

WE LIKE NEW FARNLEY

**A REPORT OF RESEARCH INTO
RESIDENTS' VIEWS OF THEIR
VILLAGE**

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Summary of main findings

Research was carried out by postal questionnaire among the residents of New Farnley in late 2009 to ascertain their view about the area to inform a village design statement and village plan. A summary of the main findings is as follows:

- respondents like living in the New Farnley and appreciate its semi-rural nature, its village feel, the convenience of the location, its friendliness and the peace and quiet;
- the dislikes of life in New Farnley are the problems of litter and dog fouling, traffic problems, lack of community safety and a poor bus service;
- green spaces are well used but there is a need to protect and maintain the local environment;
- protect local greenbelt land and discourage new housing and industrial developments;
- preserve local historic features and buildings;
- tackle traffic problems, improve road safety and improve road maintenance;
- improve community safety, especially through more policing;
- local facilities are highly valued but respondents would like to see more shops and services and better provision for senior citizens, people with disabilities, older people and children and young people.

Introduction

This report outlines research undertaken in late 2009 to ascertain the views of residents of New Farnley in Leeds. This introduction gives a brief description of New Farnley, details of the New Farnley Vision Group and the background to the research and the methodology employed. The rest of the report gives details of the findings and discusses their implications.

New Farnley

New Farnley is a village on the south-west edge of Leeds, very near the border with the neighbouring city of Bradford. The A58, a busy main road, runs along the edge of the village. Although it has an industrial heritage, it is also located in a semi-rural area surrounded by farmland and the popular Farnley Hall Park, the former home of, among others, local industrialists, the Armitage family. An industrial estate borders the east side of the area. New Farnley is also popular with horse riders and a number of stables have grown up in the area in recent years.

New Farnley has over one thousand households and has mix of private and public housing. At the time the research was carried out, about one quarter of the village's population was over retirement age, and there are few members of minority ethnic groups living within the area. On indicators of deprivation, it scores below the national average, particularly in relation to income, employment and health.

Local facilities and services include New Farnley Park (with a range of recreational facilities), a thriving community centre, a local Co-op store, a chip shop, a church, a pub, a beauty salon, a barber's, a hairdresser's, a garage and a car sales business.

As well as the New Farnley Vision Group, there is a good range of local community activity and associations, such as the New Farnley Community Association, which runs the New Farnley Community Centre, and the Lancasterian Schoolroom, which also serves as a community facility and is run by a group of local trustees. The local church is active in the community and hosts a variety of groups and activities. Local active groups include scouts, gardening club, an under-5s group, an arts and craft group, a bowling club, a cricket club and a branch of the Women's Institute.

The New Farnley Vision Group

The New Farnley Vision Group (NFVG) was established in 2006 following a well attended public meeting, which was called to discuss the needs of the area. The group's aims are as follows:

- to promote the protection, conservation and enhancement of the heritage, history and local environment of New Farnley and its surroundings;
- to help improve the public facilities and resources of New Farnley;
- to increase public awareness regarding future developments in New Farnley;
- to support other community groups in New Farnley who are sympathetic to the aims of the NFVG;
- to represent the interests of all residents living in New Farnley and its surrounding areas;

- to work for improvements in the area, to increase community spirit, to provide social activities for all sections of the community and to promote a healthy environment;
- to encourage the participation of all residents in the area in a way that promotes equal opportunities and opposes racism, sexism and other forms of discrimination.

The NFVG meets on a monthly basis and campaigns on a number of issues in accordance with its aims. For example, issues taken up include traffic problems, issues of community safety, litter and dog-fouling and the maintenance of green spaces and footpaths. The New Farnley Vision Group also produces a newsletter to keep residents informed of relevant local developments and issues. NFVG also has its own website: <http://www.newfarnleyvisiongroup.co.uk/>

Village Design statement and village plan

An important part of the NFVG's work has grown out of the decision to produce a Village Design Statement. This was a key part of the agenda discussed at the public meeting in 2006. Village design statements are promoted through government planning policy and supported by local councils. They allow local communities to define the characteristics of their village, to identify those aspects which should be preserved and respected by new development and those which could be improved. The statement should describe the character of the village and acts as guidance in any future local development. It may also recommend where and how improvements could be made.

The intention is that the statement will be adopted by Leeds City Council (the local planning authority) as a Supplementary Planning Document, part of the Local Development Framework. The guidance can carry significant weight when planning applications and appeals are determined.

The NFVG has also been successful in securing funding from the Outer West North West Area Management Team of Leeds City to seek professional guidance, to facilitate a character analysis of the local area and to ensure the Village Design Statement meets the requirements for adoption. Architect, Peter Baker of Peter Baker Associates of Garforth, Leeds, has been appointed by NFVG to facilitate the development and production of the design statement.

At the same time the NFVG has also decided to draw up a village plan based on the views of local people. This will consider the more social needs of people in the area, such as senior citizens and young people.

The New Farnley Village Design Statement and Village Plan are opportunities for local residents, associations and businesses to influence the direction of development, but it can take time and a degree of commitment by the local community. For it to have real value, those living and working in the area will undertake most of the work needed to produce the document. The views of local people are extremely important and these will be sought through public meetings and questionnaires. In the spirit of these expectations, the NFVG decided to find out the views of local people on a range of relevant local issues.

Methodology

NFVG was faced with the task of having to gather data from more than one thousand households. It was decided therefore that perhaps the most practicable way forward, given the fact that most of the officers of the NFVG – those responsible for carrying out the research - are in full-time employment, was to distribute a postal questionnaire to all households in the area. Officers of the NFVG held a number of discussions about what might be relevant areas for the research to inform the Village Design Statement and Village Plan. Other design statement questionnaires were also consulted, in particular – and as mentioned in the 'Acknowledgements' section - that of the Theydon Bois Village Design Statement Association. The ideas derived from these consultations were then discussed with the wider membership of the NFVG and it was decided that the questionnaire should cover the following areas:

- some personal details of respondents;
- residents general views of the area;
- public green spaces;
- highways;
- buildings and historic features;
- the environment;
- the surrounding landscape;
- the views of young people;
- social and community life;
- community safety

Once the initial version of the questionnaire had been agreed, it was circulated for comment among the NFVG wider membership, the architect involved with the Village Design Statement and an academic who lives locally and whose professional expertise is research methods. The questionnaire was then amended and piloted by asking 25 households to complete the questionnaire. The response to this was encouraging and the questions asked began to yield valuable information, although a small number of amendments were made in the light of the pilot. The questionnaire was then distributed to 1097 households with New Farnley, complete with covering letter and a pre-paid envelope. The confidentiality of the process was also emphasised to local residents. Two hundred and fifty one or 23 per cent of questionnaires were returned. The clear quantitative data was analysed with assistance from a researcher at the University of Leeds using a Microsoft Excel package, and the rest was analysed by officers of the NFVG. The remainder of this report outlines the main findings of the research and discusses their implications. This report follows the headings covered by the questionnaire as described above.

Personal details

In order to get an idea of the range of people answering the questionnaires, respondents were asked to complete some personal details.

Table 1 Adults in household

Adults in household	Percentage
1 adult	18
2 adults	68
3 adults	6
4 adults	2
5 adults	1
Not answered	6

Table 2 Children in Household

Children in household	Percentage
1 child	8
2 children	10
3 children	1
4 children	1
Not answered	80

Table 3 Age of respondents

Age of respondents	Percentage
18 - 24	2
24 - 44	20
45 - 59	27
60 - 74	30
Over 74	18
Not answered	3

Table 4 Years living in New Farnley

Lived in village	Percentage
1 - 5 years	15
6 - 10 years	13
11 -25 years	26
Over 25 years	42
Not answered	4

As is evident from the tables above, most households contained two adults and 20 per cent have one or more children, although 80 per cent of respondents did not complete this section of the questionnaire. It is not clear whether this figure reflected the fact most respondents did not have children and/or were reluctant to reveal such information. Respondents were spread across the age ranges, especially from the age of 24 years onwards. Of significance, is the fact that most respondents have lived in the village for sustained periods of time, 42 per cent for more than 25 years. Overall, though, while adults with children might be unrepresented among responses, the responses in other respects are fairly evenly spread.

Residents' general impressions of the area

The questionnaire ascertained the views of residents about their general impressions of living in New Farnley. Local people were asked whether they like living in New Farnley and what things they like and dislike about living it. There is very clear evidence that those questioned like living in New Farnley. Almost all those who returned questionnaires (98 per cent) said that they did. The majority of respondents (67 per cent) also think there is a strong community spirit in New Farnley.

Table 5 Views on living New Farnley

Question	Yes	No	Don't know	Not answered
Like living in New Farnley?	98%	1%	0%	1%
Strong community spirit?	67%	12%	17%	4%

Things residents like the most about New Farnley

Respondents were also asked what 3 things they like best about living in the area and the things that came out on top were the semi-rural nature of the area (68 per cent), 'village' quality of the area (38 per cent) the convenient location (32 per cent), friendly (30 per cent) and the quiet or peaceful nature of the area (23 per cent).

Table 6 – What residents like best about living in New Farnley

What residents like best about New Farnley	Percentage
Semi-rural	68
Village feel	38
Location	32
Friendly	30
Quiet	23

In relation to the semi-rural nature and village feel of the area, comments from respondents received included:

- 'Quiet with plenty of nice walks and friendly people'
- 'A village community atmosphere'
- 'Green spaces and a community spirit'
- 'Village atmosphere and open green spaces away from city noises'
- 'Nature on your doorstep helps towards a better quality of life'

The residents that identified the convenience of the location made the following comments:

- 'Good transport links with easy access to motorways and city'
- 'Convenient for Leeds with plenty of walks in surrounding countryside'
- 'Location, location, location'
- 'Location, proximity to motorway network yet feels like a village'

Comments from those who find New Farnley a friendly place to live included:

- 'Very friendly place to live'
- 'Friendly people - families tend to stay in the village, so there is a nice mix of ages'
- 'Quiet friendly place, not a lot of crime or vandalism takes place'

Typical comments from those who find New Farnley a quiet or peaceful to live were:

- 'Quiet respectable residential area'
- 'Peaceful especially at night time'
- 'Quiet – but near enough to the city'

Things residents dislike about New Farnley

Residents were also asked to identify what 3 things they don't like about living in New Farnley. From the questionnaires returned, 43 per cent identified a range of dislikes. The most frequently mentioned dislikes were the problems of litter and dog fouling, traffic problems, lack of community safety and poor bus service.

Litter and dog fouling were mentioned by 56 per cent of respondents as things they disliked most. Comments here included:

- 'Litter around the Co-op'
- 'Litter thrown from passing cars'
- 'Dog fouling on the Village Green and New Farnley Park'
- 'Piles of dog mess'

Another major issue was traffic, with 48 per cent of respondents commenting on this. The traffic problems related to speeding on Back Lane and Whitehall Road and the question of road safety on Lawns Lane. Of the comments received, the following are indicative:

- 'Cars speeding through the village'
- 'Lawns Lane - a rat run for traffic'
- 'Difficulty crossing Whitehall Road because of speeding traffic'
- 'School children have to cross Lawns Lane twice to get to school'

Forty two per cent also mentioned the lack of community safety as an issue. Respondents identified the following as problems:

- 'Groups of teenagers hanging around the Co-op'
- 'The way I feel uncomfortable when young people are gathered around the shop'
- 'Vandalism in play area off Stephenson's Drive'
- 'High rate of car theft'

Thirty seven of those returning questionnaires also mentioned the poor bus service in the area. The kinds of problems identified included:

- 'Poor bus service after 6pm'
- 'No bus service to other areas like Bramley, Armley or White Rose'
- 'Buses into Leeds arrive full after 9.30'

The lack of a variety of shops was also raised by 15 per cent of respondents and the following comments were received in this regard:

- 'Need for local chemists'
- 'A shop selling fresh bread or meat would be better'

Thirteen per cent mentioned problems of parking on pavements and green spaces/verges and the following comments were made:

- 'Illegal parking of residents cars on pavements prevents comfortable pedestrian access'
- 'People parking on pavements so you can't get past'

A number of other issues were raised by a small number of respondents and these are identified in Table 3, along with the issues already identified as dislikes.

Table 7 Things residents dislike

Things residents dislike	Percentage
Litter and dog fouling	56
Traffic	48
Lack of community safety	42
Poor bus service	37
Lack of shops	15
Parking	13
Lack of pubs	8
Lack of provision for young people	7
Poorly maintained footpaths	7
Lack of play facilities for under-5s	5
Graffiti	5
Lack of local school	4
Too many new building developments	4
Speed bumps in Maples	3
Lack of crossing on Whitehall Road	3
Noise from pub & community centre	3
Lack of floral displays	3
Lack of maintenance in parks	3
Lack of police presence	1
Lack of public phone box	1
Lack of outside cash machine	1
Lack of cafe	1
Lack of interest in area by City Council	1
Condition of wall around Farnley hall park	1

It is very significant and encouraging that so many residents are so positive about living in New Farnley and value the semi-rural nature of the area, the community spirit, the village feel and friendliness, as well as the convenience of the location and its peaceful, quiet character. The fact that many not only like but remain in the area reflects an investment and commitment that will be useful in seeking support for future plans, particularly in relation to what residents would like to see preserved, maintained and improved. The identified dislikes, namely, the problems of litter and dog fouling, traffic problems, lack of community safety and poor bus service, will also be important in identifying relevant issues to those that are in a position to do something about them.

Public green spaces

Residents were asked about their views of public green spaces in New Farnley and the surrounding area. They were asked which public green spaces should be preserved and the results are given in Table 8.

Table 8 Preservation of green spaces*

Green spaces preserved?	Yes	No	Don't know	Not answered
Farnley Hall Park	98%	0%	1%	1%
Village Green (by Community Centre)	96%	1%	3%	-
Playground (New Farnley Park)	95%	1%	2%	1%
Sykes Wood	88%	1%	9%	2%
Village Green, Upper Moorside	78%	2%	16%	4%
Butterfly Garden (formerly Long Row)	76%	4%	18%	3%

*Percentages may not add up to 100 because of rounding

Residents were also asked to identify green spaces not mentioned in the questionnaire and these are listed in Table 9 below, with some support for the preserving the local fish pond by Coach Road and green spaces in general, although the mention of the wooded area by the Alms houses is also an interesting suggestion.

Table 9 Preservation of additional green spaces

Green space to be preserved	Numbers wishing to preserve space
Fish pond	9
All open spaces or green belt land	8
Wooded area adjacent to Alms houses	4
Fields on Lawns Lane	4
Fields between Castle Ings and Walsh Lane	4
Footpaths across fields	4
Green spaces on Whitehall Road	3
Farmland not sold for housing	1
Land adjoining play area in Stephensons	1
Cricket ground	1
Fields near Walsh Lane	1

Residents were also asked how often they used the public green spaces around New Farnley listed in Table 10. The use of these was mainly for walking, dog walking, cycling, sports and playing. The frequency of use of each green space is also identified in Table 10, with Farnley Hall Park coming on top as the most often used local public space, although the use occasional use of the green space by the Community Centre is also noteworthy. The use of New Farnley Park may have attracted higher figures had the questionnaires been completed by more young people, the group that use it most heavily, particularly its recreational facilities.

Table 10 Use of public green spaces*

Public green space	Often	Occasionally	Never	Not answered
Farnley Hall Park	49%	42%	5%	5%
Green space by Community Centre	22%	40%	30%	8%
New Farnley Park	23%	31%	33%	13%
Sykes Wood	21%	44%	24%	11%
Village Green, Upper Moorside	12%	23%	49%	16%
Butterfly Garden (formerly Long Row) footpath	14%	26%	47%	13%

*Percentages may not add up to 100 because of rounding

The questionnaire also asked whether people were satisfied with the condition of local green spaces. While most expressed satisfaction, there were a number who were dissatisfied and the reasons are listed in Table 11. It is again notable, following what was said in the last section about the problems dog fouling, that this comes up again as a problem on local green spaces. But also of significance is the lack of a play area for children in New Farnley village and poorly maintained footpaths, together with the unfinished refurbishment of New Farnley Park and the state of the wall around Farnley Hall Park.

Table 11 Concerns about condition of green spaces

Problem identified	Numbers expressing dissatisfaction
Litter and dog fouling	30
No play area for young children in New Farnley	9
Poorly maintained footpaths	9
New Farnley Park unfinished	4
Wall around Farnley Hall Park	4
Horse riders on footpaths	4
Young people on bikes and motorbikes	1

Residents were also asked to comment on the condition of public green spaces and to make suggestions for improvements. The following comments were received:

- 'Footpath by park wall – nettle alley'
- 'Litter everywhere'
- 'No proper upkeep and maintenance' [of green spaces in general]
- 'Area around the Co-op is a mess'
- 'Problems with dog fouling'

The following interesting suggestions for improvement included:

- 'Public footpaths could be better looked after'
- 'Shop should provide litter bins'
- 'Need more flowers around the village'
- 'Reinstate seating on Back Lane'
- 'More seating [near Co-op, New Farnley Park, Butterfly Garden and Farnley Hall Park]'
- 'Quiet place for young mums and elderly to sit under cover in park'
- 'More litter bins and dog mess bins needed'
- 'Educate and inform people where to put rubbish'
- 'Public toilet and café in park'[Farnley Hall]

In the first section of this report local residents said how much they liked living in the area and appreciated its semi-rural nature. It is no surprise therefore that they are keen to preserve the open green spaces in and around New Farnley. Although green spaces may be admired for their visual impact, the use of green spaces for more active purposes, especially local parks, is noteworthy. It is also significant to note concern about the condition of local green spaces, particularly the problem of dog fouling, as well as the absence of a play facility for young children and the provision of more seating throughout the village. The ideas from residents for improvement to green spaces would also enhance the quality of local life.

Highways

This part of the report looks at traffic related problems and the condition of local roads. In the section entitled 'Residents general impressions of the area', it was noted that 48 per cent of respondents identified traffic as one of the things they did not like about living in New Farnley.

Speeding

Residents were asked whether the speed limit on the minor roads through new Farnley should be kept to 20 miles per hour and most (61 per cent) agreed that it should.

The speed limit on Whitehall Road, the main road running through the area, is currently 50 miles per hour, however, when asked about this, most residents agreed that it should be lowered. Fifty per cent thought it should be lowered to 40 miles per hour and 29 per cent to 30 miles per hour.

Road safety and maintenance

Residents were also asked to identify problems relating to road safety and maintenance. The results show that the majority of people would like to see improved road maintenance, safe walking routes on Lawns Lane up to local schools and the provision of safe cycling routes.

Most respondents questioned were also in favour of adopting and resurfacing Playground and Forge Row, however, residents in these areas should be asked specifically whether they are in favour of such measures.

Problems of speeding traffic and the need for traffic-calming measures were also important to a significant minority of people. Details are given in Table 12 below.

Table 12 Road safety and maintenance*

Issue	Yes	No	Don't know	Not answered
Better maintenance of roads	82%	5%	6%	7%
Safe walking routes on Lawns Lane for school children	77%	8%	9%	6%
Provision of Safe cycling routes	65%	15%	14%	7%
Adopt & resurface Forge Row	60%	13%	21%	6%
Adopt & resurface Playground	59%	10%	22%	8%
Traffic-calming measures through village	37%	50%	6%	6%
Is speeding traffic a problem on your street?	37%	55%	1%	7%
Traffic conflict points in your area	37%	24%	6%	33%

*Percentages may not add up to 100 because of rounding

Traffic conflict points

The questionnaire asked residents to identify any conflict points with local traffic. The issue mentioned most is Lawns Lane, particularly the lack of pavements on the full length of the road, speeding traffic, the unsuitability of the road for large lorries and problems of parking. Issues on Whitehall Road included problems of speeding traffic, poor road maintenance and difficulties crossing the road. Other issues mentioned included traffic problems at the junction of Burnt Side Road and Back Lane, speeding, road safety and parking problems in other areas of the village, especially on Low Moor Side. Further details are given in Table 13.

Table 13 Conflict points with traffic

Location	Conflict	Numbers of people identifying conflict
Lawns Lane	Lack of pavement	46
Lawns Lane	Speeding traffic	31
Lawns Lane/Chapel Lane	Narrow road/pavement, lorries passing through and parked cars	48
Lawns Lane/Whitehall Road	Lack of footpath at top near garage	10
Lawns Lane/Whitehall Road	Difficult to see pulling out from Lawns Lane on to Whitehall Road	7
Whitehall Road	Speeding traffic	15
Whitehall Road	Poor road surface	17
Whitehall Road	Need for pelican crossing	8
Back Lane	Speeding traffic	6
Back Lane	Poorly maintained footpath; lack of pavement all the way up	6
Back Lane/Burnt Side Road	Difficult to see traffic coming out of Burnt Side Road turning right; traffic from Back Lane turning right on to Burnt Side Road (no entry - one way traffic)	3
Walsh Lane	Speeding traffic/rat run	3
Low Moor Side/Low Moor Side Lane	Speeding traffic	8
Low Moor Side	Parking by Co-op	14
Low Moor Side Lane (nr. Woodcock)	Parking	4
Narrow roads and footpaths	Lack of access for walkers, wheelchairs and buggies	6
Road near doctors surgery	Dangerous/poor condition	5

Residents were also given the opportunity to comment further on traffic conflict issues. Some of these comments emphasised issues already highlighted. A number of comments related to the problems on Lawns Lane and Whitehall Road:

- 'New wider footpath all the way along Lawns Lane and Chapel Lane'
- 'Make Lawns Lane a one way system like Tong Village'
- '20 mph needed on Lawns Lane, Chapel Lane and Butt Lane'
- 'Size restrictions on Lawns Lane needed for lorries'
- '...pedestrian refuge at Lawns Lane/Walsh Lane on Whitehall Road have not reduced the speed of traffic'

The issue of unadopted roads was also raised:

- 'Road surface near the doctor's unsafe because of parking and pot holes'
- 'The road surface on Forge Row adds to the charm and is a speed calmer'
- 'Playground/forge row have battled for 2 years to get it resurfaced and adopted'
- 'Too many unmade roads'

Some residents also commented on traffic-calming measures:

- 'Need traffic-calming measures on Low Moor Side'
- 'Speed on the Maples cause more harm than good'

The following comments were received on cycling:

- 'Various points of conflict with cyclists. Need for cycle routes, however, not much room on roads but could have a path across to the park'
- 'Sign needed for no cycling on footpaths'

Other comments received included:

- 'Co-op open too late, too much traffic and trouble'
- 'Coach Road/Gainsboroughs, speeding traffic and poor surface'
- 'Flashing speed signs may work'
- 'Need to enforce regulations that already exist'
- 'Burnt Side road no entry abused'

The findings here reflect real concern about issues of speeding, on both minor roads and on Whitehall Road and the need to implement speed reductions. On road safety, a repeated concern is the need for safe walking routes on Lawns Lane, especially up to local schools, although the provision of safe cycling routes and speeding traffic were also mentioned. There are also a number of concerns about safety in crossing Whitehall Road to Lawns Lane. There is also support for better road maintenance and the adoption and resurfacing for the roads on Playground and Forge Row. In respect of the latter, it will be important to seek the views of all residents living in these areas.

Buildings and historic features

This section contains the findings in response to questions about New Farnley's historic buildings, housing styles and new developments.

Residents were asked if it was important to preserve and maintain the historic character of the buildings or historic features within New Farnley. As Table 14 shows, there is a strong desire to preserve some of New Farnley's notable older buildings.

Table 14 Buildings and historic features*

Buildings to be preserved	Yes	No	Don't know	Not Answered
Farnley Hall	94%	1%	1%	4%
The Lancasterian Schoolroom	92%	-	5%	4%
St Michael's Church	91%	-	3%	6%
The Almshouses	81%	1%	12%	6%
The houses on Forge Row	80%	2%	12%	5%
St James' Church	85%	4%	7%	4%
The houses on the Playground	77%	4%	12%	7%
Upper Moorside Conservation Area	76%	1%	16%	8%
The gas lights on the Playground	71%	8%	14%	8%
The houses on Croft Terrace	68%	2%	23%	7%

*Percentages may not add up to 100 because of rounding

The questionnaire also included residents views as to whether the mixture of distinctive housing styles in the area should be maintained and most people agreed (79 per cent) that this should happen.

Residents were also asked if new housing developments should be encouraged. Eighty per cent said no to this and 6 per cent said yes. When asked if new industrial development should be encouraged, 87 per cent said no and 3 per cent said yes.

Comments and suggestions

Residents were invited to make comments and suggestions. There were 20 comments which suggested that there should be no more housing developments. These included:

- 'If more houses village will lose its close-knit community character
- 'New Farnley is big enough – improve quality of roads and facilities'
- 'No more development – we are full'

'Only encourage industrial development on industrial estate'
'Schools could not cope with further development'

There were, however, 2 comments on the case for further housing developments in certain instances:

'Possibly small houses for young couples'
'Affordable homes for long-standing residents who want a home of their own'

There is overwhelming support, then, for the need to preserve the historic buildings of New Farnley and the current mix of housing styles. There is also clear opposition to further new developments, with the suggestion that this would spoil the character of the area. These findings are relevant to both the Village Design Statement and Village Plan in preserving what is good about the area and in considering how any further developments might impact on village life.

Environment

This section presents findings in relation to problems with the local environment, including the appearance of New Farnley and ways in which the environment might be improved.

Care for the environment

Residents were asked about whether there should be improvements in the care of the environment in key respects. As Table 15 indicates, there is very strong support for the preservation of and maintenance of grass verges and the provision of native trees and hedgerows. A majority of respondents would also like to see more action on litter and dog fouling. The need for more seating in public spaces is also strongly supported as is the provision of more consistency in the style of street furniture. Just under half of respondents also think that horse fouling on pavements is a problem.

Table 15 Care for the environment*

Care for the environment	Yes	No	Don't know	Not answered
Should grass verges be preserved?	90%	2%	2%	6%
Should the planting of native trees be encouraged?	86%	3%	5%	6%
Should grass verges be better maintained?	85%	6%	4%	4%
Should native hedgerows be encouraged?	81%	5%	11%	4%
Should more litter bins be provided?	78%	10%	8%	5%
Should more seating be provided in public areas?	71%	11%	15%	3%
Should more dog-waste disposal bins be provided?	72%	10%	12%	6%
Should a more regular litter-picking service be provided?	71%	10%	14%	5%
Should a more consistent style of street furniture be provided?	69%	16%	15%	6%
Is litter a problem in New Farnley?	65%	27%	4%	4%
Is dog fouling a problem in the village?	58%	26%	12%	4%
Is horse fouling on pavements a problem?	49%	40%	7%	5%
Are there any trees/groups needing special protection?	12%	22%	36%	29%

*Percentages may not add up to 100 because of rounding

Protection of trees

A number of people identified trees or groups of trees in need of protection. These are listed in Table 16, although it is worth noting that most concern was expressed for trees in Farnley Hall Park, near the Community Centre, by the Alms Houses, Lawns Lane/Beechfield and by St. James's Church.

Table 16 Trees or groups of trees needing protection

Trees or groups of trees needing protection	Number of responses
Old woodland in Farnley Hall Park	10
Trees on Community Centre green	7
Wooded area near Almshouses	6
Trees on Lawns Lane/Beechfield	6
Trees around St James' Church	5
Trees around the Fishpond	2
Trees in New Farnley Park	2
Trees at end of Walsh Lane	1
Trees on Stephenson Way	1
Oak trees	3
Beech trees	1
Horse Chestnut trees	1

On the question of trees, one person commented that the: 'The trees around the church [St. James'] overwhelm my house', while another respondent from the same area reported that: 'Too many trees growing too tall – too many falling leaves – hazard!'. Finally, one respondent remarked that 'Leylandi trees should be banned'.

Appearance of New Farnley

Respondents were asked what they liked about the appearance of New Farnley. Most (36) like the green or semi-rural aspect of the area, while 13 appreciated the village atmosphere and 9 like the mix of historic and new housing.

Respondents were also asked what they disliked about the appearance of New Farnley. Most people responding to this question identified the appearance of some buildings as a problem, for example, the Co-op building (including the area around it), the Community Centre and the Woodcock. Dog and horse fouling were also mentioned. Other comments are recorded in Table 17.

Table 17 Dislikes about the appearance of New Farnley

Dislike	Number
Buildings that don't fit in - Woodcock, Co-op, Community Centre, Flats - could do with an upgrade	13
Dog/horse fouling	12
Scruffy area around Co-op and Doctors	12
Litter	8
Poor maintenance of public footpaths	8
Lack of flower beds	4
Dirty New Farnley signs	4
Unmade roads around Co-op/Doctors	4
Unsuitable parking	3
Restricted sight line - from Beechfields to Lawns Lane for drivers	3

Comments by residents

Residents were also asked what they liked and disliked about the appearance of the area and the following comments were received:

- 'I like the old village feel'
- 'Like the easy access to green area for walking'
- 'Like the open green spaces and the trees'
- 'Like the balance of residential housing and green spaces'
- 'Don't like the amount of litter everywhere'
- 'Don't like the litter on Lawns Lane dropped by school children'
- 'Don't like the Woodcock as it's not in keeping with the historic buildings around it'
- 'Don't like the dog mess and horse droppings'

Overall, then, there is strong support in the findings from the questionnaire in support of increased care of the environment. There is also support for protecting local trees and for improving the appearance of the environment. That the issue of dog fouling and litter are mentioned again is of significance.

Surrounding landscape

Related to the question of the local environment, is the landscape surrounding New Farnley. The findings reported here relate to the protection and preservation of the local green landscape, plants and wildlife.

Residents were asked how they felt about the surrounding landscape. The responses are set out in Table 18. There is strong support for protecting green-belt land is noteworthy, as is the better maintenance of local footpaths.

Table 18 Surrounding landscape*

The landscape surrounding New Farnley	Yes	No	Don't know	Not answered
Should local green-belt land be protected?	94%	-	1%	6%
Do you use footpaths (excluding pavements)?	61%	20%	4%	16%
Should local public footpaths be better maintained?	60%	13%	14%	14%
Do you use local bridleways	31%	57%	2%	9%
Are you happy with the condition of local bridleways (members of the public & horse riders)	27%	13%	35%	24%
Are you aware of any special ecological habitats for wildlife and plants that need protection.	10%	39%	27%	25%

*Percentages may not add up to 100 because of rounding

Footpaths

Residents were asked whether they used local footpaths and which they used most often. Responses are given in Table 19, although it is interesting to note the heavy use of the fields behind the Village Chippy and the path by the side of the wall leading to Farnley Hall Park.

Table 19 Footpaths used most around New Farnley

Footpaths used most often	Number
Across the fields to park wall from Village Chippy	46
Side of the park wall	45
Sykes's Wood	20
Low Moor Side to Back Lane	16
Wood Lane	10
All footpaths around New Farnley	6
Castle Ings estate to Whitehall road	5
Beechfield to Doctor's Surgery/Co-op	4
New Farnley to Tong	3
Rear of Butterfly Garden	2
To Gildersome	2

Residents were asked if they were aware of any ecological habitats for plants and wildlife that need protection. Table 20 shows the results, with the fish pond, the Butterfly Garden and Sykes's Wood being mentioned most frequently.

Table 20 Plants or wildlife habitat needing protection

Plants or wildlife habitats needing protection	Number
Fishing pond off Coach Road has bats and newts	10
Butterfly Garden (prev. Long Row)	6
Sykes's Wood	4
Bluebells in Farnley Hall Park	2
Field and stream behind Castle Ings has - frogs, bats, owls and ducks	1
Green Lane	1
Fields off Whitehall Road has rabbits and foxes	1
Between Low Moor Side and Whitehall road there are bats in the trees	1
The trees between Maples estate and School	1

Comments and suggestions

Comments and suggestions made by respondents regarding the above included:

- 'More nesting boxes are needed to help wildlife'
- 'Need to protect all footpaths across fields and ensure they don't become blocked off'
- 'Horses on the green area by the Community Centre damage it'
- 'Signposts on footpaths could be improved'
- 'Himalayan Balsam in Sykes's Wood should be reduced'
- 'Horse droppings should be cleared up by the riders'
- 'Unable to access the Fishing pond as a fishing society have taken ownership'
- 'Protect all green areas'
- 'Horse riders [should not be] using footpath to Beechfield'
- 'Footpath next to Park wall - overgrown vegetation, needs regular maintenance to be passable'
- 'Many hedges need pruning, - can't get through - council not fussed!! Perhaps a 'Village Ground Force' is needed!! Focus on a different area and tidy it up!

The findings here suggest a strong desire to preserve the surrounding local landscape and to maintain local footpaths and to protect local plants and wildlife. These findings are consistent with the fact that so many people reported that they like living in New Farnley because of its semi-rural nature and green spaces.

Views of young people

In this section of the questionnaire space was reserved for householders to invite young people under 18 years of age to respond to a series of questions about their interests. Thirty three responses were received. Of these, 33 per cent were aged 5-8 years, 30 per cent were 9-12 years and 37 per cent were 13-17 years.

Young people were asked if they like living in New Farnley and 97 per cent said they did and 3 per cent said they did not.

Safety

When asked whether they felt safe in New Farnley, 79 per cent said yes, 18 per cent said no and 3 per cent said they did not know. The following comments were also received on this subject:

- 'Dangerous walking to school'
- 'Feel unsafe because of older youths'
- 'Gangs of kids around the Co-op'
- 'Youths causing trouble'

Views on facilities for young people

Young people were also asked for their views of facilities for young people in New Farnley. It is noteworthy that the majority of young people reported satisfaction with facilities in local parks. There was also support for a youth club and for more sports facilities for young people.

Table 21 Facilities for young people

	Yes	No	Don't know
Are facilities for young people good enough?	36%	60%	4%
Would you like to see a youth club opened?	67%	12%	21%
If a youth club was opened would you use it regularly?	60%	9%	31%
Would you like to see other activities?	55%	9%	36%
Are you satisfied with the facilities in New Farnley Park?	70%	21%	9%
Are you satisfied with the facilities in Farnley Hall Park?	61%	24%	15%
Are there enough sports facilities in New Farnley?	39%	58%	3%

Suggestions for further activities

Respondents were also asked to make suggestions for the kinds of facilities they would like to see and these are given in Table 22.

Table 22 Suggestions for further activities

Facilities	Number
Sports	7
Small play area for children	5
Football	3
Youth club	3
Art club	2
Dance	2
Cycle paths	2
Skate/roller-blading park	2
Sports club for girls	1
Bigger park	1
Indoor sports	1
Martial arts	1
Gymnastics	1
Tennis club	1
Music club	1
Nature trail	1
Open air swimming pool	1
More shelters in park	1
Café in Farnley Hall park	1

Comment and suggestions

Comments and suggestions were also invited about life in the area and the following were received:

- 'No graffiti'
- 'Graffiti wall for kids'
- 'More local clubs'
- 'Park too small with limited amenities'
- 'Cricket pitch in the park'
- 'Stephensons playground poorly maintained and dangerous'
- 'Could have family fun days or sports days'
- 'Play area at community centre green space, like Farnley Hall Park'
- 'Transport to Farnley schools so children can attend evening activities'
- 'More police around Playground - vandalism of equipment'
- 'People around the park should not complain about noisy children'

Although the response rate from young people was disappointing, the evidence does suggest that most respondents like living in New Farnley and feel safe in the area. Satisfaction is expressed with facilities in local parks, although there is also support for a local youth club and more sports facilities.

Social and community life

This part of the report deals with local people's views of services and facilities in the area, and particularly how this relates to the needs of different groups.

Bus service

When asked about local bus services, 42 per cent of respondents said they were happy with the bus service and 26 per cent were not. Residents were also asked to comment and their comments are summarised in Table 23. Despite the overall numbers expressing satisfaction with the bus service, it is clear that a number of residents think the service is poor and/or limited in a number of ways. Overall satisfaction rates with the bus service may reflect different rates of service usage among respondents.

Table 23 Bus service

Issue	Number
Poor service	25
Poor evening service	15
No bus to White Rose Shopping Centre	13
No bus to Armley, Bramley or Pudsey	12
No bus to Morley or Birstall	11
No bus service to Farnley	4
Can't use prams or pushchairs on old Arriva buses	1
Bus service to Gildersome removed	1

In relation to 'poor service', it is worth highlighting some of the comments received, which included:

- 'We don't have a bus service'
- 'Unreliable service'
- 'Poor service on Sundays'
- 'Buses go past full'
- 'No bus service to supermarket'

Disability access

Residents were also asked about disability access. When asked whether access to local public buildings is adequate for people with disabilities, 21 per cent said yes and 4 per cent said no and 56 per cent said they didn't know. The questionnaire also asked residents about the adequacy of dropped kerbs in the area. 28 per cent said they are adequate, whereas 14 per cent said they were not.

Comments and suggestions under this heading were also invited. Three people said there was no disabled access to St. James' Church, the Doctor's Surgery and the Library Bus.

One comment received stated that the unadopted and unmade roads are 'dangerous' for people with disabilities. And another comment referred to the lack of dropped kerbs in the area.

Provision for senior citizens

The questionnaire asked residents whether there should be more provision for senior citizens. Twenty two per cent felt there should be more provision while 8 per cent said no. Fifty one per cent did not know and 19 per cent did not answer the question. Where residents answered yes, they were also asked to specify the kind of provision they would like to see. Their suggestions are given in Table 24 below.

Table 24 Provision for senior citizens

Suggestion	Number
Access needed to other shops, like a supermarket, possibly a minibus	9
A covered seating area is needed in the parks	7
A dining or luncheon club	4
Pelican crossing needed to cross Whitehall Road due to speed of traffic	4
Road surface poor around Co-op, Forge Row and Playground difficulty walking	2
More provision would be helpful	2
Mobile hairdressers needed	1
Education classes rather than occupation and amusement groups	1
A bus service into the village	1
More dropped kerbs and foliage cut back for better access	1
A local walking group	1
Transport for disabled people to village activities	1

In Table 24 there is one suggestion about transport for disabled people to village activities which is worth quoting in full as it makes an important point: 'Many diverse interest groups in New Farnley already exist, however, disabled and older people need public transport to gain access to social activities.'

Provision for children and young people

The questionnaire also included a section which asked about provision for children and young people. This is distinct from the heading 'Views of young people' earlier in this report. Thirty per cent felt there should be more provision for children and young people. Seven per cent said no to more provision, while 42 per cent said they did not know and 20 per cent did not answer. Their suggestions are given in Table 25. It is significant that most suggestions are a youth club and a playground for younger children in New Farnley Park.

Table 25 - Provision for children and young people

Suggestion	Number
Youth club	24
A playground in New Farnley Park for young children	18
Coffee bar / drop in centre / social club for young people	9
Seating area under cover	8
Not enough for young people - hence hanging around the Co-op	8
Skateboard / biking area	3
Dance / music group	2
Indoor activities for young people in winter	2
Better facilities in the park	1
Sunday school at churches	1
More community police presence to help children feel safer	1

Facilities important to community life

Residents were asked how important a range of facilities that currently exist are to community life. Their answers are listed in Table 26.

Table 26 Facilities important to community life

Facility	Very important	Important	Not important	Not answered
Co-op	77%	17%	2%	4%
Places of worship	40%	42%	9%	8%
Community centre	60%	31%	2%	6%
Sports facilities	51%	37%	2%	9%
Doctor's surgery	80%	14%	1%	5%
Post office	82%	13%	1%	4%
Schools	72%	18%	3%	8%
Scouts	37%	41%	11%	11%
Hairdressers	32%	40%	20%	8%
Garage	28%	39%	22%	11%
Lancasterian Schoolroom	45%	38%	8%	8%
Parks	80%	14%	-	6%
Recreation facilities	69%	21%	1%	8%
Pub	36%	39%	17%	8%
Under 5's provision	51%	30%	8%	12%
Village Chippy	39%	40%	15%	7%

The questionnaire also invited residents to identify facilities that are lacking in New Farnley. The responses are given in Table 27.

Table 27 - Facilities lacking in New Farnley

Facility	Number
Chemists	18
Bakery	10
Butchers	9
Nice pub/restaurant	8
More things for teenagers	6
Fresh greengrocers	5
Youth Club	5
Covered seating area – for all ages	4
Playground for under 5's	4
Local notice board	3
Local 'deli'	3
Improve Co-op	3
Cafe	3
Tennis Club	2
A school in New Farnley	2
More flowers planted	2
Public toilets - Farnley Hall Park	1
Cash machine - outside	1
Ramblers club	1
Sports for girls	1
Gym	1
Allotments	1
Newsagents	1
Parking for Bowling Green	1

It is clear from the evidence gathered about community and social life that many local facilities are highly valued by residents, although the provision of additional facilities would enhance community life.

While satisfaction is expressed with the bus service about one quarter of respondents are unhappy with it. This differs a little with the evidence given earlier in this report (Residents' general impressions of the area) where 37 per cent of respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the bus service when they were asked what things they disliked about living in New Farnley. The levels of dissatisfaction will obviously reflect different levels of use of the service. Given the importance of the bus service to those without cars, it is an area of concern that deserves to be taken seriously. The lack of disability access to key public facilities is also important

Community Safety

Residents were asked how safe they feel within the community and what measures might help with crime prevention. They were asked which of a range of measures might make them feel safer. The results are given in Table 28.

Table 28 Community Safety Issues*

Question	Yes	No	Don't Know	Not answered
Are there times when you feel unsafe in New Farnley	26%	63%	2%	9%
Would you like to see more Police on the beat in your area	75%	10%	8%	7%
Would you like to see more Police Community Safety Officers on the beat	75%	10%	8%	7%
Would you like to see CCTV cameras installed in public areas	42%	31%	19%	8%
Are you currently a member of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	12%	81%	-	7%
If no – Would you like to join a Neighbourhood Watch scheme	25%	29%	25%	20%

*Percentages may not add up to 100 because of rounding

Where residents said they felt unsafe (26 per cent), they were asked to give reasons for this and these are identified in Table 29.

Table 29 Reasons for feeling unsafe

Reasons for feeling unsafe	Numbers
Too many young people hanging around outside the Co-op	34
Difficult to cross roads because of speed and volume of traffic (Lawns Lane/Low Moor Side/Whitehall Road)	6
Danger to cyclists from traffic	3
Lighting needed in New Farnley Park at night	3
Youths hanging around Low Moor Side Court (drinking, drugs and urinating)	2
Area around fishing lake needs better supervision	1
Pot holes on Forge Row dangerous after dark	1
Roving gangs in Stephenson's (police have responded well so far)	1
Lights restricted by overhanging trees on Coach Road	1

Residents were also invited to make further comments and suggestions in relation to community safety. The role of Police Community Support Officers was highlighted by 6 people and the following comments were received:

'More PCSOs to make the area secure'

'PCSOs used to keep a high profile/did much valuable work in addressing the motorbike problem/now don't see them at all.'

'PCSOs need to deter outside criminal types – example - drug dealers burglars'
'PSCOs need to focus on vehicle speeds, litter and behaviour of school children in the Co-op at lunchtime'
'More PCSOs about – good police support'
'Do we actually need extra policing?'

Additional comments received about community safety included:

'Chapel Lane youths congregating'
'CCTV cameras would help [prevent?] crime and fly-tipping'
'Youths need a meeting room or club'
'Concerned about burglaries'
'As neighbours we have an informal watch scheme and look after each other interests and properties all the time'
'Cricket club should be made more responsible for behaviour of spectator/visitors on match days
'Also patrols [needed?] late at night around the cricket club and adjoining copse'
'Playground is a filthy dirty dump, overgrown, rubbish – never gets looked after'
'Cameras on footpaths to catch dog foulers and litter-throwers'
'Crime is a major problem for me. 3 times victim of crime – all unsuccessful – breaking into my property whilst we were all in bed'

While most respondents report feeling safe, in New Farnley, there may be a perception that community safety needs to be improved. In the second section of this report it was pointed out that 42 per cent of respondents identified a lack of community safety as one of things they disliked about new Farnley. Although individual experiences of crime clearly vary - as reflected in the comments we have received - it seems most people would like to see more police or police community safety officers on the beat in New Farnley. The levels of support for CCTV cameras and Neighbourhood Watch Schemes should also be noted. The problem of young people gathering around the Co-op can also be related, it could be argued, to the lack of provision for them, especially a youth club.

Additional comments

At the end of the questionnaire, respondents were given the opportunity to add any additional comments. Many comments confirmed the views given earlier in the questionnaire. We produce an indicative sample of those we received. The problems on Lawns Lane were again mentioned by several people and included the following comments:

'The main issue is traffic on Lawns Lane – the speed and narrow pavements'.
'The built up area between Lawns Lane and the Woodcock Pub justifies a lower speed limit. A serious look at by the Highways Division should be given to this stretch of road'
'Feel strongly about the risk crossing Lawns Lane, I walk to Lawns Park Primary School with toddler twins and a 3 year old. I have to use the car as it's safer.'

Comments on a range of other issues included:

'I have difficulty pushing a pram on the pavement due to horse manure, dog fouling and overhanging hedges'
'Protect Green Belt – no more building'
'The Woodcock Pub is at the centre of a Conservation Area, but it is smelly and noisy.'
'Need to be a community with access to public transport to other areas [than Leeds]'
'Living close to the school – litter is a main concern'

Some respondents commented on the questionnaire itself. Many of these comments were positive and appreciated the work involved and reflected the fact that most people were happy to complete the questionnaire. A minority of comments thought the questionnaire was lengthy, and one resident had lost 'the will to live' by the time s/he had completed it! Another respondent felt 'nothing would be done anyway' as a result of the questionnaire.

Conclusions

As was stated at the beginning of this report, the research results outlined here are intended to inform the New Farnley Village Design Statement and Village Plan. Design statements, it will be recalled, allow 'local communities to define the characteristics of their village, to identify those aspects which should be preserved and respected by new development and those which could be improved. The statement should describe the character of the village and acts as guidance in any future local development. It may also recommend where and how improvements could be made.' The Village Plan considers the wider, more social needs the area.

In terms of New Farnley's key characteristics, there is clear evidence that those surveyed would like to preserve them. There is a clear commitment to the local area, with 98 per cent of respondents stating that they like living in New Farnley and many appreciate its semi-rural aspect, along with the village atmosphere, friendliness, the convenience of the location and its peace and quiet. The report identifies that local residents wish to preserve key features such as green spaces, wildlife habitats and trees and plants, the distinctive styles of housing and historic buildings.

There is also a strong feeling that the area should be protected from future developments, with large majorities of those surveyed opposing further housing and industrial developments. Any new developments that do take place, while they may be opposed locally, would, it follows, need to respect those features of New Farnley which local people wish to preserve.

It is clear that respondents to the questionnaire also wish to improve key aspects of village life. There is evidence in the report of a commitment not only to preserve but to maintain key elements of the environment, such as grass verges, hedgerows and local footpaths. There is strong support for action on litter and dog and horse fouling. Most respondents are also in favour of improving their environment by the provision of a more consistent style of street furniture and the provision of more seating in green spaces.

In terms of improving the local environment, a key feature of the research has been the clear statements from residents about the problems of traffic on Lawns Lane, Whitehall Road and throughout the village more generally. The provision of a safe walking-route on Lawns Lane, especially in the interests of children walking to school, is urgent. The case of a reduction of the speed limits on Whitehall Road is also well made. Safety in crossing this road would be assisted by the provision of a pelican crossing or crossings on Whitehall Road. There is also some support for traffic-calming measures throughout village, as well as the provision of safe cycling routes.

The village plan aspect is also usefully informed by the findings of this report. In terms of community and social life, it is clear that established facilities, especially the post office, the doctor's surgery, local parks, the Co-op, schools, recreational facilities, the community centre and under-5s provision are highly valued. However, the provision of additional services would enhance community life. While some of these are, in the main, the preserve of the private sector (for example, chemist, bakery and butcher's), others, such as a youth club and children's play facilities, could be assisted by the City Council. There is also support for improved disabled access to some facilities and more provision for senior citizens and young people. And while many respondents express satisfaction with their personal safety, community safety would be perceptibly improved by more policing of the area, although there is also some support for CCTV cameras and more Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.

Appendix 1

New Farnley Vision Group - Village Design Statement and Village Plan Questionnaire

1. General

Place a tick in the box which most closely represents your view

	Yes	No	Don't know
1.1 Do you like living in New Farnley?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2 Do you think there is a strong community spirit in New Farnley?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1.3 What 3 things do you like best about living in New Farnley?

1.4 What 3 things do you dislike most about living in New Farnley?

2. Public Green Spaces

2.1 Should the following public green spaces in and around New Farnley be preserved?

	Yes	No	Don't know
• Farnley Hall Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The green space near the New Farnley Community Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The recreation area, Playground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Adopted Village Green, Upper Moorside (adjacent to Woodcock Inn)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The area known as the Butterfly Garden, Low Moor Side Lane (formerly known as Long Row)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Sykes's Wood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Other, please specify:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.2 Do you use any of the following green spaces in and around New Farnley?

	Often	Occasionally	Never
• Farnley Hall Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you do use this space, please specify why:			
Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Play	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Dog-walking	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Sitting out	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Band concert	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Please specify:		

	Often	Occasionally	Never
• The green space next to the Community Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you do use this space, please specify why:			
Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Play	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Dog-walking	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Sitting out	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Please specify:		

• The recreation area, Playground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you do use this space, please specify why:			
Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Play	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Dog-walking	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Sitting out	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Please specify:		

• Village Green, Upper Moorside	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you do use this space, please specify why:			
Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Play	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Dog-walking	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Sitting out	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Please specify:		

Often Occasionally Never

- The area known as the Butterfly Garden,
(also formerly known as Long Row)
Low Moor Side Lane

If yes, please specify why:

Sport

Play

Walking

Dog-walking

Sitting out

Other Please specify:

- Sykes Wood

If yes, please specify why

Sport

Play

Walking

Dog-walking

Sitting out

Other Please specify:

- Other green space, please specify:

If yes, please specify why

Sport

Play

Walking

Dog-walking

Sitting out

Other Please specify:

	Yes	No	Don't know
2.3 I am satisfied with the condition of the green spaces in and around New Farnley If n, please state your concerns:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.4 Please make any other comments or suggestions you have under this heading:

3. Highways

	Yes	No	Don't know
3.1 Should speed limits within New Farnley (except main roads) be reduced to 20 mph?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.2 Should the speed limit on the Whitehall Road area of New Farnley be reduced?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3.3 If yes, should it be reduced to 30mph 40mph Don't know

	Yes	No	Don't know
3.4 Should traffic-calming measures be introduced on the main thoroughfares in the village (excluding main roads)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.5 Should the roads in the area be better maintained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3.6 Should the road surface on Playground be adopted and resurfaced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3.7 Should the road surface on Forge Row be adopted and resurfaced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3.8 Should more safe walking routes be provided on Lawns Lane leading up to local schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3.9 Is speeding traffic a problem on your street?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3.10 Do you think the introduction of safe cycling routes around New Farnley would be a good idea?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3.11 When you walk around the area, are there any specific conflict points with traffic?

If yes, please state where or how:

3.12 Please make any other comments or suggestions you have under this heading:

4. Buildings and historic features

4.1 Is it important to preserve and maintain the historic character of the following buildings or features within New Farnley?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
• Lancasterian Schoolroom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• St Michael's Church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The houses on Playground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The gas lights, Playground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The old houses on Forge Row	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Farnley Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The Almhouses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The Upper Moor Side Conservation area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• St James's Church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The houses on Croft Terrace	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4.2 Is it important to maintain the mixture of distinctive housing styles in New Farnley?

4.3 Should new housing developments be encouraged?

4.4 Should new industrial developments be encouraged?

4.5 Please make any other comments or suggestions you have under this heading:

5. Environment

	Yes	No	Don't Know
5.1 Do you think litter is a problem in New Farnley?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.2 Should more litter bins be provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.3 Should a more regular litter-picking service be provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.4 Is dog fouling a problem in the village?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.5 Should more dog-waste disposal bins be provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.6 Is horse fouling on pavements a problem?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.7 Should more seating be provided in public areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.8 Should a more consistent style of street furniture (e.g. seating and litter bins) be provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.9 Should native hedgerows be encouraged?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.10 Should grass verges be preserved?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.11 Should grass verges be better maintained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.12 Should the planting of native trees be encouraged?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.13 Are there any particular trees or groups of trees that you think need special protection? If yes, please state which one(s):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5.14 What do you like and/or dislike about the appearance of New Farnley?

5.15 Please make any other comments or suggestions you have under this heading:

6. Surrounding landscape

	Yes	No	Don't Know
6.1 Should local green belt land be protected?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.2 Do you use public footpaths (excluding pavements)? If yes, please state which one(s) you use most often?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.3 Are you happy with the condition of public footpaths? <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6.4 Should local public footpaths be better maintained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.5 Do you use local bridleways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6.6 Are you happy with the condition of local bridleways?
(used by members of public and horse riders)

6.7 Are you aware of any special ecological habitats for
wildlife or plants that need protection

If yes, please state where:

6.8 Please make any other comments or suggestions you have under this heading:

7. For under 18s

If you have children and young people in your household we would be grateful if you could ask them to complete the following section of the questionnaire?

7.1 Please place a tick next to your age range

Age 5-8

Age 9-12

Age 13-17

Yes No Don't Know

7.2 Do you like living in New Farnley

7.3 Are facilities for young people good enough?

7.4 Would you like to see a local youth club opened?

7.5 If a youth club was opened would you use it regularly?

7.6 Would you like to see other activities?

If yes, please state what you would like to see:

7.7 Do you feel safe around the village?

If no, please state why:

7.8 Are you satisfied with the facilities within the Playground area/New Farnley Park?

7.9 Are you satisfied with the facilities within Farnley Hall Park?

7.10 Are there enough sports facilities in New Farnley?

7.11 Please make any other suggestions about what you'd like to see for children and young people:

7.12 Please make any other comments under this heading:

8. Social and community

Yes No Don't Know

8.1 Are you happy with local bus services?

If no, please state why:

8.2 Are there are adequate dropped kerbs for people with disabilities?

8.3 Is access to local public buildings adequate for people with disabilities. If no, please state why:

8.4 Should there be more provision for senior citizens

If yes, please specify:

8.5 Should there be more provision for children and young people? If yes, please specify:

8.6 The following facilities are important to community life (please tick those that apply):

	Very important	Important	Not important
Co-op	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Places of worship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doctor's surgery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scouts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hairdresser	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lancasterian Schoolroom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pub	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under 5s provision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Village Chippy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8.7 Please specify any facilities you think are lacking in the area.

9. Community safety

	Yes	No	Don't know
9.1 Are there times when you feel unsafe in New Farnley? If yes, please state why:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Yes	No	Don't know
9.2 Would you like to see more police on the beat in your area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.3 Would you like to see more police community safety officers on the beat?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.4 Would you like to see CCTV cameras installed in public areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.5 Are you currently a member of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9.6 If no to 9.5, would you like to join a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9.7 Please make any other comments or suggestions you have under this heading:

10. Personal details

10.1 If you are answering on behalf of your household, how many adults live in your household?

10.2 How many children live in your home?

10.3 On which road do you live?

10.4 How old are you? If you are under 18, please see section 7, page 6 (please tick)

18-24

25-44

45-59

60-74

Over 74

10.5 How long have you lived in the village

1-5 years

6-10 years

11-25 years

Over 25 years

11. Please use this space to comment on anything else

Thank you for completing the questionnaire.

This questionnaire is based on a survey designed the Theydon Bois Village Design Statement Association in Essex. Many thanks to them.