

MASHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

SHORT VERSION QUESTIONNAIRE

QUALITATIVE DATA

Q9 If you feel the provision of facilities, support and activities for people in your age group is currently inadequate please indicate one thing which could be improved:

1. (30-39) Fitness classes in evenings (circuits/spinning). Somewhere for older kids to hang out that's warm and safe on a night. Lack of transport especially to pubs/restaurants – I live in a nearby village. Parks feel a bit neglected. Would love my kids to be able to access more activities after school hours such as gymnastics, dance classes, music lessons etc.
2. (20-29) There needs to be a more frequent bus schedule so those who do not wish to drive can still commute.
3. (20-29) Music night in town hall need to be on later to get more people in and more community events and activities like scarecrow trails, advent walks, events like coronation needs more sense of community.
4. Improved play areas/ground for young children. Improvement to pavement cleaning – too much dog waste on public footpaths. Maybe some sort of fee for cat/dog owners to pay for cleaning.

Additional comments – If you wish to make any additional comments on the topics above, please provide them below:

1. New build estates that offer shared ownership are not honest about this being an affordable option for first time buyers. Shared ownership where rent is ridiculously high on top of a mortgage is not affordable. There are also too many Airbnb properties, holiday homes and second homes left empty when local people are being forced to move away. On busy event days such as market day, sheep fair, traction engine rally, locals struggle to find parking. A locals only parking area would be hugely appreciated at every event and every weekend.

2. I realise there are staff shortage problems but it would be great if the pubs could remain open during the winter and in particular the Kings head should ensure that they are able to provide meal to non-residents. More needs to be made of the Market Square in the evening to make it an attraction day and night. Having only been a resident in Masham since January there doesn't appear to be much for young people to do especially in the winter months. I hear there are many Airbnbs/Holiday lets in Masham that are empty during the low season. It would be a shame to continue building in a small town such as Masham as this will spoil the character and environment. Also is there the infrastructure to support more houses? Converting existing buildings such as Peacock and Verity project is a great way to create affordable residences.
3. I am all for additional housing that is affordable for local people but would like to see any impact on the drainage systems, sewage systems/treatment and flooding prevention taken into consideration to ensure they can cope.
4. More efforts to reduce /calm traffic speed through Masham on all routes.