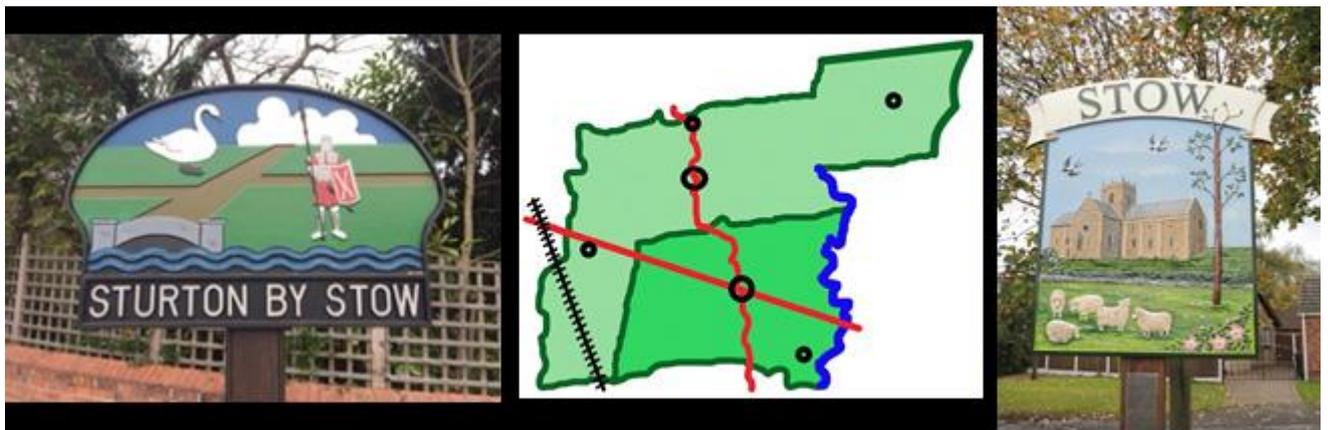


**Sturton by Stow and Stow
Neighbourhood Plan
School Questionnaire Analysis**



Undertaken by Community Lincs

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Introduction and background

The Sturton by Stow and Stow Parish Councils created a partnership in order to develop a joint Neighbourhood Plan. As such they set up one single Neighbourhood Plan sub-committee (NP group), combining members of both Parish Councils and volunteers from both parishes. The group held an initial consultation event in 2017 and had a presence at various events, raising awareness of the Neighbourhood Plan. In the autumn of 2018 the group received a grant to employ professional support to assist with consulting households and businesses in the parishes of Sturton by Stow and Stow.

Analysis of the parish wide consultation was undertaken by Community Lincs with a report and feedback event delivered in March 2019.

Alongside this consultation the Neighbourhood Plan group designed a questionnaire for school children who attend Sturton by Stow Primary School.

Community Lincs have undertaken the analysis of this questionnaire.



Analysis of the questionnaire

In total 91 questionnaires were completed with 1 questionnaire not being completed.

Question1

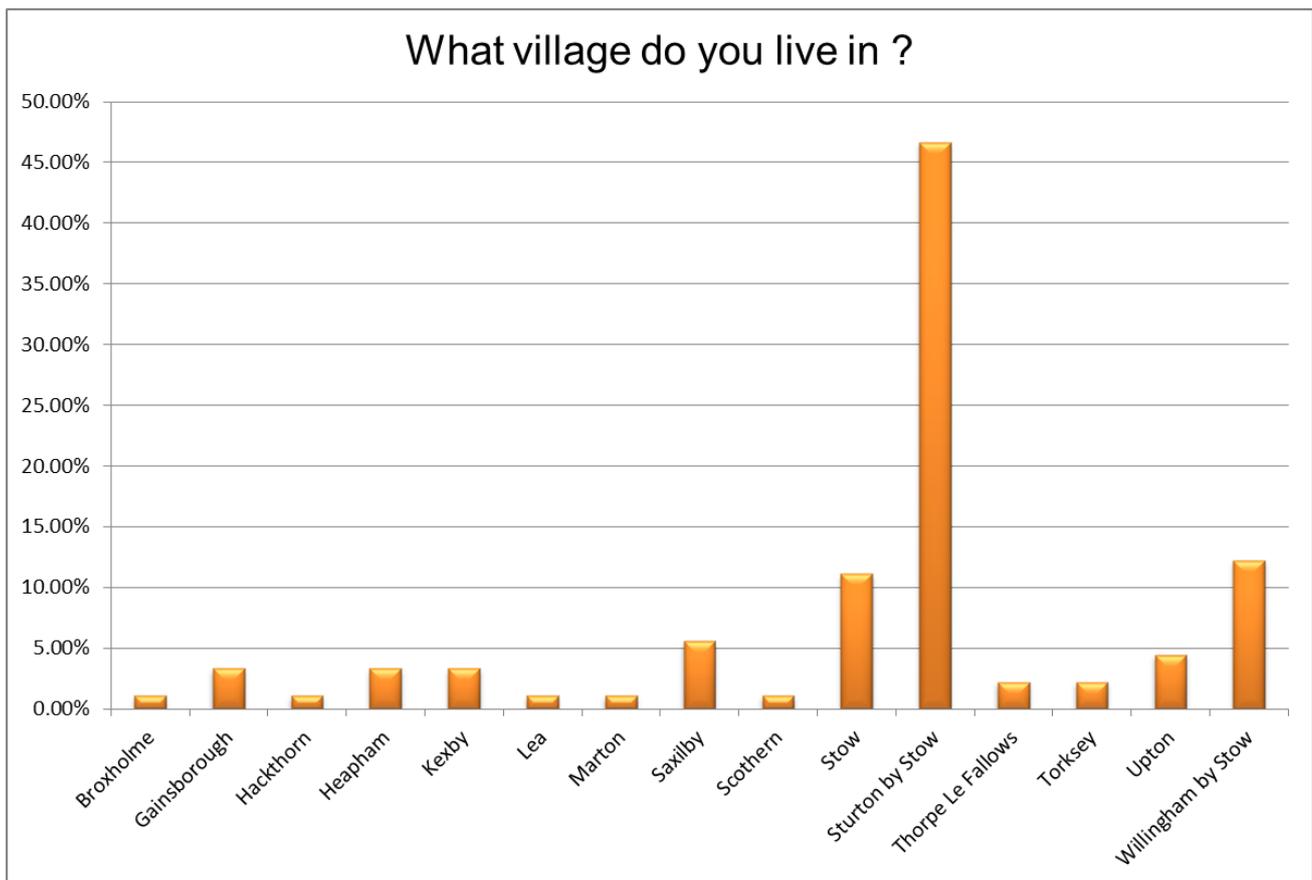


Figure 1

Sturton by Stow primary school has a wide catchment area, Figure 1 illustrates that the children who have responded to this questionnaire represent 15 different parishes.

The number of respondents from each parish is shown in Figure 2.

Children from Sturton by Stow make up just under half of all respondents (46.67 %).

Children from Willingham by Stow are the second highest respondents (12.22%).

While Stow children the third highest number of respondents (11.11%).

Answer Choices	Responses	
Broxholme	1.11%	1
Gainsborough	3.33%	3
Hackthorn	1.11%	1
Heapham	3.33%	3
Kexby	3.33%	3
Lea	1.11%	1
Marion	1.11%	1
Saxilby	5.56%	5
Scothern	1.11%	1
Stow	11.11%	10
Sturton by Stow	46.67%	42
Thorpe Le Fallows	2.22%	2
Torksey	2.22%	2
Upton	4.44%	4
Willingham by Stow	12.22%	11
Other - Gains lane	1.11%	1
	Answered	91
	Skipped	1

Figure 2

As all the questions asked were open comments a vast array of responses have been collected. The comments from Sturton by Stow and Stow have, wherever possible, been arranged under thematic headings, each theme providing a selection of the responses gathered.

We have not altered grammar or the use of capital letters in any of the tables.

The 39 responses received from children who live in the surrounding parishes can be viewed in Appendix 1.

A total of 42 children from Sturton by Stow and 10 from Stow completed the questionnaire. We have used the following colours in the tables to illustrate the responses from the two parishes:

Sturton by Stow  Stow 

Question 2

What do you like about living there?

A variety of responses were collected, these are illustrated in the tables below (Figure 3).

Facilities	Environment	Neighbourhood
School and parks	That I can walk everyday	It is a friendly place and you can make lots of friends
The shop	It's quiet	Other people that live there are very kind
There is a skate park next to me	Nice for walking and biking nice and quiet	Its lovely and I like it
It has all the facilities I need	That it is nice and peaceful	Because I like living next door to my friend and teacher
Breakfast at the cafe	That I can walk everywhere	The people are very kind there
Playing Football	It is the right size area and is an incredible village to walk a dog	People from my class live round there
	It is safe	I have family there

Environment	Neighbourhood
It is quiet and not many people live there	All the people are friendly and it is a helpful place
There is a park	Everyone is friendly
Lots of places to run around and play with friends	I like living there because I get to go to Sturton by Stow.

Figure 3

Question 3

What do you not like?

Facilities	Environment	Neighbourhood
There needs to be more parks	All the litter	Bullies and teenagers
It is too small and I want more shops and clubs	There are too many houses	People sometimes look suspicious.
The old pub		It is so small
The shop is too far away from my house		The creepy houses near the lorry park
The new Co-op		

Facilities	Environment	Neighbourhood
Nothing to do no shops	I don't like the pollution in the air	Not near friends at school
	Noisy roads	

A number of children in Sturton cited litter as something they didn't like about their parish, whereas some children said there was "nothing" they didn't like in either parish.

Question 4

What are your hopes for the future (secondary school, after school)?

There were a wide variety of aspirations both in terms of where the children want to go to secondary school and their choice of careers; the speech bubbles provide a selection (Figure 4).

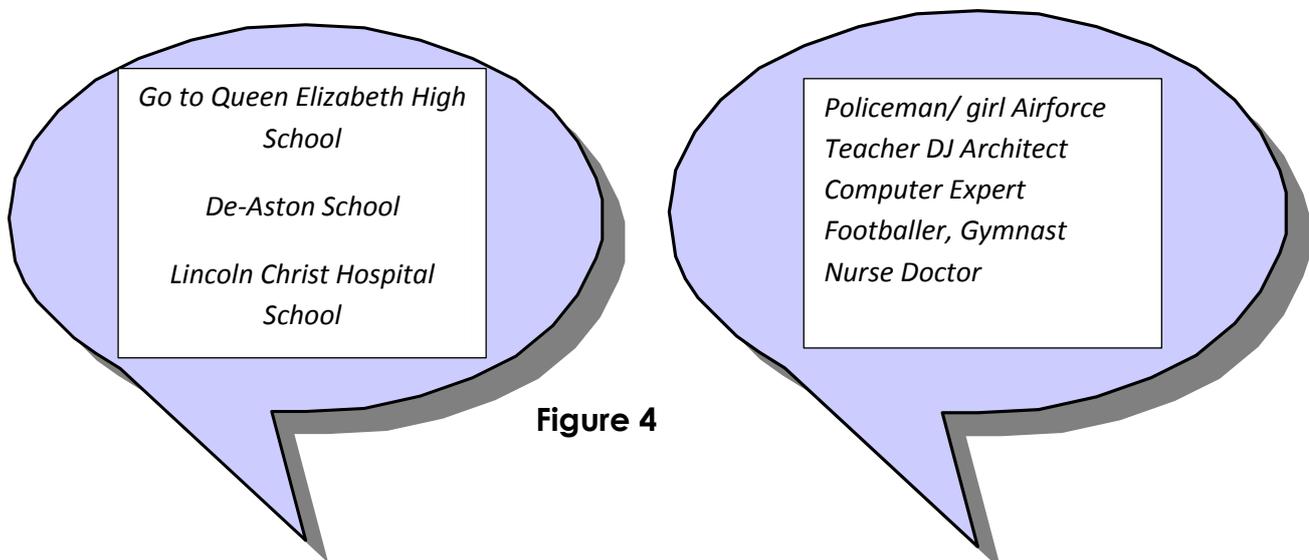


Figure 4

Question 5

How could we improve our local environment?

Community Action	Facilities
A litter picking club	Put more shops
Keep the rivers and lakes nice and clean	Make a place where children can take their dog.
For people to stop smoking	Have more green spaces.
Not throwing litter everywhere	Swimming pool
The bin men not leaving all the rubbish behind	More trees, bigger park

Some of the comments received relate to community safety and have been incorporated in Question 6.

Community Action	Facilities
Stop littering	More bins
Make sure people don't litter	More parks
	Grow more trees
	Less buildings

Question 6

How could we make where we live safer?

Less speeding
Can you extend the path near my house so I can walk with my friends
Have a zebra crossing
A lollipop person
Put more speed signs up
Traffic lights
More speed cameras
Where you have to have front gardens for every house for more protection
We could have a thicker pavement and cars going slower
By having police there all the time
Stop smoking
Have better locks
More fences around homes
By picking up litter, my dog eats it!

To obey rules
Slow the speed limit to 30mph
Put more signs up.
Drive slower
Zebra crossing
More cameras
Wider paths
By cutting the thorns down

Question 7

What do you like doing in your spare time?

Children from both parishes stated that they enjoy a wide variety of activities, both physical activities and indoor games.

Here are some examples:

<i>Dog showing and training</i>	<i>Playing in the park with the dog</i>
<i>Playing football</i>	<i>Reading and listening to music.</i>
<i>Playing with Lego</i>	<i>Watching YouTube</i>
<i>Playing on the x box</i>	<i>Playing on my iPad</i>
<i>Going swimming</i>	<i>Craft and colouring</i>
<i>Playing games</i>	<i>Play cricket</i>
<i>Doing Gymnastics</i>	<i>Playing with my friends and having time with my family</i>
<i>Having fun with my friends</i>	<i>Colouring and having a make-over with friends</i>
<i>Horse riding</i>	<i>Going out for a walk around the village</i>
<i>Playing "Fortnite" (very popular)</i>	<i>Playing in the fields</i>

Question 8

What facilities would improve our local area?

Although some children think that there are no improvements needed:

“My village is perfect for me”

A number of ideas were suggested and are illustrated in the following tables:

Local Services	Community Facilities	Environment
A medical centre	Getting another park	Wildlife
Maybe a nice restaurant	Make the park bigger	More animals
Fish and Chip Shop	More after school clubs	Make it cleaner
Pubs	Better skate park	More pets
Public toilet block	More sports clubs	
We only have 4 shops	Make some more stuff in the park for adults , teachers, babies, toddlers, sisters, brothers and families	
ASDA	A pool	
	Biggest Play ground in the world	
	More areas to play	

Community Facilities	Local Services
A brass band	More places to shop
Bouncy castle	Nothing because if you added anything it would be busy and loud
A swimming pool	More local toilets
Clubs	

Question 9

Do you think it would be good if our village grew bigger?

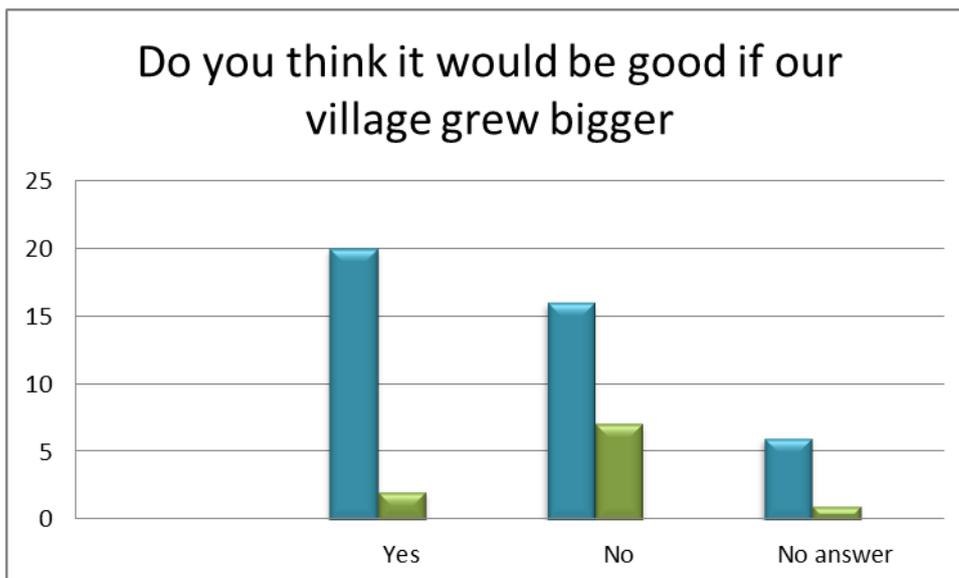


Figure 5

As Figure 5 shows, more children in Sturton by Stow think it would be good if the village expanded than in Stow. Their reasons are illustrated in the following tables:

Yes	No
As it is a bit small	Because it will be safe
So there can be more shops	Because I like the places where we can run around and I think we have enough
So people can join the village and make friends with them	Because it is really nice how it is now
Because we can put more houses in our village	No because it will be busy
Because we need bigger buildings	Because it would be noisier
Because it is boring	Because it may be littered
So more people can be in it	Because there would be more smoking

Yes	No
Yes because if it grew bigger you could put more places to go	A small village is nice to live in
Because then we would have more space to play	Because it would be too busy
	Because it will ruin the views
	Because I like it small
	No because the houses would take over the fields
	Because I think everyone will get mad if it does

Question 10

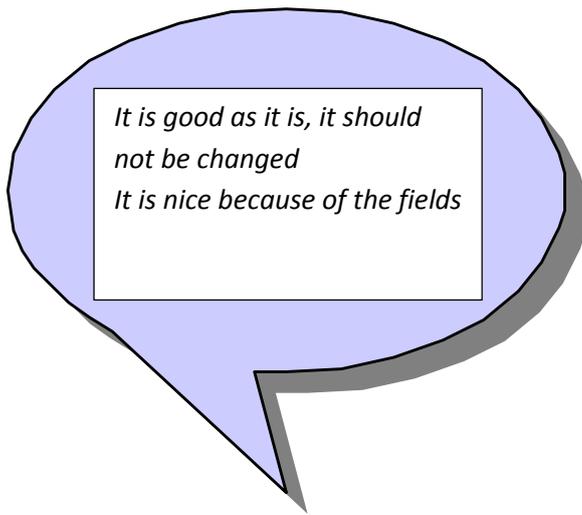
What else would you like to tell us about where you live?

Most of the children responded to this question, a selection of their responses are shown in the speech bubbles below:

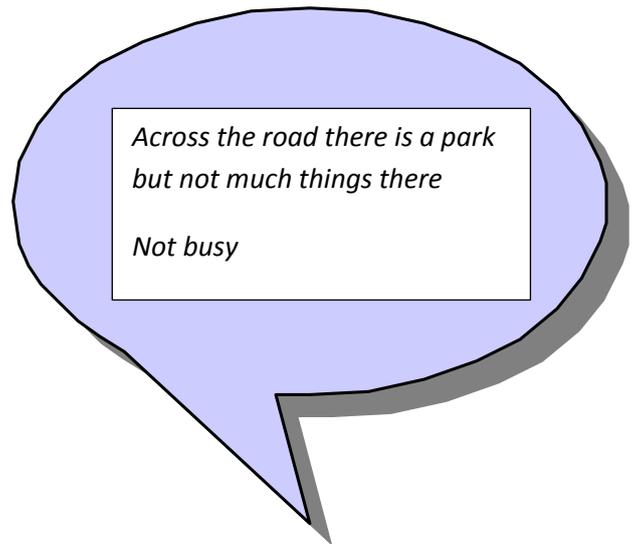


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Conclusions and Recommendations

Conclusions

Following the analysis the results show that the Sturton by Stow Primary School attracts children from a wide catchment area.

The questionnaire analysis that will feed into the Sturton by Stow and Stow Neighbourhood Plan has been based on the 57.8% of responses that represent these two parishes.

Children have reacted positively to questions about where they live, seeing both parishes as friendly, peaceful, and a safe places with nice parks to meet and play with friends.

Although there were a few children who, when asked, felt there was nothing they did not like about where they live, a common thread amongst a number of the responses relate to litter throwing. Suggestions to reduce litter were to provide more litter bins, one responder suggested a litter picking club could be created.

Having more speed restriction signs, traffic lights and zebra crossings were suggestions to tackle the concern over speeding traffic, which was mentioned by a number of responders from both Sturton by Stow and Stow.

The widening of some footpaths was also requested by several responders to ensure safer walking when out with friends.

Responders' spare time is spent undertaking a vast array of activities, both physical outdoor activities as well as indoor activities in particular playing electronic games (Fortnite)! Arts and crafts are still popular with some of the responders as is meeting up and being with friends.

Some responders would like to see improvements to the facilities in the parks; suggestions were also made for other facilities such as public toilets, a medical centre and more shops (Sturton by Stow).

Responders from Sturton by Stow were more receptive to their village growing in size than responders from the smaller parish of Stow. Responders were able to relate growth to the potential for more facilities. On the flip side concerns around growth relate to more noise, more litter, a busier place in which to live and an impact on the views and places to play (run around).

Recommendations

The children who participated in the questionnaire should be informed of the results.

Keep the school informed of the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Could the school be involved in creating its own "walkabout" that could potentially link into the Neighbourhood Profile?