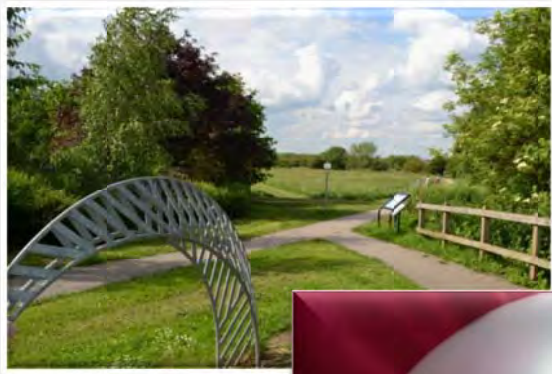


Report on the East Leake Community Survey 2012





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Introduction

This report presents the findings of a questionnaire survey conducted among residents of East Leake between August and October 2012.

The questionnaire was designed by members of the East Leake Community Plan Group and both a paper and online version were available. Paper surveys were delivered to every address in the village and residents were asked to either complete the paper questionnaire and return it in one of several collection boxes situated throughout the village, or to use the unique identification number printed on the questionnaire to access an online version of the survey to complete via the internet.

A total of 2776 surveys were delivered and 1058 were returned (149 online and the remaining 909 were paper returns), giving a response rate of 38%. Appendix 1 provides a summary of respondents' characteristics where these were provided.

Throughout this report the responses to each question are presented in tables, charts or other graphics. Findings are presented in 'themed' sections which match the sections of the questionnaire. Each section begins with a brief summary of the main findings relating to the topic and this is followed by charts and tables showing the frequencies of responses. The abbreviation 'n' is used to represent the number of respondents and where percentages are quoted they are rounded to the nearest whole number. Where the questions included a response option of 'no opinion' or 'not applicable', these have been excluded from the calculations (in other words, treated the same as a non-response); this means that percentages shown in tables and charts represent the percentage of those who expressed an opinion. In some tables and charts 'East Leake' is abbreviated to 'EL'.

1. Transport

This section presents respondents' views on a range of issues associated with transport, including public transport, cycle routes and pedestrian crossings.

Summary

More than half of respondents said that additional pedestrian crossings are a 'high priority' (Figure 1.1).

The most frequently suggested location for an additional crossing was at various points on Gotham Road and among those who specified a particular position along Gotham Road, the most frequently requested location was around the lower end (towards Main Street). There was also a lot of support for something near to the schools (near Lantern Lane for East Leake Academy and Lantern Lane Primary and near the Three Horseshoes for Brookside Primary). Figure 1.2 presents a 'word cloud' showing the main words and phrases used in response to this question and gives a visual representation of which locations were mentioned and how often (Figure 1.2).

The frequency of evening and weekend bus services was a major cause of dissatisfaction with two-thirds of respondents rating this as 'poor' (Figure 1.3).

There were high levels of dissatisfaction with designated cycle routes: 82% evaluated these as 'poor' (Figure 1.4).

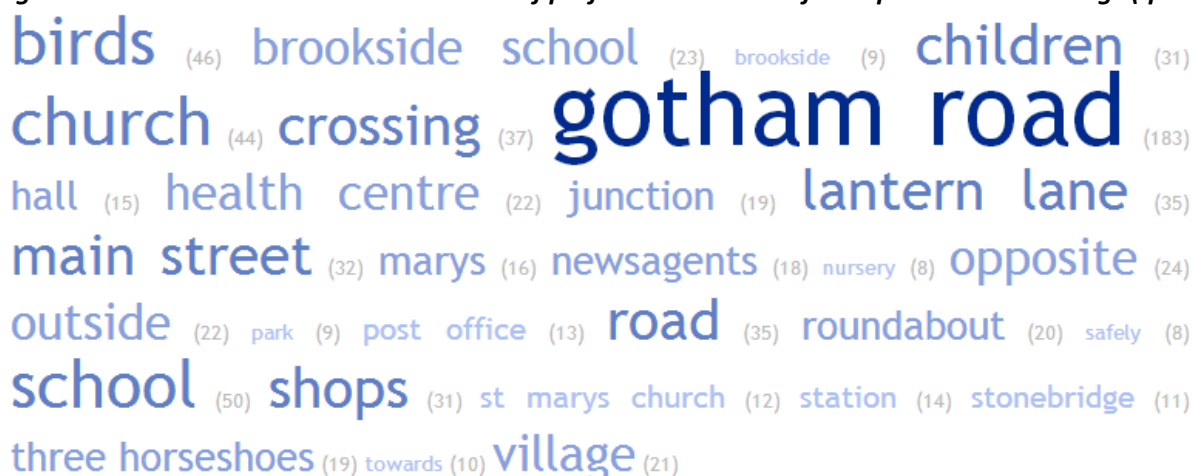
Just under half of respondents said they would use community transport 'often' or 'sometimes' (Figure 1.5) and when viewed by the age of occupants in the households, the proportion of 'never' responses is reduced considerably among households with occupants aged 65+ and 75+ (Figure 1.6). The top three preferred destinations for community transport were Loughborough, other local villages and supermarkets (such as Asda in West Bridgford, Morrisons in Clifton and Tesco or Sainsbury's in Loughborough) (Figure 1.7).

In their comments about transport, by far the most frequently recurring topic was the perceived lack of evening bus services – primarily between East Leake and Nottingham and East Leake and Loughborough. Just over a third of those who made a comment about transport mentioned this (Figure 1.8).

Figure 1.1: Extent to which the installation of further pedestrian crossings should be a priority (question A)

	n	%
High priority	577	59
Low priority	264	27
Not needed	141	14
Total	982	100

Figure 1.2: Word cloud to indicate salience of preferred locations of new pedestrian crossings (question A)



N.B. 342 respondents provided a comment in response to this question

Figure 1.3: Evaluations of aspects of current bus services to/from East Leake (question B)

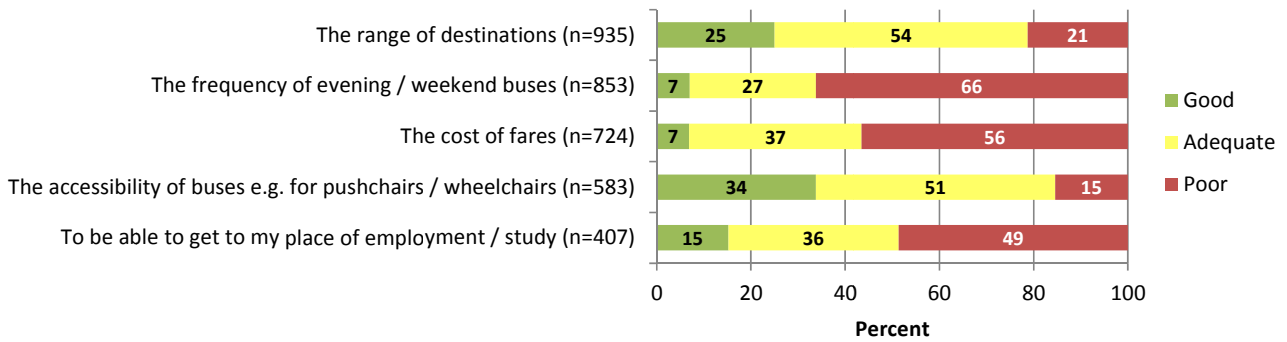


Figure 1.4: Evaluations of provision for pedestrians and cyclists (question C)

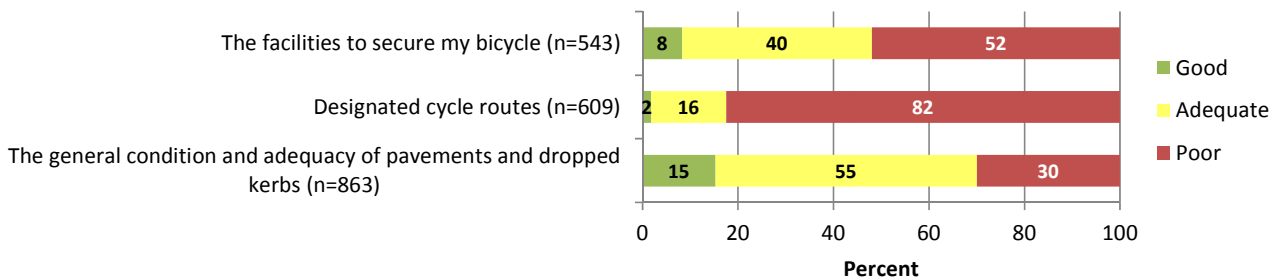


Figure 1.5: Frequency with which respondents would use community transport if available (question D)

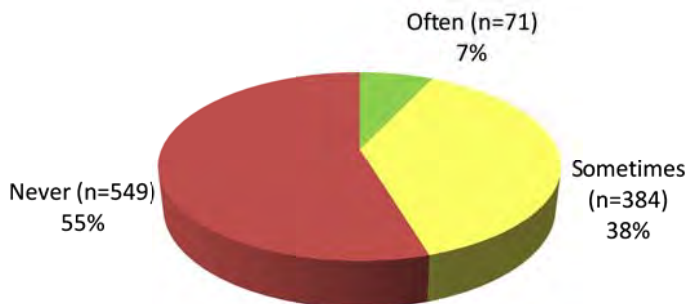


Figure 1.6: Frequency with which respondents would use community transport if available (question D) – households with one or more occupants aged 65+ and 75+

	Households with one or more occupants aged 65+		Households with one or more occupants aged 75+	
	n	%	n	%
Often	36	8	15	8
Sometimes	223	52	107	59
Never	170	40	58	32
Total	429	100	180	100

Figure 1.7: Preferred destinations for community transport (question D)

	n		n
Loughborough	30	Leicester	5
Local villages	28	West Bridgford	5
Supermarkets	28	Garden centres	3
EL village centre	26	Shopping centres / retail parks	3
Hospitals	22	Parkway station	3
Nottingham	12	University campus (Nottingham)	2
Sutton Bonington	12	Local schools	1
East Midlands Airport	6	Rushcliffe Country Park	1
Derby	5	Theatre	1

Figure 1.8: Summary of comments about transport

	n	%*
Lack of evening bus services	75	35
Bus fares too high	17	8
Buses not frequent enough	13	6
Cycle paths - more needed	13	6
Parking issues in village centre (inconsiderate parking, use of disabled spaces by non-disabled drivers, etc.)	13	6
Speeding traffic a problem	10	5
Buses do not serve enough different destinations (e.g. other South Notts villages, Derby)	8	4
Open up the disused railway line	7	3
Buses unreliable (particularly the No. 63)	6	3
Pavements in poor state of repair	6	3
Expand Skylink service to link EL with EMA	5	2
Bus routes to main hospitals needed	4	2
Bus services generally poor (no specific aspect)	4	2
Extend tram route	4	2
Poor wheelchair accessibility in some areas (e.g. dropped kerbs not present or covered by parked cars, pavements too narrow)	4	2
Road safety generally around village needs improving	4	2
Roads in poor state of repair	4	2
Another bus company (other than NCT) should be offered the chance to run a better bus service	3	1
Cyclists on pavements cause problems	3	1
EL is well served by public transport	3	1
Express bus service to Nottingham required	3	1
Not enough room for pushchairs and wheelchairs on buses	3	1
Too much traffic, congestion, EL used as 'rat run'	3	1
Community bus service to supermarkets needed	2	1
Insufficient pedestrian crossings in village	2	1
Praise for community cars / bus	2	1
Single decker buses should be used at quiet times of day	2	1
Speed indicator sign needed on entry and exit to village	2	1
Additional bus stops needed around the village	1	0
Bus shelters in poor state - need improvement	1	0
Car share scheme should be introduced for those driving to work outside of EL	1	0
Concerned about future of EL bus routes once new tram route opens	1	0
Enforce the maximum weight limit for vehicles passing through the village	1	0
Horses should not be allowed on roads during peak travel times - causes congestion	1	0
Minibus needed to village centre from outskirts	1	0
More information on bus timetables, fares, destinations needed	1	0
Village shopper bus should be more widely publicised	1	0

*Base for percentages is 212, the number of respondents who made a comment. Percentages do not total 100 because some respondents mentioned more than one issue.

2. Environment

Respondents' views on the village environment are reported in this section.

Summary

The majority of respondents made use of the outside areas in East Leake listed (Figure 2.1).

Among those who specified an 'other' outside area they used, the most frequently cited area was children's playgrounds (Figure 2.2)

Clearing up the brooks was considered a high priority for improving the village environment by the highest proportion of respondents (43%), though clearing and addressing litter levels and making the village centre more pedestrian friendly were both seen as a high priority by 38% (Figure 2.3).

In their comments on the environment and village centre (summarised in Figure 2.4), car parking once again emerged as a salient issue with 15% of those who made a comment complaining about inadequate parking facilities and inconsiderate parking. There were also claims that since Nottingham City Council introduced the workplace parking levy, the village has been used by some as a 'park and ride' for the commute to work. A similar proportion of respondents mentioned the amount of litter in the village (some claimed that this had only become a problem since the litter picker retired a few months ago) and there were calls for the provision of more litter bins. Other prevalent concerns centred on the standard of landscaping and maintenance of the green areas throughout the village and the appearance of the village centre (in particular the exteriors of shops, which many felt need maintenance and updating). The maintenance of footpaths and pavements was also a frequently recurring issue with many complaining of poor weed control and uneven block paving. Also in this category were several calls for a new walkway between the Health Centre and the Co-op car park.

Figure 2.1: Areas of the village used by respondents (question E)

	Often		Sometimes		Never		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Meadow Park	516	50	385	37	139	13	1040	100
Local public footpaths / bridleways	520	50	414	40	106	10	1040	100
The car parks	557	53	363	35	122	12	1042	100
Playing fields and Costock Road sports facilities	119	12	240	24	652	64	1011	100
Other	49	25	26	13	118	61	193	100

Figure 2.2: Other specified outside areas of the village used (question E5)

	n
Playground	11
Leisure Centre	8
Church / church hall / church yard	3
Village hall	3
Oldershaw Trust Land	2
Shops	2
Bowls club	1
Fox Hill	1
Outside seating areas	1

Figure 2.3: Extent to which improvements to aspects of the village environment should be a priority (question F)

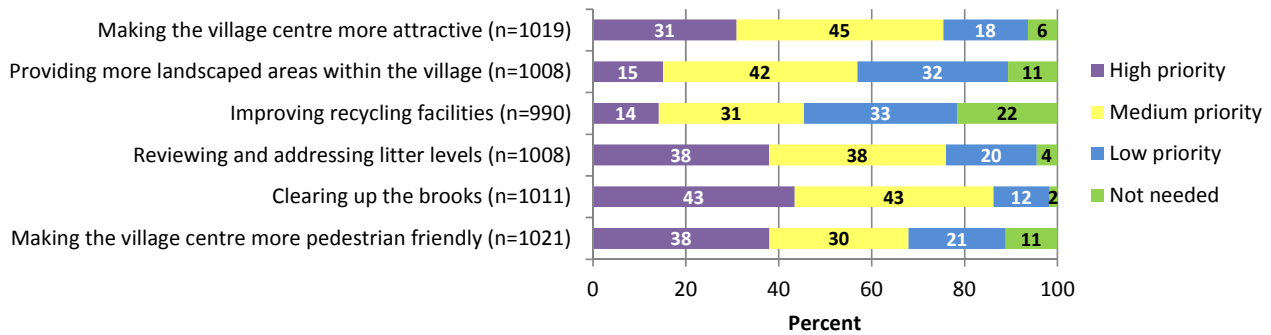


Figure 2.4: Summary of comments about the environment and village centre

	n	%*
Car parking issues (e.g. not enough car parking, inconsiderate parking, misuse of disabled spaces)	29	15
Litter is a problem / not enough litter bins provided / litter bins not emptied frequently enough	27	14
Maintenance of greenery / landscaping needs improving (e.g. cutting back hedges, grass verges, removal of weeds on pavements)	20	10
Business owners to improve the external appearance of premises (especially shops)	16	8
Improve pavements / footpaths / walkways in village (e.g. through better maintenance, resurfacing, creation of new walkways, etc.)	13	7
Praise for the natural environment and the maintenance of greenery (e.g. planters in village)	13	7
Dog fouling is a problem	11	6
Village centre looks dated, needs modernising	11	6
Greater variety of shops and businesses needed in the village	8	4
Keep the village looking green and natural / avoid over-development	7	4
Speeding traffic - need to do more to enforce the speed limit	7	4
Children's playground needs improvement	6	3
Clean up the brook and ditches	6	3
Recycling facilities inadequate - should have doorstep collections like other areas	6	3
Village centre should be more pedestrian friendly but not at the expense of creating traffic congestion and deterring car owners from using the village amenities	6	3
Recycling area is an eyesore - needs improvement or re-site elsewhere	5	3
Meadow Park is a valued part of the village's natural environment	4	2
No pleasant outside areas to sit and meet (e.g. a village green)	3	2
Questionable planning permission decisions - buildings that are not in keeping with the village	3	2
Too many speed bumps and road layouts aimed at reducing speed - not working	3	2
Village is not attractive or parts of village are not attractive	3	2
Allow cycling in Meadow Park	2	1
Grit more side roads and pavements in winter	2	1
New health centre needed	2	1
Provide garden waste collections	2	1
Road surfaces in poor state of repair	2	1
Young people need more activities and facilities	2	1
Ban horses from the village roads due to fouling and traffic congestion	1	0.5
Christmas lights should not be put up if the council cannot afford to have street lights on	1	0.5
Farmers' market would be welcome	1	0.5
Good village amenities but need to ensure people keep using them (e.g. provide good parking, offer a loyalty scheme in shops, etc.)	1	0.5
Mobility scooters causing problems on pavements or roads	1	0.5
Noise levels too high (e.g. motorbikes, heavy equipment, etc.)	1	0.5
Policy of switching off street lights at night should be reconsidered or consult with residents on this	1	0.5
Reduce the pigeon population	1	0.5

*Base for percentages is 195, the number of respondents who made a comment. Percentages do not total 100 because some respondents mentioned more than one issue.

3. Crime Prevention

The survey asked for views on the extent to which various crime prevention measures should be a priority in the village. This section reports the findings and includes a summary of the comments made on the subject of crime.

Summary

Just over three-quarters of respondents said that keeping the police station open and tackling anti-social behaviour should be high priorities. Enforcing car parking restrictions and providing more CCTV coverage both elicited mixed reactions, with 42% and 33% respectively saying that these should be high priorities (Figure 3.1).

Respondents' comments on any particular locations where crime prevention measures need addressing raised issues such as parking, speeding, dog fouling and general anti-social behaviour in areas including the village centre, near the Co-op, Gotham Road, Costock Road, Main Street, Station Road, Woodgate Road and Meadow Park (Figure 3.2).

When asked if they have anything to add about crime prevention in the village just over a third of those who made a comment described concerns about the consequences of switching off the street lighting at midnight. Many expressed the view that this will only encourage crimes such as burglaries and that any saving made by switching the lights off will be cancelled out by the cost of additional demands on the police. Some of those who were concerned about the street lights suggested that having alternate lights on might be a good compromise. Another salient feature of respondents' comments was a call for a more visible police presence both during the day and at night and, linked to this, eleven respondents said that the police station should remain open (Figure 3.3)

Figure 3.1: Extent to which various crime prevention measures should be a priority (question G)

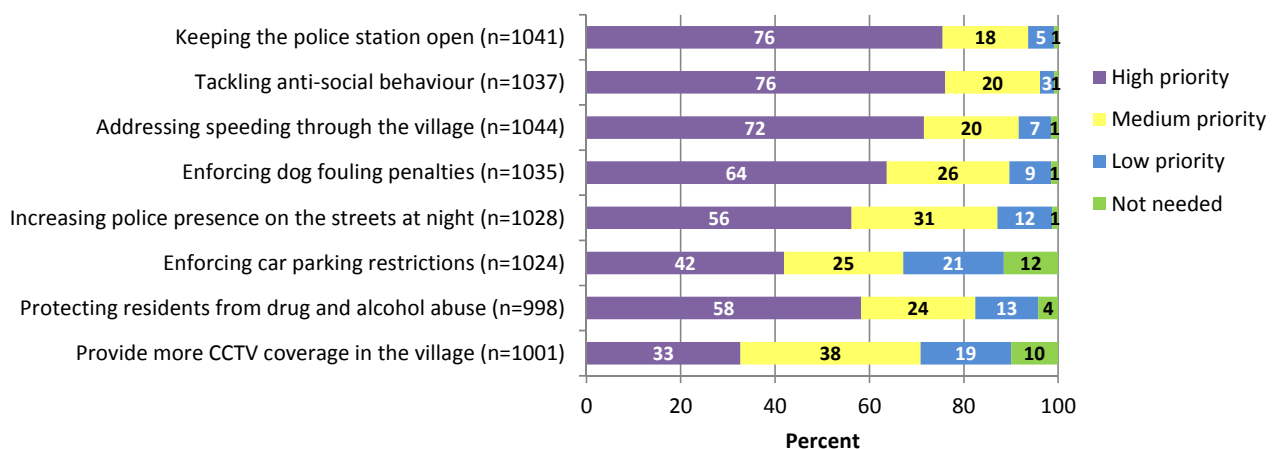


Figure 3.2: Word cloud to indicate the salience of different locations identified in which crime prevention needs addressing (question G)



N.B. 177 respondents provided a comment in response to this question

Figure 3.3: Summary of comments about crime prevention

	n	%*
Street lights should stay on all night to prevent crime	47	35
More visible police presence	28	21
Do not close the police station	11	8
Satisfied that crime is under control / crime rates are low	11	8
Speeding vehicles are a problem	8	6
Parking (inconsiderate parking, parking on double yellow lines, misuse of disabled parking spaces, etc.)	6	4
Anti-social behaviour is a problem in the village	4	3
Crime prevention should be a high priority for the village	4	3
Dog fouling - enforce penalties	4	3
Young people need more to do in the village - this might reduce anti-social behaviour	3	2
Cyclists should be stopped from cycling on the pavements and footpaths	2	1
Encourage the formation of neighbourhood watch schemes	2	1
Make crime figures readily available to residents	2	1
Name and shame offenders	2	1
Speed detector signs needed in some locations	2	1
Alcohol consumption is a cause of many anti-social problems - pubs and shops should do more to control this	1	1
Concerned about crime if more social housing is built in the village	1	1
Make EL a 'no cold-calling' area	1	1

*Base for percentages is 136, the number of respondents who made a comment. Percentages do not total 100 because some respondents mentioned more than one issue.

4. Business

This sections reports findings on the range and features of businesses within the village and on running a business from East Leake.

Summary

The vast majority of respondents (96%) said they shop within the village, but 38% disagreed with the statement *the village has a good variety of shops and businesses* and 30% disagreed that *the local shops are well stocked with my daily / weekly requirements* (Figure 4.1).

There was a sound constituency of support for a farmers' or local suppliers' market: 86% agreed that the village would benefit from this (Figure 4.1).

The statement *current businesses in East Leake keep me informed of the services they provide* elicited the highest proportion of 'disagree' responses (45%), followed by 39% who disagreed that the *shops and businesses are accessible for pushchairs / wheelchairs* (Figure 4.1).

When asked how they would like to receive communications from and information about local businesses, respondents tended to favour paper sources over electronic: the East Leake Times and Parish Newsletter were the most frequently requested means for distributing this information (Figure 4.2).

Sixty-one respondents reported that they own, run or are thinking of starting their own business within East Leake, and of these just two said that they had a need for light industrial office and/or storage units within the village to help to develop the business (not shown in a figure).

Comments on businesses in East Leake tended to focus predominantly on the retail offering. As Figure 4.3 shows, the most frequently recurring comments were on the topic of the type of shops in the village. Approximately one in five of those who made a comment requested a greengrocer (one has opened in the village since the survey was conducted), a bank was also a popular request and there were calls for another supermarket to compete with the existing Co-operative food store.

Figure 4.1: Levels of agreement with statements about businesses in East Leake (question H)

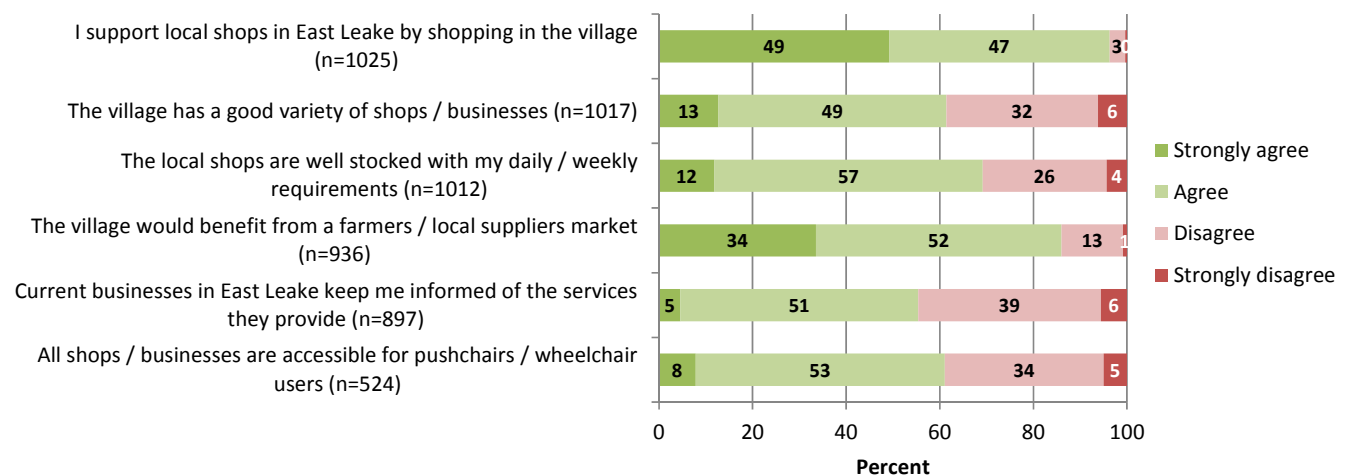


Figure 4.2: Preferred means of receiving communications from and information about local businesses (question I)

	n
East Leake Times	683
Parish Newsletter	500
Posters / flyers	394
East Leake Community Website	281
Email	107
Facebook / Twitter	63
Other	3

Figure 4.3: Summary of comments about businesses

	n	%*
Greengrocer needed (<i>note the survey was conducted before the new greengrocer opened</i>)	29	21
More than one supermarket needed	29	21
Bank needed	28	21
Greater variety / range of shops needed	28	21
Shopping centre should be made more attractive	9	7
Encourage residents to shop locally and use local businesses (e.g. publicise them, offer incentives, etc.)	6	4
Pubs or restaurants need to improve / provide family-friendly dining	6	4
Encourage small business and do not let large retail chains monopolise the village	5	4
Farm shop or farmers' market needed	5	4
Petrol station needed	5	4
Shops in EL are too expensive	5	4
Access to shops is difficult (e.g. with pushchair or wheelchair)	4	3
Clothes and/or shoe shop needed	3	2
Units (e.g. office space, workshops) for small businesses needed	3	2
Longer opening hours needed for some shops (e.g. pharmacy, post office)	2	1
Not enough opportunity to work within the village hence becoming a 'dormitory town'	2	1
Book shop needed	1	1
Car parking issues deter people from shopping locally	1	1
Fishmonger needed	1	1
Launderette needed	1	1
Local shops should provide a delivery service	1	1
More publicity / information on local trades (e.g. plumbers, builders, etc.)	1	1
Provide support and advice for new local businesses	1	1
Traders' Association needed	1	1
Traders' Association not needed	1	1

*Base for percentages is 136, the number of respondents who made a comment. Percentages do not total 100 because some respondents mentioned more than one issue.

5. Education

A set of questions sought opinions on a variety of matters relating to education – from nursery provision to adult education. Responses to these are reported in this section and a summary of comments made on the topic of education is also provided.

Summary

Relatively large proportions of respondents strongly agreed that the village needs more primary and pre-school places (47% and 35% respectively – Figure 5.1).

Nearly two-thirds of respondents indicated that they would not like to see schools in East Leake become academies (note that Harry Carlton School became an academy – *East Leake Academy* – in September 2012, after the survey had been distributed) (Figure 5.1).

Adult education provision should be expanded according to more than three-quarters of respondents and demand for evening provision was marginally greater than for daytime provision (Figure 5.1).

More than a quarter of respondents disagreed to some extent with the statement *there is adequate nursery provision in East Leake* (Figure 5.1).

In their comments on education provision, the most frequently raised issues were concerns about existing over-crowding and how this might worsen once the new houses are built, concerns about standards at the former Harry Carlton School (now the East Leake Academy, which has undergone an Ofsted inspection since the survey was administered and achieved an overall rating of ‘good’ compared to a ‘satisfactory’ rating at the previous inspection) and a desire to see improved adult education provision in the village (Figure 5.2).

Figure 5.1: Levels of agreement with statements about education provision in East Leake (question K)

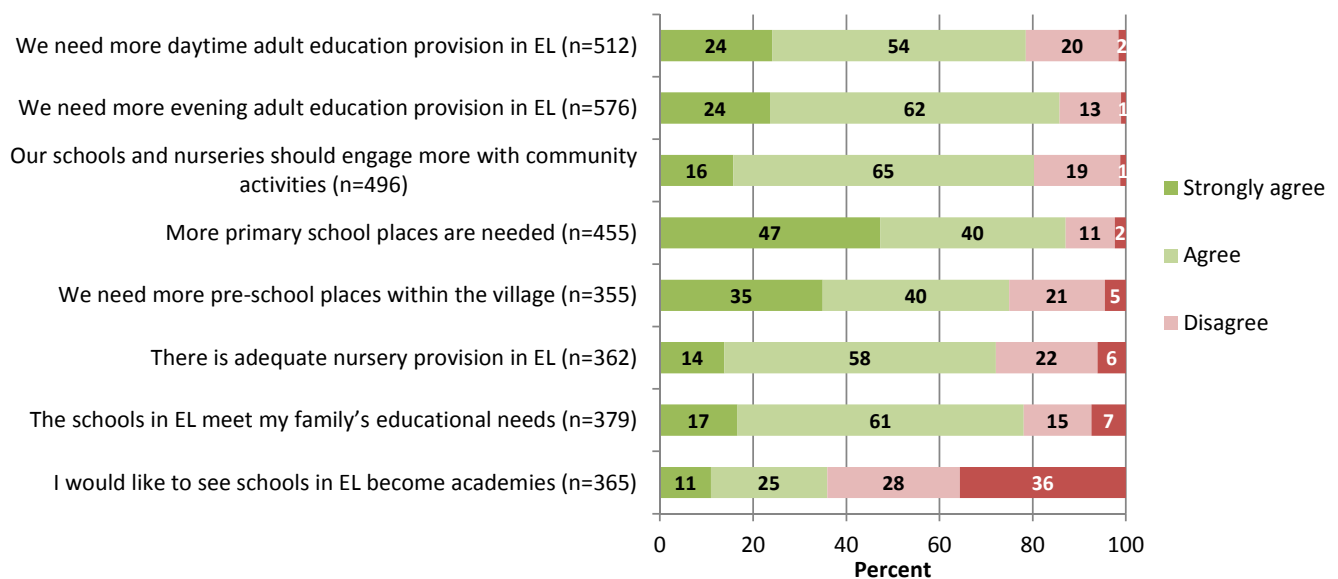


Figure 5.2: Summary of comments about education

	n	%*
Concerns over how schools will cope with new housing development	29	29
Concerns over standards at Harry Carlton School (East Leake Academy)	14	14
Adult education provision should be improved / expanded / better publicised	13	13
Over-crowding at primary schools	8	8
Schools should teach children to be better citizens (e.g. respect for others, not dropping litter, etc.)	6	6
Schools are good in EL	5	5
Catchment areas should be reduced and/or more strictly enforced	4	4
Prefer schools not to become academies	4	4
Nursery provision good in the village	3	3
Third primary school needed in EL	3	3
Communities should engage more with schools (e.g. make better use of school facilities)	2	2
More pre-school places needed at primary schools (especially Brookside)	2	2
Support for children with special needs should be improved	2	2
Greater co-operation and co-ordination between EL schools is needed	1	1
Need better information provision for parents when they have to apply for school places	1	1

*Base for percentages is 100, the number of respondents who made a comment. Percentages do not total 100 because some respondents mentioned more than one issue.

6. Culture and Leisure

This section reports respondents' views on culture and leisure opportunities and facilities in the village.

Summary

Respondents were on the whole keen to see improvements to the library and its opening hours (33% strongly agreed and 60% agreed that improvements are needed), while the statement *we need pubs with family-friendly dining* also elicited 'strongly agree' responses from a third of respondents (Figure 6.1).

The least popular proposition on the subject of culture in East Leake was the establishment of a museum in the village: 59% expressed opposition to this (Figure 6.1).

With 96% agreeing to some extent that *the network of footpaths/bridleways from East Leake and out into the countryside is important to me*, it is clear that residents value the proximity and accessibility of open countryside (Figure 6.2). There was also a relatively high constituency of support for a youth club or teen café (90% were in favour of this).

Respondents were split in half with regard to the adequacy of children's holiday clubs or play schemes and the extent to which the children's play facilities in the village are in need of improvement also elicited mixed responses with nearly a third disagreeing (Figure 6.2).

A minority of respondents indicated that they are involved in clubs, societies or organisations within East Leake (Figure 6.3); the most frequently cited involvement was with the local history society (n=57). Of those who specified an 'other' club or society not listed, church groups, organisations and activities were the most commonly stated activities (Figure 6.4).

In terms of village amenities, the Scout Hut attracted the highest proportion of negative responses (35% rated this as 'poor') while the Methodist Church Hall received the highest proportion of 'good' evaluations (30% – Figure 6.5).

Comments on culture and leisure are summarised in Figure 6.6 and it can be seen that a key complaint on this topic is the difficulties encountered in finding information on what is available within the village. There was also relatively high demand for an improved central venue in the village such as a refurbished village hall or a purpose-built community centre.

Figure 6.1: Levels of agreement with statements about culture in East Leake (question K)

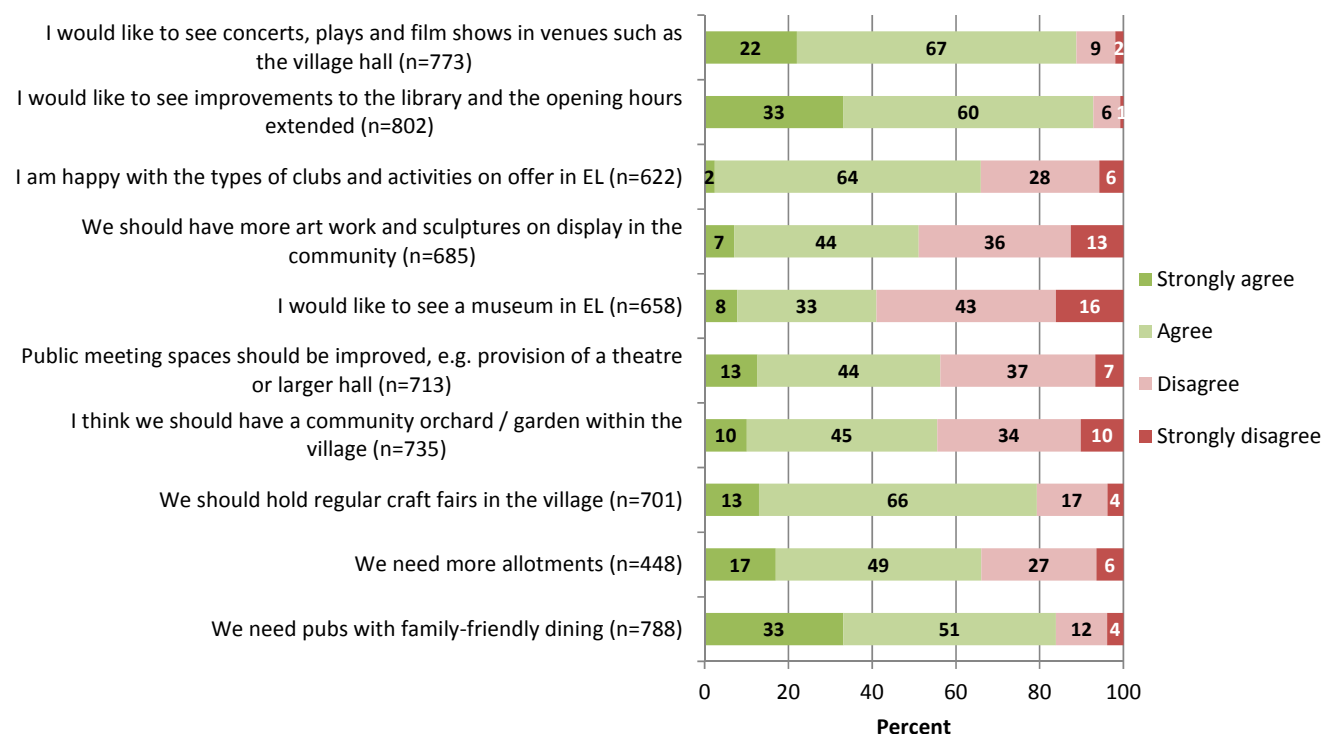


Figure 6.2: Levels of agreement with statements about leisure in East Leake (question K)

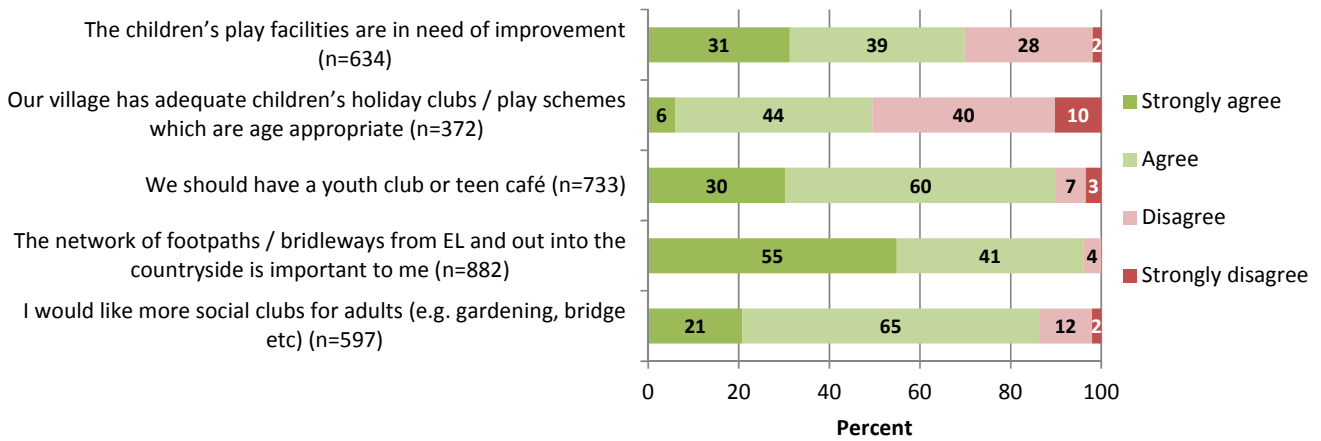


Figure 6.3: East Leake clubs, societies and organisations involved with (question N)

	n
None	669
Local History Society	57
Dance / Drama	53
Craft Group	51
Women's Institute	35
Art Group	27
Book Club	24
Card Playing	22

Figure 6.4: Other clubs, societies and organisations specified (question N)

	n
Sports clubs	19
Church groups / organisations / activities	18
Friends of Meadow Park	5
Community Care	4
University of the Third Age (U3A)	4
Mothers' Union	3
Guides Association	3
East Leake Dads' Club	2
Folk Club	2
Cards / board games clubs	2
Music groups	1
Bell ringing	1
Sewing / needlework group	1
Wine Club	1
Angling Club	1
East Leake Men's Club	1
IT / computing clubs	1
Rotary Club	1
Ramblers' Association	1

Figure 6.5: Evaluations of village amenities (question Q)

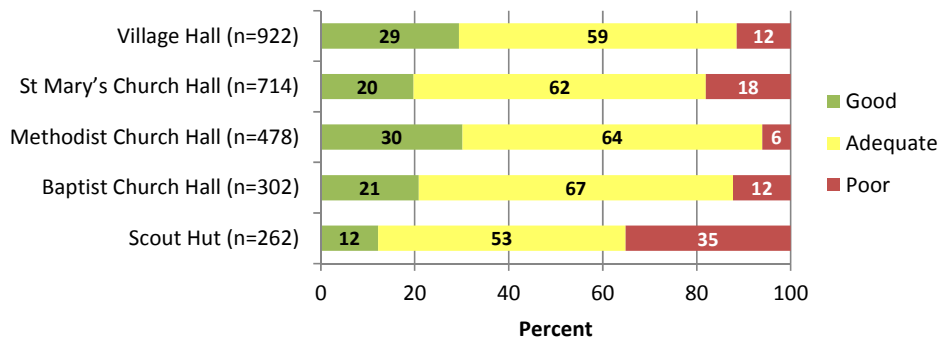


Figure 6.6: Summary of comments about culture and leisure

	n	%*
Better information provision or a web resource for culture and leisure activities, societies, etc. is needed	12	14
Better village hall or other central venue / community centre is needed	9	10
Children's playground in need of improvement	7	8
Family friendly dining should be available in the village pubs / restaurants	7	8
Young people need more facilities and activities	7	8
East Leake is generally poor for culture / cultural activities	4	5
Scout Hut is poor and has recently lost use of outside land	4	5
Churches play an important role in culture and leisure within the village	3	3
Library could be better utilised (e.g. more groups based there)	3	3
U3A based in East Leake is needed	3	3
A museum or the library could house an 'old East Leake' display	2	2
Better cycle paths / routes needed in and around the village	2	2
Craft classes should be provided	2	2
Creation of appealing outside spaces (e.g. community garden or orchard) would attract gangs of youths	2	2
Farmer's market would be welcome	2	2
People often say they want these activities but then don't support them	2	2
Village-wide events are good and need supporting more (festivals, carnival, etc.)	2	2
Volunteers forum or centre needed - people often want to volunteer but don't know how or receive no response to offers	2	2
Allotments should be better utilised	1	1
Economic climate is such that we can't expect improvements in culture and leisure facilities	1	1
Holiday play scheme for under 11s is needed	1	1
Not enough for over 60s to do	1	1
Sports facilities and clubs need improving	1	1
Village hall should show films	1	1

*Base for percentages is 86, the number of respondents who made a comment. Percentages do not total 100 because some respondents mentioned more than one issue.

7. Sport

Respondents' priorities in terms of developing sports activities and facilities in the village are reported in this section as well as their current participation in such activities and their general comments on sports facilities.

Summary

Respondents were keen to see a high priority attached to the Leisure Centre, both in terms of keeping it open (85% said this should be a 'high priority') and making improvements to facilities (55% wanted improved changing facilities and a pool viewing area to be high priorities – Figure 7.1).

Levels of support were lowest for a BMX track and squash courts, with around a quarter of respondents saying these were 'not needed' (Figure 7.1).

The establishment of a skate park elicited mixed views, though more than half of respondents (59%) considered this a high or medium priority (Figure 7.1). When viewed according to whether the household includes anyone under the age of 18, the proportion of 'high priority' responses to the skate park is 23% among households with no one under the age of 18 and 34% among those with under 18s (not shown in a figure).

The focus on the Leisure Centre for sports and other activities was reinforced in respondents' reported participation in sports, with swimming, gym and fitness classes being the most frequently cited activities (Figure 7.2).

Comments on the subject of sports covered a wide range of issues but the most frequently mentioned topics were suggested improvements to the Leisure Centre (e.g. better provision of classes, additional facilities, improvements to existing facilities) and there were concerns voiced over the safety of current parking provision at the Costock Road sports pavilion (Figure 7.3).

Figure 7.1: Extent to which the development of various sports facilities / activities should be a priority (question P)

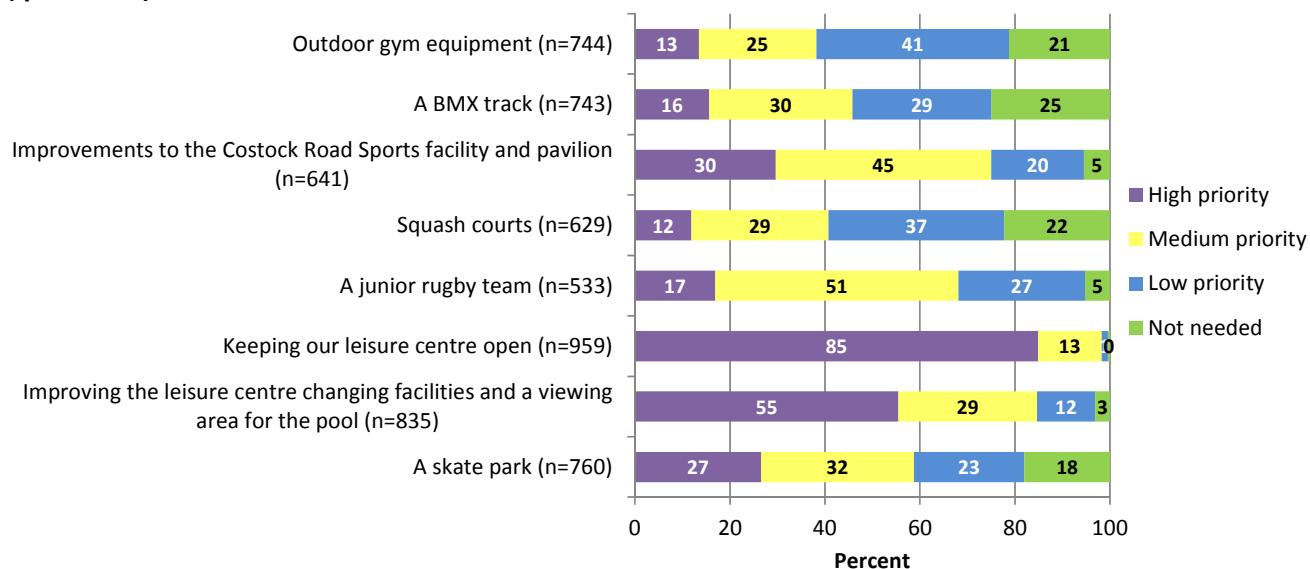


Figure 7.2: Sports clubs / societies / organisations within East Leake that adult respondents are members of (question Q)

Club / society	n	Club / society	n
None	415	Cricket	13
Swimming	110	Tennis	12
Gym	98	Climbing	10
Fitness Class	78	Rugby	9
Golf	61	Gymnastics	8
Bowls	39	Athletics	6
Football	23	Hockey	3
Cycling	20	Other	4

Figure 7.3: Summary of comments about sports

	n	%*
Improve the Leisure Centre (facilities, classes available, etc.)	16	17
Parking at Costock Road pavilion is dangerous	16	17
Skate park and/or BMX track needed	8	9
Leisure Centre is a good facility and must stay open	6	6
Facilities at Costock Road need improvement / developing	5	5
Outdoor fitness equipment or facilities needed (e.g. outdoor gym, a 'trim trail', etc.)	5	5
Better provision for cyclists (cycle paths, cycle clubs, etc.)	4	4
Children's play equipment and seating adjacent to play area needs improving	4	4
Publicise sports clubs and facilities more	4	4
Swimming pool should be more available for general swimming	4	4
Changing facilities at Leisure Centre unsuitable for disabled people, people with babies, etc.	3	3
Leisure Centre needs a cafe	3	3
Running track needed	3	3
Viewing area needed at swimming pool	3	3
Against a skate park (e.g. might attract youths from outside of EL, might worsen anti-social behaviour, etc.)	2	2
Squash courts needed	2	2
Swimming pool too cold (especially for babies and toddlers)	2	2
Costock Road sports facilities should be available to all - not just clubs	1	1
Crèche or child minding facilities needed so that parents can participate in sports	1	1
EL shouldn't have to provide all of these facilities, other places can do it better so we travel to them	1	1
Funding for sports activities should come from the users, not the council	1	1
Leisure Centre too expensive	1	1
Soft play centre for children needed	1	1

*Base for percentages is 94, the number of respondents who made a comment. Percentages do not total 100 because some respondents mentioned more than one issue.

8. Health and Social Care

This section reports respondents' views on social care and health services in East Leake.

Summary

Respondents reported relatively high levels of dissatisfaction with social care resources and information provision. In particular, resources for the disabled and older people were viewed negatively by 77% and 65% respectively (Figure 8.1).

Of the three aspects of health services evaluated, the pharmacy received the highest proportion of positive responses (97% agreed that the pharmacy meets their needs) while the range of services provided at the Health Centre attracted the highest proportion of negative responses – 22% disagreed that this met their needs (Figure 8.2).

When asked what additional health and social care services they would like to see in East Leake, a large proportion of respondents (41% of those who made a comment in response to this question) took the opportunity to complain that the existing Health Centre is, in their view, too small and in need of modernisation (Figure 8.3). There were also requests for specialist clinics and services such as physiotherapy, diabetes clinics, minor surgery, etc.

Respondents who experienced difficulties in travelling outside of East Leake for healthcare services were most likely to cite the distance and lack of transport as the reason for the difficulties (Figure 8.4). The most frequently visited locations for health services outside of East Leake were hospitals in Nottingham (Queen's Medical Centre and City Hospital) and Loughborough Hospital (Figure 8.5). Respondents indicated that they relied on a variety of means of getting to these locations but car and bus were the most frequently cited (Figure 8.6).

Comments on healthcare facilities and access to social care in East Leake largely reflected the issues raised in response to the earlier open question on additional health care services (shown in Figure 8.3). Once again the predominant concern was that the current Health Centre is seen to be unable to cope with the increasing population and is perceived to be in need of modernisation (half of those who made a comment mentioned this, followed by requests for shorter waits for appointments to see a GP – Figure 8.7).

Figure 8.1: Levels of agreement with statements about social care in East Leake (question R)

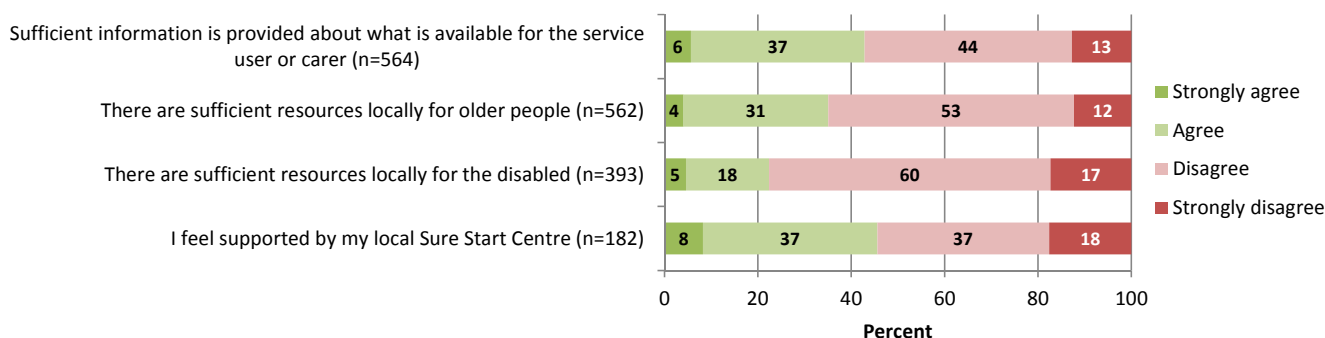


Figure 8.2: Levels of agreement with statements about health services in East Leake (question S)

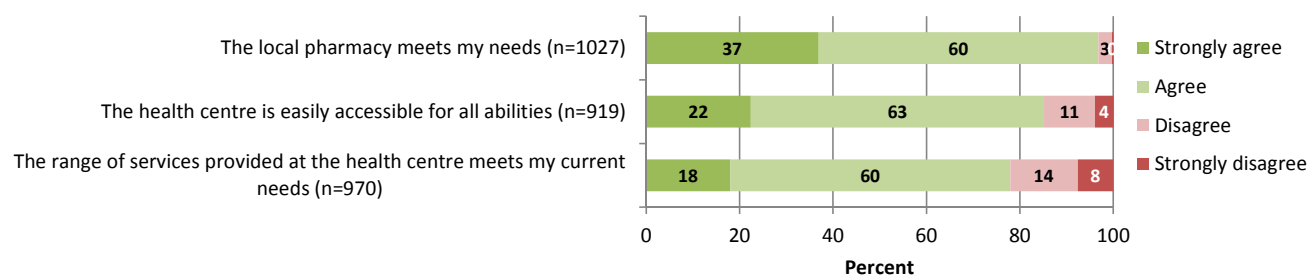


Figure 8.3: Summary of additional health and social care services respondents would like in East Leake

	n	%*
Larger and/or more modern health centre needed	52	41
More specialist clinics (e.g. a 'hand clinic', retinopathy, minor surgery)	13	10
Shorter waiting times for appointments with GPs	11	9
Longer opening hours at Health Centre (early mornings, late evenings, weekends)	8	6
Better access to the Health Centre (e.g. for disabled people or people with pushchairs)	7	5
Physiotherapy services needed	6	5
More GPs available at the Health Centre	5	4
Better / more caring GPs	4	3
Confusion over what Sure Start is for	4	3
More continuity of care (e.g. being able to see the same GP for on-going conditions)	4	3
Better antenatal and midwifery services	3	2
Better follow-up care after discharge from hospital	3	2
No longer registered at EL Health Centre due to poor services and facilities	3	2
Stop using 'sit and wait' time slots to see a GP (causes unnecessarily long waits)	3	2
Hearing aid clinic and repair service needed	2	2
Pharmacy should be open longer and/or stock wider range of products	2	2
Psychotherapy services	2	2
Better dental and orthodontic services	1	1
Better provision, support and health services for disabled people	1	1
Chiropractic services	1	1
Citizens' Advice / general advice services should be provided at the Health Centre	1	1
Diabetes services needed	1	1
Improve reception service at Health Centre	1	1
More baby groups needed	1	1
More self-help groups, increase emphasis on prevention	1	1
Podiatry services needed	1	1
Praise for Health Centre staff	1	1
Speech therapy service needed	1	1
Sure Start services have been cut - caused problems	1	1

*Base for percentages is 128, the number of respondents who made a comment. Percentages do not total 100 because some respondents mentioned more than one issue.

Figure 8.4: Reasons specified for finding it difficult to travel outside of East Leake for healthcare needs (question T)

	n
Distance	130
Lack of transport	121
Time of appointment	77
Mobility	54
Other	2

Figure 8.5: Locations outside of East Leake travelled to in order to access healthcare services (question T)

	n
Queen's Medical centre, Nottingham	108
City Hospital, Nottingham	61
Loughborough Hospital	45
Dentist outside of East Leake	8
Keyworth Health Centre	8
Hathern Health Centre	6
Leicester Hospital	5
Ropewalk, Nottingham (hearing centre)	5
Ruddington Health Centre	5
Clifton Cornerstone	4
Glenfield Hospital, Leicester	4
Gotham Health Centre	4
Lings Bar Hospital, Gamston	4
Loughborough Walk-In Centre	4
Sutton Bonington Centre	3
West Bridgford Health Centre	3
Gamston Health Centre	2
Kegworth Health Centre	2
Park Hospital	2
Derby Hospital	1
Mary Potter Centre, Hyson Green	1
Woodthorpe	1

Figure 8.6: Means of travelling to locations outside of East Leake to access healthcare services (question T)

	n
Car	137
Bus	66
Friend / family car	18
Park and Ride	17
Community Care	16
Medilink Bus	7
Taxi	4
Hospital transport	3

Figure 8.7: Summary of comments about health services and social care

	n	%*
Larger / more modern health centre needed	52	50
Shorter waiting times for appointments with GPs needed	16	15
Satisfied with healthcare provision in EL	9	9
More continuity of care (e.g. being able to see the same GP for on-going conditions)	7	7
Longer opening hours at Health Centre (early mornings, late evenings, weekends)	5	5
Better bus / public transport to hospitals needed	4	4
Generally dissatisfied with health care and health services in EL	4	4
No privacy at the Health Centre Reception	3	3
Health Centre should provide a newsletter / updates on services, staff, etc.	2	2
Lack of information about social care availability and support	2	2
More provision at Health Centre for common procedures, minor surgery, etc. needed	2	2
Sure Start should be more proactive and engaged with the community	2	2
Alternative medical practice on Main Street is excellent	1	1
Better access to the Health Centre (e.g. for disabled people or people with pushchairs)	1	1
General advice service needed	1	1
Health Centre should have a website with online appointment booking system	1	1
Health Centre should take samples for Loughborough Hospital as well as Nottingham hospitals	1	1
Lack of health care and support locally for terminally ill spouse	1	1
More opportunities to donate blood	1	1
No emergency health services available in the village - passed on the walk-in centres, etc.	1	1
No more room to extend Health Centre any further - may need to be rebuilt elsewhere	1	1
Should not have to travel to health centres in other villages for access to services	1	1

*Base for percentages is 105, the number of respondents who made a comment. Percentages do not total 100 because some respondents mentioned more than one issue.

9. Planning and Housing

Respondents' views on the type of new housing needed in East Leake and on a variety of aspects of housing development within the village are reported in this section.

Summary

On a scale of 1-4 where 1 corresponds to high levels of need and 4 to low levels, respondents rated the need for different types of housing in any future developments. Homes and apartments suitable for smaller families and single people attracted the highest proportion of 'high need' responses (41%), followed by bungalows (32%) and smaller 3-4 bedroomed houses including semi-detached (31% – Figure 9.1). The least popular option was *large executive houses with 4 or more bedrooms*, which was rated in the lowest need category by two-thirds of respondents. Sheltered accommodation elicited mixed responses, with respondents split half and half between the top two and bottom two need categories (Figure 9.1).

A substantial proportion of respondents objected to the further expansion of the village once the proposed 400 new homes have been built (61% strongly disagreed with this statement) and to any development on greenfield sites (59% strongly disagreed with this proposal). Approximately three-quarters of respondents agreed that the building of the 400 new homes should be phased in over the next 13 years and there was considerable support (87% agreed) for the notion of all housing being located within walking distance of the village centre and public transport (Figure 9.2).

A small minority (15%) supported the idea of new housing being built in large estates and 88% favoured developments within existing built areas of the village (Figure 9.2).

When asked where financial incentives that come as part of the new housing development should be allocated the most popular choice was *building a new health centre* (73% ranked this as a high priority), followed by *maintaining our local village environment (e.g. litter picking, keeping the brooks clean etc.)*, which 57% ranked as high priority (Figure 9.3). Respondents were less keen to see funds allocated to *building a large hall / entertainments venue* (68% rated this in the bottom two priority categories).

Refurbishing the playground facilities within East Leake and *extending our primary schools* elicited mixed responses, with respondents spread fairly evenly across the four priority categories (Figure 9.3). When viewed according to whether the household includes anyone under the age 18, it can be seen that respondents with under 18s in the household are understandably far more likely than those with no under 18s to rate these areas as high priority (Figure 9.4).

Those who specified 'other' areas in which the funding should be allocated made a variety of suggestions including the provision of a bank and ensuring current facilities are equipped to cope with the increased population (Figure 9.5).

In their comments on planning and housing, respondents tended to express concerns about and opposition to the proposed development of 400 new homes in the village, concerns focused on the existing infrastructure in the village and how it might cope with the increased population, and there were also worries about East Leake losing its village identity and becoming a town as a result of the new development (Figure 9.6).

Figure 9.1: Perceptions of housing need in East Leake (question U)

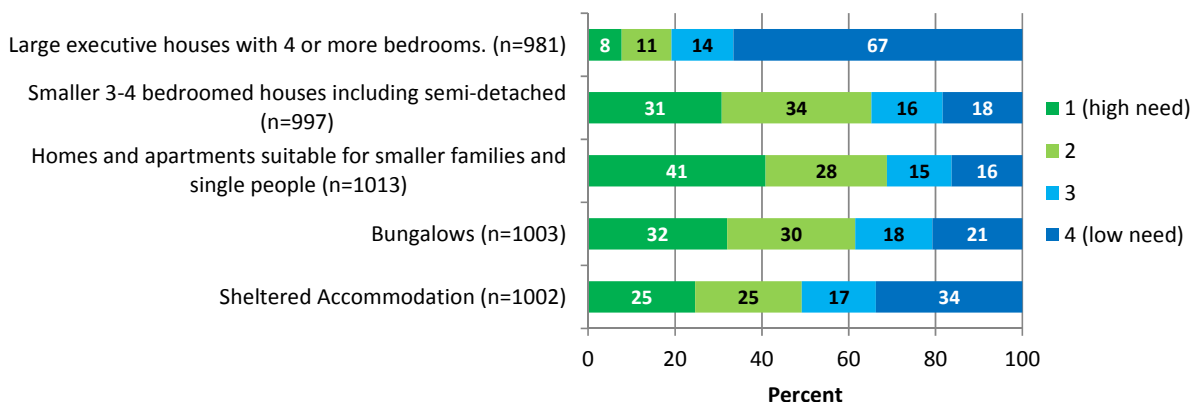


Figure 9.2: Levels of agreement with statements about housing development in East Leake (question V)

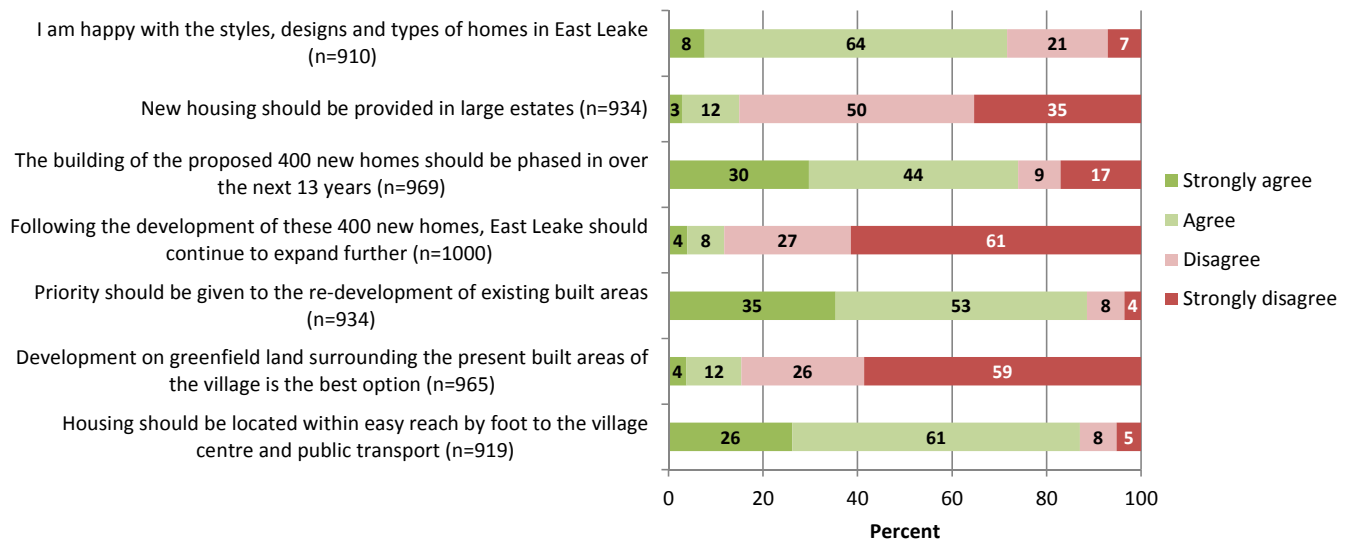


Figure 9.3: Respondents' priorities in allocating financial resources awarded as part of the new development in the village (question W)

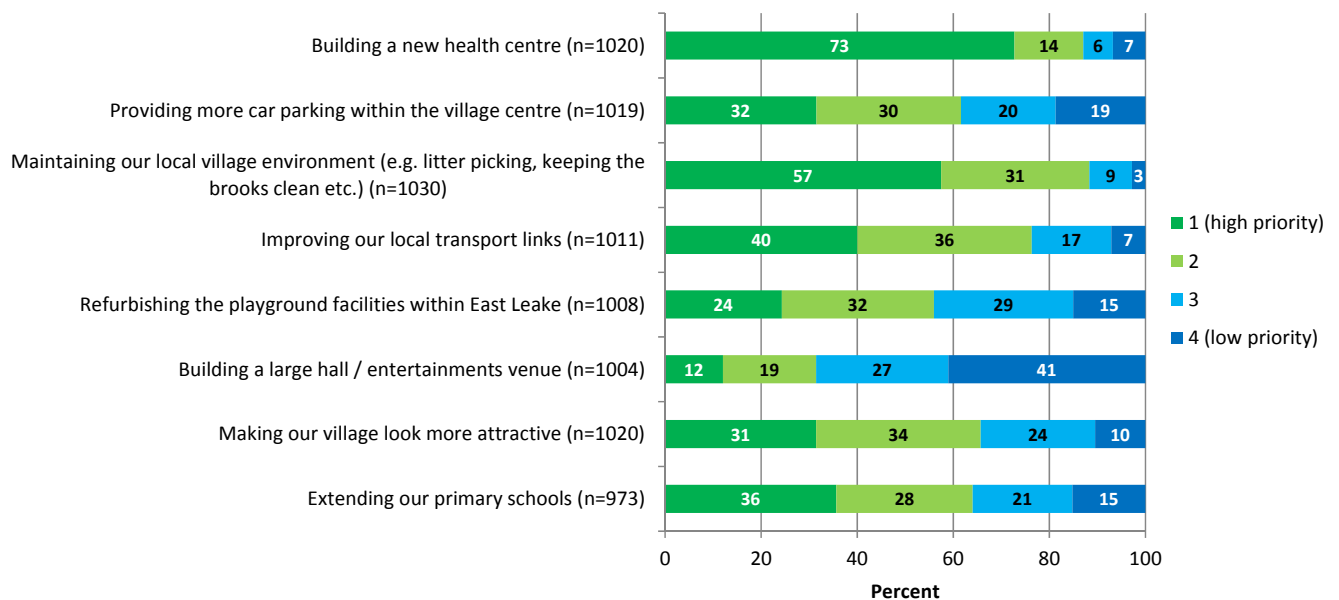


Figure 9.4: Percentage ranking refurbishing playground facilities and extending primary schools as a high priority (1) according to whether there are people aged under 18 in the household (question W)

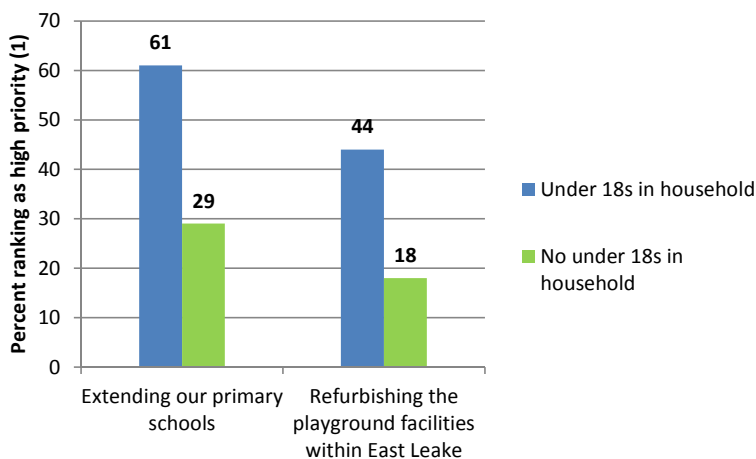


Figure 9.5: Other areas specified in which funds from the new development incentive could be allocated (question W)

	n
Bank	2
Ensuring existing facilities can cope with increased population	2
Improving and keeping the Leisure Centre open	2
Accommodation for older people	1
Building a new primary school	1
Ensuring there are enough secondary school places	1
Facilities for older children / teenagers	1
Improved bus services	1
Infrastructure (roads, drainage, etc.)	1
More food shops	1
Provide facilities that will benefit the whole community	1
Providing starter units for new businesses	1
Road safety	1

Figure 9.6: Summary of comments about planning and housing in East Leake

	n	%*
Facilities, services and amenities cannot cope with increased population	23	15
Affordable housing needed for young people and to enable those brought up in the village to stay there	20	13
Concerns about drainage and sewerage systems coping with new developments	17	11
General opposition to proposed new houses	17	11
Further development will turn EL into a town - prefer to remain as a village	16	10
Schools must expand to accommodate increasing population	13	8
Traffic flow and road safety must be addressed	9	6
Developers should consult with residents and contribute something to the community as a condition of the planning permission	8	5
Health Centre must be expanded and modernised to accommodate increased population	8	5
Ensure a good range of shops to encourage increased population to shop locally and support local businesses	7	5
Ensure there are green areas, playgrounds, etc. for children and families close to new developments	7	5
Do not develop on greenfield sites	6	4
Ensure new houses are of suitable characters and not crammed into small spaces	4	3
Existing housing stock is not selling so no need to build new houses	4	3
Build more retirement accommodation	3	2
Build elsewhere in the village, not on proposed site	2	1
Improve existing housing rather than building new properties	2	1
Must ensure facilities, services and amenities can cope with the age profile of the increased population	2	1
Oppose any relaxation of planning laws	1	1
Provide facilities and activities for younger people (e.g. youth club, skate park, etc.)	1	1

*Base for percentages is 154, the number of respondents who made a comment. Percentages do not total 100 because some respondents mentioned more than one issue.

10. Parting Thoughts

At the end of the survey respondents were offered the opportunity to describe what they thought were the best things about living in East Leake, anything they dislike about living in East Leake and to share their views on a future vision for the village. This section summarises the issues raised under each of these questions.

Summary

More than a quarter of those who made a comment on the best thing about living in East Leake mentioned the rural setting and easy access to open countryside. Just over one in five described the friendliness of residents as a positive aspect and a similar proportion praised the village atmosphere and the perception that it has managed to retain this and not become a town (Figure 10.1).

Those who mentioned transport links referred primarily to the ease of access to major roads and motorways and the proximity of train stations and the East Midlands Airport, while a smaller number praised the bus services (Figure 10.1).

What is perhaps less clear from Figure 10.1 is that a high proportion of those who commented felt that living in the village gave them 'the best of both worlds' – for example, close proximity to major towns and cities while also having open countryside on the doorstep, or retaining a village 'feel' while still providing a good range of facilities, amenities and services. So it is apparent from the comments that what many residents like about the village is its ability to meet a range of needs without having to compromise on any aspect of their day to day living.

When asked to comment on anything they do not like about living in East Leake, respondents raised a wide range of issues (Figure 10.2). The most frequently recurring complaint was of noise from aircraft using East Midlands Airport (especially at night) followed by concerns over the proposed building of new homes in the village. Around one in ten complained about the bus services between East Leake and surrounding areas, with evening services being a particular cause of discontent. 8% of those who made a comment described dissatisfaction with the appearance of the village both in terms of the state of repair of some buildings and the maintenance of greenery, which was described by many as inconsistent with some areas of the village enjoying high standards of upkeep and others being rather more neglected. Linked to this were comments on dog fouling (and anger at the apparent lack of enforcement of fines for owners who do not clean up after their pets) and complaints about litter.

Nearly a quarter of those who answered the question on their 'dislikes' about living in East Leake mentioned anti-social behaviour and most of these levelled their concerns at teenagers allegedly congregating in specific areas of the village and causing a nuisance through noise levels, vandalism and the use of mopeds. Speeding traffic was also a relatively prevalent concern, as was parking in the village.

While many had used the previous question to respond positively about the 'village' atmosphere in East Leake, around one in five who described their dislikes expressed concern that recent and proposed expansion could lead to it becoming a town rather than a village and 18% said the village had become too big already. Respondents' comments reflected the concerns over how the current facilities and infrastructure can cope with any further expansion, with many commenting on this in a general sense and others singling out specific areas which are already stretched such as the Health Centre, the alleged over-crowding in the primary schools and the levels of traffic that any expansion is likely to bring with it.

The range of shops within the village was criticised and the lack of a bank, petrol station and greengrocer was also a cause for complaint (though note that since the survey was administered a greengrocer has opened in the village). Around one in ten respondents expressed the view that the Co-operative food store is inadequate for the village and would benefit from some competition. Respondents also complained that the village pubs were not welcoming and sociable places where families can go and that extended opening hours seemed to be at the root of some anti-social behaviour issues at weekends.

The final question in the main body of the survey asked respondents to provide any further comments on the future vision for East Leake. As Figure 10.3 shows, most respondents reiterated concerns raised elsewhere in the survey (primarily relating to the proposed development of new houses in the village) and by far the most frequently raised issue was a concern over retaining East Leake's village status.

Figure 10.1: Summary of comments on the best thing about living in East Leake

	n	%*
Access to countryside / rural setting	107	28
Friendly people	82	22
Village 'feel' - not a town	74	19
Facilities / services / amenities (convenience, quality, range)	67	18
Proximity to major towns and cities	67	18
Community spirit	52	14
Transport links	47	12
Shops (convenience, range)	28	7
Low crime rate / safe place to live	18	5
Quiet	15	4
Schools (quality, proximity)	14	4
Appearance and cleanliness of the village	12	3
Size of the village	12	3
Leisure Centre	7	2
Healthcare services	6	2
Everything	5	1
Parish council / residents being involved in 'running' the village	5	1
Nothing	4	1
Religious provision / activities	2	1

*Base for percentages is 380, the number of respondents who made a comment. Percentages do not total 100 because some respondents mentioned more than one issue.

Figure 10.2: Summary of comments on things respondents do not like about living in East Leake

	n	%*
Aircraft noise	56	17
Too much development / building new houses	44	13
Public transport (especially evening bus services)	35	11
Appearance of buildings / general maintenance of green areas in village	27	8
Anti-social behaviour	24	7
Speeding traffic	23	7
Becoming or has become a town rather than a village	21	6
Parking (inconsiderate parking, lack of parking spaces)	21	6
Too big	18	6
Range of shops poor	15	5
Dog fouling	14	4
Pubs / restaurants (lack of family dining, nowhere welcoming and sociable)	14	4
Street lights going off at night - unsafe / residents feel vulnerable	14	4
No bank	13	4
Facilities / infrastructure struggling to cope with village expansion	12	4
Health Centre (too small, too long to wait for appointments, needs modernising)	12	4
No / insufficient visible police presence	12	4
Co-op (no competition, poorly stocked, inadequate range of produce)	11	3
Too much traffic	11	3
Lack of community spirit	10	3
Litter	9	3
Roads or pavements need resurfacing	7	2
Insufficient pedestrian crossings	6	2
Nothing	6	2
Schools (especially over-crowding and problems getting a place at primaries)	6	2
Has become a commuter / 'dormitory' town	5	2
Public toilets dirty / unpleasant	5	2
Too much social housing	5	2
Crime rates (increasing or too high)	4	1
Lack of facilities or activities for young people	4	1
Library (restricted opening hours, limited facilities)	4	1
No suitable housing for people brought up in the village to stay on	4	1
Parish Council not proactive enough	4	1
Perception that Borough and County councils see EL as lower priority than other villages / towns	4	1
Residents complaining about EL too much	4	1
Use of disabled parking spaces by non-disabled drivers	4	1
No greengrocer	3	1
The British Gypsum works (noise levels, unattractive)	3	1
Horses using roads / horse fouling	2	1
Isolated / lonely - particularly for non-drivers	2	1
No petrol station	2	1
No village green or central meeting area	2	1
Unfriendly people	2	1
Accessing shops with pushchairs or wheelchairs	1	0
Cold callers (door to door)	1	0
Lack of employment opportunities within the village	1	0
Planning permission being granted for buildings out of keeping with the village	1	0
The people	1	0

*Base for percentages is 326, the number of respondents who made a comment. Percentages do not total 100 because some respondents mentioned more than one issue.

Figure 10.3: Summary of views on the future vision for East Leake

	n	%
Should remain a village, not a town	58	30
Don't keep expanding the village	22	12
Current facilities and services already stretched - need to improve to accommodate new housing	12	6
Improve facilities and activities for children and young people	11	6
Consult with residents over future of EL and act upon their views	10	5
Try to retain community spirit and friendly atmosphere even with expansion	10	5
Greater range of shops needed	9	5
Better restaurants and pubs	7	4
Infrastructure (drains, roads, etc.) can't cope with expansion - improve this before building new homes	7	4
Revamp the village centre, especially appearance of shopping area	6	3
Must accept new developments and use it as an opportunity to improve EL	4	2
New homes should cater for young families and single people wanting to get on property ladder	4	2
Parish Council to provide strong leadership and proactive approach with regard to the future of the village	4	2
Promote the village more - e.g. publish book of walks, include a 'village diary' in the EL Times, etc.	4	2
Another supermarket needed	3	2
Fight for more resources from Borough Council and the developers	3	2
Health Centre must be improved / modernised to cope with expansion	3	2
Make the best of the natural environment in and around the village	3	2
More employment for local people / more industrial units for local businesses	3	2
Allocate new developments to other towns and villages, not EL	2	1
Improve existing housing stock rather than building new homes	2	1
Suggested locations for new builds	2	1
Vision for EL needs to be clearer and better communicated to residents	2	1
Divert traffic away from village centre	1	0.5
Improve or maintain footpath network	1	0.5
Improve parking provision and enforce parking restrictions	1	0.5
Keep streetlights on all night	1	0.5
More pedestrian crossings	1	0.5
More policing	1	0.5
Should not be building new housing on unsuitable land (flood plains, on old mining works)	1	0.5
New primary school needed	1	0.5
No more large executive houses in EL	1	0.5
Phase in the building of new homes over a number of years	1	0.5
Retirement complex or village required	1	0.5

*Base for percentages is 191, the number of respondents who made a comment. Percentages do not total 100 because some respondents mentioned more than one issue.

11. Young People

A section of the questionnaire asked for any young people (under 18 years of age) to share their views on a variety of aspects of living in East Leake. Their responses are reported below.

Summary

In total 194 people completed the Young People's section of the survey and these represented a broad range of age groups up to age 18 (Figure 11.1). The majority of respondents (82%) were currently attending a nursery, pre-school, school or college within East Leake (Figure 11.2).

Swimming, cycling and football were the most frequently cited sports in which respondents participate (Figure 11.3). Those who said they travel outside of East Leake to participate in sports cited a variety of reasons for this but the most frequently given reason was that the activity or facilities were not available in the village (Figure 11.5).

A minority of respondents were members of the various clubs, societies and organisations listed and dance was the most popular (11% of respondents said they participated in this – Figure 11.6). Once again, the most frequently cited reason for travelling outside of East Leake for these activities was that the particular group or activity is not on offer in the village (Figure 11.8).

The most popular suggested improvements or additions to East Leake's facilities and activities were improvements to the playground equipment and pubs offering family-friendly dining (Figure 11.9).

The 69 respondents who stated what they thought were the best things about living in East Leake mentioned a range of topics with the Leisure Centre and the surrounding countryside emerging as particularly positive aspects of the village (Figure 11.11). Those who described anything they did not like about East Leake were predominantly concerned with the lack of things for young people to do, particularly in the evenings (Figure 11.12).

Just 33 young people described their views on the future vision for East Leake and again, their responses covered a variety of topics, but the most frequently recurring issue was that of keeping the village as a village in a rural setting and not becoming a town (Figure 11.13).

Figure 11.1: Age range of those who completed the Young Person's section of the survey (question X1)

	n	%
Under 5 years	39	20
5-9 years	68	35
10-12 years	37	19
13-14 years	21	11
15-17 years	29	15
Total	194	100

Figure 11.2: Attendance at East Leake nursery / pre-school / school / college for those who completed the Young Person's section (question X2)

	n	%
Yes, attend an educational setting in EL	160	82
No, do not attend an educational setting in EL	30	15
No longer at school or college	4	2
Total	194	100

Figure 11.3: Sports in which respondents participate outside of nursery / school / college (question X3)

	n	%*
Swimming	105	54
Cycling	46	24
Football	37	19
None	35	18
Gymnastics	33	17
Bantams Football	28	14
Tennis	17	9
Gym	14	7
Golf	11	6
Cricket	10	5
Skateboarding	7	4
Hockey	6	3
Climbing	5	3
Fitness Class	5	3
Netball	5	3
Athletics	3	2
Rugby	2	1
Basketball	1	1

*Base for percentages is 194, the total number who completed the Young Person's section of the survey

Figure 11.4: 'Other' sports in which respondents participate outside of nursery / school / college (question X3)

	n
Dance	5
Badminton	3
Horse riding	3
Karate	3
Trampolining	3
Stunt scootering	2
Ballet	1
Snooker	1
Squash	1
Taekwondo	1
Tap dancing	1
Triathlon	1
Walking	1

Figure 11.5: Reasons specified for travelling outside of East Leake to participate in sports (question X3)

	n
Activity or facility not available in EL	16
Timings of sessions / activities more convenient elsewhere	8
Better facilities outside of EL	5
More advanced level of activity / sport offered elsewhere	4
Swimming pool too cold in EL	4
Because the activity involves travelling (e.g. road cycling, triathlons, away matches, etc.)	3
Friends participate in activities / use facilities outside of EL and want to be with them	2
Swimming pool elsewhere has a viewing area	2
Family gym membership held elsewhere	2
Cheaper outside of EL	1
Heard bad reviews of EL clubs, activities or facilities	1
No facilities for the disabled in EL (horse riding)	1

Figure 11.6: Membership of clubs, societies or organisations outside of school (question X4)

	n	%*
None	83	43
Dance	22	11
Guides	17	9
Brownies	14	7
Drama	12	6
Rainbows	8	4
Beavers	7	4
Cubs	6	3
Charity work	3	2
Rangers	3	2
Scouts	3	2
Ventures	2	1

*Base for percentages is 194, the total number who completed the Young Person's section of the survey

Figure 11.7: Membership of clubs, societies or organisations outside of school – others specified (question X4)

	n
Kingston Vale gymnastics	5
Air cadets	2
All Stars at St Mary's Church	1
Army cadets	1
Baptist Church youth club	1
East Leake & Clifton Shotokan Karate Club	1
French	1
Glee Club (singing)	1
Grantham Town FC	1
Musical instruments (piano, violin, recorder)	1
Trampolining	1

Figure 11.8: Reasons specified for travelling outside of East Leake to participate in clubs, societies or organisations (question X4)

	n
Activity / group / society not available in EL	4
Timings of sessions / activities more convenient elsewhere	1
More advanced level of activity offered elsewhere	1
Friends participate in clubs / societies outside of EL and want to be with them	1
Cheaper outside of EL	1
No group for disabled children in EL (Scouts)	1
Could not get a place in the EL Beavers group	1

Figure 11.9: Facilities and activities respondents would like to see in East Leake (question X5)

	n	%*
Improved playground equipment	115	59
Pubs with family-friendly dining	93	48
More concerts, theatre and films within the village	83	43
Improvements to the library and the opening hours extended	83	43
More social clubs and activities	81	42
A viewing area over the pool at the Leisure Centre	78	40
Better changing facilities at the Leisure Centre	70	36
A skate park	70	36
A BMX track	65	34
A teen / cyber café	65	34
A news Scouts / Guides (etc.) hut	49	25
Outdoor gym equipment	47	24
Improved facilities at Costock Road Sports Ground	45	23
More artwork and sculptures on display	35	18
Better public meeting spaces (e.g. a bigger village hall)	35	18
A youth council	33	17
A junior rugby team	23	12
Squash courts	22	11

*Base for percentages is 194, the total number who completed the Young Person's section of the survey

Figure 11.10: Facilities and activities respondents would like to see in East Leake – others specified (question X5)

	n
Arts and crafts clubs for children	3
Improved playground equipment	3
Improved public toilets	3
Better cycle routes / facilities	2
More / improved seating in the park	2
Skate park	2
A tree house in the park	1
Assault course / climbing net in the park	1
Better clubs and facilities for disabled children	1
Pubs that allow 16+ in to drink soft drinks without an adult	1
Relocate Scout / Guides hut to centre of village	1
Soft play centre	1
Teen cyber café	1
Wider variety of shops	1

Figure 11.11: Summary of young people's comments on the best thing about living in East Leake

	n	%*
Leisure Centre / swimming pool	12	17
Countryside / natural environment / wildlife	11	16
School	11	16
Parks	10	14
Friends	9	13
Clubs, sports and other activities	7	10
Everything is nearby	7	10
Friendly atmosphere	5	7
Safe environment	5	7
Quiet place to live	4	6
Shops	4	6
Library	3	4
Living in a village	3	4
Playground	3	4
Cafes	2	3
Everything	2	3
Nursery / playgroup / pre-school	2	3
Carnival	1	1
Family live nearby	1	1
Fox Hill	1	1
Good place for families to live	1	1
Health Centre	1	1
Meadow Park	1	1
Nothing	1	1
The potential skate park	1	1

*Base for percentages is 69, the number of respondents who made a comment. Percentages do not total 100 because some respondents mentioned more than one issue.

Figure 11.12: Summary of comments on things young people do not like about living in East Leake

	n	%*
Nothing for young people to do in EL	10	16
Unsafe roads, too much traffic, lack of pedestrian crossings	7	11
Anti-social behaviour (e.g. gangs of teenagers in playground)	6	10
Playground is poorly equipped	6	10
Poor public transport to and from the village (e.g. fares too expensive, timetable not convenient)	6	10
Public toilets	5	8
Dog fouling	4	6
Litter	4	6
Cycling being banned in Meadow Park / lack of cycle routes / nowhere safe to cycle	3	5
Lack of policing	2	3
Library needs improvement (e.g. longer opening hours, drinks machine, toilet, etc.)	2	3
No skate park	2	3
Nowhere to eat out as a family	2	3
Plans to build more houses	2	3
School	2	3
Speeding vehicles	2	3
The people / lack of community spirit	2	3
Would like more shops, wider range of shops	2	3
Aircraft noise	1	2
Cars parked inconsiderately	1	2
Everything	1	2
Not enough recycling facilities / collections	1	2
Nothing	1	2
Over-crowded classes at school	1	2
Pavements too narrow	1	2
Street lights being turned off at midnight	1	2

*Base for percentages is 63, the number of respondents who made a comment. Percentages do not total 100 because some respondents mentioned more than one issue.

Figure 11.13: Summary young people’s views on the future vision for East Leake

	n	%*
Keep EL a village and preserve its rural character	6	18
Improve the playground	4	12
Wider range of shops in the village	4	12
Activities and facilities needed for teenagers (e.g. youth club, cyber café, etc.)	3	9
Don't build any more houses	3	9
Better outdoor equipment and activities for children and teenagers	2	6
Improve facilities, amenities, services in the village	2	6
More pedestrian crossings	2	6
Provide a skate park and/or BMX track	2	6
Tackle issue of speeding traffic in the village	2	6
Bank needed	1	3
Benches and/or shelters in the park	1	3
Ensure any future developments are sustainable	1	3
Ensure primary schools are not over-crowded	1	3
Have a village logo or badge	1	3
Improve clubs, societies and activities for children	1	3
Keep street lights on all night	1	3
More bridleways	1	3
More visible police presence	1	3
Sort out dog fouling problem	1	3
Support the Scouts and Guides groups more	1	3

*Base for percentages is 33, the number of respondents who made a comment. Percentages do not total 100 because some respondents mentioned more than one issue.

Appendix 1: Response Profile

This appendix provides details on the background characteristics of respondents.

Figure A1.1: Age groups represented in respondents' households

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Under 18 yrs	206
18-24yrs	85
25-34 yrs	96
35-44 yrs	193
45-54 yrs	228
55-64 yrs	236
65-74 yrs	295
75 yrs and over	197

Figure A1.2: Employment statuses represented in respondents' households

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Working full-time (30 hours or more per week)	472
Working part-time (less than 30 hours per week)	208
Carer (unpaid care for another adult)	33
Homemaker / childcare provider	79
Voluntary work	42
Studying (full / part-time)	60
Retired	482
Job seeking	20
On a training or re-training course	2