

Group

Old Dalby, Queensway & Nether Broughton Community

Ratings

2517

	Topics	Ideas	Comments	Replies	Actions	Learning Outcomes
active	0	90	596	494	2	0
archived	10	0	0	0	0	0
pending	0	0	0	0	0	0
inactive	9	0	1	0	1	1
disabled	0	0	0	0	0	0
total	19	90	597	494	3	1

Impact Statement

Total Interactions: 3698

There are now 3 admins and 123 members of which 95 ("active members") have contributed 90 ideas with 2517 ratings, 494 replies and 597 comments, total replies/comments 1091.

There are 1 Projects that require a total of 2 resources with 4 pledges made so far.

So far we have generated 3 actions with 1 learning and 1 tangible outcomes.

There are also 0 news entries.

Engaged
95

Group created on
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Tangible Outcomes	Projects	Resources	Pledges	News	Budgets	Members	Followers	Admins
1	0	2	4	0	0	123	17	3
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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0	1	0	0	0	0	12	0	1
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1	1	2	4	0	0	135	17	4

Topic (Expanded)

How can we facilitate and encourage a more supportive community

	Idea	Avg	Rated
Idea Title	Activity groups	4.46	39
Idea Description	<p><p>Activity groups could meet in the village hall. &nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;Getting to know one another through common interests creates&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;friendships which are naturally supportive.</p></p>		
Reply	>> Totally agree but finding willing volunteers is often difficult.		
Comment For	> There are already several groups using the village halls and I agree that these and any additional groups need to be lead by individuals.		
Comment For	> Love this idea as a new resident in OD.		
Reply	>> Welcome and look in the Parish Magazine to see which clubs we already have and in which hall. We are very lucky that there is quite a lot already but more is always good.		
Reply	>> More in Nether Broughton than Old Dalby currently		
Reply	>> Have you put suggestions to the OD Committee or suggested you run an event yourself? All help welcomed I'm sure,		
Reply	>> There appears to be a 'thread' of unwarranted and unpleasant comments about ODVH (which appear to be written by the same person in the rude way they are worded). May I suggest that those who are doing this (which I suspect are single numbers!) please either come and join the committee or speak to one of them. Hiding behind anonymous & ludicrous comments isn't particularly helpful or community spirited.		
Comment For	> I moved to Queensway over a year ago. I am a 30 year old lady living alone...this would be great for me...		
Reply	>> We need to better publicise what is on at our three village halls to encourage people to attend even if it is for an event/club which is being held in one of the neighbouring settlements. This would help extend friendship groups. Variety of the type of events is increased if we have three different halls to choose from. Committees/leaders put a lot of time and effort in to putting these things on so it would greatly benefit all if more did this and events were better supported. Let's make them a sell out each time!		
Reply	>> I agree with with this		
Reply	>> the events in the village hall are posted on the 2 notice boards and posters are put up around the village .Also look in monthly magazine for future events -which are normally well attended .		
Idea Title	The young.	4.32	41
Idea Description	Let's start with the young people in the village. Social time in the Village Hall especially in the winter months when there is not any cricket would give them an opportunity to mix and get to know each other.		

Comment For > A focus for this could for example be table tennis which anyone can have a go at and is fun. Could the Village Hall(s) buy such equipment if it isn't already available? Or perhaps the interested young people could do some fundraising to fund it?

Reply >> The Old Dalby village Hall committee were supposed to be sorting one out months ago. Obviously to date this has not happened. There are plenty of funds available. Perhaps ODVH could purchase a table and donate it to the Scout Hut. It could be used there.

Reply >> Is the OD youth club still running? I was on the committee and chair for several years and each week c 30 / 40 children attended although much of the available funding was for older ones. A senior YC was run for a short while in the village hall but was not a success. We do need youth activities but let's build on what has worked

Reply >> There is no activities aimed at younger members of our Parish organised in ODVH. The village hall meeting minutes should be displayed in their notice board as per the parish council does

Reply >> There are table tennis tables that can be placed outside permanently and seem robust and are used responsibly

Comment For > Yes, great idea to try to engage our youth e.g. Old Dalby Village Hall is large enough to have a full-sized table tennis table in the main section and a football table in the smaller section. A grant may be possible for this. These items are easy to stow away in the storeroom when not required.

Reply >> The storeroom in Old Dalby village hall is already fit to burst and whilst the idea of having a table tennis table and football table is lovely there will not be any room for storing such items when not in use.

Reply >> As the hall is locked when not in use, these items (as they are collapsible so they take up minimal space) could be stored in the hall itself. Alternatively, some of the chair stacks could be left out in the corner of the hall in order to create some room in the storeroom, itself.

Reply >> They just don't want young people to use it. Plain and simple.

Reply >> Surely, if a responsible adult could be found to be present when the equipment is in use they would be in agreement?!

Reply >> newer tables fold up small enough for storage with a bit of reorganising in the storeroom

Comment For > Queensway, Nether Broughton and Old Dalby halls may each wish to offer different recreational facilities from one another in order to add variety and encourage more social interaction between the three settlements whether for the young or old.

Reply >> I agree with this completely.

Reply >> The suggestion to link up activities in the 3 village halls is an excellent one.

Reply >> Definitely agree

Comment For > A good idea. There's nothing for youngsters in O.D. When all the new houses are built there will be a lot more young people in the village and they will need some stimulation to avoid boredom setting in with its attendant circumstances.

Reply >> There is already a well supported scout group in Queensway attended by children from the area with volunteer support this could grow.

Reply >> Proud of our Scouts and the hard work of the leaders. Super!

Reply >> Is it true they don't charge the kids for anything

Reply >> The Scout group is amazing and grows each year - young people (boys & girls) of all ages are welcome at the Scout group, with children from all 3 settlements and from different schools. It is a great way for children to mix and develop great skills. Thanks to the volunteers who lead activities every week

Comment For > Old Dalby youth club which was held at Old Dalby Primary School closed several years ago due to lack of support from the parents. When it closed the children of all those on the committee had left the school and there was no one forthcoming to replace them.

If parents can create and support a youth club with a committee and a rota of volunteer helpers I am sure it would be well supported by their children. As for older children, I fear they may not think it cool enough.

Reply >> Depends what you put on as to whether it is cool. As the mother of teenagers I think that it would be a good idea to have something for them. I think they will not want to do the same activities as primary school children but they would probably play table tennis, watch films, play Fifa or the like. Let's ask them.

Reply >> Yes, definitely need to involve our kids in order to get it right.

Comment For > We need to do something for teenagers.

Comment For > I think existing facilities eg pubs have a role to play in putting on events for teenagers - eg an under 18s pool tournament etc where no alcohol is served etc.

Reply >> Not sure that many parents would want under 18s at the pub even if alcohol isn't served - better to hold this in a village hall

Reply >> But they don't want teenagers there.

Comment For > If it doesn't already happen, I think it might be more fun for our youth if a club night rotational system is introduced. This would involve using the village halls from all three settlements e.g. one week Nether Broughton, the next Queensway and the next Old Dalby. Youngsters get bored very quickly so this might be more attractive to them by creating more variety, increasing the range of activities on offer and also give them a chance to widen their friendship groups.

Reply >> I think this would work well. My teenager would love to meet others from the surrounding area.

Reply >> Sounds like a very good idea.

Comment For > Yes, new forms of engaging the growing number of young people are needed. The big questions are: What? And who would be able/willing to organise? (As with most of our good intentions continuing commitment is rare). There can at least be some kind of sustained and informed discussion.

Reply >> I agree that it is difficult to establish new groups without a strong level of commitment and a clear idea of what to provide. Although parents could lead, it might be more beneficial for the children to have input from other adults in the village, to give fresh and different input. Rather than commit to a weekly event, why not start with just 3 or 4 in a year, to see what interest is.

Comment Neutral > Great idea if you can get people to run it.

Comment For > Is there room in the village halls of both Nether Broughton and Old Dalby for table tennis and or basketball equipment? An evening of those activities might go down well with the young and not so young during the winter months.

Reply >> table tennis would be good for young and not so young as well

Comment For > I think that it would be great if more could be done for young people in NB, Queensway and OD. This will require effort / involvement from at least some of the parents though otherwise it may not happen..

Idea Title **Establish a befriending group to help older people in the parish living alone with limited mobility who feel isolated and who would welcome someone nearby offering friendship and to do small errands for them**

4.50

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Idea Description (no description)

Comment Neutral > Would people need to be CRB checked, we should all be good neighbours In any case.

Comment For > Totally agree with idea. Already there is a car service to Long Clawson surgery. Would be willing to be involved in a casual/more formal structure.

Comment For > Good idea, needing a bit of effort to implement.

Comment For > Any effort to strengthen a sense of community is to be applauded. Organising this concern is the problem.

Comment For > The new vicar, once appointed, might be willing to get a list of willing helpers together and coordinate this scheme.

Comment For > I think this is particularly pertinent in view of our ageing population

Comment For > There are several 'Good Neighbour' schemes in the county, Long Clawson has one. We could look at setting one up with a small pot of funding from LCC Shire Grants Scheme?

Comment For > We already have a couple of volunteers for the surgery run which is very helpful. It would be a good idea to have a list of people who would be prepared to do shopping for those who cannot get to the shops. Also occasional, organised trips to say Thurmaston, Fosse Park would be a good way forward.

Comment Neutral > To some extent this happens, but not in a formalised or structured way, but just naturally as a result of contacts. I think the most successful method would be to keep it as simple and accessible to both the giver & receiver of help. If a system is created that is administratively heavy, it might not be as successful

Idea Title **VocalEyes could be instrumental in aiding communication after the NP is complete. It could be used to communicate and to decide on action etc.**

4.00 37

Idea Description (no description)

Comment For > Definitely if it can be shown to engage with the parish as a whole.

Comment For > Agree. Would be a good way of communicating regularly to residents keeping them informed of what is happening within the Parish.

Comment Against > Needs somebody to run it and probably pay for it. Any volunteers? It could be a full time job with no reward. Also such forums can degenerate over time into a whinging board and again need close supervision.

Comment Against > I think there are far better ways of communication.

Reply >> Would be helpful to know what you thought they were...

Reply >> What do you consider these better ways of communication to be?

Comment For > Agree entirely - a great way of communication.

Comment Neutral > I think it is a good way but needs to be one of several to capture a full range of views

Comment For > I have to say the format allows for a diverse range of views without trolling nor aggression and I have been impressed with the novel and clever ideas. It would be great to continue to allow residents who are clearly interested in bettering their community to do so this way. There are social media sites like "Spotted Old Dalby and Nether Broughton of course. Its great to see the whole parish engaging in this way. Totally for continuation.

Comment Neutral > What about those people who do not 'do' computers - are their views an less relevant? Would VocalEyes gets as many views without the NP looming?

Comment For > I think this is a very good idea but needs to be in place along with the Parish Magazine, good old fashioned notices, emails, texts, What's app and word of mouth. Not everyone does all of the above and some are barely able to do one or two. Technology is great, if you know what to do!

Idea Title **More parish information to all 3 communities**

4.25 32

Idea Description The main means of communicating what's on in the parish is through the parish magazine which doesn't get to all residents, and I suspect mostly the older generation.

Find a means of attracting participation from younger people, 30+ to joint events in the parish.

Comment For > Collecting email addresses as part of the NP exercise might enable better communication for the future about what's on for people on email. This would also be a way of directing people to the website and for that to be used more effectively to help parishioners know what is going on. Facebook could also be used more effectively but for these systems to work they have to be regularly updated with interesting information.

Reply >> Totally agree the easiest means of communication is through social media for the young. Older residents will be kept in touch through the Parish magazine.

Reply >> There is a Facebook page for the village hall so that keeps events listed up to date.

Reply >> The village hall Facebook account has been closed

Reply >> Data protection issues would I suspect mean people would need to consent specifically to wider use of their email addresses than just the NP

Reply >> The previous Old Dalby Village Hall page was kindly set up by a local resident. However, the committee needed a way to access the page themselves (to update and to be able to do hirings) and so had to set up a new Facebook page to enable this. The Facebook page is Old Dalby Village Hall Community and it is now up and running.

Reply >> It was actually set up by the committee secretary and his wife. So your comment is factually incorrect.

Comment For > Yes, agree with you.

Comment For > There are notice boards and these are well used. All Parish Council items are placed on these notice boards. This VocalEyes forum can also carry on past the Neighbourhood Plan, and the topics adapted.

Reply >> Vocal Eyes will certainly help with this

Reply >> Agree

Comment For > NBVH Does have a Facebook page, which is regularly updated. VocalEyes would be another good way of communicating.

Reply >> Unfortunately ODVH didn't think it necessary to advertise yesterday's Local Plan open afternoon, other than a line in the weekly diary sheet, because, it was on Spotted Old Dalby Nether Broughton. Surely this is the most important thing in the parish for the next 20 odd years.

Reply >> It was on Facebook page Spotted: OD... the day before and advertised on 103 The Eye community radio

Reply >> But what if you don't follow both of the pages just one of them surely I think has a duty to post important things like this.

Reply >> What has happened to ODVH Facebook page, everything going on at the hall was advertised really well. From what I understand someone wanted to take it over as it was successful and perhaps try to take credit for it. Shame as I've seen negative posts on new one and they get taken down.

Reply >> The ODVH committee wanted to be able to have a Facebook page that they could have admin rights to so that they may post things themselves and use it for hirings etc. It's as simple as that. There are other sites for communicating the neighbourhood plan.

Comment For > Offer a free parish magazine to all new residents, then follow up asking if they would like to subscribe, or maybe an online version that younger people will find more user friendly

Reply >> Valid point and could be achieved fairly easy

Reply >> I help to deliver the parish magazine and have posted it to new residents in NB. It is a great way to see what events are going on and for contact numbers for the young and old rather than having to look at websites for updates.

Reply >> It would be great for the Parish magazine (which is a great read) to be provided to all homes in the villages, and provided free. Is this possible?

Comment For > I agree information needs to filter to everyone
What about the village website ?

Comment For > I think we should use all methods of communication, notice boards, face book, parish magazine, websites. We all communicate in different ways and we need to acknowledge this by employing all available methods.

Reply >> Absolutely agree - including 'word of mouth', of course, which is still often the best method!

Reply >> Strongly agree with this comment

Comment For > There is a Facebook page called "Spotted Old Dalby and Nether Broughton" which posts on behalf of residents and local business and has over 400 followers. You can message them, or post on their wall and they will share it for you, generally within 24 hours (usually quite promptly).

Comment For > Vocal Eyes would be good for this

Comment For >

Good idea thank you was not aware of this on facebook, will check it out

Comment Neutral > There is also a Facebook page - 'Nether Broughton Village Hall, Official' where events etc. in our village hall are published.

Comment Neutral > Do Redidents see us as "the Community"? Reading many of the comments on this site it's indicative that there are divergent views on whether there is one, two or three communities and the numerous references to "the village" or "the village hall" shoe just how insular and introspective many are.

Reply >> The Neighbourhood Plan has the potential to unite people more across the parish where there are common interests, whilst still appreciating the distinctive nature of the 3 villages

Idea Title **Don't forget Queensway!**

4.42

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Idea Description We have a population of all ages and often get left out of invites to both Old Dalby and Nether Broughton.

Comment For > I think the Neighbourhood Plan process and better communication tools such as VocalEyes has helped in better understanding and with forging new friendships. What is the best way of making Queensway residents feel more included?

Reply >> Join in more groups at either village hall etc. Sunday Breakfasts in Old Dalby are open to everyone. Sunday paper collection gets people meeting people.

Reply >> Yes, come to the Village Breakfast to get to know others and learn what is coming up event-wise.

Reply >> Perhaps there could be a representative from Nether Broughton and Queensway on the OD Village Committee and one from OD on each of theirs to improve communication and participation between the other settlements. Just a thought!

Reply >> Good idea. We are one parish

Reply >> As a member of the Old Dalby Village Hall, we are very keen to get representation from Queensway and did advertise it in the Parish Mag earlier this year. Granted not everyone reads it but if you follow our Facebook page 'Old Dalby Village Hall Community' then you can contact us and also keep in touch with things we are organising. If you know of someone interested in joining our committee please ask them to get in touch. Thanks

Comment For > Residents in Queensway were actively encouraged and some did accept tickets to a free BBQ through Old Dalby Village Hall last summer.

Reply >> Perhaps we can find a better way of publicising such events?

Comment For > There are many talented people in Queensway. A very efficient group organise the horticultural show on ODD. We would love to see even more involvement of QW folk in the village.....you will always be very welcome.

Comment For > Agree with al

Comment Neutral > As a resident of The Camp I do not particularly feel left out nor uninvited. Nevertheless I think that further nurturing of local social media sites and website important. Apart from the scout hut the Queensway settlement has no "hub". Another notice board may be in order, perhaps on the camp green?

Reply >> good idea to have notice board around queensway area

Comment Neutral > People have to want to join in community activities and someone has to provide them. There are only 4 comments on this topic and yet there must be at least 400 - 500 residents in the Parish.

Reply >> Yes but 28 people have rated this idea with a very high average score of 4.6 out of 5

Comment For > Better engagement with both OD and Queensway communities would be a good thing but it has to be a 2-way conversation.

Idea Title **Have a community garden group**

3.92

24

Idea Description It would be lovely to have a group in each habitation of our parish, but even better if a group could be created to work on plots in all three areas.

Comment For > A volunteer gardening group exists already in OD to tend the church grounds and cemetery. It would be lovely if this idea could be extended in all of the three villages to help people who are unable to tend their own plots through temporary illness or infirmity.

Comment For > This group idea could also help keep verges cut and tidy.

Reply >> The council do already look after verges.

Reply >> But cut-backs (no pun) mean they can't do it frequently enough or spend long enough on it to keep our grassed areas looking good.

Comment For > Agree

Comment For > Agree

Comment For > Agree

Comment Neutral > Nice idea but I May no thanks sure what it would do?

Reply >> Lots of great examples in other villages where they have a community fruit and vegetable garden where you can grow it together and share out the food too.

> If we decide to increase 'Affordable Housing' - type properties in the parish with perhaps communal gardens perhaps we could help out with these as many may like flowering shrubs, tubs, window boxes etc but not have the time or the funds to nurture them.

Comment For

Comment For

> What about a village orchard

Idea Title Have a register for vulnerable residents

3.12

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Idea Description The least we can do is to know who is vulnerable within our community. It maybe elderly, struggling working families, those with mental health issues, physical impairments.

Comment For > The new vicar should be able to set this up with Social Services help.

Reply >> And also we have to get a new vicar first.

Reply >> I agree it is something practical that a new vicar could set up...and hopefully we will actually have a new vicar in the not too distant future who will need a lot of support to fulfill his role successfully.

Comment Neutral > Depends on who can get hold of this and what their intentions are.

Reply >> I agree with this point.

Reply >> Me too

Reply >> That was my first thought. A very good idea - but people might be offended by being put on the list .

Reply >> Could being on an open vulnerable list make them more vulnerable, to the cretins of society.

> I don't think w need to put vulnerable people on lists

We need to work on a more caring community rather than putting people in a category

Comment Against Also vulnerable people will not want to be labelled as such.

> I posted this originally, and I agree a 'register' is not the right thing, apologies, it was poor wording on my behalf. My intention was that someone, and indeed a vicar would be well placed, to be aware of those in our community who are vulnerable and have some means by which to

Comment For support them.

Reply >> You are obviously a very kind person and your heart is in the right place; thanks for the clarification. Members of our community should do all they can to help each other so a network of helpers who can step in when needed might be helpful to the new vicar if he/she hears of someone in the parish who requires a helping hand through temporary illness etc.. Perhaps a list of people willing to help might be more acceptable? :-)

Reply >> I think the intent is clear, even if 'register' is not the best word. I think there are people who would benefit from some extra support, and people who are willing to provide it. We need to find a safe and easy way to 'match', above and beyond what happens organically through friendships

Comment For > Good concept, needs careful management!

Idea Title Village Hall Facilities

4.19

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Idea Description More entertainment nights, live shows, films, as we rarely have films shown in the Village Hall in Old Dalby this could encourage a mix of age groups bringing younger and older residents together.

> Great idea. Nether Broughton already run similar events. Queensway may do the same at the scout hut. Perhaps many things are run but are poorly advertised across the parish and that is the biggest problem.

Comment For

Reply >> Agree that communication is always a problem. Personal contact is obviously most efficient [but so time consuming!] As well as advertising in the Parish Magazine would it be possible to post events on VocalEyes?

Reply >> Do you use Facebook? The Old Dalby village hall have a page which is always updated. There is also spotted Old Dalby & Nether Broughton

Reply >> Old Dalby face book page has been taken down.

Reply >> Residents from Old Dalby and Queensway are very welcome to events in NBVH, some already do support. Volunteers are required to make these events happen and the support of residents by attending.

Reply >> Spotted Old Dalby and Nether Broughton is a great place to 'advertise' events on Facebook as there are over 400 followers, and they generally publish / share things within 24 hours, which followers can then share with their friends.

Reply >> The Old Dalby Village Hall committee have set up their own Facebook page now called 'Old Dalby Village Hall Community' which is going to enable the Committee to advertise what's going on plus you can contact us too.

Reply >> Every event was advertised on previous Facebook page.

Comment For > How could more be offered through ODVH?

Reply >> It is very unlikely that any help would ever be turned down. Volunteers are always needed for community projects of all descriptions. Have you volunteered yourself or if you have too many family or other commitments yourself, at present, do you know somebody else who would like to step up? Try to encourage them to do so if so. Even just a suggestion of things or events that you would like to see put on would be helpful, too.

Reply >> I am on the committee and have been actively involved (whilst juggling an extremely busy family/work life)and want to do so much more with the hall for the community. More volunteer support is ALWAYS needed and welcomed. Please step forward and get involved, we welcome new ideas and the AGM didn't have a single resident there this year which is a real shame.

Comment For > A few years ago various plays on the east midlands art circuit were put on they were excellent. More of these should be arranged.

Reply >> Yes,agree, they were great!

Reply >> A

Reply >> Suggest something else. There are loads of free evenings to put something else on. You could run it yourself if you have time or ask others to run it instead if they are happy to.

Reply >> The plays were part of centre stage which was an arts programme for rural communities. It no longer runs due to cuts in public spending. Wit her no subsidy tickets would be £15-20 would people pay this?

Comment For > As a member of the ODVH committee I take issue with the remarks made previously that the current committee are not prepared to put the work in. Look at the Parish Magazine to see events planned for Dec/Jan/ Feb/March. We tried a Film Club a few years ago but not enough people attended to make it viable.

Reply >> Not enough support has always been the problem . People like to moan but most aren't prepared to help or even attend.

Reply >> Lots of committee members have left over the years due to a small group with perhaps their own agenda and so can't get new ideas past this majority.

Reply >> Idle majority? I don't think so.

> And what about this year. The committee have done?

Comment Neutral Nether Broughton VH have seem to have loads going on.

Reply >> I see there is a quiz on in Nbvh with food for £5.00. Not bring your own food, plate, knife fork and spoon, and don't forget your glass for the drink you also have to take. Nbvh have a bar with glasses and obviously don't mind washing up.

Reply >> Old dalby village hall would face eels nore welcoming if we could use the facilities. It's silly to I have ace that o take me you your own glassess

Reply >> ????? I do not understand the above comment. Could I kindly ask the writer to amend it.

Thank you

> I agree it was wouls be lovely to have more events but it all takes organising People need to be more proactive about talking to committees about what

Comment Neutral they want

Reply >> ...and help!

Comment For > Agree

> Come to Nether Broughton Village Hall film club. We will run again in 2017. Some Old Dalby residents come already and we welcome all from the Parish.

Comment Neutral £12 for at least 6 films (we had 11 this year)

Reply >> What films have you run recently and have planned for 2017.

Reply >> Thank you for welcoming other villagers in the parish to NBVH events - exactly what we should be doing at each of the other halls too. In most cases, this is already happening but sometimes people are unaware of what is available particularly if they do not subscribe to The Parish Magazine.

> Film nights would be a great idea but may affect the existing NB Film club which is excellent

Comment For

Reply >> NBVH already does this so perhaps we could have different things on at each village hall as this is not a competition but rather a way for the three villages to mix and support each other's initiatives.

> Great idea to go to Nether Broughton for film night. However not everyone can walk manage the walk there and back. Parents might not be happy to let young people walk down the narrow pavement to cross the main road to the NB village hall,

Comment For

Idea Description To get a more inclusive feel to the community encourage ways in which we can all help each other without putting oneself out - for example most of us go into Melton or to the doctors or to one of the hospitals at some time or another - often we travel in our car on our own. We could easily find a system to offer lifts to each other and in doing so help others and the environment.

Comment For > Really good idea for anyone who makes a regular trip to offer passenger seats to their neighbours and vice-versa.

Comment For > Again a really positive idea. Goes beyond the neighbourhood plan timescale and could be very interesting. There are two gentlemen at present who offer lifts to Long Clawson surgery. Their details are on the notice board in OD

Comment For > A good idea. From a practical perspective it is how the offer or need is shared. It might be that a person with a need simply posts it on a website (if there is a Facebook page- I haven't found that yet), or a person can post when they are planning such a trip.

Reply >> The Head might be able to facilitate this by putting people in touch with one another via lists on noticeboards etc.

Comment For > Agree

Comment Neutral > Can only speak for myself but I always offer lifts to friends if we care going to the same destination

Idea Title

Have a Parish day and have it in Queensway. Not another Dalby Day, but a day of fun for all three settlements. Perhaps have some large group games going on. Rounders, Tug o War, etc etc bouncy castles for children.

4.03

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Idea Description This would help bring the three parts together to make a whole.

Comment For > Bit of organising and hey presto

Comment For > Love the Fun Day idea but we must keep Old Dalby Day!

Reply >> The idea is nothing like Old Dalby Day. It would involve The Parish Council pulling the three settlements together for a day of residents only fun and food. A donation tin just as Elvis the dogs mum did with The Air Ambulance on Old Dalby play park this summer.

Comment For > Again you need volunteers to organise and make it happen and support from residents.

Reply >> As it is for all residents of the Parish there is a bigger pool of people. Those involved in the Neighbourhood Plan cover the full spectrum of parishioners and this shows, those that will, do.

Comment For > Great idea! My preference would be to try to keep it as much as possible as a non-fundraiser and ideally small - just for residents' friends and family. Any hire costs need to be covered but some games could be free. Run it in addition to Old Dalby Day though. ODD is a great fundraising event which we benefit from but it is also very hard work and few volunteers really get to just relax and enjoy it. This could be the answer (and our reward) and a good way to meet others in the parish.

Reply >> It couldn't be so small as it is Parish wide. So perhaps residents only and no invites to extended family and friends.

Comment For > If it could be held on a different weekend each time it would help prevent it being hijacked by lots of people outside the area.

Reply >> Why would outsiders be wanting to hijack a three village get together. It's wasn't my idea to turn into a car boot sale. But a way of showing our fellow parishioners that we are one.

Reply >> Just thinking of an idea to try to stop it becoming a victim of its own success like Old Dalby Day has become. Who would have thought that ODD would be for thousands when it originally started?! If Queensway's 'It's A Knockout' event were always held on the same day each year (like one of the other Bank Holidays) I really feel outsiders might show up uninvited once they got to hear something fun was going on where a "few extra" might not be noticed, Just an idea for trying to keep it local, if that is the intention, rather than it being a fundraiser where we would want loads from outside the parish to attend.

Comment For > Perhaps when commenting you could put either OD, QW or NB, at the end of your text so we can gauge the popularity amongst the villages. This would ensure its not pushed onto a village that isn't in agreement with the idea.

Comment Against > DALby day leaves people exhausted - no more please

Reply >> It's a totally different idea to Dalby Day. Just turn up with a BBQ, seats and so on, relax, meet your neighbours, kids play games even adults play games. Not stalls selling and having the masses turn up.

Reply >> I like this idea, and think it would be very different to ODD, just an informal event for residents only

Comment Neutral > Why not have both.

Comment For > Love the idea of an it's a knockout style set of daft games with. A bbq etc. Could be hosted in a round robin across each of the 3 communities. Kids, teens, adults. The 2 pubs could get involved or host.

Comment For > Maybe we need to create a more shared events?

Comment For > Having moved to QW from another village that did this so well. I'd say it would be easy to achieve. We arranged games for the children. Cricket, football, rounders. Everyone brings a picnic and drinks and enjoys getting together. It really is very simple.

Reply >> Would you be willing to help set up something like this?

Comment For > Would residents in QW mind hosting it, as the person who put up the original idea, I thought I ought to ask. I suggested QW, not because I live there, which I don't, but it is the central to NB & OD. If residents are for it, I will start an action to get it off the ground.

Reply >> Would be happy to help with this and am sure the PED res (Princes, Earles and Dukes Roads residents committee) would be keen. We have already instigated a couple of events on the small green, though weather was inclement. Please contact Russ.

Comment Neutral > Where would you hold it? Would need a piece of land that is big enough AND the owner's permission.

Reply >> Possibly in front of the Crescent and play area.

Comment For > What about a Queensway summer street picnic for residents and families only? Or a driveway sale open to the public similar to ones held in other villages?

Comment For > Some years ago there was a royal celebration, I think, and a fantastic afternoon of sporting events was put on at the Old Dalby cricket ground.. It involved a lot of the young, parents and grandparents and was very well supported and involved a lot of hilarity. Fortunately the weather was good as well. But inevitability organisers are needed. I am sure there is a lot of untapped expertise in the village. But not sure how you go about harnessing it.

Idea Title Develop existing groups.

3.71 21

Idea Description (no description)

Comment Neutral > These groups are already well advertised and so additional ideas are required.

Comment For > While the role of the Church has weakened of late, and in some periods has even been divisive, its importance to village community life historically should not be overlooked. Even now, at key festivals and times of national and family crisis, times large numbers find the Church a focus for togetherness. This positive community attitude has now become crucial for Christian thinking - even playing a crucial part in the healing of division between and within communities.

Comment For > Maybe the existing groups could get together and have a page in the Parish Magazine advertising their groups and explaining what takes place in their group. All other forms of "advertising" would have to be implemented as well for those who do not get the Parish Magazine!

Comment For > Perhaps encourage more people to take the Parish Magazine? It is incredibly good value and is a mine of information.

Idea Title Open gate between Queensway and the Crescent

3.71 21

Idea Description Only a small issue but does encourage a 'them' and 'us' mentality.

Comment Against > Pedestrian access is available which allows Queensway residents to easily use the green for recreation. As a resident of Princes I would fear that opening the gate would lead to a great increase in vehicles using Princes, Marquis, Dukes and Earles Roads for entrance and access at busy times. Residents of those roads pay for road and estate maintenance and would probably be against the idea for this reason alone.

> The pedestrian gate does get blocked by some mindless individual from time to time. It would better if it was locked in an open position.
 The road gate I feel should remain closed for safety reasons, although the emergency services are directed there by the sat nav system.
 For the pedestrian gate
 Comment Neutral against the road gate
 > Would encourage traffic cut through. Some of the army camp residents don't have long term interests in the village as they are not permanent
 Comment Against residents

Idea Title A new website

4.22

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Idea Description The current Old Dalby Village website has not been updated for over three years and could do with a complete overhaul.
 Would anyone be interested in being an administrator for the website or a trustee to ensure it doesn't degenerate again.
 The website could include not only OD but also QW and NB.
 It would be need to be voluntary but a request could be made to the ODD committee for basic technological requirements such as hosting.
 There is a separate green tab with VocalEyes to discuss in more detail if people are interested.
 What are your thoughts?

Comment For > Great idea. Submit your financial application to the Hon Sec of ODD very soon. The committee meets on Dec 5th to allocate the funds from 2016.

Comment For > Bit confused by what you mean by 'not been updated'. Dalby Day 2016 is on there!

Reply >> The ODD website is a different website to the village website and the administrator for that does not currently have access to the main site.

Reply >> I was talking about old-dalby.org.uk. Is this not the village website?

Comment For > Happy to help

Reply >> Wonderful. There is a green tab at the top of this page to create an area to discuss in more detail.

Comment Against > Maybe this isn't about a standalone website, maybe better use of social platforms, where people can interact and provide content. Becomes a live pace, to seek info, share, engage etc.

Reply >> Social media is a great idea. Perhaps the main website could be a jumping off point to Facebook and other sites. It could also be used to link to other important sites such as the surgery website and the bus timetable site for instance. These could be ideas for the new trustees and admin. A website is normally the place where outsiders to the parish would look to gather information about the area for instance people looking to buy property here.

Comment Neutral > How is it hosted currently and by which group of trustees, as you may need their permission to take it on.

Reply >> It is currently hosted by the person who hosts this site and who has no interest in the day to day running of the site. I may be wrong about this. There is an admin for the separate ODD site who may be interested in helping with the other but this is to see if anyone else would be interested as well to work together, for example bringing new ideas and shouldering the burden.

Reply >> I would be interested in helping it run.

Reply >> I may be wrong also but the ODD site doesn't get updated to often and still don't seem to use Twitter etc. If this is the case then the administration person there is perhaps not the person to help on the Old Dalby website

Reply >> I believe the person who originally set up that site is not a resident.

Comment For > Would one of the VocalEyes admin be able to sort out an area to discuss this further with volunteers please?

Reply >> We could start an action which could suggest those who wish to help meet at a place and time. Please indicate if this is of interest and I will start the ball rolling. Thank you.

Comment For > A website for the parish is needed

Idea Title Keep VocalEyes going for the community when the Neighbourhood Plan is completed.

3.60

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Idea Description Through VocalEyes our three communities have been proactively involved in a positive dialogue with regard to the Neighbourhood Plan. Caring, hardworking members of the Advisory Committee will soon collect all the data submitted, complete the Neighbourhood Plan and pass it to the Melton Borough Council. It will have no further use for VocalEyes. So what of the future? Would it not be great to continue the community dialogue beyond the Neighbourhood Plan? Who knows what ideas might emerge!

Comment Against > Think about one platform for everything, info, consultation, engagement, sharing, events. One stop shop. If vocaleyes can do it great, but look around for the best solution

Comment For > I think Vocal Eyes speaks for itself! It should be kept going after the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan for people to discuss and raise relevant issues.

Reply >> It has been great to have an open useful/constructive dialogue between our three communities. Who knows what might emerge if we keep VocalEyes going!!??

Comment Neutral > I'm not sure this would work. Who would be expected to 'action' the ideas put forward. Who would trawl through the comments and decide which ideas had merit and which didn't? Most important - WHO WOULD PAY FOR IT?

Reply >> I think it has been offered for.

Comment For > This is the best platform for our community at present. Ideas, comments and general information is flowing and being put up with out any animosity and it is name less and so neighbours who may have very differing opinions to each other will not be offended by comparing comments etc.

Idea Title Old dalby day funds

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Idea Description Perhaps the old dalby day committee could hold back some funds this year . This could provide some kick start money for new initiatives from this plan

Comment Neutral > I understand from the website that the Day raises important funds for charities, support groups and local businesses in our community already.

Reply >> Yes but it is applied for . The suggestion is that some is kept back this year making it more flexible

Reply >> Can Old Dalby Day funds be used for the benefit of the residents of Nether Broughton and Queensway? Charity Commission website implies not.

Reply >> The residents of Old Dalby work very hard to raise these funds each year to support village needs like repairing the church roof and many other projects over the years. Residents give up many hours of their time for free, make jams, pickles, craft items etc. and bake and donate cakes and other baked goods. It is a lot of hard work! Queensway Scouts make a real contribution to the day as do other groups and duly benefit.

Reply >> Could Dalby Day not become a more encompassing day for the parish. I'm sure not every volunteer come only from Old Dalby.

Comment Neutral > Probably not the best idea as I don't think this is really what Dalby Day monies are intended for?

Reply >> What is Old Dalby Day funding for if not providing money for community ideas?

Comment Neutral > The rules for funding are the rules unfortunately.

Reply >> Oh dear im afraid I think this comment sums up the lack of vision and ability to be flexible that blights small communities .

Idea Title Encourage an older generation

2.89

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Idea Description Older generations have more time to be part of a community. A working family with school children won't have time to 'engage' in a community per se because time is of the essence and they're too knackered! It doesn't apply to everyone but is generally true.

Comment Against > Nearly all of the committees are populated by people who are either childless or their children have left home. If we want 'younger' ideas to be put forward to properly serve our community, then we need some younger people to step up even if it is just on an occasional basis.

Reply >> I'm a mum, I work full time and I'm on one of the village committees, more would be great but please don't generalise without knowledge of the facts.

Reply >> This comment is in the support of working mums and dads suggesting it is OK for them to step up on an adhoc basis so the needs of the younger generation are properly addressed! Sorry if it gave the wrong impression. The percentage of young parents on most of our committees is in the minority and for valid reason. Family life should take priority.

> I think this is a great idea and would like to see the elder generation leading on the creation of working groups, (that included anyone interested, especially younger people so we get the intergenerational thang going on), that are created around the identified priorities of our communities with a view to doing research and feasibility and progressing popular ideas into meaningful actions, tangible initiatives, projects and outcomes.

Comment For

> It usually is the older generation that engages in community projects---and they get tired too!

Comment Against

> The younger generation do seem to be under enormous pressure nowadays. I agree the recently retired members of our community probably have more time and interest in developing local activities.

However the Old Dalby Day committee now has only 3 members over 70 years!! Very encouraging.

Comment For

> A Community needs all generations to be involved so that it can evolve and move forward.

Comment Neutral

Reply >> Well said

> Personally I feel that in every community there are 'those who do' and 'those who don't' - if folks are those 'who do' in the parish or when they move to the parish then they will 'do' all their lives - those who 'don't' never will.

Comment Neutral

Reply >> In total agreement

> If you need something done ask a busy person! There are always people who live in a community but are not in the least bit interested in belonging to that community or doing anything for the community.

Comment For

> I'm not sure I fully understand this idea. Communities are formed from people of all ages, backgrounds, circumstances etc. We should aspire to be a community (ies) where every resident feels there is an event / activities they can join in with and mix with other residents

Comment Neutral

Idea Title Make the parish magazine free to all residents

3.39

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Idea Description Free parish magazine for all residents and delivered. It would help to engage people.

- > Can someone explain what happens to the current funds? Are funds needed to keep the Parish Magazine going? I would agree with this if it were somehow sustainable but this needs to be explained please?
- Comment Neutral
- > An increased circulation may encourage advertisers to take up/pay for more space so it becomes self-funding otherwise the funding would have to come from somewhere else.
- Comment For
- > The charge for the magazine is quite low and, even though volunteers produce it, there are printing costs to be paid for.
- Comment Against
- > Printing costs do need to be covered.
- > Unfortunately these days the editorial team of the Parish Magazine is entirely from Old Dalby. No representation from Queensway or Nether Broughton - is this due to lack of interest?
- Comment Neutral
- Reply >> Why doesn't the parish council pay for it?
- Reply >> I think the Parish Council offered to do this in the past
- Comment Neutral
- > The annual charge is £6.00 but many folk do not wish to pay for it.
- > The Parish Magazine could be given free if the cover price was included within everyone's council tax precept.
- Comment Neutral
- > I understand all newcomers get a free magazine? Is this correct? £6.00 is not a lot of money for a year, but coming as it does in January which is always a difficult month, perhaps a different payment date would be easier for some?
- Comment For

Topic (Expanded)

Which open and green areas within the Parish are important and why

	Idea	Avg	Rated
Idea Title	The Old Dalby Village Green and nearby Playpark are of paramount importance to the heritage, character and amenity of the village. If not already designated as 'Local Green Space', which affords more protection, this should be requested.	4.78	51
Idea Description	(no description)		
Comment For	> Nice to see that the cricket club have made a great job of tidying the corner of the parish play field. Looking good.		
Comment For	> There are lots of open areas within the Parish which need to be retained to keep the feel and character of the area. The grass area and playpark adjacent to the dog training area, the fields and scout hut at the end of Queensway (and the grass area at the other end of the road), the fields in the centre of Nether Broughton - the Parish wouldn't be the same if such areas weren't there.		
Reply	>> Yes, and all the smaller grass verges and places where benches have been put so people can rest and enjoy the beautiful views that we have.		
Comment For	> Absolutely agree. We should not take it for granted that it would always be an open area at the heart of the village for all to enjoy - look at what has happened to so many school playing fields: they have been built on. We should request this be kept as green space so it can not just be classed as in-fill for a developer to build on.		
Comment For Reply	> Also include the second village green which is smaller but no less relevant to the character of the village - at the junction of Main Rd and Chapel Lane opposite the old Methodist Chapel.		
Comment For	>> Agreed - the OD village sign is sited there.		
Comment For	> Don't forget Queensway. I see a former green space adjacent to 2 Queensway was acquired as a garden for that property. The owners have now applied for planning permission for four houses on it.		
Comment For	> Other green areas of Old Dalby should be protected in particular Paradise Lane because of adjacent woodland with its bird life and habitats and also historical heritage.		
Reply	>> Agreed, this is a favoured country lane for families, the elderly, dog-walkers and horseriders so we need to keep it as a ' Quiet Lane ' to protect it for future generations. Sadly, there are too few country lanes left where people can enjoy a stroll and hear birdsong.		
Comment For	> Both are of historical as well as aesthetic and recreational value. They form such an important part of the village that development should be absolutely out of the question.		
Comment For Reply	> The green space in front of The Crescent/behind Queensway should also be protected. It provides a lovely aspect for many who over look it, is a great space for dog walkers and kids to play on.		
Reply	>> I agree.		

Comment Neutral	> possibly		
Comment For	> Old Dalby village green and play park are essential elements that make up the character of the village and should be offered the highest protection enforceable in the Neighbourhood plan		
Comment For	> The previous plan had these areas as Important Open Spaces - which they are. The problem is that the previous plan also had other areas such as private gardens (some of which have been granted planning permission, such as Debdale Hill). This in turn undermines the protection for the areas which are important - such as the Green, area above the Green, the Play Park and the church		
Idea Title	Save the trees and bushes on Station Road	4.64	45
Idea Description	When the 39 houses get built next to Princes Road, it would be good if the mature trees and depth of bushes were maintained for the wildlife and to screen the development. Bats are regularly seen feeding here and, as the trees are so mature with dead wood, it is likely that they roost there. 		
	> Yes, I very much agree with you! Both for wildlife and natural, rural beauty, the retention of hedges and mature trees should be encouraged. Just because a development is new, does not mean that it can not be created in a way which is sympathetic to its environment.(Curved, " country " lanes instead of straight roads etc.)		
Comment For	>> Totally agree with both comments. The community/Parish Council will need to be vigilant as the application progresses to see that the trees and bushes are retained in the overall plan. Would like to know how this may be done.l		
Reply	> Healthy mature trees are important for wildlife but also enhance the quality of the development for residents. Planning officers should be "encouraged" to take the application as an opportunity to secure well designed soft and hard landscaping.		
Comment For	>> Absolutely agree with you. We should always try to keep mature trees around our villages unless there is obvious decay or some other very good reason to remove them. Same applies to hedges		
Reply	> Bats are very much a protected species and their roosting sites need to be identified. Would be nice if bat boxes could be fixed in some trees.		
Comment For	>> Something for other endangered or threatened species too, if possible (e.g. nest boxes for dormice).		
Reply	> The trees should be protected habitats if bats roost there, but we should certainly press for greenspace offsetting by the developer and green features in the properties so less pressure is put on utilities.		
Comment For			

Comment For Reply	<p>> There are Green Woodpeckers in that area too. In their appeal against the initial planning rejection for the 39 the developers promised a wildlife habitat for the next block. When the rejection was overturned by the Home Secretary they quickly put in an application for a further 55 houses on that next block. I hate to sound so cynical but doubt builders will avoid destruction of trees or other wildlife habitat unless somehow forced.</p> <p>>> The trees should be given TPOs</p>	4.69	29
Comment For	<p>> Any housing development should have hedges and trees saved sensual for poor landing per permi</p> <p>> if such fauna is present and confirmed then the vegetation and area should be protected by the planners - its n the ecologists hands to help prove where the roost and feeding areas are.</p>		
Comment For	<p>> Trees and hedgerows are part of the character of the area and support a wide variety of wildlife, including protected species. The Parish Council needs to be vigilant that construction has the correct / appropriate safeguards to avoid an 'accident' where these are damaged or destroyed.</p>		
Idea Title	<p>What is it that makes you prefer to live in a village rather than a town? What is it that we need to protect to keep the 'village feel'?</p>	4.69	29
Idea Description	<p>Is it the increased space between you and your neighbour's house; the greater diversity in housing styles; our winding, tree-lined country lanes; having more hedges and mature trees; the tranquility afforded by having less traffic; being a safer place to raise children? What do you want to safeguard about village-life in any new development and why?</p>		
Comment For Reply	<p>> I like the trees and hedges, the space and the 'small' feeling of a village. I do not want to be surrounded by more and more houses and the bustle of a town.</p> <p>>> If we landscape we won't notice the bricks so much.</p>		
Comment Neutral	<p>> I think any developments that actually get built should really consider how the new houses will integrate with existing houses. There shouldn't be lots of fenced off mini estates, but open footpaths linked together and accessible to all.</p>		
Reply	<p>>> Agree - let's opt for hedges or open plan instead of fencing for new development front gardens..</p>		
Comment Neutral	<p>> People always seem to talk about new planning for houses and seem to forget that the business parks are expanding up the hill. And all of that means more lorries more traffic at work start / leave times. If those employed at the business parks were able to reside closer the traffic flow would more than likely drop.</p>		
Reply	<p>>> Sadly, modern life means that even a short walk is unpopular if it means using an umbrella and not all workers would live in Queensway!</p>		

> Looking at the age profile of OD, tranquility, greenspace and community must feature high in why OD should remain a village.

Comment For

If houses need to be provided, we should ask when has less stretched amenities in Leicstershire. I agree with previous comments that linking communities is very important.

> A village shop would be brilliant. I really miss being able to nip to the post office / village shop to pick up bits and pieces. Is there anything that could be done as a co-operative, with local farmers / food producers being involved??

Comment For

>> Sunday morning papers at OD Village Hall used to do this. Perhaps we could encourage local producers to give it another try.

Reply

>> Or ask them to attend at Sunday Breakfasts when they have more people coming who might buy from them.

Reply

> I love having cows and sometimes sheep as the only residents I see from my home. My human neighbours' homes can only been seen when I'm outside. This is why I chose to live here.

Comment Neutral

>> Wooded areas would help screen any urban sprawl and help with noise pollution.

Reply

>> Rothley village is a good example where wooded areas help. It is big, true, but still retains a lovely rural feel to most of it.

Reply

> To my mind a true village has a heart and is not a straggling collection of houses stretching out over long distances. I chose to live in Old Dalby as it has a green, a village hall and a church all in close proximity forming the Heart of the village with houses clustered around the heart. The more houses that stretch beyond the heart the more they reduce the sense of a true village, almost like poor circulation from a real heart when it has to reach the ends of our toes and fingers. Many villages have lost their character as their heart has been effectively destroyed by over development and loss of the life blood of community.

Comment For

>> Excellent points. Perhaps if we are forced to grow we need to do it in a circular fashion so no home is too far away from the heart. Most ancient cities follow this model.

Reply

> I live in a village because I love the community spirit, the village green, the church, activities which I can belong to. I love the footpaths through the village, the surrounding walks and views, the wildlife. Trees, hedges, space around without feeling isolated children playing safely. and, on the whole slightly less traffic than being in a town. I also love the sounds of hens, cows, sheep and horses and tractors during the harvest season in the dark!

Comment For

>> Me too!

Reply

>> Agreed

Reply

>> Yes

Reply

Comment For > The pace of life is as fast as you want it to be in OD. The people I know who I can get in touch with if I need help, friendship, a coffee. There is a uniqueness about a village which a town does not usually offer. We have horses through the village, we are in touch with nature.

Comment For > A village should be about having space around houses , about knowing and caring for neighbours, less noise and traffic than urban hours. It's about a sense of community

Comment For > Houses in towns usually don't have enough trees or hedges around them to soften the hard-look of the materials. In the case of trees, it is probably because gardens are often very small and their roots too near a house are not a good idea. Developers could still allocate patches of land in any new estate to leave enough space for the odd grouping of trees to get round this problem. No trees mean no summer shade and increased noise pollution. Planting hedges, instead of using fences, is also much more attractive, so much kinder to wildlife and really helps stop noise pollution. Any new build in a village hopefully would still have lots of trees and hedges as we currently enjoy here. What we have leads to increased tranquility and a sense of well-being which with a busy life most of us crave when we get home from work.

Comment For > I like the fact that usually no two houses are identical. Perhaps the new housing on Longcliffe could be more varied by using different designs, bricks, and architectural building styles from different eras. You could have a thatched cotttage style next to a Neo-Georgian one and Neo-Edwardian next to Neo-Victorian etc. like traditional villages are when they have grown slowly over time. That would make them much more interesting and stop new development styles from dominating the original village.

Reply >> Yes, you would never have built 30 identical houses at the same time in a village centuries ago so it just looks wrong.

Comment For > Less built environment, more green space, immediate access to walks, less noise - but retaining a sense of community.

Reply >> Absolutely!

Comment Neutral > As a one time city dweller I really value the peace and safety of the area. When we moved to Queensway we did so specifically to be in as peaceful and rural place as we could afford yet still enjoy community interaction. The plans for new housing could ruin that peace has recently left us feeling sick and distrustful.

Reply >> Hopefully, this Neighbourhood Plan process will help prevent this sort of thing happening and reduce the risk of uncontrolled development. A bit of work now may save a lot of heartache in the future.

Comment For Reply	<p>> Peace. Lack of traffic. Saying hello to strangers. Seeing and hearing wildlife without the need to turn on a tv. Feeling directly connected to the area and responsible for it. Enjoying ruralness. Enjoying being remote. Breathing clean fresh air free of pollution or traffic fumes. Enjoying icy hills and muddy lanes and the vulnerability of being so easily isolated. Being able to see the stars without light pollution. Being neighbourly. Understanding the fragility of wildlife and nature. Being able to open a window or leave a door unlocked without fear of being broken into. Being able to see the sunset and sunrise against land & hill, not buildings. Being able to watch birds soar. Being able to have space.</p>		
Comment Neutral	<p>>> Lack of traffic.....ha ! Try living next to the Business Park</p> <p>> These are questions and as such cannot be 'agreed' or 'disagreed' with. However it raises a good point to identify what gives us the village 'feel' in the THREE settlements.</p>		
Comment Neutral Comment For	<p>> I think the main thing I like about living in a village is the relatively small community where many people know many others. In this I mean considering the parish of Broughton and Old Dalby as three smaller settlements - Queensway, Nether Broughton and Old Dalby.</p> <p>> the views, the ability to walk to the end of the street into fields.</p>		
Comment For	<p>> A community where people know each other, a safe environment to raise children and a rural 'feel' characterised by organic / restricted development creating a mixed housing stock for all. I particularly enjoy the hedgerows, trees and views in Old Dalby and am concerned that these aspects of the countryside will be lost if development is uncontrolled / gets of hand.</p>		
Idea Title Idea Description	<p>Living in OD the rural setting and approach to the village especially down Main Rd, Lomgliffe and also Debdale are extremely important to the physical identity and should be preserved from further development.</p> <p>(no description)</p>	4.17	30
Comment For Reply	<p>> Not at least until all three roads are rebuilt to proper standards. All three roads move and require a lot of maintenance. The top Lane is awful to travel along in either direction and urgently requires repair.</p> <p>>> Totally agree that Lawn Lane needs urgent repair.</p>		
Reply Reply	<p>>> road is poorly maintained and has needed attention for a long time</p> <p>>> Agree Lawn needs some work!</p>		

Comment For	> Referring to the road standards... repairing these roads and bringing them to a higher standard might well make the journey less hazardous. It may also speed up traffic to such a degree that road kill increases. The view, to which I think the idea points, would remain the same but unfortunately speed by more quickly. I regularly stop to soak in the views and agree that we should hope to preserve them from development.		
Comment For	> retain the village feel is important to all three communities		
Idea Title	Improve on the play parks equipment for the young and ensure proper inspection and maintenance.	4.06	31
Idea Description	(no description)		
Comment Neutral	> An inspection already takes place once a year, and maintenance is carried out as soon as practical if reported to the parish council. Would people living in the village be willing to pay extra local council tax to pay for better / newer equipment?		
Reply	>> What about the Old Dalby Day funds?		
Comment Neutral	> What sort of equipment? Play equipment is very expensive.		
Reply	>> The government is concerned about rising levels of Diabetes which has been found to be linked to unhealthy lifestyles. Physical exercise and a healthy diet are key to reducing the incidence of this disease. The government may therefore offer grants for this sort of equipment as lack of physical exercise in all age groups is closely linked to the rise - even in the young - of this devastating illness.		
Reply	>> Adult gym equipment could be added		
Reply	>> Adult gym equipment could be added Old dalby day money could be used for this		
Comment For	> Gym equipment as in Egerton Park which is well used.		
Reply	>> Super idea!		
Comment For	> Keeping the play parks to a high standard I see important In old Dalby the hedge needs better care		
Comment Neutral	> Inspection for safety is carried out every year (by law) and irrespective of cost items MUST be removed if found dangerous. Money is not always immediately available from the PC precept - may be the PC should increase its annual precept from all residents?		
Comment For	> the cost of installing an average play park is approx £65-120k and so it is understandable that the equipment is replaced only when it fails the regular annual inspection by trained representatives eg ROSPA. If you spot an issue then contact the Parish Council representative and bring it to their attention - it can then be dealt with.		
Idea Title	What about having more wooded areas to help screen new housing developments and further promote the country-dwelling feel.	4.70	44
Idea Description	(no description)		

Comment For > This would be kinder to wildlife, too.
>> Rothley is quite a large village but has many treed-areas which help to soften so many buildings - hence it remains a pleasant place where many wish to live.

Reply > Coniferous trees would give all year- round colour and help with any noise pollution.

Comment For > Hedge-planting, around any new development, would help with noise pollution; look much better than fencing; and is more in keeping for a village. Also kinder to wildlife.

Comment For > But then people take out hedges in the heart of the village and replace with brick walls. I myself would much rather see good planting of correct trees, hedges and shrubs.

Reply >> We could do both!

Reply >> Take out hedges and replace with walls? Why would you want to do that in the centre of the village.

Reply >> Yes, agreed, you could do both: plant hedges and plant lots of trees in pockets in any new developments. Gets round the problem of not wanting trees too close to a house due to small gardens.

Reply >> Yes I agree brick was walls not in keeping and bad for drainage hedges much better

Comment For > We could request funding for more coniferous trees to be planted around Queensway Industrial Estate to give year round screening.

Reply >> Parish Council recently offered free trees to land owners via Leicestershire County Council. Not sure if any takers came forward though

Reply >> Often such initiatives are poorly advertised. With the Neighbourhood Plan we have a much better chance of making it happen and properly applying for any grants that are out there.

Comment Neutral > The idea of more hedging is laudable BUT there will always be on going up-keep costs to be borne by the community i.e. Council Tax increases.

Reply >> This idea is for areas of woodland which require little maintenance. Hedges are the responsibility of the individual landowner/farmer/resident so very much a shared cost not involving the council.

Comment For > What about fruit trees?

Reply >> Kind to wildlife and we could all share in the harvest, too.

Reply >> There are plenty of fruit trees in OD play Park to pick fruit when in season

Reply >> Hardly that many for a village which is about to expand

Reply >> You can only pick the fruit if you can't climb over a long a locked gateWhy stop people going into that corner?

Comment For > Trees are far better than hedges which quickly get out of shape and require continuous maintenance at considerable cost.

Reply	>> Hedges usually only need trimming twice a year and with a modern trimmer are not costly to maintain.		
Reply	>> This idea is for using trees as screening or just to enhance new housing developments.		
Comment For	> If you had a small area of trees planted at the entrance of the new Longcliffe Hill housing development it would not be half so bad. You could more easily forget it was there other than the increased traffic of course!		
Reply	>> Like Rothley village does - very clever how houses are hidden away there.		
Comment For	> Greening the new deal developments is very important		
Comment For	> And help wildlife		
Comment For	> Definitely. Most people who live here CHOSE to live in a country environment. If folks want an urban environment then live in Melton		
Comment For	> Brilliant idea, important to create wildlife corridors, create special green space, improve views, and all with the fab benefits that trees that bring to everyone		
Comment For	> this is nearly always a planning requirement any way- need to make house plots on a scheme bigger so people have a garden not large town house with half a yard of lawn.		
Comment For	> Trees or hedgerows can help maintain the character of the village and support wildlife		
Comment For	> I strongly support tree planting at suitable locations around the village		
Idea Title	Protect our green spaces.	4.58	31
Idea Description	The playpark, despite its limited play facilities has been visited by us with our young family regularly over the last six years. There is certainly room for development though. For great village play park facilities, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, Stathern and Rearsby are all fantastic examples and I regularly travel to these parks in preference to our own. Willoughby's I believe was funded by a legacy left specifically to develop it, however Stathern and Rearsby parks were funded by local fund raising events and drive from the local community. I think it could be achieved here. I agree witg earlier comments re the football goals. Other green spaces to protect, the cricket field, the Green and the village sign area, around the Church too.		
Comment For	> Old Dalby Day funds could help with this.		
Reply	>> Would only be of use to Old Dalby - not Nether Broughton or Queensay		
Comment Neutral	> I love the pedal powered roundabout. I've not seen one of these in any other park.		
Comment Neutral	> Which part of Nether Broughton and Old Dalby Parish are you referring to please?		
Comment For	> most of these are in the plan i believe		

Comment For	> I agree that we need protection for - the Green in Old Dalby, play parks in OD, Queensway and Nether Broughton, village sign areas and around places of worship. Local fundraising, lottery funds, etc could be looked at to improve the play park in OD which could be better and benefit the children / parents in the village.		
Idea Title	Plan ahead for ash die back	4.39	31
Idea Description	The look of the parish (indeed, the whole country) will be very different if/when ash die back hits us. It would be great if we could plan ahead by having a major tree planting campaign in as much of the parish as possible of trees that will eventually replace the ash.		
Comment For	> Great idea if farmers and other landowners can be encouraged to donate a small amount of land each. As the village grows we need to try to keep it "green" in more ways than one and this idea would certainly help with that.		
Comment For	> There seems to be a lot of tree disease over the past few years, do you have any knowledge of which species are more hardy		
Comment For	> Agree		
Comment For	> There are a number of 'free trees' initiatives we could use		
Comment For	> Fruit trees would be great and minnature fruit trees can yield a lot of fruit without getting too high and big so more of the fruit can be picked and used by the community. The existing areas of green spaces in the villages do offer some planting and I think the fruit tree initiatives should be explored further.		
Comment For	> There are various tree grants and free initiatives - Leicestershire county council forestry section are offering trees currently to any one who wants one and have the land to plant it -		
Comment For	> We need to plan for climate change and the rise in threats from both fungal and pests on our major tree species such as Horse Chestnut and Oak trees. To me, these are more important than Ash trees which are mainly (large) weeds!		
Idea Title	All of the existing open spaces.	4.33	24
Idea Description	(no description)		
Comment Neutral	> The answer lies in, If the land l'd public owned or private. Green field vs Brown field. It's to easy to say all current open space.		

> Paradise Lane is a lovely open space as its name would suggest!
Somewhere for all ages to access and enjoy. It is probably one of the most popular walks in Old Dalby particularly when it is too wet for some of the others. A place where families feel safe to walk their little ones or push prams and buggies (or teach their children how to ride a tricycle) and the elderly can enjoy a carefree and slow walk as they are more likely to meet a horse than a car. Ramblers and dog-walkers love it too. Bordered by wide grass verges (open space) and a lovely stretch of woodland it needs to be kept as a quiet lane and hopefully it will not be further developed. The woodland is privately owned but currently we can enjoy the much needed shade it gives us in Summer; the colours it gives us in Autumn and Spring and the wonderful bird song for much of the year. Don't take it for granted. Protect it now, as few would want to lose it.

Comment For
Reply

>> Totally agree!

>> Perhaps this could have a 'Quiet Lane' road sign at both ends to warn traffic to slow down for horses and pedestrians or to avoid it if possible so it can be safer for all.

Reply

>> 'Old people' and 'horse with rider' road signs would help warn drivers to slow their speed as well. Perhaps these signs would be useful on some of our other lanes in the parish too?

Reply

> The paddock in the centre of Nether Broughton provides an 'oasis' of green space in the heart of the village and should remain so.

Comment For
Reply

>> Some more trees there would look lovely too.

Reply

>> I agree that this open space should be protected

> Agreed. They're all important because they exist and sustain wildlife, and are the very essence of a rural life.

Comment For

> I think it is too simple / easy to say all existing open spaces. What about the developments outside the village envelope - these should incorporate open spaces to add to the character of the village, rather than be a solid block of development not in keeping with the village. I feel one of the issues in Old Dalby is that the previous plan designated a wide variety of "Important Open Areas" which in practice diluted the protection for truly important areas with others that could not be protected. For example, at one end of the spectrum we have the village green, playground, cemetery and the area around St John the Baptist - I believe most people would express passionate support for protection of these areas. At the other end of the spectrum you have people's private gardens. I don't think it's practical to say that someone cannot do what they want with their own garden, be it fence or even development (subject to necessary planning). You can't reasonably enforce this to protect this for someone else's benefit and by doing so you weaken protection overall.

Comment Against

Reply	<p>>> A blanket approach to the protection of all open spaces is not appropriate and there should be analysis of the local character of the village and how this can be managed sustainably un the 21st century. Clarity as to the function, quality, identification of important local views, and landscape character of the open spaces is important. An understanding of the historic settlement pattern to guide new development with the provision of new green spaces that reflects the character of the village.</p>	4.58	33
Reply	<p>>> Sadly, I think we cannot say that we want to prevent development of all open spaces, but we should decide which offer the most important places for our village and should be protected, and which should not be developed (perhaps for different reasons). I would love to see all open spaces protected, but I think this must be balanced against pressure to expand the size of the villages</p>		
Comment For	<p>> Paradise Lane should be made a one way trafficked lane. It isn't wide enough for two cars to pass side by side and there should be a proper footpath formed so that access in safety is assured. At present all those walking along its length do so on the highway not a footpath. So all in all a safer place to wonder and cars not grubbing up the grass verge.</p>		
Idea Title	<p>A variety of open spaces Those which have a rich habitat. Those which provide separation between groups of houses and protect the rural feel and those which ensure settlement separation</p>	4.58	33
Idea Description	<p>> Each has to be on its own merit</p>		
Comment For	<p>>> I agree</p>		
Reply	<p>> We are blessed in this parish with many wonderful views over The Vale of Belvoir, leafy lanes and woodland walks. We need to protect as many of these as we can and build on brown-field sites first before we concrete these over.</p>		
Comment For	<p>> We live in a rural village and should keep as much existing green areas as possible</p>		
Comment For	<p>>> I agree!</p>		
Reply	<p>> Although I cannot prove this I suspect residents of Queensway and the camp who chose to live there did so for the views, open spaces and relative peace and tranquility.</p>		
Comment For	<p>> Once again we are back to the fact that all our 'open' spaces belong to someone.</p>		
Comment Neutral	<p>>> Are you in Queensway? Perhaps as the MOD land there has been earmarked for development by the government, they should create some open public spaces with existing residents' advice on what it should be like and where it would be best located. (Seems fair to me!)</p>		
Reply			

Comment For > Most developers will embrace this as part of their final designs. The planning dept will be asking to see and requiring the design of developments to ensure these parts are undertaken.

Comment For > All land is owned by someone but we can affect what is placed there or have it protected if there is sufficient reason eg rare species, high intrinsic value etc. Architects do generally take into account such items but only if there is strong planning precedents in place.

Comment Neutral > It is difficult to agree or disagree with this statement for a number of factors - most open spaces belong to someone and it is their right to seek to maximise their assets. If you enjoy a view and the landowner puts up a fence, shed, polytunnel, etc. that complies with established restrictions you have no rights here. Where there are protected species this has protection in law. We have to be careful not to be prescriptive and consider each green space on it's own merits - most owners do not want to trash their assets either so are part of the process.

Idea Title We should plan for the sale of the MOD land 4.37 19

The MOD have announced in the press that their Old Dalby site will be sold. According to the staff at the recent Melton Borough planning consultation in ODVH, OD has already met its allocation for new housing stock (with the 2 areas of land indicated in the Melton plan). Melton staff do not seem supportive of the MOD land being used for an additional substantial amount of housing or business estate, however there is a fear that a housing decision would be imposed by Government. Of course, the land will be sold, and would be under the control of the new owner.

Idea Description Could our local plan be pre-emptive and suggest a use for this land that WOULD be acceptable to most of the local residents?.

Comment For > I suggest paddocks may be appropriate, but as I'm not a horse-owner I'm no expert on the suitability of the land.

Reply >> The Government's intention is to meet the national housing shortfall by offering previous MOD sites for home-building (Four locations around the country.) Question: is there a genuine need for this in our particular area; is there employment here for the new residents and is the infrastructure there to support the increased numbers - school places/public transport/shops/GP and hospital capacity?

Reply >> The Melton Local Plan suggests that the five year housing supply will be satisfied by the strategies included in it. It is important to note that the Melton LP does NOT mention the MOD land!

> Agree that we need to plan as best we can. MBC have apparently received no info about the MoD intentions other than what has been in the press. Whilst as you say OD, as a 'service centre' has met its housing allocation as per the MBC Local Plan with the already approved developments on Station Lane and Longcliff, the planners regard the Queensway area as a separate 'rural settlement'!

Comment For
Reply

>> Has Queensway met its housing allocation?
>> In the draft MBC Local Plan, OD itself has a housing allocation of 35 as it is classified as a 'service centre' but areas classified as 'rural settlements' such as Queensway and Nether Broughton do not have specific housing allocations.

Reply

>> But also in the Draft MBC LP it suggests that it will meet its five year housing supply based on its LP - there is no mention of the MOD land.(I don't think)

Reply

> By the look of things the land will be sold for well over a million pounds much more if it has planning permission. I doubt whether the new owner would take into account the wishes of the locals when spending so much money. It would be lovely if they did though.

Comment Neutral

>> Isn't one of the functions of our local plan to influence decisions on planning permission?
>> Yes it is. Once the MBC Local Plan is submitted (probably in February) it will carry weight. Also, once the Parish Neighbourhood Plan is completed, this also carries statutory weight.

Reply

> The last thing we need is more housing.

Comment Neutral

Would be nice if land was allocated for a village hall etc.

>> There is a hall in Queensway already (Scout Hut) which is in very good condition. However, if many more houses are built on the former MOD land there, then the need for a new one at the heart may be real.

Reply

> The sale of land by the MOD in Old Dalby would raise significantly more than a million pounds if it had planning permission for housing. Seeing as the MOD are currently in a Creek without a paddle, I for one feel this will be pushed through without the support of either MBC or Parish Council. This will also quickly test the robustness of the local and neighbourhood plans.

Comment Neutral

> I suggest a nature reserve. It could be managed by a local cooperative. Why must residents be forced to accept any building as a compromise?
>> This unfortunately will never happen, the land is too valuable and providing affordable homes is a massive Gov't pledge

Reply

> The Government are selling MOD land to provide space for affordable housing. If our Local Plan could show that houses will/can not be built on that land would they reconsider and keep the land?

Comment For

<p>Reply Comment For</p>	<p>>> This land is surplus to requirements according to the MOD. Perhaps a touring caravan park run via the Caravan Club. It would be different and could sustain a business if it was taken on. Even timber lodges with a fishing lake as per Eye Kettleby</p>	
<p>Comment Neutral</p>	<p>> NOT an extension of the Business Parks > the MOD will ultimately sell the land and it may be classed as brownfield site despite its actual greenness. I suspect if it goes for planning for houses then it will pass.</p>	
<p>Comment Neutral</p>	<p>> I think this would be difficult to pre-empt. Also, if there's a choice, I would prefer an existing brownfield site be developed (such as the MOD site) rather than greenfield sites outside the village envelope.</p>	
<p>Comment For</p>	<p>> I agree that an alternative to residential development would be wonderful, but it seems unlikely, although I hope it would be refused. At the very least, if a new owner wants to use the land for residential development, then it would be good if it could be stipulated that it can only be developed in several phases with a significant time period between the phases, e.g. 10 years, so that the impact on the village is more manageable.</p>	
<p>Comment For</p>	<p>> We can only hope or come up with a really good commercial use where it is worth more than housing.</p>	
<p>Idea Title Idea Description</p>	<p>Can the neighbourhood plan be very clear which bit of Old Dalby is the conservation area. I think people are unclear about what that means in terms of hedges and trees and the built environment. The neighbourhood plan and the parish council have a role</p>	<p>4.50 20</p>
<p>Comment For</p>	<p>> The neighbourhood plan will clearly define the conservation area within Old Dalby. However this information should already be available via Melton Borough Councils website. The planning dept can advise anyone on their responsibilities to the built environment who live within.</p>	
<p>Comment Neutral</p>	<p>> Anyone who live in the Conservation area will know they do so will also know what can and cannot be done.</p>	
<p>Reply</p>	<p>>> That's not true lots of people don't know . We've mustn't assume we all have the same sense of community or responsibility to the environment. I think the parish council could do more education work on this and other issues -perhaps in the village magazines</p>	
<p>Comment For</p>	<p>> Unfortunately, even if you do live in a conservation area, you will not be kept up to date with current legislation and some home owners who may have recently bought properties in such an area may not even be properly aware that this brings with it certain responsibilities. The Parish Council can help with ensuring compliance. The Neighbourhood Plan may help raise awareness.</p>	

Topic (Expanded)

How can we improve public open spaces

	Idea	Avg	Rated
Idea Title	Review the current actual use of open spaces owned by the parish eg. the OD playpark, and assess whether these could be made more appealing by investing in equipment or having more events there in order that such spaces are better utilised	4.36	33
Idea Description	(no description)		
Reply	>> I would def use equipment in the park when its not raining or snowing!		
Reply	>> An open air gym or space for kids / teenagers is a great idea. Encouraging that age group to mix and exercise would be extremely beneficial to all. >> I think children between the ages of 6-16 have very little to keep them occupied and funds should be made available for a skate park, these are very popular these days with children of all ages and I believe the nearest one in Leicestershire is Melton		
Reply	>> I like the idea of open air gym equipment for teenagers and adults. Anything that encourages people to get outside and exercise has got to be a good thing. >> I agree > The park in comparison to others locally is looking very tired. The filed behind it is poorly used. Giving our local children somewhere that they would chose to be must be given more priority.		
Comment For Reply	>> Which park are you referring to? There are several around the parish. >> Really! > One thing missing in OD is a shop. If we could review how space is used we may be able to identify where we could have a shop/link this to a farmers shop etc as well as look at other facilities we need		
Comment For	> This is something the community could actively get involved in. Funds would need to be raised from somewhere. Parish Council only have a small budget.		
Reply	> I think children between the ages of 6-16 have very little to keep them occupied and funds should be made available for a skate park, these are very popular these days with children of all ages and a great way to keep them exercised, I believe the nearest one in Leicestershire is Melton, Nottinghamshire seem to have one in most villages >> Good idea. > A review of numbers using the play park/land next to ODVH would be a good idea. Maybe with a view to creating a dozen parking spaces, end on at the edge would not take up much room.		
Comment For Reply	>> I see this comment suggesting turning the play park into a car park? > Old dalby day money could be used for this		
Comment For			

Comment For	> The parks are generally aimed at the younger children around the parish and any review must account for how we can increase space to develop such activities and fund them - as a contractor installing such items - they are definitely not cheap to purchase - double set of swings alone is £4000.00 - skate park £25-80k		
Idea Title	Create A Wooded Area Along Both Banks on Northside of Railway Testing Track (Old Dalby and Queensway)	3.80	25
Idea Description	The OD Test track is used for most, if not all, of any new train testing - high speed trains included. To help with noise pollution, negative visual impact and to create a wildlife corridor we could consider planting coniferous trees along the banks of the track and the field land adjacent to it. Coniferous trees are suggested rather than a mixed woodland; they give year-round screening of course because they do not drop their leaves and we all know what a bit of leaf-fall does to a railway line in the UK!		
Comment For	> Would the Woodland Trust pay for and plant this if the test track or land owner agreed to it?		
Comment Neutral	> There are other ever greens trees than conifers. Eucalyptus trees are ever green		
Reply	>> Eucalyptus look lovely but those have a very bad press due to invasive root systems, pests and need for a great deal of water.		
Reply	>> On wet clay fields at the bottom of a bank, there will probably be a good amount of water, roots spread underground but in these locations not a drain to break, or house foundation to disturb.		
Reply	>> Sounds like a good idea then if the Test Track agree.		
Reply	>> Don't make the mistake of confusing all coniferous trees with plain Leylandii		
Comment For	> There are so many beautiful conifer/fir trees from which to choose. Click on any name and an image of that tree will reveal itself. https://www.forestryimages.org/browse/catsubject.cfm?cat=58		
Comment For	> This would be a beautiful idea and it would be wonderful if they could be native trees to create a real woodland rather than a Nordic forest! However the shielding there is currently is largely put to pheasant rearing and is not accessible to the public. A decision would need to be made with local landowners whether or not public access would be made available.		
Reply	>> Public access along or near the test track, itself, would probably not be possible as it could be dangerous for the general public or unwelcome from the company that operates it, for security reasons. However, an idea has already been put forward for a mixed woodland adjacent to the bank as an area of separation. (See Ideas section.) This would be open to the general public. In my view, it would be a joy not just for us but for wildlife too, and for future generations whether they live in the parish or the surrounding area.		

Comment For	> The suggestion of planting non-deciduous varieties of tree along the north bank is purely due to the negative impact of leaf fall on the test track in the Autumn as that is likely to prove unacceptable to the landowner.		
Comment For Reply	> Bear in mind the badger setts when planning anything for the banks >> Good idea!		
Comment Neutral	> Approach the land owner then - this is not a neighbour hood plan problem.		
Reply	>> Yes, it is actually, as noise pollution and wildlife habitat amongst other things come under the remit of The Plan (Environment Theme).		
Comment For	> A mixed woodland would benefit the most with a nurse crop of larch and scots pine until the oak/ash/elm etc reach sufficient heights. Could this be supported/planted by the "volunteers" /employees of the Test Track company to encourage community participation?		
Idea Title	Remove the chain link fence and gate posts at the top of Marquis Road	4.20	15
Idea Description	Can we remove the chain link fence and gate posts at the top of Marquis Road. The fence just seems to run along the grassed area for no reason. I would ask if residents who's houses back onto this land if they want some of it to extend their gardens and have new fencing erected.		
Comment For	> Supply new fences and gates as current fences are low and this will help with security as well.		
Comment For	> Why is there that run of chain link fencing running to no where. It just encourages grass to grow longer.		
Comment Neutral	> Who owns the land in question - Army?		
Comment For	> This fence is owned by the residents group that maintain, Duke and Earls road, and the houses along Dukes Princes and Earls Road. We have engaged a contractor to remove the fence and replace with a native hedge this winter. We would like to carry the hedge on behind the new houses on Dukes Road to give a more integrated feel but are still waiting agreement from the parish council. Please feel free to look us up on Facebook PED Residents or email us pedresidents@hotmail.com for more information about what we do		
Idea Title	Work with The Woodland Trust to Create New Woodland Between Queensway and Old Dalby to Prevent Urban Sprawl	4.39	38
Idea Description	The Woodland Trust work with landowners to create new woodland to enrich their local landscape particularly for wildlife, visual impact and reduction in noise pollution. It is the UK's largest woodland conservation charity. Only 1.25 hectares are usually required to qualify for a grant.		
Comment For	> Could some more info be given please		

Reply >> Please see above links.
 > This should also be considered for between Nether Broughton and Queensway and Nether Broughton and Upper Broughton

Comment For

Reply >> Great idea! The Vale of Belvoir is called that for a reason and let's see it stay that way or even be enhanced for future generations to enjoy.
 > Here is a link to details of a wood planted just across the border in Lincolnshire with the aid of The Woodland Trust. This created a buffer between the Alma Park Industrial Estate , Grantham. and the hamlet of Londonthorpe near Belton House:
<http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/wood-information/londonthorpe-wood/>

Comment For

Reply >> Go and have a look for yourselves when next visiting Belton House or Grantham town.

> And here is more information about the amazing work of this charity:

Comment For <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>

Reply >> Thank you, I'm sure the environmental group will pick up on this. Let's hope developers do also

Comment For > Agree

Comment Neutral > It would be essential to get the farming community 'on-board' with this one - it could have a detrimental effect on their income

Reply >> It would only be possible with their help and approval and expert advice from The Woodland Trust.

Comment For > A lovely idea which would get all three communities out walking between each other. Extend to NB also

Comment For > Would also help the area if / when ash die back reaches u

Comment Against > The existing farmland in the areas between Old Dalby and Queensway also has its merits - it's not land just waiting for houses! Whilst woodland is attractive and beneficial, if it was close to Station Rd it would alter the open views up the hills, which I currently enjoy as a resident of this in-between area.

Reply >> Quite so. Views which are important to current residents would need to be taken into account as few would want to lose these.

Reply >> There are places where this could screen unsightly views and not spoil existing ones.

Comment For > I believe many farmers benefit from these schemes.

Comment For > strips of woodland corridors rather than perhaps blocks of trees may be more beneficial to all parties depending on what the grants are supporting as they change often.

Reply >> T

Comment Neutral > T

The only current open space is the small playground: with additional housing anticipated steps should be taken to identify a suitable location for a larger space and a feasibility study undertaken for potential funding of acquisition/development

Idea Description

Comment For > Absolutely agree. A village should have a focal point

Reply >> Ideally a place close to the centre of the village

Comment For > A 'must', in my opinion. Great idea!

Comment Neutral > Yes a focal point open space would be great in NB but it should be noted that all the "open" land is owned by someone - to get a public open space would depend on the generosity of a local land owner.

Comment For > It would be great even if a landowner "donated" the field under an agreement or lease to the Parish

Topic (Expanded)

What additional or improved amenities and facilities would you like to have in the Parish and where

	Idea	Avg	Rated
Idea Title	A shop / tea room	3.78	37
Idea Description	A shop located some where near the Belvoir Brewery so that it doesn't feel like a particular villages shop but a Parish shop. Perhaps incorporating a seating area serving teas coffee and sandwiches.		
Reply	>> Then it wouldn't be in walking distance of Queensway. The idea is that a single shop could serve more than one settlement easily.		
Reply	>> In that case something nearer to Queenswysy would be useful too as not everybody could walk into the village especially older people the bus stops are quite a distance if walking is a problem and older people don't always have internet to do online shopping , some people have to rely on people friends family to take them shopping.		
Reply	>> .. and it certainly would not be walking distance from Nether Broughton - Queensway is a fair step!		
Comment For Reply	> Can we identify if there is enough demand for this? Perhaps if the shop was owned by the community and funds were raised through a community share scheme there would be more commitment from local people to use it.		
Reply	>> Best left in the hands of private enterprise		
Reply	>> I think a shop would be very well used the old post office in the village was well used and nothing replaced it to have something nearer to Queensway and especially if new houses are to be built it would certainly be used well .		
Reply	>> Sadly, it was not as it was not competitive with the supermarket. It closed because it was not economically viable. The situation however may change in two to three years after the new houses have been built across the parish.		
Comment For	> For a local convenience store to be viable I suspect that it would need to be situated in a location which is reasonably accessible to everyone across the Parish, including people working on the industrial estate.		
Comment Neutral Reply	> It was tried before and went out of business. It can only be viable if it has customers. Stuck between the villages would not encourage customers. If you need to use your car you'll go to Melton.		
Reply	>> Sad but true.		
Comment For	> Get rid of the prickly hedge behind the goal. It is a menace, costly in terms of footballs and ill sited given the use of the park.		
Reply	>> No need to get rid of it just put a wire fence inside it to stop the balls from getting punctured.		

Reply >> Let's not uproot any more hedges

Reply >> Could the whole hedge around ODVH be replaced with a more suitable non thorny hedge. I'm sure it could, but who would pay for it.

Comment For > A shop such as suggested would be a very good idea as there is nothing at all in the local area or nearby villages, and would be a good social place too if it sold teas and coffees etc.

Comment For > Whilst a shop will need to be financially viable to succeed it can only be opened in the first place if it has somewhere to go.
Is there a suggestion where a shop may be opened? not the general location but the actual building. Would a developer donate a plot/building?

Comment Neutral > There was a shop opened by the entrance to the industrial estate a couple of years ago. It didn't last long, due to lack of customers I believe.

Comment For > We def need a shop of some description, a tearoom would be lovely too.
> A small shop and tea room was opened just inside the Old Dalby Business Park about 3 years ago. Hardly anyone from the village ever used it.

Comment Against Reply Needless to say it wasn't there very long.
>> Thats because it was not very good.
>> To be good it is necessary to have a lot of custom otherwise produce gets stale, variety is less and what is on offer becomes very expensive so the place is forced to close.

Reply

Comment For Reply > A tearoom would be brilliant, there is one being Nice Pie and thats gets very well used and everyone has to drive to it so one where people could walk to i.e. after dropping kids off at school would be a great idea.
Reply >> Would Nice Pie be prepared to sell milk and bread too?
Reply >> Ask them?

Comment For > Definitely need a village shop. I didn't even know that one had opened up near the brewery until just before it closed!! To run a shop as a business it has to be profitable, and I'm not convinced that there would be enough money for someone to make a living. Would it be better to see if the community could run it as a co-operative with volunteer staff and support form local farmers / food producers etc

Comment Neutral > Whilst I completely agree a shop would be nice it will never be competitive unless subsidised. We all tend to be swayed by the low prices of the supermarkets etc - so a local shop will only ever get the left over business of a carton of milk or loaf of bread that we've forgotten ! Perhaps the co-operative idea is the best ?

Reply >> Have you ever been to Thrussington village shop. Smaller village environment than our three settlements, but wins awards. Good for them and could be replicated here.

Comment For > Subsidised and or run by volunteers from the community is the only way
But a great idea if a building can be identified.

Comment For	> A shop would be great and who ever does the shop might be able to do local deliveries especially to those unable to get to it like Baileys butchers do at Upper Broughton.	3.19	31
Idea Title	New Village Hall		
Idea Description	<p><p>The inevitability of many new houses being build in Old Dalby means that current facilities will be inadequate. &nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;We love our village hall but soon it will not be big enough.&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;Plans need to be considered to provide a bigger building with adequate parking spaces.</p></p>		
Comment For	> This will upset some longstanding locals, but it is needed. The current Hall needs significant investment to bring it up to current requirements.		
Reply	>> It may be a good idea to ask the developers of the new houses to contribute to the renovation of the present village hall .		
Reply	>> Always worth a try as long as any updating/modernisation does not ruin its charm.		
Reply	>> Yes, make the most of what we already have as most of the existing village halls in the parish are correctly situated (i.e. accessible to all) in the centre of each village.		
Reply	>> But the Village hall is not particularly accessible to Queensway.		
Reply	>> Queensway already has a really great hall - the scout hut. Perhaps that is underused, too!		
Reply	>> It sounds that way. With both parents working few people with families have the time or the inclination to help run these things. A new hall might be a success for a few months but the same old problems of getting volunteers would arise when the novelty wore off and then huge running costs would still have to be met.		
Comment Neutral	> This idea needs a rigorous assessment with open consultation in order to understand fully the actual level of demand, the types of activities, the initial cost and the ongoing running costs and admin effort, together with a pros and cons analysis of the current VH vs a potential new one.		
Reply	>> Agreed.		
Reply	>> With such widely differing views re the VH, sustained, rational thought re needs, possibilities, implications should be threshed out by a responsible group		
Comment Neutral	> A new village hall was considered about 5 years ago. Whilst the growth in the village might increase usage, it was decided not to pursue by the committee because of concerns about sustainability. The effort and commitment of the various committees over the past 30 years has been significant and unless a sustainable revenue stream is found it maybe difficult to maintain a larger hall. Let's be certain of the demand and perhaps better use the e siting before considering a new larger one on the edge of the village?		

Reply >> Maybe if the new village hall committee were committed it would get used better and more efficiently ran.

Reply >> Over time there have been many groups of residents on the committee - most hard-working and creative. It is hard to find people who will help on an adhoc basis and even harder, to find those who want to join the committee. It is a lot of work when you have a job and a family as well as many do. Often people just don't want to do anything at all to help. It is very sad but is the case.

> Absolutely agree with the two previous comments. Bigger is not necessarily better if we need to fund and run it ourselves! The maintenance and running costs would be huge. Where is the demand? Even today, yet another event needed to be cancelled at OD Village Hall (Halloween Party) due to lack of interest/support. If the prime reason behind having a large hall is for indoor sports facilities we might be wiser to press for a better public transport service or start a car-share to Melton (or other existing venues) rather than trying to fund this ourselves.

Comment Against If Melton struggles at times to keep these facilities running - and I believe many activities are subsidized - how can we hope to?! Why don't we try to make what we already have currently more attractive, in terms of facilities, and if attendance soars think about having a new hall then, and only then.

Reply >> I completely agree with these comments.

> We should be seeking funding via s106 agreement with any developers inc improvement of roads....

Comment For

Comment Against > Would it not be better to think creatively about how all three settlements could better use existing facilities?

Reply >> Yes I agree with this People need to to say what they would like to see in the village halls

Comment Against > I think many would prefer to keep it in the heart of the village where most could walk to it. (Do we really want to get our cars out for a 5 minute journey?) If we find it is full to overflowing perhaps we could for example just carry events over two nights. Our current hall is underutilised so why would a new one be any different?

Reply >> But is the village hall for people of Queensway as well, it seems right that it should be in the middle, so everyone can use it.

Reply >> Queensway residents are always welcome and already has its own and it would be nice to have mixing and full capacity at events at both rather than underusing the current facilities.

Comment Against > Why aren't the current village halls used more? Events often have to be cancelled through lack of support.

Reply >> You tell me?

Reply	>> It seems, from my experience , that it is always the same people who come - why do the others not come? May be we need to try different things in our community halls? > We already have a functioning village hall and scout hut both venues are underused. The pressure on locals to run a new village hall would be too great		
Comment Against	Let's spend time and money on existing facilities.		
Reply	>> I agree - make the most of what we have rather than build a potential white elephant that opens the door to more development > Why do we need parking for village facilities? Leave the car at home and carry an umbrella and a torch instead.		
Comment Neutral			
Reply	>> Absolutely agree! We could however have one parking space outside our current village hall for any disabled people who come from outside the village. Fortunately at OD hall there is already plenty of disabled parking for the buggies/sccoters most locals use immediately behind the white picket fence. We need to also include something for Queensway and Nether Broughton disabled users.		
Reply	>> One disabled space per village hall (i.e. three in the parish) is a good idea.		
Comment Neutral	> As a Queensway resident who uses the ODVH and QSH every week I have always found them more than adequate. I would suggest addition of broadband to QSH but they seem otherwise entirely fit for purpose. Clearly an increased population may add to demand but I would not have thought this would be too great to bear.		
Comment Neutral	> There is no reason that QW folks have to go to OD vilaage hall - NB is much nearer. 1.6 miles to OD and less than three quarters of a mile to NB. > I disagree - this has been looked at in the past. The current village halls are under-utilised, but are still sustainable in terms of running cost and effort. If you build a new / bigger hall you need more people and money to help run it and to keep it open.		
Comment Against			
Idea Title	OD play play area	4.20	30
Idea Description	Whilst my children were teenagers we enjoyed playing football/ frisbee on the park. The one goal post was always an issue and no netting not great. Why not finish the facility properly with a second goal and proper wire netting to stop the ball going over or into the hedges?		
Comment For	> All efforts to encourage young [people into healthy lifestyles should be supported		
Reply	>> This is a great idea, that would also add energy into the community spaces.		
Comment Neutral	> A second goal should be put in place in both play areas. Not every one wants to play cricket.		

Comment For Reply	<p>> Two goals and wire-netting to stop the balls going out would be good. Please site wire fencing inside the existing hedges though so that noise pollution is kept at a minimum, it looks better and is still kind to wildlife. >> Have you worked out how the hedge would then be trimmed?</p>		
Comment For Reply	<p>> Outdoor gym equipment in the other section of OD Park would also help teenagers' fitness and that of adults too. Lots of parks use these now. We have raised a lot of money through OD Day which could help with this. CC may also give grants for this sort of thing. >> Good call - but not just OD??</p>		
Idea Title	Parking for the school /cricket club	3.54	24
Idea Description	<p>More parking available around longcliff hill area , during cricket season and school times the road becomes very busy .School parents and the people who use the cricket club are not very considerate of residents , on many occasions I have had to park on a different road altogether which isn't ideal with young children . A car park at the back of the cricket field would be ideal to resolve this matter > Parking during school times is horrendous and the highway code is totally forgotten.</p>		
Comment For	<p>>> A voluntary, staggered arrival time for drop off may help morning school-traffic congestion.Is there a breakfast club? This helps to spread arrival times too.</p>		
Reply	<p>> As a solution to school parking problems this is not a good idea as very busy car parks are not child-friendly places. They are fine for staff use only but not safe for young children. This would be quite unlike using a large supermarket carpark where carefully placed parent/child bays help reduce accidents . Problems such as everyone pretty much arriving en masse and inevitable queuing on entrance and exit, letting children out of cars early as a proper space can't be found, general difficulty finding where new spaces are available, all lead to parents/minders and little ones having to dart between constantly moving - and often reversing - traffic. Great idea in principle but sadly, it does not work . >> Agree! >> School bus from neighbouring villages would be the best solution for everyone.</p>		
Comment Against Reply	<p>> Drop off zones for older children might help relieve some of the congestion. >> The cars cause problems, sure, but it is not for the whole day. Half an hour or so twice a day.....</p>		
Reply	<p>>> You couldn't justify the expense or negative green-impact of tarmacing over a large area for such limited use.</p>		
Comment Neutral	<p>>> You couldn't justify the expense or negative green-impact of tarmacing over a large area for such limited use.</p>		
Reply	<p>>> You couldn't justify the expense or negative green-impact of tarmacing over a large area for such limited use.</p>		

Reply >> clearly the cost of lives here isn't important over negative green impact!!!! as someone is going to get knocked over or killed with some of the speeds people drive through the village regardless of whether it is twice a day or limited use!!!

Reply >> No carpark is child-friendly. Speed calming is the answer for child-safety.

Reply >> Same things from above could be said for Debale Hill, staff, many living locally driving and parking at the pub or on the road. What is the problem with walking to work. Then we see cars parked all half on the path or fully on the path at the junction of Hawthorn Close. We really need to start thinking about our neighbours as well as ourselves.

Reply >> People who live in the village and are physically able, could walk to the pub, school, cricket ground or the church instead of using their cars. Use an umbrella if it is wet. If you've walked to the pub you have burned off some calories so can feel good about your pints of beer at the end!!
Comment For > 100% agree. During cricket season it is a nightmare to get parked on Longcliff Hill, the cricketers have no consideration for the residents, block peoples driveways and leave rubbish.

Comment For > Yes, sadly if the parish council had put more thought and consideration when widening the pathway and the school were more flexible in assisting with the access this wouldn't be an issue for the cricket parking as there is room at the bottom of the field to park both teams. They generally park in the school car park, but really looking at the parking considerations of some residents currently, the parking could be much more thoughtful and considerate, blocking junctions, no using car parks which are provided with the houses!! As for school parking during morning and afternoons, it beggars belief, again blocking junctions/driveways, too lazy to walk a short distance with children, this whole area needs a better parking facility

Reply >> Perhaps the home owners against the path could have offered up part of their gardens as well. The cricket club have no problem getting vans and trailers down the path and onto the field when they need to. As well as accessing the rear garden of the end property. Is this path built for such vehicles and is permission sought prior to accessing the pedestrian path to a public park.

Comment Neutral > Cricket balls and car windscreens don't mix especially on a fairly small ground.

Idea Title New Village Hall

3.04 23

Idea Description If the Village is to expand, then a new/updated village hall would be a fantastic resource for all. With the correct planning/design, this could incorporate a village shop/ the post office service/ tearoom style facility. There seems to have been talk about a new village hall beyond the school, an ideal location in my eyes, to incorporate a carpark to relieve the school parking issue too.

Comment Neutral > If it is to house so many other things it would negate the reason it needed to be enlarged in the first place, wouldn't it? Or are you thinking of a minimal concept around it? Unfortunately, you would need a lot of footfall to make it economically viable or it would close like the other shops and tearooms that we have had in the area.

Comment Against > Reasons against this have been mentioned elsewhere. Apart from the initial cost, and upkeep, is there really a need for such a large building? The car parking for the school would be dangerous for young children and toddlers avoiding so many moving cars.

Reply >> Who says it has to be a large building, just fit for purpose, in today's society.

Reply >> Most of the new houses are planned for Queensway so people from there would have to get their cars out to attend events if it were in the suggested site at the edge of OD. It would not be readily accessible to anyone. The government have also recently declared that MOD land in Queensway is earmarked for future development so direct funding from the Gov. may be forthcoming for better facilities. It does not seem at all fair to all those people at all if it isn't within walking distance. Why situate a brand new facility in a place where few new houses are planned and where a lovely hall, right in the heart of a village, already exists! OD does not need it but Queensway once all the new homes are built may welcome one.

Comment Against > I don't think that there have been many occasions when people have been turned away from OD Village hall through over demand for tickets but there have been times when it has struggled to get numbers so events have been cancelled. Upkeep aside, even if we had a new, larger hall built at the edge of the village, it might be really difficult to create a good atmosphere if the numbers of attendees is insufficient. Rattling around in a high-ceilinged building is not great so few want to hold events in such places. If a new larger hall is suggested for sporting events then car-share to Melton for these. The council will always provide and subsidise better facilities than we could hope to fund and maintain; it is not far particularly with friends to chat to on the way!

Reply >> But if things were put on for younger people you would get more of a "audience" as all that is ever put on is for the over 60s

>> The cancelled Halloween Party for example was specifically for children. Halloween is an event aimed at the young and usually looked forward to by them. Not sure why you think events at OD Village Hall are for the over 60s?! (I go to these often with my friends and we are not in that category.) Are theatre and music purely for the over 60s? Sad for the committee that you think that.

Reply

Reply

>> I agree

>> The Halloween party for kids was cancelled due to lack of interest by all but one of the committee agreeing to help it go on. My son and daughter and their friends were very interested in attending and so were left disappointed.

Reply

>> How much theatre have you seen there this past couple of years, or music events.

Reply

>> If it were really successful it would be put on. People can't be bothered to step up to run or attend a lot of these things

Reply

> In order to have similar facilities as enjoyed by residents of a town, we would have to have much larger numbers of villagers to use and pay for it. If we get sufficient numbers to justify it, we will at that point have become a town!

Comment Against

Reply

>> We are going to be having a much larger community in the coming years.

>> In percentage terms are they going to be any better than the current residents in wanting to run or even attend these events. Unfortunately, I doubt it

Reply

> The current village hall in Old Dalby is not up to date in terms of disability facilities and access for all. There are plans passed to remedy this however the costs are very high and the building would still require so much remedial work. The cost of a new building becomes more sensible and doesn't need to be huge.

Comment Neutral

>> If we have to raise funds for a new hall why cannot we raise funds for the access works

Reply

Reply

>> Not just better access is required.

Reply

>> The current village hall funds are very healthy.

> A friend suggested looking at Normanton on Soar new village hall. It is low, has a good sized community space and a smaller meeting room. A community shop is sited at the end of the building with tea and coffee facilities. Lots of parking spaces and play equipment for young children in the adjacent open green area. Quite inspirational for such a small village.

Comment For

[Don't know how it was funded!]

Reply

>> If we look around the neighbouring villages we will see great examples of how replacement halls have been built and integrate very well.

>> Are these new halls on the existing site, as that is hardly the same thing as placing a new one a long way from the centre. Hopefully if these were replacements, they would have been properly situated in the heart of each village. Are they many times the size of the previous one or just slightly bigger so people don't rattle around?

Reply

> I actually think the Village Hall is in keeping with the Village and in some ways it would be a shame to build a new modern Village Hall!

Comment Against
Reply

>> Sadly all three village halls are underused.

>> And some of them have struggled to get volunteers onto their committees over the years.

Reply

> Just because we need a car park doesn't mean we need a new village hall
The existing village hall reflects the village, small and unique
We don't want big commercial premises like long clawson and if we did who would run it?

There have already been comments about how village hall committee not doing much with small hall how would they manage a proper commercial venture

Comment Against

> There is quite a bit of room to enlarge the existing OD Village Hall on the current site, if there is so much demand that we are regularly turning people away from events. Sympathetically done it may look as if it has always been there. Perhaps developers could help with this project.

Comment Against

>> Not modern box-style, though as that would ruin its charm and the overall attractiveness of the centre of the village.

Reply

>> I agree this should be looked at - improve what we've got but retain the character of the OD Village Hall

Reply

> If a new village hall is under consideration there definitely needs to be a large car park. Current roadside parking outside the existing hall is hazardous to all traffic

Comment For

>> Those who can walk should do so as much as possible and those who live too far away or are infirm should try to carshare more. There is already parking space for buggies for the disabled. If you create a large carpark and are not at the front, you will still have to walk! Create a village hall out of the village and everyone will want to get the car out whether they really need to or not.....

Reply

> As a regular user of ODVH and QSH (Queensway Scout Hut) I think the facilities are adequate for demand. It would be great to have an all singing, all dancing modern building yet I suspect it would not be able to pay for itself at this point in time. I have to admit, however, it would be great to see plays, concerts, partys and the like accommodated. At the moment, however, we do not have an armature dramatic society, local band or orchestra banging on about lack of facilities. We do have a great choir, however, but they have the church for a venue. For other events the ODVH performs very well and the NBVH is even better as its bigger. Lets get the parish demanding facilities they NEED before splashing out on ones they might like but can't afford. Parking has never been a problem for me... which emphasises my point.

Comment Against

>> Can nit understand how people can talk about sustainability or paying for itself in the longer term. Maintenance will be nil apart from cleaning which is needed in any hall. The heating and lighting will be cheaper as new technology is used to harness natural heat source and light. NBVH is a great example of how a good committee can create a nice hall, however they are trying to raise 100K to renovate it further. I'm sure if a generous land owner had offered a very valuable piece of land in the past then they would have really considered a new Hall, and further more would have secured it's funding.

Reply

> A new village hall in OD could conceivably mean that QWSH and NB VH suffer - is there any chance that our parish of Nether Broughton and Old Dalby will ever be seen as what it is ONE parish?

Comment Neutral

>> Old Dalby is going to have a large addition of houses and thus residents. Many of these house will be around Station Lane and Station Road. A new Old Dalby Village Hall on land opposite Paradise Lane will help these people as it will be central then if taken from The Green to this point. It siting here may also be better for residents of QW. We need to stop thinking about how close we want to live to this facility and think of the greater good.

Reply

>> That location is in the Melton Borough Council Local Plan as a designated Area of Separation between the settlements/villages of Queensway and Old Dalby - it may not be built on.

Reply

>> However it was until recently considered a reserve site in the bottom left hand corner.

Reply

Idea Title

School

3.91

22

With extra housing, comes the burden of pressure of numbers on our local school. Although not at legal capacity yet, this would be reached sooner with many new houses. The problem will then be that the correct generation will live through years of overcrowding at school with a make do approach, before proper funding would be in place to deal with proper expansion. Thought needs to be given to how to alleviate any overcrowding caused at school so it is not to the detriment of this generation of school children and importantly, their safety on the roads at the start/end of the school day. Unfortunately, with the attitude of 'that's education's problem' this will not be considered properly. If a new village hall was planned, then maybe there could be some kind of partnership to share facilities with school, if it was physically close enough.

Idea Description

> It would be nice if the title of this idea here better reflected the idea being put forward. What is the proposal exactly? More capacity for school children?

Comment For

> I'm not sure what you mean. Are you proposing we build a new hall to solve a future school capacity problem which may not happen for many years, if at all? Surely it would be better to enlarge the school itself on the existing site when the need arises rather than have to teach in something which is not designed/fit for purpose.

Comment Against

Reply

>> I agree with this comment.

>> If you build a larger school you would need to fill it with children who are out of area who through no fault of their own would need to travel by car. It has spare capacity at present so the new houses will not cause a problem. Places which are currently occupied from children outside the area will eventually be filled by those coming in to the area to live so the traffic issues should lessen if anything.

Reply

> No one knows how many children will eventually become resident in the parish when housing is built. One thing is sure, if not enough children come the school will close. Does any one know where the current school children live and travel from.

Comment Neutral

> Is it possible to predict the impact of new housing at the point of approval, and put measures in place to maintain standards? This could apply to school places, buses, road layouts, utilities and other provisions.

Comment For

>> It's not exactly possible to predict the impact as the applicant may not start work for several years and then you cannot force the site progress once started.

Reply

Comment For	<p>> Yes and the cricket facilities have already been offered to the school to alleviate these problems to encourage the school to use the great outdoors for the children with sporting clubs, etc. rather than bouncing a ball on the tarmac, running clubs, etc. if the village hall was re sited below the cricket field, the school, cricket club and village hall would be safely accessible venues for all and reduce the traffic issues</p>		
Reply	<p>>> The school has their own playing field which is used daily for athletics, rounders, football training etc. in addition to general playtime . The recreation ground, which the cricket club use, is for everyone to use and does not belong to the cricket club.</p>		
Reply	<p>>> That is exactly true, it's a community playing field. There for all to enjoy, no matter what gets pinned to the gate.</p>		
Reply	<p>But please take your dogs mess away with you.</p>		
Comment For	<p>> Seems to me that it is a question of building houses first and sort out the muddle later. Not unusual but why! Anyone around the school at 3.00pm onwards and first thing in the morning will see the impossible state of Main Street and Longcliff Hill. Add to that the tractors, horses, cyclists, HUGE lorries, speeding cars on their way to the Depot and you have a recipe for disaster. Add more classes and your imagination can do the rest. So the existing children will suffer and the village will suffer as a result as more parents send their children elsewhere. This will inevitably lead to a lack of adhesion for the village.</p>		
Reply	<p>>> I don't think Old Dalby is alone in having this problem at school times!</p>		
Comment Against	<p>> Eventually if the parish is big enough it will only need to be children from the immediate area who attend the school. The bigger you make the school, the more likely it is that road problems will increase just to keep it viable. And they would have little choice about not coming by car.</p>		
Comment Neutral	<p>> We may get additional children from the new houses but older children will always be moving on and people come and go in the village all the time. We are not necessarily going to get an influx of school aged children!</p>		
Idea Title	Village vending machine	3.18	28
Idea Description	If a shop in OD is not viable maybe a vending machine with essentials like milk, bread, eggs etc, typical things people run out of and don't want to drive to Asfordby for could be sited outside the village hall or approach the pub to run one		
Comment For	<p>> Do any other villages have one of these?</p>		
Comment For	<p>> Anything is worth trying. Not seen such a machine working, but have seen them on local TV news or similar.</p>		
Reply	<p>>> Vandalism?</p>		
Comment For	<p>> If its at no cost to the Parish why not?</p>		
Comment Neutral	<p>> The rate that OD is expanding there is a real need for a shop</p>		

Comment For	> This is a great idea, the man that invented them comes from Derbyshire. I sent all this information to the parish council some years ago but nothing ever came of it		
Reply	>> Perhaps send it again, things may have changed and is there any sales figures to support it.		
Idea Title	creation of new village hall & car parking	2.37	19
Idea Description	<p>The creation of a new village hall & car parking in the field between the village & the railway could alleviate the traffic congestion for the village hall the cricket field & have some agreement with the school to keep cars from the main road</p> <p>This project would be the future as more houses are built & more children to be kept safe.</p>		
Comment Against	> Fortunately, most of this field is listed on the Local Plan as an area of separation (i.e. it may not be built on) so that Queensway and Old Dalby individual settlements don't run into one huge urban sprawl/town but instead retain their individual identities and village feel.		
Reply	>> If the farmer is in agreement, what about if we create woodland (with grants from the Woodland Trust) for all to enjoy. We have enough building going on. Regenerate existing towns for house-building instead of turning our quaint villages into characterless, mini, new towns.		
Comment Against	> It would set precedent for building on open countryside		
Reply	>> And only used in reality for a very limited amount of the day.		
Reply	>> Pipe dream.....sorry but who is going to do the committee work and who is going to do the manual work involved in the building of a new village hall, apart from the costs it is the maintainance that should be the concern, people are good at ideas, and mean well but over the years less and less iwilling hands come forward.oney has to be found year in and year out .to support running costs.This is not a realistic suggestion.		
Comment Against	> Infant and Primary School carparks are only a safe solution to parking for school staff. They are positively dangerous for little children who with their parents/minders are forced to dart in and out of moving and often reversing traffic! This has already been documented through the links in the comments section elsewhere on VocalEyes. School buses to neighbouring villages and car-sharing is a much safer solution.		
Reply	>> And parents would continue to park on the road as it is closer - particularly if it is wet, icy or there is snow on the ground!		
Comment Against	> There maybe issues with how you sustain a new build village hall and the support it needs to be viable. We need to invest in updating our village hall so it is not damp, uses its space better and allows us to use it as a village asset more.		
Reply	>> Perhaps the committee can develop a plan for how the VH could be updated and then inform residents		

> New village hall not sustainable
 So many comments here are about lack of volunteers . Better to spend money on existing village hall in old Dalby and try to get more people involved.

Comment Against
 Reply >> Well said.
 Reply >> I agree

> Perhaps it could be used by other faith groups as a prayer hall, it would encourage Hindus, Sihks etc to move into the area and give us a more real world feel rather than just 'WASPS'

Comment Neutral
 Comment Neutral > This is the third new village hall for OD!!!

Reply >> Do you mean physically, or as discussions and ideas on VocalEyes.

> That is too far from both the Primary school and the heart of the village to be truly serviceable to either. It would be a hugely costly 'White Elephant'!

Comment Against

>> The car parking area could / should be sited adjacent to the stream crossing point and a linked footpath created to school gate. Use a one way car park and safety is improved. No one as said the new hall needs to be vastly larger than the current one. Also this hall could be used by Station Road / Station Lane Residents who may be inclined to walk. If residents drive then they probably would to the existing one.

Reply

> We don't need a new village hall when the one we have is under-utilised and the Committee sometimes struggles for support. We don't need more parking either - this just brings more traffic. There's only on-street parking at the current hall so most people walk - how sustainable is that!

Comment Against

> New hall will bring new committee members who will bring new ideas

Comment For

> Current Hall can not expand as area at front is for disabled mobility scooters. Need a new one and can be done with Sec 106 payments etc

Comment For

> So much is required at OD village hall the costs are staggering. 20 % saving on new hall as will be vat free

Comment For

> We need to think about how the residents across from the current village hall feel with parking and not being able to park when cars of other parishioners are parked across the road

Comment For

> 300K to 400k approx to carry out proper refurbishment of the existing Old Dalby hall. And what are you left with. A small hall, no storage smaller loos than those we currently have.

Comment For

> Yes, we so need this move of the village hall and make more facilities available for the village, long claws have so much more on now they have moved their village hall

Comment For

>> Talk to them - it is an uphill battle to fund it and we would be competing with them for wedding and other functions/event bookings which help bring in much-needed revenues.

Reply

Comment Against	<p>> "Out with the old and in with the new"! Surely this should not be our philosophy towards our heritage buildings which help us to maintain our village's charm and appeal. ODVH needs our protection. Don't lose it. (Several bodies offer grants for remedial works and it is highly debatable as to what it actually needs.) Due to its service, not just to the parish but also to a much wider community through Old Dalby Day, it may well be eligible, See here for just one such scheme</p> <p>:http://www.bernardsunley.org/about.html</p> <p>>> Unfortunately the buildings problems are there to be seen. What can't speak can't lie. Poor maintenance over numerous years will unfortunately come home to roost. Whilst it would be very sad to see this building used for other purposes, it will be in everyone's interest to move into a green building which could be a beacon of new building technology for the Borough.</p>		
Reply			
Comment Against	<p>> The vast majority of the new housing will be on the MOD land in Queensway. Siting a new hall in Old Dalby is hardly therefore for the benefit of the parish. Does Queensway even need or want one as it has the Scout Hut? Is that heavily used? Who will pay for the ongoing maintenance costs or sit on the committee? It is really hard to find people who are willing to give up their time on an on-going basis. Most have very busy lives and this is unpaid work and quite a lot of it.</p>		
Comment For	<p>> Actually there are 20 units on Longcliff Hill, and 19 have permission on land around Station Road / Station Lane. These houses will all be nearer to the proposed site.</p> <p>Once built the proposed new hall will have no major ongoing maintenance costs, other than utilities and these cost will be lower than the current pays. Plus the very active cricket club may want to use it in the winter rather than go to Ratcliffe College. The very active Netball ladies may also do like wise. This hall will not be as large as the one Long Clawson has. Plz wait until the designs are completed and we will see enthusiasm sprout. I just hope the detractors don't suddenly try and claim the credit for it.</p>		
Idea Title	Litter bins / regular clean up funded by the industrial estates	3.83	18
Idea Description	The amount of litter thrown out en-route to the business parks, from lorries and vans, needs addressing. The businesses should be obliged to fund clearing it up as there clearly isn't enough funding /action provided from their business rates.		
Comment For	> Sensible suggestion		
Comment Neutral	> Whilst none of us like the increased traffic created by the industrial areas I don't think we can blame them entirely for the fact that we live in a country of litter-slobs - there is litter decorating nearly every mile of road in Britain.		
Comment Neutral	> Dont think it is just down to the business parks		
Comment Neutral	> ... or the lorries and vans.		

> I have found the litter annoying, and (at periods in my life when I regularly walked between villages, with time to spare) I carried a bag and a litter-picker (about £5 from B&Q, I think) to pick up the bits I saw that annoyed me. I know that somewhere out there is a paper aeroplane that my son dropped (and we never found)... so I feel I owe the village another slow walk some time soon. Maybe those who regularly walk/motorscoot for pleasure could be asked if they'd be interested in being provided with litter pickers?

Comment Neutral

Idea Title village hall
Idea Description amenities

2.00 2

Topic (Expanded)

What can be done to improve road safety for all users

	Idea	Avg	Rated
Idea Title	Pedestrian Crossing A606 Nether Broughton	4.33	40
Idea Description	<p>We are one parish but separated by a very busy road.&nbsp; Children have friends and activities (i.e scouts) in other areas but there is no safe place to cross the A606.&nbsp; This further cements a reliance on car travel even when walking/cycling should be an option.</p> <p>> Probably not in the power of the NP to provide a crossing but we can lobby highways although I suspect we will need accident or other safety data to put it up their agenda</p>		
Comment Neutral	<p>>> As Nether Broughton is quite a walk from Queensway I doubt that we would get funding for the reason stated as few in reality need it for that purpose.</p>		
Reply	<p>>> A bollard may be cheaper and therefore more acceptable</p>		
Reply	<p>>> But duplicated this - oops!</p>		
Reply	<p>>> But nowhere near as safe, having seen a car take out a full set of bollards in the past (in London - no one hurt)</p>		
Reply	<p>>> Sadly, people also get killed on pedestrian crossings. Fast roads (i.e. A roads) are a bit of a nightmare for all who have to live on them.</p>		
Comment For	<p>> Why not request a S106 from developers proposing housing sites in NB and Queensway.</p>		
Comment For	<p>> Good idea</p>		
Comment For	<p>></p> <p>Pedestrian crossing is a must especially with more potentially more housing coming to these village</p>		
Comment For	<p>> I would like to see traffic lights on the main road so as pedestrians can cross the road safely to the bus stop opposite the box factory. A pedestrian crossing would not be as safe as unfortunately people ignore them. Aware not likely to happen though.</p>		
Comment For	<p>> Great idea</p>		
Idea Title	Flashing speed signs.	4.08	38
Idea Description	<p>We could install flashing speed signs to the entrance points of each settlement. I think they are more use than just a speed limit sign.</p> <p>> Not effective enough to deter the speedsters who go through the village.</p>		
Comment Against	<p>Bumps or a priority single lane would be more effective.</p>		
Reply	<p>>> Unfortunately due to farming vehicles travelling through the village the County Highways will not want bumps neither lane restrictions.</p>		
Reply	<p>>> Ok, so what other options would County Highways consider in our village situation? Do you know how other villages in the Vale manage the problem?</p>		

Reply >> Chicanes do not prevent farm vehicles or lorries from using a road - it just slows them down.

Reply >> Exactly - see how effective these are in Asfordby. Much calmer there now. Totally different feel from before and so much safer for all. Really stops the speeders.

Reply >> A single, one-way traffic system helps traffic to speed up NOT slow down as its path then becomes unimpeded. Not a good idea in a rural setting with horses using our roads.

Comment For > I think most people would like to see the speed of traffic reduced but a deeper conversation and research needs to go into the right solution for our villages

Reply >> Yes, let's identify an expert who can evaluate the optimal approach to addressing the issues

Comment For > I agree that a proper road traffic assessment needs to be done to inform any recommendation to the County Highways

Comment For > To anyone with traffic management experience: speeding vehicles though the village has been a problem for many years. Sadly we are no nearer to sorting it that 30 years ago. Any ideas??!!

Reply >> Yes! Chicanes or road-narrowing and no left-turn sign for lorries exiting Queensway Industrial Park might help.

Reply >> Chicanes work well in Asfordby!

> Re: Old Dalby Speed Calming Measures

Comment For There are only three entrance roads to Old Dalby so it may be quite easy to narrow at least one or two of these approaches through the use of chicanes. (The use of speed-humps may not be welcomed as these may cause car-suspension issues or back-problems for some.) A 'No left turn' sign for lorries on exit from the Queensway Industrial Park may also help.

Reply >> Speed humps should not cause problems IF people drive slowly!

Comment For > The villagers of Wymeswold started a speed awareness campaign by volunteers using speed traps supplied by the police and noting down persistent offenders and then passing the info on. It made a significant difference there ...

Reply >> Cotgrave, too, has found this approach very effective.

Reply >> As a NB resident we would be happy to be involved in the speed awareness campaign

Comment For > Good idea! Flashing speed signs do help some by just making them more aware of their speed and many will then reduce their speed if it is over the limit. The worst offenders may still not alter theirs though but this should never be a reason for not having them!

Comment For > Expert Advice on traffic calming in rural areas (and others) is available here for anyone who is interested:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/329454/ltn-1-07_Traffic-calming.pdf

Comment Neutral	> Duplicates in part the comments earlier		
Comment For	> Flashing speed signs make you think when you're driving		
Idea Title	More prominent signs idicating the main road through Old Dalby is closed to vehicles over 7.5T	4.39	41
Idea Description	(no description)		
Comment Neutral	> Could we ask signs to be displayed in more than one language.		
Reply	>> Most lorry drivers from Europe will surely understand basic road signs and I believe we have enough. It's a N issue of compliance		
Reply	>> Disagree - you hope they understand, but in reality they don't or pretend they don;t in order to get away with it.		
Comment For	> Bumps or a single lane system similar to that in Asfordby would be effective.		
Reply	>> Sick to death of large vehicles thundering through the village, ruining the roads and jamming the roads.		
Reply	>> Chicanes (narrowing of the entrance road) would definitely discourage lorries from going through Old Dalby. Also, even if they did still come through, they would be moving more slowly and therefore there would be less of the "thundering" noise that people living on Main Road complain about and less danger to pedestrians, horses and other road users.		
Reply	>> Agreed but spare a thought for ambulances and buses		
Reply	>> Yes, you are right but fortunately neither are very regular users of our lanes and seem to cope well with the chicane system in Asfordby so if we adopted that traffic-calming measure here it should be OK.		
Comment For	> We need to stop HGVs coming down Old Dalby and Longcliffe Hills. They need to come into OD via the road past Queensway.		
Reply	>> If these lorries are servicing the Queensway Industrial/business Park (i.e. not servicing the village of Old Dalby itself) perhaps we should try to find a way to discourage a route for such traffic through the village. Perhaps we could have a 'no left turn' sign for lorries on exit from the Queensway industrial /business park.		
Reply	>> Excellent idea		
Comment For	> Could we ask for cctv for a given period and fines imposed? Word of mouth usually works a treat to create compliant road users.		
Comment For	> Any effect from a CCTV study would be very short-lived. A more effective and permanent solution would be better like flashing light speed warnings, chicanes etc.		
Reply	>> flashing speed warnings would be a good start		

Comment Neutral	<p>> The road through OD is NOT and CANNOT be totally closed to vehicles over 7.5T. The rule is that HGVs can enter OD to make deliveries actually in the village but they shouldn't PASS THROUGH to reach the business parks. There are signs directing HGVs down an approved route but I agree they could be more prominent. Actually most 7.5T lorries to the business parks don't go through OD BUT there is an issue with smaller trucks and vans below the 7.5T limit passing though OD perfectly legally.</p>		
Reply	<p>>> Quite so. We can however introduce ways of discouraging all but essential deliveries by OD not being a preferred route to the industrial park.</p>		
Reply	<p>>> So chicanes would be a great way of slowing down white van drivers.</p>		
Comment Neutral	<p>> The comments indicate that people don't always appreciate the rules that a 7.5T sign invokes - see the clear explanation in the next comment. More prominent signs are needed where ever there is a 7.5T limit in the whole parish of Nether Broughton, Queensway and Old Dalby!</p>		
Comment Neutral	<p>> I do not live on Main Road, but I do use it. I'm regularly amazed at the speed of commercial and agricultural vehicles through the village. These people have no respect for the lives children at the primary school and using the play park on Main Road, nor the elderly crossing the road. Not sure what the best plan is, but I am grateful for the test track railway bridge that keeps the largest vehicles out of our village.</p>		
Idea Title	Traffic issues only to get worse with additional housing	3.14	28
Idea Description	<p>We need speed reducers desperately, good old fashioned speed bumps&nbsp;before someone is injured or killed, traffic attending the school needs a designated car park as this causes chaos morning and evening, the need for a larger village hall, why not build a new one on the field below the cricket field with further leisure facilities, tennis courts, also&nbsp;to give correct access with a large enough car park to house all the school traffic safely, this would remove the congestion and chaos&nbsp;outside the school and the village hall, double yellow lines around the village to remind people the correct way to park considerately, particularly at junctions!</p> <p>> Excellent idea: has the landowner in question been approached?</p>		
Comment For			
Reply	<p>>> Carparks at primary school are a recipe for disaster. These are not child-friendly at all. Parents/minders arrive en masse and that leads to little children darting in and out of moving and often reversing cars.</p>		
Comment Against	<p>> I would not like speed humps in OD---damage to the car and to the passengers. Nor would I like to see yellow lines in a village.</p>		

Reply >> Speed humps are particularly bad for anyone with back or joint issues so road narrowing might be the answer to calming traffic.

Reply >> If we narrowed the entrance and exit to Main Rd Old Dalby, there would not be enough time for lorries or other vehicles to speed up in between as the distance is relatively short so they would work in this case.

Reply >> Highways said there was no problem but it only takes one car or lorry to speed through to cause an accident. Let's try for something like Asfordby. They are a village too although larger than us. Really helped there!
> The traffic and speed issues in the village are well known and worrying centre around the school. The poor variety of play facility and lack of considered use of open space needs addressing. It is only going to get worse with housing expansion

Comment Neutral

Reply >> It does not work quite like that - if more children came from the village itself, the school would not need to take in so many pupils from outside. (They could more easily fill it from OD) That would result in less people needing to drive their children in from other villages. In the past, some pupils have come all the way from Melton yet there have been spaces available for those children in the town!

Comment Neutral > Even with a car park I don't think people dropping kids at school will stop parking on Main Road. The mind set of those dropping children at school needs radical change.

Reply >> Parents/minders want to drop their children off as close to the school as possible and it is only for a short time when many residents are at work or have already left for work. A drop off zone for older children might help with any congestion.

Reply >> A busy school carpark where parents/minders arrive en masse is not child-friendly. Indeed it is positively dangerous - even more so than parking on the lane where at least children can walk along the pavement rather than darting in and out of reversing traffic!

Reply >> Any parent or minder knows what a dangerous place carparks are for kids. Child-locks on modern cars mean that when parking on a lane children can be made to only get out on the pavement side into the h. No such chance in a busy carpark where traffic is moving all over the place and kids are running about.

Comment Against > Speed humps damage cars and are env unfriendly as people slow down/speed up between them. Solar powered flashing lights that say slow down or something are much more effective in my experience.

Reply >> Flashing lights do help to reduce speeding even if it is only to remind drivers about what speed they are actually doing so that they can adjust it accordingly. Doesn't usually stop the worst offenders but still worth doing for the majority.

Reply >> strongly agree re flashing speed warning signs

Comment Neutral
Reply > If you read all of the planning applications in and around the village they all state that both Station Road and Main Road are "very lightly used". I have no idea how they come to this conclusion. It would appear that the planning committee are easily swayed by these comments.
>> It is only infrequent in real terms. Highways don't see it.

Reply >> For most of the time there is very little traffic on our roads so that is why Highways don't get it. They have been out and done a proper survey and hardly any traffic was going through at the time. If people really are parking inconsiderately (across driveways, blocking access etc.) nothing much can be done about it short of reporting it to the police.

Comment For > t
Comment Neutral > This is many different ideas in one. I think someone needs to separate them out as some people for example may wholeheartedly agree with some and definitely not with others.
Reply >> Wholeheartedly agree.

Comment For > There are many different forms of speed reduction and there is a national report produced by the Department of Transport which provides scientific and objective evidence on all of them. This also looks at speed reduction in rural areas especially where farm vehicles need to use the roads and would be impeded by many speed reduction schemes. I have provided the link to this report to the neighbourhood planning group and hope they will be able to use it in their deliberations. One way systems are the most effective form of speed reduction and road safety improvements in rural areas.

Reply >> Our village (OD) is hardly a suitable candidate for a one way system. All our lanes are long and the rest are cul-de-sacs. It is not 'green' to go so many miles out of your way to get from A to B. Frustrating in the extreme; expensive, waste of one's time; and just moving a problem from one road to another. One way systems are meant to ease traffic flow usually in a town where people need to get to work without getting delayed in a jam. (Simply not the case here.) Unimpeded traffic moves more quickly - HGVs included. Surely the last thing we would want for pedestrians, horseriders, little children on their bikes or parents pushing prams etc. Slow traffic down instead. Don't speed it up.

Reply >> One-way systems would cut the village in two so many would feel they did not have a right to pass through it a lot of the time. What happens in Winter when the hills are icy so you need to go round another way?!!
Comment Against > I would not want to see any further loss of green open space that this idea would bring.

Reply >> Agreed, particularly when it would be used so infrequently and cost so much yet not be safe for schoolkids. Cricketers would be OK though.

> The proposed building on the field at the bottom of Longcliff Hill wants access to the road at the corner on the bottom of the hill. The road is used by heavy lorries who cut the corner and have NO business coming down the hill anyway; cars coming along Nottingham Lane, down Longcliff Hill to the school or the depot and or Melton. It is a favourite hill for cycling groups, coming down at great speed and cutting the corners as do the cars. Speed being very important it seems. We now have a bus coming down in the morning. Tractors are up and down the road sometimes on and off all day and evening and there is not room for them and anything bigger than a car to pass by each other. Certainly the lorries take up the whole of the road. Then towards Main Street there are a lot of parked cars, sometimes on both sides of the road particularly in the afternoon after school hours. Lorries and tractors cannot possibly get through there.

At the top of the road is the Vale Equestrian Centre. We are very lucky to have horses passing our doors every day, some singly, some in a string and some leading horses. Too many cars and lorries speed past on this very narrow road. with no consideration for horses, children or cyclists. You add the number of cars which will be coming out of the proposed new development, at least 30 I would imagine and this is an accident black spot waiting to happen. Children play on the pavement down the hill and have lots of fun bearing in mind there is a grass area between them and the road. Their lives will be put at risk. Do we want a "dangerous" village for children or do we want them to be and feel safe in our village as they always have done?

Comment For

>> Yes reduce traffic speed or discourage it from coming through if it has no business being there in the first place.

Reply

> Don't hurt or lose a child. Think!

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-marys-catholic-primary-school-ipswich/UploadedDocument/978a994518f74001bdfa67a3c6d7b119/staying-safeinthecarpark.pdf>

Comment Against

Reply

>> What can be done?

>> Encourage car-sharing and lay on school-buses instead of creating a carpark which would only be used for a small fraction of the day and possibly injure a child.

Reply

> Traffic issues do get worse with additional housing. (The rest is too diverse to address at once.)

Comment Neutral

Idea Title

One way system

1.68

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Idea Description

How about having a one way system around Main Road and Longcliff Close to ease flow of traffic?

> This is not a very 'green' idea. It would lead to more air pollution (plus increased petrol costs) and would frustrate an awful lot of villagers as they would have to go a long way out of their way to get from A to B. It also tends to speed up traffic which would seem to be the last thing that we would want as evidenced by many of the comments. Faster traffic is noisier, and more dangerous, for pedestrians, horses and road-users alike.

Understandably, town dwellers often want one-way system traffic measures introduced so they can travel more quickly to get to work etc. instead of constantly being held up in a traffic jam. Fortunately, that is hardly the case here. I believe most villagers would prefer traffic-calming measures such as road-narrowing to be introduced, instead. These measures would particularly help with the reduction of the speed of some of the lorries which pass through our villages or the odd car/bike user who has forgotten that they are not yet driving on the A 46.

Comment Against

>> One way systems are demonstrated by national research as reducing pollution as cars do not have to keep stopping and starting (revs per min) as they weave around parked cars.

Reply

>> Not true at all, as there would be a lot of T junctions where vehicles would be forced to stop! Read the up-to-date research on these traffic systems which is now being shared from around the world. Many councils in the UK are no longer allowing such schemes and London is making several of its one-way systems two-way again at great expense as they have proved to be dangerous and not 'green'.

Reply

>> And extra pollution with so much traffic having to go miles out of their way to get from A to B.

Reply

> I would rather narrowing of roads and proper footpaths installed along all roads on both sides where houses or businesses are present. The test track railway bridge would be an ideal place for the narrowing of the road as it would also allow for a full width footpath to be constructed.

Comment Neutral

>> Unlikely just there as it could cause crashes into the bridge itself but agree narrowing in a safer place is an excellent idea.

Reply

>> But please, not a one-way system (mini dual carriageway) idea through the village. Just chicanes on entry and exit where there is a clear line of sight. Need to try to slow these heavy vehicles down rather than making it easier for them. That way, many will opt for a faster route elsewhere.

Reply

>> The bridge already has a narrowing. It's the height restriction that makes high vehicles move into the middle. Why can't a car driver be trusted to also move over without crashing.

Reply

>> If it is there in use already for HGVs it just shows from all these comments that unfortunately it is ineffective for reducing speed so far away in either Queensway or Old Dalby. It is the HGVs that seem to most concern people.

Reply

Comment Neutral > This would send more traffic to Longcliff. Is that a good idea as its not a main road?

Reply >> Too right as I live here and it is already a rat run at peak times. Bad idea, especially with all of the tractors that destroy the verges and have no respect for anyones property.

Comment Against > How would a lorry weave in and out of all the parked cars at the bottom of Longcliff?

Reply >> Or weave in and out of all the cars on Main Road. Restricted parking with a single yellow line just to one side on each of those two roads may be a better idea. You shouldn't stop people from being able to park outside their own property if they can't park off-road so you would need to choose carefully which side it goes but it might be a possible alternative.

Comment Against > One-way systems make it easier for vehicles to have a free run so they speed up even if there are speed restriction signs installed. Not what many would want to encourage.

Reply >> The nationakl research from the DoT using objective ata states clearly that one way systems are evidenced as SLOWING traffic down.

Reply >> Not so! https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One-way_traffic

>> Nowhere in the Government's literature on rural traffic calming is a one-way system suggested. See section 3.8 on page 42 on the link below for more details on all the effectiveness of the different methods for villages and other rural areas:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/329454/ltn-1-07_Traffic-calming.pdf

Reply > If you introduce chicanes (narrowing of entrance and exit roads) to a village and they are not too far apart, they help slow vehicles particularly larger ones like lorries as they have to manoeuvre carefully to pass round them.

Comment Against > Not aware of traffic jams being a real problem in the village so why would we need to "ease flow"? Traffic slowing may be more appropriate for horses, pedestrians and other road users.

Comment Against >> Traffic problems at the school from 8 am to 9.30 am and from 3.00 pm onwards.

Reply >> Yes, absolutely right - not there for long at all. Majority only there for half an hour. Hardly much of a problem as mostOD people are away at work.

Reply Everything is gone soon after 4pm

Reply >> A one-way system would make it worse on Longcliff as far as the school is concerned or worse on Main Road.

Reply >> Patience is a virtue and needed when you live in a little village not designed for HGVs. Slow your speed and park thinking of the needs of others and all will be happier.

Comment For > Traffic blockages are a regular occurrence on Main Road when parking on one side reduces the road to one lane. Buses, vans, lorries and farm vehicles all need more than one lane at the pinch points around the village hall and there are regular near misses as cars coming one way fail to see vehicles coming the other way on their side of the road. A one way system is the only way to reduce this problem.

Reply >> Perhaps more people should park on their own drives or enlarge parking areas on front gardens. Better still discourage traffic which is not delivering to or resident to OD by speedcalming measures. White van drivers probably wouldn't choose to come through OD to get to the Industrial Park if the speed limit on Main Rd. were only 20 mph.! Tackle the problem at source: traffic using our roads which doesn't need to. A one-way system would make the route even more attractive as they could speed through unimpeded - dangerous for all who live here.

Reply >> Most parked cars are only there in the evenings when people return from work so not much of a problem other than sometimes when it is raining and people don't want to walk down to village hall events.

Reply >> Cars are parked along Main Road, OD, between Longcliff Hill and The Green, constantly. This then means fast moving tractors scrape the grass verge opposite the parked cars. Take a look at how the edge of the road is being eroded away. The road is plenty wide enough to pass if correct speed is used.

Reply >> Tractors do not need to pass through the centre of the village anyway.
Reply >> Keep them out.

Comment Against > Highways know that you have to choose the setting for one-way systems very carefully for them to work to ease flow as it is not one size fits all. Often this speeds up traffic and is more dangerous for pedestrians see here: <http://www.citylab.com/commute/2013/01/case-against-one-way-streets/4549/>

Comment Against > This might lead to all of our roads being busier as they become rat-runs - no country lanes left.

Comment Against > Half the village would be unable to go through the centre of their own village without going miles out of their way. Not a great way of keeping the community feel.

Comment Against > We need to keep all our roads as two- way. As anyone living here knows: when we have icy roads (or snow) in Winter we often have to choose a different route both in and out. You wouldn't be able to do that with a one-way system.

Comment Against > Drive at the correct speed for the situation and there would be fewer problems. If necessary, have mirrors at any pinch points so visibility is better.
Comment Against Don't do anything to help speed traffic up.

> A single yellow line just one side of Main Road may be all that is needed although reducing the speed limit to 20mph may be good too. The yellow line would obviously have to be placed on the opposite side to the village hall but that is how most existing, on-road parkers chose to park anyway.
 Comment Against
 Reply >> Better idea!
 Reply >> I would not want yellow lines in Old Dalby
 Reply >> Just discourage unwanted traffic which does not need to come through by slowing it down.
 > Depending on which way round this one-way system went, we might lose The Crown Inn as it would be hard to find for anyone who came from outside the village or alternatively all that pub-traffic would be forced onto Main Road, Chapel Lane etc. Bad idea.
 Comment Against
 > OD would be horrendous if there was a one way system - would upset everyone. As in those in Main Road would still get vans BUT o would folks in either Paradise Lane or Chapel Lane - or both!
 Comment Against
 > When I submitted this idea it was because I heard it spoken about. I had no information about the way it affects areas and now that I do I have changed my rating to against. Thanks for engaging, I have found it educational.
 Comment Against
 Reply >> Well said. A good recomendation for VocalEyes and social interaction in general.
 Reply >> Putting this idea forward might have been a great idea and led to a solution. It has enabled a 360 degree debate on it so thanks for giving all an opportunity to think it through.
 Reply > I do not think this practical and it would have a major impact on Paradise Lane
 Comment Against

Idea Title	Car-sharing for transport to the school	4.42	24
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To relieve congestion and parking issues at the school, parents/minders could create a car-share scheme for lifts to and from the school. This has been seen to work in other communities. Most pupils come from neighbouring villages so it should be relatively easy with the help of the Head to set this up. It would be greener and cheaper for all and would help relieve some of the parking/congestion issues.
 Idea Description
 > A very good idea, and well worth looking into.
 It could be beneficial to parents as well, if they didn't have to make the journey each day.
 On a similar line, could a car sharing scheme work for those who work in Leicester or Nottingham. How do people travel to and from the larger employment zones away from the parish.
 Comment For
 >> Couldn't agree more! VocalEyes may help connect people who wouldn't otherwise know each other in the three villages so they can set up such car-sharing to work schemes.
 Reply

>> Takes the strain off and shares the cost plus hopefully people will enjoy getting to know each other and having some extra companionship on their way to work!
 Reply
 >> Car sharing can work if people can find each other and so get connections.
 Reply
 Comment Neutral > There is also a school bus service.
 >> Perhaps another bus needs to be put on to cover those villages not yet covered by the service so most pupils can travel to school this way instead of so many still coming by car.
 Reply
 Comment For > Car sharing for school run a very good idea

Idea Title Build new access road to industrial estates 4.26 42

Idea Description The main volume of traffic is due to lorries, vans and cars to and from the two industrial estates off Station Road. This will get worse as the estates grow in size. A new access road should be built from Six Hills Lane into the back of both estates, this would stop all traffic accessing the sites through Old Dalby and Nether Broughton.

Comment For > This should have been built when the estates were first opened. This should have been a condition of the planning being granted in the first place.
 Reply >> STRONGLY AGREE

Comment For > That's a really good idea! So obvious when you think about it. It would probably save a lot of expenditure trying to deal with traffic and road maintenance in the villages, so would pay for itself over time, let alone reduce the risk of accidents.

Comment For > Great idea. The planners should have made it a condition when granting change of use/building application all those years ago.
 >> totally agree with the idea. You may be interested to know that when the industrial estate was first agreed the Parish Council proposed a new road from the Salt Way down to the back of the estates. It was deemed too expensive!
 Reply

Reply >> well perhaps the parish council need to be stronger and fight for it
 >> Parish Council's opinion carries only carries as much weight as one private petitioner!!
 Reply

Comment For > Agree.
 > A good idea, but could lead to the growth of the industrial estate all the way to the Salt Road
 Comment Neutral

Reply >> Yes that may indeed happen in order to fund it.
 >> The industrial estates will grow whatever happens. Having an access road from the Saltway will cause less of an impact on Old Dalby and Nether Broughton.
 Reply

Reply >> And Queensway! Don't forget Queensway, itself.

Reply >> I regard Queensway as part of Old Dalby. Might be a bit controversial with some of the locals but the signage does say "Queensway Old Dalby".

Reply >> Queensway is technically, in governance terms, a different settlement from the village of Old Dalby but it would be lovely if all three settlements in the parish (Q, OD and NB) want to pull together for increased support and friendship.

Comment For > Yes, what has happened to the idea of the new road off the top road down
Comment For to the industrial estate, wide enough to take the lorries?!!! This would save
Reply > Excellent idea but costly.
>> Business Parks should contribute, would make access much better for
THEM

Comment For > If a road from the Salt Way was first proposed when the industrial estate
Reply was discussed it should be pushed forward as essential particularly if the
Reply industrial estate is expanded. The upkeep of Longcliff Hill, Wood Hill, Green
Comment For Hill and Nether Broughton hill would be much less and not such a challenge.
Reply Neither would the villages suffer from the damage done by the huge lorries.
>> Strongly agree
>> Strongly agree
> Must be made a condition of expansion in my opinion
>> Strongly agree

Reply >> Unfortunately planning permission is already in place for its expansion.

Comment For > This could steer all lorries from the A46 avoiding all three settlements,
Reply however it would go straight through valuable wildlife habitats.
>> Agreed, but wildlife habitats should come second to safety, noise,
pollution etc

Reply >> There is a road there already for much of the way currently used by farm
vehicles. It could be upgraded if it was part of the original planning proposal.

Reply >> I don't agree that wildlife habitats should always be compromised
> This will not happen. There is no prospect of any funding becoming
available: suggestions that future development could fund it is economic
fantasy as the scale of the required development would be unacceptable to
Comment Neutral the locality.

	> Oddly enough as a resident of Princes Rd. Queensway there is remarkably little noise from large wagons. I'm guessing that the majority of Nether Broughton residents are similarly away from the main road. I can understand, though, the frustration of Old Dalby residents and think that a "lorry watch" scheme like the one that was so effective in Cotgrave over the last few years might be in order. Safety has to be a big consideration there. Althou a road to the south may well have ben best built at the same time as the estates I feel it would be tragic to loose the woods, and the wildlife habitat, that are so well established there now. I'm pretty sure the wildlife might feel the same.		
Comment Against			
Comment Against	> This would wipe out more greenbelt and encourage more industry, and infrastructure.		
Idea Title	Slow traffic down	4.30	43
Idea Description	Flashing speed indicator signs often do actually have an effect on slowing traffic down. Also brightly-coloured child sized models at the edge of the road, like in Wymswold and by the side of the road in Europe. This is visually impactive.		
Comment For	> Agree. The child statues you see outside schools are a viable reminder that children are present and may run out. Much more effective that a standard road sign. >> How about taking personal responsibility? Teach the children that roads are for vehicles and pavements for pedestrians, then they might not grow up to believe they can wander along glued to a phone without looking where they're going!		
Reply	>> Agree absolutely about the statues. Incredibly effective.		
Reply	> Chicanes like they have approaching Asfordby are effective and not damaging to cars. Would be good to have them coming into Nether Broughton and coming up to Queensway.		
Comment For			
Reply	>> Yes, it would. Most villages would really benefit from these. Keep unwanted fast traffic from using our roads if they don't need to.		
Reply	>> I agree well said		
Reply	>> Interesting idea. I would welcome this.		
Comment For	> It is not just the speed of vehicles travelling through the village but more often than not the blockages caused by parking along the top end of Main Road especiallky when events are on at the village hall and then vehicles getting stuck as there is effectively only one lane. Only yesterday this resulted in a very near miss and 2 drivers screaming at each other in rage. A one way system is the only way to deal with this ongoing problem. Chicanes would not really work as the farm vehicles now need at least 3/4 of the road as they are so large and they could not get through chicanes.		
Reply	>> That would just create a problem elsewhere and chicanes don't prevent large vehicles from traveling along a road. Just slows them down.		

Reply >> We live in a village with what were once country lanes. It is quite rare to have traffic jams in reality but not so rare for a car or lorry to forget that a horse and rider might be on our roads.

Reply >> It is all or nothing on our roads so highways won't take us seriously as there is rarely a problem with traffic not moving.

Reply >> I think a one way system would just push the heavy traffic down an adjacent road (e.g Paradise Lane or Chapel Lane)

Reply >> Agreed and both of those lanes are very narrow and have blind spots/pinch points of their own plus overhanging trees which the HGVs would bash down. Both have a lot of traffic coming onto them from Croft Gardens and Church events and Hunters Lodge so accidents would increase.

Reply >> Just moving the problem to more narrow roads.

Comment For > A 20 mph speed limit might help.

Reply >> Good idea near school village hall and hunters lodge areas

Comment For > Good idea flashing sign so make drivers more aware

Comment For > Nether Broughton already has a 30 mph speed limit on Main Road. There is an electronic sign before the garage that merely says 'slow down' (I think) - not enough impact.

Reply >> True, we need a sign showing your approach speed as in other villages

Comment For > Those of us who live on Main Road are especially troubled by speeding traffic, often huge in size (including farm vehicles). One section of Main Road is especially narrow and often has a line of stationary traffic on one side, leaving just one lane. It is obvious that less than 50% actually keep to 30mph. Making the speed limit for stretch from above the junction with Church Lane to below the School a 20mph limit would a help. Also, could this stretch be made one-way (maybe Chapel Lane as the other one-way? Though the Chapel Lane junction is difficult).

Reply >> A 20 mph speed limit and other speed-calming measures are clearly the answer. Any one-way system would just create a problem on the other road and encourage speeding as already mentioned elsewhere. It will do nothing at all to help slow traffic and cause all sorts of problems in Winter when we are often struggling with ice or even snow on our untreated lanes.

Reply >> I live on Chapel Lane, it's narrow and no pavements so no thank you to the one way idea..

Reply >> I agree

Comment For > Speed bumps are needed near Queensway. Lorries and cars would then HAVE to slow down before entering the village . There have been too many "near miss" accidents already involving people and animals.

Reply >> I agree speed bumps are needed also through NB speeding in excess of 50mph is not uncommon

Comment Neutral	> Its a rural area and most drivers are already aware they should be driving slowly. I have not seen too much speeding though I am aware it is more of a perceived problem for pedestrians walking on a very narrow path between Queensway and Old Dalby Village. Especially unlit in the dark. The driver is probably well aware of your presence but has no choice but to pass closely. All drivers should be aware of horses and their riders but that, like speeding in rural areas, is a national problem and disgrace. We can't put flashing lights everywhere.		
Reply	>> Two (i.e. on entry and exit on Main Road) would probably do a lot to help - particularly if it is the type which actually shows your real, rather than perceived, speed as in those in Ab Kettleby.		
Reply	>> Delivery lorries too and from Hunters Lodge often drive far too fast for the very narrow Church lane		
Comment For	> Sadly most speeding takes place on rural roads - the key is getting them to slow down in villages, near housing, schools, etc. Not sure what the best approach is and what works though. The only thing I can say is that education is the only long-term solution		
Idea Title	Hedgehog need Road Safety too!	4.31	26
Idea Description	It is distressing to see the number of hedgehogs killed on the road in front of Queensway. General traffic calming will help tremendously, but other actions such as cutting a hedgehog sized hole in the base of fences (especially for the proposed new builds on Queensway), but NOT facing out to the main road to encourage the hedgehogs to forage in safer areas.		
Comment For	> Sounds like something that could be actioned fairly quickly.		
Comment For	> agree		
Comment For	> Create more hedging on the Queensway side of the road so that their food-source is more readily to hand. That way they are less likely to have a need to find food by crossing busy roads. This would help with reducing any road noise for Queensway residents too so a win- win situation. Visually better, as well, to create more greenery.		
Reply	>> agree		
Comment For	> Easy to do and a lovely idea		
Comment For	> Need effective traffic calming measures		
Idea Title	Introduce a 'No Left Turn' Sign for Heavy Goods Vehicles on Exit to the Queensway Industrial Site	4.33	30
Idea Description	This could stop most of the lorries from the Industrial Park returning through Old Dalby - in theory, almost halving the amount currently coming from the industrial site onto our roads.		
Comment For	> Makes very good sense and easy to achieve		
Reply	>> LCC & Highways don't move very fast!		
Comment For	> Really good idea, IF they understand English.		
Reply	>> Road signs such as no left turn are universal. No need for the IF		

Reply >> I'm sure many of us drive abroad without speaking the language. No need for snide comments

Comment For Reply > I think they have improved the signage a bit (after my daughter had her car written off by somebody pulling out of the site). I have had several people pull out on me - they seem to assume there is never any traffic! Should I raise an additional idea for a compulsory stop sign ?

Reply >> Good idea.
>> Sorry to hear about your daughter - very frightening for her and hope she, herself, wasn't hurt.

Comment Neutral > There are signs already there indicating all HGV's to turn right out of both sites. You cannot stop the drivers ignoring them.

Reply >> Perhaps we need to site a camera there to enforce it if that is the case?

Comment For > Good idea

Comment For > Agree

Comment Against > No lorries go through Old Dalby village due to the height restriction on the railways bridge. They all turn RIGHT out of the 2 business parks along Station Road.

Reply >> Lorries DO pass through Old Dalby. Some foreign lorries have smaller wheels and are able to pass under the bridge.

Idea Title Additional 7.5ton limit sign on the Nether Broughton side of Brinvale Farm 4.31 26

Idea Description Nether Broughton has a narrow roads with restricted visibility through it yet is a major route into the Vale for HGV's. At present there is no restriction for any HGVs entering the Vale if they are making deliveries to Long Clawson, Hose and Harby where the 7.5ton area ends despite there being approved routes bypassing NB 9 and other villages). Making the 7.5ton limit area for deliveries only between NB and Brinvale farm will make it illegal to pass through NB to reach further into the Vale and promote use of the approved routes

Comment For > This seems logical to me

Comment For > Already a condition for the dairy traffic I think

Comment For > Entirely agree. Also prohibit HGVs using Hickling to NB road. However, restrictions are one thing, enforcement another.

Comment For >
I agree that a 7.5 tonne limit in force is a great idea, also some measure of traffic calming is needed badly through NB only A606 as speeding is getting worse, potentially very dangerous

Comment Neutral > Agree to try and stop HGVs such as the big artic lorries over 20tons passing through, we do however need to make it clear HGVs making deliveries to properties and businesses in the village is acceptable just not a through route.

Idea Title 20 limit on Queensway and the camp 3.81 21

Most people do observe a reasonable speed limit, but there are others who regularly drive at 40+ miles per hour. Or maybe a chicane by the gate.

Idea Description No speed humps though please.

Comment Neutral > The limit would not be difficult to impose but is unlikely to be enforceable as police presence rare. Speeds above 20mph are unlikely on Dukes, Earles and much of Princes as they are relatively short.
Reply >> Perhaps we need cameras

Comment Neutral > This is an issue for Leicestershire County Council Highways department.

Idea Title Site More Horse and Rider/Please Drive Slowly/Quiet Lane/Ducks Road Signage Around The Parish 3.40 20

Idea Description A number of the lanes across the parish may benefit from increased road signage to make traffic more aware that they should reduce their speed on our country lanes or choose an alternative route if possible. Perhaps local horseriders could suggest the precise locations for horse and rider/Please drive slowly signs as they know best where they are most at risk. In addition to these, a Ducks sign on the pinch point of Church Lane just before the OD church might be a good idea. (There may be other places for these across the parish e.g. Nether Broughton?) This would help slow down traffic coming too fast round the blind bend; protect the ducks which often sit on the churchyard bank and also help protect our horseriders who often suddenly find a vehicle behind them. Hopefully, and just as importantly, it would help protect pedestrians and indeed the congregation, itself, which spills out onto the lane before and after church services.

Comment Against > If too many signs are erected they become ineffective, and clutter the environment. The sites should be chosen very carefully. Consider if a sign would really change the behaviour of a driver who speeds around a blind bend.

Reply >> Agree that the 'acid test' is whether such signs would actually affect behaviour but a small number sited cleverly could have a positive effect

Reply >> Agreed, too many would obviously not be good but a Quiet Lane or Horse and Rider sign on one of our most popular windy country lanes for walkers etc. surely must be sensible. Anything to warn drivers to slow down on a blind corner (just before the OD church where so many of the congregation are at risk of being run over) has to be a must.

Reply >> Defeatist attitudes will never lead to improvements. Nothing ventured: nothing gained.

Reply >> Worthwhile as not too expensive and may slow few more drivers down

Comment For
Reply

> A couple of signs which would potentially save lives has to be a sound idea. Unfortunately, unless you know someone who has lost a loved one in this way some will never get it. Short-sighted to dismiss this.
>> I have and it has affected my whole life.

> Only this evening, BBC 1's CountryFile programme highlighted the problem of injuries to horse and rider on our roads. On average there is at least one such incident per day in the UK sometimes resulting in fatalities. The police consider this such an important issue that they have launched a new campaign called: 'Think Horse: Think 15'. Clearly reducing speeds on lanes where horse and rider are often present is the right thing to do. If you are not from the area and no sign warns you that horse and rider are often there, then it is an accident waiting to happen. Just one sign may save a life or stop someone (or a horse) from being injured.

Comment For
Reply

See: bbc.co.uk/countryfile
[@BBCCountryfile](https://twitter.com/BBCCountryfile)
>> A friend was killed this way and she was only 15 years old.

Topic (Expanded)

Given that we are obliged to find space to build more houses over the next 20 years, where are the most appropriate sites and why

	Idea	Avg	Rated
Idea Title	Create a settlement of houses with adequate facilities on the large sites suggested outside of OD and do not have all of the infill that will cause so much congestion and stretch our existing amenities.	4.26	27
Idea Description	(no description)		
Reply	>> Do we still have lots of empty shops and living space over these empty too on our highstreets? Perhaps we need to be creative about how these premises might be otherwise used as the infrastructure and work (!) already exists in towns. Why change a village into a town and have town space empty?!		
Reply	>> Agreed. Developers are only interested in greenfield sites as they are cheaper to develop.		
Reply	>> Quite agree. I work in my home city Derby and know it well. There are hundreds of empty houses and a huge amount of brown field sites. There is over a million empty houses in England.. or were in 2014... probably more now. . Its so easy to beleive everything that is repeated over and over.		
Reply	>> In The States it is considered cool to live in a 'loft' which is actually a space previously used for non-residential purposes. Let's regenerate our towns before ruining our villages.		
Reply	>> The developer (who has most to gain) should pay towards infrastructure costs - school expansion and road improvements such as Longcliffe Hill, Nottingham Lane / Lawn lane		
Comment For	> If we must have more housing, this needs to be balanced with jobs here ie we dont have more people than local jobs. I would argue that the village needs to remain a village and that rural leics needs to be protected.		
Reply	>> But if Melton is to meet its 6000 houses forced upon it, green fields around Melton will go. We have employment buildings on our doorstep, use up dirty land once cleared and cleaned and we have some form of plan.		
Reply	>> Build on any brownfield sites rather than greenfield ones.		
Comment For	> I suspect the proposer may have the triangle between Six Hills Lane and Paddy's Lane in mind. Accessibility would not be a problem and all amenities could be provided in one fell swoop at building. Its mainly grazing though you can see some earthworks on GE.		
Reply	>> A new village called Six Hills?		
Idea Title	We should make the most of brown field land to ensure it is cleaned up if contaminated from previous use. We should not have uncontrolled cul-de-sacs in different fields not linked properly with current buildings.	4.37	27
Idea Description	(no description)		

Comment For	> Agree		
Comment For	> Yes, use Brown-field sites first but still make any developments look as if they belong in a village and not create a concrete jungle as we see in so many towns. Landscaping is really important, as is the space between properties.		
Comment For Reply	> Sensitivity is the key wherever it takes place. Little and often so that the parish grows 'organically'. The 39 planned for Queensway and 20 odd for Nether Broughton will be a big change in one go. If small developments are approved the new owner/occupiers will be more inclined to integrate. >> Agreed		
Comment Neutral	> Yes, use brown field sites but can housing and business easily exit in close proximity?		
Reply	>> There are plenty of noise reduction methods to alleviate noise. Think about how houses used to be built in terraces with industry in the middle. > Agree but first it has to be allocated for residential development rather than retained for aspirational industrial/commercial development when there appears to be little obvious demand and no prospect of speculative development.		
Comment For	> Brown field should always, always be first choice for development. I suspect the only reason it isn't is because of the cost to the builder to clean up and landscape. There are large areas to the south of the industrial estates that cry out for development consideration.		
Idea Title	Please, no more in Queensway, for now	4.61	36
Idea Description	To absorb a further 39 homes in Queensway in the short terms will change the character of our living environment. The land proposed for these properties are very wildlife rich. If both the current residents and the wildlife are to integrate with our new residents, time, and sensitive planning, will be needed. Please leave the remainder of the Queensway (The Camp) development to the wildlife.		
Comment For	> We could at least try to create or retain the wildlife corridors even if building consent is given.		
Comment For Reply	> 39 is more than enough for Queensway. >> Totally agree		
Reply	>> I agree		
Reply	>> I agree		
Comment For	> So many new houses are in progress on that side of Old Dalby. This will affect the school, etc, as well as the wildlife.		
Comment For	> agree		
Comment For	> I agree with the other comments on the large number of new housing and protecting wildlife in the area		

Idea Title	Infill	1.89	19
Idea Description	<p>Infill. You could get a house or 2 on chicken land on Longcliffe Hill, Another couple down near the vicarage.a couple at the end of The Crescent in place of the boarded up disused house. The rest on disused industrial estate land instead of vast empty warehouses and adjoining carparks.</p>		
Comment Against	<p>> That would result in a cramped, urban feel. We need to have - and retain - as much green space around our existing houses as possible. Greening/landscaping any new development with trees and hedges would create a much more pleasant environment.</p>		
Comment Against	<p>> This sounds dreadful might as well live in town</p>		
Comment Against	<p>Infill and building in gardens destroys the feel of a village. The neighbourhood plan should have a policy oninfill</p>		
Comment Against	<p>> Do we really need all this infill? > There is no need (according to MBC) for more houses in OD... other than those already approved.</p>		
Comment Against	<p>> According to the planning people at the village hall last week Old Dalby will be full when the building of the present planned house is finished. I am against filling every green space there is in the village. Why must we live like sardines?</p>		
Comment Neutral	<p>> I am supportive of smaller developments rather than the very large ones we are seeing at the moment</p>		
Comment For	<p>> the chicken land on longcliff hill desperately needs attention as it is encouraging vermin, whilst it is nice to see chickens roaming freely, if you insist on keeping the chickens there, it is your responsibility to keep it tidy, mown edges, it is a complete eyesore!!!!!! a house there would be much more appropriate use of space</p>		
Reply	<p>>> This is a rural, farming community/village and not everywhere has to be pristine and neat. Wild areas are good too. Chickens do very well on that land and encourage insects. I agree the bit outside the paddock could do with a tidy but the plants in there have attracted lots of bees, particularly the nettles when in flower. The grass outside is cut regularly.</p>		
Comment Against	<p>> Perhaps there is good reason this land is clear. Maybe sewers or other large utility mains run through it. Just because it is not built on doesn't automatically mean it is suitable for building.</p>		

Topic (Expanded)

Who should we be building houses for in our Parish

	Idea	Avg	Rated
Idea Title	Every one	4.40	40
Idea Description	<p>If new houses are built then there ought to be a very mixed mix in terms of size and affordability. From rentals to larger homes. Bungalows would be viable as residents wanting to downsize shouldn't be forced to move away. There downsizing also free ups larger family homes.</p>		
Reply	<p>>> Generally well designed affordable housing where it is tuned to village needs and supported by the parish is welcomed by most. The key is that it is done sensitively, well designed and meets local needs. Most of the provision secured through S106 planning gain on larger spec developments is not just targeted to village needs but will cater for borough needs. The first priority of a cascade arrangement should target lettings and sales of any low cost/ shared ownership homes for a period to those with local connections</p>		
Reply	<p>>> We need housing for people in the village. Young people and older people who maybe wish to downsize.</p>		
Comment For	<p>> We do need to think about affordable housing for the next generation - our sons and daughters should be able to enjoy village life as we have, too! If developers build a mix of housing and do it creatively, we do not need to fear a modern- box style of development where no one wants to live. The cost of incorporating more attractive, architectural features could be shared over the whole development. Victorian Alms- houses were small but still pleasant places to live.</p>		
Comment For	<p>> It would be great to build in line with current property characteristics - i dont see flats st the moment, so we should object yo flats being built. We have lots of cottages, bungalows a large properties so similar buildings would fit in. Streetscene here is esp important.</p>		
Reply	<p>>> Disagree about flats. But terraced houses can look lovely and much easier regards neighbours.</p>		
Comment For	<p>> Mixed housng is very important Also important to build smaller properties for downsizing</p>		
Comment Neutral	<p>> I imagine builders will want to build exactly what they feel will sell with scant regard to the wishes of locals. This will mean large homes for highly mobile people who would like a rural setting.</p>		

Reply	<p>>> This is guided by Melton Borough Council and The Neighbourhood Plan (once adopted) will help guide their recommendations/approval. Builders can't just build whatever they want even if some of what gets planning approval looks that way! Melton planners have a huge responsibility to ensure that this area is a pleasant place to live right through from affordable housing to the biggest mansio.</p>	
Comment For	<p>> We are an ageing population so building somewhere for this section of the community may be good. Perhaps the new development off Longcliff could include a small, warden-assisted, independent-living complex for the elderly - very different from a traditional retirement home like Hunters Lodge. This would help ease the anticipated traffic flow problems if only lots of two-car family homes are built there. A mix of properties: sheltered, family, assisted-living for the elderly would be better for all. Usually a minibus would be provided instead of residents using private cars as often the elderly no longer wish to drive. Eventually, this type of development could free-up family homes in OD occupied by elderly residents who no longer need them or who may actively be wishing to downsize but who understandably may wish to stay living in the village. Here is a suggestion of what assisted living for the elderly could be like: ,http://www.cognatum.co.uk/home/Properties-For-Sale/Property-details.aspx?ID=25</p>	
Reply	<p>>> This is a very good idea. I can see that small semi-detached bungalows would be popular.</p>	
Comment For	<p>> May be we should also consider 'pushing' for smaller bungalows, even semi detached as bungalows inherently have a large footprint compared to number of rooms etc. so are relatively expensive. Almost low-cost bungalows but not quite?</p>	
Comment For	<p>> I agree that ideally any development should be mixed and provide additional new green spaces. Critically, this should be done to compliment the existing village, landscape and character.</p>	
Idea Title Idea Description	<p>We should build for the indigenous population who may want to downsize or buy a starter home. (no description)</p>	<p>3.85 27</p>
Comment Neutral Reply	<p>> 'Indigenous people'. How long do you need to be a Parish resident to qualify as indigenous. Homes that are sold via a Housing Association can be offered with a preference to those with local connections, however I'm not sure you can insist that local folk get treated better than any other person wanting to live some where</p> <p>>> Why not?</p>	
Comment For	<p>> This concept is used in other parts of the UK - typically for people who work locally. We would also need a preference for people who already live locally or perhaps who were born in the parish.</p>	

Reply	>> Sadly, your idea about local preference has proved to make selling your house much more difficult in places like The Lake District. Where such a restriction exists, houses can be on the market for ages as often there is not enough local demand for housing or locals can't afford to buy them and outsiders aren't allowed to. Stagnates the market. Probably would be the same here.	3.85	20
Comment For	> Although I would strongly agree with this idea "we" have little choice over what is built. I'm hoping the Neighbourhood Plan might have some influence but fear that builders will build whatever they can sell at the greatest profit with total disregard for the wishes of the local community.		
Reply	>> You are right! Planning permission for x numbers of house is often changed during building to x + x + x houses.		
Comment For	> I agree that we need to make sure the new houses cater for first time buyers and bungalows for elderly. WE need to keep the village mixed not just executive housing		
Idea Title Idea Description	Would people like the opportunity to carry out a self build? (no description)	3.85	20
Comment For	> If the roads and utilities are installed, then that would be a great idea.		
Reply	>> This is planned for Station Road. Even the foundations are going to be installed if required. Along with an Adoptable Road, gas, electricity, water, sewage and even BT		
Comment Neutral	> Not sure how these schemes work but might be OK for some. However, personally, I would not want to find that some people's finances had run out during the construction and we were left with several, half-built or unfinished properties as seen all over Greece.		
Reply	>> There are plenty of self build mortgages offered and a new scheme has been implemented by the Government to kick start self build via a social landlord. The economic crash has unfortunately left Greece in a real mess and so I can imagine the problems there. Fortunately both Gordon Brown and Davis Cameron stepped in with massive financial help to kick start and keep running the new housing industry in the UK. At present approx 10 to 20 % of new houses in the UK are built by self builders. Leicestershire doesn't have as many self builders as other areas, but why can't that change.		
Reply	>> That is reassuring so we should find a way to make this easier here.		
Comment For	> Anything we can do to help young families get a roof over their heads is a good idea. So hard for them these days.		
Comment For	> Anything we can do to help young families get a roof over their heads has to be worth considering. So hard for them these days.		

Comment For	> I would like to see houses with integral Eco power systems it is so much cheaper to do at the build stage. PV panels in the roofs, solar water heaters, back boilers, thermal stores, etc. Much cheaper for the householders to run.		
Reply	>> Some new houses now require very little running costs. We are becoming much better at building homes that don't cost the earth's resources.		
Comment For	> There is a large advertisement for Self Build on the gates on Station Rd.		
Reply	>> Let's hope it takes off as design usually plays a major priority for self builders. More individuality come through. Plus I see it allows for houses and bungalows. The best part is the costs are usually at least 20% cheaper than buying on a site finished.		
Comment For	> Would it be a good idea for example to hold an open evening to discuss self building methods and how to get it to work for people.		
Comment For	> Interest		
Comment Neutral	> Great idea if they get finished with in a reasonable time frame - half built properties are not attractive.		
Idea Title	Include Assisted Living for The Elderly as Part Of The New Longcliff Development	4.00	15
Idea Description	<p>We are an ageing population so building somewhere for this section of the community may be good. Perhaps the new development off Longcliff could include a small, warden-assisted, independent-living complex for the elderly - very different from a traditional retirement home like Hunters Lodge. This would help ease the anticipated traffic flow problems as usually a minibus would be provided instead of residents using private cars as often the elderly no longer wish to drive. Eventually, this type of development could free-up family homes in OD currently occupied by elderly residents who want something more appropriate to their needs but also wish to stay living in the village. Here is a suggestion of what assisted living for the elderly could be like: http://www.cognatum.co.uk/home/Properties-For-Sale/Property-details.aspx?ID=25</p>		
Comment For	<p>> Or even somewhere else in the Parish? Queensway and Nether Broughton exist as well!</p>		
Reply	<p>>> Yes, if villagers are happy to have such a scheme. Suggest a location where this might be acceptable. This is a specific idea for OD purely as I do not have knowledge of planning applications in NB and Q. I live in OD. Did not mean to exclude you. Apologies.</p>		
Comment Neutral	<p>> Market forces will dictate who lives on this piece of land, unless it can be purchased through a community group and developed.</p>		

>> If The Neighbourhood Plan supports this idea, and approach organisations like BUPA to build such a complex, the Melton Planners will take it into account and would be much more likely to support it. They know that housing of this type will be needed in increasing numbers over the next 20 years (i.e. during the period of The Plan), not just in Leicestershire but across the UK.

Reply

Topic (Expanded)

How can we enhance the character of our built environment

	Idea	Avg	Rated
Idea Title	Sensitive planning	4.39	31
Idea Description	<p>Most people accept that building has to take place, but please make it sensitive to our already built environments. You can see pretty much the identical, dreary and souless developments from one end of the country to the other, and the same style for the last 20-30 years.</p> <p>The outline plan for the old box factory in Nether Broughton us a case in point!</p>		
Reply	>> But a lot of the times in new houses this never works and makes them look worse.		
Reply	>> Really? The Neo-Georgian housing estate in Barrow upon Soar is an example of what can be achieved using modern materials.		
Comment For	> For me Design is fundamental. 20 very well designed and built houses would be preferable to 10 poorly designed boxes.		
Comment For	> "Even a brick wants to be something" (Louis Kahn). Buildings - even small ones - can be beautiful if costs are shared over a whole development. Planners are at fault for not doing more to safeguard standards. The Neighbourhood Plan will help to prevent unsightly builds once in force.		
Comment For	> It is all about balancing hard materials against soft. Imaginative landscaping, as in tree and shrub planting, around new builds can make all the difference.		
Comment For	> Have more space around each new property as was traditional in a village and build in different architectural styles and materials so no two properties in the same development are identical. Stagger properties and make sure roads are not straight (as in modern developments) but gently winding.		
Comment For	> Include affordable housing, as we should do our bit to help those less fortunate but share the cost of making these more pleasant homes to live in (and look at) over the whole development. They don't need to be eyesores.		
Comment For	> Try to position new houses so they don't block existing views but do take advantage of their own.		
Idea Title	Eco friendly	4.14	22
Idea Description	Incorporate solar pv and solar water heating in every new build.		
Comment For	> These can be an eyesore but we do need to do this for future clean energy.		
Comment Neutral	> There are so many eco friendly ways to heat properties and water on the market, these are now finding there way in to house building through tougher building regulations requirements.		

Reply	>> Air source heat pumps which run like a fridge in reverse connected to solar Pv is ideal.		
Comment For	> I think solar panels on every new build should be part of national planning policy		
Reply	>> The roof needs to be in the right direction to make the most of the suns energy, if solar panels are not going to be efficient then other energy saving technologies should be considered such as ground source heat pumps and rainwater harvesting.		
Idea Title	Wildlife friendly	4.73	41
Idea Description	Maximise the natural environment. Ensure that landscaping is food, bee, butterfly, hedgehog, bat friendly. Natural hedges, herbs, nectar and pollen rich planting. Safe (for both bird, bat and human) nesting sites in housing developments.		
Comment For	> Absolutely agree with you. We are lucky to be able to live in a village and must do all we can to protect the countryside for future generations to enjoy.		
Comment For	> I think developers should become more savvy to this important item. They have go a lot better at managing waste and their impact waste causes but installing wildlife corridors is something only a few schemes carry out at present.		
Comment For	> Good idea		
Comment For	> Agree		
Comment For	> Totally agree. With all of the impending additional housing we must ensure we remain a rural community.		
Reply	>> Plant in and around this so it is a pleasanter place for all and will not destroy quite so much of the wildlife that was previously there.		
Comment For	> In too much life today, rural and urban, pressures threatening to wildlife relentlessly increase. While we cannot expect every garden to be a jungle, we need to promote more vigorously ways of providing shelter to various forms of wildlife.		
Comment For	> People increasingly organise their gardens for ease of maintenance. Although it is not difficult to have ponds, insect friendly structures, wild flower areas and bushes that protect hedgehogs and birds these are not priorities for many families. Ensuring such features are available to wild life should be a consideration when planning green communal spaces.		
Comment For	> I have sewn many wildflowers locally. The carpark verge partway down Queensway was full of wild carrot, buttercup, dandelion, herb robert, campion, alkanet to name but a few. Plus tall grasses. But then someone put their mower through it. Too many people don't see beauty in wild patches and think everything should be mown and strimmed.		
Comment For	> Yes, we have a duty to protect and further develop wildlife-friendly environments which in turn will maintain and even increase our feelings of well-being.		

Comment For	> We must encourage and protect the natural environment, wildlife and biodiversity		
Comment For	> all habitats are in decline despite living where we do any protection and enhancement is very beneficial locally and nationally.		
Comment For	> Is it possible to ask developers seeking to build on larger plots of land to give a portion of the site to the villages to be left 'wild' and encourage biodiversity		
Idea Title	People could nominate buildings that are of local importance. It could be a house, set of barns or a church. Even the gate house or guard room to the MOD site. It's rather different. Let's see what we can come up with.	2.71	21
Idea Description	I nominate to milking sheds on Church Lane. Old Dalby.		
Comment For	> The former Plough pub on Longcliff Hill, just before Mucky Lane		
Comment Against	> It depends on the purpose of this. As far as Important historical buildings in the villages, many already have a listed status and will be in the Neighbourhood Plan. Anyone who owns a listed building is already restricted to change. I can't see a need to make a further list of these buildings.		
Reply	>> It's very correct that many are listed and that is fantastic, and again they are to be mentioned in the neighbourhood plan. However there are many other buildings which have a significance in the parish that could be put up and afforded some higher level of protection. This is not being listed but of significant importance to the character of its setting.		
Comment Neutral	> This is a very sensitive issue and I, for one would not be happy to be responsible (even in part) for other folk having restrictions put on their property without a say in the matter. Also need to know how this will affect home and/or land owners?		
Reply	>> At present this is an idea only. Households would need consulting prior to any applications are made. But it could stop insensitive development next door to a wonderful piece of architecture. How can we agree to ring fence open spaces if we don't want to protect our built properties.		
Comment For	> The threepenny bit building at entrance to the Dog Training Centre should be kept		
Reply	>> Could this be converted into a shop		
Reply	>> Is it not privately owned?		
Comment Against	> More information needs to be given on the type of restrictions applied to the buildings of importance and what this would mean for the buildings owners, certainly if it means it will be more difficult to market the buildings or have financial implications to the owners I would be against this.		

Topic (Expanded)

Which forms of renewable energy should we support

	Idea	Avg	Rated
Idea Title	Solar farms. They are less intrusive than wind farms.	3.39	28
Idea Description	(no description)		
Reply	>> Same for wind		
Comment Against	> Solar farms take up much needed land. It would be best to use all the roof space possible - Tesla has just made solar roof tiles that cost the same a new roof would so they should be required on s/se/sse facing roofs on all new homes.		
Reply	>> Just need to make sure roofs on the new builds face in the right direction and - as you say- stipulate that they use solar tiles . It's a start !		
Comment For	> Huge amount of roof space at the Queensway industrial estate that could be used for solar energy production to serve the park. Perhaps this is already being done?		
Reply	>> That's true, have you seen Elon Musk's GigaFactories? They are self powering industrial units: https://www.tesla.com/en_GB/gigafactory		
Reply	>> Suspect most of the roofs on the park buildings would be incapable of bearing the weight of the panels when combined with snow loading		
Reply	>> Excellent idea. Would like to see this happen.		
Comment Against	> Unless built on brownfield sites, they take up valuable food producing land and herbicide spraying is used to keep weeds overtaking the panels		
Comment Against	> I don't want to see fields of panels. Turbines are more elegant, but roof mounted panels are my preference.		
Comment Neutral	> The location of either solar or wind 'farms' is all-important. Yes, roof-panels could be far more prevalent than at present. And before long we may well see far more efficient, less-intrusive technologies developing.		
Comment For	> aClearly location is important but I am All for the solar farms that I have seen, or more accurately, sought out. They are mostly low level and hard to spot from the road as you pass. Frequently they are in fields that are still grazed. Build them under existing wind farms!		
Comment Neutral	> I don't mind wind turbines. We have adjusted to accepting power lines and major roads which also impact on the visual environment. Lorry traffic is more intrusive than wind turbines.		
Idea Title	No more please !	3.52	23
Idea Description	Our Parish already hosts one of the first solar farms in the U.K. and we have done our fair share for renewable energy. No more please. Instead we can encourage new builds and businesses to have solar panels on roofs.		

Comment Against > The more green energy produced the better for the whole country. It's a shame residents couldn't through a Co operative buy turbines and power the villages for free.

Reply >> They are very costly and then you have the issue of where you site it, they have to be very large to provide the required amount of electricity and it would need to be right next to the village.

Reply >> Solar panels should be the future. Wind Turbines are not - as huge mechanical devices, they will require expensive ongoing maintenance..... and how often do you see all of them on a site actually running?...

Comment For > If the Queensway industrial parks and all the new developments could make the most of any south-facing roofs by having solar panels on them, this would be a very 'green' idea. We would not need to turn any more fields over to solar farms in the parish but would be continuing to do our bit. Good suggestion in my view!

Comment Against > Green energy is the way forward

Reply >> I agree

Comment Neutral > Would it not be better to encourage energy efficiency generally rather than "renewable" energy?

Reply >> Agree.

Comment Against > All forms of renewable energy should be supported where it is appropriate such as community wind turbines for the business park/school. Smaller scale solar panels for domestic/business use.

Comment Against > Why not become a Parish where we can provide all our energy needs from local renewable sources, community owned.

Topic (Expanded)

How can we enhance business and employment opportunities across the Parish

	Idea	Avg	Rated
Idea Title	Business Rates	2.96	23
Idea Description	Perhaps we could request the Borough Council to allow free business rates for first two years of trading for new companies moving into the business Park and proving they are creating new employment opportunities.		
Comment For	> 2 yrs would be a long time in any case, perhaps the parish hall could provide low cost office accomodation 9-5 for new start ups offering reduced rent for the first year. This might bring in some funding to run clubs etc.		
Reply	>> Greater use of a community facility for its community sounds like a great idea if that facility is underused.		
Idea Title	Enable local businesses to advertise job vacancies free of charge on the parish website and noticeboards	4.32	31
Idea Description	(no description)		
Comment For	> I thought this was already the case, at least on the Old Dalby board at the bus stop.		
Reply	>> I thought this notice board was for the parish council business.		
Comment Neutral	> I thought so too - one notice board at the end of Queensway and two/three in Nether Broughton.		
Comment For	> the notice boards are free any way, what about using the Parish Magazine - sponsorship for them? Can the parish magazine be supported and go to EVERY household not just those who know about it as it currently doesn't.		
Idea Title	We should encourage business to pursue more localised supply chains, which wouyd also cut down on transport costs.	4.12	25
Idea Description	(no description)		
Comment For	> Very much agree		
Comment Neutral	> In principle that statement is correct BUT not when (everything else being equal) the cost of using a local company is higher. Local companies need to be competitive - transport costs can help though this may not mean the local company wins the work.		
Reply	>> The more local companies are used the more likely it is that they can become more competitive. We would be supporting our own community, in order to help it to thrive, and it is the greener thing to do, too.		
Comment For	> We are lucky to have pubs and restaurants in the area that actively pursue this policy. Not sure about other businesses but it is always a good idea to ask where goods come from. (Though I would doubt if Mussons could source much timber from the Vale for instance). One thing we should do is ask for local tradesmen on local social media... Spotted etc..		

Comment Neutral > if businesses can source locally for the correct price/quality then most will - sometimes it may be lack of knowledge of what is out there.

Idea Title Local business should be encouraged to offer placements and apprenticeships to local young people. perhaps VocalEyes could aid this. 4.38 32
Idea Description (no description)

Comment For > It is important that as much money is spent in our community by our community that needs to be supported by local employment.

Comment For > How would you envisage this VocalEyes forum to achieve this.

Comment Neutral > I'm guessing just posting this on VocalEyes should help but I have to say that most businesses would favor local employees anyway. I would.

Comment Neutral > It would be interesting to identify how many "locals" work locally rather than commute to the cities.