

Appendix 1 Old Somerby Neighbourhood Plan Baseline Questionnaire

Additional Comments



Q3. When considering community facilities which we have or which we might wish to have what do you enjoy about living in Old Somerby?

to declare independence and create an inland tax haven Encourage more policemen/women to live here to solve all the murders, rename the village old Midsomerby murders or old somerby murders.

post office/shop. pay area for young children

footpath reinstated in good times

A play area is needed as the field next to the well is fenced off. (swings, slides) by the farmer now was used for recreation.

Shop/Speed Camera

Church - Yes Pub - not bothered

Prefer not to have a chain pub. some grass verges are very untidy.

Public space

Neighbourhood watch and first responders

Not stereotypical town or suburb living

Q4. When considering any development proposals in the parish what aspects of the Natural Environment is it important to protect?

The feudal crop rotation system and the annual levy of tithes.

Increase of traffic, degradation of roads/repair of roads.

Abide by EU guidelines on hedge cutting at bird nesting times.

Nothing asure 2 storey

Location of any other development projects to be very carefully considered.

Village owned sports/activity crew



Any development will be in keeping the character of the village.

1 Villagers should be encouraged to keep the grass outside their properties tidier and cut regularly. 2 more volunteers to litter pick.

Natural drainage routes (prevention of flooding issues)

Q5. When considering any development proposal in the parish what aspects of the Village Ethos is it important to protect?

mandatory reconditioning of all villagers in Philosophy, moral values and ethics to ensure that a village ethos is protected. There is no social stability without individual stability.

Volunteering is brilliant but not if it takes away jobs from people.

Speeding control

Sustainable development welcome

Minimal Traffic

A helpful ethic however it depends on the kind of volunteering eg no volunteering where it replaces paid employment.

Community spirit has room for improvement.

Protect and encourage activities.

Neighbourhood watch/safety/crime prevention very important.

Q6. When considering any development proposal in the parish what aspects of Recreation is it important to protect?

encouragement of those recreational activities that use many resources to improve economy and stability. the cricket pitch to be seized in the name of OSM and cricket matches to be held fortnightly.

Outlook of the whole village on the parish

bridal way

Additional footpath is required on both sides of school lane. especially to keep the children safe who access the school bus stop.



More footpaths in the village would be appreciated especially on school lane to join up to existing ones.

With the loss of village cricket in "Well Field" we need an area for children

Playing field would be good A village hall would be invaluable

cycle routes, covered below and providing playground, village this size needs one if possible.

A community centre or hall would be nice.

Somewhere informal for village folk to meet/use (not building) Common land/field/woods

Q7 When considering any development proposal in the parish what aspects of the Environment is it important to protect?

A love of nature keeps no factories busy. litter louts to be executed. owners of dogs that foul to be banished with limited rights of return. Noise pollution to be discouraged at all costs.

Impression of our village is important, personally i find the erection of two fences on School lane offensive and not in keeping with our village. Although planning are satisfied they make the open space houses look unattractive, insensitive in a word. fresh air

an example of how the built environment can offend would be too high. fences errected by house owner in School lane - this is contrast to some very sensitive works carried out by house holders further down school lane.

In fill building only

Half of Old Somerby is council housing stock and post 1970's building, it doen't have a distinctive style of building. Not keen to see village grow by adding low cost building more important to retain natural environment

I don't think there is a distinctive building style in the village ie shop and brick houses.

Appropriate materials, no flag flying inappropriate to the village.



Q8. When considering any development proposal in the parish what Traffic Improvements are needed?

the creation of a speed trial course through OSM and nearby villages. motorcycles and cars race of alternate weeks. wet looking lycra wearing cyclists to be barred.

Corner parking on school lane speed of traffic on church lane used as a rat run for Ropsley - little case taken of dog walkers or indeed just folk out for a walk.

Speed reducing is needed through Grantham Road

as regards motorbikes, they make a lot of noise excellerating on leaving the village.

Some paths of the footpaths are narrow. Speed cameras installed permantly in the center of Grantham road. Raised speed bumps as you come into either side of the village to slow cars down along this stretch of road.

Speed camera

parking on footpaths

Improved pedestrian crossing at Grantham Road/school lane junction

Especially motorbikes on B1176 - too noisy, too aggressive, too fast.

An end to motorbikes on the circle ride through our villages

Reduce speed through the village not just the B1176

More paths on school lane. cars parking across footpath when they have a parking space.

stop the parking on footpaths

Reduce speed especially on school lane.

Appropriate traffic calming measures which would have an impact on reducing speed and noise.

Speed humps through the village

Need speed bumps

No street speed bumps etc



Q9. When considering any development proposal in the parish what aspects of General Services need improvement?

This to be determined by the ruling committee or despot. if the services are privalised then let the owners get rich quick at the expensive of provision. if natioalised then there could be a culture of superficial moaning about th inability of services to provide.

A bin for dog walkers.

Mobile phone signal improvement.

Dog poo Bins

Q10 When considering any development in the parish what aspects of Business and Employment need improvement?

introduce the bokanovsky's process and the attendent castle system. what man has joined nature is powerless to put as under.

general store

A corner shop be great

retail facilities would be nice and may bring employment opportunities but Old Somerby is a small village and lovely as it is, these things may bring huge change.

Don't feel above question is right as the question is vague. What development proposals? If its housing what business and employment needs?

Largest Business in village is farm, needs to interact more with the village people.

Q11. When considering any development in the parish what aspects of Community Facilities are needed or need improvement?

stock exchange village pinfold village lock up

No one visits the pub so why do we need the 4 above? no one All the above very much required

Improvement required - bus shelter

A village shop would be nice.

Need local shop or mobile shop every week and post office would be nice

Pub play area should be re-instated



Q12 Do you support the Parish Council undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan for Old Somerby?

No additional responses

Q 13. Is there anything else you would like to add?

Use of a pub as a community asset, film group/book group. coffee morning, post office use of a church - grants are available for improvements, could be used for all sorts of events.

the need of improvement for broadband and fire optics. becoming essential in work from home. In reduction in commuter miles.

More attention needed to footpaths i.e sweeping, grass cutting,hedgetriming. especially to the path known as the strand. (from the well to the church) LIVE & LIVE. The only way the village will come together is if Mr Skelton gives the field back for a reasonable annual rent and maintains the field. It will bring top/bottom Somerby together. Form a committee, playground, cricket, soccer, fetes, car boot.

No facilities for children at all in the village, not even in the pub, or a recreational area, community centre.

Use the church for other things than worshiping. It has lights it, can be warm all it needs are toilet facilities.

setting up a village website to keep residents updated with things.

Please see attached sheet 'suggested objectives'

Climate change, plan to reduce the carbon footprint of the village.

Concern over possible future development of Army Barracks and its impact on the village.

Q12 What does this question mean? Are we about to see the construction of more buildings and homes?

Old Somerby is still very much a village and i feel should remain so. I would have to see it become part of Grantham. We have a lovely community feel and spirit here, the village is not too big, its easy to get straight out into the open countryside, wouldn't want to ruin that.



Please could you provide us with the names of the neighbourhood plan members. Do you have a broad spectrum of ages considering you are planing the next 15-20 years?

It is important to hear the young village voice in this matter as it is for the next 15-20 years.

I am concerned about the public footpath which were on 1937 survey maps and have been removed by local farmer.

Important to open up footpaths that have been closed and to keep green spaces in the village, with new playing fields to be a priority. Also keep green spaces between village and town (Grantham)

much more thought and consideration is needed for neighbours and the community in general. The erection of sheds and fences can be especially offensive and changes the whole character of life in a small village like ours.

More dog poo bins

Internet/Broardband need great improvement

It would be worth having a larger village if that meant better and more varied facilities

I would like the parish council to take a good look at Old Somerby in general as it is not a tidy village to live or walk round. Eg parking on footpaths, overgrown, paths, hedgerows (well field) dog mess. if these were improved on, people might take a pride in where they live and it would be a better place.

To dog owners - Please pick up

I wish dog owners would pick up muck

Dog owners to clear up muck

Quite a lot of elderly people reside in village, need for village shop/post office or even a mobile shop/post office. A village bus to take elderly into town etc.

There are quite a few elderly people in Old Somerby. Some who live on their own.

A nice get together once or twice week would give these people something to look forward too.

Only if the plan when formulated is then put back properly to the village for comment/approval