



## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESPONSE 2023 ANALYSIS – HEADLINES.**

\*365 individual responses were received (approx. 25% of the population). 62% of these came from the over 50's age group.

### **Housing**

\*Whilst 23% of responses indicated that there should be no further housing at all in the area, 19% did feel that there should be some further 'market' housing and 28% and 30% respectively felt there should be additional 'affordable' homes built to rent or to part own.

\*In terms of housing types, shortages were seen to exist principally in respect of 2/3 bedroom houses, bungalows and 1 bedroom homes with only a small number of local people feeling that more 4+ bedroom houses are needed.

\*41% of people felt that the existing development limits in Masham should not be extended but, of those who did, locations along Leyburn Road and Fearby Road were the most popular responses.

\*290 people who provided an opinion felt that individual infill housing was the most appropriate solution to locating new homes but if larger development sites were necessary these should not contain more than 20 units.

\*71 people indicated that they would be interested in self-build properties.

\*58% of respondents were in favour of converting commercial premises to residential use and 88% in favour of redundant agricultural buildings being converted into homes or commercial use.

\*The vast majority were in favour of measures to control further second homes (84%) and holiday lets (78%). Only 10% of respondents indicated that no measures should be introduced.

### **Environment**

\*Whilst there was a positive response for additional protection to all the environmental measures suggested, 'preserving existing woodland, trees and hedges', 'protecting

watercourses and ponds from pollution' and creating/maintaining 'sustainable drainage systems' received the most support.

\* When asked if they would support small scale campsites, caravan sites and camping pods or larger caravan/chalet parks to boost tourism, 203 (59%) of the total respondents indicated no support for either. Of the remaining respondents however, 158 were in favour of small scale sites with 25 supporting larger scale sites.

\* Solar panels and hydro schemes were seen as more popular methods to produce renewable energy than wind turbines.

\* There were a number of areas suggested for possible Local Green Space designation including the Shooting Holme and the Children's Play Areas within Masham.

### **Heritage**

\* On the issue of Non-designated heritage assets, some people felt that there were no buildings or structures which require any more protection, but a range of suggestions was also made as to those which may be appropriate, including the White Bear Bombardment Memorial and the Victoria Fountain.

### **Infrastructure**

\* The quality of all Utility services was seen as 'good' or 'very good' except for Surface Water Drainage which 78% felt was 'poor' or very poor'. Some concerns were raised about the Sewerage treatment plant and Broadband speeds.

\* As far as traffic/road safety measures are concerned there was little support for the 'introduction of fixed parking charges in the Market Square', 'traffic free zones in Masham' or 'traffic calming measures in Masham'.

\* There was 90% or over support for 'improvements to winter treatments of roads and pavements', 'improvements to pavement cleaning and dog waste removal' and 'improvements to the public footpath and bridleway network'.

\* There was also 70% or over support for 'more areas covered by honesty box charges', 'a 20mph speed limit in the centre of Masham', 'a 30mph speed limit between Masham and Swinton', 'provision of a pedestrian crossing in the centre of Masham' and 'HGV restrictions on certain roads'

\* Most people thought that improvements were needed to the roads, pavements and footpaths for mobility scooter users, wheelchair/pushchair users and for night time use.

\* Increased frequency of service and the introduction of additional routes/stops were seen as the measures most likely to encourage people to use local bus services more.

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