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NEWPORT PARISH PLAN

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The Newport Parish Plan is dedicated to the memory of Ian Walters, Chairman of Newport Parish Council and founding Chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Committee.

Without Ian's vision and drive, this Plan would not exist and Newport would be a poorer place.

His enthusiasm and commitment to the community has been an inspiration to us all.

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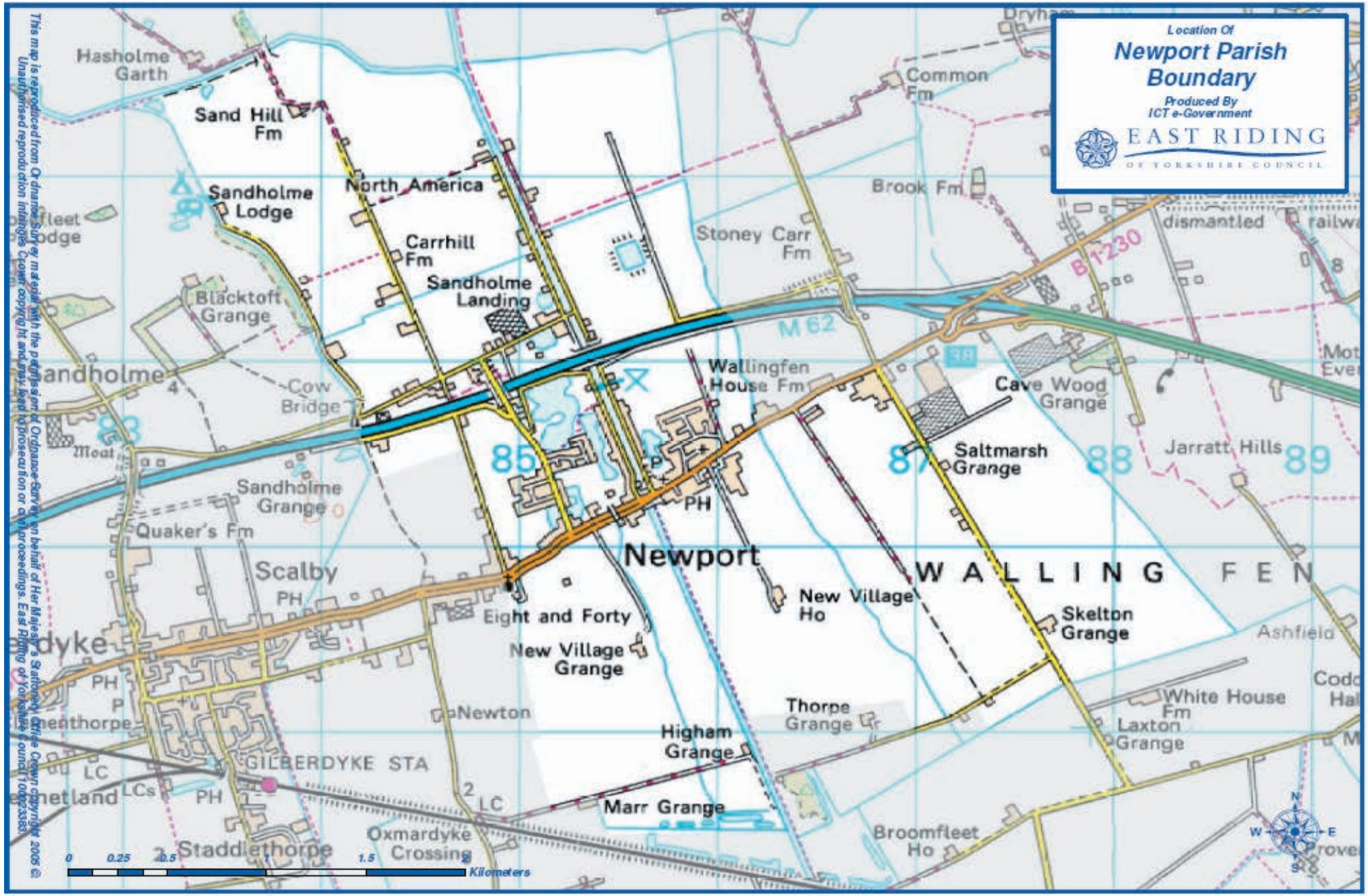

Newport Parish

Covering some 1060 hectares of mainly farmland, the Parish of Newport lies in the south east corner of the Lower Vale of York, between the Yorkshire Wolds and the river Humber, on the flat lands that once formed part of the river Humber Estuary Flood Plain.
To the North, the land rises through North Cave, Hotham, and North Cliffe towards Market Weighton. To the South the Parish boundary extends towards Broomfleet and Faxfleet. The River Humber is 3 miles from the village centre. The market town of Howden lies approximately 7 Miles to the West.

Newport village centre is 1 mile West of Junction 38 on the M62 motorway and lies at the intersection where the B1230 highway bridges the canal.

The Parish straddles the M62 Motorway and is bisected by the Market Weighton Canal.
The village is rare if not unique – an industrial village, arising from the construction of the Market Weighton canal. The canal was originally designed to serve both as a transportation route and to drain the surrounding lowland marsh areas. Quality clay found during the construction process in the 19th century, gave rise to an industry of brick and tile manufacture. With the flourishing transportation links of the canal, industrial and agricultural trade grew and the settlement prospered. The advent of the Hull and Barnsley Railway provided further strategic opportunity for the village, albeit at the expense of canal traffic. In due course, the railway line closed, the brickyards closed, and the M62 Motorway arrived, diverting much of the road-freight traffic passing through the village. This signalled the end of any further significant industrial expansion. Newport has nevertheless adapted to industrial and an agricultural change well, and is today a busy thriving village which has become a desirable choice for those who still wish to enjoy a rural lifestyle whilst retaining good commuter links to the towns and cities of the East and West Ridings of Yorkshire and beyond.

The early industrial origins have provided a unique legacy for Newport by way of a tranquil canal and a series of claypit ponds and lakes. Both are immensely important as nature reserves harbouring a variety of wildlife, and as an exceptional location for angling.

The Parish has many excellent and diverse walks through rural countryside leading to the River Humber in one direction and the Wolds Way in another, following the original towpath of the canal. Within the village there are shorter walks and nature trails.

A number of buildings in Newport remain to reflect its industrial heritage and the village retains much of its early character. For its size Newport is excellently served by a wide variety of retail outlets and public houses. There are a number of commercial and light industrial enterprises on the Parish boundaries.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Note from the Chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Committee:

Producing this Parish Plan has been a considerable task undertaken by a dedicated team of enthusiastic residents.
I thank all the members of the Parish Plan Steering Committee for their commendable energy, effort, and resilience throughout the duration of its preparation. Despite many setbacks they have refused to give in and have seen the project through to completion, cheerfully enduring endless discussions, protracted meetings, and passionate debates over the last two years. Their constant support and contributions to team effort have been invaluable.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, I thank too all those residents of Newport Parish who have contributed in so many different ways, undertaking surveys, writing articles, in supplying services, materials, or information, and generally volunteering freely of their time and expertise. The Plan could not have been developed without the contributions made by the residents and businesses of Newport, in taking the time and trouble to complete the questionnaires, and for their comment, suggestions and assistance in attending the open meetings, discussions and presentations.

The Steering Committee also recognises and acknowledges the invaluable support and guidance provided by the many “external” sources of expertise, individuals and agencies, instrumental in assisting and supporting us through all the stages of preparing this Parish Plan.

Finally we applaud Newport Parish Council for its foresight in not only initiating this interesting and strategic project, but also for its support and contribution in providing the Council perspective to the Parish Plan Structure.

A full list of acknowledgements is appended to this Plan.

Note from Nick Retallick, Chairman of Newport Parish Council

I have lived in the Parish of Newport for 10 years and have been delighted to see a developing, more active and vibrant community. We celebrate its history, successes and its standing in the region, and we must continue to build upon these solid foundations. The Parish Plan is pivotal in this process by encouraging all the community of Newport to have a meaningful say its future..

I am now pleased to say that the Parish Plan is complete, and in highlighting all those issues considered by the community to be important for its future well-being, the Plan serves to provide an excellent focus for the Parish Council.

The Council itself of course will not be able to deliver every aspect of the plan, but it will assist with the necessary agencies, partnerships and committees to help bring aspirations and objectives to fruition. It is important to recognise that this is a Community initiative in all respects, and as such we must all strive to work together to build a safe, secure and prosperous future for Newport.

I would like to acknowledge the tireless effort put in by all the members of the Steering Committee and by all those parishioners and businesses who have contributed in their own way, by helping with material, or simply by taking the time to complete questionnaires and provide valued comment to the development of the Plan. A commendable effort by all involved.

The Parish Plan as a document is complete, but this is of course really just the beginning. Implementing the Action Plan will involve the whole community. The Parish Council can help to make things happen, but it is the partnership with the community, and the engagement of the community that will ensure this Plan will be the success the community deserves.

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1.1 Summary and Vision

Our aim is:

> ***"to create a safer, more attractive village that is both vibrant and prosperous whilst protecting and enhancing our natural environment".***

Many communities are expressing a strong desire to have a greater say in the detailed planning and strategies for change to their parish, village, or neighbourhood. Indeed, the Government is encouraging local communities to take more control of their own lives. Change is inevitable, and the Government recognises that empowered local communities are themselves often the best judges in measuring and determining how change can impact upon their particular community interests. By saying what we want doing in our own neighbourhood, and by engaging with other powers to get it done, we have the opportunity to influence and manage those changes to our living environment.

This Newport Parish Plan represents our first significant step forward in ensuring that our village and parish retains and preserves valued local features and amenities. It serves to map out our visions as residents and businesses of how we would wish to see our community develop over the next decade or so. It highlights the issues needing to be addressed and the aspirational targets to ensure the future well-being and prosperity of the Newport community. The Plan is a powerful planning document and provides a platform for the delivery of the projects and the actions necessary to achieve our goals.

This Plan is a credit to the people of Newport but must of course be regarded as a living document, needing to be continually reviewed to ensure that it embraces any future changes, and most essentially continues to reflect the views of the Newport Community. In reflecting those views this Plan provides a framework for future action and should assist authorities in determining priorities whilst establishing a forum for a meaningful and comprehensive partnership between the residents and businesses of Newport with others.

To achieve this a Parish Plan Committee was formed from a wide spectrum of the business and resident community, and independent of the Parish Council. The remit was to undertake a consultation process with most residents, analyse their responses and produce a Parish Plan which reflected their views. As such, all sections of the community have had the opportunity to express their views and concerns through a range of Community Appraisal questionnaires, open meetings, exhibitions, and informal interactions.

Many social, economic and environmental issues have come to the fore in the preparation of this plan and the main wishes expressed by our residents are:

- A safer community
- A more attractive village
- Better facilities and amenities
- Protection and enhancement of the local environment
- A more vibrant village
- A more prosperous village
- Community citizenship and individual responsibility

A proposed Action Plan breaks these into themes, indicatively:

- Traffic; volume and speed
- Parking and safe access throughout the village
- Protection and preservation of the local environment, green spaces and leisure amenities
- Maintenance of village roads, pavements and safe pedestrian and disabled access
- Retention of a diversity of housing and appropriate expansion of affordable housing
- Moderate approach to further expansion of housing and industry to meet community needs
- Working with young people of the village to improve facilities and access to facilities they will use and value
- Better engagement of residents in community activities and events
- Promotion of a positive attitude to citizenship, personal responsibility and accountability in regard to litter, fly-tipping, parking and courteous behaviour
- Working with the community and the Recreation Hall Committee to ensure the village hall continues to be well-used and accessible
- Public transport facilities to meet the requirements of the community as far as possible, and promotion of a more eco-friendly approach to travel
- Reducing crime, the perception and fear of crime and ensuring that alcohol, drug abuse, and general anti-social behaviour are not tolerated.
- Promote community support of the local businesses and industries and encourage actions to ensure the facilities thrive
- Ensure that access to primary health care services facilities is maintained and improved in those areas considered to be failing the community
- Improve the appearance of the village. Interest groups encouraged and supported. Residents encouraged to be proactive, to take pride in their village, and lead by example

The full document and Appendices are available locally to anyone who wishes to review the plan in greater detail from copies retained in the Post Office, Newsagents, Newport School reception, Methodist Centre and local libraries. The Clerk to the Parish Council retains a copy and a summary will be published on the Newport Web site.
Each household and business in Newport will receive a summary of the plan reflecting key issues and aspirations.

1.2 INTRODUCTION

1.2.1 What is a Parish Plan?

In 2001 the Countryside Agency launched the Vital Villages programme and the Parish Plan became an integral part of this initiative. In March 2004 Newport Parish Council successfully applied to the Countryside Agency for a grant to produce a Parish Plan

1.2.2 Purpose

The Plan is a statement of how the community wishes to see itself develop over the next 10 years or so. It can provide the evidence to help inform policy making by a range of organisations from the local planning authority to police and health services. The Plan can help us maintain and develop effective relationships with all those outside bodies and agencies that provide services to our community, now and in the future.

We believe that the Newport Parish Plan:

- Reflects the views of all sections of our community
- Identifies which features and local characteristics are valued by the community
- Identifies local problems and opportunities
- Spells out how the residents and local businesses want the community to develop in the future
- Provides an Action Plan to achieve this vision

1.2.3 Process

- March 2004 — Newport Parish Council submitted an application to the Countryside Agency for an award to produce a Parish Plan.
- May 2004 — Notice that the application had been successful and that a total award of £3437.50 had been granted. The award represents 50% of the projected costs of preparing a plan and with an expectation that an extra £2000 to be provided as "in kind" support by the community of Newport.
- November 2004 — Newport Community Action Association invited all residents to a public launch meeting in November 2004. The Parish Council similarly forwarded 55 invitations to various local community groups, businesses, and agencies of the regional and National authorities. The first Parish Open Meeting was held on the 3rd November 2004 when there were a total of 23 attendees.
- February 2005 — Inaugural meeting to form a Steering Committee. A Committee of 18 residents initially set up to undertake the project. The Steering Committee is an independent group and represents a good cross-section of the Newport community. The composition of this committee has been necessarily fluid and has changed to reflect work and task direction.

In order to develop a framework for production of a plan, and to gain a shared understanding of the different perspective issues and needs, a number of consultation activities have been undertaken:

- May 2005 — Each household received a Community Appraisal Questionnaire inviting comment on all aspects of social, economic and environmental issues affecting our village.
- June 2005 — Newport Primary Schoolchildren were given self-completion questionnaires.
- October 2005 — Village Open Day, Methodist Centre. Statistical analysis of results and comment were displayed for public viewing and comment. Residents are given an opportunity for further comment.
- November 2005 — Business and industry interests in the community were given a questionnaire in, canvassing their views as to the issues and concerns for the future prosperity of their business in Newport.
- November 2005 — Young people in the age group 11-19 years were similarly targeted to canvas their views regarding community facilities and amenities of concern to them.
- December 2005 — Results from all the surveys were again displayed for public review at the Newport Christmas Festival in the School Hall. The community was given an opportunity to add further comment and suggestion.

Survey results were analysed, compiled and set into strategic areas of social, economic and environmental concern. From this, the Action Plan has been developed.

- February 2006 — Draft circulated to the Parish Council for review
- February2006 — Residents consulted for views and final comment
- March 2006 — Draft Plan circulated to the Rural Community Council. Parish Council consulted with the statutory agencies, national interest groups and local authority for comment
- March 2006 — Plan Printed and distributed

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2.1 History and Settlement

Newport Parish occupies part of Wallingfen Common, which in the 18th century was a large partially undrained area in the southeast corner of the Vale of York stretching from Broomfleet (along the Humber) northwards beyond the River Foulness, with North Cave to the east and Gilberdyke and Bishopsoil Common to the west. Much of the Wallingfen depression lies below high tide sea level (2 to 3 metres), and was marshland.

Forty-eight townships had Rights of Common on Wallingfen, using it for summer grazing; taking game, fish, turves, reeds, winter fodder etc. and the Cave Causeway (route to Howden) crossed the fen in roughly the same place as the present main road. In the 1760s, as farming methods evolved and enclosures were taking place, landowners from Market Weighton, wanting to get their produce more quickly to the lucrative markets in the West Riding, provided the impetus for constructing a canal from Market Weighton to the Humber. The Market Weighton Navigation and Drainage Act was passed in 1772, when it was considered feasible to construct a canal for both transportation and drainage. The first stretch opened in 1776 and the canal was completed in 1782. Unfortunately, mainly because of the projected cost of building locks to raise the Canal in the northerly section, it ended some 2 miles short of Market Weighton.

The Enclosure Acts were passed in 1777 and implemented by 1786. Five hundred acres on either side of the Canal, south of the road, were enclosed in two farms by the Drainage Commissioners, the managers of the canal, in lieu of drainage taxes to help towards costs of construction. Land alongside the Canal, around the bridge, was obtained by the Canal contractors, James and John Pinkerton, possibly in part payment of their contract. The rest was allotted to those who had Rights of Common on the fen. There were three distinct parts of the village - New Village was an extra parochial area (south of the road and both east and west of the Canal); New Gilberdyke (north of the road and west of the Canal) and Newport (north of the road and east of the Canal).

Good beds of clay were found during the construction of the canal and small works associated with brick and tile manufacture sprang up alongside, probably using the spoil that had been dug out. The industry flourished, and land adjacent to the canal was extensively excavated as major brickworks evolved on either side to the north of the bridge. Output from the brickworks peaked in 1840, at a time of great demand from new building in the expanding towns. For some time the canal prospered with Humber keels carrying out bricks, drain pots and farm produce and bringing in manure and West Riding coal for the kilns and for the new communities springing up around the new canal. A large warehouse was constructed close to the bridge to take deliveries of produce awaiting transport and coal yards developed at the foot of the bridge.

In 1840 the Hull to Selby railway was opened and in 1885 the Hull and Barnsley railway arrived, providing a stop at Newport in Wallingfen Station. The advent of rail transport significantly reduced the navigational use of the canal and took trade (especially coal trade) away from the canal. Gradually trade dwindled to a few boats taking out the bricks, tiles and pipes. In due course, the railway service itself was reduced, and by 1955 Newport (Wallingfen) Station had closed to all passenger and freight traffic. The lorry was now considered to be a better form of transport but contributed substantially to the heavy volume of traffic through the village. By 1965 the Hull and Barnsley railway had closed altogether. The last clay works in Newport closed in 1972 and workers transferred to the Broomfleet brickyard. Volume of traffic through the village remained very high and was relieved only with the opening of the M62 motorway, completed in 1976, and constructed along the line of the old Hull and Barnsley railway.

As navigational use became less important, the canal as a drain became more important. The deliberate practise of maintaining high water levels for navigation continued throughout the late 19th Century and early 20th Century which resulted in parts of the land still being flooded periodically. But this dual-use of the canal was never wholly satisfactory. If the water was kept low to assist drainage

then the boat owners complained; if it was kept high to suit the mariners then the farmers complained. The Market Weighton Drainage Board, created in the 1930's, quickly sought to improve the drainage by firstly, lowering the water level in the canal, which was by then almost redundant for navigation, and secondly, by straightening and improving the River Foulness. The improvements undertaken by the Drainage Board resulted in the eradication of flooding to most of Wallingfen..

Following the Enclosures Act allocation, a few houses were built outside the village centre by those allotted outlying land, and some increased their holdings by purchasing from those who did not wish to keep their allotment or who could not afford to fence and hedge it. Cottages and lodging houses were erected along each side the main road and on the east and west banks of the canal around the road bridge. To many locals this area became known as 'Brig' and the name carried on right up to the 1970s. Being a village with no Lord of the Manor, Newport was an 'open' village with few restrictions. There were 5 public houses but no Church of England representation until 1895. Prior to this, residents used the churches at Eastrington, North Cave or Blacktoft for their baptisms, marriages and burials. It was left to the non-conformists to provide for religion and early schooling within the village and the first Methodist building dates from 1789 and is unusual in that it has a burial ground.

The early settlers in Newport came from many of the 48 hamlets allotted land, and perhaps some of the workers employed in building the canal stayed. Irish immigrants arrived for seasonal land work and indeed brickyard work, which was also seasonal. Along with brick making, agriculture continued to provide the main employment. As drainage improved however, land-use changed from pasture to arable, and market gardening became more prominent. By 1980 the 2 housing estates were under construction, drawing-in people from the surrounding villages and towns. Employment in agriculture was in steady decline, and Newport was gradually changing to become a 'commuter ' village with its good road transport links and opportunities to find employment further afield became realisable. More recently some light industrial development has started to thrive to the east of the parish.

2.2 Historical Landscape

The Parish of Newport lies on an area which forms part of the Humber Estuary Flood Plain, part of a complex delta system several hundred square kilometres in extent, which includes the Vale of York.

Roman roads once traversed the Vale of York, and settlements have been formally recorded in 1086, on the higher ground towards Holme-on-Spalding Moor. It is thought however that some raising of embankments (of the Humber) and crude drainage had begun prior to this period. Embanking and drainage in the 14th century formed and protected newly reclaimed land from overland flooding from the north, mainly from the carrs (marshes). The carrs were used extensively as pasture during the driest summer periods, so much so that limits had to be placed on individual organisations to prevent over-grazing and disputes.

Much of the land within the Parish of Newport is typically alluvium and boulder clay, with peaty patches, and is now given over to arable farming. Lowland flooding deposited rich sedimentation beneficial to soil condition and has assisted high crop yields. Market gardening, once a key agricultural industry within the area, has typically reflected the economic health of the industry in response to European Union competition.

The landscape of the village is dominated by the transport links of the canal, M62 and main road, with a latticework of housing estates and the old brick ponds (lakes) created after the clay extractions. The ponds and canal have become important environmental features of the village and harbour many different species of wildlife, as well as providing an important and nationally recognised recreational facility for anglers, occasional canoeing, and of course the annual Raft Race.

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3.1 Access

One of the undoubted strengths of Newport lies in its proximity to major road systems providing good access to sea, air and rail transportation routes. The A63/M62 motorway forms a strategic east-west regional corridor and part of a wider Trans-European Network. Nearby, the ports of Hull and Goole both provide sea-freight centres, whilst Hull is regarded as the "Gateway to Europe" for both freight and passenger traffic to the Euroports of Rotterdam and Zebrugge.

The village is within easy access of the major conurbations of East and West Ridings of Yorkshire and the cities of Hull, York, Doncaster and Leeds are all within 45 minutes by road, as are the airports of Humberside (via the Humber Bridge), Leeds/Bradford, and the new Doncaster Robin Hood airport.
The Humber Bridge, 10 miles to the East provides a link through to the eastern England towns and cities of Lincolnshire, East Anglia and Norfolk counties.

Regional trains are accessible at Gilberdyke station, 1 mile west of the village, whilst Intercity trains can be boarded at Brough, less than 15 minutes away by car.

The village is serviced by bus services, two of which are community provision:-
East Yorkshire Bus Services operate an hourly service to Hull and Goole with restricted times at weekends.

The PATH bus is a self-funding (bookable) community bus with disabled access, which calls at Newport on Tuesday to Friday, and travels to a different destination, York, Beverley, Hull, or Doncaster, each day. The bus remains at the destination before return for about 3 hours.

The Fledgling community bus provides a door-to-door service for the elderly, disabled, or socially excluded parishioners from Newport and surrounding villages. Eligible parishioners must become an individual member to benefit from the service, which arranges trips to towns and cities, as well as local shopping runs to such as Goole and Anlaby. The service relies in part upon volunteer drivers, grants and charitable donation to maintain its operation..

The village is well placed to access the local market towns of Howden (7miles), Goole (12miles), Market Weighton (10 miles). A scenic drive over the heights of the Wolds through North or South Cave would take you to the Market-Town of Beverley about 15 miles away.

Children over 11 travel daily by bus to secondary schools at Howden or South Hunsley at Melton. There are buses provided for children opting to go to private schools at Pocklington, Market Weighton, Hull (Hymers), or Hull Collegiate. Sixth form scholars who choose to go to Wyke Sixth Form College also have bus provision.

3.2 Facilities

Newport is very fortunate to be served by several retail outlets, catering for the need of every villager.

- **Londis** - A supermarket and off licence. Offers all the facilities of a modern supermarket with photocopying, cash machine and National Lottery facility. Figures from the survey show that over 77% respondents believe it to be vital to the village.

- **Mitty's Hair Fashions** - Established for over 20 years providing a popular service as a unisex hairdressing salon. The business has recently expanded and has the added facility of a tanning booth on the ground floor of the property. The second floor, a separate entity, now

trades as a beauty salon. Figures show nearly 40% of villagers use one or more of these facilities.

- **Foxglove Florist** - The florist provides a professional service with over 50% of the respondents using this outlet throughout the year.

- **Newport News** – With 60.9% of villagers always using this outlet, the newsagent offers more than just newspapers and magazines. It carries a well-stocked selection of confectionary, cards, fancy goods, books, a small selection of groceries and throughout the year a good selection of seasonal products. The newsagent also offers the National Lottery facility.

- **Newport Post Office** – The post office offers all the usual facilities of mail services together with the addition of banking facilities, foreign currency purchase and exchange, bill paying facilities, a good selection of greetings cards and sundry items. The post office also acts as a Travel Agent - giving you the chance to get away from it all. From the survey, 91.8% respondents consider the post office vital to the village.

- **Newport Butchers and Bakers** – The butchers provides good quality locally sourced meat products and a vast selection of home baked pies and pastries with 24.3% of villagers using this facility regularly.

- **Triad of Newport**– A family owned garage has been established for several years, offering servicing, repairs, MOT's and car sales, with 22.6% of the community using this outlet at sometime.

- **Club Hill Farm Shop** – Recently voted one of the top two farm shops in Yorkshire. On the northern outskirts of the village in Drain Lane, the Farm Shop offers a wide variety of locally produced foods, including own home meat and dairy products, pies, pastries and confectionary.

There are three Public Houses in the village that serve the community well with 18.5% villagers regularly patronising one or another, or indeed all three of their locals:

- **The Jolly Sailor** – has good restaurant facilities and recently introduced a no smoking area.

- **The Kings Arms** – has a friendly atmosphere, regularly offering guest beers.

- **The Crown and Anchor** – is a lively hostelry, attractive to the younger element of the village providing karaoke and live music on a regular basis. There are also restaurant facilities on the premises offering a good menu selection.

- **Fast Food Outlets** Take-aways are plentiful and popular in Newport offering fayre from all corners of the world.
  - Traditional fish and chips from Johnny Haddocks, which also has an outside eating area.;
  - The Chinese Take-away, which provides an extensive range of traditional Chinese dishes;
  - Newport Pizza Bar, offering a variety of exotic foods from traditional pizzas to kebabs;
  - Asham Balti (Naseeb Restaurant), an Indian Restaurant with a take-away facility, which offers the best in Indian cuisine.

Places of Worship

Newport now only offers 2 places of worship, following the demolition of the Catholic Church several years ago. Over 59% of villagers believe them to be an important part of the community:

- **St Stephen's Church** – situated west of the village is Church of England.
- **Wallingfen Methodist Church** – situated in the centre of the village, behind the Methodist Centre.

Newport Recreation Hall and Club

The land where the Newport Recreation Hall and Field is situated was a gift to the village in the 1920's. The 'Rec' Club is the focus of the community, being centrally placed in the village. Fundraising and improvements have been made over the years by a small, dedicated committee. The biggest improvement to date was an extension that virtually doubled the size of the village hall in 1999. This was made possible with the help of grants, mainly the National Lottery and Awards for All. It is well used throughout the week by young and old alike.

The Newport Recreation Club is a venue for:

Newport Pre-School and Toddler group	Art classes
Regular monthly bingos	Drama Group
Quiz nights	Karate
Sandholme and Hive W.I.	Keep Fit
St Stephens Ladies Circle	Bowls
Meetings	Whist

The Recreation Hall is regularly hired-out to the public for a variety of events from the Village Ball to Wedding Receptions, and is occasionally used as the polling station.

The recreation field of approximately 1 acre, provides the summer venue for Newport's 2 Cricket Club teams, and is also available to hire by the Newport residents and those of neighbouring villages.

3.3 Distinctive Features of Newport

The agricultural and industrial heritages of Newport Parish and village have determined the most distinguishing features of the area. The intersection of the canal and B1230 road sets the epicentre for the outward progression of settlement. Housing development is generally weighted to the north of Main Road, alongside the banks of the canal, and to the east and west of the canal, in the Thimblehall and Meadow Lane Estates respectively. More recent development however has utilised infill areas close to the village centre and south of Main Road, in the Village Farm, Nettle Hill, Fen Court and Turks Head Gardens developments.

The industrial beginnings set the style of housing and available facilities along the Main Road –the original boarding houses since replaced, and the (several) early public houses serving to satisfy the needs of the "navvies" and later those employed in brick and tile manufacture. The Windmill, served by canal transportation, now long gone but the granary buildings remain in good repair.

The railway heritage, providing distinctive linear features, and almost exchanged directly for similar features brought by the M62 motorway, has given the village parallel tracks and areas of wooded

growth which both add to the flora and fauna of the area as well as providing pleasant walking routes close to the village.
And of course there are the many large ponds and lakes, the once clay-pits, interspaced either side of the canal and valuable equally for their angling renown and natural habitat for the resident and migrant populations of wildfowl.

The canal as viewed from the bridge looking towards Broomfleet, and on its way to the lock gates at the River Humber

The most prominent feature of the village is the Market Weighton Canal. Once a bustling stretch of water supporting the agricultural and brick and tile industries, the canal is now a quiet haven of peaceful waters, which stretch for miles to the north and south through open countryside, and whose overgrown banks support a variety of wildlife.
Renowned for its pike fishing, the canal attracts anglers from all over the country to test their skills in landing the fabled 32lb monster rarely seen but infamous as the “one that got away”.

3.4 Distinctive Buildings of Newport

St. Stephen’s Church

A Grade 2 listed building, built in 1897-1898 by Smith, Brodrick and Lowther. It was formally consecrated by the then Archbishop of York in 1899. The church was built at a cost of £7000 funded by the generosity of a Thomas Whitaker, a barrister, of Everthorpe Hall.
Built in Gothic style of local yellow brick, from the “Land of Nod”, an area of the canal towards Market Weighton and close to Sodhouse Lock, the church features a large five light east window of stained glass.

The tower forms the main church entrance to the west of the building.

Newport School was built in 1880 by Alfred Gelder, the 25 year old architect son of a North Cave farmer.

He was mayor of Hull five times (1899-1903), MP for Brigg (1910-1918) and was knighted in 1903. Alfred Gelder was responsible for many major buildings in the City of Kingston upon Hull and the Edwardian re-planning of the city centre. An active Wesleyan, he served as a local preacher and died in 1941. The school was sympathetically extended in the early 1990's, the architects winning a conservation award.

Newport Grange is a Grade 2 listed building, one of the earliest buildings in Newport and originally built for James Pinkerton, the surveyor of the canal in 1780. From 1840 to 1860 it was a private boarding school for girls, until 1904 the Vicarage, and from 1904 until 1983, the Doctor's residence and surgery. Today Newport Grange remains a private residence.

The Old Vicarage (left) is a large, elegant late Victorian building built in an Elizabethan style at the turn of the 20th Century. The building, which stands to the south of the church, ceased to be a vicarage in the 1950's and remains a private residence.

Mill House, number 4 Canal Side West, was the site of Newport Mill, built in 1795 by Edward Chilmley. The Mill ceased working in 1924. The original Granary in the yard is still standing and became Miss Bullen's private school in the 1890's until 1919. The picnic area opposite is the site of the old slipway to the canal where cargoes of grain were unloaded from canal barges for grinding at the Mill.

Oddfellows Hall stands next to the butchers on the Main Road. Oddfellows evolved from a description of members of a guild from a variety of trades. According to the plaque adorning the gable end, the hall was established in 1836 and was the meeting place of the "Loyal Gaskill Independent Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity". Benjamin Gaskill at that time being the owner of New Village land. Oddfellows then offered a Travel Warrant, which allowed members seeking work to stay overnight in an Oddfellows Hall, anywhere in the country, free of charge. Interestingly, Oddfellows was an illegal organisation right up to 1850. By 1876 there were 56 local members, or fellows. In 1912 the local branch was dissolved.

The **Wesleyan Chapel and Methodist Centre** (left) is a Grade 2 listed building, built in 1789. Services were held upstairs in a single large Meeting Room above a short row of narrow cottages.
In the 1870's the rooms upstairs became a day school, at that time the only school held in the village. Today the cottages are church rooms, a florist, and office.

Wallingfen Methodist Chapel, together with its entrance gates, are also Grade 2 listed buildings. The chapel was built in 1814 and is one of the best remaining examples of a Wesleyan Chapel of that era. It is one of only a few with a burial ground.
The gates are of wrought-iron, with a semicircular motif and urn finials to gate posts, and a later overthrow with lamp holder.

Ocean Terrace (left) was built in 1873 and is a late example of the three storey lodging houses built to accommodate industrial workers in the area when Newport was a thriving commercial centre. The derivation of its name is unknown, but speculation suggests that perhaps the River Humber could be seen from the top storey. The terrace now accommodates the Newsagent and Post Office.

Number 2, Canal Side West was originally the "Black Horse" public house, and previously known as the "Traveller's Rest".

Old Cottages, numbers 4, 5 and 6 Canal Side East are Grade 2 listed buildings dating from 1780.

3.5 Newport Parish Council

The Parish Council, established in 1894 by Act of Parliament, is the local authority representing the 1210 electors of Newport Parish. The activities of Parish Councils are determined by Acts of Parliament.

Powers: Councils can undertake activities only when there is specific legal power to act, especially when spending public money. This includes the authority to raise money by annual precepts. Newport Council has used these powers to provide recreational and play areas, lighting, trees, street-furniture, engage a handyman for grounds and street maintenance. Council also maintains the closed churchyard, cemetery, Chapel War Memorial clock, public footpaths and bridleways.

Finance: The Precept is the annual Parish Council Charge on the Council Tax. For the Parish of Newport, the Parish Council needs to balance annual budget estimates against a relatively low tax base, reflecting the rateable values of properties. This produces a higher Parish Charge on the Council Tax in comparison to parishes of similar size with higher rateable values.

Consultation: The Council has a consultancy role in relation to planning applications, highway matters and other services provided at regional and national levels of government.

Councillors: The total number of Parish Councillors is 11. They are elected every 4 years.
Councillors are obliged to observe the Code of Conduct, receive formal training, and declare their interests. They receive no allowances but may claim travel expenses when authorised to attend meetings outside the parish. The next election of councillors is due in 2007.

3.6 Regional Development Strategy implications for future development in Newport

The future development and sustainability of Newport Parish will be influenced by Regional Development Strategy

The statutory **Development Plan** covering the Hull and East Riding of Yorkshire region, will be the basis for all planning decisions in this area. The Development Plan, will comprise a **Regional Spatial Strategy** (RSS), (The Yorkshire and Humber Plan) - currently issued for public consultation, together with a **Local Development Framework** (LDF), local transport plans and other strategies and plans. This will all link with broader issues such as the environment, sustainable development and quality of life. The Yorkshire and Humber Plan sets out the scale, priorities and broad locations for change and development in the region over the period to 2021.

The **Joint Structure Plan**, (JSP) adopted in June 2005, determines the core Strategy for the future development and use of land in Hull and the East Riding and will form part of the LDF. The Plan promotes a more concentrated pattern of development, focusing on a relatively limited number of settlements, explains where new housing and industrial development should be focused and strives to ensure that new development does not rely on private transport. Promotion of economic growth in existing employment areas is encouraged and the Plan highlights the need to protect both the natural and built environment.
The precise identification of local needs will be established whilst preparing the LDF, which in turn will be informed by local housing needs and other relevant assessments.
Most new development will be directed towards the Sub Regional Urban areas of Hull and adjoining settlements, principal towns and other smaller towns. The development strategy nevertheless recognises the varying needs of a wide range of smaller settlements across the region. Newport can be considered in this latter category and as such provides important local facilities (such as primary school, sub-post office and shops) that help to meet the essential needs of a rural community.

The following criteria will need to be considered in determining the suitability of a particular settlement in relation to accommodating new development.

- Range of services and facilities available;
- Relationship to other larger and smaller settlements;
- Quality of existing public transport services and potential for new services;
- Employment opportunities;
- Environmental constraints; and
- Potential to accommodate growth particularly through use of previously developed land and conversion of building.

The strategic imperative is that the countryside should function as an attractive and viable environmental, economic and recreational resource. Development will only be allowed if it involves;

- The provision of essential infrastructure
- Sustainable rural diversification. Proposals and development of existing rural enterprises, giving priority to the reuse of existing buildings;
- Development requiring direct access to rail and water transport infrastructure;
- The provision of appropriate facilities for sport/recreation and/or tourism;
- Essential development for agricultural or forestry purposes.

Only those uses appropriate to a countryside location or certain special exceptions to normal planning policy, such as affordable housing to meet local needs, or provision of housing to support local services, would be acceptable within them.
Priority will be given to the re-use of previously developed land or buildings to conserve (and where possible enhance) the essential character of the village.

Whilst existing local plan policies have been “saved” for the time-being within the Local Development Framework, it is unclear how this impacts upon previously designated development areas within the Parish.

If Newport is to retain its rural identity and make best use of its natural and cultural resources as well as contribute towards the quality of life of its residents, the village must recognise its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats on a county, regional and national basis.

The fabric of village life has traditionally linked to and been dependant upon agriculture and brick and tile manufacture. However, agriculture and other primary industries have experienced external controls be it global markets, consumer choice or falling incomes, driving the needs for diversification and restructuring. Whilst brick and tile manufacture in the village has long since ceased.

The challenge for Newport is to be able to retain its rural identity whilst economic growth surrounds the edges, and regional house prices encourage new buyers to relocate into the village. As with most issues, supply and demand will dictate the outcome. Increase the supply of housing, but if the demand is not there then the prices will remain low. Should demand exceed availability then prices will be pushed higher. The same can be suggested of economic investment, if development land is not in demand then the price remains low thus encouraging land-hungry business that may be offering low-skill low-pay.
In this regard Newport must focus on those criteria which will ensure future sustainability of the community.

3.7 Strengths:

Location:
The location offers village characteristics with the added advantage of local services alongside easy access to a main east/west artery road – A63/M62. In this respect it serves well as a commuter village and as a hub for all residents.

Community Safety:
Newport offers a 'safe' environment when compared with other settlements in terms of crime rating and car insurance rates.

Retail Offer:
For a small village, the retail offer is excellent but this may also have connections with the through traffic using the shops. This strengthens the shops viability but this also impacts on traffic volume and parking difficulties.

Schooling:
Newport school is regarded as a 'good school', with high levels of attainment, which in turn may influence the choice of parents to live here.

Churches:
Both churches in Newport provide a rich cultural heritage as well as centres of worship for different denominations.

Rural identity:
An undoubted attraction of Newport is that it retains very much its rural character without being isolated from the transportation and communication networks of the modern age. Newport is a relatively small village of concentrated development within a parish area of 1060 hectares of mainly farmland, itself surrounded by similar agricultural environment of adjoining parishes. There are 5 farms with direct access to the main road within half a mile or so either side of the village centre.

3.8 Weaknesses:

Location:
As with the strengths, the factors can be a double-edged sword depending on an individual's preference of living. If Newport seeks to *retain* its rural identity then its location could also be regarded as unhelpful. For the village to be one mile from junction 38 of the M62 at a time when Government is pushing forward a core cities agenda and the 'Northern Way' growth corridor for economic growth and investment, it would be unwise to think that the land adjoining the M62 would not in time be industrialised.

Public Transport:
Public transport can reflect poorly depending with where it is compared. There is a regular bus service between Goole and Hull but journeys are not direct and can take some time to reach final destinations. Whilst rail services are available at Gilberdyke and Brough, a car or other transport is generally needed to conveniently access these.

Village Appearance:
The village does not appear attractive as you drive through. There is little obvious decorative feature or greenery and a few buildings fronting the Main Road appear drab and slightly run down. The village centre does little to detract from the perfunctory nature of its layout. It displays a busy settlement with people coming and going, and reflects little attention to aesthetic detail.

Road Configuration:
The road-marking layout was modified in the 1980's in response to residents' concerns regarding traffic safety. The design has never been entirely satisfactory and whilst effectively reducing the dual carriageway to single-width road by marking-out no-go and parking areas, this has also compounded safety issues by creating black-spots of poor visibility for residents accessing the Main Road from side streets. Despite the recent installation of a puffin crossing at the school, traffic speed and road safety issues continue to figure highly in the Community questionnaire responses.

Parking:
The success of the village shops in attracting both local and passing trade unfortunately further exacerbates the traffic and parking issues and the road design at peak times is no longer suitable to withstand the volume of vehicles parking to use the shops, including HGVs and the delivery vehicles seeking to unload.

Affordable Housing:
Housing as with other locations presents some issues for first time buyers. With the introduction of shared ownership schemes and low cost developments, the situation may be assisted. However, if the local economy offered greater employment choice and the option to increase earnings then there is potential for a social and economic shift in the balance.

3.9 Opportunities:

Location:
Newport is a village that has the ability to draw and appeal. On the one hand it is a village, which enjoys the relative peace and tranquillity its rural nature affords. On the other hand, the village is well served by retail outlets, is in an ideal position to access the motorway, rail, and airport networks, and gives a general impression of a busy, thriving, industrial village where people come to do trade (even if that is simply buying a loaf of bread!) As the commuter belt has spread out from the major towns and cities, the most significant in terms of employment being Hull, so too has the realisation of value for money in terms of housing-stock. This well-kept secret of East Yorkshire is rapidly becoming a secret no longer.

Natural Resources:
The village has strong connections with water with the canal and ponds, and this in turn provides a natural resource to be exploited for environmental benefit, recreation and leisure. The village also has good potential for extending sporting facilities and activities

Community Spirit:
Village housing configuration does not lend itself well to a unified community. The village is basically divided into three distinct areas, the Meadow Lane estates to the East of the canal, The Thimblehall Lane estates to the West of the canal, and the Main road and Canal Side settlements. Other outlying areas such as Wallingfen Lane, Collinson Lane, Sandholme landing and North of the Motorway, and Mill Lane, almost form their own distinct communities.
Expansion of the village into the estates, the change to a commuter-working environment (home, sleep, work!), and simply the pressures of modern living, all detract from properly engaging the community spirit, although the smaller settlements tend to develop strong bonds within themselves. Equally, the older and lifetime residents are naturally reticent to change, whilst the younger element are bored because the village provides little excitement for them.
The challenge therefore must be to provide the means and leverage to engage the community at all levels, to provide the opportunity for like-minded individuals to come together to make their life in Newport as secure, enjoyable and fulfilled as they would wish it to be.

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COMMUNITY APPRAISAL and CONSULTATION

4.1 CONSULTATION PROCESS

An important consideration for the credibility and viability of the Newport Parish Plan is that it is comprehensive, holistic, and is both representative and accurate in reflecting the views of the whole community.

In this respect the Community Consultation has comprised a multi-stage process geared to elicit the views of all residents and businesses. The stages outlined below detail the extent of these consultations.

- Review of early consultations (Appendix A3)
  During the village Raft Race event of 2003 Newport Community Action Association issued a simple questionnaire for residents to express their views as to what they felt should be priority considerations for the village.

- March 2005: Primary School Survey (Appendix A5.1)
  Newport School children were issued with a simple questionnaire asking for their views on the village; what they liked about Newport, what they didn't like, and what they would like to change or see in their village. Return rate: 54%

- May 2005: Adult Residents Survey (Appendix A4.1)
  An adult survey: Every household in the Parish was issued with a comprehensive questionnaire prompting views on a number of social, economic and environmental issues for the Parish. A 39% return was achieved.

- October 2005: Business Survey (Appendix A4.2)
  All businesses in the Parish were given the opportunity to express their views in a questionnaire tailored to commercial and business interests. From 53 issues, 24 were returned, representing a return rate of 45%.

- November 2005: Young persons survey (11-19years) (Appendix A5.2)
  The younger people of the village were given a questionnaire tailored to gain their views about the parish. Return rate was 38%

  Verbatim comment from all the above surveys is included in this (following) section

- October 2005: Viewing of the analysis and results of the school and Community surveys in a public exhibition in the Methodist coffee room. Opportunity for review and "post-it" comment.

- December 2005: Public presentation held at the Newport School, Christmas Festival event. Further opportunity for comment.

- February 2006: Draft Plan presented to Parish Council for adoption

- March 2006: Draft Plan presented to Humberside & Wolds Rural Community Council for approval / recommendation to Yorkshire Rural Community Council

- March 2006: Draft Plan presented to Community for final comment

4.2 VALIDITY

Analysis of the surveys has been undertaken utilising the Statistical Package for the Social Services (SPSS) software courtesy of the University of Hull.
The returns of 39% of Household Questionnaires, 45% Business, 38% Young Persons and 54% children, are regarded as significant sample sets to give a high level of confidence and can be regarded as a reliable representation of the community population.

The many views of the community expressed as verbatim comment must also be regarded as being valid qualitative research evidence.

4.3 COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS: KEY POINTS

Data has been categorised into Social, Economic and Environmental issues. Within these broad categorisations, the analysis provides an insight into the community, the demographic make up and use of its facilities, services and amenities; identification of the economically important aspects for prosperity and sustainability; the importance and significance of parish assets, heritage, land and environment; and provision of recreation and leisure activities. Analysis is outlined in 4.7.

4.4 BUSINESS SURVEY

The Newport Business Community were set a more qualitative and directed questionnaire seeking their views both as to the local issues they consider important for Newport and those issues that affect their business now or which could impact upon them in the future.
All businesses in the Parish were issued with a questionnaire.
From 53 questionnaires issued, 24 were returned, thus a 45% response.
Analysis is outlined in 4.8.

4.5 YOUNG PERSONS SURVEY

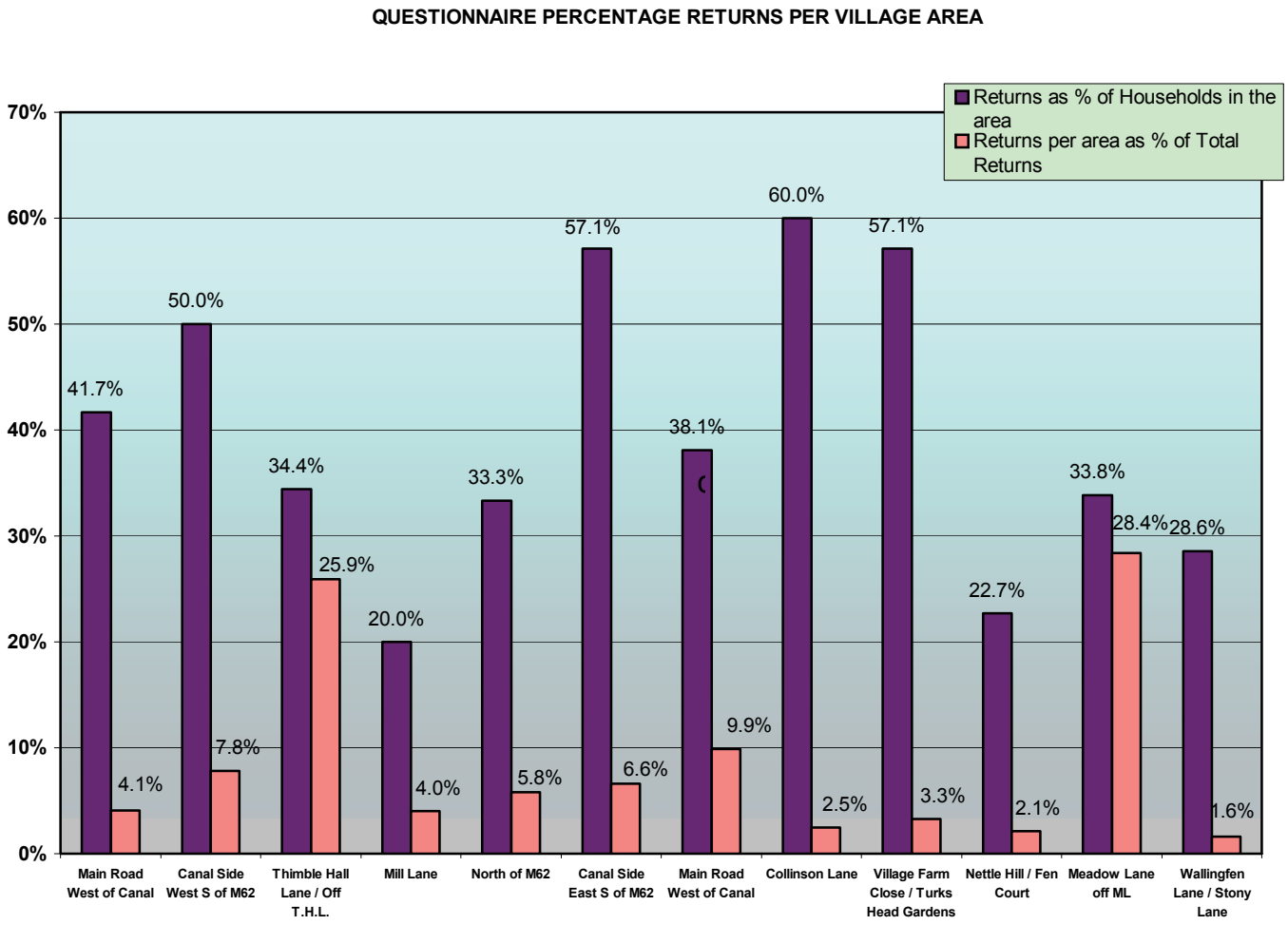
During December 2005 a short questionnaire was distributed to young people aged 11-19 years who live in Newport. Approximately 40 questionnaires were distributed with 15 returned. This does not represent the total number of young people living in the village within this age group but is regarded as being a suitably representative sample. Analysis is outlined in 4.9.

4.6 PRIMARY SCHOOL-CHILDREN SURVEY

In March 2005 Newport School children were issued with a simple questionnaire asking for their views on the village; what they liked about Newport, what they didn't like, and what they would like to change or see in their village. There were 68 responses from the children of Newport Primary school, representing a 54% return, the majority coming from years 3,4, & 5.
Summary is outlined in 4.10. Results are tabulated in Appendix A4.4.

Note: *The following subsections detail results of the Community questionnaires, together with verbatim comment. Data is extracted from the detailed statistical processing of returns, which may be referenced in a separate report retained by the Clerk to the Parish Council. Most percentages indicated throughout are rounded.*

4.7 COMMUNITY (HOUSEHOLD) APPRAISAL SUMMARY



Number of Questionnaires Issued: 640
Number of Questionnaires Returned: 250
Percentage return: 39%

Age Range Profile (%) of those completing Questionnaires relative to Parish Census Age Profile:

	18 – 24yrs	25 – 44yrs	45 – 64yrs	65+yrs
Questionnaires	2%	27%	45%	26%
2001 Census	8% (16-24 years)	30%	26%	15%

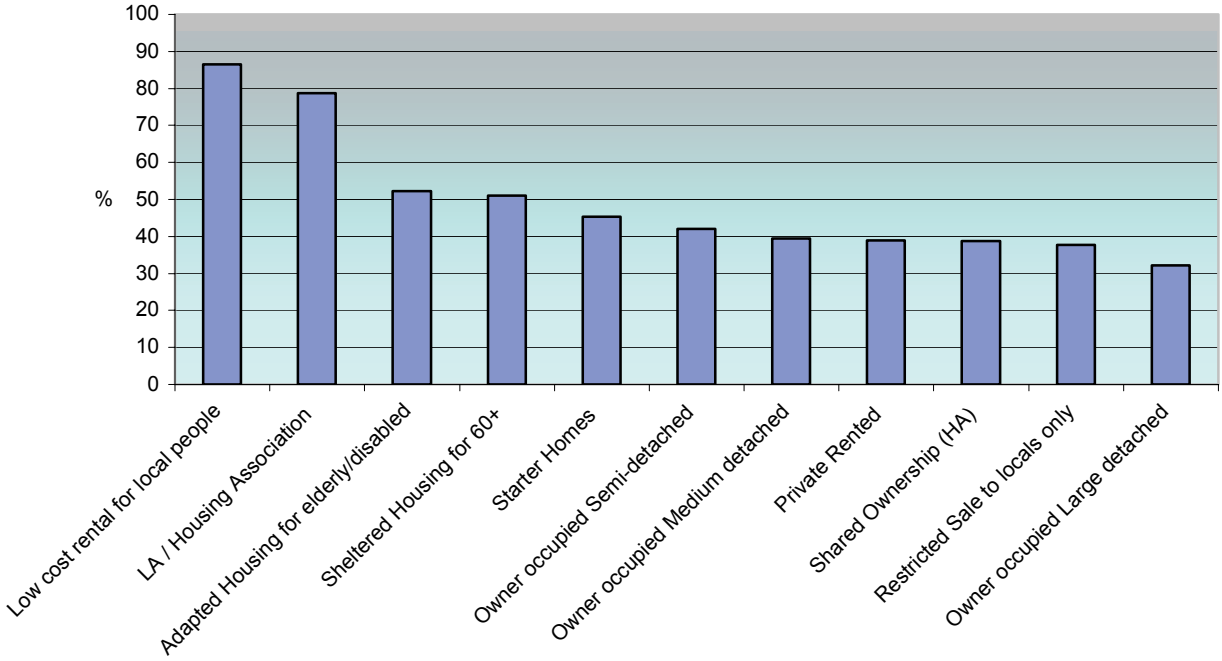
4.7.1 SOCIAL ISSUES

Village expansion:
46% think the village should remain more or less the same size.
44% think there should only be modest expansion of the village (eg on in-fill land)

Housing:

49% felt that there was no need for more housing.
Of those who felt that more housing is necessary (48%); of which 37% * suggested only on in-fill, whilst 10%* anywhere.

Perceived Future Housing Needs



*Of the 48% of respondents who felt there *is* a need for more housing developments in the village, the bar graph above details the relevant priorities. It must be emphasised however that these statistics apply only to those residents who believe there is a need. For example, 41% of respondents felt there to be a need for more Affordable Housing

Industrial Development
55% of respondents felt there should be no more industrial development whatsoever in the village.
The remaining 45% were not averse to some industrial development, the largest percentage expressing a preference for Light industrial / agricultural, with a degree of support for Commercial, storage and despatch.

Access to Healthcare Services
The table below summarises the response:

	% Easy access	% Find Difficult
Hospital	67	7
GP	82	14
Chemist	79	8
Chiropodist	34	16
Optician	64	10
Dentist	60	18

Social Services:
There appears to be little need for social services with just a very small number of returns highlighting a personal interest. However, where a need exists, it appears to be met.

Shops and Other Retail Services:
The table below summarises the % response in regard to usage of local shops and services:

	Always use	Often	Sometimes	Never	Consider vital
Post Office	48	35	14	<1	92
Newsagents	61	30	8	0	86
Butchers	24	27	40	7	61
Hair/Beauty Salon	16	18	23	39	38
Car sales / Service	7	4	23	60	18
Florist	5	12	52	25	18
Londis shop	31	5	19	3	77
Pubs	11	18	37	29	36
Pub restaurants	6	13	42	34	30
Fish & Chip shop	3	17	60	16	28
Chinese Takeaway	4	20	43	28	21
Indian Restaurant	2	7	30	55	16
Pizza Bar	1	3	17	73	11
Methodist coffee room	7	3	13	72	28
Petrol Station/shop	10	21	35	27	33
Farm shop	4	10	26	53	17

The only other Retail Service that respondents would like to see in the village (46%) is a pharmacy / chemist.

Recreation Hall Usage:
The table below summarises the % response in regard to usage of the Recreation Hall:

Weekly	Last 3 months	Last 6 months	Never	Consider vital
11%	28%	9%	14%	76%

Asked if they would attend more of the following, respondents commented:

	Would like	Are not interested in
Live Entertainment	39%	60%
Drama / Theatre Productions	37%	63%
Live music	37%	63%
Adult Education Classes	34%	66%
Sporting/ leisure activities	25%	74%
Modern Ballroom Dancing	14%	86%
Ceilidh	11%	88%
Under 18's Disco	11%	88%
Tea-dances	10%	90%

Other Suggestions
Less than 10% of respondents suggested other activities

Recycling
69% use the recycling facilities at the Recreation Hall
75% consider this to be an extremely important facility and 23% regard the facility as fairly important.

Newport News Magazine
47% would like to see a local Newport News type periodical of which 20% felt they could help occasionally. 41% were neutral.
For those who expressed an interest, the ranking of suggested content for regular articles can be referenced from the Statistic Analysis File retained with the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Personal Computers
The use of personal computers in the village is quite comprehensive;
60% of households have a personal computer.

Youth Facilities
In regard to the type of Youth facilities suggested, on average 16% offered no comment.
At 53% selection, After-school Art, Drama & Dance activity was closely followed in popularity by an Adventure Playground provision at 51% selection. Other suggestions of Skateboard / rollerblade / BMX Parks, Computer games club, Coffee Bar / chillout zone, or Internet Café, polled much the same interest (generally and comparatively 40+ %).
A cautionary note here is that it is uncertain how much this reflects the wishes of the youth of the Parish since it is not possible to determine the consultation level at youth level within a household.
The Young Persons survey considered later, although being qualitative, is thought to be more representative of their views.

Childcare
The survey results are summarised as follows:

More registered childminders	21%
Full day-care attached to school	35%
After-school clubs	40%
Holiday Play schemes	40%
Crèches to support adult education	30%

For each of the proposals suggested, the largest Opinion was "Don't know".
This is more likely to reflect the general age profile of those completing the questionnaire – of which almost 98% were in the age range 25 to 65+.

Adult Educational Courses
71% of respondents expressed an interest in Adult Education but only 11% were interested in any of the activities listed (see Appendix for Questionnaire). Less than 6% of respondents suggested alternative activities.

Sports Activities
Similar non-commitment was expressed in the listed sports activities (see Questionnaire in Appendix) with only marginal interest in such as tennis and outdoor bowls (both ~14%). A total of 14.5% respondents suggested an interest in other sports activities, swimming and badminton heading the list with marginal interest in 5-a-side football, gym, and recreational riding.

Churches and Chapels
In response to the importance of the churches and chapels of the parish to residents:

	% Important	% Neither / nor	Unimportant
Sunday/weekly service	55	25	12
Weddings/funerals/baptisms	76	12	6
Christmas/Easter/Harvest/Remembrance	70	15	8
Venue for cultural event	54	25	9
Peaceful meditation	53	25	13
Historic Building	49	28	11
Venue for meetings	52	26	11

Crime
The response to the level of concern to crime and anti-social behaviour (multi-choice question)

	% Concerned	% Extremely concerned
Noise disturbance (not traffic)	49	18
Burglary	81	51
Vehicle crime	79	43
Theft	56	24
Drug Abuse	76	50
Alcohol abuse	76	48
Under-age drinking	74	48
Violence to person	63	35
Theft from person	65	37
Vandalism	77	43
Litter	84	54
Dog Fouling	78	52

The numbers of residents *personally* affected by any of the concerns opposite remained low, the largest percentage being just over 1% affected by Noise.

Crime Reduction / Prevention Measures
The following reflects responses to the suggested anti-crime measures (multi-choice question)

	% Agree	% Strongly Agree
Neighbourhood Watch	88	64
Improve Youth Facilities	84	53
Provide transport to/from village Friday/Sat nights	66	34
Increase litter clearing	84	53
More visible policing	92	76
Enforce min. drinking age	82	65
Appoint Parish Warden	74	48
CCTV Cameras in village centre	70	46
More drink/drug education	77	46

Transport & Travel
Residents were asked which forms of transport they used and how frequently:

	General Use (%)	To get to work (%)	No Comment (%)
Car	46	45	6
Bicycle	28	4	17
Motorbike/scooter	4	1	28
Service Bus	11	1	23
Fledgling Bus	3	-	29
Path Bus	4	-	28
Van	5	5	29
Lorry > 7.5T	-	2	30
Tractor	-	2	29
Vehicle with trailer		5	29
Taxi	8	1	26
Train	9	1	23

Round trip to work (miles):

0-5m	5-20m	20-50m	50-100m	100m +	No comment
13	19	20	5	2	41

From this it can be surmised that the majority of residents work within a radius of 25m.

5% of commuters are in a car-share scheme.

Bus Use
Bus (all types) usage frequency is comparatively low with the following profile based on frequent use:

Work	Shopping	Medical Visits	Social/leisure	College	School
3%	9%	4%	7%	4%	8%

Used rarely or never:

Work	Shopping	Medical Visits	Social/leisure	College	School
50%	53%	51%	50%	49%	47%

% of respondents choosing not to comment on the usage categories:

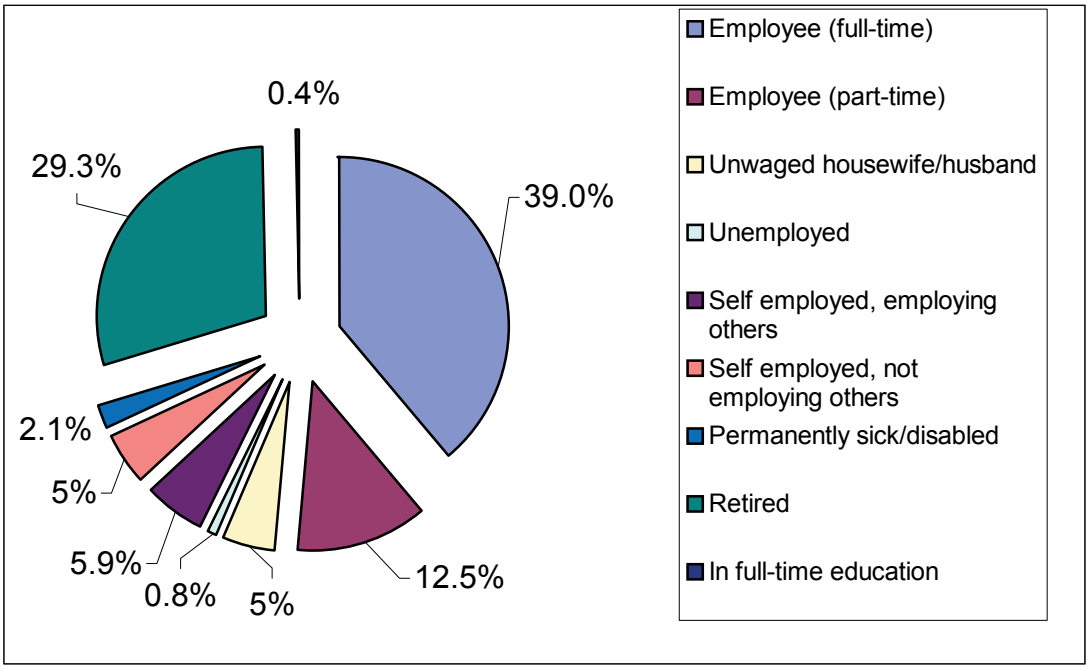
Work	Shopping	Medical Visits	Social/leisure	College	School
47%	38%	45%	42%	47%	44%

In consideration of the following degree of importance for *perceived requirements to improve bus services* there is a very even profile across the multi-choice determinants.

Departure/Arrival times	Frequency	Ticket cost	Reliability	Destination	Wheelchair /pushchair access
63%	68%	66%	55%	60%	66%

4.7.2 ECONOMIC ISSUES

Employment Status



The figures obtained from the Community Questionnaires in comparison to the 2001 Census:

		2001 census	Questionnaire
E.g.	Residents Employed	67%	63%
	Unemployed	0.02%	0.8%
	Economically inactive	29 %	34%

EMPLOYMENT

The response to the question regarding where residents worked was as follows:

Industry	%
Local Government / public sector	20
Retail / service industry	11
Manufacturing other	10
No comment	9
Agriculture /horticulture	7
Construction	7
Manufacturing Engineering	6
Transport / distribution	4
Hotels / catering	3
Financial Services	2
Food processing	2
Work from home	2
Information technology	1
Leisure	1

Employment in sectors not identified above was 14% of respondents

4.7.3 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Residents were asked to comment on a number of issues which impact upon their living environment:

Traffic and Road Safety

Prioritisation	% Extremely concerned	% Concerned	Number concerned
Speed through the village	58	22	80
Vehicles parked inappropriately/dangerously	49	29	78
Parked vehicles causing congestion	36	36	72
HGV lorries going through the village	49	19	68
State of pavements & footpaths	29	33	62
State of village roads	23	36	59
Lack of safe cycle paths	26	32	58
Heavy traffic	40	26	56
Fumes	26	30	56
Noise pollution	20	36	56
Delivery vehicles causing hazards	21	32	53
Lack of safe pavements / footpaths	23	30	53
Vibration	26	23	49
Road markings	20	28	48
Damage to buildings	21	25	46

In response to proposals for measures to improve traffic and road safety problems:

Prioritisation	Strongly agree	Generally agree
30 mph limit through the village (Main Road)	75	85
Improve street lighting from village to Stony Lane	39	689
Provide cycle path from Gilberdyke E to M62	45	66
50mph limit from the village E to the M62	44	65
20 mph limit in front of the school	50	65
Restrict HGV weight except for access	44	63
Improved access for cars / delivery vehicles to shops	31	63
Additional crossing across Main Road centre	36	64
Move Howden school bus pick-up point to safe area	41	62
Provide a pick-up/drop off point for out-of-catchment schools closer to village centre	36	61
Traffic islands: Meadow Lane / CSE	28	54
Ban HGV lorries except for access	34	54
Ban HGV trailers	31	52
Traffic calming (road narrowing) in the village	18	38
Traffic calming (humps) along Main Road	12	22

Transport
Summarising transport usage for the parish in terms of environmental impact:

35% of respondents always use a car (for the majority of all journeys)
36% of respondents always use a car for work

40% *never* use a Regular bus service
25% rarely use a Regular bus service
4% always use a Regular bus service
7% often use a Regular bus service

25% often use bicycles
30% rarely use bicycles

Countryside

97% feel that the countryside around Newport is important of which 83% consider this to be extremely important.

86% use the walks, countryside paths and bridleways at least monthly, whilst 55% use them at least once a week.

When asked how the local environment could be improved, the responses were:

Prioritised	Strongly agree %	Generally agree %
Regenerate the canal and its banks	64	86
Restore country footpaths / bridleways	59	86
Encourage residents to keep the appearance of their properties and gardens tidy	61	84
Enhance village appearance (hanging baskets, tubs etc)	49	75
Plant more trees, hedges, shrubs	47	71
More green open spaces for communal use	42	70

When asked to consider recycling:

97% considered recycling to be important, of which 75% feel that this is extremely important.
69% utilise the recycling facilities located at the Recreation Hall.

Questionnaire Verbatim Suggestions for improving the local environment

- More trees
- Cleaner paths devoid of rubbish
- Get rid of the take-aways and the rubbish they leave
- Open up Bridleways where landowners have denied access
- Is the Parish Council aware of the state of the footpaths - what are they doing about it?
- Trim tree branches overhanging paths
- Teaching in schools to respect the local countryside
- Households to help keep grass verges neat outside their properties
- Improve the green open spaces we already have - play area, brickyard, and Recreation Hall
- Open Gardens / Newport in Bloom

4.8 BUSINESS QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS SUMMARY

BUSINESS - TRAFFIC AND ACCESS

Parking / Loading Issues

50% of the businesses felt that parking was not an issue to their business.

For those businesses where the respondents chose to comment:
33% felt there was sufficient on-street parking, 21% thought the parking limited.
16% felt there was a case for restricted parking (limited stay) on Main Road, 42% did not agree.
29% thought unloading facilities adequate, 16% thought not.

Comment:

- Although parking/loading is inadequate, it's difficult to create additional facilities along Main Road. The only suggestion would be to procure the piece of land behind the children's play area and turn it into a proper car park, but spaces would still be quite limited.

- We could do with a small off-street car park as they have in South Cave (opposite the Halifax BS). There isn't an issue with people clogging up the Main Street, so Restricted Parking isn't needed. There just isn't enough of it.

- Londis lorries unloading at school start time is not ideal – make it hard to cross Canal Side East safely.

Traffic Safety

With regard to speed through the village, 50% felt the speed limit should be lowered from 40mph, and 50% felt the speed was limit was OK.
On the approaches to the village, 29% though speed limits should be lowered, 58% that the limit is OK.

Verbatim comment in regard to Traffic Safety:

Parking at the ends of the streets eg Canal Side East and West and delivery vehicles causing problems to incoming and outgoing vehicles. Also turning at the end of Canal Side East to park for the shops, again causing problems to vehicles going in or out.

HGVs Restriction

42% thought there should be restrictions placed on HGVs through the village, 58% not

Traffic Calming

46% felt there should be traffic-calming measures, 54% felt this was not necessary.

Suggested measures by business respondents were:

Fixed speed cameras	Painted speed bump warnings at each end of the village
15mph speed limit near the school	Any type of traffic calming will be of benefit
Flashing 30mph sign at both sides of village	Not speed ramps but something that will slow the traffic down
Sleeping policemen at entrance to village	Road narrowing to include chicanes, using alternate half of carriageway
Physical barriers for a single carriageway	Speed bumps or narrow the entrance
The signs that flash at you if you are over the speed limit ie as at Boothferry Road Hessle	Safety cameras should also be deployed outside of the village on the approaches

BUSINESS - HOUSING

Housing increase
50% suggested that increasing housing stock would impact upon their business, 42% that there would be no impact.

New Housing
When asked to consider the impact of new housing on both the village and their business, and how this should be located:

42% suggested that new build should be limited in any location, 38% anywhere, 12% only on infill, 8% none.

When asked why there should be no further housing expansion, respondents suggested that this would spoil the rural character of the village.

BUSINESS - INDUSTRY AND COMMERCIAL PREMISES

More Industrial Development:

Response as table below:

Heavy Industrial (eg machine workshops)	30%
Light Industrial / agricultural	54%
Storage and distribution	50%
Commercial Office services	41%
None of the above	33%

More to attract businesses to set up
Response as table below:

Heavy Industrial (eg machine workshops)	33%
Light Industrial / agricultural	45%
Storage and distribution	45%
Commercial Office services	54%
Shops (including 1 specifically for a Chemist)	50%

Comment:

- Good local population, so good for environment & road crowding to site work nearby. Makes up for the loss of Capper Pass and Aerospace shrinkage at Brough

- Parish Council should be educated about Business – they recently voted against an application for two businesses in Newport

Local Factors restricting growth

83% of respondents felt that there are NO local factors restricting growth of their business.

16% suggested there are factors limiting growth potential.

Those factors were perceived to be:

- Parish Council attitude towards business
- Complaints from unreasonable neighbours
- Lack of Local support. Most business comes from Gilberdyke and other villages
- More housing would attract more local spending
- Customers unable to park at times

More to attract passing trade from M62/A63

62% thought more should be done to attract passing trade. 33% felt this was not necessary.

Suggestions

- Signage on the M62
- Large Bill-board either side of motorway
- General (Highways type) signage
- Website
- Regular features in the local press

Public transport
Businesses were asked to comment as to how well they felt the village is served by public transport and whether they would benefit from any improvements:

Service: 50% consider service to be Poor, 29% Adequate, and 4% Well
37% would benefit from an improvement in service, 54% believe there would be no impact.

Suggested improvements to public transport

- Shopper bus from local small villages eg Broomfleet where no shops available
- Buses should run more frequently
- Adequate access to a train would be useful; like a small “stop” on the Hull line, or a bus link to Broomfleet station
- Evening time (service) mainly
- (Bus) Hourly not two hourly would be a good help
- Links to railway station

BUSINESS - CRIME and ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

In response to whether individual businesses have been affected by Crime or Anti-social behaviour:

37.5% had been affected, 54% had not been affected.

In what way:

Comment: - How affected

- Two major thefts in 2004
- Break-ins over the years
- Extreme noise particularly Friday & Saturday nights/early mornings from drunken youths
- Theft
- Bad language
- Damage to property
- Litter strewn everywhere on my shop frontage – despite the fact of a litter bin provided
- Regular loud disturbance: Friday / Saturday night late drinkers
- Vandalism, theft, burglary
- Two break-ins to front premises, but not that bad otherwise. 'Out of town' people do this
- Occasional vandalism, theft, and fighting
- Verbal abuse, local harassment
- Only from neighbours

Suggested measures to reduce Crime and Anti-social behaviour:

- Take-away (should be) made to adhere to opening (/closing) times as per planning
- Back to basics. Visible police presence / local bobby from 11.30pm to 2am Friday & Saturday(4)
- Businesses should stick together and ban any individuals who commit an offence in their place , and ensure they are barred access to other businesses for a period of time

BUSINESS – PUBLIC SERVICE SUPPORT

	Satisfied	Dissatisfied
Police	45%	45%
ERYC	42%	45%
Parish Council	50%	33%
Others	29%	8%

Comment – Public service support improvements

- Police – to show more interest in combating local problems (5)
- Parish Council – should be more proactive and show more interest in what is happening in Newport.
- Most residents don't know who is on the Parish Council. Who are they?
- This page is not long enough! We need a community spirit / totally lacking
- Knowing more about what's happening & stronger allied relationships between other groups working towards a better Newport
- More visits from local councillors enquiring about our business. Lack of interest in what goes on. Who are our local councillors.
- Never had any support
- Business to receive free rubbish collection

BUSINESS – EMPLOYMENT

Local recruitment:
29% respondents have difficulty recruiting locally, 58% do not.

74 People from within a radius of 5 miles are employed either full time or part time by those respondent businesses

Where difficulties in recruitment are being experienced – the skills:
Bar work
All disciplines
Hairdressing
Retail

Comment - Why is it difficult to recruit?

- High employment rate in the area
- State Benefits are high – there is no incentive to work part-time
- Government has introduced a ridiculous working tax credit. People have no reason to work part-time, particularly if less than 16 hours
- Country has virtually full employment

BUSINESS – COMMUNICATION

Is there scope for a Newport Newsletter?:

12.5% Strongly agree, 37.5% slightly agree, 46% neither agree nor disagree, 4% slightly disagree

Benefit of a Web site:
54% agree, of which 90% would be prepared to advertise.
37% felt there would be no benefit to their particular business.

4.9 YOUNG PERSONS QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS SUMMARY

During December 2005 a questionnaire (Appendix A4.3) was distributed to young people of Newport aged 11-19 years. Approximately 40 questionnaires were distributed with 15 returned (approximately 38% return). The number is sufficiently high as to be regarded as being suitably representative of this sector of the community.

Aspects of Newport that young people particularly enjoy are the parks, easy access to countryside, shopping facilities and friendly people.
However, there is a significant proportion who consider Newport to be “quite boring with not much to do”.

Activities occurring in the neighbouring village of Gilberdyke and further a field were mentioned. Some of the younger people in the age group do attend Voyagers and Karate, which both take place in the village.

What does put the young people off attending the few activities which do occur in the village, includes “they are boring”, “bullying occurs” and “the adults”.

When asked what facilities they would like to see in Newport, they suggested a youth club, netball courts, basketball courts, tennis courts, a skateboard park, a scout patrol, and better playgrounds and parks.

A number of young people complained of having some difficulty accessing activities outside the village due to lack of transport.

As with the Community household questionnaire, young people expressed concern in regard to anti social behaviour, dog fouling, the speed limit in the village, graffiti, and vandalism. They too highlighted the lack of regular visible police presence in the village.

It is clear from responses to both the Young Person's questionnaire and the Community Household questionnaire that people of all age groups recognise that lack of activities and facilities to engage the interest of young people within the village is likely to lead to problems.

4.10 PRIMARY SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS SUMMARY

There were 68 responses from the children of Newport Primary school, representing a 54% return, the majority coming from years 3,4, &5.

The greatest concern to the children was that of traffic and road safety, with 32% listing this as issue. Interestingly, this was followed very closely by litter at 31%.

Other issues mentioned were graffiti, late night noise, and dog mess.

The best thing about Newport is the shops (35%) followed by the parks (26%). They did however feel that the retail offer was lacking a sweetshop, toyshop, football shop, clothes shop, bike shop, supermarket, and strangely, dry cleaners.

They liked too the new Puffin crossing, almost as much as they like school. They enjoy the countryside, stables, going for walks and bike rides. Reassuringly they felt they were in a safe environment and appeared to appreciate the relative peace and quiet as well as access to the open countryside.

One pupil liked the sunshine; another argued that there was too much rain…There were complaints about the parks being too small and the play equipment being in need of renewal. Four pupils were concerned about bullying. And just one pupil was bored and had nothing to do. Another would like to see a scout troupe.

They felt there are too many pubs, the canal is dirty, as is the play areas, and there is no longer a local football team.

What they would really like to see in the village would be a McDonalds, swimming pool, ice-arena,ToysRUs, a 10 pin bowling alley, theatre, a KC stadium, and a cinema in the school hall. One pupil was keen to have ice-cream available at school. Whilst one enterprising year 5, presumably looking to the future, would like there to be a Night Club in the village

4.11 COMMUNITY VERBATIM COMMENT

ON TRAFFIC & ACCESS

- Need proper access for wheelchairs around the village and in shops (5 comments)

- My biggest concern in the village is the speed of the traffic on the main road, especially across school times and also the HGV Lorries. It is difficult to cross the road at the Meadow lane end of the village as well and more so when I cross with two small children. Would a zebra crossing be considered, I also believe speed humps would work, I'd like to think speed limits work, but I've seen some traffic and know they don't. Let's not wait for a fatality.

- Generally the roads off the main road are too narrow and cannot sustain additional traffic. People/families with cars don't always have off road parking resulting in congestion/narrowing of traffic flow. Traffic both passing through and originating from the area don't all adhere to current speed limits, some even ignoring the red lights at the puffin crossing. Speed reduction around the main road accompanied by speed humps are now essential to keep our residents of all ages safe, on this very busy through road. Families moving to Gilberdyke / Newport commuting to Hull / Doncaster, Leeds etc generally go via M62 Jct 38 creating an increased risk to all. The alternative of course would be a bypass.

- Turning areas (needed) Canal Side East and West

- Adults and children should not have to ride their bikes down the footpath of the main street (shops area).

- It is extremely dangerous getting out of Village Farm Close as traffic parks where there are white lines, but no one cares, we even have the local butchers van parked at the end of the Close, which is illegal, causes an obstruction. Hopefully you can do something about this.

- Urgently need something done to make Meadow Lane junction safer. When turning right out of the junction the view is obstructed by parked vehicles.

- Overall I think Newport is a lovely place to live, but there is always room for improvement. The speed of traffic is always a concern and cycle paths would be very beneficial as people are put-off riding their bikes because of the speed and lack of courtesy from drivers

- Present traffic calming adequate / effective

- Canal Banks – no parking / reversing, no horses, kerbs to protect banks

- Parking at the church is downright dangerous and shows lack of care for our heritage and culture

- I am very concerned with the amount of traffic and HGVs down Thimble Hall Lane and would like to see traffic calming measures taking place to try and stop vehicles driving at excessive speed. We have had 25 years of heavy lorries delivering rubble to the tip and think it's about time the tip is finally closed. I would also point out that the residents of Thimblehall Lane are very much against the building of houses to the field to the north of West Close.

- Newport Main Rd / Meadow Lane junction very dangerous when cars, & vans, are parked right up to Meadow Lane facing East. Can't see oncoming traffic. Have had several close shaves here

- Perhaps the "flashing Slow Down 30 Limit" signs would be beneficial in reducing speed (7)

- I have rung the council on numerous occasions regarding the footpath from Collinson Lane to the village. It is in a bad state of repair and needs widening - I struggle to walk with my pram and young son (aged 3). On such a narrow path my son cannot walk at the side of the pram away from traffic going past at 70 mph. He has to walk behind me. This is extremely dangerous!

- Very interested in provision for cycles, B1230 Gilberdyke to Newport junction A63, as very dangerous even for adults when cycling along the main road- hence the use of footpaths (2)

- Should invoke weight limit except for access

- Introducing additional central reservations would be a good idea:

- Drivers need to be forced to turn around in sensible places and not find themselves reversing due to parked cars .It may also stop drivers driving on the wrong side of the road as some do at present when stopping for the shops

- Footpath link to river Foulness via Drain Lane to link with Gilberdyke Parish Path along south bank

- Better parking facilities for access to Main Road shops would make it safer but village layout doesn't lend itself to this

ON HOUSING AND INDUSTRY

- This is a beautiful village its character could be enhanced with flowers, trees and other attractions, enlarging the village will only bring its own problems i.e. vandalism, traffic, drugs, noise etc!

- The provision of affordable housing for young people to remain in the community (3)

- Housing North of the M62 should be considered as part of Newport and be treated as such and included in the development plans

- Most people would prefer their village not to expand. However we have to accept that there will be a need for more houses and also more jobs. So we would have to accept development like other places have (4)

- I feel that too much expansion of the village would have the potential to destroy its rural image. The same effect could also be the result of introducing extra activities without thoroughly thinking through possible effect on the village of each new activity introduced

- We have a nice village lets try to keep it that way doesn't want to get like Gilberdyke, too big and congested

- Am concerned that green belt areas do not get developed as I think this would ruin the rural feel of the village

- It is important that industrial/commercial development is not allowed in the area north of the M62 – to keep this area rural and tranquil therefore maintaining it as an asset for the whole village to enjoy

- Am concerned about plans for developing houses down Thimblehall Lane. Feel the field could be put to better use developing 10ft access & garages for householders in West Close

ON VILLAGE APPEARANCE

- Appearance of Main Road in village needs a lot of improvement. Gives a very poor impression of the village, which in all other respects is a great place to live.

- The village would be improved if the canal banks East and West were landscaped providing seating and gardens instead of the proposed buildings and present tip (3)

- There have been many improvements in Newport over the last 20 years – thanks to everyone getting involved and getting things done. It is an attractive place and a lively community – but the Main Road (traffic, the way it looks, vandalism) are the main areas that need to be addressed

- Canal banks and tops are poorly maintained – this should be a feature of the village

- The enhancement of the shopping area would create a "village centre" The village currently has no "soul" and is very unfriendly and impersonal. There is very little to encourage visitors or newcomers to our village. Improvements to the canal, shopping area would greatly enhance the area

- Many bridle paths are overgrown & need clearing e.g. Station Yard North side of motorway now tiny path. Originally it was at least 3-4 ft` wide

- Perhaps have 'best kept gardens' competitions

- This is a beautiful village its character could be enhanced with flowers, trees and other attractions

- Would like to see the Parish Council put forward a plan with regard to the development of a village green area on the site adjacent to the children's play area on Canal Side West facing cottages 1-3.

ON COMMUNITY AND COUNCIL

- *Newport is a haven of peace and tranquillity and I love it dearly but we have an obligation to do more for young and old alike, especially young people. I am very impressed that so little damage and anti-social behaviour takes place since we do so little for them. On the bank we have an established, close community and all help each other – perhaps Community Action, Neighbourhood Watch etc can encourage this "spirit" among the newer residents and on the newer estates. The appearance of the centre and individual homes is important. Lets make this a credit to us and a beautiful place for people to pass through.*

- *Find a way to encourage more people in the village to become more active in the village community life instead of treating Newport like a 'dormitory' village.(2)*

- *Parish council needs a higher profile within the local authority (2)*

- *Need more news that binds the village together - like the introduction of new settlers*

- *I am over 80 years and born and bred here. I've seen beautiful lanes destroyed and verges ploughed up. The Council are not bothered. They send engineers out with their levels, etc and that is the end of it. The farmers have pinched acres of land, pulled up hedges, and in my opinion should be made to put things back. Another thing, on land alongside Canal Side*

East, about 3 months ago, "stuff" was been brought here from I don't know where, and spread on the land. The road down here was covered in mud. It was paddled in everywhere and the stink was terrific. No one bothered, no councillors and it was foul.

- *I find that there is hardly anything to this questionnaire that is of benefit for pensioners especially the warden controlled 24hr bungalows. It would be nice to have some kind of community centre similar to other villages in the area*

- *In past years more activities were centred on the village hall and in the community Newport show was a big event. We had Gala days at the Recreation Hall. The Raft Race committee work hard to establish this one event but need further support*

- *Parish council needs to be more pro-active and visible in the village. Should advertise its achievements*

- *I cannot recall any nature/ wildlife facilities provided by the council i.e. canal bank nesting, woodland bird boxes etc, etc, to encourage wildlife to be drawn to the village*

- *The Recreation Hall should be a focal point for the village. However the main hall is the most unwelcoming, cold, poor sort of place with no bar area and the worst toilets ever. The decoration is at best outdated and very shoddy. To allow more events and attract more use, the place needs a re-fit. The Rec. in the 12 years I've lived in Newport seems to have gone into decline, when other village halls (Gilberdyke) go from strength to strength. Maybe its time the Newport Action Group had a say in the running of the hall?*

- *It may be that an open garden walk through the village would raise much needed funding for the village hall, one day a year, around May Day when lots of gardens are a picture*

- *The council seem uninterested in my concerns; they just take their monthly council tax and do nothing to help me. I just hope it does not take a tragedy before they repair the footpath to a safe standard*

- *What are our East Riding councillors doing for Newport?*

- *One question missing from the questionnaire is a request for any views on the effectiveness of the Parish Council*

ON CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- *I am concerned about teenagers hanging about on streets and in Play Areas in this village at night. Some teenagers are approachable about this but all too often they give grief to residents who complain about it. Policing in this village is poor and incidents such as teenage drinking in Play Areas goes unchallenged*

- *Dog fouling and litter are a problem in the village*

- *Many paths & bridleways are being damaged by scramble bikes and horses e.g. Station yard & motorway path Canal Side East*

- *We seem to be getting more late night / early morning noisy motorist & motorcyclists in Meadow Lane, for example very noisy car revving for 15mins 1am – 1.15am. This type of thing is very disturbing for everyone*

- *Am appalled by amount of litter along the motorway and in drainage ditches, and left by fishermen*

- *The litter in the village and along the canal is disgusting*

- *Make measures to stop motorcyclists using Hopwood Lane and adjacent lane alongside motorway*

- *Worried about the Green on Meadow Lane – for example, large groups of young lads using it as a football pitch. Also the language and bad behaviour from them. The disturbance of peace, and vandalism to fences, trees and shrubs. It is supposed to be a community Green for all, not just young yobs. Would also like to see more police doing their rounds. We rarely see one at all. (also Blackthorn Close)*

- *Help for the elderly / disabled to keep property / gardens tidy*
- *Concerned over litter from all the fast food shops*

- *It is unlawful for the riding of horses on pavements; we are constantly having to avoid piles of horse-muck on the Main Rd and Thimble Hall Lane. There appear to be no penalties for this, as with dogs. In my opinion all the horse owners should be warned.*

- *Stop the amount of people who fly-tip and leave all their garden rubbish scattered everywhere (2)*

- *More police presence needed in village in the hours after public houses have closed. Anti-social behaviour during the week-ends much more prominent*

- *Litter dumped by the side of motorway -Mill Lane junction \ Thimblehall Lane*

- *Recent break-in to vehicles causes concern. I think the police are a complete waste of time when it comes to responding to criminal activity (unless speeding) as they always claim they do not have an officer available*

- *Dog fouling is still a problem throughout the village (2)*

- *More police presence needed in village in the hours after public houses have closed. Anti-social behaviour during the week-ends much more prominent*

- *Very concerned about late-night drinking in village pubs Friday / Saturday. And the related noise midnight onwards. Pubs breaking the law? Not Teenagers*

- *Whilst it will not guarantee their use, the Fast Food outlets should be made to provide litterbins. Litter is a big problem*

ON INFRASTRUCTURE

- *At the end of the day it is a village and should look like a village*

- *The enhancement of the shopping area would create a "village centre" The village currently has no "soul" and is very unfriendly and impersonal. There is very little to encourage visitors or newcomers to our village. Improvements to the canal, shopping area would greatly enhance the area. Parking at the church is downright dangerous and shows lack of care for our heritage and culture. The pavements need DOA testing throughout.*

- *As a resident of Newport for over 30 years, I came to live here when the M62 was being built, I would just like to express my concern, to the condition of the road at the back of the motorway pond, it is nothing but a hazard for walkers and motorist's alike, as it has been in a bad state for sometime I think it is time it was repaired.*

- *The road connecting CS West round the motorway pond to Thimblehall Lane is appalling and hazardous to cars, pushchairs, etc.*

- *The road around the motorway pond is a nice walk and links Canal Side West to Thimblehall Lane but is full of potholes and has caused damage to my daughter's car!*

- *Many bridle paths are overgrown & need clearing e.g. Station Yard North side of motorway now tiny path. Originally it was at least 3-4 ft` wide.*

- *In the early 1990's permission was granted for the Grebe Rd Estate, access for pedestrians & cycles to be from Teal end to bottom of footbridge in the form of a wide path, NEVER COMPLETED OR STARTED.*

- *Thimblehall Lane was judged to be too noisy/narrow for children to walk to school THEY HAVE HAD TO STILL DO THIS.*

- *A leisure/sports centre to be attached to the school. THIS HAS NEVER BEEN DONE.*

- *Many of the green lanes surrounding the village fall into a poor condition during winter caused by agricultural vehicular damage – perhaps more could be done to keep these rights of way in better condition. (2)*

- *I have rung the council on numerous occasions regarding the footpath from Collinson Lane to the village. It is in a bad state of repair and needs widening as I struggle to walk with my pram and young son (aged 3). On such a narrow path my son cannot walk at the side of the pram away from traffic going past at 70 mph. He has to walk behind me. This is extremely dangerous!*

- *Drainage dykes are silted up & when it rains water runs from the road and floods our property*

- *The drains in the village are unable to cope with the waste in the existing buildings. Any more building would seriously interfere with waste disposal for everyone*

- *It looks like Thimblehall Lane is subsiding again on the dyke side. A weight limit might stop the HGV using it to park for the night or visit home. Before the taxpayers have to pay-out again*

- *The footpath to Stoney Lane / Wallingfen Lane is impossible to use with a pram because of growth of grass on the footpath*

- *Restoration and upkeep of Hopwood Lane and restore it's proper boundaries*

- *Concerned about the state of repair of the road down Collinson Lane in front of the houses- full of pot-holes*

- *What measures are being taken to protect Newport from flooding?*

ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN

- *It would be nice to have an area only for tots, with things for them to play with or on, and to encourage older children to use the Recreation area for football and other games.*

- *As we have a number of teenagers in the village, it might be nice to provide a shelter or small structure of some kind where they can meet friends and generally hang out*

- *Teenagers should help with planting trees, flower tubs to give them a sense of pride in their village*

- *I think the most important thing to focus on in the village is the youth facilities. Being a mother of an older child 18+ and knowing a lot of children of the same age, they have nothing to do in this village. Why don't the older residents on the Parish Council realise what nearly all our children are doing in this village! Give them something to do.*

- *The village has to provide more facilities for the youth of the village to encourage them to stay in the village The village has to provide more facilities for the youth of the village to encourage them to stay in the village*

- *Would be nice to consider soft play for young children even if just fortnightly or to add extra sessions for mums and tots groups*

- *Feel it is essential to have out of school clubs as would use them in the future*

- *Even when provided, young people prefer to congregate outside the youth club rather than in- what a shame. Maybe need more parental assistance- and more scope inside to interest the youth of today to join in*

- *Definitely need more facilities for the young people, but be worried if these attracted undesirable elements from other villages eg Gilberdyke.*

ON FACILITIES

- *Would like to see a wider variation of the recycling bins e.g. plastic and tin.*
- *No fishing between - Main Road canal bridge to M62 bridge*
- *The local events/ private leisure activities would be better supported if there was an advertisement method that reached all houses. To arrange this privately is currently very expensive*
- *Would like allotments in the village.*
- *Bring back doctor's surgery and local police house*
- *Newport is a Commuter village- need better links to rail stations (Brough and Gilberdyke) and more direct bus services*
- *More Newport news in the Courier*

PLAUDITS AND COMPLAINTS

- *Thank you to all the volunteers who are working hard to make it a better place through this survey*
- *This scheme is a good idea, hoping every resident will communicate and make Newport village a good and pleasant community*
- *Concerned by horrendous smell from Fish and Chip shop. Main road appears to be car park for Fish and Chip shop*
- *The local villages history books are very interesting*
- *I used the PATH bus this week for the 1st time it is a very good service and the driver was delightful. I will be using it again in the very near future*
- *Thank you for all the work you do*
- *There have been many improvements in Newport over the last 20 years – thanks to everyone getting involved and getting things done. It is an attractive place and a lively community – but the Main Road (traffic, the way it looks, vandalism) are the main areas that need to be addressed*

4.12 BUSINESS VERBATIM COMMENT

Suggestions to encourage locals to use Local Businesses:

- *Newport is very well served by businesses (far better than similar sized villages) but many locals are never seen in any of the local shops. A village News sheet would give local businesses an advertising medium direct to each house. We do occasional flyers which are quite effective but expensive to produce & distribute. "Villages" booklet is useful but covers wide area and is only distributed bi-monthly and also promotes businesses outside the area.*
- *More housing development & more parking*
- *Possible to try to run certain types of promotions at various times of the year to attract new/more customers. Maybe to tie two or more businesses together in a mutual & beneficial way*
- *Support planning applications for new businesses*
- *Small off-street designated retail area? Works well in Brough (near Red Hawk pub)*
- *A "Newport Only" more personal directory with more information about what they do and who runs it / works there might be a more direct approach to really letting the locals know what businesses are about.*
- *Discount card system enabling those with a card to obtain discount at participating business outlets. Could be on a loyalty basis. Ie stamps and a card for each visit and gain eventual benefits.(2)*
- *If there are more shops and stores I am sure people will use them*
- *Better advertising within the village*
- *Free local delivery, especially for the elderly and disabled*

Suggestions for changes to the village which would improve your business and attract new customers:

- *Appearance of village needs improving eg central reservation Main Road; litter (particularly weekends), Christmas lights / decorations through village. Decent play area in village centre (Brickyard is too remote). Stop older kids using play areas. All these items should be the responsibility of the Parish Council, not separate action groups. If necessary small precept could be added to the rates to fund.*
- *More housing development, more parking*
- *All businesses should provide or be provided with a bin. This could help to keep the village smart, clean & tidy looking. Along with other measures to clamp down on the individuals who choose to trash our village.*
- *Keep litter down near pubs and takeaways*

- *Fewer fast-food shops, I'm getting fat! Better parking provision is all it needs, place is OK but raped by the Main Road on safety and noise grounds*

- *To make the Main Road prettier ie flower pots in middle islands.*

- *High level cameras scanning Main Road from both ends to see anyone doing vandalism.*

- *Xmas lights across Main Road*

- *More leisure activities for the locals and people from afar*

- *Road restrictions would be the first step to enhancing the village and village life. The B1230 is both fast and dangerous and any restriction would be good for the village*

- *It would be nice to be able to place items outside and them not to be vandalised. Putting things outside and then being told by ERYC to take them in… How do we advertise our businesses on a through route when the powers that be block us?*

4.13 YOUNG PERSONS VERBATIM COMMENT

- *Please make Newport less boring*
- *The most important thing is the speed limit should be lowered*
- *I think there should be more suitable playing fields for football and rugby. Also maybe a weekly youth club*
- *I would like the roads to be safer and more barriers on the edge of the path*
- *I think there could be more activities*
- *There are quite a few yobs that swear and vandalise sometimes*
- *The police do not have any presence in the village*
- *Graffiti in the park, (but if people think it is theirs then they won't do it).*

What they would like:

- *Levelled out football pitch and rugby posts*
- *Basketball court, a new park or fix the old ones, Skateboard Park, nets on goal posts in the rec.*
- *A new park or fix the old ones*
- *Netball courts and posts 2*
- *Better playgrounds*
- *Bring back the Newport football team*
- *Tennis courts*
- *I would like a new swimming centre*
- *A bigger rec*
- *Skateboard Park 2*
- *I would like to see a gym so it encourages people to get fit. And I like sport*
- *Cricket club*
- *Just something for over 15's*
- *Scout patrol*
- *Outdoor loos*
- *(Nothing) except Mc Donald's*

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SOCIAL FACTORS and ISSUES

5.1 HOUSING

Newport housing-stock numbers approximately 680 properties, providing a good mix of houses and bungalows, detached and semi-detached. There are older terraces on the Main Road, Canal Side East, and West (of which some are Grade 2 listed). The majority of the properties are on housing estates off Meadow Lane and Thimblehall Lane, north of the Main Road and both east and west of the canal. To the south of the Main Road, in Fen Court, Village Farm, and Nettle Hill, are smaller developments.
Larger detached properties are situated along the canal sides and down both sides of the Main Road.

A small number of semi-detached bungalows primarily occupied by older residents and under warden supervision are located in two small cul-de-sacs off Thimblehall Lane. In the same neighbourhood, are a number of Council properties and a small number of flats. Further out of the village, in the surrounding countryside, there are small communities such as Wallingfen Lane, Sandholme Landing, and Collinson Lane. On the more outlying boundaries of the Parish there are a few detached houses and bungalows, many originally being farmhouses, and some still owning or renting the land they farm.

49% of respondents to the Community (Household) Questionnaire felt there was no need for further housing. Of the respondents who were supportive of more housing, 41% felt there was a need for more Affordable Housing. 37% of the pro-housing group also felt that new build should only be in-fill sites and should not encroach on the surrounding countryside.
The Business community were fairly even in their consideration of further housing development, 50% suggesting that there would be an impact on their business, whilst 42% felt there would be little or no impact.

A limited development of Affordable Housing is being considered in the village on land off Thimblehall Lane. Newport Parish Council suggest these properties must only be available to local families, whereas it is unsure that East Riding Council will allow such restrictions. Residents who have commented about affordable housing are concerned that local people will be replaced by East Riding Council's "needy" cases drawn from elsewhere.

Housing Action Plan Points

- ERYC should be made aware of residents' feelings.
- Parish Council, as Newport's voice to ERYC, should be vocal when new housing is proposed.
- Hold open meetings to discuss particular apps./new estates
- Consider the appointment of a Parish Councillor as Housing Councillor who can arrange meetings with interested parties as and when required.

5.2 CRIME

Over 92% of polled residents want more visible policing in Newport (the highest statistic from the questionnaire). The majority of residents believe that this, together with other schemes, including Neighbourhood Watch, Improving Youth Facilities, Enforcing Minimum age drinking, Appointing Parish Warden and installing CCTV in the village would greatly reduce the amount of crime.

Newport does have a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme but there is a lack of volunteer co-ordinators in some village areas to run the scheme effectively.

5.3 SOCIAL SERVICES

Health

Newport does not currently have a doctors' surgery or dispensing chemist.

There are Health Centres in Gilberdyke and South Cave serving Newport and surrounding villages. The Medical Centres offers appointments with five G.P.s, Practice Nurses, and a Nurse Practitioner. Doctors provide home visits throughout the week and the Gilberdyke Centre opens on Saturday mornings for emergency cases. An 'out of hours' service is run by the Local Health Authority via telephone and call out system.

Prescriptions are available for collection at the Medical Centre in Gilberdyke only for patients who live outside of Gilberdyke. There is also a dispensing chemist in Gilberdyke village. Currently there is a limited prescription delivery service to Newport, mainly for the elderly.

Gilberdyke Medical Centre also offers a weekly chiropodist service generally for the older patients, on an appointment basis.

The nearest hospital offering an Accident and Emergency Department is Goole, west on the M62. Patients who need treatment are regularly referred to Goole Hospital, Hull Royal Infirmary and Castle Hill in Cottingham.

A mobile Optician, based in Market Weighton, visits the village fortnightly and can be found in the Village Hall Car Park. The Optician operates on an appointment only basis for eye tests and spectacle ordering / fitting service.

From the survey results, there appears to be no particular concerns in regard to provision of medical services available to Newport residents, although 46% percent of respondents would like a Chemist in the village).

18 % of respondents found it difficult to access a dentist - this is a nationwide problem as either many dentists no longer take NHS patients or residents may not have access to transport. There is currently a dentist in Howden (accepting under 18's as NHS patients), Market Weighton (no NHS patients) and South Cave.

Fire Service

Newport is served by the Humberside Fire Authority.
The local Fire Station is at Howden, with 12 retained personnel

5.4 EDUCATION

Newport Primary School

Newport Primary School is a Local Authority maintained school situated central in the village, on Main Road. The school intake is children from the age of four, and catchment area covers the village of Broomfleet as well as Newport. Children from Broomfleet travel by minibus each day.

At age eleven, pupils transfer to Howden Secondary School. (Some secondary age children from Newport attend South Hunsley School in Melton). Buses are provided morning and afternoon for transportation to the school from the neighbouring villages and hamlets.

In 2005, 83% of the eleven year olds attained the national average of level four in Mathematics and English and 88% attained level four in Science. More than a third of the children achieved level five in Mathematics (higher than average) and half of them attained this level in Science.

The school currently employs nineteen staff almost half of whom live in the village. There are five full time teachers and two part time teachers along with five teaching support staff. The school has one hundred and twenty six pupils on roll at present in five classes.

In line with national trends, the number of children attending is gradually dwindling due to falling birth rate. Whereas there is no threat of closure or confederation, falling rolls are nevertheless likely to lead to cut backs in staff.
Certainly, two measures could be taken to make this successful village school more attractive and so slow down the shrinking of the school population.;
Firstly the building of homes affordable to young families may help to ease the situation of declining numbers.
Secondly, the most recent OFSTED report cited the potentially hazardous access to the school as a possible deterrent to parents considering moving into the village.

Although the recent installation of a Puffin crossing outside the school has made the access easier and to a degree safer, especially for pushchair users, a recent survey of parents for the School Travel Plan has again raised concerns regarding the nature, volume and speed of traffic passing directly outside the school. Further consideration should be given to more effective traffic calming measures, adequate warning signs and a reduction of the speed limit on this road to reduce the risk to the safety of pedestrians and children in particular.

Secondary Education

Secondary School children from the village generally attend one of the following establishments:

Howden School and Technology College. - Mixed school, non-denominational (~750 pupils)

South Hunsley - Mixed school of non-denominational religion (1760 pupils).

Market Weighton School - Mixed school of non-denominational religion (720 pupils)

Private schools:
Hull Collegiate School, independent day school, (formed through the recent merger of two of Hull's independent schools, Hull High School and Hull Grammar School)

Pocklington School: co-educational boarding and day school

Hymers College, Hull: co-educational independent school

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6.1 Newport: "a well balanced economic community"

680 Dwellings

1,211 Residents

60 Businesses

Low unemployment

Exceptional road access position

Balanced socio-economic mix

6.2 Summary

We are a stable economic community with a prudent attitude to sustainable economic development and are well placed to exploit the new opportunities that arise from our location and accessibility. We value and cherish the environment in which we live and wish to protect and enhance it for the benefit of all. There are no specific or underlying structural issues that need addressing other than to satisfy an increasing demand for affordable housing, especially from local people.

6.3 Economic History

As per our History earlier in the Plan, Newport evolved from the construction of the Market Weighton canal. As employment levels in agriculture and brick and tile manufacture declined so the influence of them on village life, has similarly reduced.

Geo-physical factors have been the predominant influences that shaped both the initial settlement and subsequent developments in and around the village i.e.

- Construction of the canal and drainage of the surrounding land
- Discovery of high quality productive clay
- The opening and subsequent closure of the Hull – Barnsley railway (Wallingfen Station)
- Improvements to the A63 (Ferriby, Elloughton & Caves Bypasses)
- Opening of the M62 and de-classification of the A63 that bisects the Village
- Available land for housing development

The latter two factors brought about an increased demand for (dormitory) housing along this A63/M62 east west corridor. This is evidenced by the typical commuting distance of 15 miles reported by many residents. Average journey times to Hull and Beverley are 20 minutes with Leeds only 45 minutes away. We now have 2 International Airports (Humberside and Doncaster/Sheffield) within 35 minutes road travel.

6.4 Economic Trends

National
The progressive movement away from extractive and agricultural activity throughout the latter part of the 20th century is mirrored in the change of economic activity in and around our village. Less than 6% of residents are now engaged in agricultural employment.

Sub Regional
Adjacent to the M62/A63 (E20[1])
Demand for low/mid cost housing in the villages west of Hull has clearly influenced the growth of Newport housing stock over the past 20 years. There is every indication that this demand will continue, driven by progressive increases in suburban house prices from the Hull City region.

Local
Many of the new businesses in the village are of the light industrial, service sector and SoHo[2] variety. The largest employer on the edge of Newport is Hedon Salads with circa 200 employees. Planned new developments are in the Distribution/Warehousing and retail sectors.

Demographic trends in housing occupancy (especially single occupants) coupled with a high (entry level) price threshold are reflected in the increased local demand for smaller affordable units both rental and purchase. Housing density is similarly influenced by national and regional planning guidelines.

The challenge for the community is to balance the economic demands of business and consequent employment with the affordability and environmental reasons that attract residents to settle/stay in the village. This dynamic tension is likely to prevail for the foreseeable future and is indicative of the polar opposite aspirations (wealth creation vs. rural amenity) that exist in most communities

6.5 Economic Aspirations

As with all communities there is an implicit desire for increased wealth, health and happiness. More recently there is also an increasing desire to improve the work life balance and this is evidenced by the growing demand for leisure and recreational amenities. In this respect our village has much to offer, but there is considerable potential for further development and enhancement.

All Local Authorities are required to work in partnership to promote and improve the economic, social and environmental well being of their area. In the East Riding of Yorkshire, this partnership must therefore concentrate, combine and prioritise resources by working together with sub-regional and regional bodies to protect and enhance our natural environment, secure new investment for the future and tackle barriers that impede progress on both fronts.

6.6 Economic Opportunities

Unique Factors
- Location and access
- Excellent School
- Good retail mix

[1] The E20 has been designated by the European Union as a 'virtual' motorway stretching from Warsaw to Dublin via Hull and Liverpool. Thus the A63/M62 at Newport forms an element of that corridor.
[2] Small Office, Home Office

At this time the village does not fully exploit the economic opportunities from visitors who are:

Fishing
Walking
Riding
Engaged in Sport

Potential for:

Logistics related activities:
Distribution, Storage and re-processing

Professional and Business services

Good telecommunications infrastructure (60% of residents have internet access)
Service sector growth is predicted in communications, professional, computing, and non-financial business services.

6.7 Economic Threats

Social vs. economic tension
Demographic changes in lifestyle, age distribution and wealth
Increasing cost of road travel
Relatively poor Public transport
Limited availability for industrial land development
Sustainability of 1 in 5 dependency on Local Government / public sector employment

From the 2001 Census age profile and the above survey findings it would appear that the village has a relatively large number of residents who are in early retirement.

Employment Type
In response to the village survey question about employment sector activity, residents responded as follows:

Industry/Sector	%
Local Government / public sector	20
Retail / service industry	11
Manufacturing other	10
No comment	9
Agriculture /horticulture	7
Construction	7
Manufacturing Engineering	6
Transport / distribution	4
Hotels / catering	3
Financial Services	2
Food processing	2
Work from home	2
Information technology	1
Leisure	1

6.8 Actions

- Further develop and enhance the visual and recreational amenity
- Encourage small scale sympathetic business development
- Promote Newport as a great place to live and work

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7.1 Importance of the Environment to Newport.

Newport is surrounded by attractive countryside and this is the reason many people have decided to make this their home. Indeed concerns regarding environmental factors, natural and man made, is one of the main reasons that this plan is being developed.

Current planning directives indicate that no further development can take place outside the current 'built' village area, with the exception of the industrial areas close to the M62 junction.

A family of swans enjoys the peace and tranquillity of the canal

We are therefore left with the area as currently mapped and fairly closely defined as to current and future usage. This perhaps explains why environmental issues figured so prominently in the various surveys at all age levels.

7.2 Importance of Green and Leisure Areas within the village

As was demonstrated in the questionnaire, the residents of Newport regard current green and leisure areas as key to the current and future layout of the village.

At the present time the main leisure areas are constituted by the play areas on Canal Side West along with the cricket field at the rear of the village hall.

Both play areas were deemed as being important to the village but lacking from investment and management. The 'Old Brickyard' area on Canal Side West, whilst recognised as being an important environmental and green area, was cited by many as being unsafe for younger children due to its overgrown state and poorly maintained facilities. The play area at the junction of Canal Side West and The Main Road was seen as being good by many, but perhaps too small.

As with many rural areas, play space and green areas are restricted, somewhat due to the closeness of open countryside surrounding the area and, in Newport's case, the canal running through the middle of the village. However current green areas within the village are limited and preservation of these areas would be stoutly defended against further development taking place.

7.3 The Canal and Ponds

The disused brick ponds, which are mainly in private hands, are important recreational areas, and are used principally for fishing.

The Hull and District Angling Association own the large pond between the Motorway and the Grebe Road estate in Newport. The pond has limited opportunities for water sports because of varying water depths. It is however, gradually being colonised by various species of wildlife, but this process would not continue if significant human activity occurred in the area..

The Council have proposed that this particular area should be protected as an area of natural interest, and some beauty…

The Council have also proposed that the remaining brickponds in Newport and Sandholme Landing should be protected from use as landfill sites, as they are important recreational outlets located close to residential properties.

The short walks around the canal are very popular with residents with many a pleasant Sunday stroll perhaps terminating in a relaxing halt at one of the three hostelries in the village. The Canal is regarded as being a most important feature of the village and 86% of the returns of the Community Survey supported regeneration of the canal and its banks as an issue, the highest support of all the suggestions aimed at improving the local environment.

The banks of the canal are administered by the Environment Agency and serve a dual purpose as they provide flood defence to the village. The village is not at major risk from heavy rain conditions further upstream but from Sea flooding. At its southerly end the canal meets the Humber and a lock controls the water level in the canal, ensuring water is present in dry months and protecting the upstream areas when high tides are due.

While there is no record of flooding from the canal within local memory, it is imperative that flood defences are maintained based on predicted worst case scenarios. Protective banking along the Humber is in place and regarded as within or above the indicative range for flood risk. The residual life of defences at the Humber end is estimated at over 25 years. Indeed recent models have shown a decreased risk for flooding leading to a slight lowering of the canal defences in a couple of areas.
Any environmental or construction work considered should however be aware of the importance of these defences.

7.4 Public Footpaths and Bridleways

There are a number of country footpaths and bridleways which due to the nature of the area are widely used by the people of the village and owners of horses at the nearby stables. They are a feature of the village, and excellent brochures produced by the Parish Council advertise and encourage their use. Unfortunately many of the footpaths are not maintained in good condition and can restrict access. In some cases over-ploughing of adjacent fields has eroded path widths.

Residents are also concerned that unrepaired surface damage caused by tractors and trailers accessing adjacent fields, compounded by the misuse of bridleways by dirt bikes, has rendered some paths dangerous to negotiate and virtually impassable for walkers in wet weather. Seavy Carr Lane is one such example. The surface of Hopwood Lane has been recently damaged by contractors accessing the electricity sub station.

Other issues of concern are; - access to the canal towpath at the end of Canal Side East for example, and the resolution of the demarcation of the width of Hopwood Lane. The surface condition of the motorway access road which runs from Canal Side West to Thimblehall Lane has highlighted specific problems.

7.5 Preservation of Trees and Hedgerows

Trees and hedgerows are an important element of the English countryside. For this reason ERYC Council is responsible for considering the protection of trees and landscape features when determining a planning application. If planning permission is granted it may include conditions requiring the protection of existing trees and landscape features and development may be subject to a requirement to undertake planting and landscaping works.

Trees can be protected by the imposition of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), which can affect individual trees, groups or woodlands. The principal effect of a Tree Preservation Order is to prohibit the cutting down, uprooting, topping, lopping or wilful damage of trees without the Local Planning Authority's consent.
The Council currently has 7 TPO's in the Newport area. Details of these are available from ERYC.
Since 1997 the Council has had a duty to protect hedgerows in the countryside under the Hedgerow Regulations. Anyone wishing to remove a hedgerow needs now to give the Council six weeks' notice of their intention to do so. The Council, during this time, has to assess whether the hedgerow is 'important' under the Regulations and has the opportunity to serve a Retention Notice if this is the case. The Regulations also give the Council powers to require the re-planting of a hedgerow that has been removed without such consent and impose penalties for such an offence.

7.6 Condition of Roads and Footpaths

Despite recent maintenance to Main Road and estate footpaths, there remains a general perception that much of the work undertaken does not address some of the more fundamental problems. A number of safety and access issues have been raised by residents such as the narrow pavement access Eastwards out of the village towards Collinson Lane, the narrow pavement down Thimblehall Lane (a matter raised several years ago in regard to safe access for schoolchildren), and the lack of pavement access on the South Side of Main Road to St Stephens church.

Many residents have commented upon poor access throughout the village for wheelchair users, in particular at Canal Side East to the Main Road shops.

7.7 Telecommunication Masts and Overhead Power Lines

A mobile phone-mast is located at Cow Bridge, next to the M62 motorway.

While there are no applications pending at this time, the local planning authority look to minimise the impact of overhead transmission lines close to dwellings, on allocated housing sites, on sites important for nature conservation (especially for wild birds), known wild bird migratory routes, or on designated special landscape features. Taking into consideration new health awareness regarding power lines and current routing of these lines, there is not believed to be an issue.

7.8 Road Safety

Several aspects of road safety were identified and of major concern by respondents to the survey. Comment focused primarily on Main Road. Previously designated the A63, (now de-rated to the B1230), the main road through the centre of the village once formed the main route from the West to Hull and the village has inherited a dual carriageway passing through its centre. The M62 initially took most traffic from this road, but with the increase in traffic, volume levels are back to the pre M62 numbers.

While some painted zoning has taken place throughout the village, safety is a major concern due to the following factors;

- Street lighting on the B1230 through the village is poor, being on one side of the road only.

- A 40 mph limit still exists on what is a straight and traditionally fast road. 85% of respondents to the Community Survey and 50% of Business respondents agree that a 30mph speed limit through the village is required.
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- A number of large industrial premises further West of Newport means a number of HGV's use this route on a very regular basis. 68% of the Community Respondents are concerned at the level of HGV traffic passing through the village. 63% felt there should be a weight restriction, as did 42% of local businesses.

- The positioning of shops used by school children on one side of the road and the school bus stop on the opposite side of the road with no pedestrian crossing do not make a good equation! There have been a few "near misses" and residents feel that safer access across the road should be provided. Suggestions have ranged from moving the school bus pick-up point to nearer the Puffin Crossing, to provision of an additional crossing at the centre of the shopping area.

- Cars joining the B1230 from almost all the village access roads to Main Road, such as Canal Side East and West, Meadow Lane, Fen Court, and Village Farm do not have any vision if larger vehicles are parked in the allocated spaces and residents often have to 'nose' out to check traffic flow.

- Parking on the B1230 is difficult at busy times and does lead to drivers taking risks in parking in undesignated areas, which makes safe access to the B1230 even more difficult for residents.

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8.4 ACTION PLAN

8.1 Background

This Action Plan has been produced following extensive consultation with the Community of Newport through the public feedback from community and business questionnaires and village presentations.

8.2 Managing the Action Plan

The following Action Plan contains a large number of actions to be considered, investigated and in many cases actioned over the coming months and years. Some may have already commenced.
It is a living document and shall be maintained and updated through the normal business processes of the Parish Council as follows:

1. The Parish Council shall meet following adoption of the Plan to:
    - prioritise the activities and set target dates for actions.
    - agree the operational management of the plan
    - establish a programme of review and continuous development

2. The Parish Plan and Action progress will be available for examination on the village website and on request from the clerk.

8.3 Raising new issues

Parishioners may raise new issues to the council:

• At parish council meetings

• By corresponding by letter or e- mail with the clerk

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Objective	Theme	Proposed Actions	Partners & Lead	Priority
A Safer Newport	1.1 Crime	1.1a) Explore the potential of having a Village Warden. 1.1b) Reduce incidence of 'avoidable' house burglary and vehicle crime: Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator to request police to provide local crime statistics, with crime prevention tips for householders/vehicle owners, for dissemination through village news media. 1.1c) Remind and encourage all premises selling alcohol of their legal responsibilities not to serve those who are under age, or who have already drunk too much. 1.1d) Instigate a Good Neighbour Scheme. 1.1e) Parish Council to work closely with the police and local groups and relevant businesses to determine the extent and what further actions can be taken to address drug and substance abuse in the Parish 1.1f) Endeavour to get a more frequent, probably random and more appropriate visible policing presence at foreseeable trouble spots and times. 1.1g) Consult with ERYC Safer Communities Dept to reduce anti-social behaviour.	NPC / NCAA NW ERYC HP	High
	1.2 Roads and Footpaths	1.2a) Consult ERYC to develop a safer road scheme for all users. Publicise results of speed monitoring exercise on B1230 1.2b) The parking areas on Canal Bridge and the approach to Meadow Lane generate a safety hazard. This should be reviewed within the context of a road scheme and traffic calming measures. 1.2c) Monitor standard in surfaces on all roads and lanes, Parish Council to continue sending bi-monthly details of road problems to Highways Dept, encourage parishioners to contact Highways direct with problems. 1.2d) Provide pedestrian access, parking, and lighting on the South side of Main Road to St Stephen's Church. 1.2e) Investigate the creation of a safe cycle route between Gilberdyke and Newport. 1.2f) 30mph through the village, 50mph between villages and the motorway. 1.2g) Establish 'access only' zone around Newport. 1.2h) Cycle paths, pavement improvements, pedestrian crossing in village centre, walking school bus/safe routes to school. 1.2i) Residents expecting large delivery vehicle/large farm vehicles to request they be careful and considerate and possibly request others to park in manner, which would allow sufficient manoeuvrability. People to be advised of the legal position/duties and rights of parking and access.	NPC / ERYC HA HP NCAA	High

NEWPORT ACTION PLAN

Objective	Theme	Proposed Actions	Partners & Lead	Priority
		1.2j) Notices at entrances to village stating the status of "Considerate Parking" area. 1.2k) Investigate potential for other small car park areas including purchase of land specific to this purpose. 1.2l) Investigate Resident's Only parking for part of day/restricted parking for others outside of this zone. Areas for consideration: Main Road in front of shops, and Canal Sides East and West. 1.2m) Investigate the possibility of Turning Circles Canal Side East and West. 1.2n) Request that the Parish Council to oppose any new housing that lacks adequate parking provision.		
	1.3 Emergency Planning	1.3a) Parish Council to create and document a disaster management plan which would be invoked in the event of a significant event , which could range from extensive flooding to a prolonged power cut. 1.3b) Parish Council to liaise with the Emergency Services to ensure the Parish is adequately served.	NPC EA HP ERYCC	Medium

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Objective	Theme	Proposed Actions	Partners & Lead	Priority
A more attractive village (to live and work in)	2.1 Citizenship	2.1a) Devise strategies to encourage parishioners to observe a 'Community Code of Conduct', designed to reduce antisocial behaviour for the benefit of the whole community. Target groups: ▪ Motorists not parking on hatched lines. ▪ Parents supervising their children, especially at night. ▪ Publicans not selling to underage drinkers. ▪ Dog owners not leaving dog mess. ▪ Litter droppers not dropping litter. ▪ Motorists not speeding in the villages. ▪ Children to be able to walk or bus to school safely.	NPC NW HP	Medium
	2.2 Housing	2.2a) Maintain diversity of housing that complements the environment and respects the historical and natural environment: 2.2b) Adequate housing for the elderly. 2.2c) Sheltered/disabled housing. 2.2d) Review need for elderly residential home in the village. 2.2e) Brownfield and infill land to be developed first; then consider a 'concealed' boundary expansion. 2.2f) Monitor the need for any new low cost housing. 2.2g) Parish Council to devise a checklist of considerations, which will be taken into account when assessing planning applications. This will create more consistent process and ensure that all policies at a local level are taken into consideration when assessing applications. 2.2h) Monitor Government policy towards new housing provision in rural areas 2.2i) Produce a Village Design Plan which is a document setting out the local planning guidelines and compliments the rules and guidelines set by ERYC. Village Design Statements to ensure no inappropriate development. 2.2j) More low-energy 'eco-housing'/sustainable materials 2.2k) Seek adoption of supplementary guidance through ERYC Local Plan.	NPC/ERYC	Medium

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Objective	Theme	Proposed Actions	Partners & Lead	Priority
	2.3 Appearance	2.3a) Approach Newport School to design simple eye catching posters to reinforce the anti-litter message and then use these to mount a campaign to remind everyone that they can make a difference to our environment. 2.3b) Encourage all members of the community to be vigilant and to report any fly tipping to Parish Councillors. Parish Councillors to be issued with telephone numbers of responsible authority to contact. 2.3c) Carry out spot checks in key locations and make a recommendation as to how litter could be further reduced. 2.3d) Residents to be encouraged to support a Clean Up Day at regular intervals to remove accumulated litter. Biannually, try and arrange for volunteers to spend a morning of their time collecting litter from all round the village. Provide means of rubbish disposal. 2.3e) Endeavour to maintain the cleanliness and attraction of all areas in the central parts of the village by education and promotion of a community spirit 2.3f) Maintain a close eye on the general state of the signage in our area to prevent the aspect of scruffiness. 2.3g) Plant more flowers and flowering shrubs or trees. Encourage - Newport Action Group/Newport in Bloom. 2.3h) Identify sites for new seats. Research suitable construction. Identify source of funding. 2.3i) Provide new, more attractive entrance signs to the village	NPC School ERYCC EA NCAA	High
Better Facilities.	3.1 Young people	3.1a) Work with young people in the parish to understand what kind of leisure facilities would be viewed positively by this group. Suggestions to consider: ▪ Skate park (with ramps and shelter. ▪ Hard-surfaced sports area for e.g. basketball, football, volleyball. ▪ Community Bus to other centres of Friday/Saturday nights. ▪ Joint ventures with other villages, and low-cost access to any existing sports facilities. ▪ Access to South Hunsley swimming pool in holidays. ▪ Alcohol-free gigs in the Recreation Hall. ▪ Coffee bar/internet café/after school homework + games club / ▪ Investigate the possibility of a "Teens Café" by providing the location, facilities, additional materials and equipment which the young people value. ▪ A free 'youth day' to be held in the village hall showcasing all the available activities.	NPC / NCAA / ERYC	Medium

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Objective	Theme	Proposed Actions	Partners & Lead	Priority
	3.2 Transport	3.2a) Meet with ERYC to discuss transport strategy and plans and to ensure that local views are taken into account in decisions affecting public transport within the parish. Identify ways to promote and increase the use of public transport 3.2b) Investigate creative transport system, e.g. taxis. 3.2c) Publicise availability of other community bus services e.g. PATH, Fledgling. Investigate the demand and potential for further village mini-bus(es) to provide regular and ad hoc services through the local villages to local centres and railways services.	NPC / NRC / ERYC	Low
	3.3 Amenities & Facilities	3.3a) Monitor the demand for allotments and to take appropriate action to identify additional land for allotments should this be required. 3.3b) Increase the provision of sporting activities available within the parish and surrounding area, set up a sports forum to investigate ways of increasing provision. Explore the possibility of sharing with other neighbouring parishes. 3.3c) Publicise the mobile library. 3.3d) Provide wider access to a "day or drop-in centre" to allow use by people as meeting place for all senior citizens. This needs greater consultation, both with service providers and with the older generation, to establish the framework for what is really required. Could be just a meeting place to share companionship or to enable more people to receive enhanced facilities. 3.3e) Investigate potential of a Luncheon Club to enable more people to participate. Canvass level of support. Approach pubs to establish service they can offer and costs. 3.3f) Parish Council to research if a need exists for further public Internet access points or facilities. If a need is proven, PC to encourage such provision	NPC NRC / ERYC PFA	Low
	3.4 Formal Learning	3.4a) Explore the need for improvements in adult education and lifelong learning facilities within the parish and, through improved transport, access to services provided in other local areas. 3.4b) Liaise with transport providers to provide improvements to services in other centres. 3.4c) Examine possibility of community access points with IT skill training and adult learning. Encourage the provision of lifelong learning programmes through better promotion of the courses available	LSC/Schools	Low

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Objective	Theme	Proposed Actions	Partners & Lead	Priority
		3.4d) Formalise the liaison with Newport and Howden Schools and establish regular meetings where council activities are presented to the school and the schools have the opportunity to set out issues and concerns leading to specific action and improvement plans.		Low
	3.5 Early Years	3.5a) Discuss with current providers and through further contacts carers of young children what additional facilities/services would be supported.		Low
	3.6 Medical Services	3.6a) Explore more carefully the need of the villagers in regard to medical services. Seek a creative solution to the provision of better access to medical services. 3.6b) Establish feasibility of prescription service and examine how service is offered elsewhere, consult partners and establish a point for depositing / collection of prescriptions. Monitor / investigate need for prescription delivery.	H&ER PCT	
	3.7 Waste	3.7a) Ensure that sufficient publicity and education is provided relating to effective waste management. 3.7b) Increase the scope of re-cycling facilities (plastics) (cardboard) (Garden Waste).	ERYCC NPC	Medium
Protect & Enhance Local Environment	4.1 Policy	4.1a) Undertake Review of policies to determine that the sustainability of the local environment has been taken into account. Updates to be recommended to policies where benefit would be derived from an explicit reference to sustainability. 4.1b) Monitor and identify where public rights of way have been blocked, width-eroded or are in a poor state of repair and encourage the responsible authority to rectify the situation.. 4.1c) Reduce the number of overhead wires by 'bundling' or preferably putting underground: adoption of policy as Supplementary Planning guidance to be included in a Village Design Statement	NPC EA ERYCC HP HA	High

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Objective	Theme	Proposed Actions	Partners & Lead	Priority
		4.1d) Limit the number of mobile phone masts. Adopt a policy to be advised as Supplementary Planning Guidance. 4.1e) Enforce bylaws to prevent parking on Canal Banks. 4.1f) Identify ways of making information about the responsible use of the countryside, paths, bridleways etc widely available. 4.1g) Organise re-print and dissemination of leaflets of walks around Newport. Walks to be adequately signposted. 4.1h) Identify a group within the Village that is keen on walking (Footpaths Group) who would be prepared to undertake regular audits of all the Public Footpaths in the Parish. Identify a group who will work in partnership with the Parish Council to maintain footpaths. Identification of potential new permissive paths to be included in this action. Arrange a (biannual) 'Walking the Footpaths' event to advertise the footpaths and encourage people to walk them. 4.1i) Encourage walking rather than driving if at all possible / lift sharing e.g. to church, hall, shops etc. 4.1j) Build an inventory of all the public green spaces as a permanent record of the number, location, size and condition of the public green spaces in the Parish. Inventory to include photographs of the spaces. Determine if any of the spaces would benefit from improvement initiatives 4.1k) Parish Council to work closely with ERYC to ensure that sufficient publicity material is available to advise residents of alternative energy sources and grants relating to energy conservation		
	4.2 <u>Open spaces & play areas</u>	4.2a) Identify time-scale for introduction of new equipment, alongside what to replace/add and what funding is available. Enhance children's play area to encompass all age groups and disabled access. 4.2b) Investigate the potential for a village green area on Canal Side West 4.2c) Investigate the potential to improve the Canal environment / potential Regeneration		Medium

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Objective	Theme	Proposed Actions	Partners & Lead	Priority
A more Vibrant village.	Communication and activity	5.1a) Produce 'welcome' packs listing all available shops, services, organisations, clubs and societies; contact names and numbers for new residents. 5.1b) Promote and support the Newport Website as a source of information relating to the parish and to encourage a sense of community through the sharing of information relating to local issues. 5.1c) Create a directory of clubs, societies and community organisations in order to promote the rich variety of activities, which are available to residents and visitors to the parish. Incorporate on the Newport Web Site. 5.1d) Newsletter notice by Parish Council/Community Action Association etc as part of awareness campaign. Communication exercise: Initial actions to appeal to 'better nature' rather than threat of legal action Polite parking etc notices to bear the name and support of the Parish Council 5.1e) Parish Council to set up a Heritage Sub-Committee or working group with a remit to collect, document, archive and display historic material relating to the parish. Arrange a series of speakers and events relating to the heritage and history of Newport. Deposit a Newport Capsule 5.1f) A broader range of activities in leisure, sport and education; Request the Recreation Hall Committee to consider the relevant results from the Parish Appraisal and advertise more prominently. 5.1g) Investigate potential of some funding support form the parish precept for Village activities.	NPC NCAA RHC	Medium

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Objective	Theme	Proposed Actions	Partners & Lead	Priority
A More Prosperous Village	6.1 Communication & activity	6.1a) Create a local trade directory to encourage more local business to consumer and business-to-business interaction. 6.1b) Creation of an on-line diary for the community where individuals and organisations can add events, which can then be viewed, by the whole community. This will create a dynamic – "what is happening today?" space. 6.1c) Creation of an on-line and notice board situations vacant list where local businesses can add employment opportunities, which can then be viewed by the whole community. 6.1d) Appoint a Trade Liaison Working Group with the aim of working closely with local businesses to determine their needs and concerns. The objective is to raise the awareness of the parish council of issues affecting traders and to work closely with traders to assist in the resolution of issues which inhibit local trading. 6.1e) Investigate if the available car parking facilities in Newport are sufficient to serve the needs of the community and to make for improvement if required – see Business Questionnaire. Investigate the potential for a service hub for small businesses could be established. The hub would provide business services such as printing, copying and some publishing facilities to the smaller local businesses. 6.1f) It is most important for the Parish Council to do all that it can to safeguard the future of the Village Post Office and encourage the use of the local shops.	NPC ERYCC NCAA	Medium
A Sense of Community Citizenship and Responsibility	7.1 Performance and Management.	7.1a) Parish Council to set up an open meeting in 2006 to communicate progress made with the actions, which underpin the Parish Plan. 7.1b) Parish Council to set up a process for monitoring progress of the actions as set out in the plan and to have a formal process for updating the actions and the plan. This should be carried out through a single nominated representative in order to maintain the focus and clear overview of progress made and includes liaison and review with ERYC. 7.1c) Parish Council to consider increasing the hours of existing clerk or appointing an additional assistant to help with the management of the parish plan activities in the first 18 months. 7.1d) Consider the formation of a Young Persons Forum under the wing of the Parish Council. 7.1e) The Parish Council to nominate a councillor specifically to take a leading and active role in Traffic matters. 7.1f) Assess the requirement for more prominent positioning of the Parish Council and Community notice boards.	NPC NCAA	Medium

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Results of earlier survey undertaken by NCAA in August 2003

Newport Community Action Group
"Your New Village Voice"
Your Views - Your Opportunity!!!

The Newport Community Action Group is a group of people who want to improve the quality of
life in our village. We are working with the Parish Council and other local groups to make a difference.

Our priorities are
- Lobbying for traffic calming facilities on the main road
- Improving the appearance of the village centre/main street
- Providing youth facilities for our young people

Do you agree with the above priorities?
Yes No

If not what other issues would you like to be addressed?
Please List:
What traffic calming facilities do you think would improve the traffic and safety of the village?
What young facilities should be provided?

Newport Community Action Group Questionnaire Results

46 questionnaires were completed and returned.
44 (96%) agreed with the priorities of NCAG.
2 (4%) Suggested better policing of Newport and an improved bus service should become priorities.

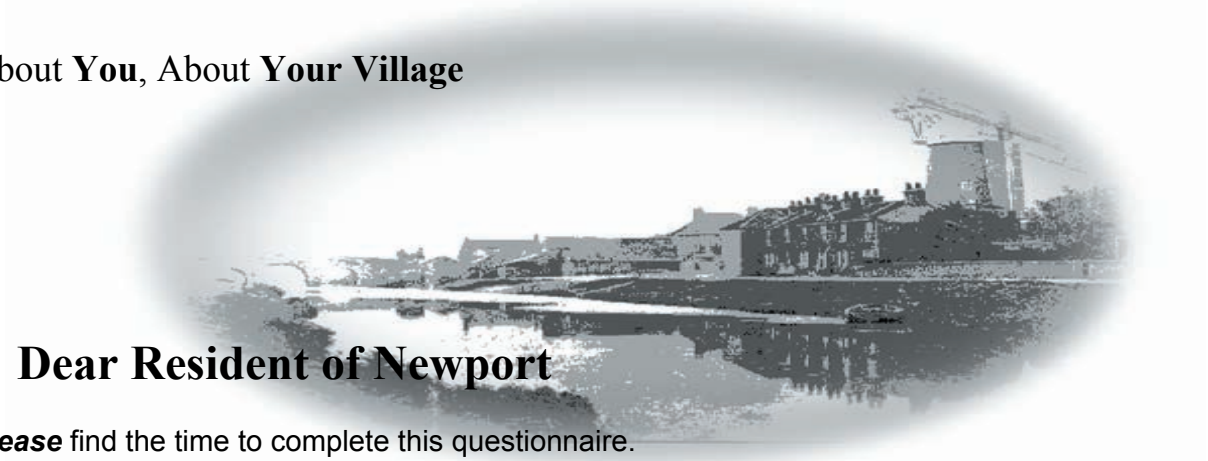
Village Appearance.	Traffic	Youth Facilities
Flowers, trees, hanging baskets etc. 30%	94% Stated traffic should he slowed down.	Youth Club 42%
Maintain canal bridge area, litter and grass cutting 28%	Speed humps 28%	Organised Activities 41%
Police presence 9%	Single carriage way 28%	Internet Café 15%
Improved car parking 9%	Zebra 1 Pelican crossings 24%	Improved Sports facilities 17%
	Speed cameras 15%	Shelter 7%
	Better road signs 4%	Skate board / BMX park 7%
	Roundabouts 2%	Youth to be involved in managing their own Projects / facilities 4%

Questionnaires

- **A4.1 Community (Household) Questionnaire**
- **A4.2 Business Survey**
- **A4.3 Young Persons Survey**
- **A4.4 Primary School Results**
- **A4.5 Young Persons Results**

A4.1 Newport Community Appraisal Questionnaire

About **You**, About **Your Village**



Dear Resident of Newport

Please find the time to complete this questionnaire.
This is really important to our village and vital if we as a community wish to have a say in its future. It simply involves ticking some boxes and shouldn't take long to complete.

This questionnaire is part of an Appraisal and Consultation process underpinning the preparation of the Newport Parish Plan.

A committee of Residents of Newport, independent of the Parish Council, is drawing up the Newport Parish Plan. It is a statement of how we see our community developing over the next few years.

Through the Plan we will all be given a chance to say what *we* think about the social, economic and environmental issues affecting Newport, and how we would like to see our village improved in the future. It can include everything that is relevant to the people who live and work in the community - the opportunity for us all to say if we want more open spaces, more effective public transport, affordable housing, better access to healthcare, or how we choose to make the most of our social and leisure time. It is up to the community to decide what is important.

We cannot guarantee that our wishes will be implemented, but the Government is keen to empower communities, and the findings of this survey *will* be used to influence the core policies and strategies affecting the village structure, services, facilities and amenities.

The questionnaire is anonymous and returning a completed questionnaire entitles you to be entered for the £100 Prize Draw. This will comprise **2** prizes of

- £50 worth of £5 vouchers to spend at any of the shops, pubs and outlets throughout the village

Further details are on the last page of the questionnaire. Cut-out and retain the number and keep an eye open in local shops and notice boards for the winning numbers, and how to claim your prize.

Please re-use the envelope provided to return your completed questionnaire and drop it off at the Newsagents or Newport School before **MAY 15th**.
Spare copies are available from the Newsagents.

Thank you for reading this. Please do your utmost to complete the questionnaire; a good response is essential if we are to have a meaningful say in the future of our village.

Q1 Whereabouts in Newport do you live *(Please tick one box)*

Main Road West of Canal to Mill Lane	☐	Main Road East of Canal to Stony Lane	☐
Canal Side West (South of M62)	☐	Collinson Lane	☐
Thimble Hall Lane / Off Thimble Hall Lane	☐	Village Farm Close / Turks Head Gardens	☐
Mill Lane	☐	Nettle Hill / Fen Court	☐
North of M62 / Sandholme Rd / CSE & CSW	☐	Meadow Lane / Off Meadow Lane	☐
Canal Side East (South of M62)	☐	Wallingfen Lane / Stony Lane	☐

Q2 How long have you lived in Newport *(Please tick one box)*

Less than 5 years	☐	5-15 years	☐
16 - 30 Years	☐	More than 30 years	☐
My family have lived here for generations	☐		

Q3 How CONCERNED are you about the following TRAFFIC and ROAD SAFETY issues in Newport

(For each line tick one box)	**Extremely concerned**	**Slightly concerned**	**Neither concerned nor unconcerned**	**Slightly unconcerned**	**Extremely unconcerned**
Parked vehicles causing congestion	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Delivery vehicles causing hazards	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Vehicles parked inappropriately/dangerously	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lack of safe pavements / footpaths	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
State of village roads	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
State of pavements & footpaths	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lack of safe cycle paths	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Speed through the village	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Noise pollution	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
HGV lorries going through the village	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Vibration	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Damage to buildings	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Heavy traffic	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fumes	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Road markings	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q4 How much do you agree with each of the following proposals to improve the Traffic and Road Safety problems in Newport *(For each line tick one box)*

	Strongly Agree	**Slightly Agree**	**Neither agree nor disagree**	**Slightly disagree**	**Strongly disagree**
30 mph limit through the village (Main Road)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
20 mph limit in front of the school	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
50mph limit from the village E to the M62	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Traffic calming (humps) along Main Road	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Traffic calming (road narrowing) in the village	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Restrict HGV weight except for access	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ban HGV lorries except for access	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ban HGV trailers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Provide cycle path from Gilberdyke E to M62	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Traffic islands: Meadow Lane / CSE	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Improve street lighting from village to Stony Lane	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Additional crossing across Main Road centre	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Improved access for cars / delivery vehicles to shops	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Move Howden school bus pick-up point to safe area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Provide a pick-up/drop off point for out-of catchment schools closer to village centre	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q5 Do you think Newport needs any MORE NEW HOUSING in the forseeable future *(Please tick one box)*

Yes but only on infill land	☐	*go to Q6*
Yes anywhere	☐	*go to Q6*
No nowhere	☐	*go to Q7*

Q6 Thinking about Newport's FUTURE HOUSING NEEDS, how do you feel about any of the following types of housing being built here now, and in the future
(for each housing type you may tick more than one box)

	Important for the whole community	Only important for some groups	My family need this now	My children will need this in the future	Newport needs no more of these
Private rented	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Local authority / housing association rented	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Low cost rented for local people only	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Owner occupied - large detached	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Owner occupied - medium detached	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Owner occupied - semi-detached	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Owner occupied - starter homes and flats	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Shared ownership with housing association	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sheltered housing for people aged 60+	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adapted housing (for elderly / disabled)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Restricted sale to local people	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Low cost housing for 1st time buyers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Housing for single people	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Institutional (eg residential / nursing homes)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Energy efficient "eco-housing"	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q7 If you answered "no" to Q5 - why do you believe Newport does not need any new housing?

There is no demand for expansion	☐
Already too crowded	☐
Village boundries should not spread onto green belt	☐
Enlargement would spoil the rural character of Newport	☐
Existing services and infrastructure cannot support a larger population	☐

Q8 Do you think Newport needs any MORE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT in the forseeable future?
(You may tick more than one box)

Heavy Industrial (eg machine workshops)	☐
Light Industrial / agricultural	☐
Storage and distribution	☐
Commercial Office services	☐
None of the above	☐

Q9 Are you at present: *(please tick one box only)*

An employee (full time)	☐	Self-employed, employing other people	☐
An employee (part time)	☐	Self-employed, not employing anyone	☐
In a govt training scheme	☐	Permanently sick/disabled	☐
Unwaged housewife / husband	☐	Retired	☐
Unemployed	☐	In full time education	☐

Q10 Which industry do you work in? *(or formally worked in last, if now retired)*

Agriculture / horticulture	☐	Construction	☐
Retail / service industry	☐	Work from Home	☐
Local govt /public sector	☐	Transport / Distribution	☐
Food processing	☐	Communications	☐
Manufacturing engineering	☐	Manufacturing other	☐
Financial services	☐	Information Technology	☐
Hotels / catering	☐	Leisure	☐

Other (write in) ……..

Q11 How often do you or your family use the following types of transport?

(please tick one box for each use, and in the final column, which one you usually use to get to work)	**Always**	**Often**	**Rarely**	**Never**	**To get to work**
Car	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bicycle	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Motor bike / scooter	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Regular service bus	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fledgling bus	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PATH bus	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Van	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lorry over 7.5 tonne	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Tractor	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Vehicle with trailer	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Taxi / private hire	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Train	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q12 If you commute to work, how far is your *round* trip?

(Please tick one box)	0 - 5 miles	5 - 20 miles	20 - 50 miles	50 - 100 miles	Over 100 miles
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q13 Are you in a car - share scheme **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

Q14 If you or anyone in your family use the bus, what do you use it for, and how often?

(please tick one box for each use)	**Always**	**Often**	**Rarely**	**Never**
Work or business	☐	☐	☐	☐
Shopping	☐	☐	☐	☐
Medical visits	☐	☐	☐	☐
Social or leisure	☐	☐	☐	☐
College	☐	☐	☐	☐
School	☐	☐	☐	☐
Seeking employment	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q15 How necessary do you think improvements to the bus services are, with regard to the following?

(Please answer even if you never use the buses. Tick one box for each improvement)	**Extremely necessary**	**Fairly necessary**	**Neither necessary nor unnecessary**	**Fairly unnecessary**	**Extremely unnecessary**
Departure / arrival times	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Frequency	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ticket cost	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Reliability	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Destination	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Access for wheelchairs / pushchairs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q16 How important is the countryside around Newport to you?

(Please tick one box)	**Extremely Important**	**Fairly important**	**Neither important nor unimportant**	**Fairly unimportant**	**Extremely unimportant**
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q17 How often do you use the walks / countryside paths and bridleways around the village?

(Please tick one box)	**Frequently** (weekly or more)	**Occasionally** (monthly or more)	**Seldom** (less than twice year)	**Rarely** a (less than yearly)	**Never**
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q18 In which of the following ways do you think the local ENVIRONMENT of Newport could be improved?

(For each line tick one box)	Strongly Agree	Slightly Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Slightly disagree	Strongly disagree
More green open spaces for communal use	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Plant more trees, hedges, shrubs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Restore country footpaths / bridalways	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Enhance village appearance (hanging baskets, tubs etc)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Regenerate the canal and its banks	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Encourage residents to keep the appearance of their properties and gardens tidy	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other ……					

Q19 Thinking about ACCESSABILITY to MEDICAL SERVICES, how easy do you find it to get to the following?

(tick one box per line)	Very easy	Fairly easy	Neither easy nor difficult	Fairly difficult	Very difficult
Hospital	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
GP	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Chemist	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Chiropodist	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Optician	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Dentist	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other (name)……	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q20 Thinking about SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDED locally, please indicate whether your current needs are being provided for.

(tick one box per line)	I/My family receive	I/My family need but do not receive	I/My family currently do not need
Loan of Medical equipment	☐	☐	☐
Meals on Wheels	☐	☐	☐
Home Help	☐	☐	☐
Social Worker	☐	☐	☐
Councelling Services	☐	☐	☐
Jobseeker's Allowance	☐	☐	☐
Any other DSS benefit	☐	☐	☐

Q21 Thinking about the SHOPPING AND OTHER RETAIL SERVICES in Newport. Please indicate how often you use these local outlets.*(tick one box against each outlet)*

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
Post Office	☐	☐	☐	☐
Newsagents	☐	☐	☐	☐
Butchers	☐	☐	☐	☐
Hair / beauty salon	☐	☐	☐	☐
Car sales / servicing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Florist	☐	☐	☐	☐
Londis shop	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pubs	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pub Restaurants	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fish & Chip shop	☐	☐	☐	☐
Chinese Takeaway	☐	☐	☐	☐
Indian Restaurant / Takeaway	☐	☐	☐	☐
Newport Pizza Bar	☐	☐	☐	☐
Methodist Coffee room	☐	☐	☐	☐
Petrol Station (including shop)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Farm shop (not central)	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q22 For each of these, please indicate how important you feel it is to KEEP THIS SERVICE in Newport
(Tick one box against each outlet)

	Vital	Important	Desireable	Non vital
Post Office	☐	☐	☐	☐
Newsagents	☐	☐	☐	☐
Butchers	☐	☐	☐	☐
Hair / beauty salon	☐	☐	☐	☐
Car sales / servicing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Florist	☐	☐	☐	☐
Londis shop	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pubs	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pub Restaurants	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fish & Chip shop	☐	☐	☐	☐
Chinese Takeaway	☐	☐	☐	☐
Indian Restaurant / Takeaway	☐	☐	☐	☐
Newport Pizza Bar	☐	☐	☐	☐
Methodist Coffee room	☐	☐	☐	☐
Petrol Station (including shop)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Farm shop (not central)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Recreation (Village) Hall / village recreation grounds	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q23 Are there ANY OTHER RETAIL SERVICES you would like to see in Newport?
For example, pharmacy / chemist, health food shop, charity shop..etc. Please write your suggestion(s) below.

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Q24 How much do you think that Newport should EXPAND OVERALL *(tick one box)*

Newport should continue to expand to become a larger village	☐
Newport should only be allowed to expand modestly, for example on infill land only and there should be no large green-field developments	☐
Newport should remain more or less its present size	☐

Q25 Thinking about YOUTH FACILITIES in Newport, how appealing would the following be to you / young people in your family?

Please tick one box in each row	Extremely Appealing	Fairly Appealing	Neither appealing nor unappealing	Fairly Unappealing	Extremely Unappealing
Skateboard / rollerblade park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
BMX park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adventure playground	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
After school art / drama / dance	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Computer games club	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Coffee bar / chillout zone	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Internet Café	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other					

Q26 Thinking about CHILDCARE FACILITIES in Newport, does the parish need any of the following, and which would you use personally?

(You may tick more than one box)	Yes - community needs	No -community does not need	Don't know	I would personally use
More registered childminders	☐	☐	☐	☐
Full daycare (attached to school)	☐	☐	☐	☐
After school clubs	☐	☐	☐	☐
Holiday play schemes	☐	☐	☐	☐
Crèches to support adult education activities	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q27 Which of the following ADULT EDUCATION ACTIVITIES do you attend, anywhere, and which would you attend if it were in Newport?

(tick as many boxes as you like)	I currently attend	I would attend, if provided in Newport	I would attend, if provided elsewhere locally	Would attend further afield if transport could be arranged
Art or crafts (eg painting, pottery, needlework)	☐	some provided	☐	☐
Yoga or meditation	☐	☐	☐	☐
Keep fit or aerobics	☐	provided	☐	☐
Badminton	☐	☐	☐	☐
Self-defence or martial arts	☐	provided	☐	☐
Spanish	☐	provided	☐	☐
French	☐	☐	☐	☐
German	☐	☐	☐	☐
Creative writing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Drama, music or singing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other sports (eg squash, volleyball, basketball)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Basic computing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Advanced computing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bowls	☐	provided	☐	☐
Flower arranging	☐	☐	☐	☐
NONE - not interested in Adult Education ☐				

Activity you would be interested in but is not listed ……..
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Q28 Newport and neighbouring villages already have Football and Cricket teams. Would you or members of your family be interested in other SPORTS ACTIVITIES if they were available either in Newport or locally?

Tick those which would be of interest to you and add any that do not appear.	I would use	Interested in starting a club
Tennis	☐	☐
Outdoor bowls	☐	☐
Basketball Court + Hoops	☐	☐
Rounders / Softball	☐	☐
Netball Court	☐	☐

Sports Activity you would be interested in, but is not listed ……..
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Q29 How important to you are THE CHURCHES AND CHAPELS in Newport, for any of the following purposes

(Please tick one box in each line)	Extremely important	Fairly important	Neither important nor unimportant	Fairly unimportant	Extremely unimportant
Sunday or weekday services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Weddings / funerals / baptisms	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Community focal point at Christmas / Easter / Harvest / Remembrance	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Venue for cultural events - music / drama /art	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Peaceful place for meditation / private prayer	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Historic building to show visitors around	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Venue for meetings, eg mothers and tots	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q30 How concerned are you about the levels of CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR in Newport?

*(Please tick for each item below, and the last column if you have **personally** been affected by any of these in the last three years)*	**Extremely concerned**	**Fairly concerned**	**Neither concerned nor unconcerned**	**Extremely unconcerned**	**I have been personally affected**
Noise disturbance (other than traffic)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
House and other burglary	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Vehicle crime	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Theft / damage to farming equipment	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Drug abuse	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Alcohol abuse	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Under-age drinking in/outside pubs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Violence to the person	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Theft from person	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Vandalism, including graffiti	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Litter	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Dog fouling	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q31 How much do you agree or disagree with the following measures to REDUCE CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

(For each measure please tick one box)	**Strongly Agree**	**Slightly Agree**	**Neither agree nor disagree**	**Slightly disagree**	**Strongly disagree**
Neighbourhood Watch Organisation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Improve youth facilities in the community	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Transport to / from the village on Fri/Sat nights	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Increase litter-clearing services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
More "visible policing" throughout the village	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Police to enforce minimum drinking age in pubs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Appoint 'Parish Warden' to support the police	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
CCTV security cameras in the village centre	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
More drug/drink education/prevention	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q32 Does your houshold have a PERSONAL COMPUTER
(tick one) **Yes** ☐ **No (go to Q36)** ☐

Q33 Please tick all the age groups in your household which use the PCs regularly
(you may tick more than one box)

☐17 and under ☐18-20 ☐21-24
☐25-34 ☐35-44 ☐45-54
☐55-64 ☐65 and over

Q34 What do you or your family USE your PERSONAL COMPUTER for, and how often?

(Please tick one box per item use)	**Very Frequently (more than 20 hours a week)**	**Fairly frequently (10-20) hours per week**	**Moderately (5-10) hours per week**	**Infrequently (less than 10 hours a month)**	**Rarely (less than 1 hour per month)**
Work Only	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Work and Leisure	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Playing computer games /simulators	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Surfing the Internet	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Internet shopping / trading	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Communication	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q35 Do you have Broadband Internet connection? **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

Q36 Thinking about your television, indicate which facility you have installed *(tick all the relevant boxes)*

Terrestrial TV (normal) BBC 1&2, ITV, Channels 4 and 5	☐
Digital (set-top) box	☐
Satellite dish	☐
DVD Player	☐

Q37 Newport is already served by a number of local news magazines such as the 'Parish News' and 'Villages' magazines. Do you believe there is scope for a further 'Newport News' magazine covering a broad content

(Please tick one box)

Strongly Agree	Slightly Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Slightly disagree	Strongly disagree
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q38 Thinking about a 'Newport News' type magazine, and without this being a reflection of the quality of content of existing magazines, how interested would you find the following features?

(Please tick one box per item)

	Extremely interesting	Fairly interesting	Neither interesting nor uninteresting	Fairly uninteresting	Extremely uninteresting
Details of Forthcoming Events	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Reviews of recent events	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Photos of people from the past	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Photos of people from the present	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Updates from IT for the terrified /Advice /Wired Newport	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Weather reports	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Trees of the Parish	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
History articles	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
General articles by residents	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Articles from outside the village	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Gardeners' calender	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sports club results	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Church Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Readers letters	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Youth / childrens' page	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Parish Council updates/reports	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Community Action News	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Obituaries, births + marriages	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Any other suggestions ……..
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……..

Q39 Would you be interested in helping to edit and/or providing a regular feature to a 'Newport News' magazine

(tick one)

Yes	Occasionally	No
☐	☐	☐

Q40 Which ARTS would you LIKE MORE OF in Newport? *(tick more than one box)*

Live music -classical	☐	Opera	☐
Live music -popular	☐	Cinema films	☐
Comedy and revue	☐	Art exhibitions	☐
Theatre productions - adult	☐	Dance	☐
Theatre productions - children	☐	Poetry readings	☐
None of these	☐		

Q 41 Newport Recreation (village) Hall continues to seek funding to cover operation and building maintenance costs. Do you think this should be paid for by: (you may tick more than one box)

Commercial Sponsorship	☐
Village Fundraising	☐
Higher Parish Council Tax	☐
Local Authority Subsidy	☐

Q42 When was the last time you used the Recreation Hall to attend an event or occasion?

Weekly	☐	Within the last 6 months	☐
Within the last 3 months	☐	Over 2 years ago	☐
Within the last year	☐	Never / Don't use	☐

Q43 Would you like to see more, and would you attend any of the following in the Recreation Hall:
You may tick more than one box)

Adult Education Classes	☐	Modern Ballroom Dancing	☐
Sporting / Leisure Activities	☐	Tea-Dances	☐
Live music	☐	Ceilidh	☐
Live Entertainment	☐	Other suggestions:	
Drama / Theatrical Productions	☐	……..	
Under 25's Disco	☐	……..	
Under 18's Disco	☐	……..	

Q44 Thinking about re-cycling of domestic waste in the village. Newport is scheduled to receive the new wheelie bins which will allow segregation of certain types of household waste. How important do you think it is to re-cycle such waste?

Extremely important	Fairly important	Neither important nor unimportant	Fairly unimportant	Extremely unimportant
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q45 Do you use the current facilities for re-cycling provided in the village?

Yes ☐ **No** ☐

Q46 What is your age?

☐ 17 and under	☐18-20	☐21-24
☐ 25-34	☐35-44	☐45-54
☐ 55-64	☐65 and over	

Q47 Your gender? **Male**☐ **Female**☐

Please place your completed questionnaire in the envelope provided before May 15th and drop it off at the Newsagents or School.

Each questionnaire form is numbered. Cut-out and retain the duplicate number on the 'MORE THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS' page and keep an eye open in local shops and notice boards for the winning numbers, and how to claim your prize. These numbers will be entered in **our £100 prize draw**. The draw will take place in **MAY**, and the winning numbers will be displayed in the Newsagents, Post Office and Community Notice Board on Canal Side East. *Only **fully completed** questionnaires will qualify for the draw*.

Thank you very much for giving your time to this community survey.

When the results have been analysed, all residents of Newport will be invited to a public meeting at which the findings will be presented.

More Thoughts & Comments?

Your thoughts and comments are valuable to us.
Please use this page to write down anything at all you would like to add to your answers in the Questionnaire.
All comments will be used as part of the final Consultation Report.

(There is no obligation to write on this sheet. Your questionnaire will still be entered into the prize draw.)

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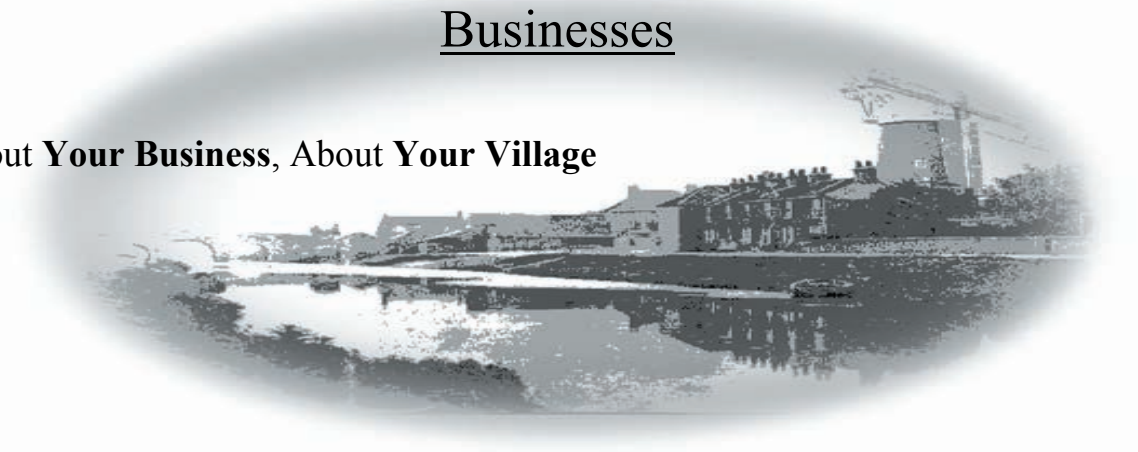
Thank you for taking the time and trouble to complete this Questionnaire.

Prize Draw Number

Retain this number

A4.2 Newport Community Appraisal Questionnaire for Businesses



About **Your Business**, About **Your Village**

Dear Newport Business

Could you please spare a few minutes to complete the attached Questionnaire.
This is part of an Appraisal and Consultation process underpinning the preparation of the Newport Parish Plan currently being drawn up by a committee of Residents of Newport working with, but independent of, the Parish Council.
The Parish Plan is a statement of how we would like to see our village develop over the next few years and has the potential to influence a wide range of organisations and processes which can affect our community. Such Plans can complement and help deliver local planning policies and frameworks, influence local housing and land management strategies, and contribute to the way local services are managed and delivered.

Residents of Newport have already had a comprehensive Community Appraisal Questionnaire, providing them an opportunity to say what they think about the social, economic and environmental issues affecting Newport, and how they would like to see the village developed and improved in the future. Feedback has been excellent and will hopefully give us a good indication of the aspirations and wishes of the parishioners to help determine future strategies for our community and nurture meaningful partnerships between Residents, Businesses, Parish Council, and Local Authority and other Government Agencies.

Your business and all the industries of Newport are indeed an important and integral part of our Community. Your views are essential to maintain a broader perspective of what is important for the future prosperity and well-being both of your business and of Newport Village and Parish.

Please do your best to complete the questionnaire. It shouldn't take long and a good response is essential if we are to have a meaningful say in the future of our village.

Please use the envelope provided to return your completed questionnaire by **12th November**

Thank you for reading this and for your co-operation.

Frank Butler
Chairman Parish Plan Steering Committee

Newport Community Appraisal Questionnaire for Businesses

Q1 Parking Issues

	Yes	No
Do you feel that there is sufficient on-street parking for your customers?	☐	☐
Do you feel that there is a case for restricted parking on Main Road eg Limited Stay?	☐	☐
Are unloading facilities adequate in the village?	☐	☐
This issue is not relevant to my Business ☐		

Any other comment or suggestions about parking / unloading?

Traffic Safety

Q2 Do you feel that the speed limit of 40mph through the village centre……

Should be lowered	☐
Is about right	☐

How do you feel about the speed limits to the approaches to the village?

Should be lowered	☐
Are about right	☐

Q3 Do you think that Traffic Calming Measures are needed?	**Yes**	**No**
	☐	☐

If Yes, what would you like to see?

Q4 Do you feel Restrictions should be placed on HGVs through the village?	**Yes**	**No**
	☐	☐

Any Other Comments or suggestions in regard to Traffic Safety?

Housing Issues

Q5 Would increased Housing Stock in the village have any significant impact upon your business?	**Yes**	**No**
	☐	☐

Q6 Thinking about Newport's FUTURE HOUSING NEEDS, sustainability of your business and impact on the community, how do you feel about any new housing being built here now, and in the future?

Yes but only on infill land	☐
Yes anywhere	☐
Yes but limited	☐
No nowhere	☐

Q7 If you answered "no" to Q6 - why do you believe Newport does not need any new housing?

There is no demand for expansion ☐
Already too crowded ☐
Village boundries should not spread onto green belt ☐
Enlargement would spoil the rural character of Newport ☐
Existing services and infrastructure cannot support a larger population ☐

Other Reason (please state)

Industry and Commercial Premises

Q8 Do you think Newport needs any MORE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT in the forseeable future?

(You may tick more than one box)

Heavy Industrial (eg machine workshops) ☐
Light Industrial / agricultural ☐
Storage and distribution ☐
Commercial Office services ☐
None of the above ☐

Q9 Do you think more should be done to attract businesses to set up in Newport. ? If so which type?

(You may tick more than one box)

Heavy Industrial (eg machine workshops) ☐
Light Industrial / agricultural ☐
Storage and distribution ☐
Commercial Office services ☐
Shops ☐

Any other suggestions?

Q10 Are there local factors that restrict the growth of your business?

Yes ☐ **No** ☐

If "Yes" , what are they?

Q11 Do you think more should be done to attract passing trade into the village from the Motorway / A63?
(eg Signage on Motorway /A63 to advertise local industries/amenities
shops / pubs take aways etc)

Yes ☐ **No** ☐

If "Yes", what would you suggest?

Public Transport

Q12 How do you feel the village is served by public transport in general?

Well	Adequately	Poorly
☐	☐	☐

Q13 Do you think your business would benefit from improved public transport?

Yes	No
☐	☐

Any other comment regarding Public Transport?

Crime and Antisocial behaviour

Q14 Is your business affected by CRIME or ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR in Newport?

Yes	No
☐	☐

If "YES", in what way?

Q15 Are there any measures you would suggest to reduce Crime or Anti-Social behaviour in Newport?

Public Service Support

Q15 Are you satisfied with the level of support you receive from Public Services?

	Yes	No
Police	☐	☐
County Council	☐	☐
Parish Council	☐	☐
Others	☐	☐

If no, what improvements would you like to see

Employment

Q16 Do you have difficulty in recruiting locally?

Yes	No
☐	☐

If "YES" in what skills?

And are there any other reasons why you believe local recruitment is difficult?

Communication

Q17 Newport is already served by a number of local news magazines such as the 'Parish News' and 'Villages' magazines. Do you believe there is scope for a further 'Newport News' magazine covering a broad content

(Please tick one box)	Strongly Agree	Slightly Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Slightly disagree	Strongly disagree
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q18 Newport is in the process of producing a Village Website.

	Yes	No
Do you think this could be of benefit to your business?	☐	☐
Would you be prepared to advertise on the site?	☐	☐

General Comments (Please add any further comment you would wish to make)

Any suggestions to encourage Locals to use Local Businesses

Any suggestions of changes to the village which would improve your business and attract new customers

Any other comment or suggestions for improvements

Optional (complete if you wish)

Name of business: ……..

If you employ any local labour (resident within 5 miles), how many? ☐

Thank you again for your time and co-operation in completing this survey

A4. 3 Newport Community Appraisal Questionnaire for Young People aged 11-19 years.

About **You**,
About **Your Village**

People who live in Newport, and all the shops and businesses, are being given an opportunity to have a say about what happens in our community.

Young people like yourselves will determine the future of our village and your thoughts, hopes and wishes are important to us all.

Can you please spare a few minutes to fill-in this questionnaire and tell us what ***you*** think about Newport, what you would like to see, and what you would change in your village.

A team of people from the village are preparing a plan to ensure that everybody's views are taken into account when future decisions are being made about our community. We need people like you on the team to make sure your opinions are represented.
If you would like to join the team please put your name and a telephone number on the questionnaire and we will contact you.

Please do your best to complete the questionnaire. It shouldn't take long and a good response is essential if we are all to have a meaningful say in the future of our village.

Return your completed questionnaire to the Paper Shop as soon as possible, where there may just be a small reward as a thank you for taking part…

Frank Butler
Chairman Parish Plan Steering Committee

1. Please describe how you feel about living in Newport. What is good, what is bad?

2. Please list what clubs and activities you are aware of in Newport and the surrounding area.

3. Are you involved in any of these? If so which ones?

4. If not, what puts you off?

5. Please describe what facilities/activities you would like to see provided in Newport and the surrounding area

6. Please describe any problems you experience with accessing activities, either in the village or further away, for example transport to or from…

7. Please describe any problems you have with other residents in the village

8. Please describe any concerns you have about crime and anti social behaviour within the village

9. Please describe what developments you would like to see in Newport.

10. Any other comments you wish to make

Thank you for completing this questionnaire, it is important and it is appreciated. Please return the completed questionnaire to the paper shop.

If you would like to become more involved by representing your generation in helping us determine the Village Plan, please leave your name and a contact telephone number below or tell Dave in the Paper Shop.

A5

A5.1 PRIMARY SCHOOL RESULTS

A5.2 YOUNG PERSONS RESULTS

A5.1 NEWPORT PRIMARY SCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS

Year	Good							Bad					
	Shops	Canal	Fishing	Parks	School	Other	Comments	Road	Graffiti	Litter	Other	Comments	Comments
3							My Friends	X				Busy Road	Park needs cleaning
3	X		X		X			X		X			Ice Cream at School
3	X			X			The fish shop, park and school			X			
3							My Friends				X		Supermarket
3	X											No Banks or carwashes or mcDonalds	Clean the canal
3	X			X		X						Canal	Better Park
3	X										X	Park is too small	Need a big park and cinema
3		X		X							X	Too much rain	a KC Stadium and ships on the canal
3		X		X	X		Like the sunshine and the new crossing lights			X			More things in the park and a bigger canal
4				X		X						The fish shop closes some nights	Stones are slippery need Londis
3		X	X	X			Fishing is good in the canal	X	X	X		No cycle paths. Bins near the canal are for animals only	Cycle paths, Skate board park, Slower roads
3	X			X			Good shops and parks	X	X				Football pitch, Sweet shop, Skateboard park
3	X			X	X	X		X	X				Cinema, Football field, Skateboard park, Sweet shop, Ice arena
3	X	X			X		Crossing	X					Cinema in school hall, skateboard,

A5.1 NEWPORT PRIMARY SCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS

Year	Good							Bad					
	Shops	Canal	Fishing	Parks	School	Other	Comments	Road	Graffiti	Litter	Other	Comments	Comments
													scouts, sweet shop
3	X	X					Crossing	X					Theatre, Scouts, Ice arena, Skateboard
3	X	X				X	Crossing and takeways	X					Cinema, Skateboard park, Sweet shop, Ice arena
3							Nice and small and quiet	X				Not enough companies	Arcade and games shop
3	X	X		X			Pelican crossing	X					Scout hut, police station, library, Skate park
1	4	1		1	1	1	Nice houses	X					Skate board park, car park, slower cars, another crossing in centre
5							You can use your bike, its friendly		X	X			Cash machine, netball posts,
5	X	X					Stables			X		Up to date parks	Canal cut more often, fishing tackle shop
5		X	X						X	X			Canal cut more often, fishing tackle shop
5				X		X							More sports and tennis courts
5				X			Stables		X	X			Clothes shop, after school club
5	X	X	X	X						X			Clothes shop, Spar shop, Fruit and Veg shop
5	X								X	X			New Park with new equipment
5	X						Its small and has a crossing	X	X	X		potholes near motorway pond, and noise from motorway	New Park with new equipment, Carparks on canal side

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Year	Good							Bad					
	Shops	Canal	Fishing	Parks	School	Other	Comments	Road	Graffiti	Litter	Other	Comments	Comments
													west& fountains. Have a fair to raise money
5							Animals and bike rides			X			Pony lanes, more pooper scoopers, pony equipment shop
5							Bike rides		X			noise late at night	Cycle paths and less pubs
5							Safe environment			X	X	Canal is dirty	10 pin alley, swim baths
5							Safe environment			X	X	Canal is dirty	Fishing shop
5		X		X			Stables	X		X		Canal is dirty	More bins, steps down to canal
5							Safe clean and healthy			X			New parks and healthy shops
5	X			X	X					X			Clothes shop and litter cleaners
5	X	X		X						X		Bullies	Motor cross track
5				X			Friends			X		Bullies	More cleaners and bins and a sweet shop
5	X						Space					Nothing to do	Parks, cinema, kids football club
5													Clubs, sports, clothes, bridal paths
5							Horse riding			X	X		Shops, trampoline club, dog owners picking up mess
5							Small					No football teams	Night club, cinema, football teams, trampoline club

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Year	Good							Bad					
	Shops	Canal	Fishing	Parks	School	Other	Comments	Road	Graffiti	Litter	Other	Comments	Comments
5	X			X	X					X		No rubbish bins	Clothes shop, swimming pool, people to \be tidy
5				X	X		Riding and farms	X		X		Bullies	Toy shop
5			X						X	X		Bullies	More fishing ponds less bullies
2	X	X		X		X	Nice people, countryside & houses. New lights	X	X	X	X	Dirty canal and dog poo	Paddling pool, nice flowers, get rid of the dog poo,
4	X											Football and sports shops	Football and sports shops
4	X			X	X		Nice & quiet	X		X			Cleaner, lower speeds, wildlife information
4	X										x	No football teams	soccer pitch
4	X	X	X	X				X		X			Speed at 20mph
4	X				X			X					Toyshop
4	X							X				Park is too small	Toyshop
4					X		Healthy					Park is too small	Cinema, McDonalds, new park
5	X			X								No toyshops, dirty park	
4					X		Healthy and good			X		Park too small and for young kids	New park for older kids
4	X			X				X					Swimming Pool
4	X				X			X				Parks too small	bigger post office
4	X											No fishing shop	
4	X			X	X			X				Small PO and pubs	Park too small and crossing in centre
4	X			X				X					Library and clothes shop
4	X			X								Noise from the pubs	

A5.1 NEWPORT PRIMARY SCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS

Year	Good							Bad					
	Shops	Canal	Fishing	Parks	School	Other	Comments	Road	Graffiti	Litter	Other	Comments	Comments
4	X										X		Football pitch
4	X			X				X			X		Gym
4	X				X			X	X				More shops
4					X			X					Toys R US
4					X							No football	Football shop
4	X			X	X							No gym	Gym
4	X			X			Pelican crossing	X				Too many pubs	Bike shop and dry cleaners
4	4			X			Pelican crossing	X				Too many pubs	Bike shop

A5.2 YOUNG PERSONS SURVEY				
1. Please describe how you feel about living in Newport. What is good, what is bad?	**2. Please list what clubs and activities you are aware of in Newport and the surrounding area.**	**3. Are you involved in any of these? If so which ones?**	**4. If not, what puts you off?**	**5. Please describe what facilities/activities you would like to see provided in Newport and the surrounding area.**
I feel sad there is nothing to do.	The Youth club	No (5)	Travel	Youth Club 5
It is good, but not much to do.	Voyagers 3	Yes voyagers and I used	Not much to do	Bring back the
Never anything to do	Karate	to go to anchors	Adults	Newport football team2
I like Newport, plenty of friends around	Karate	Rugby	Not fun	Skateboard Park 2
I like living in Newport, but there is not a lot to do it's a bit boring.	Bingo 2	Kayaking	I go to scouts in Gilberdyke	Netball courts and posts 2
Newport is good because it is a small peaceful village. But I think that the speed limit should be lowered and there should be more things for young people to do e.g. skateboard park.	I do not think there are any clubs. There is a big field (rec) next to Newport school that you could play lots of games on	Voyagers	Boring	A new park or fix the old ones
			Bullying. People mess about and do things you're not allowed	I would like to see a gym so it encourages people to get fit. And I like sport
It's good	Football (gilbo)		Being bored	A bigger park
I think Newport is fine but it needs more for the kids.	Rugby club (gilbo)			Better playgrounds
Its good things are – field near by	Fit club			Cricket club
It's quite boring there's nothing to do	Gilberdyke disco			Just something for over 15's
It's good because we have lots of shops but it's bad because there's nothing to do	Voyagers, anchors,			Basketball court,
It's great, I like the park, but I do not like litter	Gilberdyke youth club and			nets on goal posts in the rec.
It's good because people say hello	scouts			Tennis courts
It is good in Newport because there is kind people but the bad thing is bully's	Hull Ionians rugby club			Scout patrol
The facilities are good for e.g. parks, pubs and sweet shop	Hull and district canoe club			Outdoor loos
I do not like that there are so many cars polluting the air	Raft race 2			
	None			

A5.2 YOUNG PERSONS SURVEY				
6. Please describe any problems you experience with accessing activities, either in the village or further away, for example transport to or from	**7. Please describe any problems you have with other residents in the village**	**8. Please describe any concerns you have about crime and anti social behaviour within the village**	**9. Please describe what developments you would like to see in Newport**	**10. Any other comments you wish to make**
My mums very tight.	Moody	None	Youth Club.	No (3)
Transport 2	Not enough kids our age	Drunken people destroying decorations.	Levelled out football pitch and rugby posts	Please make Newport less boring.
No problems	None	Anti social behaviour	Levelled out fields	The most important thing is the speed limit should be lowered.
The bus coming late to take us to school 2	Don't have any	Drunken folks	None except Mc Donald's	I think there should be more suitable playing fields for football and rugby. Also maybe a weekly youth club
The buses don't go everywhere	Things such as dogs doing their business and there owners not picking it up.	I don't like the fact that children at the bus stop chuck coins at peoples houses.	Basketball court, a new park or fix the old ones, Skateboard Park, nets on goal posts in the rec.	I would like the roads to be safer and more barriers on the edge of the path
It's further away to walk or bike	Vandalism	Graffiti (4)	A new park	
There is none to go to in Newport the nearest scouts is Gilberdyke	The man next door to --- on the right	Graffiti in the park, (but if people think it is theirs then they won't do it).	Tennis courts	I think this questionnaire is a good idea
I want the bridge taking down	They call the police on us for the ball going in her garden	There are quite a few yobs that swear and vandalise sometimes	I would like a new swimming centre	I think there could be more activities
I hate it when people smoke everywhere it's awful	Children pushing each other through hedges belonging to my neighbours	The police do not have any presence in the village	Netball nets and more clubs	
To school (and home)	no	Egg chucking	A bigger rec	
		I am concerned about people kicking footballs at windows and people playing knock a door and run	The bridge taking down	
			Skate Park	

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2001 CENSUS DATA

EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

2001 Census Area Profiles

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Parish Name: Newport **Size in hectares:** 1059.913

Residents

Males:	776	50.5%
Females:	762	49.5%
Total:	1538	

Age Profile

Age 0 - 4:	82	5.3%
Age 5 - 15:	246	16.0%
Age 16 - 24:	122	7.9%
Age 25 - 44:	468	30.4%
Age 45 - 64:	396	25.7%
Age 65 - 74:	138	9.0%
Age 75 plus:	86	5.6%
Total:	1538	

Ethnicity

White

British:	1512
Irish:	3
Other White:	6
Total:	1521

Asian or Asian British

Indian:	3
Pakistani:	0
Bangladeshi:	0
Other Asian:	0
Total:	3

Chinese or Other Ethnic Group

Chinese:	6
Other Ethnic Group:	0
Total:	6

Mixed

White and Black Caribbean:	0
White and Black African:	3
White and Asian:	0
Other Mixed:	0
Total:	3

Black or Black British

Black Caribbean:	0
Black African:	7
Other Black:	0
Total:	7

Households

All households:	640
One Person Household - Pensioner:	72
One Person Household - Other:	88
Occupancy rating -1 or less:	18

Average household size:	2.4
Lone parents in part-time employment:	24
Lone parents in full-time employment:	10

Households with dependent children and no adult in employment:	13
Households with central heating and sole use of bath/shower:	603
Lone parent households with dependent children:	43

Households renting from Council:	51
Households renting from private landlord:	55
Owner-occupied households:	534

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Economic Activity

	Male		Female		Total
Residents aged 16 to 74:	560	*49.8%*	564	*50.2%*	1124
Economically active; employed:	423	*55.7%*	337	*44.3%*	760
Economically active; unemployed:	12	*57.1%*	9	*42.9%*	21
Economically inactive:	116	*35.5%*	211	*64.5%*	327

Cars and Vans in the Area

All cars or vans in the area:	878
Number of households without a car or van:	81
Number of households with one car or van:	321
Number of households with 2 cars or vans:	184
Number of households with 3 or more cars or vans:	54

Residents in Employment aged 16 to 74

Average hours worked by males:	45.12	Average distance of travel to work in km	18.65
Average hours worked by females:	31.58	Travel to work by public transport:	22
Employed in extractive and manufacturing industries:	258	Travel to work by motorcycle/car/van:	603
Employed in service industries:	517	Travel to work by other means/work at home:	150

Population Characteristics

Divorced or widowed:	168
People with a limiting long-term illness:	249
People with good health:	1098
People providing unpaid care:	165

Dwellings

The total number of dwellings:	658
Detached houses and bungalows:	235
Semi-detached/ terraced houses and bungalows:	406
Flat/maisonette/apartment/caravan:	17

National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC) - Residents aged 16 to 74

Managerial and professional occupations:	267	Never worked and long-term unemployed:	13
Intermediate occupations:	99		
Small employers and own-account workers:	101	Not classified:	254
Lower supervisory and technical occupations:	102		
Semi-routine and routine occupations:	288		

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Qualifications (residents aged 16 to 74)

Level 1: 1+ 'O' level passes, 1+ CSE/GCSE any grade, NVQ level 1, Foundation GNVQ	Level 2: 5+ 'O' level passes, 5+ CSEs (grade 1), 5+ GCSEs (grades A-C), School Certificate, 1+ 'A' levels/AS levels, NVQ level 2, Intermediate GNVQ	Level 3: 2+ 'A' levels, 4+ AS levels, Higher School Certificate, NVQ level 3, Advanced GNVQ	Level 4/5: First degree, Higher degree, NVQ levels 4 and 5, HNC, HND, Qualified Teacher status, Qualified Medical Doctor, Qualified Dentist, Qualified Nurse, Midwife, Health Visitor

Residents without a qualification or highest qualification at level 1:	660 *58.7%*	Residents with a highest qualification at level 2:	244 *21.7%*	Residents with highest qualifications at level 3, 4 or 5:	220 *19.6%*

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IMAGES of NEWPORT

Once a year the tranquil waters of the canal are disturbed by the Raft Race – An annual village event dating back to the 1920s and held on the August Bank-Holiday weekend.
Competing teams construct rafts and vie for first prize in a race where no holds are barred in a race down the canal. Observers are positively encouraged to add to the chaos by disrupting rafters' efforts by flour–bombing whilst residents from alongside the canal prefer the hosepipe as weapon of choice!

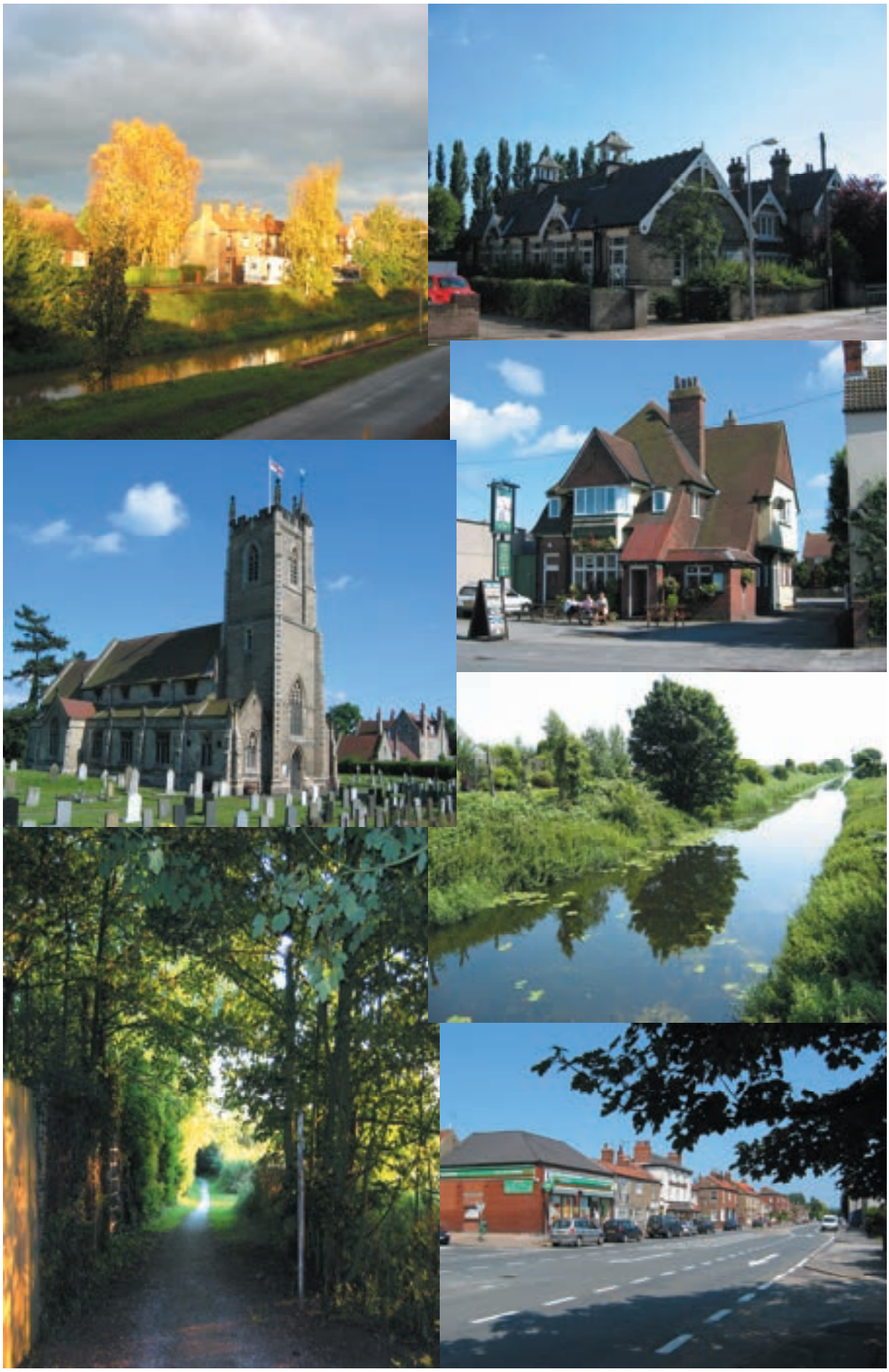
Rafters get a dousing whilst negotiating the pole at the finishing –line

The Victorian postbox at Sandholme Landing is still in daily use - albeit apparently temporarily occupied in this photograph.

Party – goers get down to some serious business at the Newport Summer Ball 2005

Newport Cricket Team in action. The new pavilion provides the backdrop

Newport Annual Gymkhana 2005



Cow Bridge ½
Sandholme 1½
Sandholme Landing ¼
Newport ½

Johnny Haddock's

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