

THE RESULTS OF THE STRAW POLL / MINI LITE SURVEY

1. 452 questionnaires were returned. I do not have a record of how many questionnaires were issued and I have not analysed to date the geographical spread or the ages of the people who responded, but from going through the questionnaires the geographical spread looks good.

It will need to be decided what further analysis should take place, in particular the number of what I have called 'other points raised' of which there were a large number but not easy to classify into groups.

2. Analysis of Question 1 - 'Tell us three good sides of living in Wheatley'

The number of 'mentions' were as follows:

256 mentioned the good facilities, shops and amenities in Wheatley

182 the community spirit and friendliness of people

154 the excellent bus services

142 the good location of Wheatley giving good access to London, Oxford, motorways, etc

123 that the village was nice being surrounded by the green belt, parks, Shotover and the rural setting

Others with smaller 'mentions' included

47 the good medical facilities, doctors, pharmacy, hospitals and dentist

40 the good range of community organisations, events, sports and other activities

37 the good schools, nurseries, children's centre

32 that the village was a quiet / safe place to live

25 other points

3. Analysis of Question 2 - 'What could be improved?'

The number of 'mentions' were as follows:

160 concerning the need to improve the conditions of the road surface, pavements and footpaths

132 requests to improve the traffic flow through Wheatley, to slow the traffic down and to prevent rat running. To consider introducing a one way scheme in Church Road between Friday Lane and Holloway Road

127 suggesting improvements to the parking situation in Wheatley. A large number of problem areas were identified, the main ones being outside the Primary School, Church and London Roads, the High Street, the road between Holloway Road and The Sun.

Also the problem of people leaving their cars in Wheatley and going off somewhere else.

132 other points, none of which were mentioned more than 3 times

Other 'mentions' with much smaller totals:

43 requests for more affordable housing, starter homes, sheltered housing more housing and less houses for renting

26 requests for a pub that serves good food, a good restaurant, food outlets in general

12 requesting a cash point and the return of a bank

8 for a new, larger community hall
7 for improved walking and cycling routes

4. Analysis of Question 3 - 'What would you change here?'

The same subjects were mentioned as described in Question 2 above with the following numbers:

122 improved traffic flow

84 improved parking

31 additional housing

Plus

121 of general points not sufficient in number on any one subject to classify individually

Other 'mentions' with smaller totals:

29 requests to improve the conditions of roads, footpaths, etc

23 more food outlets

19 requests to remove speed humps that are damaging vehicles

17 regarding bus routes, mainly for them to go only one way in Church Road

12 to rebuild the shopping area to be in keeping with the remainder of the High Street

12 to have improved facilities for young people in particular at lower cost.

5. Totals of those 'mentions' appearing in both Questions 2 & 3 in large numbers

I have added the answers to questions 2 and 3 below as in many ways they were similar questions and more clearly show the totals:

254 Traffic

211 Parking

189 Road and footpath conditions

74 More specific types of housing

49 More food / drink outlets

27 Bank / cash point

21 Rebuild shopping area in High Street

6. Method of recording

Each questionnaire was allocated its own number. I allocated letters to represent groups of answers of the same type, such as 'P' for parking, 'T' for traffic matters, etc. I then entered the number of each questionnaire that had 'mentioned' a particular subject against the appropriate letter.

eg

P - 1, 5, 7, 9, 10 etc

T - 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 etc

This will enable anyone needing to look at all the questionnaires mentioning Parking to do so without having to go through all 452

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