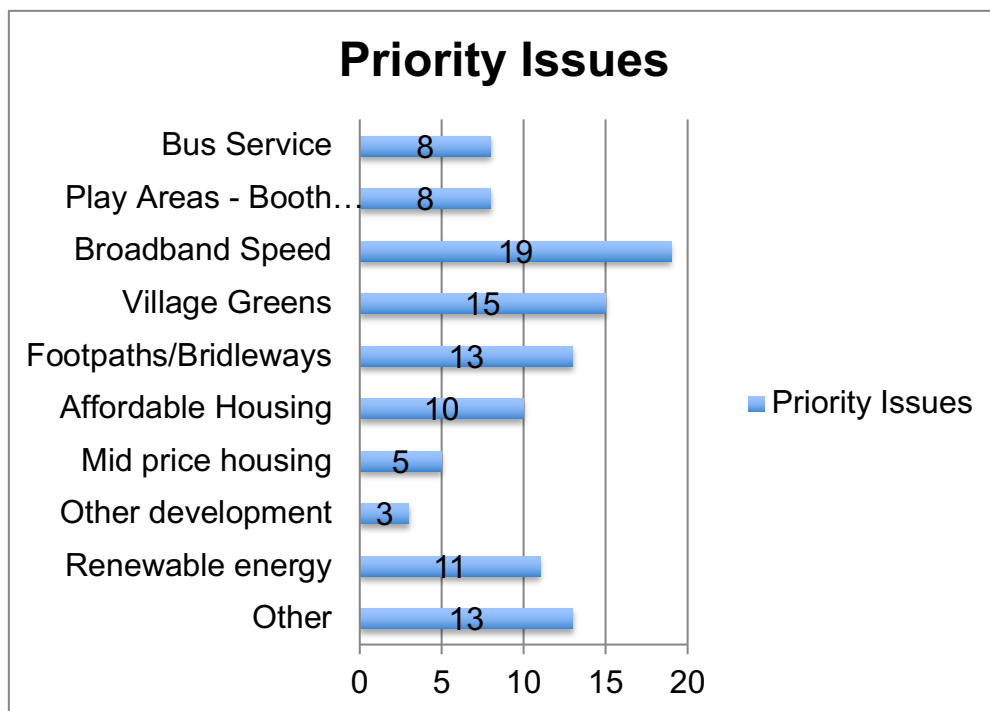
See Appendix 1 below for further details

7. Does your Parish share this desire? If so what improvements do you think are necessary to your Parish to achieve this aim. How can your Parish be made more sustainable?

Yes

The needs and aspirations outlined in questions 5 and 6 are based on recent feedback from residents. Much of what has been achieved in the past 5 years with the Parish Plan has been community led, a process we plan to repeat with Parish Plan 2.

The most recent community questionnaire was designed based on the priority issues, number of votes registered, at the Open Forum in June 2013.



The questionnaire responses will shape Parish Plan 2 and drive the improvement actions. A detailed plan of actionable improvements will be developed over the coming months with the objective to publish by July 2014. Working groups of residents and Parish Council members will take responsibility for delivering the priority actions as shown in question 6.

Sustainability

The key area of sustainability will be first addressed by retaining and enhancing the local services, facilities and transport we already have within the Parish.

We need to complete a feasibility study to seek ways of providing access to a community shop. By providing bus stops/shelters we can encourage more residents to use and support the bus service.

As with many rural villages we have an aging population, which will drive changing needs for accommodation and care. We also have a very limited turnover of housing ownership, which makes it difficult for young people to remain in the Parish so we will need to adopt a strategy to address these related issues – build a few bungalows for older residents, build 4 bedroom houses at a market price level that would enable families to upsize or seek ways to facilitate exchange for those who wish to downsize but remain in the Parish.

We need to recognise our rural heritage assets and their settings to support the spirit of place and the local distinctiveness of the Parish.

8. Does the Parish consider that the existing village confines policy should be retained? If so, are there any parts of the village confines around your Parish that need to be amended? If so, please provide justification.

Yes

Feedback from the current community questionnaire indicated that more than 70% of residents agree that development should be within the village confines with 56% agreeing that it should be infill only. However, there is very little scope for infill development so it may be necessary to make limited adjustments to the existing confines to meet the development needs.

The community and landowners need to be fully engaged in the process when proposing changes to the existing confines, beyond correction of errors.

To assist this approach we have adopted the following principles and actions:

Village Confines – Principles

- Existing main built up area
- Gardens do not necessarily fall within the confines
- Use natural boundaries, roads/hedges where possible
- Dalscote and Cornhill are Hamlets defined as open countryside
- Land between the villages defined as open countryside
- No residential development in open countryside other than
 - Buildings essential for the purpose of agriculture or forestry
 - Replacement of an existing dwelling (same footprint)

Actions

- Refine the current confines
- Identify at least one site per village for limited development, total 38 additional dwellings within the Parish by 2026. These sites would need to meet a strict criteria outlined in our Local Plan. However, it is essential that the community has the opportunity to suggest specific sites within the Parish Plan for future growth, rather than allowing piecemeal development to take place.
- Review Village design statements

9. Do you think your Parish has the right mix of housing and employment? Are there any sites you wish to submit for future growth?

Yes

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There are local employment opportunities within the Parish – several farms, both pubs and small industrial units available in Astcote and Dalscote and at Millview, Pattishall and Yorks Farm on the A5. There are two garages offering both repairs and maintenance together with MOT service. The School, pre-school and nursery all employ people from within and outside the parish.

Local residents offer a wide range of services: Builders, Carpenters, Gardening, Landscaping and general maintenance, Tree surgeons, delivery of logs etc. A number of residents indicated that they operate small business from their homes, 7% of residents work within the Parish and a further 16% have a return journey of less than 5 miles.

We plan to identify at least one site per village for limited housing development and look at potential for a small commercial opportunity. This is an objective of our Village confines review, which has not yet been completed. However, it is essential that the community has the opportunity to suggest specific sites within the Parish Plan for future growth, rather than allowing piecemeal development to take place.

10. Do you have any green spaces within the Parish you wish to see protected from development? Please provide the following justification:

Yes

The following areas are identified as valuable green space and should be protected from development:

- The Playing Fields
- Play areas at Butchers Lane and Booth Close
- The existing village greens
- Potential to create a new green in Astcote as part of a limited new development
- Land alongside Butchers Lane either side of the School Road cross roads
- Designate the land outside the confines, between the villages as open countryside

Pattishall Parish includes three villages and three hamlets, separated by open countryside. A brook runs through the valley, which provides attractive views and is crossed by historic footpaths linking the settlements. This open countryside is a very distinct, characteristic of the Parish much appreciated by residents for its recreational value and for its contribution to a rural lifestyle. Protecting this rural asset is one of the key principles of our Vision for the Parish.

There is little scope for new infill development within the villages; much of the original green space has already been used so maintaining the village greens and recreational/play areas is vital to sustainable development. It may be necessary to make limited adjustments to the existing village confines to meet development needs.

11. Please advise what consultation you have undertaken with your Parish?

	Notes	Date questionnaire/plan
Open Forums	Consultation for PP2 began with a stand at the Jubilee Fete in 2012	Parish Plan September 2007 Parish Plan 2 June 2013
Community Questionnaires The purpose of the questionnaires was to seek community views on issues raised at the Open Forums and to use the responses to develop the Parish Plans.	A hard copy of the questionnaires were delivered to every household and also offered for on-line completion.	Parish Plan Completed November 2007 Parish Plan 2 Completed November 2013
Village Design Statements http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/685.htm	VDS exist for Pattishall/Fosters Booth, Astcote and Eastcote published by SNC some time ago.	A review is planned and will be included in the PP2 actions
Parish Plan	Over the past five years most Parish Plan actions have been delivered – the Parish Hall is currently undergoing phase 3 of the development plan.	Process commenced February 2007 Completed July 2008
Parish Plan 2	PP2 will build on the successful outcomes of the current Parish Plan (2008) Will focus on future housing needs, new planning concepts and the environment	Process commenced February 2013 Target date: July 2014

Appendix 1 Pattishall Parish PP2 Questionnaire Headlines



January 2014

Responses: 195 (30%)

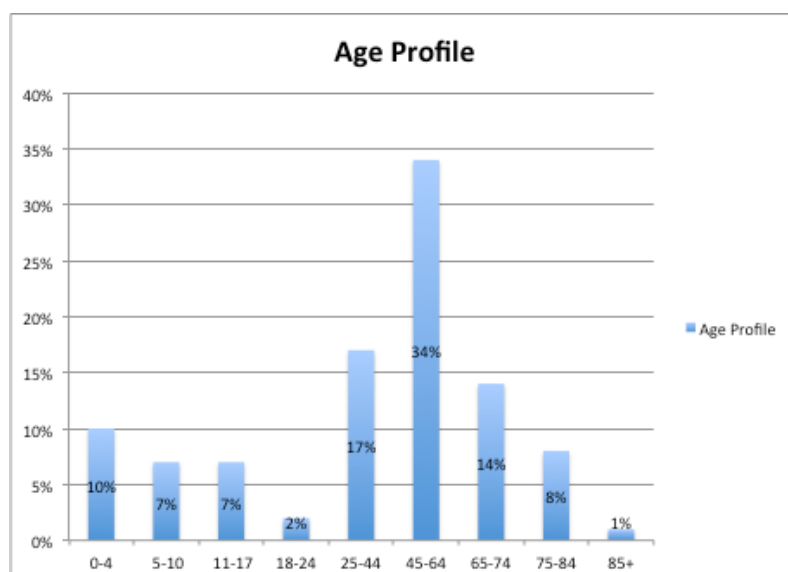
The response rate - 30% - is lower than 2007 but the survey is still providing good feedback as the basis for Parish Plan 2. More than 60% of the questionnaires were completed on line compared to 21% in 2007, which reflects the growth of Internet use in the Parish. 95% of respondents confirmed they have a Broadband connection. Parish website visits per month have averaged 4,580 in 2013 - ten times the usage rate when the site was launched in 2008.

Demographics

This first section shows highlights of the demographic data captured in the questionnaire. It compares well with the 2011 census data that has been summarised as part of the SNC consultation pack.

Number of households, November 2013 = **656**

Age profile of respondent households



Property mix		Type of occupation	
Bungalow	11%	Housing Association	4%
Detached House	62%	Owner Occupied	91%
Flat/maisonette	2%	Privately rented	2%
Purpose built for elderly or disabled person	0%	Part of employment	1%
Semi-detached house	13%	Shared ownership	2%
Sheltered housing with warden	0%		
Terraced House	11%		
Other	1%		
How long have you lived in Pattishall Parish			
Less than a year	2%		
1-5 years	17%		
6-10 years	14%		
11-20 years	22%		
More than 20 years	44%		

Travel

Number of cars per household		Use of the bus service	
0	3%	Yes	28%
1	27%	No	70%
2	57%		
3 or more	13%		
Travel to and from place of employment			
Within Parish	7%		
3 -5 miles	16%		
6 – 10 miles	21%		
10 – 20 miles	23%		
20 – 30 miles	10%		
More than 30 miles	19%		

Future Housing Needs

The questionnaire data indicates that 8% of households are currently in need of alternative accommodation. This requirement is either for the whole family or a son or daughter.

More than half wish to remain in the Parish or another village close to Pattishall, another third wish to move elsewhere.

Reasons given:

- need to upsize or downsize – interestingly the percentages are similar (approx. 25% - 30%) suggesting an option to exchange properties within the Parish if a method of matching could be established
- Employment
- Family

The numbers indicate that we would need to build approximately 15 additional homes to meet this need, a third of which should be for rent or shared ownership with the balance for owner occupation.

Housing Development

(Response to question 15: What type of new homes do you think Pattishall Parish needs in the future?)

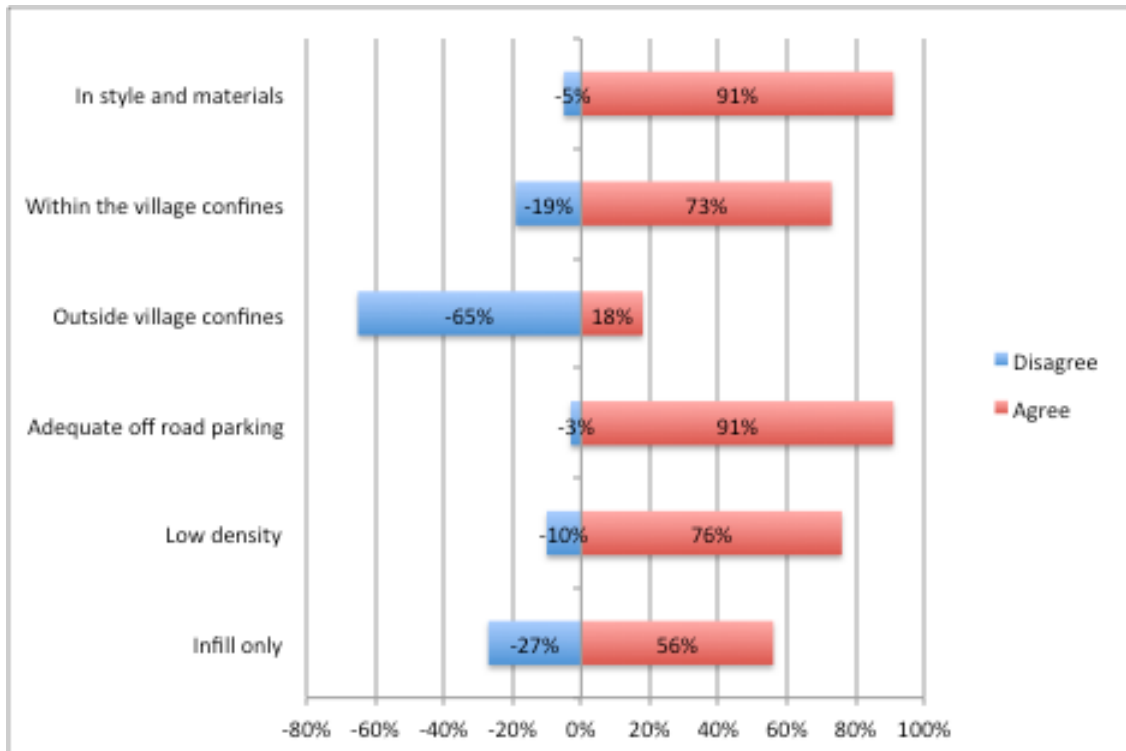
Number New homes required by 2026 based on SNC worked example **38**

The simple model below is based on the responses to question 15

Type		38
Bungalow	17%	7
Detached House	21%	8
Flat or Maisonette	7%	3
Semi Detached House	28%	11
Terraced House	17%	7
Other (Affordable)	10%	4

Suggested Mix: 50% should be 3 - 4 bedrooms - 42% should be 1 – 2 bedrooms

Development statements



Environment

Do you use the network of footpaths/bridleways:	How frequently?
Yes 83% No 15%	Every Day 74% Once or twice per week 5% Once or twice per month 3% Hardly ever 2%
If access improved would you use the proposed circular walk?	How far would you walk?
Yes 73% No 22%	Less than a mile 4% 1 – 2 miles 29% 3 miles or more 73%

Footpath comments

The existing network is well used and a popular facility that generated many positive comments.

Areas for improvement:

- Kissing gates to replace some stiles to improve access for people and dogs
- Improved re-instatement after necessary farming activity and better maintenance during summer months when they can become over grown
- Dog mess – more poo bins
- Better signage, maps and information - especially circular walks
- 73% of respondents supported the proposed circular walk, linking the three villages

Village Greens

Many respondents were not aware of the village greens and most thought they were OK at best; few saw the greens as valuable green space. However the vast majority of suggestions were positive and supportive of some level of improvement action.

Improvement suggestions

- None of the greens appears to be obvious greens or provide a focal point of the community - notice boards or map of walks etc. might help."
- Measures to prevent Car Parking
- Improve maintenance
 - Pick up grass cuttings
 - Prune shrubs/trees
 - Additional planting - bulbs and summer displays
 - Seating
- Best village green competition (class in proposed produce show?)

Parish Hall and Playing Fields

Do you use the Parish Hall?	How frequently?
Yes 72%	More than once per week 12%
No 26%	Once per week 13%
	Once per month 13%
	Occasionally 30%
	Other (such as Events) 32%

Parish Hall and Playing Field Comments

Additional facilities suggested for the Parish Hall:

- New tables and (comfortable) chairs
- Re-decoration of the large hall

- Wi-fi providing computer access

Additional facilities suggested for Playing Field

- Car park improvement/resurfacing and better pedestrian/disabled access
- Landscaping front fenced area adjacent to the road
- Better exterior lighting
- Re-surface the tennis court
- Cycle parking

Other Issues (not highlighted elsewhere)

Question 42. Are there any other issues or new facilities you wish to be considered for the Parish Plan?

- Speeding still a concern Astcote, School Road, Banbury Lane, A5
- Neighbourhood Shop and Post Office possibly based in one of the pubs
- Designated bus stops, bus shelter
- Parking at the school
- Pedestrian crossing at School
- Coffee shop – community meeting point
- Faster Broadband

Parish Plan 2 will consider future housing development and the needs and aspirations of the Parish over the next 10–12 years. In the short term, the Parish Council is required to respond to the South Northamptonshire Local Plan consultation process. Views, expressed in the questionnaire, will support this response, which needs to be completed no later than 24 January 2014.

The PP2 committee will continue to analyze the questionnaire data and develop an action plan in due course. (Target date for publication of PP2 – July 2014).

It is considered vital that the community should be fully engaged in the PP2 planning process and delivery of the action plan. The first step will be to publish a summary of the questionnaire results in the next edition of Around Pattishall and on the Parish website.