

Following a 6 weeks consultation period with residents of Cawthorne the following feedback was received from a total of 89 feedback forms. Everyone supported the Plan and the following comments were made :

Positive comments

General

- The Plan is very well prepared and recorded which will see Cawthorne retain its character whilst continuing to develop positive plans for the future – 89
- The draft policy themes regularly use the words protect/protected which is important for the future enhancement of the village in that it does not become an overbuilt up 'dormitory town'.
- It is important for villagers to have some control over the future of the village we live in and the Plan is a legally enforceable document rather than just a wish list without no real teeth - 6
- A huge amount of hard work has gone into the preparation of the plan by a relatively small group of people for the future of the village and its objectives and suggested measures are supported - 20
- The Plan has been researched , compiled and presented by villagers who do not necessarily have any connection to the church council, parish council or any other village organisation and are passionate about our beautiful village – 7
- The Plan will in years to come be looked at as one of the most positive and essential projects ever undertaken with a full and comprehensive vision for the future conservation and development of our village. Those involved in putting this together cannot be thanked enough - 18
- It preserves the rural character of an estate village which is of benefit to all Barnsley residents/visitors and is much loved by them – 7
- The Plan provides a sustainable environment to support the character, importance, bio-diversity, infrastructure and sustainability of the parish of Cawthorne - 7

Landscape, Wildlife and the Natural Environment

- Green and open spaces are protected for future generations - 20
- Conservation areas within the village are respected and maintained – 7
- Extension to Conservation area is welcomed - 5
- The plan quite rightly aims to protect the natural environment of both the village and the wider area – 7
- Continued maintenance and signage of footpaths - 3
- The plan addresses the maintenance of pleasing landscapes that can be easily lost if not cared for - 4
- The inclusion of rivers and streams is welcomed as the state of many of these add to flooding problems - 2
- Reduction of light pollution in relation to the loss of dark skies is welcomed – 2
- The emphasis on environmental issues is welcomed - 4
- Totally agree with the plan to adopt additional areas of valued green spaces
- Welcome the emphasis on the importance of the retention of the allotments off Darton Road – they should long remain an important community asset.

- Anything which can be done to improve water quality and reduce the sewage that leaches into the local water courses should be supported

Community and Sports Facilities

- These facilities are well supported in the village and it is appreciated that the success of such is promoted
- The emphasis on community amenities is welcomed
- The improvement/introduction of new recreational facilities is welcomed - 2

Design & Heritage

- This theme is particularly supported and encouraged to protect the village's historic character – 15
- Development of replacement buildings should be proportionate in size to other neighbouring homes – 5
- It will ensure homogeneity of architectural planning without detracting from modern building standards – 2
- Priority should be to develop the infrastructure to support 21st century living whilst retaining the character of this rural village – 8
- Control over the style/design of houses is welcomed – 12
- The principles of sympathetic development which allow Cawthorne to meet the needs of the 21st century whilst still retaining the character and historical value is supported – 11
- Important to protect historical heritage – 5
- Small scale renewable energy schemes are supported - 5

Housing

- Any building developments should be mainly infill, small sites and conform to guidelines laid down in the plan - 11
- This theme is particularly supported and encouraged to protect its identity as an attractive Yorkshire village - 7
- The inclusion of starter/older people's housing in any future development is supported – 6
- The Plan does not eat into the green belt and it respects the current housing boundary – 9
- Concern was expressed that developers have the ability to prove facilities are no longer viable.
- Agreed there should be no building to the rear of Darton Road – 2
- Drainage must be a consideration
- Accommodation is needed in the parish

Tourism and Business

- Increased tourism welcomed to help businesses and provide employment - 6
- It will ensure that local inhabitants support commercial activities within and around the village and businesses are viewed as partners (and not adversaries) in future planning – 2
- Important to support local businesses – 10
- Unsure about the priority for the fastest broadband/mobile network is communicated/planned for and this does cause current challenges for business owners

Traffic & Parking

- Ideas for improving parking and managing traffic through the village are welcomed and speed reductions on the bypass are long overdue - 25
- The suggestion for making use of the pre-school car park on weekends is a good one
- The village cannot cope with the current levels of traffic at peak times and would become impossible if any further expansion were to be allowed.
- The Plan takes account of traffic congestion on Darton Road by minimising development off this road.
- Resident Parking Scheme would be welcomed - 6
- Introduction of yellow lines supported eg. around post office/antique centre – 4
- Introduction of speed bumps at strategic locations supported
- Following on ideas for controlling traffic volume and speed – historically a site behind the footpath that leads to Stanhope Ave from Lane Head Road A635 was once identified for a number of potential uses?
- Improvement in road conditions supported
- Make better use of existing parking facilities

Negative comments/Suggestions

Landscape, Wildlife and the Natural Environment

- More policy initiatives needed to tackle litter – 3
- Lights at Naylors could be looked at re light pollution
- No changes to the road layout or parking schemes should be considered which would impinge on the village green as this should be preserved as it is – 2
- There is insufficient space for the suggested roundabout and closure of part of the road would not work
- Safeguards to be put in place re retention of the allotments and orchard
- Daking Brook IS polluted and has been for several years – only improving very recently – let us hope it will continue
- Policy needed on the placement of wind generators - 2

Community & Sports Facilities

- Bowling green to be included as part of the community facilities?

Design & Heritage

- Disagree that all windows should be painted white - 3
- Plastic windows and doors should be discouraged as they spoil old buildings
- The policy on renewable energy of individual homes seems a little hard-line. New technologies can ensure relatively little visual impact and the need for less reliance on fossil fuels must be acknowledged, visible impact from solar PV systems is minimal - 2

Housing

- The bypass should remain a strong boundary with no development beyond it which would change the bypass into another road running through the village – 2
- The issue of additional housing has not been fully addressed
- Would like more emphasis on building of extra homes for the young and elderly – 2
- Would like to see proposed smaller developments not always objected to
- Would not like to see any additional housing
- Concern was expressed about developers having the ability to prove facilities are no longer viable - 2

Tourism & Business

- The lack of a visitors' car park/issues re parking congestion needs to be addressed as the village becomes dangerous because of non-residents parking and walking to Cannon Hall rather than paying for parking in the park – 9
- Car parking payment sites – what are the cost implications regarding policing paid for parking?
- Encourages the development of tourism
- Work together with Cannon Hall and Cannon Hall Farm to investigate more parking areas around the village and between the attractions to enable visitors to park safely and enjoy their visits and to allow villagers to go about their daily lives – 2 Public transport in the area is abysmal and affects employment of staff by local businesses who do not have access to a car

- Development of the village will put strain on existing facilities and capacity needs to be planned for future demand – 2
- No mention is made of how many small businesses are based in the parish or that individuals may have their businesses registered here
- No mention of top or bottom clubs as viable businesses - 2

Traffic & Parking

- More policy initiatives needed to tackle speeding on bypass A635/traffic calming measures in the village – 26
- One way system should be considered – 6
- Tackle noise pollution from the A635
- Introduction of yellow lines would have a negative impact on the look of the village and would force traffic problems to move elsewhere – 4
- Would not support speed bumps – average speed through village does not warrant this
- Reduction of speed limit to 20mph through the village would not work as drivers ignore the present speed limit
- Suggested that the junction at the bottom of North Lane by Naylor's be modified
- Increased tourism means increased noise pollution to deal with – 6
- Investigate feasibility of new link road between A635 and Cawthorne Lane to the east of the village - 2