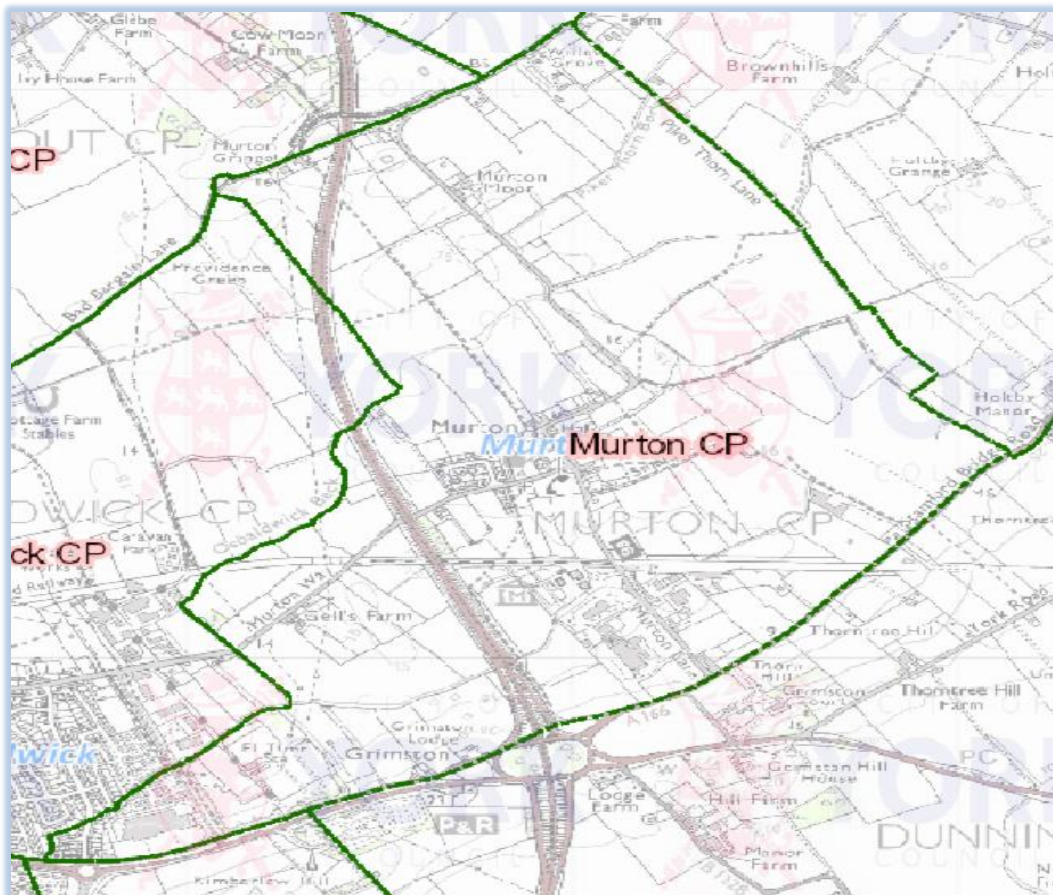


MURTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE MAY-JUNE 2017

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FOR THE VILLAGE AND ADJACENT HOUSEHOLDS

Introduction

Questionnaire 2, which was restricted to the village and immediate households, was distributed in the first week of May 2017 and was collected between May 14th and 25th. The questionnaire was constructed on the results obtained from the first questionnaire which was completed in early part of 2016.

This report gives data without comment or interpretation. It will be used as evidence in the Neighbourhood Plan.

There were 47 questions, 36 were Lickert-type (tick one of 4 answers, 2 were positive, strongly or fairly strongly agree) and 2 negative (strongly or less strongly disagree)) and 11 were free response in which respondents were unrestricted in their replies and were able to express comments in their own words .

Response rate

The overall response rate varied from one part of the village to another but overall it was 83% (Table 1).

MURTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

Some data from questionnaire 2

1. Satisfaction in living in the parish

'Murton is a very special little pocket of peace and tranquillity and it needs protecting at all levels to remain special and unspoilt in order to protect its individuality'. (Respondent 88)

This statement reflects the data obtained with 92% of those answering the question about living in the Parish being either very satisfied (39%) or satisfied (53%).

There were three complaints about neighbours but only one wished that they would just simply go away!

2. Housing

36% of those answering (31% in the village itself) would be happy to see some more housing. This must mean a limited number as a very high proportion of replies wanted to prevent coalescence (section 3) and thus to keep the Green Belt as it is.

Of the 37 households which support more houses being built, 14 would like to see starter/affordable housing. 24 want to see 2/3 bedroom houses, and 14 4/5 bedroom houses being built. There were fewer advocates for retirement/sheltered housing (6) and social housing (2). Note that many of those who wanted more housing suggested more than one type.

Of these 37 households, 11 (10% of those responding to the questionnaire) would like to actually buy or rent such housing (3, starter/ approachable; 7, 2/3 bedroom; 5, 4/5 bedroom).

3. Coalescence

'Murton Parish is a wonderful place to live but its Green Belt needs to be protected from encroaching development which would destroy its rural character'. (Respondent 37)

Indeed, 96% and 94% of those answering the question on coalescence, do not want any erosion of the gap with the industrial estate on Murton Lane or with the village of Osbaldwick, respectively.

4. Broadband and mobile phones

46% answering the questions were either fairly or very dissatisfied with the broadband service, 25% being very dissatisfied. 28% were dissatisfied with mobile phone service, 10% being very dissatisfied.

5. Communications with Parish Council

19% read about the work of the Parish Council frequently on the notice board but 29% never do so. The comparable figures of those who read or do not read about its work on the website are 4% and 63%. Some noted that they did not know of the existence of the website.

6. Anti-social behaviour

There were several questions that allowed respondents to rate various aspects of anti-social behaviour in the Parish (Table 2). While there is considerable anxiety about burglaries and car crime, it is dog fouling, litter and particularly fly tipping that are of greater concern. There was a plea for more dog waste bins.

There were 21 free response replies to the question asking for other concerns. Individuals mentioned serious crimes (for example drug dealing and thieving) and 7 identified incidents of vandalism (Murton Way)

7. Traffic

Traffic in the village and along Murton Way is of great concern (Table 3), so much so there is support for chicanes and to a lesser extent for rumble sticks.

Of the free response questions in the questionnaire, the two on traffic attracted the most, a total of 55 (51%) on speed and 38 (36%) on other issues. In the free response question on speed, 23 suggested restraint through more police monitoring during peak periods, speed traps, flashing lights, mobile cameras (19, 18%).

Further, in this free response question on controlling traffic speed, there were some impassioned appeals against bumps (for example, damage to the car, noise pollution, ineffective, cause aggravation) and chicanes (for example, danger in fog, cause delays, impede flow of traffic). There was some special pleading, wanting chicanes and bumps but not near our house!

To a slightly less extent, concern is expressed (Table 3) about the other issues included in the questionnaire, large vehicles using the narrow roads and parking in the street and on grass verges.

In the free response question on 'other traffic issues' (38 replies, 36%), by far the most comments (13) were concerned about the village being on a 'rat run' and the apparent relentless increase in the volume of traffic through the village. HGVs and skips were specifically mentioned.

Parking is the second most important issue with pleas that driveways, when available, should be used rather than the road, parking on grass verges should be discouraged and there were complaints that the road outside their house was used on a daily basis by car sharers. There were suggestions that the Parish Council should try to promote a 'good parking code'. Another complaint was 2-4 cyclists riding abreast in the roads providing a danger, to themselves as well as to other road users.

A respondent advocates the reinstatement of passing places along the Moor Lane:

'Widening of the roads without adequate road base and sub-base is not appropriate, so passing places should be provided. This would reduce expenditure on road maintenance, damage to vehicles caused by potholes. [In turn, this would] slow traffic and [make] lanes safer for all users and discourage [their] use as short cuts/rat runs'. (Respondent 6)

8. Buses

Few use the buses even once a week (13%), with none claiming to use it daily. If the service was more frequent, the likelihood of someone using the service once a week or more rises to 43% and 5% would consider using it every day. The impression given is that more buses would be welcome; this is not an issue for most of community that causes great concern.

9. Footpaths and Rights of Way

77% were happy with the existing footpaths. In the free response question on footpaths, 16 of the 25 replies pleaded for one connecting the village with the industrial estate (Murton Lane).

Less than half (48%) knew of the existence of the Rights of Way. However, the free response question drew many replies (35, 33%). 13 residents use the Rights of Way daily or frequently, 2 weekly and 14 use them but less frequently. There were some (3) comments on their inaccessibility and being overgrown.

There was a suggestion that a circular route for joggers, cyclists and equestrians should be promoted to help them enjoy the village without having to use the dangerous lanes.

10. School travel

There are 13 and 3 households with schoolchildren at nearby primary and secondary schools, respectively (12% and 3%). There was not an obvious concern about travelling to school.

11. Energy conservation

17 (16%) answered the free response question on energy conservation, all in favour of encouraging it in the village. 10 advocated solar panels on houses, one proposed using ground-mounted panels. 5 suggested using small wind turbines. However, many were concerned that any form of conservation should not lead to any visual or noise impact and that the turbines should be located in discreet areas of the parish with examples given.

12. Allotments

18 households (17%) would welcome the chance to have an allotment. There were 8 answers to the free response question suggesting areas for them in, or close to, the village. One pointed out that there must be a supply of water. One enthusiast did not want theirs on their own doorstep!

13. Other concerns

There were 20 replies to this, the final free response question. Many reiterated points covered in earlier answers (for example, traffic speed and parking) and the only notable number (5) were concerned about the use of land without planning permission.

There were also pleas for the use of LED for the street lights.

We would welcome comments on this report. Please send them *either* by email to

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**or by mail to Cllr Richard Clancey, Red House, Moor Lane, Murton,
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Table 1 MURTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE 2

The number of questionnaires completed and collected

Area	Number of houses	Number of questionnaires completed and collected	%
Blue Coat	5	5	100.0
Murton Way	23	21	91.3
Murton Garth	43	30	69.8
Main Street/Murton Lane	33	29	87.9
Smary Lane	7	7	100.0
Moor Lane	14	12	85.7
Sandy Lane/Moor Lane	4	3	100.0
Total	129	107	83.0

Table 2 MURTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE 2

Some data on anti-social behaviour

1=Very concerned; 2=Concerned; 3=Somewhat unconcerned; 4=Not concerned

(% of total questionnaires)

	1	2	3	4	1+2
Burglaries	20	47	16	15	67
Car crime	20	37	21	17	57
Dog fouling	40	34	14	8	74
Fly tipping	73	17	7	3	90
Litter	53	28	13	5	81

Table 3 MURTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE 2
Some data on traffic

1=Very concerned; 2=Concerned; 3=Somewhat unconcerned; 4=Not concerned

(in % of total questionnaires)

	1	2	3	4	1+2
Speeding along Murton Way	66	29	5		95
Speeding in the village	70	25	5		95
Large vehicles coming through parish 52	25	14	5		77
Parking in the street	36	39	20	4	75
Parking on grass verges	25	35	24	11	60

	YES	NO
Agree to chicanes	53	42
Agree to rumble sticks	43	45