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# **1. INTRODUCTION**

## **SUPPORT PACKAGE BACKGROUND**

The Plan Preparation Support Package relates to the Sharlston Parish Plan Project, and the community's need for support in respect of the plan's preparation.

In June 2004, Sharlston Parish Council, through its Parish Plan Steering Group, officially approached and subsequently enlisted the services of the Royal Town Planning Institute's (RTPI) Yorkshire Planning Aid Service (YPA), to provide professional and technical support for the Council, in the facilitation of public involvement in and preparation of the Parish Plan.

The agreed brief for the support is set out in the 'Proposed Plan Preparation Support Package' document of July 2004, included here as Appendix A. This, together with a subsequent e-mail clarifying the expenses element of the package (also appended), constitutes the agreed terms of reference for the support package.

## **SUPPORT PACKAGE ELEMENTS**

The agreed support package covered five main elements:-

- Parish Plan format/content and preparation process;
- Planning and general policy context
- Schools and youth participation;
- Community participation;
- Parish Plan drafting.

This report primarily concerns the 'community' and 'schools' participation elements of the package, as set out in the agreed brief, and covers the conduct of and detailed results of that participation. The 'youth' participation element is still to be completed and will be the subject of a supplementary report.

This report concentrates in particular on the community-led 'Hands-on Planning' exercise, the 'community action plan' arising from it, and the subsequent community consultation on that draft plan.

## **REPORT FORMAT**

Section 2 describes the preparation of the 'Hands-on Planning' exercise.

Sections 3 and 4 cover the exercise itself and the key results and findings from it.

Section 5 describes the follow-on prioritisation and action planning stage.

Section 6 sets out the resultant 'community action plan' arising from stages I and II of the 'Hands-on Planning' exercise.

Sections 7 and 8 outlines the consultation exercise undertaken on the draft 'community action plan' and the key results and findings.

Appendices A to M provide more detailed information in respect of the foregoing, in particular the full results of the 'Hands-on Planning exercise (Appendices F, G and H); a summary of the school PFR exercise (Appendix C); and the full results of the consultation on the draft 'community action plan' (Appendices L and M).

## **2. ‘HANDS-ON PLANNING’ PREPARATORY WORK**

### **‘HANDS-ON PLANNING’ IN A NUTSHELL**

The ‘Hands-on Planning’ technique is, in simple terms, a highly participative, ‘hands on’ public involvement technique, which uses a 3D model and a locally customised pack of option cards, to enable people to make positive suggestions for improving their local area. ‘Hands-on Planning’ is similar in many ways to ‘Planning for Real’ (PFR). PFR was originated by the Neighbourhood Initiatives Foundation (NIF) and remains a registered trademark of the organisation. A fuller explanation of the technique is included at Appendix B.

In order for ‘Hands-on Planning’ to be effective, it requires detailed preparation, involving the gathering of contextual information, construction of the 3D model, time to engage with and fully brief key community stakeholders and an intensive publicity campaign.

### **INFORMATION GATHERING**

A thorough review of contextual information was carried out, in order to ensure that the ‘Hands-on Planning’ exercise, as far as possible, reflected existing constraints, commitments and circumstances, thereby providing a realistic and practical context for local community choices. The process included meetings and telephone liaison with officers of City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council Housing and Regeneration Directorate, resulting in the supply of detailed information relating to the planning context for the parish.

The following sources were drawn upon:-

- Wakefield Unitary Development Plan (UDP) – First Alteration
- Wakefield District Community Strategy
- UK Coal’s emerging plans for Sharlston Colliery
- The 5 Towns Urban Renaissance Strategy
- Wakefield MDC plans and schedules of:-
  - Listed Buildings
  - Scheduled Sites and Monuments
  - Tree Preservation Orders
  - Sites with planning permission

The information gathered was fed into the design of the ‘Hands-on Planning’ exercise.

### **COMMUNITY SOUNDINGS**

In order to develop a pack of option cards, and associated resources, which reflect the hopes and fears, needs and desires of local people, it is common practice to take a selection of ‘soundings’ from the community, via attendance at/organisation of local meetings, and from talking generally with the public. In Sharlston, this was achieved via regular attendance of a YPA Community Planner at meetings of the Sharlston Parish Plan Steering Group, over the period September 2004 to May 2005 (nb still ongoing). The Community Planner also attended meetings of Sharlston Parish Council and of the local SANS (Sharlston and New Sharlston) Partnership.

In addition, from September to December 2004, YPA’s two Community Planners were based regularly in Sharlston Community School, enabling further soundings to be taken informally from staff, parents and pupils.

Finally, comments collected by the Parish Council at the Parish Open Day on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2004 were also revisited and are reproduced here as Appendix O.

The information collected from the soundings was fed directly into the formulation of the ‘Hands-on Planning’ exercise.

## **MODEL-MAKING**

A simple 3D model of the local area is central to any 'Hands-on Planning' exercise, and is normally constructed by a local primary school. In Sharlston, the local Community School was enlisted to produce the required models of Sharlston and New Sharlston.

Year 6 pupils at the school, aided by teaching staff, community volunteers and YPA Community Planners, produced an approximately 1:500 scale model of Sharlston and New Sharlston over a period of some three months from September to November 2004. The model-making exercise also involved discussion with pupils regarding important features in the village and how they could be depicted on the model.

## **SCHOOL 'HANDS-ON PLANNING' EXERCISE**

Having produced the model, the pupils were then given the opportunity to participate in an in-school adapted 'Hands-on Planning' exercise, in order to find out local children's views about the future of their villages. The main findings are summarised below.

The exercise indicated that leisure/recreation was the main concern, with community facilities a secondary issue. 'Playground' was the most popular suggestion (12 'votes'), with 'wheel-based' activities, football pitch and speed cameras also well to the fore. Ideas centred mainly on the Green/Common for recreational uses and Weeland Road for community facilities and traffic issues.

Full details of the school 'Hands-on Planning' exercise are to be found at Appendix C.

## **COMMUNITY TRAINING**

Local community members are the key to putting other 'locals' at their ease at the 'Hands-on Planning' events themselves (ie the 'familiar welcoming face/voice'). They are also ideally placed to encourage peer engagement with the model and other interactive displays (see 3.0 below), via explanation and demonstration.

In order to assist the community in playing its crucial role, a 'Hands-on Planning' training/briefing session was held at Sharlston Community School on the evening of December 2nd 2004, covering the theory and practice of the 'Hands-on Planning' technique and the tasks to be carried out by volunteers.

The session was attended by 8 people from the local area, plus a community development worker from Wakefield MDC and 2 YPA volunteers. All attendees subsequently assisted with the conduct of the 'Hands-on Planning' exercise.

## **PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION**

Promotional leaflets (A4) and laminated posters (A3) were prepared advertising the 'Hands-on Planning Weekend' (see copy at Appendix D). 1,200 flyers were produced and distributed door-to-door throughout the parish. Some 50 posters were produced and displayed at community locations such as parish notice boards, Sharlston Community Centre, Sharlston Miners Welfare and Social Club, in shops and pubs, and on the streets in the immediate run up to the weekend.

A press representative from the Wakefield Express newspaper was invited to attend the children's 'Hands-on Planning' exercise and a photograph subsequently appeared in the paper one week prior to the community 'Hands-on Planning Weekend'.

A letter was sent out from Sharlston Community School to all parents, immediately prior to the weekend, to tell them of the children's involvement in the project and to promote the 'Hands-on Planning' events and the role of the children's model within them.

Announcements at local group meetings, articles in parish/church newsletters and 'word of mouth' advertising further served to publicise the weekend.

### **3. THE 'HANDS-ON PLANNING WEEKEND'**

#### **THE EVENTS**

The 'Hands-on Planning Weekend' comprised 2 events held at Sharlston Community School and Sharlston Miners Welfare and Social Club, over the weekend of December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 2004.

Free refreshments were provided on both days to encourage people to spend the maximum time thinking about their choices.

Community volunteers, Wakefield MDC's local Area Panel Officer and a community development worker, YPA volunteers and YPA staff were variously on hand throughout the weekend to guide visitors and to answer questions.

Each event comprised the model-based 'Hands-on Planning' display; interactive wall displays asking specific questions on local issues; general flip chart comments sheets; and contextual information in the form of A4 handouts and wall displays. A general event introduction and guide to the model and displays were given to every visitor on arrival. Further information on each event component is given below. Copies of all handouts, including the detailed event guide, are included at Appendix E. Please refer to the guide for specific information on the 'Hands-on Planning' and wallboard formats.

#### **THE 'HANDS-ON PLANNING' FORMAT**

The 'Hands-on Planning' display centred on the 3D models of Sharlston and New Sharlston. Visitors to the events were asked to use a pack of option cards, setting out a wide range of ideas for change under headings such as 'Traffic and Transport', 'Local Environment' and 'Leisure', together with green and red 'voting' pins, in order to register their views on the future of the villages. The event guide at Appendix E gives further detailed information on the cards, pins and instructions for their use.

#### **INTERACTIVE WALLBOARDS**

As a complement to the model-based 'Hands-on Planning' technique, each event also featured a series of nine interactive wall-mounted sticker/post-it note/pin 'boards', posing questions in relation to key local issues (as identified by the community itself) and gathering information on event visitors.

The wallboards addressed the following questions:-

- The age/gender of visitors
- Place of residence
- Attitudes to the proposed new community centre in Sharlston
- Possible facilities/services to be included in a new community centre
- The need for temporary library facilities.
- Possible new youth facilities and services
- Traffic/parking problems by Sharlston Community School
- Possible new uses for the Hammer Lane flats site
- Issues/problems/opportunities in the local countryside

Further information about the wallboards, together with instructions for their use, are given in the event guide reproduced at Appendix E.

## **COMMENTS SHEETS**

In recognition of the fact that there will always be important things that people wish to say that cannot be said through either the 'Hands-on Planning' technique or the wallboards, the facility of blank, wall-mounted 'General Comments Sheets' was provided at both events.

## **CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION**

In order to help inform local people's choices on options, a basic information sheet was prepared, setting out the factors that should be borne in mind when deciding how land and buildings could be used in future years.

The 'Existing Commitments and Constraints' information sheet highlighted factors such as Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs), Listed Buildings and extant planning consents, and directed visitors to wall displays containing more detailed information and to schedules held by event workers and volunteers.

The wall display comprised relevant extracts from the Unitary Development Plan, and maps showing the location of TPOs, Listed Buildings and Ancient Monuments.

The information sheet was produced as an A4 handout and given to all visitors on arrival. The information sheet is reproduced at Appendix E.

## **EVENT EVALUATION**

In addition to the event introduction, guide and information sheet, each visitor was also handed an evaluation questionnaire on arrival. The basic aim of the questionnaire was to gauge how useful, successful or otherwise, visitors felt the event they attended to be. A copy of the questionnaire is provided at Appendix G.

## **4. THE ‘HANDS-ON PLANNING WEEKEND’ - RESULTS AND FINDINGS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Based on the official ‘door count’ of visitors, conducted on arrival at the ‘Hands-on Planning’ events, a total of 156 people were recorded as taking part in the ‘Hands-on Planning’ exercise, 95 on day one at Charlston Community School and 61 on day two at Charlston Miners Welfare and Social Club..

The following provides a summary description of key facts and points arising from the results and findings, presented under the following headings:-

- Interactive Wallboards
- Model-based ‘Hands-on Planning’
- General Comments
- Event Evaluation Questionnaire Survey

The tables and schedules at Appendix F provide detailed information on the wallboard and ‘Hands-on Planning’ results. Individual table and other references are provided throughout the following summary. Appendix G provides a detailed breakdown of the questionnaire survey results.

### **INTERACTIVE WALLBOARDS**

#### **General**

A grand total of some 739 individual views were registered via the wallboards using a combination of green/red stickers, post-it notes and marker pen comments (NB excluding age/gender and place of residence displays).

#### **Attendance by Age/Gender Category**

A total of 140 visitors (89.7%) completed the age/gender board.

Information collected under this heading suggests a noticeably higher percentage of female (57.9%) as opposed to male visitors.

In relation to age categories, the results show a fairly reasonable spread of attendance across all categories, with the exception of the 21-30 band (only 5 attendees – 3.6%) and the ‘over 60’ band (46 attendees – 32.9%). Overall, attendance was significantly better from the 40+ members of the population by a factor of almost 2 to 1.

Table 1 provides a detailed breakdown by age bracket and gender.

#### **Attendance by Place of Residence**

A total of 87 visitors (55.8%) completed the ‘Place of Residence’ sticker display.

The display suggests that the majority of visitors (65/some 75%) were from Charlston with lower numbers from New Charlston and outside the village/parish (nb including 3 from the Birkwoods). The attendance at the Miners Welfare event however does point to a higher than recorded number from New Charlston.

Within Charlston, most parts of the village seem to have been represented, with the possible exception of Cow Lane, the Woodsides, Wood Street, ‘The Weelands’, the eastern extremity of the village and the top end of West Lane.

## **A New Community Centre for Sharlston**

### Is the idea still supported?

A total of 93 'votes' were cast on this issue, with an overwhelming majority (some 95%) still behind the idea.

### Suggestions for facilities/services?

A total of 44 more detailed contributions were posted putting forward 29 separate suggestions for services/facilities which could be included in a new centre. Of these, 'community cafe' (12), clinic facilities (9) and 'library' (9) were the most popular, with votes also for 'internet access', community hall', 'meeting spaces' and 'drop-in centre'.

A full breakdown of results is set out at Table 2, followed by a full digest of all written comments.

## **Temporary Library Facilities**

A total of 90 'votes' were cast on this issue with the overwhelming majority (some 98%) stating that there should be temporary facilities to plug the gap between the loss of the existing library building and the development of a new library.

### Other issues/comments

A total of 25 detailed comments were posted, with contributions split between mobile provision (the type of service required (7) and its overall inadequacy (2)), the need for a temporary building as opposed to mobile facilities (4) and the importance of securing a new permanent building (4).

A full breakdown of results is set out at Table 3, followed by a full digest of all written comments.

## **Young Person Facilities in Sharlston**

A total of 173 'votes' were cast on this issue, with an overwhelming majority (some 95%) in favour of improving facilities.

The results indicate varying degrees of support for each of the 5 improvement options offered, with some support also for a further 4 suggestions made by members of the community. Of these, 'youth building' (majority of 39) and 'detached youth worker' (37) attracted the most positive support, followed by 'youth shelter' (13), 'skateboard park' (12) and 'youth club in another building' (11).

A suggestion re 'proper policing' attracted a majority of 18 votes in favour.

### Other issues/comments

A total of 18 detailed comments were posted, with staffing needs (9) the main theme. Other comments related to alternative options for facilities, ie a building (4) and/or a shelter (3). Issues of siting in relation to both were raised, particularly relative v to elderly accommodation.

A full breakdown of results is set out at Table 4, followed by a full digest of all written comments.

## **Traffic and Parking by the School**

A total of 71 'votes' were cast on this issue, with all 'voters' agreeing that there were problems.

### Other issues/comments

A total of 28 detailed comments were posted with the need to encourage walking to school (10) and the dangerous nature of current parking practice (8) the main topics raised. Ideas for a parking area (3) and the problems caused by ice cream vans (2) were also mentioned.

A full breakdown of results is set out at Table 5, followed by a full digest of all written comments.

### **The Hammer Lane Private Flats**

A total of 148 'votes' were cast on this issue, with a clear majority (74%) supporting positive suggestions for the future use of the flats/site.

The most popular of the options suggested was 'youth building' (majority of 28 in favour), followed by 'playground' (11) and 'car parking' (10). The most popular suggestion overall however was for a compulsory purchase order (29) made additionally by a member of the public.

Options for both 'shop(s)' and 'sheltered housing' were opposed, albeit by small majorities from low numbers of votes cast.

### Other issues/comments

A total of 11 more detailed contributions were registered, covering car parking, housing and shopping options, but with no consensus.

A full breakdown of results is set out at Table 6, followed by a full digest of all written comments.

### **The Countryside around the Village**

A total of 10 contributions were posted in relation to issues, problems and opportunities in the countryside within the parish. These are listed at Appendix F.

The main issue of concern was the former colliery site in New Sharlston (8) with 5 comments calling for no more opencasting/mining and advocating environmental reclamation. Two further comments related to problems of off-road motorbiking.

## **MODEL-BASED 'HANDS-ON PLANNING'**

### **General**

The results show that the 156 officially recorded visitors to the two 'Hands-on Planning' events registered a total of 924 views on the model, via the placement of option cards, green and red pins. Of these, 550 related to Sharlston and 374 to New Sharlston.

A full breakdown for each village by card and pin type is provided in Table 7.

The following provides a summary of those views, analysed by theme, individual suggestion and location-based suggestion.

### **Themes**

#### Sharlston

Overall analysis of the 'Hands-on Planning' results by theme (ie by option card colour/topic), indicates that 'Traffic/Transport' with 156 'votes' is marginally the majority concern, followed by 'Crime/Safety' (154) and 'Local Environment' (131). The next most frequently aired concerns relate to 'Housing' (41)

and 'Leisure/Recreation' (39). 'Health', 'Community Facilities' and 'Work/Economy' all emerged as marginal concerns in the village.

### New Sharlston

Analysis by theme for New Sharlston reveals 'Local Environment' (99) to be the majority concern by a margin of 21 'votes'. 'Community Facilities' (78) and 'Crime/Safety' (56) follow. Thereafter, 'Leisure/Recreation', 'Traffic/Transport' and 'Housing' each attracts similar 'vote' numbers between 32 and 41. 'Health', 'Work/Economy' and 'Other' proved to be of limited concern.

A full breakdown of results by theme is provided in Table 8.

## **Suggestions**

### Sharlston

Analysis of the 'Hands-on Planning' results by suggestion indicates that, for Sharlston, a total of 90 individual suggestions were made by visitors to the events. Of these, 17 suggestions registered a majority of 10 or more 'votes' in favour:

TT	One-way traffic	33
CS	Police foot patrols	24
LE	Bins	23
LE	Poop scoop bins	18
LE	Problem: dog fouling	16
TT	Bus link (Sharlston-Crofton-Walton-Wake)	15
CS	Problem: drinking	14
TT	Slow traffic down	14
CS	Problem: vandalism	13
TT	Stop Green being used as rat run	12
CS	Problem: derelict land	12
CS	Problem: illegal dumping	11
HO	No building/caravans	11
CS	Problem: drug taking	11
CS	Problem: night noise/rowdiness	11
LE	Woodland walk	10
CS	Problem: solvent abuse	10

Further analysis and aggregation of similar individual suggestions also highlights (or further highlights) the following as popular ideas/pressing concerns:-

- Security – a total of 40 votes covering police foot patrols (24), security cameras (7), security lights (5), neighbourhood watch (2), entry phone (2);
- Speeding – a total of 32 votes embracing 'slow traffic down' (14), speeding/dangerous driving (7), speed bumps (9) and speed cameras (2).
- Public transport – a total of 26 votes advocating new/improved bus routes (23), lack of transport (2) and need for better bus/train coordination;
- Dogs – a total of 24 votes focussing mainly on poop scoop bins and their emptying (22) plus dog walking areas;
- Parking – a total of 21 votes covering off street parking (6), car parking area (5), parked cars as an obstruction (3), no parking on The Green/Grime Lane (5) and disabled parking (2);
- Play space – a total of 18 votes covering 6-12 adventure playground (9), Under 5s playground (4), skate park (4) and BMX track (1);

- Dumping – a total of 18 votes adding car dumping (5) and ‘stop fly tipping’ (2) to reports of illegal dumping (11);
- No building on green land – a total of 14 votes covering 4 separate sites in the village;
- Clean-ups – a total of 14 votes covering 4 separate sites.

Looked at in terms of prevalent themes, all the ‘top’ suggestions come, as might be expected, from the ‘top’ four themes. The one surprising feature is that nearly half of those suggestions relate to the second them of ‘Crime/Safety’.

A full list of suggestions made, together with the support attracted by them, is provided in Table 9.

### New Charlston

Analysis of the ‘Hands-on Planning’ results by suggestion indicates that, for New Charlston, a total of 48 individual suggestions were made by visitors to the events. Of these, 12 suggestions registered a majority of 10 or more ‘votes’ in favour:

TT	Improve road surfaces	36
TT	Problem: speeding/dangerous driving/joyriding	24
CF	New hospital	15
CS	Problem: car dumping/burning	13
TT	New road from by-pass to new housing	13
CF	Mains gas for all – free installation	13
CF	Supermarket	11
TT	Slow traffic down	11
LE	Tree screen for electricity sub-station	11
LR	Do it up (Long Row Playground)	10
LE	Woodland walk	10
HO	No flats	10

Further analysis and aggregation of similar individual suggestions also highlights (or further highlights) the following as popular ideas/pressing concerns:-

- Speeding – a total of 35 votes from amongst the ‘top’ suggestions;
- Shopping – a total 22 votes made up of supermarket (11), mini-market (6) and all hours corner shop (5);
- Play space – a total of 19 votes covering improvements to existing and provision of new facilities;
- Local medical provision – 16 votes for surgery (9) and chemist shop (7) combined;
- Informal recreation areas – 16 votes for woodland walk (10) and landscaped park area (6) combined;
- Public transport – a total of 14 votes split between improve bus service (7) and no public transport to get to work (7);
- Dogs – 14 votes covering fouling problem (8) and poop scoop bins (6).

Looked at in terms of prevalent themes, the spread of ‘top’ suggestions generally reflects the relative weights people attached to those themes. The only real deviation from this pattern is the presence of four ‘Traffic/Transport’ (only the 5<sup>th</sup> most popular theme) related suggestions in the ‘top’ 8.

A full list of suggestions made, together with the support attracted by them, is provided in Table 9.

## Location-based Suggestions

Analysis of suggestions related to location indicates that suggestions were made for a total of 60 specific locations within the Parish Plan area (Sharlston 47, New Sharlston 13). Of these 60 locations, 13 attracted 20 or more votes for or against the suggestions put forward for them, 10 in Sharlston, 3 in New Sharlston.

The most popular location for suggestions in Sharlston was Hammer Lane Flats (63), followed by The Green (47), Grime Lane (40), Weeland Road (35) and The Old Chapel Site (32).

The most popular location for suggestions in New Sharlston was the Pit Site (207). High Street (25) was the only other specific location to attract more than 20 'votes'.

The most popular suggestions for individual locations (ie those with 10+ majority in favour) were as follows:-

### Sharlston

Bus link Sharlston-Crofton-Walton-Sandal-Wakefield (Weeland Road)	15
One-way traffic (West Lane)	14
Stop 'rat-running' (The Green)	12
Slow down traffic (The Green)	12
One-way traffic (Grime Lane)	11

### New Sharlston

Hospital (Pit Site)	15
Problem: speeding/dangerous driving/joyriding (High Street)	14
Improve surfaces (Crossley Street Back)	14
Problem: car dumping/burning (Pit Site)	13
Access road by-pass to new housing (Pit Site)	13
Mains gas for all/free installation (Village-wide)	13
Improve surfaces (High Street Back)	12
Supermarket (Pit Site)	11
Slow traffic down (High Street)	11
Tree screen for High Street side (Electricity Sub Station)	11
Woodland walk (Pit Site)	10
No flats (Pit Site)	10
Unadopted road – improve surface (Long Row)	10
Problem: speeding/dangerous driving/joyriding (High Street/Crossley St)	10

Full details of suggestions made for all 60 locations, as well as those made generally for the villages, can be found in Table 10.

Further analysis of suggestions related to location, carried out for the most 'popular' sites, revealed a broad consensus around particular themes or types of suggestion in respect of certain sites. A schedule of these sites together with a brief commentary on the consensus indicated is produced at Appendix F (Schedule 1).

## GENERAL COMMENTS

A total of 28 comments were registered, via post-it notes and stickers, on the blank 'General Comments' sheets at the two events.

Analysis of the comments indicates community facilities (particularly playground provision) and crime/safety (foot patrols & mini police station) to be the two areas of particular interest, each with 8 comments. Disabled access, gas provision at New Sharlston and traffic/transport accounted for the majority of the other contributions.

A full digest of the comments made is included as Schedule 2 of Appendix F.

## **EVENT EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY**

### **Introduction**

On the assumption that every visitor received an Event Evaluation Questionnaire on arrival, a total of 156 questionnaires were distributed. Of these, 59 completed forms were returned, yielding a response rate of some 38%. This constitutes a very good response providing a representative and statistically valid sample of visitor views. A full breakdown of the questionnaire findings is included at Appendix G.

### **Knowledge Gained**

When asked whether anything had been learnt as a result of attendance at the 'Hands-on Planning' events, 40% of responses indicated 'more about something already aware of', 38.6% 'something new' and 20% 'a great deal'. Only 1.4% (1 respondent) said they had learnt 'nothing at all'.

When asked what had been learnt about, 30.8% specified 'The Parish Plan Project', with 17.3% indicating both 'existing policies/decisions affecting the village and areas around' and 'how local planning decisions are taken'. 27.3% of responses highlighted 'user friendly public consultation'.

Three respondents highlighted the ideas of Sharlston Community School Year 6 children as displayed at the Sharlston School event.

### **Attitudes Towards 'Hands-on Planning'**

The questionnaire asked visitors to assign a rating to the 'Hands-on Planning' consultation technique. 79.6% gave 'Hands-on Planning' the highest 'very good' rating, with a further 16.6% indicating 'good'.

When subsequently asked whether the Parish Council, Wakefield District Council or others should use the technique in the future, 98.1% of those who answered (53 respondents) indicated 'yes'.

### **Future Involvement in the Parish Plan Project**

The final survey question asked whether respondents' participation in the 'Hands-on Planning' exercise was likely to influence their future involvement in the Parish Plan Project. A clear majority (75% - 39 respondents) stated that they were 'more likely' to get involved.

### **General Comments**

The questionnaire invited visitors to make other comments in relation to the events or their purpose. A total of 18 comments were registered. These are set out in full at Appendix G.

A good proportion of the comments (10) were expressions of support/thanks for the events and the approach taken.

Smaller numbers of comments highlighted the importance of action following on from the events (3) and some specific ideas/concerns relating to the village (3), with young people facilities mentioned by two respondents.

## **5. PRIORITISATION AND COMMUNITY ACTION PLANNING**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This stage of the 'Hands-on Planning' exercise comprised two half-day events, held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March at Sharlston Community School (morning) and Sharlston Miners Welfare & Social Club (afternoon), some three months after the initial 'Hands-on Planning' events.

The events were promoted by means of personal invitations to all community 'Hands-on Planning' volunteers, together with visitors to the 'Hands-on Planning' events who registered an interest in follow-up sessions by completing a contacts sheet on display at the entrance. For the Miners Welfare event, this was supplemented by a flyer delivered door-to-door to every household in New Sharlston.

The events were facilitated by YPA workers, assisted by YPA volunteers. Officers of Wakefield MDC were also present to offer technical assistance.

A total of some 36 local residents attended the events over the course of the day, 20 in the morning, 16 in the afternoon.

### **METHODOLOGY**

#### **Aim**

The aim of the prioritisation and action planning stage of the exercise is to prioritise the location-based suggestions made through the 'Hands-on Planning' exercise, and to identify when, by who and, where possible, how, those location-based suggestions could be carried forward to implementation, ie to formulate a draft 'action plan' for their delivery, as viewed by community representatives.

The following provides a summary of the methodology adopted. A full exposition of the broad methodology employed is included at Appendix H. It should however be noted that the actual approach adopted was adapted and tailored to fit the local situation.

#### **Organisation**

Following a general introduction to the event and a summary presentation of the key 'Hands-on Planning' results by the YPA Community Planner, the attendees at each event were split into 2 groups as follows:-

##### Sharlston Community School

- Group 1 – development, recreation, facilities & services, environmental improvement
- Group 2 – traffic/transport/highways, crime & safety, dogs & environmental problems

##### Sharlston Miners Welfare & Social Club

- Group 1 – Sharlston Pit Site
- Group 2 - New Sharlston (non Pit Site issues)

Each group was briefed in detail on the techniques to be used by an independent YPA facilitator.

## **Prioritisation**

Group members were asked to prioritise the location-based suggestions for their areas of concern, in terms of:-

- Whether they agreed/disagreed with a suggestion;
- The importance of a suggestion, judged on a now/soon/later basis (ie for those suggestions agreed with).

Where a suggestion was disagreed with, but that disagreement subsequently resolved through discussion, members were asked to record both the reasons for disagreement and the agreed resolution of the issue.

## **Community Action Planning**

For those location-based suggestions agreed with and retained, group members were then asked to consider them in terms of the action required to take them forward and who might be responsible for their implementation, eg the community (on its own/with money/with expert help); the community/council jointly; the council or another agency.

## **THE RESULTS**

The location-based suggestions agreed with, retained, and subsequently considered in terms of action and responsible agencies, form the basis of the ‘community action plan’ set out in Section 6.

The ‘community action plan’ also includes some proposed alternatives to rejected suggestions, as put forward by event attendees, together with additional suggestions arising clearly from the interactive wallboards at the original ‘Hands-on Planning’ events.

Those suggestions rejected, together with the reasons for their rejection, are listed in full at Appendix I.

## **EVENT EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY**

### **Introduction**

On the assumption that every visitor received an Event Evaluation Questionnaire on arrival, a total of 36 questionnaires were distributed. Of these, 10 completed forms were returned, yielding a response rate of some 28%. This constitutes a good response providing a reasonably representative and statistically valid sample of visitor views. A full breakdown of the questionnaire findings is included at Appendix J.

Monitoring information collected via the survey suggests that event attendees were predominantly female, all white and middle aged or older. There was a mix of employed, retired and other residents. One attendee was recorded as having a disability.

### **Views Registered**

When asked whether a fair chance had been given to make views known, all respondents replied positively. Similarly, all were happy that at least some of their views had been taken on board.

### **Knowledge Gained**

When asked whether anything had been learnt as a result of attendance at the ‘Hands-on Planning’ events, 50% of responses indicated ‘something new’ and 41.7% ‘more about something already aware of’.

When asked what had been learnt about, 4 respondents referred to plans/ideas for the villages, 3 to Wakefield MDC's services/responsibilities and 2 to better knowledge of the villages.

### **Attitudes Towards Prioritisation & Action Planning**

The questionnaire asked visitors to assign a rating to the prioritisation and action planning technique. 60% gave the technique the highest 'very good' rating, with the remaining 40% indicating 'good'.

When subsequently asked whether the Parish Council, Wakefield District Council or others should use the technique in the future, all 9 who responded indicated 'yes'.

### **Future Involvement in the Parish Plan Project**

The final survey question asked whether respondents' participation in the prioritisation and action planning exercise was likely to influence their future involvement in the Parish Plan Project. Eight respondents stated that they were 'more likely' to get involved.

### **General Comments**

The questionnaire invited visitors to make other comments in relation to the events or their purpose. A total of 4 comments were registered. These are set out in full at Appendix J.

Two of the comments referred to the good facilitation at the events.

## 6. THE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

The following pages set out the 'community action plan' for Sharlston and New Sharlston, based substantially on the results of the model-based 'Hands-on Planning' exercise and the follow-up prioritisation and action planning events. The plan represents the views of the community as made known during the exercise/events.

The plan sets out key location-based suggestions, actions to be taken, possible implementation agencies and an indication of the priority attached to each suggestion.

The identification of an agency under the 'possible agencies' heading is in no way binding on that agency and is in no way a guarantee that action will be taken by that agency. In some cases, the stated agency may not necessarily be the correct or most appropriate to take the action specified.

The information under the 'timing' heading is as proposed by the community and no attempts have been made at amendment. As such, in some cases, the timescale specified may be unrealistic in relation to available resources, existing work programmes, human resources available within the community itself etc.

**Please note that the referencing/numbering of projects in the Action Plan differs from that used in the Action Plan Consultation Event.**

**SHARLSTON**

**LOCATION/  
SUGGESTION**

**ACTION NEEDED**

**IMPLEMENTATION:  
POSSIBLE AGENCIES**

**TIMING**

**HIGHWAYS**

**THE ROADS**

**WEELAND ROAD**

H1: EXTEND 30 MPH ZONE EAST  
OUT OF VILLAGE

PC to take up with Wakefield Traffic/  
Transportation

Wakefield MDC – Traffic

Now

**WEELAND ROAD/WOOD STREET**

H2: SPEED CAMERAS

PC to take up with Wakefield Traffic/  
Transportation

Wakefield MDC – Traffic

Now

**WEST STREET/GRIME LANE/  
THE GREEN**

H3: ONE WAY SYSTEM

PC to explore feasibility with Wakefield Traffic/  
Transportation

Wakefield MDC – Traffic

Now

**WOOD ST/HAMMER LA/JUBILEE RD/  
CLIFTON RD/FRANCIS RD**

H4: TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT	PC to explore feasibility including one way system & 20 mph zone with Wakefield Traffic/Transportation	Wakefield MDC – Traffic	Now
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**FERNSIDE (OPP TERRACE)**

H5: IMPROVE ROAD SURFACE	Residents to take forward (with PC support) with Wakefield Highways Engineering	Fernside residents Wakefield MDC – H’ways Engineering	Soon
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OTHER HIGHWAYS/TRANSPORT MATTERS

**GRIME LANE (N END)**

H6: PARKING RESTRICTION SIGNS (NB TO APPLY ON RUGBY/CRICKET MATCH DAYS)	PC & residents to take up with Wakefield Traffic/Transportation	Grime Lane residents Wakefield MDC - Traffic	Now
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**WEELAND ROAD (OPP BIRKWOOD  
AVE)**

H7: REMOVE UNSIGHTLY RAILINGS	Wakefield Environment Services to investigate ownership/responsibility	Wakefield MDC – Env Serv	Now
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**VILLAGE-WIDE**

H8: IMPROVED BUS SERVICE SERVING CROFTON/WALTON/ SANDAL/WAKEFIELD WESTGATE	PC to consider survey via Parish Newsletter & to lobby Wakefield Travel Grp/Arriva	PC Arriva	Now
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H9: COMMUNITY TRANSPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACCESS YOUTH FACILITIES IN CROFTON AND/OR FEATHERSTONE	PC to seek young people's views & undertake research into options	PC	Now
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**COW LANE & HAMMER LANE**

H10: FEASIBILITY STUDY INTO NEW RAIL STATION SERVING SHARLSTON/NEW SHARLSTON	PC to take up with Wakefield Travel Grp & UK Coal (?) & consider survey via Parish Newsletter	PC Wakefield Travel Grp UK Coal?	Now
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**SHARLSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

H11: MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE WALKING TO SCHOOL/ DISCOURAGE PARENT CAR USE FOR SCHOOL JOURNEYS	PC to take up with school & governors	School Governors Parents	Now
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**VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT**

**NUISANCE & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

**VILLAGE-WIDE**

VE1: MORE VISIBLE/IMPROVED POLICING & NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENING AT KNOWN VILLAGE TROUBLE SPOTS - OLD CHAPEL SITE - CHURCH/COMMUNITY CENTRE - DISUSED CLINIC/LIBRARY SITE	PC to lobby Police & Community Safety Partnership (CSP)	Police CSP	Now
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- HAMMER LANE FLATS/ENVIRONS
- HAMMER LA RAIL BRIDGE
- WEELAND RD/THE HEATHERS
- OAKLEIGH/BEECHFIELD

VE2: PUBLICITY FOR WAKEFIELD MBC NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION LINE	PC & church to publicise via respective magazines. PC to distribute posters for display in shops etc	PC Church	Now
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VE3: MORE POLICE FORUM MEETINGS	PC to lobby Police	Police	Now
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SAFETY & SECURITY

**WEELAND ROAD**

VE4: SECURITY CAMERAS & IMPROVED LIGHTING AT VARIOUS SUGGESTED LOCATIONS	PC to take up with Wakefield Community Safety Manager & Environment Officer	Wakefield MDC – Community Safety & Environment	Now
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CLEANING UP THE VILLAGE

**VILLAGE-WIDE**

VE5: ANTI-DOG FOULING STRATEGY - TOP GRIME LANE - GRIME LANE BRICKYARD - FERNSIDE - COMMON (WEELAND RD/	PC to discuss poop scoop bins for suggested locations with Wakefield Environmental Health; & to discuss improved bin emptying & the possibility of enforcement action via dog warden service	Wakefield MDC – Env Health	Now
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- MIDDLE RD) – in hand
- JUBILEE RD/FRANCIS RD
- HAMMER LANE RAIL BRIDGE

- VE6: CLEAN UPS AT
- THE COMMON
  - FERNSIDE
  - HAMMER LANE FLATS
  - GRIME LANE BRICKYARD
  - OAKLEIGH CLOSE
  - COW LANE SW OF BRIDGE.

PC to liaise with Wakefield Action Teams

Wakefield MDC – Action Teams

Now

- VE7: PROVISION OF LITTER BINS
- WEELAND RD/FERNSIDE PATH
  - WEELAND RD/WOOD ST
  - WEELAND RD (E EDGE VILLAGE)
  - FERNSIDE (TOP END)
  - QUEENS CRESCENT
  - BEECHFIELD DRIVE (OAKS)
  - REDWOOD GROVE
  - REAR PO
  - REAR SHARLSTON

PC liaising with Wakefield MDC re numbers.  
Will match available bins with suggested locations

Wakefield MDC

Ongoing

**WEELAND ROAD**

- VE8: CLEARANCE OF DISUSED  
CLINIC & LIBRARY BUILDINGS

PC to take up with appropriate agencies

Wakefield MDC - Libraries  
PCT

Now

### **SHARLSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

VE9: REPAIRS TO SCHOOL FENCE ALONG HAMMER LANE & FIELD BOUNDARY	PC to take up with LEA & school governors	School governors LEA	Now
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### **WOOD ST/HAMMER LA**

VE10: MAINTENANCE OF GARDENS /OPEN SPACE (?)	PC to clarify land in question & contact Wakefield MDC if public land. If private gardens & case for help PC to consider provision of assistance	PC Wakefield MDC	Soon
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### **HAMMER LANE FLATS/SITE**

VE11: MAKE SITE SAFE	PC putting pressure on Wakefield MDC to use its Legal powers to make site/building safe	Wakefield MDC	Ongoing
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### **OLD CHAPEL SITE**

VE12: TACKLE DERELICT SITE	PC to encourage new owner/developer to prioritise the early development of the site for housing in accordance with planning permission	Owner/developer	Now
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### **IMPROVING THE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT**

#### **QUEENS CRESCENT**

VE13: SEAT AT TOP CRESCENT	PC to provide	PC	Now
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**LAND SW COW LA RAILWAY BRIDGE**

VE14: WOODLAND WALK & HORSE TRAIL      PC to take up idea of permissive path/public right of way/bridle path with Wakefield MDC      Wakefield MDC      Soon

VE15: VERGE FLOWER PLANTING      PC to take up with Wakefield MDC including possibility of volunteer school planting      Wakefield MDC School?      Soon

**LAND ADJACENT POST OFFICE**

VE16: PAVED AREA WITH SEATS & SHRUBS      PC to approach private owner again re idea as part of long proposed landscaped car park      Owner Groundwork      Ongoing

**SHARLSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

VE17: SENSORY GARDEN ON SCHOOL GARDEN SITE      PC to take up with school, governors, LEA & to seek advice from Royal National Institute for the Blind      School Governors LEA      Now

**QUEENS CRESCENT**

VE18: BROWN BIN SCHEME      PC to pursue with Wakefield Cleansing      Wakefield MDC – Cleansing      Now

## **COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **FORMER CLINIC/LIBRARY SITES**

CF1: COMMUNITY CENTRE/LIBRARY TO INCLUDE YOUTH/HEALTH/SOCIAL/EMPLOYMENT (& COMMUNITY POLICE?) FACILITIES/SERVICES	PC to reactivate project & take up land issues with PCT	PC PCT	Now
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### **WEELAND ROAD**

CF2: VILLAGE CHEMIST SHOP	PC to clarify details of current chemist shop proposal & options for new provision	PC	Ongoing
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## **LEISURE**

### **SHARLSTON COMMON**

L1: PLAYGROUND	PC obtaining necessary Common Land agreements from authorities. Once obtained PC to consult in detail with young people in village re design/ equipment	PC	Ongoing
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L2: OUTDOOR FITNESS TRAIL	PC to consider as addition to dam trail	PC	Later
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### **SHARLSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

L3: COMMUNITY USE FOOTBALL PITCH	PC to take up with school, governors & LEA	School/LEA Governors	Now
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L4: COMMUNITY USE SKATE/BMX/BIKE PARK (N END OF PLAYING FIELDS)	PC to research designs & take up with school governors, LEA	PC/School/LEA Governors	Now
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### **CRICKET GROUND**

L5: PRESERVE GROUND FOR CRICKET/COMMUNITY USE	PC, cricket club & church authorities working towards agreement	PC/Church/Cricket Club	Ongoing
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### **LAND REAR BIRKWOOD ESTATE**

L6: 6-12 ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND	PC to refer to Crofton PC as site outside parish	Crofton PC?	Now
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### **DEVELOPMENT**

#### **HAMMER LANE FLATS/SITE**

D1: HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	PC to support/promote housing use to Wakefield Planning & in response to any planning Application	PC Wakefield MDC – Planning Owner/developer	Now/ As required in future
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**NETHEROYD COURT**

D2: REDEVELOPMENT FOR  
SHELTERED BUNGALOWS FOR  
THE ELDERLY

PC to talk to Wakefield MDC re idea

Wakefield MDC – Social Services?

Now

**GRIME LANE BRICKYARD SITE**

D3: NO DEVELOPMENT

PC to write to Wakefield Planning re zoning in  
Local Development Framework (LDF)

Wakefield MDC – Planning

Now

**LAND S HEATHER VIEW/  
W FERNSIDE**

D4: NO DEVELOPMENT

PC to write to Wakefield Planning re zoning in  
Local Development Framework (LDF)

Wakefield MDC – Planning

Now

**LAND BETWEEN WEELAND RD/  
ALLOTMENT GARDENS**

D5: NO DEVELOPMENT

PC to write to Wakefield Planning re zoning in  
Local Development Framework (LDF)

Wakefield MDC – Planning

Now

**FIELD N SHARLSTON COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL**

D6: NO DEVELOPMENT

PC to write to Wakefield Planning re zoning in  
Local Development Framework (LDF)

Wakefield MDC – Planning

Now

**SHARLSTON COMMON**

D7: CONSERVATION OF COMMON	PC to write to Wakefield Planning re continuing protection & management via LDF	Wakefield MDC – Planning Wakefield MDC - Countryside	Now
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**NEW SHARLSTON**

**HIGHWAYS**

**THE ROADS**

**HIGH STREET**

H12: TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES	PC to take up idea of flashing slow down signs (& speed bumps?) with Wakefield Traffic/Transportation & Road Safety Committee. Also to maintain records of all accidents on High St	Wakefield MDC – Traffic Wakefield MDC – Road Safety PC	Now
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**CROSSLEY STREET**

H13: BAN HGVS	PC to check existing weight restrictions with Wakefield Traffic/Transportation & request sign as necessary	Wakefield MDC – Traffic	Later
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**HIGH ST (BACK)/CROSSLEY ST (BACK)  
/LONG ROW**

H14: IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD SURFACES	PC to lobby on residents' behalf for roads to be adopted by Wakefield MDC & to check on costs, potential tie up with mains gas installation & proposed UK Coal pit redevelopment. PC to consider fundraising to improve roads	Wakefield MDC Transco? UK Coal? PC	Now
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PUBLIC TRANSPORT

**VILLAGE-WIDE**

H15: IMPROVEMENT TO BUS SERVICE	PC to consider survey via Parish Newsletter & to lobby Wakefield Travel Grp/Arriva. Also to explore rural transport funding possibilities	PC Wakefield Travel Grp Arriva	Soon
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VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

NUISANCE & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

**PIT SITE**

VE19: TACKLE DUMPING, BURNING, OFF-ROAD MOTORBIKING & TREE DESTRUCTION	PC to approach UK Coal re the proper securing of the site & the taking out of trespass prosecutons	UK Coal	Now
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CLEANING UP THE VILLAGE

**VILLAGE-WIDE**

VE20: ANTI-DOG FOULING STRATEGY - NEAR PETER PAN'S PLACE - MAIN PIT SITE ACCESS POINTS	PC to discuss poop scoop bins for various suggested locations with Wakefield MDC. Also to discuss improved bin emptying & the possibility of enforcement action via dog warden service	Wakefield – Env Health	Now
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IMPROVING THE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

**PIT SITE**

VE21: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS TO INCLUDE WOODLAND WALK, LANDSCAPED PARK AREA, HORSE TRAIL, PLANTING TO ENCOURAGE WILDLIFE & CAMPING SITE	PC & SANS Committee to relay views to UK Coal	UK Coal	Now
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**ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION**

VE22: PLANTING OF TREE SCREEN ON HIGH STREET SIDE	PC to identify responsible owner (N Power?) & take up with them	N Power?	Soon
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**COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

**VILLAGE-WIDE**

CF3: MAINS GAS INSTALLATION	Residents to sign up for scheme and make formal request to Transco. Wakefield MDC to support by researching costs, funding options etc	Residents Transco Wakefield MDC	Ongoing
CF4: VILLAGE 'CORNER SHOP'	PC/SANS Committee/local residents to raise in response to any pit site redevelopment proposals and/or as part of any community development of Miners Welfare proposals (see CF6)	PC SANS Cttee Residents Miners Welfare Scheme UK Coal	Now/as & when required
CF5: VILLAGE SURGERY/CHEMIST SHOP FACILITY	PC/SANS Committee/local residents to raise in response to any pit site redevelopment proposals	PC/Residents SANS Cttee UK Coal	Now
CF6: IMPROVEMENT OF CARE FOR THE ELDERLY	PC to enquire locally as to particular problems & decide on need for action	PC	Soon

**MINERS WELFARE & SOCIAL CLUB**

CF7: DEVELOPMENT OF MINERS WELFARE AS LOCAL COMMUNITY & SPORTS FACILITY	PC to raise with Miners Welfare Scheme. Support of club users, Wakefield MDC & Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation to be canvassed	Miners Welfare Scheme	Now
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**COW LANE**

CF8: IMPROVEMENT OF LIGHTING	PC to lobby Wakefield Highways Network Management with residents' support	Wakefield MDC – Highways Network Management	Soon
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**LEISURE**

**MINERS WELFARE & SOCIAL CLUB**

L7: IMPROVEMENTS PLAYGROUND	SANS Committee/Wakefield MDC to raise Remaining 50% of necessary funding	SANS Committee Wakefield MDC	Ongoing
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**LONG ROW PLAYGROUND**

L8: IMPROVEMENTS	PC to take up with Wakefield MDC	Wakefield MDC – Environ	Now
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**DEVELOPMENT**

**PIT SITE**

D8: NO MORE OPENCASTING & NO DEVELOPMENT	PC to make views known to Wakefield MDC & UK Coal	PC	Now
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D9: DEVELOPMENT OF MIXED HOUSING SCHEME (EXCLUDING FLATS & TO RENT PROPERTIES), WITH ACCESS FROM BY-PASS IN THE EVENT OF REDEVELOPMENT FOR HOUSING

PC/SANS Committee/local residents etc to make view known as appropriate, in response to any pit site redevelopment proposals

PC  
SANS Committee  
Residents

As necessary



## **7. THE ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION**

### **AIM**

The aim of the action plan consultation exercise was to test out, and seek endorsement for, the action plan proposals, as derived from the original 'Hands-on Planning' exercise and refined via the prioritisation and action planning events.

The expectation was that as proposals were both generated and sifted by a reasonable cross-section of the community, there would be little dispute as to the plan's content. The consultation, however, offered an opportunity not only for previous participants but also for those not previously involved to have a say, and as such opened up the possibility of some differences of opinion and emphasis, as well as the prospect of wider endorsement.

### **THE EVENT**

The consultation exercise comprised a single event, held as part of the annual Parish Open Day on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2005. The subsuming of the event within the Open Day, was designed to maximise the potential for community participation.

The event was promoted via a double-sided flyer, advertising both consultation event and Open Day, delivered door-to-door to every household in the Parish. A copy of the flyer is to be found at Appendix K. The event was also previewed in local newsletters and the Wakefield Express.

The event was facilitated by YPA workers and volunteers, community volunteers, and a Wakefield MDC Community Development Officer.

The event comprised interactive wallboards; flip chart comments sheets; and contextual information in various forms. An event introduction sheet and summary list of projects was given to every visitor on arrival. A 'registration of interest' form was on display at the entrance/exit and visitors were encouraged to 'sign up' to assist in taking projects forward to implementation. Further information on the main components of the event is given below. Copies of all handouts/information sheets are included at Appendix L.

### **INTERACTIVE WALLBOARDS**

The event centred on interactive, 'wall-mounted' sticker-boards displaying the draft community action plan proposals, together with a simple 'for or against' voting sheet. Visitors to the event were asked to use green (for 'yes') and red (for 'no') stickers in order to register their agreement or disagreement with the draft action plan proposals. The proposals were arranged by topic (ie Highways, Environment, Community Facilities, Leisure, Development) for ease of accessibility and understanding.

Each location-specific action plan proposal was represented by a flag placed in the 3D model of the villages constructed for the original 'Hands-on Planning' exercise.

The schedule of rejected proposals was also displayed in wallboard format, together with a voting sheet. Visitors were asked to affix a green sticker to the voting sheet if they felt that any proposal should be reinstated to the community action plan.

Blank 'Comments' sheets were positioned adjacent to each topic area, with post-it notes and pens for people to register additional comments on individual project proposals.

Two further pin and sticker boards, addressing the age/gender of visitors and their place of residence, were also on display.

## **CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION**

An information sheet on the Sharlston Parish Plan, entitled “What To Expect In The Final Plan” was produced as an A4 flyer and handed to every visitor on arrival.

Maps and documents containing contextual information of relevance to the parish were also available as they had been at the initial ‘Hands-on Planning’ and follow-up events.

## **EVENT EVALUATION**

In addition to the event introduction sheet, summary list of projects and Parish Plan information sheet, each visitor was also handed an evaluation questionnaire on arrival. The basic aim of the questionnaire was to gauge how useful, successful or otherwise, visitors felt the event to be, and to get some idea of numbers of visitors who were participating in the Parish Plan process for the first time. A copy of the questionnaire is provided at Appendix N.

## **8. THE ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION – RESULTS AND FINDINGS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The following provides a brief summary description of key facts and points arising from the results and findings, presented under the following headings:-

- Attendance
- Responses to Action Plan
- General Comments
- Event Evaluation Questionnaire Survey
- Key Conclusions

The tables at Appendix M provide detailed information on all results. Individual table references are provided throughout the following summary.

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **Overall**

Based on a 'door count' of visitors, conducted on arrival at the consultation event, it is estimated that some 170 people took part in the consultation. The exact number was difficult to gauge with any degree of certainty due to periodically large influxes of visitors at particular times. It is likely that the true number of visitors was in excess of 200.

#### **Age/Gender**

A total of 133 of the estimated 170 attendees (some 78%) completed the age/gender board.

The male/female split was very even, with 68 male attendees recorded, compared to 65 female.

The age split indicates a far greater proportion of visitors in the older age bands (40 and above) but a respectable representation in all bands, with the exception of the 21-30 category (only 6 (4.5%)). Table 1 provides a detailed breakdown.

#### **Place of Residence**

A total of 82 attendees (48%) completed the 'Where Do You Live' display, the vast majority (over 90%) being from Charlston.

The Charlston returns suggest a generally reasonable spread of attendance, with the Oakleigh/Beechfield estate seemingly particularly well represented. In contrast, attendance from the council housing north of Weeland Road, Fernside and the top of West Lane was poor. The presence of good numbers of residents from the 'Birkwood' housing just outside the Parish in Crofton was notable.

From New Charlston there were only 5 attendees recorded, 4 from Long Row. A further 2 attendees from 'outside the village' were also recorded.

## RESPONSES TO ACTION PLAN

### General

The results indicate that the estimated 170 attendees registered a total of 1434 individual contributions via the stickers placed on the interactive wall displays. This total breaks down as follows:-

	Green	Red	Totals
Sharlston	1029	149	1178
New Sharlston	229	27	256
Totals	1258	176	1434

Green = in support of proposals made  
Red = opposed to proposals made

The breakdown shows that for both Sharlston (87%) and New Sharlston (89%), a large majority of 'votes' cast were generally in support of the proposals made.

In addition, 25 post-it notes were also affixed to blank 'Comments Sheets'.

The following provides a summary of those contributions by topic area, together with the key conclusions to be drawn from the exercise.

### Highways

#### Sharlston

A total of 273 'votes' were registered in relation to this topic, with 252 (92%) in favour of proposals and 21 (8%) opposed.

All 11 proposals attracted votes, with the following receiving significant (ie 25+ majority in favour) support:-

- H1: Extend 30 mph zone out east along Weeland Road
- H2: Speed cameras at Weeland Road/Wood Street
- H8: Improved bus service serving Crofton, Walton, Sandal, Wakefield & Rail Station
- H11: Measures to encourage walking to school/discourage parent car use for school journeys

H1, with a majority of 34 'votes' in favour, was particularly well supported.

No proposals attracted outright opposition, although one was contentious:-

H3: One-way system at West Street/Grime Lane/The Green (NB 20 for; 9 against)

Five other proposals received small numbers of votes against.

Table 2 provides a detailed breakdown.

#### New Sharlston

A total of 64 'votes' were registered in relation to this topic, with 60 (94%) in favour of proposals and 4 (6%) opposed.

All 4 of the proposals attracted votes and all 4 received 'double-figure' support.

No proposals attracted outright opposition and none were contentious.

Two of the proposals received small numbers of votes against.

Table 3 provides a detailed breakdown

## **Village Environment**

### Sharlston

A total of 455 'votes' were registered in relation to this topic, with 452 (99%) in favour of proposals and 3 (1%) opposed.

All 18 of the proposals attracted votes, with the following receiving significant support:-

VE1: More visible/improved policing & neighbourhood wardening at known village trouble spots

VE4: Security cameras/improved lighting at various locations on Weeland Road

VE5: Anti-dog fouling strategy

VE6: Clean ups at various locations

VE8: Clearance of disused clinic & library buildings at Weeland Road

VE12: Tackle derelict Old Chapel Site

VE1, with a majority of 62 'votes' in favour and VE5 with 54 'votes' were particularly well supported.

No proposals attracted outright opposition and none were contentious.

Only one proposal (VE14) received any votes against, with the number small.

Table 4 provides a detailed breakdown.

### New Sharlston

A total of 98 'votes' were registered in relation to this topic, with 97 (99%) in favour of proposals and 1 (1%) opposed.

All 4 of the proposals attracted votes, with the 3 following receiving significant (ie majority of 20+ votes in favour) support:-

VE19: Tackling dumping, burning, off-road motorbiking & tree destruction at Pit Site

VE20: Anti-dog fouling strategy

VE21: Environmental improvements at the Pit Site

VE19, with a majority of 39 'votes' in favour was particularly well supported.

No proposals attracted outright opposition and none were contentious.

One proposal received very small numbers of votes against.

Table 5 provides a detailed breakdown.

## **Community Facilities**

### Sharlston

A total of 119 'votes' were registered in relation to this topic, with 52 (44%) in favour of proposals and 67 (56%) opposed.

Both proposals attracted votes, with CF1 (Community Centre/Library on Disused Clinic/Library Site Weeland Road – 36 'votes') receiving significant support, with only one vote against.

The other proposal (CF2: Village Chemist Shop) attracted significant opposition (NB 15 for; 66 against) due to the well publicised effect the proposal would have on the existing surgery/dispensary provision in the village.

Table 6 provides a detailed breakdown.

#### New Charlston

A total of 59 'votes' were registered in relation to this topic, with 51 (86%) in favour of proposals and 8 (14%) opposed.

All 6 proposals attracted votes, with CF6 and CF7 receiving 'double-figure' support.

One proposal (CF5 – Village surgery/chemist shop facility) attracted outright opposition (NB 4 for; 6 against), presumably for the same reasons that a similar proposal was strongly opposed for Charlston.

One other proposal received very small numbers of votes against.

Table 7 provides a detailed breakdown.

### **Leisure**

#### Charlston

A total of 209 'votes' were registered in relation to this topic, with 189 (90%) in favour of proposals and 20 (10%) opposed.

All 6 proposals attracted votes with 3 receiving significant support:-

L1: Playground on the Common

L4: Community use skate/BMX/bike park at Charlston Community School

L5: Preserve Cricket Ground for cricket/community use

No proposals attracted outright opposition, although one was contentious:-

L6: 6-12 adventure playground on Land Rear Birkwood Avenue (NB 20 for; 12 against).

Four other proposals received very small numbers of votes against.

#### New Charlston

A total of 12 'votes' were registered in relation to this topic, with 10 (83%) in favour of proposals and 2 (17%) opposed.

Both proposals attracted votes and were supported, albeit on the basis of only small numbers of votes.

One proposal (L8: Improvements to Long Row Playground) could be viewed as contentious with 2 'votes' against compared with only 5 in favour..

Table 8 provides a detailed breakdown.

### **Development**

#### Charlston

A total of 122 'votes' were registered in relation to this topic, with 84 (69%) in favour of proposals and 38 (31%) opposed.

All 7 proposals attracted votes, with one receiving significant support:-

D7: Conservation of Sharlston Common

Three proposals attracted outright opposition as follows:-

D3: No development at Grime Lane Brickyard Site (NB 4 for; 8 against)

D4: No development at Land South Heather View/West Fernside (NB 5 for; 9 against)

D5: No development at Land Between Weeland Road/Allotment Gardens (NB 2 for; 15 against)

One other proposal (D6: No development at Land North Sharlston Community School) proved contentious with 9 'votes' for and 5 against.

The consistent opposition to 'no development' proposals is unusual and may be explained by event attendees misinterpreting the proposal, ie inferring 'development' rather than 'no development' and voting, as they thought it, against development proposals. However, one or two attendees (reportedly a landowner amongst them) were heard to say that they preferred development on these sorts of sites rather than on open countryside.

Table 9 provides a detailed breakdown.

#### New Sharlston

A total of 23 'votes' were registered in relation to this topic, with 11 (48%) in favour of proposals and 12 (52%) opposed.

Both proposals attracted votes but neither received significant support.

D8 (No more opencasting & no development of pit site) attracted outright opposition (NB 2 for; 6 against), albeit on the basis of only a small number of votes cast.

D9 (Development of mixed housing scheme on Pit Site in the event of redevelopment for housing) proved contentious with 9 'votes' in favour, compared with 6 against, but again on the basis of low voting numbers.

Table 10 provides a detailed breakdown.

### **Rejected Suggestions**

#### Sharlston

This display proved to be confusing to attendees and was as such not interpreted and therefore not completed in the manner intended. The decision was therefore taken to interpret the affixing of green dots as an indication of support for the original suggestion. The results have been interpreted within this context.

13 of the suggestions together attracted a total of 33 votes in support and 6 against. In all, the display attracted a total of 41 votes.

Of these 13, only 1 attracted a reasonable level of support:-

The Green/Middle Road – Slow traffic down/stop rat run (9 for; 1 against) (NB these matters are already being addressed in the Draft Action Plan)

The remaining 23 suggestions attracted no interest at all.

Table 12 provides a detailed breakdown.

## New Charlston

This display proved to be confusing to attendees and was as such not interpreted and therefore not completed in the manner intended. The decision was therefore taken to interpret the affixing of green dots as an indication of support for the original suggestion. The results have been interpreted within this context.

5 of the suggestions together attracted a total of 13 votes in support and none against. In all, the display attracted a total of 14 votes.

Of these 13, only 1 attracted a reasonable level of support:-

Charlston Community School – Proposed skate park (8 for; 0 against) (NB this matter is already being addressed in the Draft Action Plan)

The remaining 5 suggestions attracted no interest at all.

Table 13 provides a detailed breakdown.

## **GENERAL COMMENTS**

A total of 25 individual contributions were registered on the 'Comments' sheets.

The highest number of comments (12) related to highways/traffic issues. Five of these concerned The Green/West Lane/Grime Lane, with two each relating to the school, rugby/cricket ground parking and Clifton Road/Francis Road.

The issue of transferring Birkwood into Charlston Parish was the subject of two contributions. Similarly the need to tackle the derelict pit site.

Remaining comments concerned various environmental (5) and facilities/services (4) issues.

All comments are detailed in full at Appendix M.

## **EVENT EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY**

### **Introduction**

On the assumption that every visitor received an Event Evaluation Questionnaire on arrival, a total of 170 questionnaires were distributed. Of these, 31 completed forms were returned, yielding a low but nonetheless useful response rate of 18%. A full breakdown of the questionnaire findings is included at Appendix N.

Monitoring information collected via the survey suggests that event attendees were all white, predominantly middle aged or older, and split evenly male/female. There was a mix of employed and retired residents.

### **Past Parish Plan Involvement**

The questionnaire asked visitors about their previous involvement in the Parish Plan Project. 52.2% (12) indicated that they had attended previous consultation stages. 47.8% (11) stated no involvement before the Action Plan Consultation Event.

## **Knowledge Gained**

When asked whether anything had been learnt by attendance at the event, 60.6% (20) stated ‘something new’, with the remaining 11 (39.4%) replying ‘a great deal’.

When asked what had been learnt about at the event, ‘user-friendly public consultation’ yielded the strongest response with 44.4% of responses (12) in the ‘a great deal’ category.

38.7% said they learnt ‘a great deal’ in relation to the Parish Plan; 30.8% in relation to ‘policies/decisions affecting the parish’; and 25.9% in relation to ‘local decision-making processes’.

Aside from the above, in all cases, a majority of respondents indicated that they at least learnt ‘something’. Only 3 responses (2.8%) out of 111 stated that they learnt ‘nothing’ in relation to one or other topic.

## **Enjoyment of the Event**

Asked to describe something particularly enjoyable about the event, and the reason why, some 77% of respondents replied positively, citing the community spirit/interest displayed (8 comments), the opportunity to make views known (7 comments) and the opportunity to gather information (8 comments) as the main sources of enjoyment.

Only 3 respondents indicated aspects of the day which they had not found enjoyable.

## **Rating of the Event**

### Organisation

The organisation of the event was given the highest rating of ‘excellent’ by 51.7% (15) of respondents, with a further 44.8% (13) rating it as ‘good’.

### Standard of Handouts

The standard of handouts was rated as ‘excellent’ by 35.7% (10) of respondents, with a further 50% (14) rating the standard as ‘good’.

### Practical Use of Event

57.7% of responses (15) rated the practical value of the event as ‘good’, with 26.9% (7) rating this as ‘excellent’. 15.4% scored the practical value as only ‘satisfactory’.

### Meeting of Needs

50% of responses (13) rated the event as ‘good’ in terms of meeting needs, with 19.2% (5) giving this an ‘excellent’ rating. A significant minority (8 – 30.8%) scored this aspect of the event as only ‘satisfactory’.

## **Interest in Future Events on Planning Issues**

A large majority of respondents (26 – 92.3%) indicated an interest in future events, with ‘environmental’ issues (95) and the pit site redevelopment (4) as the most commonly mentioned topic of interest. The new library/community centre, youth, roads and leisure activities were all also mentioned on more than one occasion.

## Other Comments

Of the 31 respondents, only 2 made additional written comments.

## KEY CONCLUSIONS

The consultation event attracted an estimated total of some 170 participants (although the total may have been as high as 200 plus), a slight increase on the number that attended the original 'Hands-on Planning' events. Findings from the Event Evaluation Questionnaire suggest that a significant proportion of these participants (approaching half) had probably had no previous involvement in the Parish Plan Project, thereby greatly increasing the constituency of support for the process and the Action Plan.

In general terms, the consultation event served to solidly endorse the Action Plan proposals, with an overall 80% level of community support, and percentage support for individual topic area proposals generally in the low/mid '80s' to mid/high '90s' range. Only 'Community Facilities' in Sharlston (44% - attributable to the chemist shop proposal) and 'Development' in both villages (69% Sharlston – down to confusion?; 48% New Sharlston – attributable to split views on the Pit Site) registered relatively low levels of community support, serving to slightly pull down the overall average support level.

Only 6 proposals attracted outright opposition:-

CF2: Village Chemist Shop (Sharlston) - 15 for; 66 against (NB due to the well publicised effect the proposal would have on the existing surgery/dispensary provision in the village);  
CF5 – Village surgery/chemist shop facility (New Sharlston) - 4 for; 6 against (NB presumably for the same reasons that a similar proposal was strongly opposed for Sharlston);  
D3: No development at Grime Lane Brickyard Site - 4 for; 8 against;  
D4: No development at Land South Heather View/West Fernside - 5 for; 9 against;  
D5: No development at Land Between Weeland Road/Allotment Gardens - 2 for; 15 against;  
(NB possibly due to confusion re development/non-development on display; possibly due to desire to protect open countryside/self-interest of landowners)  
D8 No more opencasting & no development at Pit Site - 2 for; 6 against.

A further 4 proposals proved to be contentious, attracting significant levels of opposition:-

H3: One-way system at West Street/Grime Lane/The Green (NB 20 for; 9 against);  
L6: 6-12 adventure playground on Land Rear Birkwood Avenue (NB 20 for; 12 against);  
L8: Improvements to Long Row Playground (NB 5 for; 2 against);  
D9: Development of mixed housing scheme on Pit Site in the event of redevelopment for housing (NB 9 for; 6 against).

The Parish Council will need to consider whether these, together with additional proposals which attracted minor levels of opposition (see Appendix M, Tables 2-10), should remain in the Action Plan.

Responses to the list of previously rejected suggestions indicated noticeable support for only 2 proposals:-

The Green/Middle Road – Slow traffic down/stop rat run (9 for; 1 against); Sharlston Community School – Proposed skate park (8 for; 0 against).

Both these matters are already addressed in the Action Plan.

**APPENDIX A**

**PROJECT PROPOSAL  
& AGREEMENTS**

**APPENDIX B**  
**THE PLANNING FOR REAL TECHNIQUE**

## **APPENDIX C**

### **SCHOOL 'HANDS-ON PLANNING' EXERCISE**

## INTRODUCTION

Year 6 pupils at Sharlston Community School who had participated in the model-making project were given the opportunity to participate in their own adapted 'Hands-on Planning' exercise. The aim was to find out local children's views about the future of their villages, and to raise awareness of the type of real-life issues which affect the provision of local community facilities.

The exercise took place on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004 and was undertaken by 27 pupils.

## EXERCISE FORMAT

The exercise was conducted as an extension of the school's normal teaching activities and was facilitated by YPA Community Planners, with assistance from class teaching staff and community volunteers. It was run as a mini-project under the heading 'Making Your Village A Better Place to Live In'.

The exercise commenced with a general introduction from a YPA Community Planner, covering the Parish Plan Project; the scope and real life implications of the mini-project; and the nature of the 'Hands-on Planning' exercise to be undertaken. An intensive brainstorming session was carried out before the exercise commenced.

The exercise required each pupil to create a minimum of three of their own option cards, with a picture and description of their idea on one side, and the preferred location for it on the other. The cards were then fixed to the model as 'flags' using cocktail sticks.

## RESULTS AND FINDINGS

### Themes

Analysis of the results by theme indicates that suggestions relating to leisure/recreation (59), were clearly the most popular, followed by community facilities (21) and traffic/transport (11). There were additional suggestions concerning local environment (8) and crime/safety (3).

### Suggestions & Locations

Analysis of the results by suggestion indicates that a total of 31 individual suggestions were made by pupils, of which 13 related to leisure/recreation and 10 to community facilities. Three suggestions related to traffic/transport and local environment respectively; two to crime/safety.

Of the 31 suggestions, 7 registered a total of five or more votes in favour. The full list is as follows:-

LR	Playground	12
LR	Football pitch	9
LR	BMX track	9
TT	Speed cameras	8
LR	Kid's gym/gym	5
LR	Go-kart track	5
LR	Mini-golf	5
LE	Wildlife reserve	4
CF	Sweet shop	4
CF	Library	4
LR	Motor-cross track	3
LR	Mini-bowling	3
LE	More recycling bins	3
LR	Gaming arcade	3
CS	Security cameras	2
TT	Speed bumps	2
CF	New school	2
LR	Skate park	2

CF	Restaurant	2
CF	Chemist	2
CF	Video shop	2
CF	Vets/kennels	2
CF	Bank	1
LR	Youth club	1
LR	Scouts/cubs club	1
TT	Car park	1
LR	Floodlights	1
LE	Small park with seats	1
CF	Launderette	1
CF	New church	1
CS	Police station	1

The most popular locations for suggestions (where indicated) were as follows:-

- Playground – Green/Common preferred
- Football pitch – Green/Common preferred
- BMX track – Green/Common preferred
- Speed cameras – Weeland Road & Grime Lane
- Kid's gym/gym – Pit site preferred
- Go-kart track – Green/Common preferred
- Mini-golf – Green/Common preferred
- Wildlife reserve – various locations
- Sweet shop – Weeland Road preferred
- Library – Old library site
- Motor-cross track – Green/Common preferred
- More recycling bins – rear Working Mens Club preferred
- Security cameras – by library/PO
- Skate park – Green/Common
- Chemist – Weeland Road
- Video shop – Weeland Road

**APPENDIX D**

**'HANDS-ON PLANNING'**  
**PUBLICITY POSTERS/FLYERS**

**APPENDIX E**

**'HANDS-ON PLANNING'  
INFORMATION SHEETS**

**APPENDIX F**  
**'HANDS-ON PLANNING'**  
**DETAILED RESULTS**

**APPENDIX F**  
**'HANDS-ON PLANNING'**  
**DETAILED RESULTS**

**TABLE 1**

**ATTENDANCE AT ‘HANDS-ON PLANNING’ EVENTS BY AGE/GENDER**

AGE BRACKET	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
0-10	5	8	13
11-20	7	9	16
21-30	1	4	5
31-40	5	10	15
41-50	13	13	26
51-60	11	8	19
61+	17	29	46
TOTALS	59	81	140

**TABLE 2**

**A NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR SHARLSTON**

Yes	88
No	5
Totals	93

**Comments**

“Yes to new centre if brick built and not prefabricated.”

“Please no pre-fabs or huge windows just ripe to be broken.”

“Community centre to have some sort of security, even if it means being manned etc! Security features, better lighting or maybe security cameras (CCTV) etc. Need plenty of parking spaces located near community centre. Easy access to the facilities provided. Internet access in order to do research or other searches for useful information.”

“Wheelchair access to library. Toilets. Chat and cup of tea without being a member.”

“Coffee shop facilities; child health clinic; drop in centre; library facilities; community hall; community meeting rooms.” (1 for)

“Library including immediate above.” (2 for)

“Fitness class + learning centre + library.”

“Internet access.”

“Internet café.” (1 for)

“Baby clinic with coffee and tea shop. To be more sociable for mothers and babies.” (3 for)

“First aid club; gym.”

“If possible a hall with stage for drama with children. Library.”

“General sports hall where activities such as football, badminton and basketball could take place, keeping Charlston fit and trouble off the streets.”

“The existing community centre is over-subscribed – too far to one side of village. Community centres work better in central positions.”

“Drop in centre; library facilities; coffee shop.”

“Facilities to run baby clinic in large room. Room to book for groups, ie young mothers. Rooms to book for other organisations, ie Home Start.”

“Don’t agree.”

“Computer suite; gym; library; job seek service; swimming pool.”

“If the old centre is struggling for class attendance, how will you fill new centre?”

“Bigger and better childcare facilities; clinic facilities; groups for young families.”

“Mini bank hole in the wall.” (1 against)

“Youth club.”

“After school club.” (1 for)

“Centre for homework and research.”

“Library, library, library.”

“Use it for more public meetings so the community can meet the councillors and discuss problems.”

“Community café for people to meet and socialise.” (2 for)

“Library.”

“Library only.”

“More classes for the over 60s.”

“More activities for over 60s please.”

“Baby clinic and coffee.”

“Internet and computer access – homework for children and use for adults.”

**NB Top suggestions for facilities/services**

<b>Community café</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Clinic facilities</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Library</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Internet access</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Community hall</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Meeting spaces</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Drop-in centre</b>	<b>3</b>

### TABLE 3

#### TEMPORARY LIBRARY FACILITIES

Yes	88
No	2
Totals	90

#### Comments

“Hopefully a new library will be built very quickly as it is going to be greatly missed by many.”

“We need a new library building soon. The mobile will not be used and we will lose this facility if it is not used. One who knows!” (2 for)

“Hopefully temporary and not turning out to be permanent and becoming eyesore.”

“Mobile library part day each week is not good enough for Charlston or New Charlston. We need a temporary building.” (1 for)

“Temporary unit needs to be vandal proof.” (1 for)

“If we don’t get temporary facilities the Council may decide we do not need one.” (1 for)

“Agree but where?” nb ref above

“What about library facilities for people in the evening? Have we now lost these?”

“Mobile service will not meet the needs of those working. Children will find access, ie times etc to this mobile facility difficult.”

“Should go round the village.”

“Need internet access on mobile library please. Three stops across Charlston/New Charlston even if slightly shorter times.”

“Library should be available day time and evening to cater for all. If possible more than one day per week.”

“In Derbyshire they have mobile vans once a week calling round the village!”

“More than 1 day per week.”

“Travelling library every day.”

“Should be a library bus to get to everyone.” (1 for)

“Facilities for older people – maybe can’t get to Crofton etc. Mobile fine with easy access.”

“Wheelchair access to library.”

“Until you stop the job culture in Charlston you will never see progress.”

**TABLE 4**

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S FACILITIES**

	For	Against
Youth building	40	1
Youth club in another building	16	5
Youth shelter	16	3
Detached youth worker	37	0
Youth forum	8	0
Other	4	0
Proper policing	18	0
More sports clubs (football)	7	0
Skateboard park	12	0
Recording/music room	6	0
Totals	164	9

**Comments**

Staffing

“Need a youth worker too to organise the club.”

“Young journalists – use library and youth worker to write local articles for Wakefield Express/local paper.”

“Youth club properly supervised.” (1 for)

“Yes, if only for Sharlston and not everybody from other villages. Must be well supervised.”

“Youth leader.”

“Needs paid staff not relying on volunteers all the time.” (1 for)

“Paid staff for sure.”

Facilities

“Build properly equipped skateboard park and then discourage skateboarding on public roads and footpaths.”

“A large new area of land should be set aside to build a combined youth/sports centre that is staffed. This could be geared towards giving the older kids something to do on evenings and at weekends.”

“My idea is a youth club.”

“Youth clubs are useful, but they must be placed away from residencies of the elderly. I think many senior citizens are frightened of huge groups of youths/teenagers and with a youth club so near it would make local elderly residents feel nervous and afraid to step outside their homes. So best to have this building in another area or section from new proposed community centre. This would be more reassuring to the elderly then.”

“Youth shelter/building for upto 18 yr olds. Supervised. Maybe social worker or someone to help with drink or drugs problems/advice/help for young people.”

“Any youth shelter needs to be well away from elderly residences.”

“Youth shelter away from OAP bungalows.”

“Most over 12s are interested in music. Possible place to practice music, ie guitars, drums etc.”

“Basketball club.”

“Too much litter.”

## **TABLE 5**

### **PROBLEM OF TRAFFIC/PARKING BY THE SCHOOL**

Yes	71
No	0
Totals	71

#### **Comments**

“People from Sharlston should be encouraged to walk.”

“People who live in Sharlston should walk. No ice cream van.”

“Walking bus.” (1 for)

“Parking cars at school is dangerous. Grown-ups should know better. Walking bus.” (3 for)

“People in Sharlston should walk. Cars should not park around the school area. Very dangerous.”

“Agreed.” nb ref above

“Cars are parked on corners of School Close. Very dangerous for people trying to leave School Close by car – no view.” (1 for)

“Lollipop lady more sensitive to car movements and controlling children. Other parents not to gather at crossing points and chat to her. No ‘selling’ of Avon products at crossing.” (3 for)

“Ice cream man should not park over road from school gate – kids just run over road excited.” (6 for)

“Demolish boarded up house opposite school and develop into parking area.” (2 for)

“Parking problems will be much worse when 600+ houses are built on pit site.”

“Regular police checks on inconsiderate drivers.”

## TABLE 6

### HAMMER LANE FLATS

	For	Against
Youth building	33	5
Car parking	17	7
Playground	17	6
Shop(s)	6	9
Housing	6	3
Sheltered housing	2	8
Compulsory Purchase Order	29	0
Totals	110	38

#### Comments

“Car park for Clifton Road. Road is too narrow for 2 cars to pass each other. In emergency no room for fire, ambulances etc to get access.”

“More parking for Clifton Road.”

“Houses or bungalows.”

“Houses.”

“Youth club/community centre/crèche.”

“Playground for under 5s.”

“A selection of shops with living accommodation above for owners.”

“They should be turned back into shops.”

“Shops near by!”

“No more shops – too many.”

“Something done quickly it is an eyesore.”

### THE COUNTRYSIDE AROUND THE VILLAGES: ISSUES/PROBLEMS/OPPORTUNITIES

#### Comments

“No opencast mining/reclamation.” (4 for)

“Old Pit Site – create an environment for walking like Nostell, ie trees, walks and lakes for wildlife.” (1 for)

“Clean up and use as a public space that is pleasant and attractive.”

“More control and action needed to stop ‘off-road motorcycles’ using public roads in and around village. Often by juveniles without licence or insurance. This is dangerous.” (1 for)

“Litter cleaned up on common.”

**TABLE 7**

**HANDS-ON PLANNING RESULTS – CARD/PIN BREAKDOWN**

	CARDS	GREEN PINS	RED PINS	TOTALS
SHARLSTON	155	363	32	550
NEW SHARLSTON	57	296	21	374
TOTALS	212	659	53	924

**TABLE 8**

**HANDS-ON PLANNING RESULTS BY THEME**

**Sharlston**

Traffic/Transport	156
Crime/Safety	154
Local Environment	131
Housing	41
Leisure/Recreation	39
Health	11
Community Facilities	10
Work/Economy	6
Other	2

**New Sharlston**

Local Environment	99
Community Facilities	78
Crime/Safety	56
Leisure/Recreation	41
Traffic/Transport	39
Housing	32
Other	13
Health	9
Work/Economy	7

**TABLE 9****‘HANDS-ON PLANNING’ RESULTS BY SUGGESTION****Sharlston**

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Suggestion</b>	
TT	One-way traffic	33
CS	Police foot patrols	24
LE	Bins	23
LE	Poop scoop bins	18
LE	Problem: dog fouling	16
TT	Bus link (Sharlston-Crofton-Walton-Wake)	15
CS	Problem: drinking	14
TT	Slow traffic down	14
CS	Problem: vandalism	13
TT	Stop Green being used as rat run	12
CS	Problem: derelict land	12
CS	Problem: illegal dumping	11
HO	No building/caravans	11
CS	Problem: drug taking	11
CS	Problem: night noise/rowdiness	11
LE	Woodland walk	10
CS	Problem: solvent abuse	10
LR	6-12 adventure playground	9
CS	Improved lighting	9
TT	Sleeping policemen/speed bumps	9
LR	Football pitch	8
LE	Clean up old chapel site	8
HO	Bungalows for older people	8
CS	Security cameras	7
CF	Youth club	7
CS	Problem: speeding/dangerous driving	7
CS	Building unsafe (Hammer La flats)	6
TT	Access only	6
TT	Train station (& bus stop)	6
LE	Off street parking	6
TT	New bus route	6
HE	Chemist shop	5
CS	Security lights	5
TT	Car parking area	5
CS	Problem: car dumping	5
LE	Sensory garden	4
HO	Help with gardens	4
LR	Outdoor fitness trail	4
LE	Remove ugly railings	4
LR	Under 5s playground	4
LR	Skate park	4
LE	Empty poop scoop bins	4
TT	Improve road surfaces	4
WE	Job search club	3
TT	Accident spot	3
TT	Bicycle park	3
TT	Parked cars cause obstruction	3
TT	Enforce ‘No Parking’ on The Green	3
TT	New street furniture & signs	2
OTH	Change Parish boundary to include Birkwood Ave within Sharlston	2

LE	Clean up (Cow La SW of bridge)	2
LE	Street flower beds	2
TT	Disabled parking	2
LE	Horse trail	2
HE	Well man/woman clinic	2
HE	Health & fitness suite	2
LE	Problem: field is rubbish tip	2
LE	Dog walking area	2
LR	Secure cricket ground for cricket/community	2
TT	No parking on rugby match days/residents only permits	2
CS	Neighbourhood watch	2
CS	Entry phone	2
LE	Paved area with seats & shrubs	2
CS	Stop fly tipping	2
TT	Improve bus service	2
TT	Speed cameras	2
CS	Gate & fence repairs	2
LE	Tree	2
HE	Family planning service	2
TT	Bollards	2
LE	Clean up	2
TT	No transport to get to work	2
LE	Vandal-proof furniture	2
HO	Convert single bedsits into single/double flats	2
HO	Install lift (Netheroyd Court)	2
LE	Community composting scheme	1
TT	Buses timed with trains	1
LE	Keep (N of school)	1
LE	Keep (Sharlston Common)	1
LE	Clear gorse/vegetation & use (Common)	1
LE	Area for events	1
WE	Careers advice	1
CS	'Routine police pest control'	1
LR	BMX track	1
HO	No housing/keep as farmland	1
LE	Landscaped park area	1
LR	Film club/society	1
LE	Stop horses using brickyard footpath	0
TT	Proper road access	-1
HO	Demolish Hammer La flats	-5

## New Sharlston

### Theme Suggestion

TT	Improve road surfaces	36
TT	Problem: speeding/dangerous driving/joyriding	24
CF	New hospital	15
CS	Problem: car dumping/burning	13
TT	New road from by-pass to new housing	13
CF	Mains gas for all – free installation	13
CF	Supermarket	11
TT	Slow traffic down	11
LE	Tree screen for electricity sub-station	11
LR	Do it up (Long Row Playground)	10
LE	Woodland walk	10
HO	No flats	10
HE	Local surgery	9

CF	Update & develop Kibble as community building	9
LE	Problem: dog fouling	8
CS	Improve lighting	8
TT	Improve bus service	7
HE	Chemist shop	7
TT	No public transport to get to work	7
LE	Poop scoop bins	6
LE	Landscaped park area	6
LE	Horse trail	6
OTH	No opencast	6
CS	Stop off-road motor biking	6
LR	6-12 adventure playground	6
CF	Mini-market	6
TT	Ban on HGVs	5
LR	Leisure pool	5
CF	All hours corner shop	5
HO	Bungalows for older people	5
HO	Family houses	5
LR	All purpose pitch	4
LR	Football posts & nets	4
LR	Football changing rooms	3
LE	Planting to encourage wildlife	3
LE	Camping site	3
TT	Off street parking	3
CS	Problem: vandalism	3
LR	Extend/improve Kibble playground	3
CF	New school	3
CF	Recording/music studio	3
HO	How can you allow development on green belt?	3
LE	Problem: destruction of trees	2
HE	Care for the elderly	2
LR	Sports arena	2
LR	Skateboard park	0
OTH	Some form of mining	-3
HO	Cheaper or rented housing for 1 <sup>st</sup> time buyers	-5

**TABLE 10****HANDS-ON PLANNING RESULTS BY LOCATION/LOCATION-BASED SUGGESTION****Sharlston****Hammer Lane Flats – 63**

Problem: drug taking	9	0	9
Problem: drinking	8	0	8
Problem: glue sniffing	8	0	8
Problem: derelict land	7	0	7
Problem: vandalism	7	0	7
Building unsafe	6	0	6
Problem: noise & rowdiness	6	0	6
Problem: car dumping	5	0	5
Problem: illegal dumping	5	0	5
Car parking area	2	0	2

**The Green – 47**

Stop ‘rat-running’	12	0	12
Slow down traffic	12	0	12
Problem: increased car usage	7	0	7
Access only	6	0	6
Improve surfaces (vicinity No 48)	3	0	3
Enforce no parking	3	0	3
Improved lighting (vicinity no 48)	2	0	2
Empty poop scoop bin (top end)	2	0	2

**Grime Lane – 40**

One-way traffic	12	1	11
Sleeping policemen	7	0	7
Off street parking	8	2	6
Problem: dog fouling (School Farm)	4	0	4
Problem: dog fouling (Ings Farm)	4	0	4
No parking on match days/resident only			
Permits	2	0	2

**Weeland Road – 35**

Bus link (Sharlston-Crofton-Walton-Sandal-Wakefield)	15	0	15
Remove ugly railings (opp Birkwood Ave)	4	0	4
New bus route	4	0	4
New street signs & furniture	2	0	2
Litter bin (Fernside path)	2	0	2
Speed cameras (Wood St)	2	0	2
Litter bin (Wood St)	2	0	2
Security cameras (Working Mens Club)	2	0	2
Litter bin (E end)	2	0	2

**Old Chapel Site – 32**

Clean up	8	0	8
Problem: derelict land	5	0	5
Youth club	5	0	5
Chemist shop	5	0	5
Problem; vandalism	3	0	3
Well man/woman clinic	2	0	2
Health & fitness suite	2	0	2
Problem; drinking	1	0	1
Landscaped park area	1	0	1

**Land SW of Cow Lane Bridge – 27**

Football pitch	7	0	7
Woodland walk	5	0	5
Street flower beds	4	2	2
Disabled parking	2	0	2
Clean up	2	0	2
Train station/bus stop	3	2	1

**Hammer Lane (N Railway Bridge) – 27**

Police foot patrol	5	0	5
Tree (field to west)	3	1	2
Poop scoop bin	2	0	2
Bollards	2	0	2
Improve bus service	2	0	2
No transport to get to work	2	0	2
New bus route	2	0	2
Family planning service	2	0	2
Buses timed with trains	1	0	1
Speeding/dangerous driving	1	1	0
Make proper road access	1	2	-1

**St Luke's Church/Community Centre – 26**

Police foot patrols	8	0	8
Improved lighting	6	0	6
Problem; drinking	3	0	3
Security cameras	3	0	3
Under 5s playground	3	0	3
Youth club	2	0	2
Film club/society	1	0	1

**Sharlston Common (W Middle Road) – 23**

No flytipping	5	0	5
Outdoor fitness trail	4	0	4
6-12 adventure playground	4	1	3
Under 5s playground	3	2	1
Football pitch	1	0	1
BMX track	1	0	1
Clear all gorse/vegetation & use area	1	0	1
Keep	1	0	1

**West Lane – 20**

One way traffic	17	3	14
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**Middle Road – 16**

Poop scoop bins	8	1	7
Slow traffic down	5	0	5
Stop fly-tipping	2	0	2

**Hammer Lane Railway Bridge – 14**

Train station	5	0	5
Problem: drug taking	3	1	2
Problem: drinking	3	2	1

**Former Clinic/Library Sites – 12**

Security light	5	0	5
Problem: vandalism	2	0	2
Neighbourhood Watch	2	0	2
Problem: solvent abuse	2	0	2
Security cameras	1	0	1

**Sharlston Community School – 11**

Sensory garden	4	0	4
Bicycle park (playing fields)	3	0	3
Gate & fence repairs to playing fields			
Boundary	3	1	2

**Fernside – 10**

Poop scoop bin (middle)	3	0	3
Empty poop scoop bin (s end)	2	0	2
Improve road surface (N/top end)	2	1	1
General clean up (N/top end)	1	0	1
Litter bin (N/top end)	1	0	1

**Grime Lane Brickyard Site – 9**

Problem: rubbish tip	2	0	2
Problem: dog fouling	2	0	2
Dog walking area	2	0	2
Poop scoop bin	2	0	2
Keep as 'farmland' – no housing	1	0	1

**Land Between Weeland Rd/Allotment Gardens – 9**

No permanent/temporary buildings or Caravans	9	0	9
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**Weeland Road/The Heathers – 8**

Job search club	3	0	3
Routine 'police pest control'	1	0	1
Improved lighting	1	0	1
Problem: drinking	1	0	1
Problem: vandalism	1	0	1
Careers advice	1	0	1

**Clifton Road – 8**

One-way system	5	0	5
Police foot patrol	3	0	3

**Sharlston Common (E Redwood Grove) – 8**

Bungalows for older people	8	0	8
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**Shops Adjacent Former Library site – 7**

Police foot patrol (rear)	4	0	4
Entry phone	2	0	2
Security camera (rear)	1	0	1

**Rear Birkwood Avenue – 6**

6-12 adventure playground	6	0	6
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**Hammer Lane/Wood Street – 6**

Maintain gardens/amenity space @ junc	4	0	4
Speed humps	2	0	2

**Queen's Crescent – 6**

Litter bin	3	0	3
Vandal-proof furniture	2	0	2
Community composting (brown bin?) Scheme	1	0	1

**Land S Heather View/W Fernside – 5**

Problem; dog fouling	3	0	3
No building or caravans	2	0	2

**Jubilee Road/Eastville Road – 5**

Accident spot	3	0	3
Slow traffic down	2	0	2

**Field E Oakleigh Close – 5**

Woodland walk	5	0	5
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**Oakleigh Close/Beechfield Drive – 5**

Problem: night noise/rowdiness	5	0	5
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**Grime Lane-Fernside Footpath – 4**

Stop use by horses	2	2	0
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**Southfield Road – 4**

Skate park	4	0	4
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**Wood Street – 4**

Police foot patrol	4	0	4
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**Jubilee Road/Francis Road – 4**

Poop scoop bin	4	0	4
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**Beechfield Drive (Oaks/Beeches) – 4**

Litter bin	4	0	4
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**Netheroyd Court – 4**

Convert bedsits into flats	2	0	2
Install lift	2	0	2

**Land Adjacent Post Office – 3**

Paved area with seats & shrubs	2	0	2
Area for events	1	0	1

**Grime Lane/The Green – 3**

Problem; dog fouling	3	0	3
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**Francis Road – 3**

One way system	3	0	3
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**Land W Charlston Community School – 3**

Car parking	3	0	3
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**Hammer Lane/School Close – 3**

Cars parked cause obstruction	3	0	3
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**Redwood Grove – 3**

Litter bin	3	0	3
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**Cricket Ground – 2**

Secure for cricket/community	2	0	2
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**Rear Post Office – 2**

Litter bin	2	0	2
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**Rear The Charlston – 2**

Litter bins	2	0	2
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**Birkwood Avenue – 2**

Change Parish boundary to include in Charlston	2	0	2
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**Clifton Road/Francis Road – 2**

Slow traffic down	2	0	2
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**Field N of School – 1**

Keep	1	0	1
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**Oakleigh Close – 1**

Clean up	1	0	1
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**New Charlston****Pit Site – 207**

Hospital	15	0	15
Car dumping/burning	14	1	13
Access road: by-pass to new housing	13	0	13
Supermarket	11	0	11
Woodland walk	10	0	10
No flats	10	0	10
Local surgery	9	0	9
Chemist shop	7	0	7
Landscaped park area	6	0	6

Horse trail	6	0	6
6-12 adventure playground	6	0	6
Mini-market	6	0	6
No opencast	6	0	6
Stop off-road motorbiking	6	0	6
All hours corner shop	6	1	5
Leisure pool	5	0	5
Bungalows for older people	5	0	5
Family houses	5	0	5
All purpose pitch	4	0	4
Camping site	4	1	3
New school	4	1	3
Planting to encourage wildlife	3	0	3
Poop scoop bin	3	0	3
Off street parking	3	0	3
Recording/music studio	3	0	3
How can you develop green belt	3	0	3
Care for the elderly	2	0	2
Problem: destruction of trees on site	2	0	2
Sports arena	2	0	2
Skateboard park	4	4	0
Keep some form of mining	2	5	-3
Cheaper/rented housing for 1 <sup>st</sup> time buyers	2	7	-5

**Village-wide – 27**

Mains gas for all/free installation	13	0	13
Improve bus service	7	0	7
No public transport to get to work	7	0	7

**High Street – 25**

Speeding/dangerous driving/joy-riding	14	0	14
Slow traffic down	11	0	11

**Miners Welfare & Social Club – 19**

Update & develop as Community Building	9	0	9
Football posts & nets	4	0	4
Football changing rooms	3	0	3
Extend/improve playground	3	0	3

**Crossley Street (Back) – 17**

Improve surfaces	14	0	14
Problem: vandalism	3	0	3

**High Street (Back) – 12**

Improve surfaces	12	0	12
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**Electricity Sub Station – 11**

Tree screen for High St side	11	0	11
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**Crossley Street – 11**

Problem: dog fouling (Peter Pan's)	6	0	6
Ban on HGVs	5	0	5

**Long Row – 10**

Unadopted road - improve surface	10	0	10
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**Long Row Playground – 10**

Renew	6	0	6
Do it up	4	0	4

**High Street/Crossley Street Junction – 10**

Speeding/dangerous driving/joyriding	10	0	10
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**Cow Lane – 8**

Improve lighting	8	0	8
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**Penhill Field – 7**

Problem: dog fouling	3	1	2
Poop scoop bins	3	0	3

## SCHEDULE 1

### MOST POPULAR SITES – CONSENSUS ON THEMES/TYPES OF SUGGESTION

#### Sharlston

**Hammer Lane Flats (63)** – strong consensus over the problem nature of the site (many and various) (61).

**The Green (47)** – strong consensus around problems of vtraffic volume and speed and the need to address them (37).

**Grime Lane (40)** – very good consensus around traffic problems and the need to address them (29).

**Weeland Road (35)** – good consensus on the need to improve bus links (19).

**Old Chapel Site (32)** – some consensus around the need to tackle the environmental quality of the site (14) with its associated drinking and vandalism problems.

**St Luke’s Church/Community Centre (26)** – very good consensus around security problems and the need to address them (17).

**Sharlston Common (W Middle Road) (23)** – some consensus (14) around greater ‘formal’ recreational use of the Common with various suggestions put forward.

**Former Clinic/Library Site (12)** – clear consensus around anti-social behaviour problems and the need to address them (all).

#### New Sharlston

**Pit Site (207)** – some consensus around the following issues:-

- Site problems including car dumping/burning; off-road motor-biking; tree destruction (22);
- Shopping provision (30);
- Informal recreational use based on environmental improvement (29);
- More formal recreational uses (21).

**Village-wide (27)** – some consensus around the need for public transport improvements (14).

**High Street (25)** – clear consensus around speeding traffic problems.

**Miner’s Welfare & Social Club (19)** – general consensus around improving sports, recreational and community facilities.

**Long Row Playground (10)** – some general consensus on the upgrading of the facility (all).

## SCHEDULE 2

### GENERAL COMMENTS

“Mini police station (24 hour staffed); security cameras; farm shop; recycling centre; chemist/pharmacy; better lighting facilities in areas most needed.”

#### Disabled Provision

“Not enough drop-down kerbs on pavements for people in wheelchairs, with buggies etc.”

“Please could bus timetables be lower down in the shelters – some elderly and infirm with wheelchairs cannot read the timetable.” (1 for)

“Generally be aware of wheelchair access and prams in new buildings.”

#### Utilities

“All solid fuel bungalows to be converted to gas in Charlston.”

“Gas for New Charlston.” X2

#### Traffic/Transport

“Speed cameras & electronic speed reminders along Weeland Road & High Street, New Charlston.”

“Car park near The Green.”

“Area to right hand side of Londis (demolished chapel) to be used as parking for shop, chip shop etc.”

#### Community Facilities

“More facilities in Charlston, eg playground, youth club etc.” (2 for)

“Improvement on school – better playground and more teaching equipment.”

“A playground near the school but with a patrol.”

“More park benches around the village.”

“We could do with a farm shop.”

“To be kept tidy and do the pit site to good use for all the village people.”

#### Crime/Safety

“Bobby on the beat.” (4 for)

“Mini police station, 24 hour staffed & on the beat police.”

“More security because the Common has already been set on fire once – it could happen again.” (1 for)

“Youth worker. Street patrol for advice, counselling.”

**APPENDIX G**  
**'HANDS-ON PLANNING'**  
**EVALUATION SURVEY**

**TABLE 1****Q1 WHETHER ANYTHING WAS LEARNT BY ATTENDANCE AT THE ‘HANDS-ON PLANNING’ EVENT**

Label	Frequency	%
Something new	27	38.6
More about something you were already aware of	28	40.0
Nothing at all	1	1.4
A great deal	14	20.0
No response	-	-
Additional comments	-	-
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Totals	70	100.0
Valid cases	70	
Missing cases	0	

**TABLE 2****Q2 WHAT WAS LEARNT ABOUT BY ATTENDANCE AT THE ‘HANDS-ON PLANNING’ EVENT**

Label	Frequency	%
The Parish Plan Project	34	30.8
Existing Policies	19	17.3
How local decisions on planning take place	19	17.3
User-friendly public consultation	30	27.3
None of these	-	-
Anything else	8	7.3
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Totals	110	100.0
Valid Cases	110	
Missing cases	0	

**Anything Else?:-**

“See the village.”

“A common misconception that opencast mining must happen for anything to be done on the pit site, ie building.”

“The village.”

“How we can improve Sharlston.”

After conversing with parish councillors it seems WMC turn a blind eye and deaf ear to our needs.”

“Children’s ideas.” X3

**TABLE 3****Q3 RATING OF 'HANDS-ON PLANNING' CONSULTATION/  
INVOLVEMENT TECHNIQUE**

Label	Frequency	%
Very Good	43	79.6
Good	9	16.6
OK	1	1.9
Poor	0	-
Very Poor	0	-
Other	1	1.9
No response	(5)	-
Additional comments	(2)	-
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Totals	54	100.0
Valid Cases	54	
Missing cases	5	

**Other Comments:-**

“Very very good – I feel so proud.”

**Additional Comments:-**

“Easy!”

“Model very good.”

**TABLE 4****Q4 SHOULD THE PARISH COUNCIL/WAKEFIELD DISTRICT  
COUNCIL USE 'HANDS-ON PLANNING' TECHNIQUE IN THE  
FUTURE**

Label	Frequency	%
Yes	53	98.1
No	1	1.9
Other	-	-
No response	(5)	-
Additional comments	(1)	-
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Totals	54	100.0
Valid Cases	54	
Missing cases	5	

**Additional Comments:-**

“Yes, but results are needed quickly”

**TABLE 5**

**Q5 FUTURE INVOLVEMENT IN THE PARISH PLAN PROJECT**

Label	Frequency	%
More Likely	39	75.0
Less Likely	0	-
Neither more nor less	9	17.3
Have done so already	4	7.7
No response	(7)	-
Additional comments	(1)	-
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Totals	52	100.0
Valid Cases	52	
Missing cases	7	

**Additional Comments:-**

“Just putting views forward.”

**OTHER COMMENTS**

Additional comments	18
No response	41

**Comments:-**

In Praise (Moreorless) of the Event

“Thank you for giving villagers of all ages a chance to see their suggestions written down. Thanks also for friendly guides to question.”

“Well done.”

“Well done to all involved.”

“Well done – an interesting exhibition. Hope it is well supported.”

“Excellent model – brilliant way of getting people involved.”

“Just thank you for trying on our behalf.”

“Well done. Thank you.”

“Wonderful to have the opportunity to have our say. Really well presented and explained. Excellent.”

“Interesting but maybe a display like this immediately after school day!”

“I think it is good but I would not recommend it too other schools.”

#### Future Involvement/Results

“I must admit that this project has opened my eyes to how things are done and would like to be more involved in the future. I think this project has opened my eyes.”

“I think this has been a very good idea. And will take more interest in future planning events.”  
(nb Part 1 of comment)

“Do not let the momentum of this initiative fade away!”

“Just that I would like to know the results from this weekend.”

“Proposals should be radical. It takes too long to get anything done so go for it all at once.”

#### Ideas for Action

"A big concern is the welfare of teenagers, drink/drugs help and advice. Somewhere for them to 'hang out' and discuss problems/concerns with. Training for the police in the area to help deal with young people more sensitively." (nb Part 2 of comment)

“We should not forget the mining heritage of the village and should have something to celebrate it like a memorial/statue etc.”

“Sharlston deserves upgrading – it has some genuine kids and generous older people. More young people’s facilities please! Some employed leaders could be backed by volunteers.”

#### Other

“No.”

**APPENDIX H**

**PRIORITISATION &  
ACTION PLANNING TECHNIQUE**

**APPENDIX I**

**SCHEDULE OF REJECTED  
'HANDS-ON PLANNING' SUGGESTIONS**

## **SHARLSTON**

### **LOCATION/SUGGESTION**

### **REASON FOR REJECTION**

## **HIGHWAYS**

### **THE GREEN**

Access only	Would interfere with suggested West Lane/ The Green/Grime Lane one-way system. Extension of 30 mph zone further west of village on Weeland Road may ease situation
Slow traffic down/cars going too fast/stop Green as rat run	West Lane/The Green/Grime Lane one-way system proposed as solution instead
Enforce no parking	Not a significant problem
Improve surfaces (in front No48)	Already done

### **GRIME LANE**

Sleeping policemen/speed bumps/off-road Parking	West Lane/The Green/Grime Lane one-way system proposed as solution instead
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### **HAMMER LANE/WOOD STREET**

Speeding/dangerous driving/speed humps	20 mph zone for area proposed instead with flashing slow down signs
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### **HAMMER LANE (N RAILWAY BRIDGE)**

Bollards	Would block farmer's access
Make proper road access	No reason recorded

### **CLIFTON ROAD/FRANCIS ROAD**

One-way system/slow traffic down	20mph zone for area proposed instead with flashing slow down signs
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### **LAND WEST SHARLSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

Car parking	Would only be used at school times – measures to discourage car use by parents to be encouraged instead
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**HAMMER LANE FLATS/SITE**

Car parking	Would only be used at school times – measures to discourage car use by parents to be encouraged instead
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**GRIME LANE BRICKYARD SITE**

Stop horses using footpath	Can't, it's a bridleway
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**WEELAND ROAD**

New street signs & furniture	No recorded reason
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**VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT**

**OLD CHAPEL SITE**

Clean up	Land sold to development company which proposes to start development soon – this will amount to a clean up!
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Landscaped park area	Imminent housing development prevents it
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**FIELD EAST OAKLEIGH CLOSE**

Woodland walk	Too small to put walkway through. Woodland walk near village proposed west of Cow Lane
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**SHARLSTON COMMON (W MIDDLE RD)**

Clear all gorse/vegetation & use	Conflict with wildlife/landscape value
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**HAMMER LANE (N RAILWAY BRIDGE)**

Tree(s) (field to west)	Inappropriate location
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**GRIME LANE BRICKYARD SITE**

Dog walking area	Poop scoop bins proposed
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**COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

**HAMMER LANE FLATS/SITE**

Youth building	Wrong location. Independent youth building not a viable option. Can be incorporated into new community centre
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Shop(s) Might be nice but not sustainable –  
Eg butchers in village just closed

#### **OLD CHAPEL SITE**

Youth club Being developed for housing – can be housed  
in new community centre

Chemist shop Being developed for housing. Other options  
being looked at

Well man/woman clinic Being developed for housing – can be housed  
in new community centre

#### **ST LUKES CHURCH/COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Film club/society Can be housed in new community centre

Youth club Can be housed in new community centre

#### **HAMMER LANE (N RAILWAY BRIDGE)**

Family planning service Can be housed in new community centre

#### **WEELAND ROAD/THE HEATHERS**

Job search club Can be housed in new community centre

#### **LAND ADJACENT POST OFFICE**

Area for events Incompatible with existing landscaped car  
park proposal

#### **NETHEROYD COURT**

Install lift Possibly to be re-developed

#### **LEISURE**

#### **SHARLSTON COMMON (WEST MIDDLE RD)**

Football pitch Wrong site – site within school proposed  
instead

Skate/BMX/bike park Wrong site – site within school proposed  
instead

#### **LAND SW OF COW LANE BRIDGE**

Football pitch Wrong site – site within school proposed  
instead

## **SOUTHFIELD ROAD**

Skate/BMX/bike park

Wrong site – site within school proposed instead

## **HAMMER LANE FLATS/SITE**

Playground

Too near residential properties – new playground to be provided on Common

## **ST LUKE’S CHURCH/COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Playground

Too near residential properties – new playground to be provided on Common

## **DEVELOPMENT**

### **HAMMER LANE FLATS/SITE**

Sheltered housing

Too prescriptive – proposed that housing generally be supported

## **NEW SHARLSTON**

### **LOCATION/SUGGESTION**

### **REASON FOR REJECTION**

## **HIGHWAYS**

### **PIT SITE**

Off-street parking

No real problem that couldn’t be resolved by using non-pit land

## **VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT**

### **PENHILL FIELD**

Problem: dog fouling/poop scoop bin

Not known as problem area

### **CROSSLEY STREET (BACK)**

Problem: vandalism

Not known as problem area

## **COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **PIT SITE**

New hospital	Site decided
New school	Would be decided by LEA formula; outside community control. Would be out on a limb relative to rest of Sharlston
Mini market or supermarket	Nice idea but not feasible/unworkable

## **LEISURE**

### **PIT SITE**

Sports arena	Need? Many competing local sports facilities
Leisure pool	Facilities at Normanton & Featherstone
Skate park	Proposed for Sharlston School
6-12 adventure playground	2 playgrounds in New Sharlston already

## **DEVELOPMENT**

### **PIT SITE**

Keep some form of mining	No support/support for no opencasting
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**APPENDIX J**

**PRIORITISATION & ACTION PLANNING**  
**EVALUATION SURVEY**

**TABLE 1****Q1 WHETHER ATTENDEES HAD A FAIR CHANCE TO MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN**

Label		Frequency	%
Yes		10	100.0
No		0	-
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Totals		10	100.0
Valid Cases	10		
Missing cases	0		

**TABLE 2****Q2 WHETHER ATTENDEES HAPPY THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THEIR VIEWS TAKEN ON BOARD**

Label		Frequency	%
Yes		10	100.0
No		0	-
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Totals		10	100.0
Valid Cases	10		
Missing cases	0		

**TABLE 3****Q3 WHETHER ANYTHING WAS LEARNT BY ATTENDANCE AT THE PRIORITISATION & ACTION PLANNING EVENT**

Label		Frequency	%
Something new		6	50.0
More about something you were already aware of		5	41.7
Nothing at all		-	-
A great deal		1	8.3
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Totals		12	100.0
Valid cases	12		
Missing cases	0		

## Q4 WHAT WAS LEARNT ABOUT BY ATTENDANCE AT THE PRIORITISATION & ACTION PLANNING EVENT

Responses 10  
No Responses 0

### Responses:-

“That some areas cannot be used.”

“About developments in my community.”

“More information about environmental action initiatives undertaken by Wakefield MDC.”

“I am a newcomer to the area, interested in the future of New Sharlston.”

“Re-structuring of the Neighbourhood Action Teams/enforcement teams.”

“Detailed knowledge of certain parts of the village.”

“We have some very interested residents in New Sharlston who have good ideas. Transco plans/changes.”

“Things about sport, green land sites, where to write to make my views known.”

“The wants and the needs of the two villages. Hope they can get most of the things done to make them better places.”

“More about the village.”

## TABLE 4

### Q5 RATING OF PRIORITISATION & ACTION PLANNING TECHNIQUE

Label	Frequency	%
Very Good	6	60.0
Good	4	40.0
OK	0	-
Poor	0	-
Very Poor	0	-
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Totals	10	100.0
Valid Cases	10	
Missing cases	0	

**TABLE 5****Q6 SHOULD THE PARISH COUNCIL/WAKEFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL USE PRIORITISATION & ACTION PLANNING TECHNIQUE IN THE FUTURE**

Label	Frequency	%
Yes	9	100.0
No	0	-
No response	(1)	-
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Totals	9	100.0
Valid Cases	9	
Missing cases	1	

**TABLE 6****Q7 FUTURE INVOLVEMENT IN THE PARISH PLAN PROJECT**

Label	Frequency	%
More Likely	8	88.9
Less Likely	0	-
Neither more nor less	0	-
Have done so already	1	11.1
No response	(1)	-
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Totals	9	100.0
Valid Cases	9	
Missing cases	1	

**Q8 OTHER COMMENTS**

Additional comments	4
No response	6

**Comments:-**

“Thank you for letting me (know) about the event.”

“Good sized groups meant that everyone could have their say. Good summing up by facilitators.”

“Yorks Planning Aid staff extremely good at processing the comments etc.”

“In order for this method to be more successful we need to see results within near future.”

**APPENDIX K**

**THE ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION  
PUBLICITY POSTER/FLYER**

**APPENDIX L**

**THE ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION  
INFORMATION SHEETS**

**APPENDIX M**

**THE ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION  
DETAILED RESULTS**

**TABLE 1****ATTENDANCE AT CONSULTATION EVENT BY AGE/GENDER**

AGE BRACKET	M	F	TOTAL
0-10	5	3	8
11-20	11	5	16
21-30	1	5	6
31-40	5	9	14
41-50	14	14	28
51-60	11	13	24
61+	21	16	37
TOTALS	68	65	133

**TABLE 2****HIGHWAYS****SHARLSTON**

	For	Against	Majority
H1: EXTEND 30 MPH ZONE EAST ALONG WEELAND RD	35	1	34
H2: SPEED CAMERAS AT WEELAND RD/WOOD ST	31	5	26
H3: 1-WAY SYSTEM AT WEST ST/GRIME LA/THE GREEN	20	9	11
H4: TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AT WOOD ST/HAMMER LA/JUBILEE RD/CLIFTON RD/FRANCIS RD	18	4	14
H5: IMPROVE ROAD SURFACE AT FERNSIDE (OPP TERR)	19	1	18
H6: PARKING RESTRICTION SIGNS AT NORTH END GRIME LA (NB TO APPLY ON RUGBY/CRICKET MATCH DAYS)	9	1	8
H7: REMOVE UNSIGHTLY RAILINGS ON WEELAND RD OPPOSITE BIRKWOOD AVENUE	22	0	22
H8: IMPROVED BUS SERVICE SERVING CROFTON, WALTON, SANDAL, WAKEFIELD & RAIL STATION	29	0	29
H9: FEASIBILITY STUDY INTO NEW RAIL STATION SERVING SHARLSTON/NEW SHARLSTON	22	0	22
H10: MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE WALKING TO SCHOOL/ DISCOURAGE CAR USE FOR SCHOOL JOURNEYS	26	0	26
H11: COMMUNITY TRANSPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACCESS YOUTH FACILITIES CROFTON/FEATHERSTONE	21	0	21
TOTALS	252	21	231

**TABLE 3****HIGHWAYS****NEW SHARLSTON**

	For	Against	Majority
H12: TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES AT HIGH ST	16	2	14
H13: BAN HGVS ON CROSSLEY ST	13	0	13
H14: IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD SURFACES AT BACKS HIGH ST, CROSSLEY ST & LONG ROW	15	2	13
H15: IMPROVEMENT TO BUS SERVICE	16	0	16
TOTALS	60	4	56

**TABLE 4****VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT****SHARLSTON**

	For	Against	Majority
VE1: MORE VISIBLE/IMPROVED POLICING & NEIGHBOUR- HOOD WARDENING AT KNOWN VILLAGE TROUBLE SPOTS	62	0	62
VE2: PUBLICITY FOR WAKEFIELD MBC NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION LINE	24	0	24
VE3: MORE POLICE FORUM MEETINGS	21	0	21
VE4: SECURITY CAMERAS & IMPROVED LIGHTING AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ALONG WEELAND RD	32	0	32
VE5: ANTI-DOG FOULING STRATEGY	54	0	54
VE6: CLEAN UPS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS	32	0	32
VE7: CLEARANCE OF DISUSED CLINIC & LIBRARY BUILDINGS AT WEELAND RD	32	0	32
VE8: PROVISION OF LITTER BINS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS	24	0	24
VE9: REPAIRS TO SCHOOL FENCE ALONG HAMMER LANE & FIELD BOUNDARY	13	0	13
VE10: MAINTENANCE OF GARDENS/OPEN SPACE (?) AT WOOD ST/HAMMER LA	22	0	22
VE11: MAKE HAMMER LA FLATS SITE SAFE	11	0	11
VE12: TACKLE DERELICT OLD CHAPEL SITE	31	0	31
VE13: SEAT AT TOP OF QUEEN'S CRESCENT	11	0	11
VE14: WOODLAND WALK & HORSE TRAIL ON LAND WEST OF COW LA/SOUTH OF RAILWAY	17	3	14
VE15: VERGE FLOWER PLANTING AT COW LANE SW OF RAIL BRIDGE	16	0	16
VE16: PAVED AREA WITH SEATS & SHRUBS ADJ PO	20	0	20
VE17: SENSORY GARDEN AT SHARLSTON SCHOOL GARDEN	20	0	20
VE18: BROWN BIN SCHEME AT QUEENS CRESCENT	10	0	10
TOTALS	452	3	449

**TABLE 5****VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT****NEW SHARLSTON**

	For	Against	Majority
VE19: TACKLE DUMPING, BURNING, OFF-ROAD MOTOR-BIKING & TREE DESTRUCTION AT PIT SITE	39	0	39
VE20: ANTI-DOG FOULING STRATEGY	20	0	20
VE21: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS AT PIT SITE	27	1	26
VE22: PLANTING OF TREE SCREEN ON HIGH ST SIDE OF ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION	11	0	11
TOTAL	97	1	96

**TABLE 6****COMMUNITY FACILITIES****SHARLSTON**

	For	Against	Majority
CF1: COMMUNITY CENTRE/LIBRARY ON SITE OF DISUSED CLINIC/LIBRARY SITE AT WEELAND RD	37	1	36
CF2: VILLAGE CHEMIST SHOP	15	66	-51
TOTALS	52	67	-15

**TABLE 7****COMMUNITY FACILITIES****NEW SHARLSTON**

	For	Against	Majority
CF3: MAINS GAS INSTALLATION	9	2	7
CF4: DEVELOPMENT OF MINERS WELFARE AS LOCAL COMMUNITY & SPORTS FACILITY	12	0	12
CF5: VILLAGE 'CORNER SHOP FACILITY	7	0	7
CF6: VILLAGE SURGERY/CHEMIST SHOP FACILITY	4	6	-2
CF7: IMPROVEMENT OF LIGHTING ON COW LA	9	0	9
CF8: IMPROVEMENT OF CARE FOR THE ELDERLY	10	0	10
TOTALS	51	8	43

**TABLE 8****LEISURE****SHARLSTON**

	For	Against	Majority
L1: PLAYGROUND ON THE COMMON	32	2	30
L2: OUTDOOR FITNESS TRAIL ON COMMON	25	3	22
L3: COMMUNITY USE FOOTBALL PITCH AT SHARLSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL	20	1	19
L4: COMMUNITY USE SKATE/BMX/BIKE PARK AT SHARLSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL	56	0	56
L5: PRESERVE CRICKET GROUND FOR CRICKET/ COMMUNITY USE	36	2	34
L6: 6-12 ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND ON LAND REAR BIRKWOOD AVENUE	20	12	8
TOTALS	189	20	169

**TABLE 9****LEISURE****NEW SHARLSTON**

	For	Against	Majority
L7: IMPROVEMENTS TO MINERS WELFARE PLAYGROUND	5	0	5
L8: IMPROVEMENTS TO LONG ROW PLAYGROUND	5	2	3
TOTALS	10	2	8

**TABLE 10****DEVELOPMENT****SHARLSTON**

	For	Against	Majority
D1: HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT HAMMER LANE FLATS/ SITE	18	1	17
D2: REDEVELOPMENT OF NETHEROYD COURT/SITE FOR SHELTERED BUNGALOWS FOR THE ELDERLY	17	0	17
D3: NO DEVELOPMENT AT 'GRIME LANE BRICKYARD'	4	8	-4
D4: NO DEVELOPMENT AT LAND SOUTH HEATHER VIEW	5	9	-4
D5: NO DEVELOPMENT AT LAND BESIDE FERNSIDE ALLOTMENTS	2	15	-13
D6: NO DEVELOPMENT AT LAND NORTH OF SHARLSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL	9	5	4
D7: CONSERVATION OF SHARLSTON COMMON	29	0	29
TOTALS	84	38	46

**TABLE 11****DEVELOPMENT****NEW SHARLSTON**

	For	Against	Majority
D8: NO MORE OPENCASING & NO DEVELOPMENT OF PIT SITE	2	6	-4
D9: DEVELOPMENT OF MIXED HOUSING SCHEME (EXCL FLATS & TO RENT PROPERTIES), WITH ACCESS FROM BY-PASS, AT PIT SITE IN THE EVENT OF REDEVELOPMENT FOR HOUSING	9	6	3

**TABLE 12****REJECTED SUGGESTIONS****SHARLSTON**

LOCATION	SUGGESTION	VOTES FOR	MAJORITY
THE GREEN/MIDDLE RD	Access only	1	1
THE GREEN/MIDDLE RD	Slow traffic down/car's going too fast/ stop Green as rat run	9	8
GRIME LANE	Sleeping policemen/speed bumps/off-road parking	3	3
HAMMER LA/WOOD ST	Speeding/dangerous driving/speed humps	4	3
HAMMER LA BRIDGE	Bollards	2	2
CLIFTON RD/FRANCIS RD	One way system/slow traffic down	4	0
LAND W OF SHARLSTON SCH	Car parking	1	1
WEELAND RD	New street signs & furniture	1	1
SHARLSTON COMMON	Clear all gorse/vegetation & use	0	-1
GRIME LA BRICKYARD SITE	Dog walking area	2	2
HAMMER LA FLATS/SITE	Shop(s)	1	1
OLD CHAPEL SITE	Youth club	1	1
OLD CHAPEL SITE	Well man/woman clinic	3	3

**TABLE 13****REJECTED SUGGESTIONS****NEW SHARLSTON**

LOCATION	SUGGESTION	VOTES FOR	MAJORITY
PIT SITE	Off-street parking	0	-1
PIT SITE	New hospital	3	3
PIT SITE	New school	1	1
PIT SITE	Mini-market or supermarket	1	1
SHARLSTON SCHOOL	Skate park	8	8

## GENERAL COMMENTS

### Highways/Traffic

“Traffic speeding along The Green avoiding bumps on West Lane. Need bumps there as well or flashing sign.”

“Junction of The Green and Grime Lane – the traffic speeding round the corner needs to slow down.”

“There used to be big white lines across the Common on Middle Road. Why are there none now? Please please put them back.”

“Reduce number of bumps on West Lane.”

“Reduce traffic down West La from Doncaster Rd by access only.”

“Danger remains outside school – there will be a tragedy.”

“Better now crossing patrol at school.”

“Needs attention – parking on both sides of main road outside football field. Accident waiting to happen.”

“H6 – Parking restriction Grime Lane – rugby/cricket match days. Alternative parking needed?”

“Extend double yellow lines beyond present in Wood St, just coming off Weeland Rd. When cars parked, there’s not enough room to pull off Weeland if car coming in other direction.”

“Clifton Rd/Francis Rd – these roads are too narrow and cause a lot of problems. Ambulance and fire engines will not always be able to get down roads. Also people who live in the roads have lots of problems when workmen come in their vans and block the roads. 20mph will not solve this problem.”

“One way Clifton Rd & Francis Rd.”

### Birkwood/Sharlston Parish

“Claim Birkwood Avenue back from Crofton.”

“Boundary change for Birkwood Avenue from Crofton Parish to Sharlston.”

### The Pit Site

“Please go ahead with plans for new pit site.”

“Develop pit site! Wasted land full of burnt out cars.”

### Environment

“Can the duck pond on The Green be re-sealed? The mallards come to nest every year but leave once the pond has dried out.”

“I think the Sharlston dam proposal is excellent.”

“Please remove all vegetation growing along wall/pavement at rugby ground – an eyesore. Also replace rusting fence top of Weeland Road.”

“Absolute eyesore – what is happening to boarded up squatter’s building??” [nb Hammer La flats]

“Need litter bins on estates/new developments – even on lamp posts would do.”

### Facilities/Services

“VE4 – ‘Safety & Security’ – not just Weeland Rd.”

“Needed – friendly, comfy village pub.”

“All gas & central heating in bungalows at Sharlston where solid fuel.”

“Look into the possibility of a skateboard park for the kids of the village.”

**APPENDIX N**

**THE ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION  
EVALUATION SURVEY**

**TABLE 1****Q1 PAST INVOLVEMENT IN THE PARISH PLAN**

Label	Frequency	%
Yes	12	52.2
No	11	47.8
No response	(8)	-
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Totals	23	100.0
Valid cases	23	
Missing cases	8	

**TABLE 2****Q2 WHETHER ANYTHING WAS LEARNT BY ATTENDANCE AT THE ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION EVENT**

Label	Frequency	%
Something new	20	60.6
Very little	0	-
A great deal	13	39.4
Prefer not to answer	0	-
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Totals	33	100.0
Valid cases	33	
Missing cases	0	

**TABLE 3****Q3 WHAT WAS LEARNT ABOUT BY ATTENDANCE AT THE ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION EVENT**

Label	Great Deal		Something No		Nothing No		No Answer
	No	%	No	%	No	%	
The Parish Plan	12	(38.7)	19	(61.3)	-	-	-
Policies/decisions affecting parish	8	(30.8)	18	(69.2)	-	-	-
Local decision-making processes	7	(25.9)	19	(70.4)	1	(3.7)	-
User-friendly public consultation	12	(44.4)	13	(48.1)	2	(7.5)	-
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Totals	39	(35)	69	(62.2)	3	(2.8)	-

#### **Q4 WHETHER SOMETHING ABOUT THE EVENT WAS PARTICULARLY ENJOYED & WHY**

Responses           24  
No response         7

Comments:-

“The level of interest and understanding shown by the majority of people I spoke to about the processes involved. I thought there was a lot of apathy in this area but it was not evident today at this event”

“Seeing people sitting together discussing things for the benefit of everyone. Establish community spirit.”

“Seeing other villagers. Don’t normally socialise.”

“Seeing how many people really care about our village. Because we do need to get our act together.”

“The chance to comment. Because we should be able to.”

“Good to see public interest in village. Expressing opinions to Ed Balls. Free light bulbs.”

“Meeting people and knowing how many are concerned and interested. Because most of the time they leave it to others. Also my free light bulbs.”

“Seeing interest of local people and that 30mph for east Weeland Rd is being taken in hand.”

“People willing to help the village.”

“Display boards – being able to have a say in what happens in the community.”

“The displays and the easy method of voting.”

“Community feel.”

“Finding what’s going on in our village.”

“Information – easy to understand.”

“Talking with staff. Put views over to British Coal.”

“The village plan – helpful to see what’s happening.”

“Good description of the future of the parish. Curious to know where amenities were going to be.”

“Contact with councillors. Put our points forward.”

“Each proposal is needed.”

“Village plan.”

“Seeing parish plans – particularly for dam, Common and Green.”

“Being involved in local plans/issues.”

“Seeing the proposed plans for the old colliery site – it brings the project closer to life.”

“The map – helps to visualise.”

## Q5 WHETHER ANYTHING ABOUT THE EVENT WAS NOT ENJOYED & WHY

Responses 3  
No response 28

Comments:-

“Could have done with annual report on way in rather than going out – more informed decisions.”

“The threat of losing our doctor’s surgery if we have a chemist because of the number of disabled and elderly people who need to see a doctor.”

“Stickers – a signature we felt would have sufficed saving the earth’s resources. People could abuse the sticker idea by sticking more than one on any idea.”

## TABLE 4

### Q6 RATING OF EVENT

Label	Excellent		Good		Satisfact		No Answer
	No	%	No	%	No	%	
The organisation	15	(51.7)	13	(44.8)	1	(3.5)	-
Standard of handouts	10	(35.7)	14	(50.0)	3	(10.7)	1 (3.6)
Practical use	7	(26.9)	15	(57.7)	4	(15.4)	-
Degree to which needs met	5	(19.2)	13	(50.0)	8	(30.8)	-
Totals	37	(33.9)	55	(50.5)	16	(14.7)	1 (0.9)

## TABLE 5

### Q7 INTEREST IN ATTENDING FUTURE EVENTS ON PLANNING ISSUES

Label	Frequency	%
Yes	26	92.3
No	2	7.7
No response	(3)	-
Totals	28	100.0

Valid Cases	28
Missing cases	3

Subjects of use:-

Responses	16
No response	15

“Pit redevelopment. Anti-social behaviour re Oakleigh Close.”

“The outcome to the old pit site.”

“Pit site. Play area.”

“The development of the colliery site at New Charlston.”

“Doctor’s clinic, cleaning up village.”

“Development & environmental. Any improvement for peaceful living in the village.”

“Environmental issues – new library project, pit site etc.”

“Environment.”

“Traffic calming & dog fouling & litter.”

“Roads.”

“Roads! Leisure trails and paths. Community centre, youth club etc.”

“Use of Common, Green etc.”

“Leisure activities.”

“Energy savings.”

“All local information – youth in particular.”

“Anything that affects the community.”

## **Q8 OTHER COMMENTS**

Additional comments	2
No response	29

**Comments:-**

“Feel part of decisions, whatever may happen in the long run. Leaflets through door very useful.”

“I think the model was very interesting and a really good way of seeing the area in total and was a good talking point to start to get people’s views.”

**APPENDIX O**

**THE 2004 PARISH OPEN DAY  
PARISH PLAN RELATED COMMENTS**

## SHARLSTON

“The speed humps put in along West Lane are a very good idea but time lost going over these humps are making traffic speed even more through the Middle Road area particularly between 530-900am and 4-6pm with people taking the short cut from Doncaster Rd to Pontefract Rd. We have already had 2 or 3 vehicles tip over at Fernside due to speeding in icy conditions rushing to work.”

“Footpath on West Lane sounds great but too many humps are dangerous.”

“Footpath on West Lane should be on Church Close side to avoid having to cross over to Green & White Horse.”

“Traffic calming measures in West Lane good but traffic now speeds down Grime Lane.”

“Speed bumps on Middle Rd (through Common) and white lines. If a survey is carried out, make it between 730-900am and 430-630pm.”

“White lines please through The Green and Common.”

“Widening of the Middle Rd ending onto Weeland Rd.”

“Need traffic calming along The Green now as traffic avoiding West Lane. Half the speed humps on West Lane are where no houses are.”

“If the people of The Green & Grime Lane want traffic calming, then do what the ladies of Birkwood Avenue did for West Lane.”

“Traffic calming measures in West Lane good but traffic now speeds along Grime Lane.”

“West Lane speed humps very good but unfortunately traffic now using Grime Lane at speed – urgent action required.”

“Speed humps on West Lane – waste of money & why there?”

“Speed humps on Wood St.”

“Landscaped.”

“The locking bollards on the fishing area is a great idea keeping out fly tippers and joy riders who are quite a problem as of late. Finally, I’m sure everyone will enjoy the access available around the dam benefiting all.”

“The new walkway round the dam. Can you put some reflectors round the edge – help light up the path when walking dog on a night.”

“I have collected 150 bricks over the years from local pits, canteen, cottages, chapels etc and would love to make them into a low seat or bench? Near to pit wheel so that children of the villages could sit on them and say “my granddad/uncle worked the pit in olden days.” Am I barking up the wrong tree?”

“Would be interested in exploring a youth provision for the area and supporting where possible or being a community representative to liaise with other agencies to provide. Also interested in Steering Group.”

“Please can we have some extra lighting on Winnie Lane.”

“No kerb cleaning on The Heathers. Most houses have been up 4 years. I have cleaned this area myself 2 years ago. But no council cleaning.”

“Any chance of a new village sign on Weeland Rd from Wakefield to represent our mining. Current sign a disgrace.”

“Leaning signpost on Weeland Rd (E of Wood St).”

“Bollards outside Tanning Shop & butchers – people always parking on zigzags on zebra crossing.”

“Stop parking on pavement just below Wood St.”

“People will still park outside of the fish shop & Rama’s. How do you stop this?”

“Old Chapel Site needs sorting asap.”

“We have been requested to write again to the diocese re cricket club lease – it is close to completion – just needs a little pressure.”

“Large litter problem – needs attending to.”

“Security needed around new play area to prevent vandals damaging the equipment. Fence and locked gates perhaps & a volunteer to lock it.”

”Pursue correspondence re war memorial.”

“What happens to caretaker when new building opens?”

“Will there be a footpath at the side of the new library centre? Is the bridge on Cow Lane ever going to be repaired?”

“Can’t get out of Beechfield Drive now at school times so what will it be like in the future?”

“Hammer Lane Railway Bridge – blocking off to stop big quads & moto x bikes speeding.”

“Border on car park a waste of money. Look what happened to last car park.”

## **NEW SHARLSTON**

“No police here – bikes being nuisance.”

“Prime building land. Stop the bikes.”

“Houses need on pit site.”

“Why aren’t the police here? Where’s UK Coal?”

“Former pit site ideal opportunity for some sports facilities, ie rugby, football pitches, golf range, tennis courts.”

“In terms of heating for Long Row, the only reliable & the cheapest form of heating seems to be gas. Other forms of heating seem to be less reliable and more expensive.”

“Gas in New Charlston – we need a voice. Landscaping and bring us into the new century.”

“Did Charlston have to pay for gas? Did Elsicker Lane? I think not.”

“Gas in New Charlston.”

“We want gas in New Charlston.”

“Access road to Long Row in dire need of resurfacing – grant?”

“What about Long Row access road?”

“Sharlston (?), altofts and other villages have the slow down warning signs which light up at speeding cars coming into the village but we do not! Does another child have to be killed or injured before we get the same treatment as these other villages?”

“Kibble play area good idea. Needs safety crossing across High St.”