

Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan

Issues & Options Consultation (1)

Results Summary for ROYDON



Introduction

This is a two page summary which can be read alongside the longer more detailed report, available on the parish page for Roydon, www.ddnp.info/roydon. It provides an overview of results for the first of two DDNP Issues and Options Consultations, which ran across all the seven parishes involved in the Neighbourhood Plan from mid-July to mid-August 2020. This consultation is one element of the evidence and assessment work which will help determine the final policies and site allocations. All of the evidence compiled to support the Neighbourhood Plan will be made publicly available on the website – www.ddnp.info

A total of 961 people took part in this first consultation across the DDNP area, with 345 taking part for Roydon.

Methodology

Respondents were asked to agree/disagree the extent to which the following list of local green spaces, important views and non-designated heritage assets were important to them. A benchmark of 80% agree/strongly agree has been applied to the data received. Those which didn't meet that 80% agreement benchmark are shown in italics. The numbers in brackets, where shown, indicate how many comments in support of each were received. Suggestions for additional local green spaces and important views were also invited and are currently being considered for further consultation.

Local Green Space: All 17 of the assets proposed reached the 80% benchmark.

ROY3: Quaker Wood (5); ROY5: Swamp Lane Wood (7); ROY6: Baynards Lane Wood (4); ROY8: Baynards Green; ROY12: Little Green (2); ROY14: Snow Street Allotments (5); ROY15: Louie's Lane Allotments (7); ROY16: Potash Lane Fields (2); ROY19: Waterloo Avenue Lime Trees and Green; ROY20: Old Rectory Close Green Strip; ROY21: Doit Lane Belt (trees only along field boundary) (2); ROY22: William Brown Way Play Area (4); ROY23: Hose Avenue Play Area (2); ROY24: Long Meadow Play Area (2); ROY25: Appletree Lane Play Area; ROY26: Brushmakers Way Play Area (1); ROY28: Green on junction of Steggles Drive and Appletree Lane

Important Views: All eight proposed reached the 80% benchmark.

1: View south over the Waveney Valley from Old High Road (2); Views south, east and west from Footpath 15 looking towards Roydon Fen and the Waveney Valley (3); 3: Views from the church yard over the Waveney Valley; 4: View north from Factory Lane by the football ground; 5: Views from all directions over Brewers Green (1); 6: The landscape seen north from Swamp Lane and north-east from Baynards Lane; 7: Views from Darrow Lane and Darrow Wood Lane.

Non-Designated Heritage Assets: Nine of the 17 assets proposed reached the 80% benchmark. Those that didn't are shown in italics:

R1. Tottington House, Tottington Lane (Old Mill House); R2. Roydon Fen (track); R3. The School, Manor Road; R4. Tower House, High Road; R5. No 9 and Old Beams, Brewers Green; R6. Poplar Cottages; R7. Birds Cottage, Brewers Green; R8. 1948 Sculptural wall decoration by David Kindersley on wall of village hall; *R9. High Road 1-14 and Factory Lane 92-102 even numbers; R10. Louie's Lane 68-74 (Harley Cottages 1886) and 76-80; R11. Sturgeons Farm, north end Louie's Lane; R12. 113 Shelfanger Road (The Old Mill House); R13. 105 Shelfanger Road on corner of Store Street; R14. Keystone House, Hall Lane; R15. Remains (underground with access shaft) of Royal Observer Corps Monitoring Post; R16. Medieval Moated Site of Bush Hall; R17. Barn adjacent the Pheasantry.*

Housing Growth/*alternative sites: A site for 25 new homes off the A1066 had been proposed in the survey. Of that: **63% of respondents (207 people) were not in favour; 24% (78 people) were in favour, and 13% (43 people) had no opinion. 17 people didn't answer the question.** A selection of comments can be read in the full Parish Council report.

** A number of other sites were suggested during the consultation and are currently being assessed. Those that are considered potentially suitable for housing development will be consulted on again within the community.*

Maintaining the gap between Roydon and Diss: 89% of people were in favour.

Walking and Cycling: The three priorities for walking and cycling in Roydon were ranked:

1. 30mph along the A1066 between Hall Lane and Bellrope Lane to improve safety for walking and cycling
2. A new footpath/bike lane around the wood at the corner of the field opposite Hall Lane to provide improved access to Doit Lane – to travel south out of Roydon
3. Close Baynards Lane to motor vehicles from its junction with Swamp Lane in the east to just before Hall Lane at its western end to improve safety for walking and cycling (access retained for tractors)

What policies did respondents agree should be included in the DDNP?

- Strong guidance on **Housing Mix** as part of any future development: **79% agree**
- Ensuring **density** of new developments reflects the character of the surrounding area: **91% agree**
- The cascade used by South Norfolk Council for **affordable housing** should include mid-Suffolk parishes: **47%** (29% had no opinion and 26% disagreed)
- That larger developments should set aside some plots for **self-builders**: **50% agree**
- A requirement for development to reflect the **Design Codes** for the area to reflect local identity and styles: **83% agree** (Design Codes for the area can be viewed at www.ddnp.info/documents)
- Protecting **dark skies** by limiting light pollution in certain areas: **90% agree**
- A requirement of developers to **improve areas for wildlife**, including creating new areas: **95% agree**

Traffic:

- Should the proposed allocation north of the cemetery in Diss provide a new road linking Shelfanger Road with Heywood Road? **56% agree** (27% no opinion and 18% disagreed)
- A requirement that any major development likely to impact **congestion on A1066** should assess and address the impact? **92% agree**
- Any development should provide measures to better manage **traffic speeds** through the villages in the Neighbourhood Plan: **91% agree**
- Diss Town Centre: Should the Plan have policies should support retail, enhance the town centre and make good use of empty shops? **83% agree**
- Should the Neighbourhood plan support the installation of new **broadband infrastructure**? **79% agree.**

Thank you to everyone who helped to promote the survey in Roydon, and to those who took part. Your input is very much appreciated.

**The DDNP Steering Group
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