Summary of feedback from Everton

Future Development Questionnaires

Overall

Of the 318 questionnaires that were delivered to the households in Everton, 89 were returned, giving a response rate for the village of **27.99%**.

1. Open Market Housing

Numbers of new houses

Respondents were asked to indicate the future levels of growth they would like to see in their village. These are the answers received:

Answer	Number of respondents	% of respondents	
No new housing	27	30.3%	
3 houses	1	1.1%	
1-10 houses	29	32.5%	
11-20 houses	17	19.1%	
21-30 new houses	5	5.6%	
31-40 houses	5	5.6%	
40+ houses	3	3.3%	
No answer given	2	2.2%	
Total	89	100%	

Taking into consideration all answers, the average (mean) number of new houses that residents wanted in their village was **12.7 houses**. However, the most common answer given was **1-10 new houses**.

Types and size of new houses

Respondents were asked to mark down which type of housing they believed the village needed in the future. The answer was multiple choice and people were not limited to only providing one answer. The results are shown below:

Answer	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms	Total
Detached	2	12	22	11	4	51
Semi detached	7	28	30	5		70
Bungalow	5	18	15	1	1	40
Terraced	4	16	8	1		29
Flats	1	1				2
Total	19	75	75	18	5	192

39% of respondents came back favouring **2 and 3 bed properties** (largely centred on detached properties, semi-detached properties and bungalows). **Flats** were the least popular option with only 1% of respondents favouring them.

2. Location of new development

Respondents were asked whether the Council should prioritise brownfield land for new development. The responses were as follows:



Respondents were asked what scale of future housing developments would be most appropriate and were given three options. Respondents were able to give multiple answers and the results are shown below:

Answer	Number of responses	% of responses ¹
Outside development boundary	15	15.7%
Small extensions	40	42.1%
Large extensions	5	5.2%
Infill	35	36.8%
Total responses	95	100%

The opportunity was then given to submit sites to be considered for housing in the next review of the SHLAA. Four new sites were proposed of which two of them had not been previously considered.

3. Affordable housing

Respondents were asked whether they wanted to comment on the work that Everton Parish Council are doing with a Registered Housing Provider (Acis) seeking to secure a five affordable dwellings in the village. The comments are summarised below:

- Positive comments regarding the scheme included:
 - Need to help young people to get on the housing ladder (4 respondents)
 - Should be prioritised for local people (6 respondents)
 - Necessary development (1 respondent)
 - Scheme should be in the development boundaries (3 respondents)
 - In general agreement (20 respondents)
 - All should be for rent (1 respondent)

¹ This is the percentage of people who responded to the question in relation to those who returned the questionnaire (90 returned) and not in relation to those who responded to this question.

- Houses should only be 1 or 2 bed only (1 respondent)
- Concerns raised over the work included:
 - Poor public transport (1 respondent)
 - Don't want any development/would be detrimental to the village (2 respondents)
 - As young people would prefer to be in towns and cities (1 respondent)
 - o What about looking at empty properties (1 respondent)
 - Do not agree (9 respondents)
 - Should be looking at brownfield areas in Sheffield or Doncaster before Everton (1 respondent)
 - If people are prepared to work for a living they can afford the existing homes (1 respondent)
 - Potential 'Trojan Horse' to allow development and then not kept as affordable (1 respondent)
- Other comments received included:
 - Unsure of the tenure, but there is a need for 3 bedroomed properties in the village (1 respondent)
 - Design and location of the scheme is very important (5 respondents)
 - The need for this development should be adequately proven before agreement can be given (3 respondents)
 - Development should not take place on a greenfield site (1 respondent)
 - If this development takes place, then the infrastructure will need improving (1 respondent)

4. Local Distinctiveness

This question was aimed at finding out what local characteristics residents felt were special and needed protecting. The results were as follows:

- Protecting the existing buildings and character of the area.
- The overall harmony of the village.
- Relatively low crime rate, safe village with excellent amenities for raising a family.

- People take a pride in the appearance of the village and its traditional look of an English village.
- Clay red pantile roof tiles, timber windows, cast iron guttering, traditional materials (lime render, paint and pointing).
- The heart of the village including Church Street and surrounding streets.

Respondents were asked what community assets they would like to see protected from future development or changes of use. Ten respondents replied that all assets should be protected. The remaining responses identified the following as potential community assets:

Potential assets identified	Number of respondents	% of respondents
Metcalfe Trust recreational facility	58	34.3%
Village hall	46	27.2%
Public houses	39	23%
School	10	5.9%
Church	5	2.9%
Allotments	2	1.1%
Footpaths	2	1.1%
Buildings in Conservation Area	2	1.1%
Land with mature trees/wildlife interest	2	1.1%
Open spaces identified on map	1	0.5%
Harwell Wood	1	0.5%
Farmland	1	0.5%
Total respondents	169	100%

5. Local Infrastructure and Utilities

Respondents were asked if they believed there were problems with the infrastructure and utilities within their village. The results were as follows:



Respondents were then asked to expand on the specific problems and to provide details on the locations. These were summarised and the main issues are detailed below (in order of popularity):

- No mains gas (28 respondents)
- Sewerage/drainage system capacity problems were reported by 26 respondents, of which these areas were identified specifically:
 - o Roe Lane (2 respondents)
 - o Croft Farm Close (1 respondent)
 - o Old Post Office Street (1 respondent)
 - o Orchard View (1 respondent)
 - High Street (3 respondents)
 - o Main drain in the junction with Bawtry Road (1 respondent)
 - Gainsborough Road (1 respondent)
- Limited broadband capacity (11 respondents)

- School capacity (7 respondents)
- Limited road capacity (7 respondents)
- No post office/shop facilities (5 respondents)
- Low water pressure (3 respondents)
- Limited public transport (2 respondents)
- Footpaths from Everton to Scaftworth (1 respondent)
- Power cuts (1 respondent)
- Mobile phone signal (1 respondent)
- No access to cable TV (1 respondent)
- No play facilities (1 respondent)
- Narrow pavements (1 respondent)
- No grit in the bins (1 respondent)

6. Other opportunities

Respondents were asked what other types of development they would support within their village if someone were to apply for it. The responses were as follows:

- Shop/post office facilities (59 respondents)
- Coffee shop/tea room (5 respondents)
- Employment creating development (2 respondents)
- Allotments, orchard, school extension, garden centre, play facilities, doctor's surgery, and fish and chip shop all have been indicated once in the responses from Everton.

One respondent stated that there unsure of a need for a shop, and a further respondent states that there should be no development.

7. Further comments

There was then the opportunity for respondents to draw our attention to any other matters. The responses that were received were as follows:

- Recognition that focusing all employment growth in towns is detrimental to rural communities
- Bridleways should be protected where possible.
- Bulbs could be planted along the A631 and cherry tree would be attractive.
- No more big houses
- More housing and a better attitude to children.
- Everton and Harwell being spoilt by over development.
- More bungalows and no further extensions to form large houses
- Everton is not self-sustaining and should only have limited new housing- all residents rely on services elsewhere.
- Concerns over parking in front of the Sun Inn and at the Hairdressers as it is dangerous
- School has many pupils from outside the village and the transportation of these pupils by parents or other, causes many problems at certain times of the day.
- No development should be allowed in the conservation area.