**YOUTH SECTION COMMENTS**

Question 1*: How do you score Westbourne Parish as a place to live now?*

* Nice to have ‘greeness’ about the village.
* Westbourne is fabulous!
* Peaceful and child friendly.
* Comfortable and safe.
* Local people look out for each other.
* Pride taken in village.
* Good shops and community, etc.
* It’s nice to have open space
* Needs more dog litter bins
* more parking spaces (2 similar comments)
* Bench in park is burnt
* Loved Westbourne when younger – now losing its charm to too much development. (2 similar comments)
* Struggling to maintain a village identity.
* Public transport very poor – buses late and staff rude.

Question 2: *How important do you think it is for Westbourne Parish to have new homes built in and around the village?*

* We need new homes because of population growth.
* A lot of new homes have been built nearby already.
* New houses would cause more flooding and Westbourne would be less peaceful.
* Enough people in Westbourne already.
* Not too many more houses please!
* More houses would mean Westbourne was busier and louder (3 similar comments)
* Possibly a few more houses but too many would mean Westbourne wouldn’t be a village. (2 similar comments)
* Keep village the same.
* More houses would make Westbourne too congested.
* I’m passionate about sustainability and ecological designs – regulations should be enforced on developers.
* Already over developed – traffic, parking and roads terrible.
* Please don’t build more houses – Westbourne would lose its charm and character.
* Too many buildings and houses already spoiling our village (comment from a 5 year old).
* Tired of ‘threats’ to build more homes.
* It’s too congested already
* The village doesn’t have enough amenities to support new housing development.

Question 3*: How important do you feel it is to protect the present character of the village?*

* Open spaces and traditional houses add interest.
* Change Westbourne and it will be lost forever!
* If you lose this Westbourne will be a horrible place to live.
* We need better shops
* Leave Westbourne as it is!

Question 5*: Transport to/from Westbourne Parish:*

Chichester 16

Emsworth 9

Portsmouth 6

Havant 5

Bognor/Brighton 1

* A combined bus/train ticket (eg Emsworth/Chichester) would be more efficient.
* We need more public transport.(plus 1 similar comment)
* Not convenient/infrequent hours.
* A free bus pass or 3 in 1 card that works outside of W Sussex.(2 similar comments)
* Better transport links for Woodmancote
* For Woodmancote to be included in 20’s Plenty
* Bus time tables should be more accessible

Question 7*: Do you think there should be more for young people to do in Westbourne Parish?*

* Swimming pool/use of school pool in summer holidays (6 similar comments)
* Tennis Courts (4 similar comments)
* Football pitch (5 similar comments)
* A place to meet up with friends, play games and chill out/youth club (18 similar comments).
* More decent shops.
* An astro pitch.
* Bike racks
* Rugby (2 similar comments)
* Another café (2 similar comments)
* Craft Club
* Guides (2 similar comments)
* Fashion Club.
* A gym/tennis/squash club up by the cricket pitch as many older teenagers would use this.
* Running Club.
* Cycling Club.
* Cricket Club
* Improved skate park
* A den of some sort
* A sweet shop (2 similar comments)
* A Sports Hall/Leisure Centre (3 similar comments)
* More outdoor clubs.
* More before and after school clubs
* There’s nothing for us except parks!

Question 8*: Any other ideas, comments or suggestions:*

* Monitor wildlife
* Encourage exercise
* More community involvement
* Another park, better equipped and away from the estate (2 similar comments)
* It’s crucial to consider plans for the wider area when planning for Westbourne.
* Have a newsletter to let people know what’s going on.
* Activities where older members of the Parish get to meet younger members enabling both to learn from each other.
* More litter bins
* Would like a lake for kayaking.
* Make a one-way system around the Co-op
* Keep Westbourne as it is.
* CCTV in the village to catch vandals, etc.

**Meetings with two young people’s groups in the area to establish their views** – one at Bourne College and the other the Church Youth Group – echoed many of the above comments.

Both groups suggested a Youth Club providing table tennis, a Pool table and refreshments. A proper football pitch was wanted as well as better use of the cricket ground and improvements were needed to the Monks Hill playground to widen its appeal to older children and teens. They felt there was no requirement for more shops or houses – parking and traffic flow was already a major problem and needed improvement. A better bus service to Chichester would help.