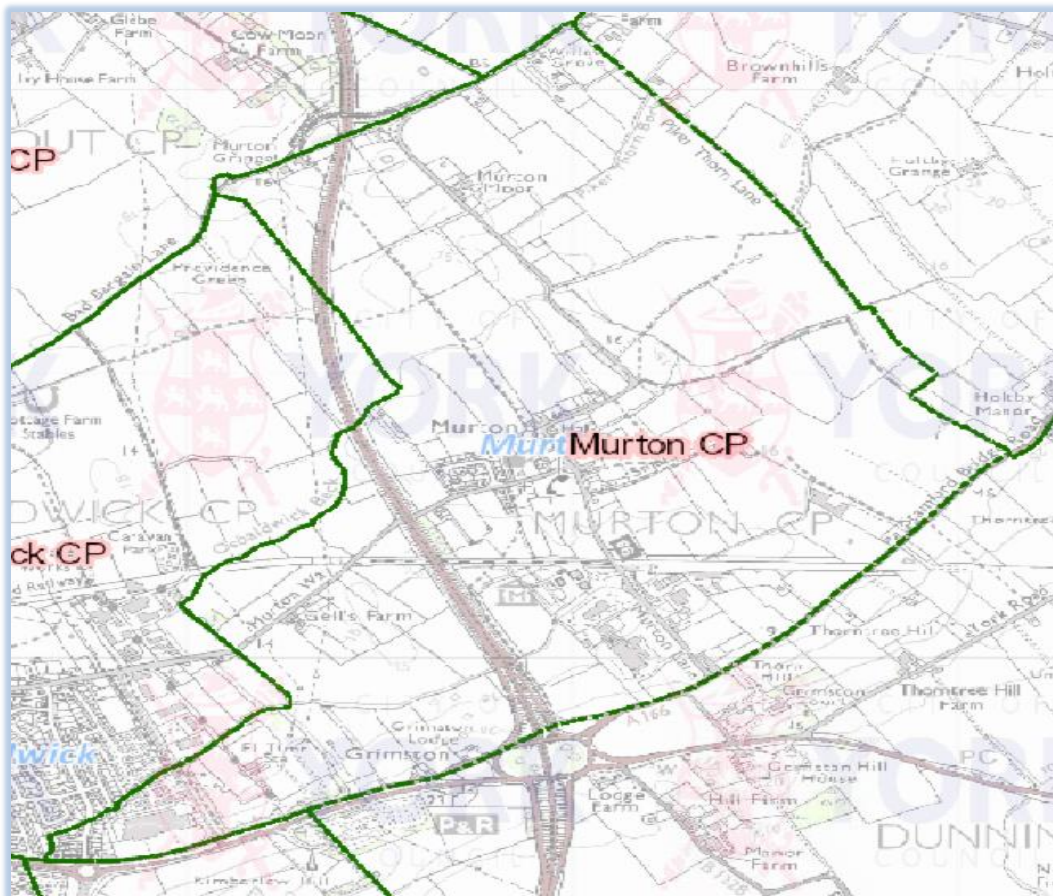


**MURTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
QUESTIONNAIRE 2B  
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**FOR THE SOUTHERN PART OF MURTON PARISH**

## Introduction

There are two main areas of housing in the Parish. One area is the village at the centre of the Parish and the other is adjacent to the Hull and Stamford Bridge Roads on the southern boundary. These two areas contain approximately an equal number of dwellings.

A simple free response questionnaire was completed by residents in both areas in the early part of 2016. It showed that the two areas have some different needs and so two further questionnaires were constructed based on these results.

Questionnaire 2A, given to the village and nearby houses, was distributed in May-June 2017. Questionnaire 2B, for the dwellings on the southern part of the Parish, was distributed and collected during November 2017.

Questionnaire 2B had 49 questions, of which 14 were Lickert-type (tick one of 4 answers, 2 were positive, strongly or less strongly agree) and 2 negative (strongly or less strongly disagree)) and 12 were free response in which respondents were unrestricted in their replies and were able to express comments in their own words. The remaining 23 questions asked for specific information and opinions.

## Response rate

The overall response rate varied from one part of the area to another but overall it was 41% (Table 1). There was also some disparity between the response rate from owner-occupiers and those who rent their property. The proportion of dwellings in the area is ca 60% owner-occupied but the response rate from these dwellings was 67%.

## Warning!

This report only contains an outline of the responses. It does not seek to comment on the data, simply to record. The data will be used to frame the recommendations for the Neighbourhood Plan that the Working Party will make to the Parish Council and on which all residents will be given an opportunity to comment in detail.

# MURTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

## Some data from Questionnaire 2B

### 1. Satisfaction in living in the parish

**Perfect location** (Respondent 28).

**[The area] works for all generations** (Respondent 42).

**Nice family area. Happy with schools** (Respondent 5).

Many others wrote about how much living in the Parish was appreciated (Lovely overall; Lovely area to live; Sports village welcome addition; Quiet; Lovely walks). These statements reflect the data obtained with 98% of those answering the question about living in the Parish being either very satisfied (43%) or satisfied (55%).

Two of the questions specifically picked up on comments made in the first questionnaire which was entirely free response. Some of these comments were favourable (quiet, clean, friendly, attractive, family atmosphere) and these were endorsed in this questionnaire. Moreover, there was much appreciation for the facilities on the door step (easy to get to the city, good bus service, good shops, close to the Sports Centre).

However, running through this part of the questionnaire and in answers to other questions (see for example, Section 7) there was disquiet about what is sometimes described as 'a transient population' or 'short-term tenants' or 'students'. Some residents feel that there are excessive problems of noise at night and unnecessary untidiness outside some properties and they could be solved very quickly with a more considerate landlord. Others, although less critical, still feel that there are too many 'short lettings' which militate against community cohesion.

### 2. Housing

24% of those answering would be happy to see some more housing. This must mean a limited number of dwellings as a very high proportion of replies prized the Green Belt and the Parish's Green spaces (Section 3), which would be affected if there were too many new dwellings in the Parish.

Of the 11 households which support more houses being built, 7 would like to see starter/affordable housing, 9 want to see 2/3 bedroom houses, and 3 4/5 bedroom houses being built. There were fewer advocates for retirement/sheltered housing (2) and social housing (1). Note that many of those who wanted more housing suggested more than one type.

Of these 11 households, 8 would like to buy or rent such housing (mostly either starter/ affordable or 2/3 bedroom).

### **3. Green spaces and the Green Belt**

98% of those answering supported the statements in the emerging City of York Local Plan which emphasize that there should be no erosion of the Green spaces in the Parish and the importance of the Green Belt.

### **4. Broadband and mobile phones**

72% answering these questions are satisfied with the broadband service but 15% are very dissatisfied. 79% are satisfied with mobile phone service with 6% being very dissatisfied. This contrasts with the results from the village where the level of satisfaction for the two services were 54% and 72%, respectively.

### **5. Communications with Parish Council**

Of the respondents, 76% were from owner-occupied households and of these a vast majority (91%) knew that they were living in Murton Parish. A lower proportion of those living in rented accommodation (63%) knew that they were residents in the Parish.

Of the two main areas of dwellings on the southern boundary, only one, in or near Tranby Avenue, has a notice board. 90% of the respondents in this area read the notice board either frequently or sometimes. The other main area, Redbarn Drive, Meam Close and Moins Court, does not have a board of its own but 11% occasionally read one of the others in the Parish. However, over 50% in this area who responded would like to have a notice board.

93% of those responding do not know of the Parish Council's website.

### **6. Traffic**

80% of the residents living in the vicinity of Tranby Avenue are very concerned or concerned about the speed of traffic along the Hull Road. However, those living in Redbarn Drive, Meam Close and Moins Court are less so (13%). Speeding in 30 mph areas are likewise of greater concern to those living on main thoroughfares, such as Tranby Avenue (86% very concerned or concerned) as against 50% for those living in Redbarn Drive and adjacent dwellings. Overall data are given in Table 3.

There were repeated calls for greater efforts to restrain the speed of traffic along the Hull Road, and down Tranby Avenue and Osbaldwick Link Road. The most frequent suggestions to alleviate the problems were (i) the increased use of speed cameras and (ii) for the 30 mph restriction along the Hull Road to and from York to be extended to the Grimston roundabout.

Although to a less extent, concern is also expressed about the other traffic issues included in the questionnaire, parking in the street and on grass verges (Table 3). Those living in the Redbarn Drive area are much less exercised about these two issues (38% and 35%) than those living on the main thoroughfares (76% and 68%).

## **7. Anti-social behaviour**

There were several questions that allowed respondents to rate various aspects of anti-social behaviour in their area of the Parish (Table 2). While there is some anxiety about burglaries and car crime, 29% and 24% are either very concerned or concerned, the level is much lower than in other parts of the Parish (67 and 57% respectively). It is the thoughtless anti-social behaviour (fly tipping and particularly litter and dog fouling) that are of much greater concern (Table 2). Indeed, 74% and 73% of the respondents are very concerned or concerned with dog fouling and litter, respectively. These numbers compare with 74% and 81% very concerned and concerned in the village for these two nuisances. There is also a difference in the replies from the two main areas with their relative concerns about fly tipping, 90% in the village being very concerned or concerned as against 57% in the southern area.

In the free response replies to the question asking about anti-social behaviour, there were several comments about poor behavior of 'youths' and 'teenagers' which were almost all restricted to Redbarn Drive. As significant were comments on anti-social behavior, late at night, from 'students' and 'temporary residents', in particular from residents in Tranby Avenue where half the respondents raised the issue.

## **8. Footpaths and Rights of Way**

67% were happy with the existing footpaths. In the free response question on footpaths, there were several comments on how they were overgrown in places with branches and weeds. There was also a comment on the large size of the new telecommunication boxes.

Only a few (11%) knew of the existence of the Rights of Way. The free response question elicited that two households used them this year (one using them monthly and the other twice in the year).

## **9. School travel**

There are 12 and 9 households with schoolchildren at nearby primary and secondary schools, respectively (27% and 20%). There was not an obvious concern about travelling to school, except for crossing the Hull Road which is considered a hazard.

## **10. Energy conservation**

Just over half of the respondents (52%) thought that there is scope in the Parish to produce clean energy, all but one advocating solar panels on buildings or fields.

## **11. Allotments**

3 households (17%) would welcome the chance to have an allotment.

## **12. Social activities**

42% would like to see more social activities. There were some general points, feeling left out, wanting meetings for mothers and babies and for the elderly, activities for children and families, community focused gatherings.

There were many suggestions for clubs (book exchange, cake club, running club, craft classes, exercise classes, group dog walking, for youths). There were also other suggestions for one-off or occasional events, for example, fireworks and a bonfire, picnics, Christmas Fair, Food Festival, a Summer Fete, a walk and mention was made of forming a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and of wider issues such as fund raising.

**We would welcome comments on this report. Please send them**

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**Table 1 MURTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE 2B**

**The number of questionnaires completed and collected**

| <b>Area</b>           | <b>Number of dwellings</b> | <b>Number of questionnaires completed and collected</b> | <b>%</b>  | <b>Number of owner-occupiers responding</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|---|-----------|---|
| Redbarn Drive         | 53                         | 14  | 26        | 8   |
| Moins Court           | 13                         | 8   | 62        | 2   |
| Meam Close            | 9                          | 4   | 45        | -   |
| Tranby Avenue         | 22                         | 12  | 55        | 12  |
| Hull Road             | 7                          | 3   | 43        | 3   |
| Cavendish Grove       | 9                          | 4   | 45        | 4   |
| Grimston/Stam Br Road | 6                          | 4   | 67        | 4   |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>119</b>                 | <b>49</b>   | <b>41</b> | <b>33</b>                                   |

**Table 2 MURTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE 2B**

**Some data on anti-social behaviour**

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

**(% of total questionnaires)**

|                    | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>1+2</b> |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| <b>Burglaries</b>  | 2        | 27       | 46       | 25       | 29 (67)    |
| <b>Car crime</b>   | 2        | 22       | 49       | 27       | 24 (57)    |
| <b>Dog fouling</b> | 26       | 48       | 13       | 13       | 74 (74)    |
| <b>Fly tipping</b> | 23       | 34       | 30       | 13       | 57 (90)    |
| <b>Litter</b>      | 40       | 33       | 22       | 4        | 73 (81)    |

***The numbers in parentheses are those obtained for the village (Questionnaire 2A)***

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

**1=Very concerned; 2=Concerned; 3=Somewhat unconcerned; 4=Not concerned**  
**(in % of total questionnaires)**

|                                 | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>1+2</b>     |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| <b>Speeding along Hull Road</b> | <b>39</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>9</b>  | <b>72</b>      |
| <b>Speeding in 30 mph roads</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>71</b>      |
| <b>Parking in the street</b>    | <b>27</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>56 (75)</b> |
| <b>Parking on grass verges</b>  | <b>22</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>51 (60)</b> |

*The numbers in parentheses are those obtained for the village (Questionnaire 2A)*