

Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council – Questionnaire Summary
Stramshall, Spath and outlying areas.
2018

The Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council thanks all residents who took the time to send in replies.

A total of 167 replies were received from residents in Stramshall, Spath and outlying areas, which represents around 50% of the parish households, this indicates to the Councillors that the majority of the parish have genuine interests in the parish.

A summary of the replies indicates that the majority of residents are happy with the village locations, current housing, green spaces, facilities and community activities. The major concerns are, traffic speed through the villages, litter and dog fouling.

Replies to the provision of new houses were more in favour of limited numbers. This appears to meet the criteria set out in the ESBC LOCAL PLAN for Tier 3 Small Villages of which Stramshall is one of fifteen.

The Local Plan has allocated 250 new homes for these Tier 3 Villages. If this is allocated evenly to the fifteen villages this will mean 17 new homes in each village.

The Local Plan Sustainable Development Strategy, paragraph 2.24 :- Tier 3 small villages have not been given settlement boundaries because of their size and lack of facilities. No site allocations are made, but there is an overall development allowance for all Tier 3 villages. This will be achieved through development under the Exceptions Site Policy which will permit a handful of new properties in a village over the period of the Local Plan or through the Neighbourhood Plan Process.

Replies for the location of new houses preferred the option of garden infill / individual plots with small bungalows and small semi-detached houses. However, It is unlikely that there are sufficient plots of this nature in the parish and individual build would make the costs prohibitive.

In recognising these interests and taking note of the Local Plan Housing Strategy for Tier 3 villages, the Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council propose to produce a Village Plan based on the replies to the questionnaire. Village Plans can be broad ranging and are not the same as Neighbourhood Plans. A neighbourhood plan should support the strategic development needs set out in the Local Plan and plan positively to support local development. Neighbourhood Plans must go through certain steps and meet certain requirements, which do not apply to a Village or Parish Plan

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS (Page 11 of Local Plan)

1.9 The Localism Act makes the provision of Neighbourhood Plans. These plans give local people the opportunity to decide the future of the places where they live and work. This allows communities to set out the vision for an area and the planning policies for the use and development of land, which can include choosing where new homes, shops, leisure facilities or employment opportunities should be built and what these buildings could look like. It is **important to note** that the focus of a Neighbourhood Plan **is to guide development not stop it**.

1.10 Neighbourhood Plans need to meet certain basic conditions at Local and National Levels before they can come into force. Basic conditions are :-

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- They must have appropriate regard to National Policy.
- They must contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development.
- They must be in general conformity with the development (Local Plan) for the area.
- Must be compatible with EU obligations, including Human Rights requirements.

1.11 The Plan will also need to demonstrate the involvement of the local community throughout the plan preparation and decision making. These basic conditions will be tested through the independent examination and be checked by the local authority (ESBC) prior to proceeding to referendum.

1.12 There is no statutory duty for communities to prepare Neighbourhood Plans, only a right to do so if they wish. ESBC has 16 designated Neighbourhood Plan areas.

SECTION ONE :

VILLAGE STATEMENT OF KEY CHARACTERISTICS.

Very important was scored in the following order.

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| 1. Being separated from Uttoxeter by open countryside. | 88% |
| 2. Open green space within the village. | 75% |
| 3. Footpaths accessible from within the village. | 65% |
| 4. Working farms surrounding the village. | 62% |
| 5. Good balance of population and facilities. | 43% |
| 6. Good mixture of housing styles. | 43% |

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT LIVING IN STRAMSHALL AND SPATH.

Very important was scored in the following order

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| 1. Easy access to the countryside . | 83% |
| 2. Rural atmosphere. | 80% |
| 3. Quiet village. | 77% |
| 4. Village identity /feeling part of a community. | 55% |
| 5. Quick access to A50 / motorways. | 53% |
| 6. Village activities / community groups | 32% |

SECTION TWO HOUSING :

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF HOUSING IN STRAMSHALL AND SPATH.

Replies scores.

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| 1. About right. | 48% |
| 2. Need a few more. | 31% |

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3. Need a lot more. **7%**
4. Too many already. **14%**

Written comments.

1. No more houses required 22%.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE COMPOSITION OF HOUSING IN STRAMSHALL AND SPATH

Replies scores	About right %	Need a Few more %	Need a Lot more %	Too many Already %
Detached bungalows	56	36	3	5
Retirement houses	55	36	4	15
Affordable starter houses	56	29	6	9
Semi detached bungalows	66	26	3	5
Barn conversions	65	15	3	17
Small detached houses	71	14	7	8
Semi detached houses	71	13	8	8
Social rented houses	72	7	1	20
Large detached houses	62	5	8	25
Private rented houses	83	3	3	11

AVERAGE OF ALL TYPES	%	%	%	%
	66	18	5	11

SECTION THREE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

1. HOW MANY HOUSES SHOULD BE BUILT OVER NEXT TWELVE YEARS OF LOCAL PLAN.

Replies scores

0 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 15	16- 20	21- 35
%	%	%	%	%
62	14	10	6	8

2. WHERE SHOULD NEW HOUSES BE BUILT. NO SITES HAVE ANY PLANS PERMISSION.

Replies scores in order of Very suitable	NOT Suitable 1 %	2 %	3 %	4 %	VERY Suitable 5 %
Behind the Allotments	53	7	13	8	19
Spath opposite “ South View “	54	8	16	4	18
Behind Village Hall / Bungalows	60	8	12	9	11
Off Broomyclose Lane rear of 8 - 14	68	6	10	6	10
Off Hollington Lane rear of 5 - 8	63	8	14	5	10
Off Hollington Lane by “Queensville “	63	9	13	5	10

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Behind The Croft	70	7	10	6	7
Off Hollington Lane by “ The Acre “	58	12	15	10	5

Written down comments.

1. New houses will be high density and spoil the village character. 15 replies ie 9%
2. The proposed sites have difficult access. 13 replies ie 8%

3. PROTECTION OF GREEN SPACE.

Replies scores .

1. Keep all current green space. 29 replies. ie 17%
2. Land to rear of village hall. (proposed site 1) 15 replies ie 9%
3. Land off Hollington Lane.(proposed sites 5 & 6) 10 replies ie 6%
4. Land between Play Field and Broomyclose Houses. 9 replies ie 5%

4. IF NEW HOUSES WERE TO BE BUILT, WHAT TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT WOULD YOU PREFER

Replies scores in order of Very important	1. NOT Important %	2 %	3 %	4 %	5. VERY Important %
Individual plots	24	5	14	12	45
Garden infill	37	9	14	6	34
Small groups of upto 5 houses	40	5	13	13	29
Large groups of upto 10 houses	77	1	6	2	14

5. WHAT STYLE OF HOUSING DO YOU PREFER IN ANY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

Replies scores in order of Very suitable	1. NOT Suitable %	2 %	3 %	4 %	5. VERY Suitable %
Small detached bungalows	32	11	15	14	28
Small semi-detached bungalows	42	13	15	9	21
Starter homes	52	12	7	10	19
Semi detached two storey	52	14	13	8	13
Detached two storey	55	6	16	10	13
Period style	54	8	13	13	12
Large detached bungalows	58	15	8	8	11
Modern style	65	10	7	10	8
Small terraced two storey	62	11	12	8	7
Semi detached three storey	81	2	6	4	7
Detached three storey	83	2	7	2	6

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SECTION FOUR VILLAGE FACILITIES / AMENITIES

1. HOW IMPORTANT ARE THESE VILLAGE FACILITIES.

Replies scores in order of Very Important.	1. NOT Important %	2 %	3 %	4 %	5 VERY Important %
Village Hall	1	0	10	19	69
Village Green	5	4	10	15	66
Play equipment on Playing Field	5	4	16	10	65
Footpaths	5	1	12	17	65
Playing field	4	4	20	9	63
St Michaels & All Saints Church	7	4	12	16	61
Allotments	10	8	16	14	52
Spath green	10	13	20	9	48
Chapel	27	14	19	15	25

2. WHICH OF THESE AMENITIES DO YOU USE.

Replies Scores in order of often	NEVER %	SOMETIMES %	OFTEN %
Spath Car Wash	31	36	33
Public House	40	47	13
Spath Garage Services	59	30	11
Spath Farm Shop	65	26	9
Horse Stabling	89	3	8

3. WHICH ADDITIONAL FACILITIES / AMENITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE IN THE VILLAGE.

Replies Scores in order of Yes	NO %	NO PREFERENCE %	YES %
High Speed Internet	4	14	82
Public House / Cafe	20	8	72
Mains Gas Supply	12	31	57

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Small Businesses	32	46	22
Additional Allotments	35	45	20

SECTION FIVE TRAFFIC ISSUES.

1. WHAT CHANGES ARE NEEDED.

Replies Scores in order of Change needed	1 NO CHANGE NEEDED %	2 %	3 %	4 %	5 CHANGE NEEDED %
Road maintenance	4	4	9	9	74
Pavements on High Street	9	4	7	9	71
Traffic speed through Stramshall	17	3	5	9	66
Over weight limit HGV's	14	2	11	10	63
Traffic speed through Spath	19	4	7	10	60
Car Parking on High Street	20	7	11	5	57
Speed Humps Stramshall	29	5	8	4	54
Road junction Broomyclose Lane	24	10	14	4	48
Speed Humps Spath	30	6	14	4	46
Bus Services	41	7	21	4	27
Car parking Broomyclose Lane	42	13	14	5	26

Written comments.

1. Provide a Traffic Priority System for High Street and St. Michaels Road similar to Abbots Bromley and create pavements on High Street.
2. Convert some Speed Humps to full width.

SECTION SIX YOUR CONCERNS.

1. THE EXTENT THAT THESE ISSUES CAUSE YOU.

Replies Scores in order of Very important	1 NOT IMPORTANT %	2 %	3 %	4 %	5 VERY IMPORTANT %
Litter	9	6	13	22	50
Dog fouling	6	8	18	20	48
Fly tipping	12	12	12	18	46
Anti-social behaviour	15	14	16	24	30
Noise pollution	21	15	22	15	27
Burglary	21	19	31	8	21
Vandalism	19	19	33	8	21
Air pollution	33	21	18	10	18

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Car crime	21	24	33	8	15
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Written comments.

1. Amount of litter is disgusting, litter picking needs organising.
2. Dog fouling is terrible, dog warden action is required.

2. INTEREST IN HOLDING A QUARTERLY MEETING WITH THE POLICE ON THESE ISSUES .

Replies : YES 53% NO 47%

SECTION SEVEN LOCAL BUSINESS.

1. DO YOU OPERATE A SMALL BUSINESS IN THE VILLAGE.

Replies.

1. Dairy farm.
2. Firewood supply.
3. Management Consultants (2)
4. Tea / Rooms / Guest House.
5. Window cleaning.

2. IS THERE ANY SUPPORT THE VILLAGE COULD PROVIDE.

Replies.

1. Visit the Tea Rooms.