

North Kilworth Parish Questionnaire Results Summary

80 Responses received

Q1 – What do you enjoy about living in North Kilworth Parish?

The top answer was 'rural atmosphere' closely followed by 'easy access to the countryside' and 'a quiet environment'. 'Family/friends' and 'Parish Activities' followed behind.

Comments included the location of NK being a strength but excessive numbers of cars and traffic noise were highlighted as being concerns.

Q2 – What are the important features of the Parish?

Open/Green Spaces came out top with separation from other settlements and footpaths/walks close behind. Allotments were least favoured as an important feature.

In the comments section people drew attention to the importance of the Church and the Golf Club alongside the attractiveness of North Kilworth as a small rural village.

Q3 – Might you or someone you know be looking for alternative accommodation in the next 5 years?

22% said yes; 52% said no and 27% didn't know.

Q4 – if yes, what type?

Accommodation for single people and couples was favoured.

Q5 – Do you think the Parish needs any of the following housing?

Most respondents replied saying housing for young couples and to help local people stay in the area, followed by eco-friendly housing. Large family housing was last in the list and significantly below the other answers.

Q6 – What priority should be given to the distribution of new housing?

Single developments came out top, closely followed by small groups of dwellings across a number of sites.

The comments section reflects a wide range of views covering most possibilities.

Q7 – Name places where new build could take place and type of buildings

Some respondents took the opportunity to say no new housing should take place. Many talked about new development taking place opposite the garage or adjacent to the sports club. In terms of new facilities, additional shops were favoured.

Q8 – important areas to keep protected

Many comments were made under this heading. The main areas identified were Millenium/Village Green; Stoney; Bogs; Sports Field; Paddocks and War Memorial.

Q9 – Support for renewable energy solutions?

83% said yes 17% said no.

Q10 – Support for wind turbines in the Parish

30% said yes, 70% said no.

Q11 – What concerns you about further development?

Road, traffic and parking issues were top, closely followed by loss of green spaces. Potential loss of character was a close third. Surface drainage concerns and pressure on the school/health services were seen as less important.

Q12 – What causes you concern in the Parish?

The design of new homes caused most concern, closely followed by car parking; the condition of verges; dog fouling and litter; roads; power supplies; flooding crime and noise pollution in that order.

The comments section highlighted the need for good design and for adequate car parking.

Q13 – What needs to be improved?

There were many varied answers to this question, including retaining the character of the Village; improving the community spirit; reinstating the pub; housing design; better verges; better parking; employment opportunities; broadband speeds; more footpaths and better play facilities.

Q14 – What services are under pressure?

The lack of a Pub came out top here, closely followed by the need to improve Broadband speeds. Other issues referenced included the need for better community spirit; a shop; better bus service; gutters/verges; café; facilities for young people and a bypass.

Q15 – What facilities are underused?

Most respondents referenced the Church, followed by sporting facilities; social facilities and finally open space.

Q16 – What new facilities are wanted?

In addition to the shop; Pub; café and better broadband and parking; some asked for better sewage and drainage systems; for better tourism facilities and for better services for older people.

Q17– How well is the Parish served with educational facilities?

People valued the Primary School as well as the Secondary School, followed by well-regarded Pre-School provision. Day Nursery/Child Minding facilities were only considered excellent by fewer than 6% of respondents.

Q18 – Do you use the bus service?

45% said yes and 56% said no.

Q19 – How do you rate the bus service?

Most people considered the route to be good, followed by the timetable and thirdly the cost. Access for people with disabilities was less well regarded.

Q20 – What are your views about the quality of street lighting?

Most respondents considered street lighting to be good or excellent. Those that commented supported lights being turned off late at night.

Q21 Mobile phone reception

Both the level of coverage and the quality of reception is considered to be bad.

There are a variety of providers.

Q22 – Do you have broadband?

87% of people do.

The speed and reliability is poor.

Most people are with BT.

Q24 – Do you operate a business in the Parish?

22% do and 78% don't

Q25 – What is it?

Range of answers.

Q26 – Is there any support the Parish could provide your business?

Push for high speed broadband Use of Village shops

Q27 – Would you welcome more businesses to the Parish?

65% said yes; 35% said no.

Q28 – What type of business?

For example individual business units; shops; no heavy industry.

People wanted to know what services would be provided. Some said that they pay enough already.

Q29– Other comments?

- Don't destroy the past. Protect the greenery
- Look after the Village. No more housing.
- Fantastic Village. Shame to change.
- No street lighting.
- Keep the trees.
- Consider all people not just the influential.
- Wonderful Village with great character – be mindful of this and sympathetic.

- Small technology businesses welcomed
- Love the community feel. Very happy.
- Heritage and history being eradicated at an alarming pace.
- Keep identity. No big development.
- Love it here. Parish Council does a wonderful job.
- Please preserve all that is good about living here.
- Great place to live. Needs protecting.
- Excellent place to live. Good support network.
- Being able to buy milk/bread etc. at the garage is brilliant. Post Office is a bonus.
- New residential developments poorly designed.
- No further development. Spend energy on improving what's already here.
- Viable pub could play a vital role in generating a more socially integrated community.
- Provide a range of housing in any future development.
- Ensure that the distinctions around the concept of open spaces is applied and understood. PC needs to be more productive in driving street scene improvements and supporting initiatives.
- Thanks and praise to all the people involved for their hard work.
- Village inhabitants of all ages need to need to join in and pull together. This does not happen anymore.
- The wish to build too many homes on too small footprint has created access and parking problems. Nice to see new homes in different styles and materials.
- I like living here but it is very white and middle class! There isn't much diversity.
- Why is it North Kilworth with all the new houses?
- Who thinks it's OK to abandon their car and horse box in the middle of the Green?

Q32 – Age of people within households

24 people are under 20; 15 20-29; 13 30-39; 15 40-49; 27 50-59; 35 60-69 and 37 are 70 plus

Q33 – Gender within households

80 are male; 80 female.

Q34 – length of time living in the Parish

10 from 0-5 years; 11 6-10 years; 6 11-15 years; 9 16-20 years; 8 20-25 years and 29 over 25 years.

Q35 – Occupational status

38 were employed full time; 11 employed part time; 20 self-employed; 1 unemployed and 69 retired.

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