

Appendix 6 – Consultation summary for First Issues Consultation

The consultation responses received through the consultation portal were as follows:

Total representations made	268
Total individual respondents	23
Total Parish Council respondents	7
Total County Council Respondents	2
External Agency Respondents	6
Local Trust/Society Respondents	1
Resident Respondents	6
Elected Member Respondents	1

A number of representations were made by written responses, which have been included in the numbers above.

This level of response is good compared with the previous Open Spaces Strategy Consultation in 2009 that was provided as a hard copy document upon request.

Additional Consultation

We received feedback from 3 individual workshops that were facilitated by HDC Equalities Officer during March and April 2015

The workshops were as follows

Workshop name	Harborough Action Team
Date	17 th March 2015
Details	9 female, 1 male 6 people with long term health problem or disability All aged 18+ All white British Responding to easy to read version
Workshop Name	HFT
Date	15 th April 2015
Details	14 Respondents Gender - 10 x female & 4 x male Age - 3 x 30 year olds, 2 x 34 year olds, 3 x aged between 30-40, 1 x 40 year old, 1 x 46 year old, 2 x 50 year olds, 1 x 59 year old & 1 x 69 year old Ethnic group – 14 x white

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Health problem/disability – 3 x No, 7 x Yes, limited a little & 3 x Yes, limited a lot

Carers – 11 x No, 2 x Yes, care for someone for 20-49 hours a week, 1 x Yes car for someone for 50+ hours a week

Workshop Name

Sherrard Road Park

Date

14th April 2015

3 Respondents

Gender - 3 x male

Age - 3 x 13 year olds

Ethnic group – 3 x white

Health problem/disability – 2 x no, 1 x yes, limited a little

Carers – 3 x no

A summary of the main issues that were raised in the responses is below:

1. Location of Open Spaces is important
2. Easily accessible Open space is required
3. Biodiversity and habitat provision needed
4. Provision of SUDs on open space and for wildlife is important
5. The Aims as listed were supported overall
6. Public Health and Wildlife should be brought into the vision.
7. Civic Spaces and greenways should be included as a typology
8. Assurance that an open space will be suitably maintained in the future is required
9. A aspiration to provide a series of greenways for walking and cycling is well supported
10. Improvement and connecting up of existing 'greenways' was considered important
11. A series of quality visions was suggested for different typologies
12. Consideration should be given to communities determining the type of Open Space they require
13. Protection of Open Space against development is paramount
14. Provision of on site open space except in extenuating circumstances
15. Many local respondents supported that the District Council should adopt and maintain open space.
16. Some local respondents supported community management where the community is able to undertake this responsibility.
17. Recognition from external agency respondents that community management of open space should be considered where possible
18. The wishes of the community are paramount in the decision making process for open space provision.
19. Consideration should be given to increasing the commuted maintenance time period
20. Standards for woodland accessibility were suggested.

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21. Accessibility and provision thresholds were supported
22. The consultation document was considered too long and detailed. The public respondents and Parish Council much preferred the easy to read version, and encourage the District Council to take this approach in the future

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23. Cycle ways are a good idea for exercise, health and as a safe route.
24. Cycling on paths in parks is a problem – have proper cycling places
25. Good signage and promotion of cycle routes/ open spaces needed as some respondents did not know about existing provision.
26. Make sure that routes are safe
27. Teenage provision is generally poor
28. Dog fouling is a nuisance – more dog walking areas
29. Will cycle further to a destination park
30. Open space on bus routes is good, although some respondents did not use buses
31. Vandalism and graffiti is bad at some parks; makes youngsters feel unsafe
32. Broken play equipment is disappointing
33. Provision of benches needs to be better in some parks (WP tennis, Square)
34. Bring back the crazy golf.