**MURTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**Questionnaire Analysis 1B:**

**Households along the southern edge of the Parish**

**Introduction**

As explained in the Questionnaire 1A report, there are two main settlements in the Parish, the village and the southern edge of the Parish (Hull Road, Cavendish Grove, Tranby Avenue, Redbarn Drive, Meam Close and Moins Court). The village has 139 dwellings and second settlement has 119.

Having received only three returns to the initial questionnaire from the southern settlement, we decided on a new strategy to encourage better responses from this part of the Parish.

Using the questionnaire, we conducted face to face discussion with households. This was done on two consecutive Saturdays in June 2016, dividing the area into the estate (Redbarn Drive, Meam Close and Moins Court) and the remaining households in Cavendish Grove, Tranby Avenue and along the Hull Road. This direct approach was much more successful and we obtained answers from 49 households, 39%.

The questions asked were the same as for Questionnaire 1A – ‘name three things that make living in the Parish attractive to you’ and ‘name three things that you find disappointing for you in the Parish and which you think can be improved’

The range of responses reflected the different populations in the southern periphery - the age profile differs from that in the village, and there is high proportion of rented accommodation - and we obtained a different profile of answers from those in the new estate (Redbarn Drive, Meam Close and Moins Court) to those living in older houses (Hull Road, Cavendish Grove and Tranby Avenue). However, as the summary below shows, common themes clearly emerged.

1. **An overview of the answers from households in Redbarn Drive, Meam Close and Moins Court (28 replies)**

The overwhelming impression given was that there was considerable satisfaction about living in this area.

**a) Positive things about living in the Parish**

18 considered commented that it was **quiet and/or clean**. And the words **‘friendly’** and **‘no trouble’** were used. The third most common positive thing was **location**, but for a variety of reasons - the proximity of the city, the closeness to a sports centre, a good school, a good bus service (but see ‘Disappointing Things’ below) local amenities (a garage, shops). Also mentioned was the attractive way the estate had been set out with **green spaces**.

**b) Disappointing things about living in the Parish**

Of the comparatively few disappointments, the most frequently stated one was about **noise from the adjacent ‘B and Q’ store** and the fear that if Sainsburys take over the tenancy of the store, this problem may be exacerbated.

Two respondents were deeply troubled by **inconsiderate nearby neighbours** (who were students). A few cited **lack of social life** due to the large number of transient students. **Fast traffic** was a concern (along the Hull Road and the Osbaldwick Link Road which connects the estate to the Hull Road and thus York). The **bus service** generated as many complaints as positive comments. This may be a function of age and mobility.

1. **An overview of the answers from households in** **Hull Road, Cavendish Grove, Tranby Avenue (21 replies)**

As in the estate, the overwhelming impression was of considerable satisfaction about living in this area.

**a) Positive things about living in the Parish**

The **nearby facilities** delivered the overriding positive impact; these included good schools and good shops. **Good access to and the proximity of the city** was also frequently mentioned. The **bus service** is well regarded.

Although less so than on the estate, the neighbourhood is regarded as **‘quiet’** and enjoying **‘a quiet family atmosphere’**, and with **large gardens and traditional housing** there was ‘not much trouble’.

**b) Disappointing things about living in the Parish**

The considerable number of **short tenancies** were cited as a nuisance (too many HMOs, proliferation of letting boards, too many students, parking in the street). The **nearby businesses** were also criticised (B and Q noisy for the noisy night-time fork lift trucks and the garage for opening early).

Due to their location, **traffic** affected the householders more than it did those living on the estate. Complaints included speeding buses, HGVs and well cars along the Hull Road, cyclists on paths, cars using the street for U turns, and street parking.