

BLYTHE VALLEY PARK DEVELOPMENT

The Cheswick Green Residents Association recently issued a questionnaire in respect of the above. The questionnaire contained implications of various choices and asked an additional question in respect of resident's vision for Cheswick Green Village.

Some 900 hard-copy questionnaires were circulated during the weekend of 2/3 July 2016 and an online version was made available some 2 days later. The distribution included CGRA Committee Members and Parish Councillors living in Cheswick Green. In total, 237 responses were received which is more than sufficient to give a clear view of resident's required direction.

For information, the results are compared with a similar exercise undertaken by the Cheswick Green Parish Council just a few days before. The CGPC distribution was across the Cheswick Green Parish representing approximately 950 questionnaires but, apart from 1 question, gave no potential implications of the different choices.

KEY

CGRA	Cheswick Green Residents Association
CGPC	Cheswick Green Parish Council
BVP	Blythe Valley Park
CGV	Cheswick Green Village
CGS	Cheswick Green School
IHR	Illshaw Heath Road

RESULTS

1. ROAD ACCESS TO BLYTHE VALLEY PARK

Respondents were asked to select from 4 options in the knowledge that a second access road from Kinton Lane would have adverse implications for the Illshaw Heath hamlet. Also, a second access road exiting onto Illshaw Heath Road would result in extra traffic around Cheswick Green Village.

Road Access to Blythe Valley Park	CGRA		CGPC	
	Volume	% of respondents	Volume	% of respondents
Current Road/no second access	99	39.4 %	61	32.8%
Second access on/off Stratford Road	112	44.6%	88	47.3%
Second access on/off Kinton Lane	35	14%	15	8.1%
Second access on/off Illshaw Heath Road	5	2%	9	4.8%
No answers			13	7.0%
Additional answers	(14)			
Total	251	100.0%	186	100.0%

2. FOOTPATH ACCESS TO BLYTHE VALLEY PARK FROM CHESWICK GREEN VILLAGE

Four choices were available in the knowledge that enhancements to current footpaths could result in additional development.

Footpath to Blythe Valley Park	CGRA		CGPC	
	Volume	% of respondents	Volume	% of respondents
No change to the present situation	150	60.7%	49	26.3%
Improved access across fields	37	15%	34	18.3%.0
Footpath along IHR with improved access to fields	18	7.3%	24	12.9%
Footpath along IHR that leads to the bakery	39	15.8%	14	7.5%
Combination of 3			58	31.2%
No answers	3	1.2%	7	3.8%
Additional answers	(10)			
Total	247	100.0%	186	100.0%

3. MEDICAL FACILITIES

Whereas the CGPC questionnaire made reference to the possible closure of the Cheswick Green surgery should a larger practice be built on Blythe Valley, the guidance given here was that completion of the Mount Dairy Farm development would see the CGV surgery running at near capacity and at some stage in the future it would need updating. It was also stated that new developments would see the volume of dwellings double and that new residents plus those from the 250 unit care facility on BVP could not be treated at the current practice.

Medical Facilities	CGRA		CGPC	
	Volume	% of respondents	Volume	% of respondents
Enlarge / improve the CGV practice to accommodate the BVP business	31	13.1%	131	70.4%
Build and staff a second practice on BVP	206	86.9%	39	21.0%
No answers			16	8.6%
Total	237	100.0%	186	100.0%

4. PRIMARY EDUCATION

Respondents were advised that extra primary school places would be needed to accommodate children from the BVP development. If Cheswick Green School was to be selected, then the school would need improving and extra traffic should be expected. It was also advised that if a new drop-off point to the rear of the school was deemed necessary, then this would probably have to be funded by adjacent new housing which would present an opportunity for further development.

Primary Education	CGRA		CGPC	
	Volume	% of respondents	Volume	% of respondents
Expand CGS and bus in from BVP	10	4.2%	41	22.0%
Expand CGS and provide a rear drop-off point	23	9.6%	70	37.6%
Build a second school on BVP	207	86.2%	33	17.7%
Just expand the school			7	3.8%
Do nothing			15	8.1%
Combination of the above			15	8.1%
Additional answers	(3)			
No answers			5	2.7%
Total	240	100.0%	186	100.0%

5. THE FUTURE OF CHESWICK GREEN VILLAGE

Attention was drawn to the possibility of additional footpaths and roads between the two villages that would inevitably encourage further development and erode Green Belt land. Based on this background, 2 choices were given:-

The Future of Cheswick Green	CGRA		CGPC	
	Volume	% of respondents	Volume	% of respondents
CGV should be self-sufficient with its own facilities	221	93.2%		
CGV should have good connectivity with BVP and share facilities	16	6.8%		
Total	237	100.0%	Not asked	

SUMMARY

As respondents were made aware of the likely implications relating to their choices, the results are regarded as truthful and fair. As such they provide a solid foundation of opinion on which to go forward.