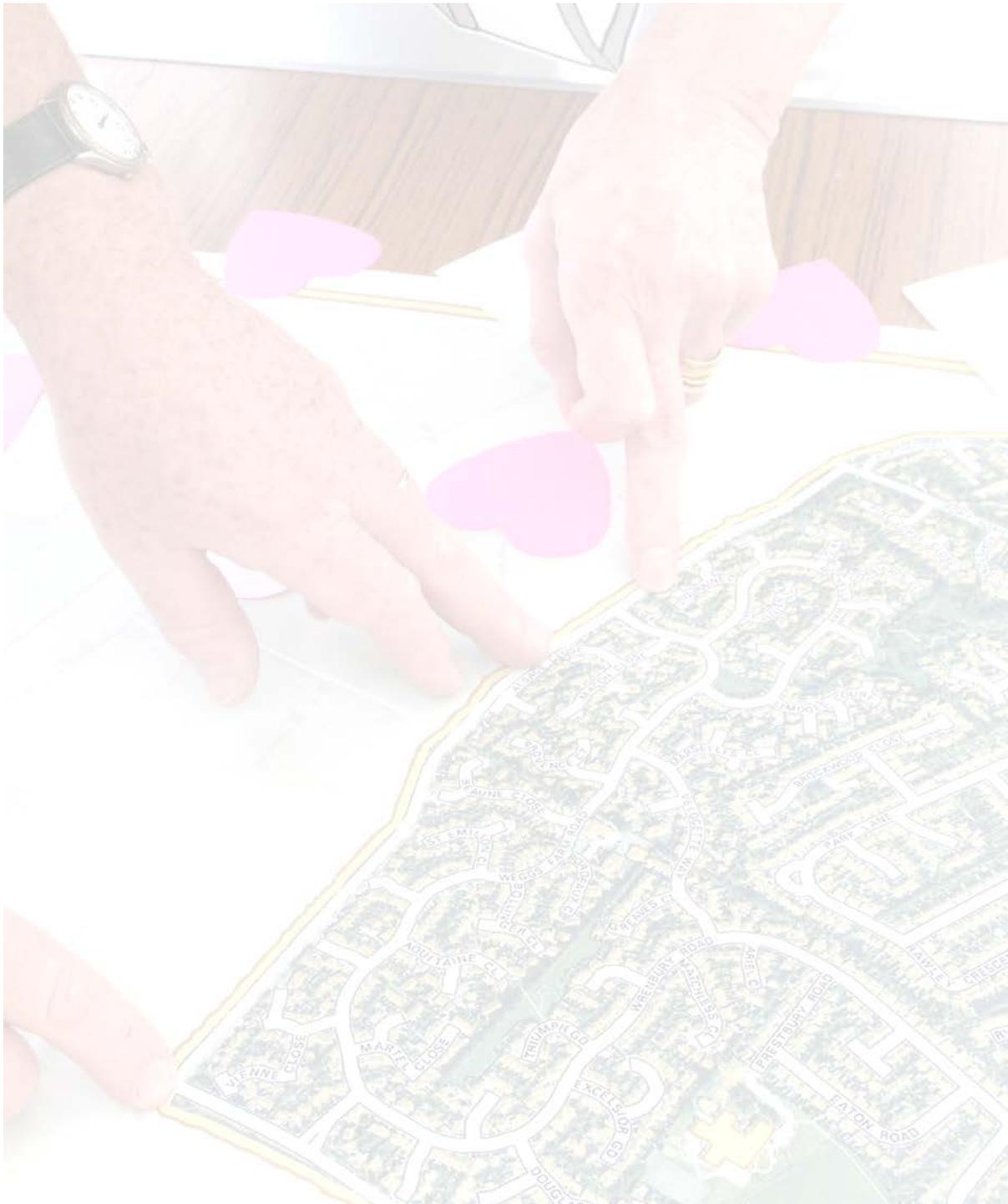


Duston Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation Report

Consultation Event held 2 June 2013



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At the ‘Let’s Celebrate Duston’ event on 2 June 2013, Duston Parish Council carried out a public consultation to determine the focus of issues among its community as part of its commitment to engaging residents in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. The event was delivered by Frances Jones (DPC), Mike Ingram (DPC) and Julie Gibson (NBC), with preparation and other assistance from Amy Holt (DPC), Project Support Team from NBC’s Planning Service.

Consultation ran for the duration of the event and proved very popular, with some respondents still giving views as the stall was being dismantled at the end of the day.

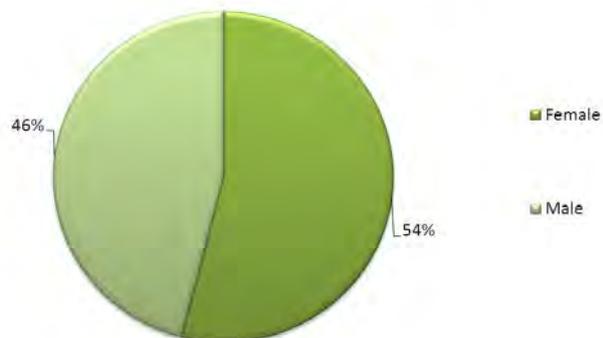
Respondents were asked to say what they thought was good about Duston, what was bad, and what it could be in the future. Responses were captured using 3 types of written comments;

- **Good things:** written on heart-shaped post-it notes and placed on a large-scale map of the parish
- **Bad things:** written on ‘pants’ shaped, laminated notes and hung on a washing-line with clothes pegs
- **Duston in future:** written on leaf-shaped post-it notes and placed on an image of a tree

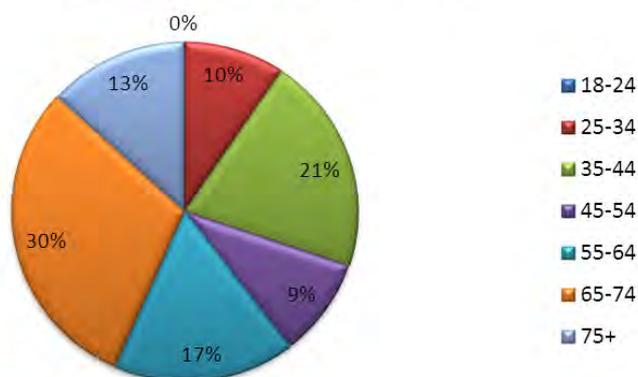
Photographs were taken of responses throughout the day, partly to ensure a record was kept and partly so the ‘pants’ could be re-used by further respondents. A table of comments received is included in Appendix A.

Respondents were also given an explanation of what Neighbourhood Planning was and what it could achieve, and were encouraged to ask questions. A register was created of respondents who wished to remain informed and take part in further consultation on the Plan. 63 respondents chose to give their details for this purpose. Of these, 54% were female and 46% male.

Gender of registered respondents

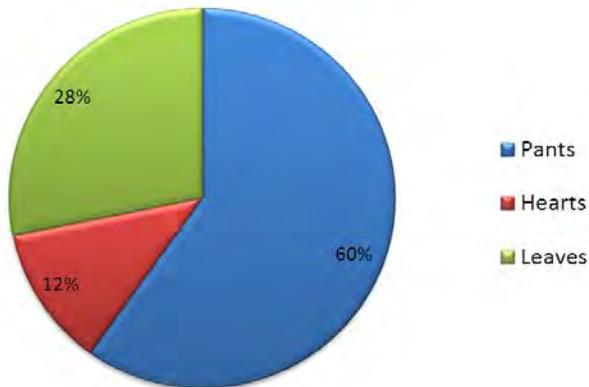


Age range of respondents



Almost one-third of respondents wishing to take part in future consultations were aged 65-74, although the remainder were spread more evenly across age groups.

Breakdown of responses



A total of 143 responses were given by a wide range of residents at the event, ranging from 4-year old children talking about playgrounds and ‘dog poo’ to very elderly people expressing concern about traffic safety and local services. Responses are broken down in the chart to the left. 60% were ‘pants’, i.e. things that needed improving; 12% were ‘hearts’, things people loved about Duston, and 28% were ‘leaves’, ideas and suggestions for Duston’s future.

All responses were categorised into broad themes, to allow analysis and an indication of potential within the Neighbourhood Plan for improving these.

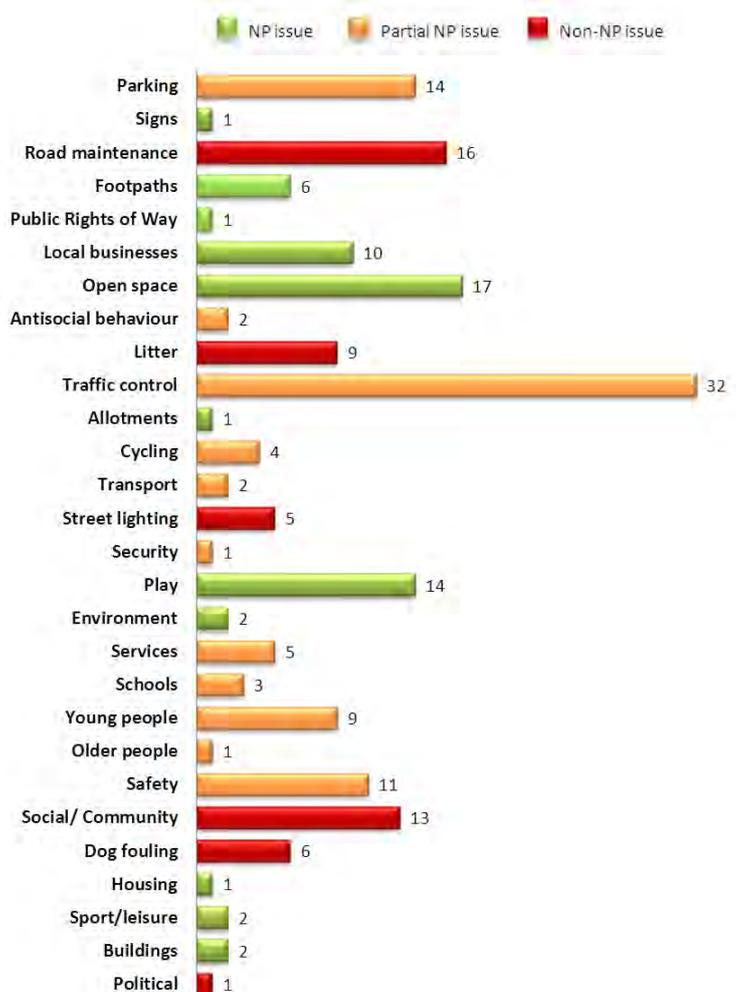
As shown in the bar chart to the right, a wide variety of issues were raised, and whether these were in the context of positive or negative perception, they were considered for their potential for inclusion within NP policies.

A ‘traffic light’ colour-coding system was used to illustrate possible influence on the NP, with green showing definite influence, amber showing limited influence (depending on context) and red showing no potential influence.

There were some issues that can definitely not be affected by a Neighbourhood Plan. Shown in red in the bar chart, these are:

- Road maintenance (including potholes)
- Litter
- Street lighting
- Social/community services
- Dog fouling
- Political

Issues raised



The topics that could in *some contexts* be improved via a Neighbourhood Plan were as follows;

Topic	Yes	No
Parking	Identify new spaces and/or layouts	Enforcement
Antisocial behaviour	Finding sites for alternative activities, e.g. Sports facilities, Youth Club	Enforcement
Traffic control	As part of wider improvement/ urban design	Enforcement
Cycling	Identifying new routes	Enforcement (e.g. keeping cyclists off footpaths etc.)
Transport	Identifying potential locations for bus stops	Enforcing timetables, routes
Security	'Secure-by-Design' principles	Changing services, e.g. police/ community warden patrols
Services	Identifying gaps in service/ Identifying sites for services to be based at	Provision of service, e.g. opening hours
Schools	Location	Number and/or quality of
Young people	Identifying sites for facilities and services aimed at young people	Provision of services
Older people	Identifying sites for facilities and services aimed at older people	Provision of services
Safety	From a design approach	Maintenance / enforcement

Topics that can definitely be included within a Neighbourhood Plan were

- Public rights of way: protect existing and encourage enhancement
- Local businesses: identify sites and encourage particular types of provision
- Open space: protect existing or identifying new
- Allotments: identify sites
- Play: sites and equipment
- Environment: Improvement, public realm design
- Housing: although can't stipulate below the level of provision in the Joint Core Strategy
- Sport/leisure: new facilities
- Buildings: design

Response No.	Pants/ Hearts/ Leaves	Comment
1	Hearts	Melbourne Park/waste ground - good for grandchildren.
2	Hearts	Better access to St Crispins site, use for cycles
3	Hearts	Sure start, it's free, great activities etc.
4	Hearts	It's good to be able to climb the apple tree
5	Hearts	Well situated
6	Hearts	Like the library open all the time
7	Hearts	Convenience, can get anything you want
8	Hearts	Closeness to countryside
9	Hearts	Close to country side
10	Hearts	Coffee mornings in churches
11	Hearts	Little Wiggles and Millway - fantastic! (young children's play)
12	Hearts	Library is great!
13	Hearts	swimming in the Duston school pool
14	Hearts	11th Northampton Boys' Brigade! brill
15	Hearts	Duston Library Children's Centre FAB!
16	Hearts	St. Patrick's! (Not St Matthews as it is labelled on the map)
17	Hearts	Love this new area, can't wait to move in with scouts
18	Leaves	More allotments
19	Leaves	Well integrated transport system
20	Leaves	More children should walk to school, it would help with congestion
21	Leaves	Keep street lights on at junctions and at end of cul-de-sac
22	Leaves	Kiss and go layby to drop kids off
23	Leaves	Good shops, bus service
24	Leaves	Duston Youth Hostel Group
25	Leaves	Playground
26	Leaves	My children would like more play equipment in Melbourne Park
27	Leaves	Speed reduction on Harlestone road towards Harlestone
28	Leaves	Pedestrian crossing in quarry road, so people can safely get to post office
29	Leaves	Protect our remaining green spaces
30	Leaves	Somewhere safe for younger kids to go (age 11+) i.e. youth club
31	Leaves	Competitive sports activity not just sports but odd ball events, it works for conkers, cheese rolling etc.
32	Leaves	Decent sized play park with café
33	Leaves	More cycle tracks
34	Leaves	Sunbeams at URC - mums, grandmas, children
35	Leaves	Pet shop of the gods!
36	Leaves	Always plenty to do
37	Leaves	Mini roundabout at entrance to Timken estate (Main road) Now doctors has opened it's very busy
38	Leaves	New pavement bottom of Saxon Rise
39	Leaves	Café/tea/coffee shop for a chat and a drink
40	Leaves	Rumble strips not speed humps. Why? Cheaper to install, less maintenance, less damage to vehicles
41	Leaves	More zebra crossings from Duston school through whole Duston area, safer for all children and adults to cross road safely
42	Leaves	More local shops, post office, butchers, family pub garden

43	Leaves	Ban cars or make Millway one-way
44	Leaves	Lovely friendly café in the village would be great (Baby/toddler friendly too)
45	Leaves	No dogs allowed in the park
46	Leaves	Pick up your dog poo :)
47	Leaves	Put your rubbish in the bin
48	Leaves	no more housing
49	Leaves	Decent pub in the St Giles Park area!
50	Leaves	More play equipment in Errington Park.
51	Leaves	Legal graffiti wall (will stop/reduce vandalism)
52	Leaves	Rumble strips on Cotswold Avenue
53	Leaves	Everyone can ring the borough council and request street cleansing. I've done it on more than one occasion, it's done in 3-5 days
54	Leaves	I love the community spirit
55	Leaves	School traffic restrictions need signs up to allow enforcement
56	Leaves	Spray paint: PC's (Parish Councillors) to do it around dog poo with date (Paint not permanent)
57	Leaves	Better use of green areas
58	Pants	Too many estate agents!
59	Pants	Speed humps - hate them, so painful if you have a bad back. Also a pain for cyclists.
60	Pants	Litter! Litter! Litter! Litter! Litter!
61	Pants	Poor footpaths!
62	Pants	Artics using Main Road - need to exclude them; 7.5T limit.
63	Pants	Potholes! Streetlights switched off
64	Pants	Bumpy footpaths, potholes on pavements make it very uncomfortable and dangerous for me in my wheelchair. Elliott :(
65	Pants	Shops on Main Road look tatty, shutter should be up to look open
66	Pants	Eastfield Road grass verges all churned up! Can't park the car to post a letter. Cut grass quicker, or take away cuttings
67	Pants	Car parking on footpaths in Chiltern Way
68	Pants	Why is there no drop kerb at beginning of cycle path on Sandy Lane/ Berrywood Road?
69	Pants	NBC are invisible unless votes are being sought
70	Pants	Cars parking on the pavement, spoils access, disabled children
71	Pants	Park Close, Park Lane, bad potholes
72	Pants	Security is adversely affected by street lighting being turned off, burglaries, lead flashing stolen
73	Pants	Errington Park, poor play equipment, run down, needs cleaning up and new play equipment
74	Pants	Poor parking at the co-op, very difficult
75	Pants	Cars parking on pavements, volume of traffic in Old Duston village
76	Pants	Litter on cycle path, Sandy Lane, Berrywood, tins bottles in ditch
77	Pants	No decent toddler parks with baby swings etc.
78	Pants	People drive too fast on Main Road
79	Pants	Parking is a problem, not enough in old Duston for elderly people
80	Pants	Too many speed humps, they serve no purpose
81	Pants	Knock down the awful looking new buildings on the front of the Old Timken site, and also the ugly buildings near the A45 at Upton
82	Pants	Traffic on Tollgate road will get worse when new houses are built
83	Pants	No (public) toilets especially for older people
84	Pants	No more supermarkets, protect the village shops
85	Pants	Tollgate way, traffic now mad now new houses will add to it

86	Pants	Losing the top end of Millway playing field
87	Pants	Salt grit bins at Scarplands and Stansfield Road, very icy and dangerous roads
88	Pants	Bants Lane/ Harlestone roundabout, dangerous
89	Pants	Salt grit bins at Stansfield Rd, Scarplands, icy roads, very dangerous!
90	Pants	Dodgy left turn from Southfield road into Berrywood road
91	Pants	Parking on pavements, Cotswold Avenue and elsewhere
92	Pants	Could have used Millway school field (Now sold) to alleviate parking issues on school run
93	Pants	Potholes on Chiltern Avenue very bad
94	Pants	Lack of parking in Duston Village for shops
95	Pants	Potholes
96	Pants	use roundabouts instead of traffic lights on the A45 going towards J16 and remove the 40mph speed restriction which is ridiculous
97	Pants	Cotswold Avenue, pavements are poor, reported over 10 years ago
98	Pants	Muscott lane, Saxon rise area, roads need improving to same standard as surrounding area
99	Pants	Salt bins gone from Saxon Rise, bring them back!
100	Pants	Rubbish in public places, not cleared up
101	Pants	Taking part of Duston School sports field for development :(
102	Pants	Street lights all off! (Mill Lane)
103	Pants	Speed humps are not to spec, on Millway between Sussex and Main Rd
104	Pants	LIDL consultation letter arrived too late
105	Pants	Grass cutting too infrequent and dog fouling
106	Pants	Please demolish the toilets outside the library @ Limehurst Square
107	Pants	Dangerous junction - poor enforcement (Duston Road/Bants Lane)
108	Pants	Pavements in the village are very narrow, and a bit hairy to walk along with the kids.
109	Pants	Errington Park children's area, disgraceful
110	Pants	Mini roundabout on Berrywood Road, ignored by most drivers, get rid of it.
111	Pants	Ban HGVs from Millway, keep all open spaces open
112	Pants	Too much traffic in Old Duston
113	Pants	Berrywood road roundabout, ban HGVs
114	Pants	Speed humps poor profile, causing drivers to stop going on them, Cotswold Avenue
115	Pants	Right hand lane needs a right turn arrow, current lack of straight on option leads to the need to go left then right into Duston (Duston Road/Bants Lane junction)
116	Pants	Pedestrian crossing from the footpath (from Millway) across Tollgate road to footpath on other side.
117	Pants	Cars parked on corners outside Millway school, should walk to school
118	Pants	Grafton way street lights
119	Pants	Teenagers! Teenagers! Teenagers!
120	Pants	Stop litter
121	Pants	Road surfaces in many places are terrible. Cheap surface dressing no good, always comes off after snow and ice; get the job done properly please.
122	Pants	Stop access to top of quarry, someone will fall one day!
123	Pants	Too much litter left behind on football field by teenagers (Errington park)
124	Pants	Errington Park, separating small children's play areas, keep the older kids (teenagers) away from the area. Mingling (?) is a great idea, but too much glass!
125	Pants	Errington Park needs new equipment for younger ones and to be kept cleaner and grass kept short

126	Pants	Old people! Old people! Old people! (Stop stereotyping; in response to teenagers! Teenagers! Teenagers!)
127	Pants	DOG POO
128	Pants	Enforcement of people letting their dogs foul the paths
129	Pants	road crossing is difficult at S/E end of main road
130	Pants	Heavy lorries down Millway, make it one way.
131	Pants	Many people adults riding cycle on paths in village
132	Pants	No bins for rubbish (Timken Estate)
133	Pants	Witton Road/Weedon Close bad potholes, poor quality repairs.
134	Pants	Saxon Rise and Melbourne Lane should be one-way / main road should be no parking - double yellow lines / parking restrictions not being enforced
135	Pants	Parking down Saxon Rise and Melbourne Lane, make them one way when driving, put double lines down each road and make them one way each up Melbourne Lane and down Saxon Rise, people are forcing other drivers on pavement at moment.
136	Pants	Pot holes. It's like off-roading driving along Muscott Lane
137	Pants	Illegal parking on paths, Southfield Road
138	Pants	Car parking at CO-OP inadequate, parking on footpaths blocking disabled access
139	Pants	Would like Errington Park improved (play area)
140	Pants	Parking on corner, Port Road, Knighton Close, Duston Wildes
141	Pants	Crossing, street lights on, but (at the) junction, no lights (Millway, near Stanfield Road)
142	Pants	Grass verges on Eastfield chewed up, can't park car to post letter, cut grass quicker or take away cuttings
143	Pants	Keep bridle/footpath from Weedon Road entrance up through St Crispin's estate at back of Stenfield Rd/Scarplands and Southfield Rd. Keep trees currently standing. Petition already sent to council by Southfield Rd residents, and also the Scarplands, the bridle path was the original route to St Crispin's by foot for the past 100 years. This also could link in with the 'Waterside' plans, and able to walk all the way through to Avon by Duston Mill and canal route. Thank you.