NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FORUM

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A huge thank you to everyone who completed the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire in July and especially the volunteers who helped to deliver and collect. The information obtained has been invaluable and a return of more than 75% was achieved, which is quite remarkable. With this high level of return and the detailed content of the questionnaire we believe that a second questionnaire is not required and Cheshire East Council has agreed. We will therefore press on with developing the Plan and are hopeful that this will be available to be considered by all residents in twelve months' time. We have secured a Grant from Central Government which will cover any costs required in delivering this.

The responses received from you remain similar to those received almost four years ago when the Community Plan was produced. Some of the issues raised are beyond the remit of the Neighbourhood Plan and these will be passed to the Parish Council for attention. These include such issues as poor internet and mobile phone coverage and the state of our lanes. Improvements in these issues are the subject of on-going dialogue with Cheshire East Council and whilst some improvements have been achieved there is still obviously some way to go.

Unsurprisingly traffic on the A51 and the state of our lanes were the major dislikes for living in Calveley with the rural, quiet environment and location plus friendly community being our favourite reasons for being here. As well as internet and mobile phone coverage, protection for special areas against development, footpaths and pedestrian routes plus policing were some of the items seen as most important by the majority of residents. We asked you how you would like Calveley to be in 15 years' time. A large majority of residents wanted "no change" with roughly half wanting improvements to the traffic management and street lighting on the A51 possibly including a by-pass and a similar number looking for additional amenities.

All of the results have now been produced in graphical form and we will shortly include these on the Community Notice Board web site. If there are any thoughts or constructive comments regarding these or any aspect of the Neighbourhood Plan we would be delighted to hear from you.

We now have the task of sorting through the responses and identifying how these can best be represented in the Neighbourhood Plan. To make sure that this is truly representative of what residents want, we will be presenting this to you as a draft before it is published. There will then be a further opportunity to either accept or reject this at a final Parish Referendum.

Thanks once again for responding to the questionnaire. If you have any queries or comments or want to become involved in creating the Neighbourhood Plan, then please contact us via the Parish Clerk on-line at calveleypc@hotmail.co.uk. Please remember that this will be your Neighbourhood Plan and your involvement is critical to its success.