

Barby Primary School's Neighbourhood Planning Survey

Oaks (Years 5 and 6) held their own Neighbourhood Planning Survey. They discussed what they liked and didn't like about Barby village and suggested ways to make it a better place to live.

They considered the proposed development opposite the school and debated whether it would be a good thing or not and what the effect might be on the village.

This was followed up by a questionnaire on the school website.

These are selected responses that capture the best and most popular of the children's submissions.

(The children's names have been removed to preserve the anonymity of the Neighbourhood Planning Survey.)

What do you like about Barby village?

- "There are lots of country lanes and space to walk your dogs."
- "The local shop and the Church, not all villages have them. Also the allotments."
- "I like being on a hill in the countryside."
- "I like the people and the green and the park and some people know nearly everyone."

What don't you like about Barby village?

- "There are not enough things to go on at the park even though there is room for more."
- "The Council don't listen."
- "The traffic drives through too fast and the road is bumpy."

What could be done to make it better?

- "Bigger parks, both skateboard and playpark."
- "A slower speed limit in the village."
- "A zebra crossing either at the school or the shop."

Is there anything that would improve the environment around Barby?

- "More shops."
- "Some wildlife houses and bird boxes."
- "More bins (less litter)"

What do you think about the proposal to build houses opposite the school?

Good idea: 3 Bad Idea: 18

- "It would be good to get more children to come to the school but it would be bad environmentally"
- "Barby is meant to be a small village."
- "Houses mean more cars and cars mean more pollution."

Can you tell me what problems more cars might mean?

- “More cars speeding; less space to put more cars.”
- “Children might be late for school because they get stuck in a traffic jam or have to park further away from school.”
- “Cars parked by the school slows the traffic down.”

How could we reduce these problems?

- “Make the road wider; more speed cameras.”
- “Traffic lights would make it less dangerous by making the traffic slow down.”
- “Speed bumps or bollards.”

Do you feel safe walking/cycling around the village?

Yes: 12 No: 13

- “I’m scared crossing the road because of the cars going too fast.”
- “Cycle paths would help.”

Do you think that building more houses in Barby is a good idea?

Yes: 1 No: 8

Please tell us why you gave the answer that you did

- No “Because more houses mean more cars and traffic.”
- No “Because it will damage the environment because the sewerage system can't cope.”
- Yes “Because my family has been wanting to move to Barby.”

You mentioned the traffic problems in Barby; what worries you most?

- “Cars speeding.”
- “Not feeling safe riding your bike.”
- “No safe place to cross the road.”

What do you think would help make this better for you?

- “Speed camera.”
- “Speed bumps.”
- “Zebra crossing.”

Is there anything else you would like to say about what you would like to see or do in Barby in the future? You can use this space to tell us any ideas you might have or ask any questions you would like the Parish Council to answer?

- “There is always a traffic problem outside the school at drop off and pick up times maybe a car park would be a good idea.”
- “More clubs.”
- “A football pitch down the park please.”