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Good morning,

Although I have commented on the proposed Local Plan as an individual, I do so now on behalf of a number of Ashkirk residents who responded to an anonymous survey and other research conducted to inform the Lilliesleaf, Ashkirk and Midlem Community Council (CC) response.

It may be that these comments have been included in the CC response but due to an administrative oversight we cannot be certain so are sending this additional contribution.

The survey results, with some interpretation, are attached.

A deduction is that the narrative proposed for Ashkirk Village may need to be adjusted to reflect the consensus that the centre of the village is around the Hall/Garage; therefore it might be said that The Woll Estate and the church form important, but nonetheless, satellites. This has to be balanced against a majority supporting the description of the character of the village.

Undoubtedly the best outcome would be a direct consultation by planning officers with the Ashkirk Community or our representatives regarding the narrative and also the Cransfield Road development. If I can help facilitate this please let me know.

Kind regards,

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ASHKIRK COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Introduction:

The opinion of the Local Community in Ashkirk to the Scottish Borders Local Development Plan has been sought through several mediums, including individual conversations, through the Ashkirk Village Hall Newsletter which is circulated to some 60 email addresses and through Survey Monkey. The most successful was the survey which elicited some 30 responses resulting in a 50% response rate of those surveyed.

Results of the Survey:

ASHKIRK SURVEY 20/1/20 30 responses (ex Q4)

Q1 VILLAGE CENTRE

VILLAGE HALL	15
GARAGE/SMIDDY	11
ELSEWHERE	4

As the majority of respondents favoured the Village Hall/Smiddy Area and as they are close together this would seem to firmly define what most residents view as the natural centre of the village

Q2 CHARACTER OF ASHKIRK

Y	20
N	8
DK	2

Overwhelmingly in agreement with the LDP

Q3 TWO DISTINCT AREAS

Y 13
N 14
DK 3

Evenly split with regard to keeping the two distinct areas of village and the Woll Estate

Q4 CRANSFIELD DEVELOPMENT AND SAFEGUARDING (only 29 responses)

Y 13
N 10
DK 6

Although there is no clear majority for supporting the LDP in this, individuals have commented that they want to commitment for this development to go forward as a whole and not on a piecemeal basis and that the current planning restrictions should be adhered to.

Q5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Y 15
N 15
DK 0

On the question that should the LDP assist in the provision of affordable housing, opinion was evenly split, but an individual response supported the provision strongly.

Q6 AMENITY SPACE

Y 22
N 8
DK 0

The question asked whether the LDP should assist in the provision of an amenity space e.g., Village Green or Allotments and the overwhelming response was affirmative. Individuals have already pressed the Council for the rovision of a Community Allotment.

Further Comments

As any future development is centered around Cransfield Drive which will result in the development bordering the Village Hall it would seem logical to create Amenity Space in this immediate area. In addition, there is currently a problem of flooding at the Hall caused by poor field drainage and this could be addressed at the same time.



