

CHACEWATER AUTUMN 2017 – LNDP QUESTIONNAIRE ANALYSIS

DEMOGRAPHICS – Taken from 218 Questionnaire Responses (Q1 to 12)

- Currently received 218 returns (456 residents) from 1046 - hand delivered - Questionnaires. So, a 21% response rate which is almost twice the national average (11%) and points to a healthy level of community engagement.
- Even split of Female/Male responses. Suggests a good balance of engagement.
- Even split of retirees and those (between 19 & 64 years of age) of working age. Suggests a more than general interest across all age groupings.
- Only 11 responses came from people who reside outside the Parish. This points to a keen level of interest across the community in how we wish to shape its future.
- Over 14% respondents have some form of a disability. This is important in terms of care and safe movement in and around the community.
- 82.2% Home owners, so 17.8% in either Social or Rented properties. The 2011 National Census advised that 28.2% of residents in Chacewater live in rental accommodation (above both regional & national averages), we need to engage more with this sector?
- 200 respondents state they use local facilities. This is good but how can we do better?
- Approximately 1.86 vehicles per household. Supports radarclass data *fact* that a significant amount of traffic into/out of village actually comes from the immediate area.
- Chacewater (as a whole) provides a useful spread of community facilities. We probably need to do more for the Vulnerable, our Teenagers and review our development potential.

POLICY GROUPINGS/OBJECTIVES – HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT:

1. Our Natural Environment (Biodiversity – Flora/Forna) - (Q13 to 22)

- You value and wish to retain our trees and clear sight lines, especially on crests/hill rises.
- You wish to protect and (where possible) enhance our landscape character and wildlife habitat.
- You wish to retain/improve our Public Rights of Way (PRoW), Green & Open Spaces as they offer, in particular, essential wildlife habitat and vegetation.

2. Our Historical Environment (Q23 to 25)

- You acknowledge our heritage and wish to maintain/promote the historic character of our Parish.

3. Our Landscape, Green and Open Spaces (Q26 to 28)

- You really value our PRow and wooded areas.
- You wish to maximise the use of our 'Public Realm', e.g. those spaces under Cornwall Council or Parish Council's jurisdiction, such as our Car Park, Recreation Ground, Millennium Green Church Yard, Leat, etc.
- You believe that any future development(s) should safeguard the character of the Parish and planning should ensure an increase in trees/hedgerows/mature gardens, etc.

4. Sustainability (Q29 to Q33)

- You felt that Sustainability is a real objective but wish to know more about how to make Wind, Sun & Water power work for us either as individuals or a community.
- You wish these capabilities to "work in" with our landscape, so we need to find spaces where Wind Turbines, Solar Installations (note not Solar Farms!) and Hydro schemes might suit.

5. The Quality of Design and Location of Housing (Q34 to 44)

- You want future developments to resonate with their immediate vicinity, through use of local stone/materials seen in adjacent/neighbouring buildings.
- You thought that developers (and we as a community) must do whatever is required to reduce the risk of flooding.
- You felt we should look at utilising Infill, Brown field and redundant agricultural or mining buildings for new development projects, before even considering any Green field options.
- You consider it vitally important that any new development comes with adequate parking.
- You were *not* in favour of second homes or holiday homes.
- You felt we should identify potential sites for development.
- You feel that Chacewater as a whole should not accommodate any single development of more than 10 houses, because traffic volume and parking is already at its limit.
- You advised that very few residents knew much about the potential benefits that Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for a development in excess of 10 houses might bring, so more work is needed to better explain what CIL (and S106) monies could do for our community.
- You wanted all future industrial or commercial developments to have a positive impact on the environment through greater use of carbon reducing technologies.

6. Affordable Housing, Type of Tenure, Industry and Jobs (Q45 to 58)

- You are in favour of more affordable housing for local residents to rent or purchase; so we should explore schemes such as Community Land Trust to help people get on the property ladder.
- You advised us that you would support low cost self-build schemes, provided they met high quality development and design criteria.

- You were very supportive of the need for more sheltered housing/care home schemes so the elderly and most vulnerable are afforded greater levels of assistance.
- You were slightly more in favour of 1 to 3 bed housing developments as opposed to 3 to 4, which aligns with the Cornwall Local Plan.
- You recognise that more people work from home nowadays, so future housing designs should factor this in.
- You informed us that maximum use should be made of our current industrial land and buildings before any new development is considered.
- You advised that more work and opportunities should be given to local businesses so that local wealth is shared via employment, sourcing of materials, labour and apprenticeships.
- You commented on whether anything could be done about the poor exterior décor of buildings in the centre of the village, e.g. Kings Head, Happy Shopper and the former Sandwich Bar.

7. Transport Provision and Management – (Q59 to 77)

- You informed us that Public Transport to/from Chacewater was convenient (both frequent and punctual) and afforded good connectivity.
- However, for those without bus passes, etc. you advised it was expensive compared to other parts of the country.
- Over 65% of your returns gave strong support to re-opening Chacewater Railway Station for local use. Question is can it reasonably be done, given likely cost?
- You advised that we would be more likely to use cycle routes if they were more convenient, accessible and safer.
- Many of your responses identified Chacewater will soon be the only gap in connecting the main arterial roadside cycle networks from Camborne, Pool, Illogan and Redruth to Truro. Should we prompt Cornwall Council to look into this?
- You felt we needed more secure bike racks at selective points, e.g. Car Park, Village Hall, outside shops, etc.
- You raised concerns about safety when walking around the Parish, esp. the village centre where both speed/volume of traffic remain ***the*** overriding concern and requires greater management.
- A significant number of your returns identified the strain placed on car parking in and around the village, esp. when events coincide at the Village Hall, Bowling Club, School and Church, which can impact quite negatively on local business, access to the surgery, etc.

8. Community Health and Well-being (Q78 to 86)

- You informed us that although we offer much in terms of facilities, green space for recreation, cultural and social interaction, we need to do more to ensure our connecting road, lanes and pathways are maintained to the highest possible standard.
- You state that whilst we do have good local amenities we do need to protect them for future use.

- Importantly, you felt that the well-being of those in our community was generally high, but we need to continually explore ways of improving things for the vulnerable and less able.
- Finally, you informed us of your underlying concerns about climate change and how it may impact on issues such as flooding.

Summary

You informed us that Chacewater Parish has a good spirit, a strong sense of health and well-being, based on **RESPECT** and **TOLERANCE** for one another; this is its underpinning ethos and makes for a good community.