



Summary Results from the May 2020 Community Consultation Dunsop Bridge

116 hard copy community consultation booklets and questionnaires were posted directly to tenants of the Duchy of Lancaster and mail dropped to all known village houses, farms, businesses and key stakeholders in and immediately surrounding the village of Dunsop Bridge.

Posters were displayed in and around the village and the soft copies of the consultation booklet information and a downloadable and interactive questionnaires were available on the website www.dunsopbridge.com. Questionnaires could be returned electronically or in prepaid return envelopes.

Follow up telephone calls were undertaken to key stakeholders in the area.

A HEALTHY RESPONSE RATE. Of the 116 hard copy questionnaires sent out into the community 48 ie 41% were completed. This includes soft copy returns and questionnaires completed on line.

A POSITIVE RESPONSE. Of the 48 completed questionnaires, the vast majority were positive. Only 4 responded anonymously and 2 negatively.

The things most valued about Dunsop Bridge and its surroundings were: **AONB** (32%) : **Peace and Quiet** (16%) : **Community** (15%) : **Unspoilt Village** (11%)

The things least valued about Dunsop Bridge and its surroundings were: **Tourist/numbers of visitors** (13%) : **no general store** (10%) : **lack of bus service** (8%) : **speed/volume of traffic** (7%) : **inconsiderate parking** (7%)

Top 10 services that the local community would like to see in Dunsop are : 1= **convenience shop & post office** : 2 **recycling facilities** : 3 **automatic petrol pump** : 4 **public wc/shower facilities** : 5 **Licenced Café** : 6= **facilities for ease of access for elderly, disabled and parents/toddlers/babies** : 7= **electric charging point & space for social events** : 8 **gym/fitness classes** : 9 **large scale community space** : **ATM/cashpoint**

The local community responded that they rarely make use of the car park with 79% not using it at all.

The responses confirmed that **66% of the local community responders use the village green** – but infrequently and predominantly to walk/relax or feed the ducks.

The responses confirmed that **58% of the local community responders made use of the playing fields** – but infrequently and predominantly for playing games (football/cricket), for allowing young children to play and for entertaining visitors and grandchildren.

The responses confirmed that **64% used the Jubilee Playground** more frequently than the use of the village green or the playing fields.

A wide range of suggestions identifying what facilities/services were considered ‘missing’ in the local area for children were made **but no specific theme or thread was identifiable.**

Of the **existing facilities available for teenagers in the area**, of the top 3 responses, 22% said they ‘did not know of any’, 16% identified the Young Farmers and 14% detailed the Playing fields.

A wide range of **suggestions identifying what facilities/services were considered 'missing' in the local area for teenagers.** Of the top responses 22% wanted a **youth club**, 17% wanted **better transport links** and 7% wanted a **skate/bike park**.

Of the **existing facilities available for the older generation in the area**, most responses identified with **the village hall** (18% of respondees) and **the café** (7% of respondees).

A wide range of **suggestions identifying what facilities/services were considered 'missing' in the local area for the older generation.** Of the top 3 responses over 26% wanted a **bus service**, 9% wanted a **lunch/friendship club** and 5% a **better stocked shop/convenience store**.

Of 46 responses, 52% travelled to work by car. Of these **single/one way journeys**, 25% were over 20 miles, 42% were between 10 and 20 miles and 21% were 5 to 10 miles. The furthest travelled was 40 miles.

The **top services or facilities requested to enable the respondees to carry out their livelihood** were a **better stocked shop** (21%), **automatic petrol pump** (18%) a **bus service** (8%) and **faster broadband** (8%).

Only 2.5% (ie 1 out of 40) respondees **said that they would use desk space** if it was available.

Of the Responses from questionnaires from office or businesses operating in the local community ...

There were 46 responses to this section of the questionnaire but not all questions were answered.

Just under 5% (only 1 responder of 20) indicated that they thought more visitors to the area could cause problems.

The two main things that businesses felt were lacking in the area were a **better broadband internet service** and a **garage for repairs and fuel**.

Under 50% of the business responded with a **wide range of ideas that they felt would assist in their ongoing/continuing involvement in the village but no specific collective concept stood out**.

Over 50% of the businesses **engaged in trade with wide (but non-specific) selection of local businesses and suppliers**.

The only significant response when asked if there were any **sustainable practices that businesses would engage with** was one business that stipulated **electric vehicles**.

The large majority (over 80%) of **business customers/clients** come from the north west of the country. A significantly smaller percentage (around 25%) come from the Forest of Bowland area.

Only 21% of **businesses operating locally** identified as being **'seasonal'** relating **predominantly to the summer months**.

Of the **11 business responses**, **8 had fewer than 10 employees**. Four of the businesses were either staffed by volunteers or one-man operations (self-employed).