

WOLSTON

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SURVEY 2017

Marked Up Questionnaire

Total number of responses = 581

Learning, Leisure and Community Facilities

We need to discover what you think of the facilities in Wolston and how they might be improved.

Q1 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the availability and suitability of facilities in Wolston Parish for the services listed below? (Tick one box per row)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	No opinion/ don't know
Wolston Surgery	271 (48%)	184 (32%)	18 (3%)	3 (1%)	94 (16%)
Local Primary School - Wolston St Margaret's	86 (16%)	89 (16%)	16 (3%)	4 (1%)	352 (64%)
Secondary education (ages 11 – 19)	21 (4%)	42 (8%)	41 (8%)	41 (8%)	392 (73%)
Preschool and childcare	33 (6%)	72 (14%)	25 (5%)	4 (1%)	391 (74%)
Indoor facilities for sport, leisure, exercise and recreation	60 (11%)	281 (51%)	53 (10%)	14 (3%)	145 (26%)
Outdoor facilities for sport, leisure, exercise and recreation	51 (9%)	284 (52%)	50 (9%)	10 (2%)	156 (28%)
The Library	123 (22%)	286 (51%)	15 (3%)	3 (1%)	137 (24%)
The range of shops and food outlets	83 (15%)	363 (64%)	93 (16%)	18 (3%)	9 (2%)
For the young (under 18)	12 (2%)	89 (17%)	63 (12%)	30 (6%)	338 (64%)
For the elderly (65 or over)	46 (9%)	219 (40%)	39 (7%)	11 (2%)	226 (42%)

Over the short term (next 5 years), what improvements do you feel should be undertaken to any of the facilities listed above?

252 responses included in Appendix

Please list here any other facilities you would like to see.

152 responses included in Appendix

Q2 What recreational activities do members of your household take part in? (Tick all that apply)

	In Wolston	Elsewhere
Walking, including dog walking	435 (94%)	257 (56%)
Running or jogging	86 (88%)	46 (47%)
Cycling	143 (79%)	110 (60%)
Horse riding	22 (69%)	14 (44%)
Visual arts, crafts	57 (60%)	56 (59%)
Music and performing arts	59 (43%)	95 (70%)
Football	26 (46%)	39 (68%)
Other outdoor team or individual sport or activity	19 (20%)	83 (86%)
Indoor team or individual sport activity	56 (43%)	83 (63%)
Children's play equipment	139 (97%)	51 (36%)
Gardening/allotment	231 (95%)	21 (9%)
Community involvement (clubs, etc.)	169 (83%)	62 (31%)
Other	7 (50%)	7 (50%)

If other activities please list here – 55 responses included in Appendix

Crime and Safety

Q3 Do you think there are crime/community safety problems in the parish? (Tick one box only)

373 (67%) Yes 78 (14%) No 109 (19%) Don't know

If yes, what are they?

351 responses included in Appendix

Youth Facilities (If this section does not apply to you please go to Q7)

Q4 Which youth facilities do you or your children use?

100 responses included in Appendix

Q5 Are there ways in which these facilities could be improved?

59 responses included in Appendix

Q6 Are there any additional facilities that you think should be provided for the youth of Wolston?

76 responses included in Appendix

Transport

It is very important that the existing transport facilities are at least maintained and ideally improved. Your answers to these questions are very important.

Q7 Which method of travel do you normally use when carrying out the day to day activities listed below? (Tick all means of transport that apply for each activity undertaken, disregarding "walk" if this is only to your car/train/bus, or from car/train/bus, to your destination)

	Car / van	Bus	Park and Ride	Train	Bicycle	Walk	Taxi	Mob Scooter /Wheel-chair	Other	N/A
Commute to/from school/work	257 (55%)	27 (6%)	0 (0%)	8 (2%)	7 (1%)	37 (8%)	1 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (0%)	180 (38%)
Commute to/from bus/rail stations	202 (47%)	52 (12%)	0 (0%)	5 (1%)	1 (0%)	14 (3%)	14 (3%)	0 (0%)	1 (0%)	184 (43%)
Travel on business	187 (45%)	8 (2%)	2 (0%)	45 (11%)	1 (0%)	4 (1%)	5 (1%)	0 (0%)	1 (0%)	215 (52%)
Take children to/from school	57 (15%)	14 (4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	48 (12%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	286 (73%)
Do grocery shopping	492 (88%)	54 (10%)	3 (1%)	0 (0%)	6 (1%)	125 (22%)	0 (0%)	1 (0%)	12 (2%)	11 (2%)
Do other shopping	467 (87%)	94 (17%)	6 (1%)	10 (2%)	4 (1%)	63 (12%)	0 (0%)	1 (0%)	4 (1%)	10 (2%)
Visit family and friends	498 (91%)	45 (8%)	2 (0%)	39 (7%)	8 (1%)	92 (17%)	4 (1%)	1 (0%)	2 (0%)	16 (3%)
Take part in leisure activities	356 (75%)	28 (6%)	4 (1%)	17 (4%)	29 (6%)	169 (36%)	4 (1%)	1 (0%)	3 (1%)	40 (8%)
Make health visits (i.e. Dentist/ Doctor)	417 (76%)	38 (7%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (1%)	275 (50%)	2 (0%)	1 (0%)	1 (0%)	10 (2%)

If you commute, where is this to?

211 responses included in Appendix

Q15 Are there places in Wolston where you think parking or traffic volumes cause inconvenience, danger or environmental damage? (Tick one box only)

472 (89%) Yes 59 (11%) No

If yes, where and when?

471 responses included in Appendix

Housing

The Housing section of this questionnaire is principally focussed on 'local housing for local people' and is directed at what types of houses we need rather than how many.

The potential for new residential development in Wolston is heavily constrained by Green Belt which surrounds the village and the lack of available suitable sites. Within the context of the current Rugby Borough Council Local Plan, the only new housing developments envisaged within the next 10 years are limited to a small number of infill dwellings, typically on private garden sites, the redevelopment of two small previously developed sites to deliver the Affordable Housing need identified in the recent Housing Needs Survey.

A proposal as part of the draft Rugby BC Local Plan would see the removal from the Green Belt of a site on Warwick Road which would deliver about 15 houses in about 2021. In the longer term (10 to 15 years) a development of about 80 houses is proposed on a site at Wolston Fields Farm, but this can only happen after the gravel extraction is completed.

The Housing Needs Survey undertaken earlier in the year indicated a need, within the next 5 years, for 10 'open market' properties. 9 respondents indicated a need for Affordable local housing within the next 5 years, with preference expressed for 5 x 1 bed, 10 x 2 bed and 4 x 3 bed properties.

Q16 How suitable do you feel the following sizes of potential new developments would be for the parish of Wolston? (Tick one box per row)

	Not Suitable	Quite Suitable	Very Suitable
One large development (e.g. more than 20 houses)	388 (81%)	65 (14%)	24 (5%)
Medium sized developments (10-15 houses)	187 (40%)	224 (48%)	53 (11%)
Small developments (e.g. fewer than 10 houses)	103 (21%)	220 (45%)	165 (34%)
Individual plots	91 (19%)	195 (41%)	188 (40%)
A mixture of small and medium developments	137 (28%)	227 (46%)	132 (27%)

Q17 What importance would you give to the following types of new property in new developments in Wolston Parish? (Tick one box per row)

	Not Important	Quite Important	Very Important
One bedroom homes	165 (36%)	186 (41%)	108 (24%)
Two bedroom homes	70 (14%)	239 (48%)	194 (39%)
Three bedroom homes	108 (22%)	205 (43%)	168 (35%)
Four or more bedroom homes	299 (68%)	98 (22%)	44 (10%)
Bungalows	81 (16%)	218 (44%)	201 (40%)
Flats	228 (51%)	151 (34%)	64 (14%)
Maisonettes	220 (49%)	166 (37%)	59 (13%)
Affordable housing*	92 (18%)	146 (29%)	261 (52%)

*Affordable housing is social rented, affordable rented and intermediate housing, provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the market

Q18 What importance would you give to the provision of new housing for each of the following groups? (Tick one box per row)

	Not Important	Quite Important	Very Important
Sheltered - typically for people who are elderly, disabled or vulnerable, and provides some on-site support or help from a scheme manager (warden) or support staff, 24-hour emergency help through an alarm system and communal areas, such as gardens or lounges.	42 (8%)	229 (42%)	276 (50%)
Extra care - also called assisted living, offers more support than sheltered housing, but still allows you to live independently in a self-contained flat, with your own front door. Meals may be provided and personal care and support services may be available 24 hours a day.	49 (9%)	236 (43%)	258 (48%)
People with reduced mobility - typically includes wide doors, wheelchair ramps, high electric points etc.	37 (7%)	239 (45%)	258 (48%)
Young families/starter homes - similar to Affordable housing, starter homes are new build homes for first time buyers aged between 23 and 40, and offered at a discount under a government led scheme.	70 (13%)	183 (34%)	283 (53%)
People with local connections - clause which makes the property only available to people with suitable local connections	135 (25%)	179 (33%)	231 (42%)

Q19 What importance would you give to the type of ownership/tenure in any new development? (Tick one box per row)

	Not important	Quite important	Very important
Privately owned	61 (13%)	206 (43%)	209 (44%)
Rented	137 (29%)	235 (50%)	95 (20%)
Shared ownership*	145 (32%)	228 (50%)	84 (18%)
A mixture of some or all of the above	96 (19%)	210 (42%)	200 (40%)

*Shared ownership is usually offered by Housing Associations, you buy a share of your home (between 25% and 75%) and pay rent on the rest. The home may also be 'Affordable'.

Q20 How much do you agree / disagree with allowing demolition or conversion of an existing single building to deliver two or more dwellings? (Tick one box only)

47 (8%)	Strongly agree	233 (42%)	Neither agree nor disagree	75 (13%)	Strongly disagree
133 (24%)	Agree	70 (13%)	Disagree		

Q21 What do you think is the best way of preserving Wolston's rural and historic character? Which are the most important to you? (Tick one box per row)

	Very important	Quite important	Not at all important
Height of housing kept low	296 (56%)	200 (38%)	34 (6%)
Materials in keeping with the village	338 (62%)	173 (32%)	35 (6%)
Stronger management of the Conservation Area	360 (68%)	148 (28%)	23 (4%)
Mix of building styles	161 (31%)	273 (52%)	88 (17%)
Building gable end-on, creating diversity in buildings	93 (19%)	209 (42%)	197 (39%)
Retention of the allotments site in its present form	335 (62%)	156 (29%)	50 (9%)
Any other ideas? Please write in here			
78 responses included in Appendix			

Q22 What level of importance do you give to the following design and layout features for new housing developments in Wolston? (Tick one box per row)

	Very important	Quite important	Not at all important
In keeping with rural character and appearance	418 (77%)	114 (21%)	11 (2%)
Reflect current (generally lower than average) housing density	312 (61%)	172 (33%)	30 (6%)
Modern innovative structures	59 (12%)	175 (35%)	268 (53%)
Adequate storage areas (waste bins, cycles, mobility scooters etc.)	345 (64%)	178 (33%)	17 (3%)
Energy efficiency	413 (77%)	116 (22%)	7 (1%)
Adequate parking on premises	482 (88%)	58 (11%)	9 (2%)
Garden length - less than 10 metres	44 (9%)	203 (43%)	226 (48%)
Garden length - 10 to 20 metres	132 (26%)	226 (44%)	150 (30%)
Communal greens, play areas & open spaces	364 (68%)	149 (28%)	24 (4%)
Landscaping	310 (59%)	191 (36%)	28 (5%)
Housing design and layout meets a 'Secured by Design' security code	202 (47%)	190 (44%)	43 (10%)

If you have any other considerations, please write in box below

49 responses included in Appendix

Q23 How important is it for the Neighbourhood Plan to aim to protect and enhance the quality of any new buildings by promoting the following? (Tick one box per row)

	Very important	Quite important	Not at all important
Design that respects the scale of the existing village	453 (82%)	86 (16%)	12 (2%)
Minimum standards for living space in dwellings	397 (74%)	120 (22%)	17 (3%)
Use of traditional local building materials	285 (53%)	207 (38%)	47 (9%)
High levels of energy conservation in new buildings	406 (75%)	120 (22%)	12 (2%)
Adequate green space and gardens	395 (72%)	145 (27%)	5 (1%)
Provision for the charging of electric cars	159 (30%)	264 (50%)	110 (21%)
Installed or provision for alternate energy sources	198 (37%)	286 (54%)	48 (9%)
Broadband 'Fibre to the Home'	303 (57%)	189 (35%)	41 (8%)
Signage, advertising and street furniture that respects the locality	295 (55%)	206 (39%)	32 (6%)
Traditional styles and scale of shop fronts	279 (52%)	218 (41%)	36 (7%)

Infrastructure

By infrastructure we mean the basic physical structures and facilities needed for society to operate effectively on a day to day basis e.g. buildings, roads, power supplies, communications etc.

Q24 Please tell us what you think about the infrastructure where you live. How do you rate the following?(Tick one box per row)

	Good	Acceptable	Poor	Don't Know
Sewerage/drainage	244 (44%)	209 (38%)	87 (16%)	16 (3%)
Water supply	346 (62%)	191 (34%)	20 (4%)	4 (1%)
Electricity	370 (66%)	179 (32%)	9 (2%)	4 (1%)
Gas	374 (68%)	158 (29%)	5 (1%)	16 (3%)
Mobile phone	161 (30%)	245 (45%)	132 (24%)	7 (1%)
Broadband	121 (22%)	283 (52%)	120 (22%)	20 (4%)
Pavements	113 (20%)	252 (45%)	191 (34%)	2 (0%)
Roads	107 (19%)	293 (53%)	150 (27%)	2 (0%)

Q25 How much do you agree or disagree that the infrastructure has kept up with the pace of development in the Wolston neighbourhood? (Tick one box only)

30 (5%) Strongly agree	46 (8%) Strongly disagree
190 (34%) Agree	111 (20%) No opinion/don't know
178 (32%) Disagree	

Q26 If money were available to invest in infrastructure, where should this be spent?

(Tick your top three choices only)

264 (47%)	Sewerage/drainage	147 (26%)	Mobile phone
41 (7%)	Water supply	246 (44%)	Broadband
36 (6%)	Electricity	387 (70%)	Pavements
7 (1%)	Gas	384 (69%)	Roads

The Natural Landscape, the Built Environment and Green Spaces

Q27 What priorities should the Neighbourhood Plan have in protecting the natural environment?

(Tick only the three you consider most important)

- 114 (21%) Minimise light pollution by supporting a 'dark skies' policy
- 371 (67%) Minimise the level of noise and other forms of pollution caused by development and transport infrastructure
- 409 (74%) Promote the preservation and restoration of key local habitats and wildlife biodiversity
- 476 (86%) Promote the protection of existing mature or important trees and hedgerows, groups of trees or woodland
- 251 (45%) Manage the visual impact, scale and location of alternative energy installations

Q28 What priorities should the Neighbourhood Plan have in protecting the quality of the existing built environment? (Tick only the three you consider most important)

- 332 (59%) Define and preserve the boundaries of our villages
- 302 (54%) Building design to be in keeping with the scale, location and appearance of existing buildings
- 71 (13%) Use traditional local building materials
- 187 (34%) Promote a high level of energy conservation/environmental sustainability in new buildings
- 102 (18%) Identify any currently unlisted buildings that we should seek to protect by a local listing
- 78 (14%) Use signage, advertising and street furniture that are in keeping with the character of our neighbourhood
- 308 (55%) Ensure that business and residential development is in harmony with the rural character of the neighbourhood and sits well in the landscape
- 260 (47%) Improve flood prevention measures, both within the design of buildings and elsewhere

Q29 Should the Neighbourhood Plan aim to promote the following? (Tick the three that you consider most important only)

- 476 (85%) Maintain and improve present green space and recreational areas
- 253 (45%) Enhanced protection of historic and natural features
- 308 (55%) Enhanced protection of the landscape
- 153 (27%) Better pedestrian and cycle access
- 194 (35%) Positive management of the varied local wildlife
- 267 (48%) Improved flood prevention measures

Q30 Green spaces are any open spaces of land that are accessible to the public. This can include: playing fields and sports pitches, wildlife areas, parks, community gardens, greens, playgrounds and cemeteries. The National Planning Policy Framework gives local communities the opportunity to protect very important green areas by designating them as 'Local green spaces'. This prevents them from being built on in all but exceptional circumstances.

Which three of the following are most important to you? (Tick up to three boxes only)

- 247 (44%) Better day-to-day care of existing open green spaces
- 238 (43%) More open green spaces linked to green corridors
- 366 (66%) A full Green Spaces Plan to manage future needs of existing green spaces and promote more green spaces in new developments
- 239 (43%) More work to protect local wildlife habitats
- 161 (29%) More help for volunteers to manage open green spaces
- 98 (18%) Separate spaces for wildlife and pets
- 270 (49%) Allotments

Q31 Given that Wolston Parish will have some development in the next 15 years, are there any green spaces in the Parish that should be protected? Please describe in the box below. If you are not sure of the name of the green space, give the nearest street or house name.
350 responses included in Appendix

Q32 Given that Wolston Parish will have some development in the next 15 years, please list below any views or vistas, including those into Wolston from without, within Wolston and out of Wolston into the surrounding areas and why they are important? If you are not sure how to identify the view, please give the nearest street or house name as a position and describe the direction you are looking at (north, south, east or west).
251 responses included in Appendix

Employment & Business

Q33 Do you think there is a need for the following types of small scale business development in Wolston? (Tick all that apply)

227 (44%)	Extra shops	82 (16%)	Small commercial units
85 (16%)	Small starter office units	175 (34%)	Creative work-shop spaces
21 (4%)	Serviced office units	194 (37%)	None at all

Q34 We need your opinion on business and employment in the Parish. (Tick one box per row)

	Yes	No
Should we encourage more local businesses?	310 (64%)	173 (36%)
Should we encourage more local jobs?	301 (67%)	148 (33%)

If you think we need more businesses or jobs in the Parish, please suggest what is needed and where:

131 responses included in Appendix

Please complete only if one or more members of your household manage a business in the Parish, own a business located in the Parish or are self-employed and based in the Parish. This section tells us about the needs of businesses located in the Parish. It will help us to understand whether the Neighbourhood Plan can potentially help local business.

There will be a separate business/employer survey next year in the Parish. To ensure you receive one, please provide your contact details on the separate sheet provided.

Q35 Do you run a business from...? (Please tick one box)

36 (84%)	Home in the Parish	7 (16%)	Premises in the Parish
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Go to Q41 if you do not run a business

Q36 How many people do you employ, including yourself?

1	23 responses	3 or more	1 response
2	13 responses		

Q37 Which sector best describes your business activity? (Please tick one box)

3 (7%)	Farming / Horticulture	1 (2%)	Manufacturing
5 (12%)	Building Trade	5 (12%)	IT / Business Services
1 (2%)	Arts & Crafts	1 (2%)	Food / Catering
1 (2%)	Retail	11 (26%)	Consultancy
1 (2%)	Tourism / Leisure	16 (37%)	Other

Q38 Do you experience difficulties with the following? (Please tick all that apply)

- 0 (0%) Recruiting trained / experienced staff
- 0 (0%) Recruiting trainees / apprentices
- 1 (3%) Training staff
- 1 (3%) Transport for staff to / from work
- 1 (3%) Lack of local childcare facilities
- 17 (50%) Poor broadband
- 20 (59%) Poor mobile phone reception
- 15 (44%) Parking
- 3 (9%) Other difficulties

Please state any other difficulties below

4 responses included in Appendix

Q39 Are your present business premises...? (Please tick one box)

- 22 (58%) Very suitable
- 15 (39%) Adequate
- 1 (3%) Unsuitable

If your business premises are unsuitable please explain why below: 1 comment - Insufficient space

Q40 Would you be interested in premises in the Parish? (Please tick all that apply)

- 7 (54%) Office Space
- 2 (15%) Packing, Manufacturing Space, Warehousing or Storage
- 4 (31%) Workshop
- 1 (8%) Other

If other, please specify in the box below

1 comment - A woodland area, with parking nearby which could be used for Forest School activities

Parish Matters

And finally we would like to know about communication in the village.

Q41 How do you receive information about Parish matters? (Tick all that apply)

- 417 (79%) Avon Grapevine
- 223 (42%) Noticeboards
- 262 (49%) Wolston Village website
- 376 (71%) Word of mouth

Q42 How would you prefer to receive information? (Please tick your main preference only)

- 368 (76%) Avon Grapevine by paper
- 91 (19%) Other method
- 125 (26%) Notice Boards
- 13 (3%) Not interested
- 48 (10%) Public Meetings

If other method, please specify below.

87 responses included in Appendix

About You

Q43 Are you...?

- 248 (45%) Male
- 303 (55%) Female

Q44 In which age group do you belong?

- 9 (2%) Up to 24 years old
- 119 (21%) 55-64
- 28 (5%) 25-34
- 170 (31%) 65-74
- 69 (12%) 35-44
- 78 (14%) 75 plus
- 81 (15%) 45-54

Q45 How many years have you lived in the Parish?

- 11 (2%) Less than 1 year
- 53 (10%) 6 - 10
- 165 (30%) 21 - 40
- 92 (17%) 1 - 5
- 107 (19%) 11 - 20
- 126 (23%) 41+ years