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Thank you very much for your responses to the recent Neighbourhood Planning Questionnaire and for sharing your thoughts and comments with us which will form the basis of the Fordwich Neighbourhood Plan.

We are delighted with a total of 169 responses from the community of Fordwich, which was a response rate of more than 40%.

What did you say?

## Likes

Your top 3 answers account for 74% of the total

1. Countryside 34%
2. Our community 21%
3. Historic and architecture 19%

Also mentioned... Amenities and Pubs

## Dislikes

Your top 3 answers account for 64%

1. Traffic problems 42%
2. Parking problems 13%
3. Visitor impact 9%

Also mentioned Litter, Flooding and Development



## **The Future... what are your concerns for Fordwich for the next 10-15 years?**

23% of respondents would like Fordwich to remain as it is and another 22% would like to see the traffic problems improve... and 12% of respondents would like to ensure that the countryside around us is protected.

### **Development**

47% of respondents said that they would be prepared to see some development within the parish boundary and this rose to 54% on condition that certain measures were met... traffic, infrastructure and flooding concerns.

36% of the respondents did not want any further development to take place in Fordwich.

### **Improvements How would you like to see the natural environment, traffic and transport improved**

Respondents would like to see improved maintenance of the countryside... footpaths and the river. 44% of respondents would like the rat-run through traffic problems improved for Fordwich... suggestions included a bypass, one way system, tolls, limited access to the town centre.

11% suggested improvements to parking through providing parking for visitors and businesses, promote public transport.

### **Services and Businesses... how would you like to see leisure, community and business services improved**

Interestingly there was a real feel for a local shop/community store or cafe... and there was also good support for our 2 pubs/restaurants, but 30% of respondents did not want any further commercial or business development within Fordwich.



## CONCERNS FOR THE FUTURE

Your concerns for the future are centred around development and planning, traffic and protecting and maintaining the countryside.

## NEXT STAGE

Our job is to write a vision for Fordwich based on these responses and develop objectives that will help us achieve this vision through the Fordwich Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2040 will then put forward some policies and projects for you to consider that we hope will address your concerns, hopes and suggestions.

Towards the end of 2022 we will be consulting with the community of Fordwich again. We are launching our new website in February 2022 and the full report from this questionnaire will be available on the website [www.fordwichnp.org](http://www.fordwichnp.org)

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If you would like to come along and discuss the results informally and talk about the next steps. We will be available on Monday 14th February at 2pm or Thursday 17th February at 7pm at The Old School Hall, School Lane... Please e-mail [info@fordwichnp.org](mailto:info@fordwichnp.org) or call Sue 07738934743 to let us know you are coming.