

# The Grovehill Future Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement

## Appendix 6: Issues and Options Consultation

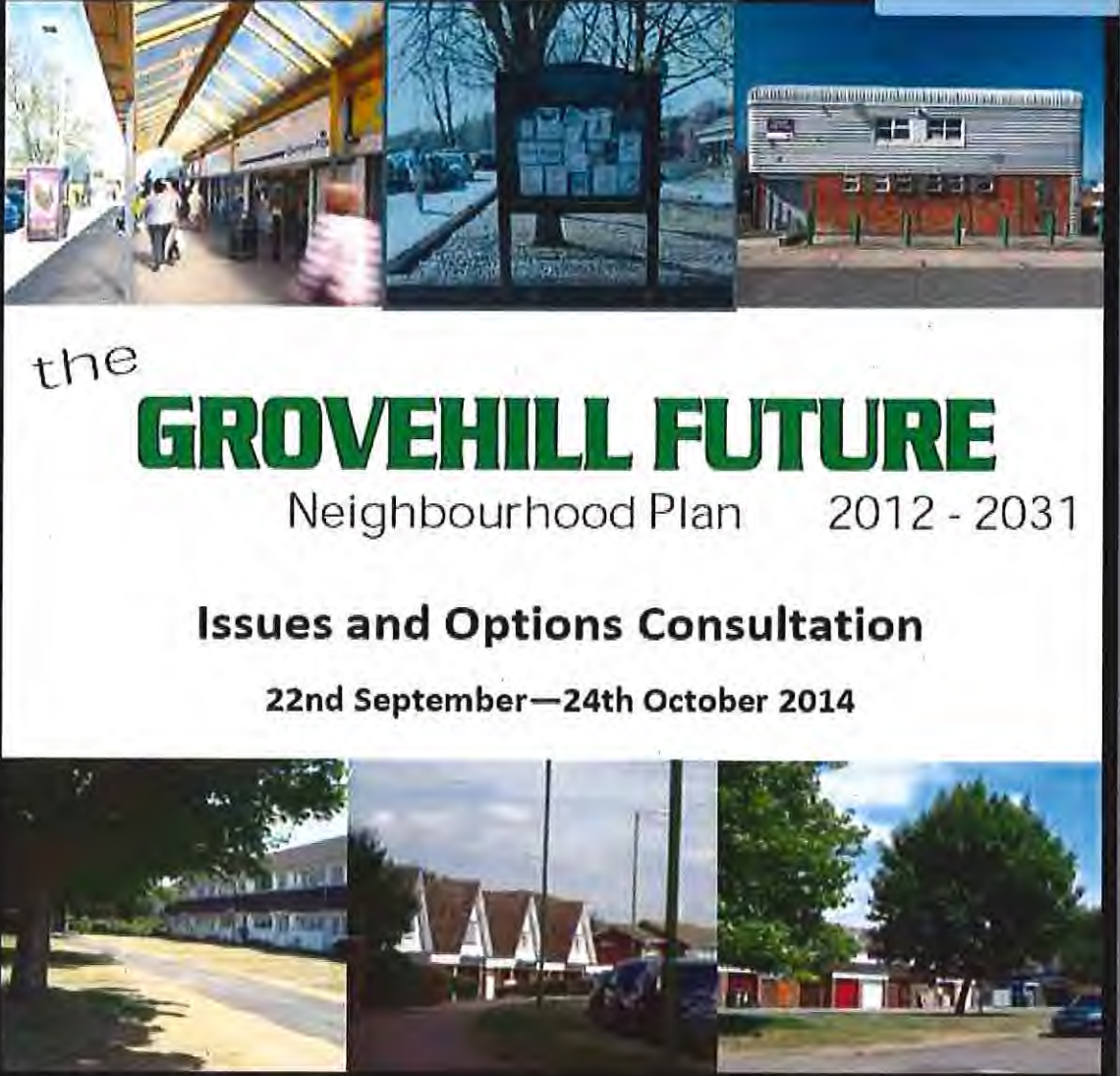
March 2017



2016-2031

**GROVEHILL FUTURE**

**Don't miss out on having your say about the future of Grovehill.**



the  
**GROVEHILL FUTURE**  
Neighbourhood Plan 2012 - 2031

**Issues and Options Consultation**  
22nd September—24th October 2014

Please make sure you complete and return your copy of the consultation booklet by 24 October.

If a copy has not been delivered to your home or business please email [grovehillfuture@dacorum.gov.uk](mailto:grovehillfuture@dacorum.gov.uk) or call

Jo Deacon on 01442 228366 or  
Emma Cooper on 01442 228352.



the

# GROVEHILL FUTURE

*project*

## Community Engagement Press Release

### Grovehill Future Project – Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

The Grovehill Future Neighbourhood Forum has produced a brochure outlining its aspirations for any future development in the Grovehill area. The brochure sets out a series of issues with various options pertaining to each issue. The Neighbourhood Forum would like all of the people of Grovehill to give their opinion on each option so that the Neighbourhood Plan will reflect the views and preferences of as many Grovehill people as possible.

It is the intention to send out the brochure to every household and business in Grovehill and to ask recipients to indicate their preferred options in the enclosed form and return in the prepaid envelope.

Brochures will be sent out towards the end of September and following receipt of all responses, the Grovehill Future Neighbourhood Forum will collate the answers and incorporate the preferences into the Neighbourhood Plan document.

In due course the residents of Grovehill will have the opportunity to say YES or NO to the formal adoption of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

Mike Devlin, Chair Grovehill Future Neighbourhood Forum

**For further information and to keep up to date with the latest Neighbourhood Plan updates:**

[www.grovehillfutureproject.co.uk](http://www.grovehillfutureproject.co.uk)

[www.twitter.com/grovehillfuture](http://www.twitter.com/grovehillfuture)

[www.facebook.com/grovehillsfuture](http://www.facebook.com/grovehillsfuture)

e-mail: [grovehillfuture@dacorum.gov.uk](mailto:grovehillfuture@dacorum.gov.uk)

**Jo Deacon**

01442 228366

**Emma Cooper**

01442 228352

←-----→

For Media/Press enquiries please contact James Garrett at Community Engagement Consultants

[www.communityengagementconsultants.co.uk](http://www.communityengagementconsultants.co.uk)

[info@communityengagementconsultants.co.uk](mailto:info@communityengagementconsultants.co.uk)

01279 883 270

**Jo Deacon**

---

**Subject:** FW: Consultation starts today!

-----Original Message-----

From: Jo Deacon

Sent: 25 September 2014 08:51

To: Grovehill Future Group

Subject: RE: Consultation starts today!

Hi All,

Just to make you all aware in case you have concerns regarding the consultation that it was the intention to reach the people of Grovehill for their views and we arranged for this to go to residents, businesses and anyone with a connection/use/work within Grovehill (to make sure we engaged as best we can for the examination) so we have personally delivered hardcopies to every household in the red line boundary and will shortly deliver to every business we have listed. But in order to reach other users we will of course end up interacting with those that don't live in the area i.e. parents of pupils of the local school, community centre users (incl me) and therefore there will be copies that make their way to other parts of Hemel, but as a user they still have a say.

It is early days, so we should perhaps monitor this before we get too concerned that 'loads of copies have go astray' - at present we know that they can only be from those that were delivered - plus it show that people are talking about us.

We will monitor any issues and learn for next time if it proves to be problem.

Many thanks, I will keep you updated.

Jo Deacon

Strategic Planning and Regeneration Officer (Bus Interchange & Market Square) Hemel Evolution Team Strategic Planning and Regeneration

01442 228366

## **Developing Issues and Options for the Grovehill Futures Neighbourhood Plan**

### **Draft workshop programme, 3 February 2014, 6:30**

#### **Aims of the workshop:**

- To update/confirm the Grovehill Vision
- To update/confirm the themes for the Grovehill NP
- To provide clarity with respect to the strategic policy context and other issues setting the context for the Grovehill NP.
- To help the group prepare Issues and Options ready for consultation.

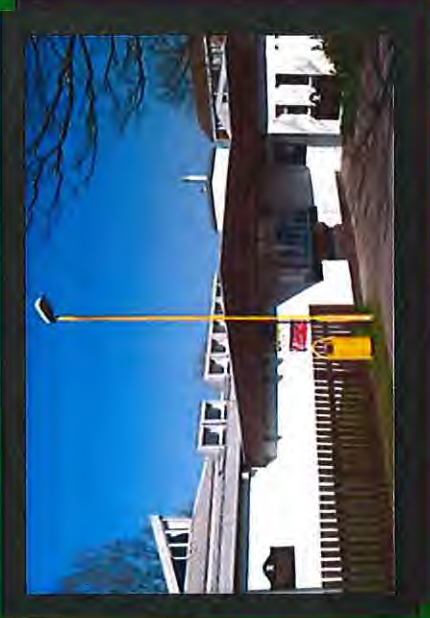
#### **Structure of the workshop:**

- 2.5 hours in total
- Introductions and welcome (5 minutes)
- PAE presentation: The purpose of developing Issues and Options for your Neighbourhood Plan. The importance of preparing these under your agreed Vision and Objectives for the NP. (15 minutes) **6:50**
- The Grovehill Vision Statement. Discussion on any changes needed (10 minutes) **7:00pm**
- PAE presentation. Wider context to Grovehill NP. E.g. Planning Policy strategic policy context, Marchmont Farm. Henry Wells Square Regeneration Opportunity (10 minutes) **7:10pm**
- Workshop 1 – Establishing the key issues (and their scope) to be addressed in the NP. 30 minutes **7:10 – 7:40**
- \*\*\*\*\***Tea Break 10 mins**\*\*\*\*\*
- PAE presentation. Presenting themes and options to the community. (10 minutes) **8:05**
- Workshop 2 – Exploring options under the each Issues (30 minutes) **8:35**
- All together. Agreeing an Action Plan. **8:35 – 8:50**

#### **Preparatory work for participants**

- Familiarise yourself with the neighbourhood plan area
- Remind yourself of the content of Grovehill Future Vision and Themes
- Read (and add to ) the notes on the strategic policy context – to be circulated by Rachel week ending 24 Jan
- Read notes (and add to) on the key evidence base/key documents.





the

# GROVEHILL FUTURE

Neighbourhood Plan 2012 - 2031

**Issues and Options Consultation**

**22nd September — 24th October 2014**







Welcome to the Grovehill Future Forum consultation brochure.

The Forum members have put together lots of ideas about how to improve Grovehill for everyone's benefit. Now we need to get the opinions of everyone else in Grovehill to make sure that our Neighbourhood Plan really does reflect the views of the wider community.

Grovehill is a good place to live, let's make it even better.

If you want to be involved with the Forum, get in contact with us or come to one of our monthly meetings—full contact information is on page 18 of this brochure.

Thank you for your participation,

Mike Devlin, Chair, Grovehill Future Forum

## Contents

<b>Section 1 - Introduction</b> .....	5
About us.....	5
About this Survey.....	5
About Neighbourhood Plans.....	5
About Our Vision.....	6
Our Neighbourhood Plan Roadmap.....	6
Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan Vision Map.....	7
<b>Section 2 - Henry Wells Square</b> .....	8
Introduction.....	8
Development Principles.....	9
Option A) - Redevelopment.....	10
Option B) - Refurbishment.....	11
<b>Section 3 - Connectivity &amp; Public Realm</b> .....	12
General Considerations.....	12
Garage Blocks.....	13
Public Space Amenities.....	14
<b>Section 4 - Housing Developments</b> .....	15
<b>Section 5 - Other Comments and Ideas?</b> .....	16
<b>Diversity and Equality Form</b> .....	17
<b>Contact information</b> .....	18



Thank you for taking the time to fill in this consultation form.

The information you provide will help us make sure that the Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan will take account of the needs and preferences of all the people who live and work in Grovehill.

All the personal information you provide will be kept confidential in accordance with Data Protection Act 1998. Once the information is no longer needed or the Neighbourhood Plan has passed referendum, we will be disposing of the data in a safe way.

**The results of our consultation will be made public on our website and Facebook and Twitter pages, as well as through e-mail notifications.**

Should you wish to register for e-mail notifications about the results of this consultation and other important events and information relating to the Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan, please provide your e-mail in the form on page 18.

The consultation will run between 22nd September and 24th October.

Please mark your comments and post form using the Freepost envelope provided (for lost envelopes see page 18)  
Or leave your form at the Community Centre reception (drop through letterbox if closed)  
If you'd like extra copies of this form to, please contact us by email or telephone.

Contact us:

[www.grovehillfutureproject.co.uk](http://www.grovehillfutureproject.co.uk)

[www.twitter.com/grovehillfuture](https://www.twitter.com/grovehillfuture)

[www.facebook.com/grovehillfuture](https://www.facebook.com/grovehillfuture)

e-mail: [grovehillfuture@dacorum.gov.uk](mailto:grovehillfuture@dacorum.gov.uk)

Jo Deacon

Emma Cooper

01442 228366

01442 228352





## Section 1 - Introduction

### About us

Grovehill Future Neighbourhood Forum was formed in 2011 by members of the local community and businesses to lead on the Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan. It is supported by Dacorum Borough Council as well as other organizations like Planning Aid England and Design Council CAFE.

Through the Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan we will identify facilities, housing, services, transport, access, parking and environmental improvements. We will set planning policies for the development and use of land within Grovehill and create a vision and plan for regenerating Henry Wells Square and surrounding area.

## About This Survey

The “Issues and Options” is a compilation of ideas and objectives that we have identified through workshops and consultations work in the past months. They will inform the policies in the Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan. This is why we believe it is important to ask your opinion at this stage to make sure that the Plan policies match the views of our Community.

Three main themes were identified to be pursued in the Plan:

- Henry Wells Square regeneration
- Connectivity and Public Realm, and
- Housing Developments

They are detailed in the following sections, along with a series of questions asking your views on our proposals, as well as giving you the opportunity to provide your own ideas.

Your reply to this survey is very important for us to ensure that we are on the right track as we move forward to writing the policies of the Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan, and to secure its success at Referendum.

## About Neighbourhood Plans

Neighbourhood plans focus on the needs of a local area and give residents, the opportunity to improve and shape the place in which they live, work, shop and go to school.

Neighbourhood plans are led by local people. They set out how much housing the area will need in the future and how the neighbourhood shopping centre, local services and facilities may need to develop and improve.

Neighbourhood plans can be powerful documents that sit alongside the Council’s planning policies and plans. To be adopted by Dacorum Borough Council as local policy, the completed plan must be agreed by local people and be in line with national and local planning policies and guidance.

For more information on Neighbourhood Planning Visit:

[www.ourneighbourhoodplanning.org.uk](http://www.ourneighbourhoodplanning.org.uk)

or

[www.locality.org.uk](http://www.locality.org.uk)





Copyright Design Council Cabé

## About our vision

Our vision has emerged from the results of the consultation with the attendees at the Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan launch day in December 2011. Over 100 people attended and many completed a survey form or contributed comments. People were asked what they liked best about living or working in Grovehill, what they disliked, what they would change, what features they definitely wanted to keep and what their vision was for Grovehill. From all of those responses the Steering Group formed the Vision Statement.

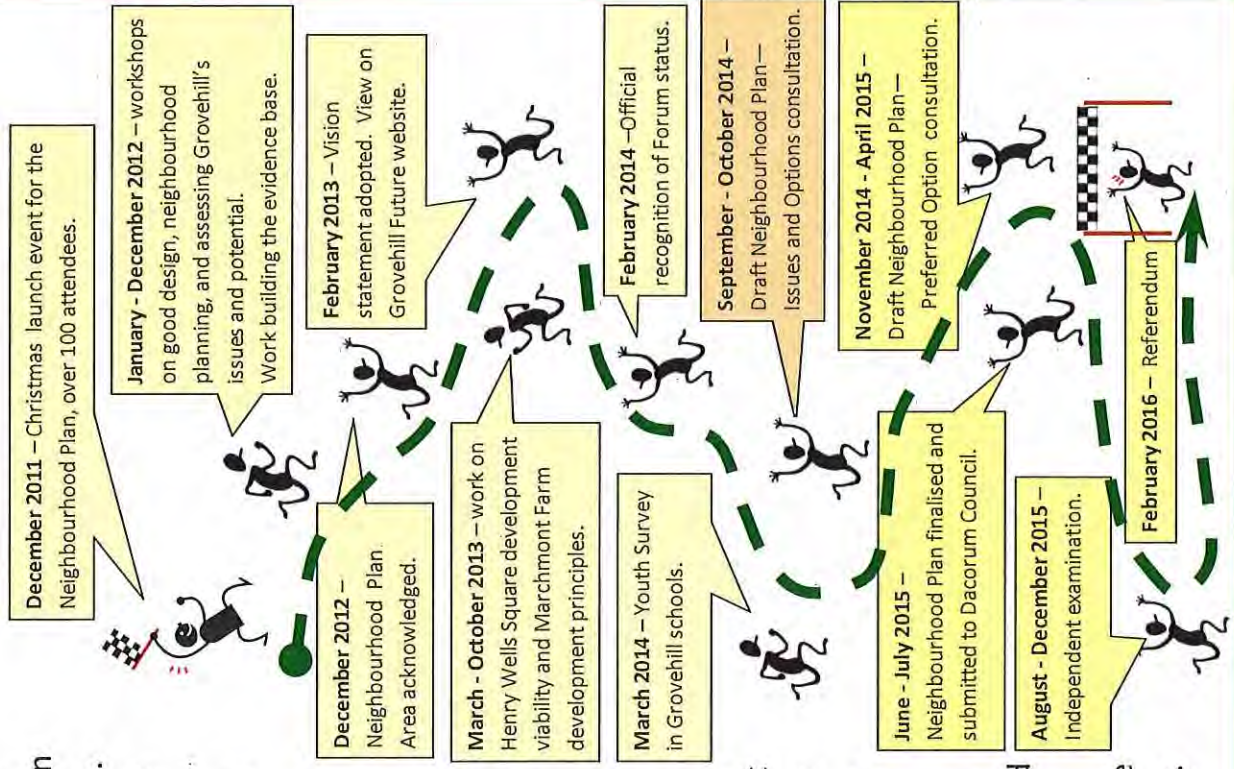
To view the full document visit our website [www.grovehillfutureproject.co.uk](http://www.grovehillfutureproject.co.uk) and click 'Future project vision' in the side menu.

## Our Neighbourhood Plan Roadmap

The Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan builds on the strategic views set out in Dacorum's Core Strategy 2012 - 2031. It is meant to complement its policies by adding detail that is strategically important and sensible for Grovehill.

The Issues and Options is the first in a series of stages that will help us shape the policies in our Neighbourhood Plan. The results will help us produce a Draft Neighbourhood Plan that we will then bring back to you for feedback. Once we believe we have reached a final version, it will be turned in to Dacorum Council who will publicise it one more time before it is handed to an appointed independent examiner for consideration.

After the examination report, any recommended changes are made and the Plan then goes to referendum where everyone in Grovehill will have the opportunity to vote to approve it.





# Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan

## Vision Map

Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan Area

Green Spaces

Wildlife Corridor

Areas for Improvement

Possible Development Area

Child Play area

Schools

Main Entrance Points

Pedestrian Routes for improvement



Locals and visitors alike will be easily able to navigate their way through Grovehill and Henry Wells Square, providing safe and accessible routes, balancing the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

The green spaces will be enhanced, valued and protected.

There will be facilities for all ages, from young people to elderly residents. Children and the youth of the community will enjoy safe spaces to play, with a range of indoor and outdoor.

The houses will be of good quality, spacious, energy efficient and secure, and designed to fit into its street setting, with larger front gardens.

New development will complement and integrate with the existing community.

Our community centre will be in a high-quality building with improved facilities, welcoming and open to all.

We would like Henry Wells Square to be well lit, safe and attractive, this could include good lighting, facilities, seating and signage. We would also like to see a wide range of shops.

© Crown Copyright. All rights reserved.  
 Dacorum Borough Council  
 Licence No: 100019335-2013





Copyright Design Council Cabe

## Section 2 - Henry Wells Square

### - Introduction -

The Grovehill Future Forum is considering possible options for the improvement of Henry Wells Square and its close surrounds. For this, a series of workshops and walkabouts were held in spring 2012, in collaboration with Dacorum Council and Design Council CABE. Possible options that were considered are either:

- a) to completely redevelop the area, i.e. demolition and rebuild new shops, community and health facilities and some housing or
- b) to update and refurbish, with the possibility of some infill development.

The project would be funded by developers, directly as well as indirectly through planning charges. Improvements to facilities would be paid for by the economic value created by extra buildings, e.g. more shops, business premises or houses.

There will be advantages and disadvantages of each option and we summarise these, as we see them, below. More details about the possible developments under each option is given in the following pages.

Which of the options would you prefer:

a) Redevelopment

b) Refurbishment

	a) Redevelopment	b) Refurbishment
<b>Pros</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best opportunity to greatly improve appearance and achieve more efficient use of space;</li> <li>• Provide a new, more diverse shopping centre, with more retail spaces.</li> <li>• Opportunity for new housing (perhaps 140 units) and new small business spaces;</li> <li>• Higher density is better for increased retail viability and more reliable public transport services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheaper option that may be available in the sort to medium term, should enough public funding be available from Dacorum Borough Council or planning charges from smaller developments in the neighbourhood area;</li> <li>• Can be implemented with less disruption to businesses.</li> </ul>
<b>Cons</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only possible in the long term, so nothing would be done for several years;</li> <li>• Expensive to achieve, rents may rise as land value will increase;</li> <li>• Will require a period of disruption with careful phasing of developments;</li> <li>• Pressure on car park spaces from increased population density in the area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missed opportunity for complete transformation that can be achieved with the help of a developer;</li> <li>• Less attractive proposition for potential developers;</li> <li>• Improvement will be limited.</li> </ul>





Copyright Design Council Cabe

## - Development Principles -

We want Grovehill to be a welcoming, vibrant and busy place to live, work and enjoy.

We would like Henry Wells Square to be safe and attractive, incorporating good facilities, seating, clear signage and pleasant lighting.

Our community centre will be in a high-quality building with improved facilities, welcoming and open to all.

First we set out more details about the possible principles for development, be it redevelopment or refurbishment. We ask you to rank each of the points according to how much you agree or disagree with the proposal.

*Henry Wells Square will be identified in the Neighbourhood Plan as a development opportunity so that it may be improved. The following guidance and principles are considered important:*

Please give us your opinion on the proposals by circling a number between 1 and 6 for each proposal; 6 being agree strongly and 1 being disagree strongly:

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---



1) Retain all medical facilities, i.e. doctor's surgery, dentist, health clinic and pharmacy

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---



2) Facilities specifically for young people

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---



3) Improve paving surfaces

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---



4) Improve signposting

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---



5) Relocate the community centre to a more prominent position

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---



6) Provide premises for small businesses

7) Other development guidance, please give details of what you would like us to consider.

---



---



---





Copyright Design Council Cabé

### - Option A) Redevelopment -

Grovehill Future Forum held a workshop to examine the viability of redeveloping Henry Wells Square. Two planning and development experts attended the workshop to guide us through the possibilities and, with their help, we were able to draft general design options, and estimate the rebuild costs and the commercial value of new retail outlets and housing. It became clear that, in order to generate sufficient finance for the redevelopment, building density would need to be slightly higher than present. There could be shops at ground level and two or more storeys of flats above, as is the case in other shopping centres in the town. The redevelopment would provide improved access roads and parking.

*If Henry Wells Square and the surrounds are to be completely redeveloped, the following will be expected from the resulting development:*

Please give us your opinion on the proposals by circling a number between 1 and 6 for each proposal; 6 being agree strongly and 1 being disagree strongly:

👍	6	5	4	3	2	1	👎
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

8) Incorporate new housing (to help fund the project)

👍	6	5	4	3	2	1	👎
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

9) Locate all medical facilities in one building

👍	6	5	4	3	2	1	👎
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

10) Include development of the area to the rear of the shops (the area around the youth club)

👍	6	5	4	3	2	1	👎
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

11) Relocate the community centre to a more prominent position

👍	6	5	4	3	2	1	👎
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

12) Provide premises for small businesses and start-ups

13) Other development opportunities under the redevelopment scenario, please give details of what you would like us to consider

---



---



---



---





Copyright Design Council Cabé

### - Option B) Refurbishment -

Refurbishment offers a limited opportunity to give the square a “facelift”. Some funds may be available from small scale development, like at the back of the square, around Stevenage Rise, where the servicing and garage area can be more efficiently used. Funds from this and other small developments could be used for improving paving and car park surfaces and lighting around the square. We would also hope to provide improved signage to the various health facilities, community centre, church and youth club and maybe some outdoor seating.

*If Henry Wells Square is to be refurbished, the following will be expected from the resulting development:*

Please give us your opinion on the proposals by circling a number between 1 and 6 for each proposal; 6 being agree strongly and 1 being disagree strongly:

👍 

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

 👎

14) Improve paving

👍 

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

 👎

15) Improve car park surfacing

👍 

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

 👎

16) Upgrade lighting

👍 

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

 👎

17) Improve signposting

👍 

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

 👎

18) Improved outdoor sitting arrangements

👍 

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

 👎

19) Consider redevelopment of the area around Stevenage Rise, where garages are.

👍 

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

 👎

20) Improved access and movement

21) Other development opportunities under the refurbishment scenario, please give details of what you would like us to consider

---



---



---



---





Copyright Design Council-Cabe

## Section 3 - Connectivity &

### Public Realm

#### - General Considerations -

Grovehill was designed for the most part with a modern grid, in favour of the car with every house having access to parking or a garage. The layout also includes an extensive network of off-street pathways that are now underused.

We want locals and visitors alike to be able to easily navigate their way through Grovehill and Henry Wells Square, with safe, accessible, and well-signed routes, balancing the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.

*The pathway network will be welcoming and easy to use, promoting active travel and providing a network of public spaces that will reinforce our sense of community.*

Please give us your opinion on the proposals by circling a number between 1 and 6 for each proposal; 6 being agree strongly and 1 being disagree strongly:

22. Where needed, we will correct pathways to make the routes easier to navigate.

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

23. Well-designed, shared cycle routes will be created to form a continuous network, with links throughout Grovehill and to the wider regional cycle network (e.g. The Nicky Line).

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

24. Where practicable, we will remove unpopular underpasses and install street level crossings.

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

25. Signage throughout the pathway network will direct people to Henry Wells Square, schools and other community facilities, as well as towards countryside leisure routes.

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

Types of signage we could use:

- Sign posts
- Maps
- On pavement paint

6	5	4	3	2	1
6	5	4	3	2	1
6	5	4	3	2	1

26. Other proposals. Please state what other options you would like us to consider

---



---





Copyright: Grovehill Future

### - Garage Blocks -

We will welcome a better management of the garage blocks to improve the safety and amenity of our public realm. The garage blocks cover a large extent of our public areas. They lack natural surveillance or proper lighting. In addition, a large amount of the units are currently used as storage, vacant, or derelict, providing us with an opportunity to do something to better utilise these spaces for our community.

*We will work with Dacorum Borough Council on a project to rationalise garage blocks in Grovehill, when and where the opportunities arise. The following principles should guide our approach:*

Please give us your opinion on the proposals by circling a number between 1 and 6 for each proposal; 6 being agree strongly and 1 being disagree strongly:

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

👍

27. Where garages are preferred, they will be of appropriate size for modern cars.

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

👍

28. Reduce the number of garage blocks and consolidate the required garages into a smaller number of blocks. If some garage blocks were to be removed we should use the reclaimed space for:

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

👍

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

👍

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

👍

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

👍

- Open car parking
- Children's play areas
- Open public space
- New housing
- Other built facilities—what

would you like to see (e.g. office spaces, community facility?)

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

👍

29. Install CCTV to oversee garage blocks where natural surveillance is not possible.

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

👍

30. In new developments, level parking is preferable to garages.





## - Public and Green Space Amenities -

Open spaces were an important topic in our consultation events, with everyone agreeing that the green environment of Grovehill is part of what makes it such a great place to live. Therefore, we will seek to protect and enhance our open and green spaces and we will require new developments to add to the quality of green spaces and enhance provision where possible.

Our public spaces will be safe, welcoming, vibrant community places, providing activities for all age groups, comfortable seating, and artwork.

*Open spaces are very important to the Grovehill community. We will direct funding to public space improvements, whenever possible, and improve the value of our public amenities.*

Please give us your opinion on the proposals by circling a number between 1 and 6 for each proposal; 6 being agree strongly and 1 being disagree strongly:

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---



31. Install environmentally sensitive lighting to provide safe and secure off-road routes.

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---



32. Support the installation of artwork and temporary public exhibitions from local artists and other groups, in public spaces.

6	5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---	---



33. Provide adequate and high quality public space furniture for the main public areas and along important routes:

6	5	4	3	2	1
6	5	4	3	2	1
6	5	4	3	2	1
6	5	4	3	2	1
6	5	4	3	2	1
6	5	4	3	2	1



- Benches
- Covered areas
- Water features
- Picnic tables
- Skate park for youth
- Children playgrounds
- Other features, give example

34. Other proposals. Please state what other options you would like us to consider

---



---



---





## Section 4

### Housing Developments

The Neighbourhood Plan will allow us all to have our say about the design principles of new housing developments, beyond those stated in Dacorum's Core Strategy. Dacorum Council has a responsibility to provide new homes, and Marchmont Farm is identified as a likely site for 300 homes. Additionally, Henry Wells Square and other parts of Grovehill can embrace smaller developments.

We believe that housing should be of good quality design and use the best of materials possible, as well as make use of modern technologies and design principles for energy efficiency. Developments should integrate well with their surroundings and strengthen the character of footpaths, cycleway and shared amenities.

*New developments will complement and integrate with the existing community. Houses will be of good quality design and materials, and complying to modern energy efficiency design.*

Please give us your opinion on the proposals by circling a number between 1 and 6 for each proposal; 6 being agree strongly and 1 being disagree strongly:

👍	6	5	4	3	2	1	👎
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

35. New houses will be designed to be energy efficient (A to C ratings)

👍	6	5	4	3	2	1	👎
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

36. We need smaller starter homes

👍	6	5	4	3	2	1	👎
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

37. We need larger family homes

👍	6	5	4	3	2	1	👎
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

38. We need homes suitable for the elderly

👍	6	5	4	3	2	1	👎
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

39. New developments that combine living and small-scale employment space will be encouraged, provided there is no adverse effect on the character and amenity of nearby residential areas.

👍	6	5	4	3	2	1	👎
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

40. New development will integrate with the existing neighbourhood through strengthened footpaths, cycle ways and shared facilities.

41. Other proposals. Please give details.

---



---







## Diversity and Equality Form:

The following equality questions are completely optional but your answers help us ensure that our consultations are representative and the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the views of all resident groups living in Grovehill.

How large is your household? Please write a number in the corresponding box that applies to your circumstance:

- Adults aged 18 to 24  
 Adults aged 25 to 45  
 adults aged 45 to 65  
 Adults over 65  
 Children aged 0 to 9  
 Children aged 10 to 15  
 Children aged 16 to 17  
 Prefer not to say

How many people in your household are either employed or self-employed?

- None  
 1 person  
 2 persons  
 More than 2 persons  
 Prefer not to say

Are there any students in your household?

- Yes  
 No  
 Prefer not to say

Do you consider yourself or someone in your household to have a disability?

- Yes  
 No  
 Prefer not to say

If yes, please tell us more about the disability to help us have a better understanding of your needs:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What do you consider to be your gender?

- Male  
 Female  
 Prefer not to say

Please write your postcode.

Which ethnic groups represent your household?

- White - English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British  
 White - Irish  
 White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller  
 White - Eastern European  
 White - Any other background  
 Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups - White and Black Caribbean  
 Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups - White and Black African  
 Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups - White and Asian  
 Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups - Any other background  
 Asian / Asian British - Indian  
 Asian / Asian British - Pakistani  
 Asian / Asian British - Bangladeshi  
 Asian / Asian British - Chinese  
 Asian / Asian British - Any other background  
 Black / African / Caribbean / Black British - African  
 Black / African / Caribbean / Black British - Caribbean  
 Black / African / Caribbean / Black British - Any other background  
 Other ethnic group - Arab  
 Other ethnic group - Any other background  
 Prefer not to say



## Need more information or want to get involved?

Contact us by e-mail, telephone or leave us a message on our Facebook or Twitter page.

Alternatively, you can also come to one of our monthly meetings, usually on the first Monday of every month, from 7:00 p.m.

[www.grovehillfutureproject.co.uk](http://www.grovehillfutureproject.co.uk)

[www.facebook.com/grovehillsfuture](http://www.facebook.com/grovehillsfuture)

[www.twitter.com/grovehillfuture](http://www.twitter.com/grovehillfuture)

e-mail: [grovehillfuture@dacorum.gov.uk](mailto:grovehillfuture@dacorum.gov.uk)

Jo Deacon      Emma Cooper

01442 228366      01442 228352

NEXT FORUM MEETINGS		
DAY	TIME	LOCATION
06 October	19:00	Community Centre,
03 November	19:00	Meeting Room

We are also looking for volunteers to help write our Neighbourhood Plan. If you would like to be involved please get in contact, or come to one of our meetings.

Everyone is welcome to participate!

Thank you for taking the time to share your views by filling in this form.

Don't worry if you have lost the provided envelope, you can still send us your form. Please write on your envelope:

FREEPOST

RTKG-EJHJ-JRUU

Hemel Evolution

Dacorum Borough Council

Civic Centre

Marlowes

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

HP1 1HH

**Or return it at our drop-off point:**

Community Centre reception,  
Henry Wells Square, Aycliffe Drive  
(put through letter box if closed)

**If you would like to stay informed and receive updates about our progress, please sign up to our e-mail alerts by leaving your e-mail address below:**

---



the **GROVEHILL FUTURE**  
Neighbourhood Forum



[www.grovehillfutureproject.co.uk](http://www.grovehillfutureproject.co.uk)

[www.twitter.com/grovehillfuture](http://www.twitter.com/grovehillfuture)

[www.facebook.com/grovehillfuture](http://www.facebook.com/grovehillfuture)

e-mail: [grovehillfuture@dacorum.gov.uk](mailto:grovehillfuture@dacorum.gov.uk)

Jo Deacon

Emma Cooper

01442 228366

01442 228352





**the**

# **GROVEHILL FUTURE**

***project***

## **Issues and Options Consultation Results**

Through the Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan, the Grovehill Futures group will set planning policies for the development and use of land within Grovehill and create a vision and plan for regenerating Henry Wells Square and the surrounding area.

Between 22 September – 24 October 2014 the group consulted with local businesses, residents and user groups on a compilation of ideas and objectives, which will inform the policies in the Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan. The Issues and Options document was distributed to businesses, schools, community user groups and over 3000 residents in Grovehill who were asked to rate how strongly they agree or disagree with a series of proposals. Their responses will be used in the next phase of the plan in the form of a 'draft neighbourhood plan', due to be issued in Grovehill for consultation in autumn, 2015.



the  
**GROVEHILL FUTURE**  
*project*

**Contents**

**Henry Wells Square**

Development Principles	3
Option A) - Redevelopment	5
Option B) – Refurbishment	6

**Connectivity and Public Realm**

General Considerations	8
Garage Blocks	10
Public Space Amenities	12

<b>Housing Developments</b>	<b>14</b>
-----------------------------	-----------

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree

- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

- No Response

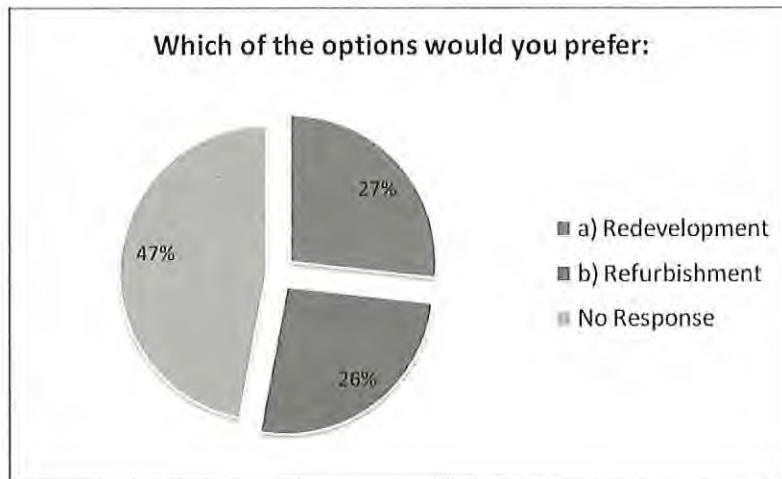


**Henry Wells Square**

Which option would you prefer?

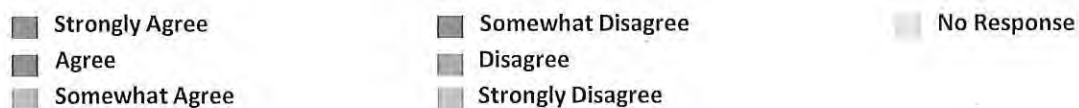
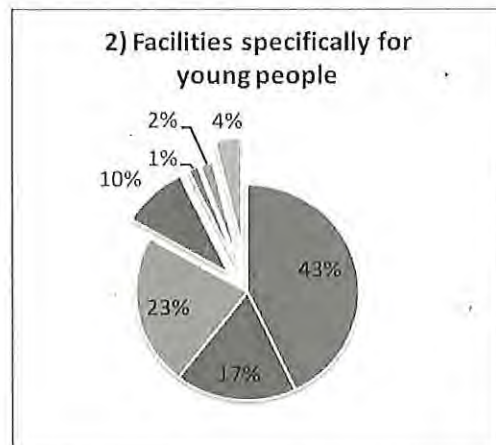
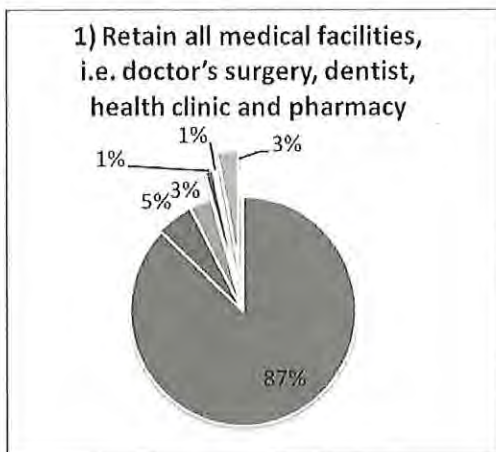
a) Redevelopment

b) Refurbishment

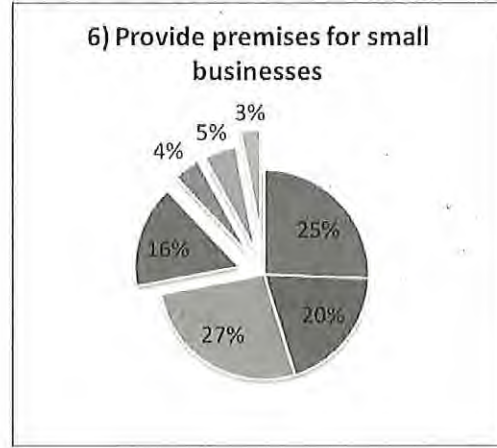
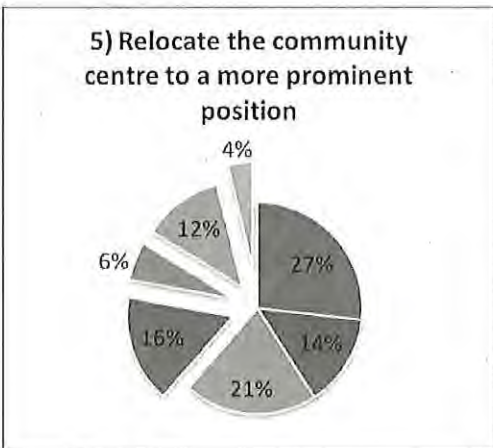
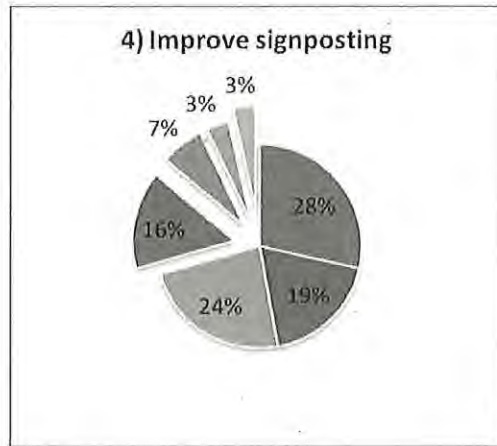
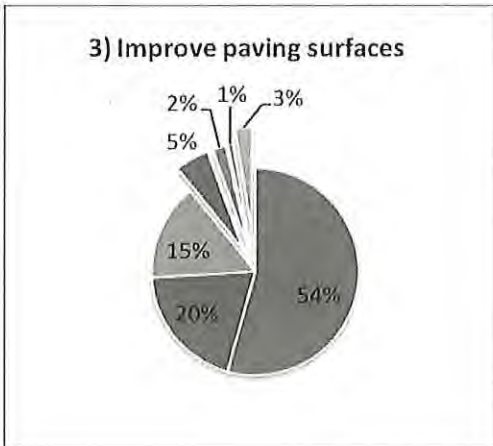


Please give us your opinion on the proposals by circling a number between 1 and 6 for each proposal; 6 being strongly agree and 1 being strongly disagree.

**Development Principles**



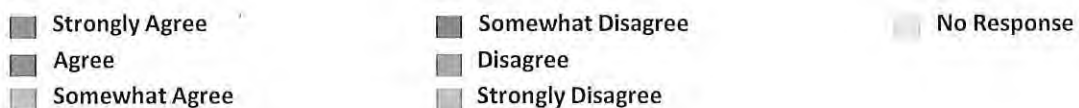




**7) Other development guidance you would like us to consider**

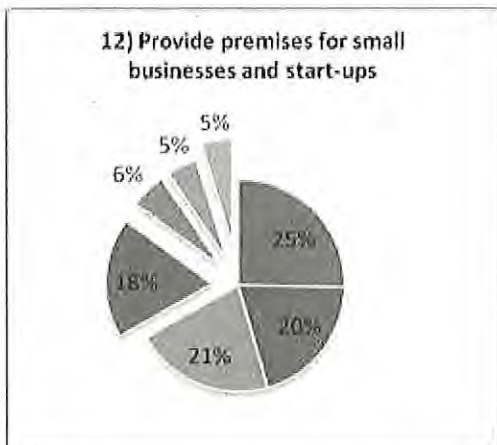
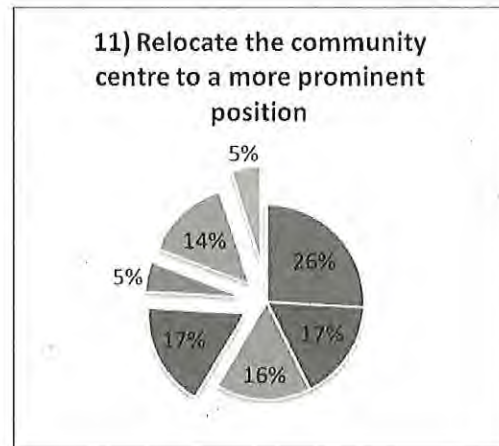
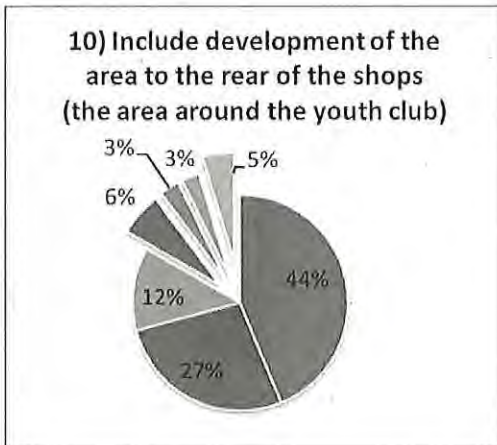
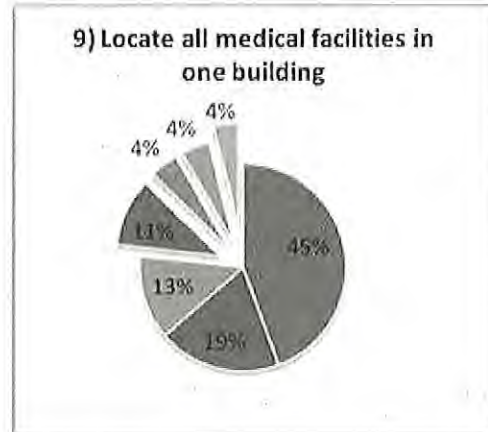
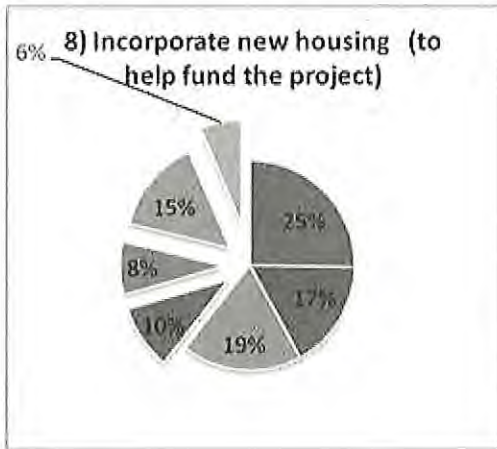
Most common responses

- Better parking provision
- More shops/ better range of shops





**Option A) Redevelopment**



**13) Other development opportunities under the redevelopment scenario, please give details of what you would like us to consider**

Most common responses

- More parking
- Concern over house prices
- Housing for young families
- Activities / classes
- Parking

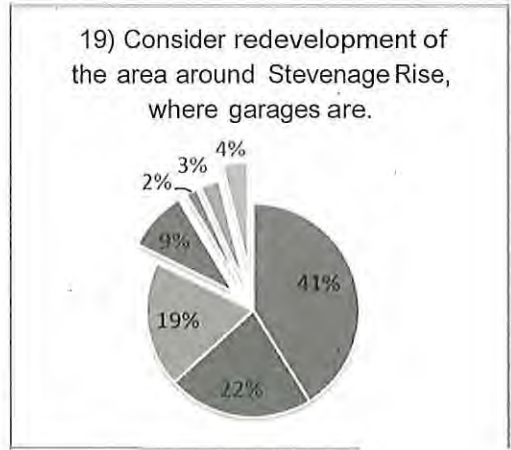
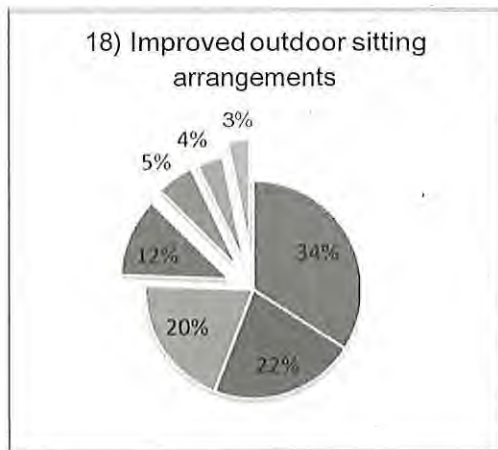
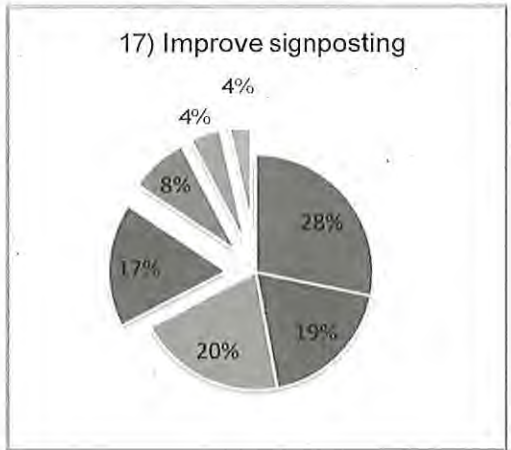
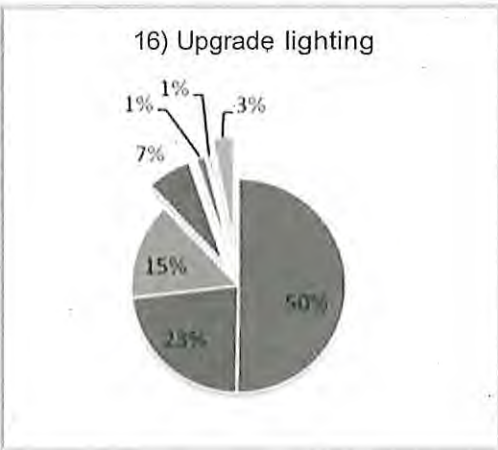
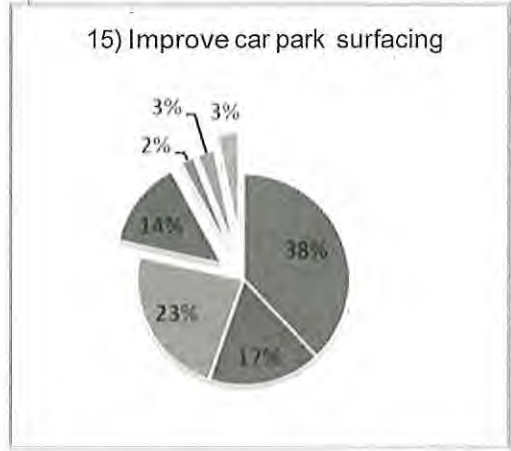
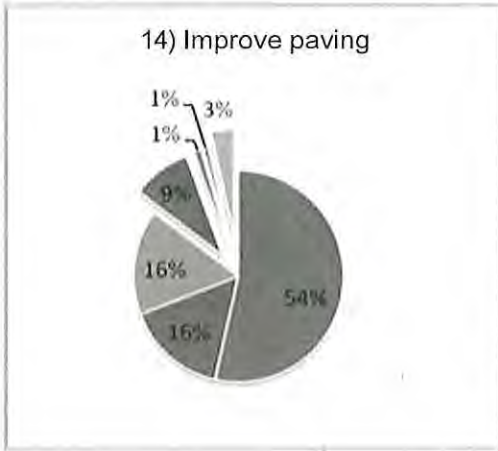
Strongly Agree  
 Agree  
 Somewhat Agree

Somewhat Disagree  
 Disagree  
 Strongly Disagree

No Response

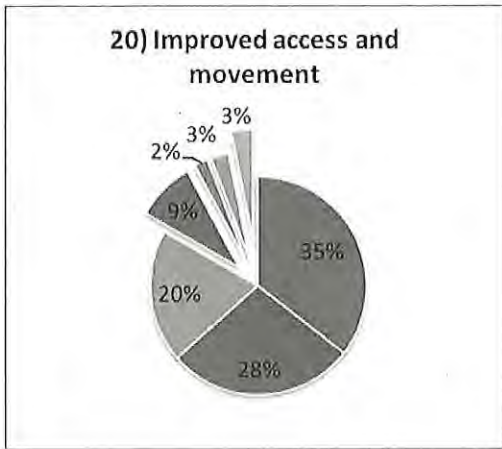


Option B)-Redevelopment



- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- No Response





**21) Other development opportunities under the refurbishment scenario**

Most common responses

- Seating in Henry Wells Square
- Regenerate area to the rear of the shops

Strongly Agree  
 Agree  
 Somewhat Agree

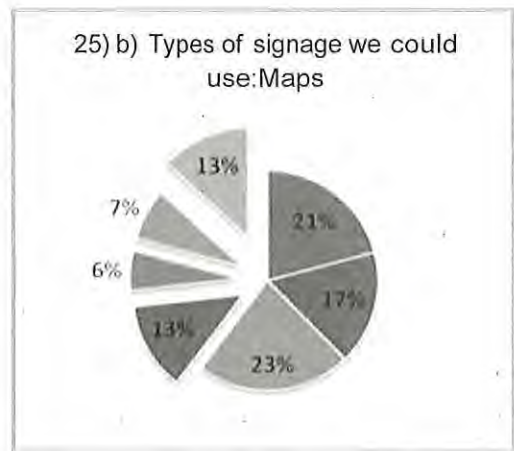
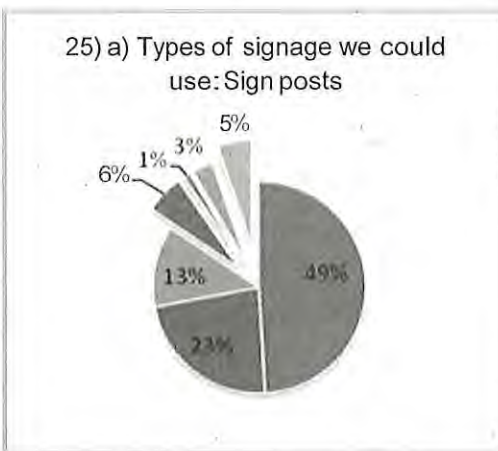
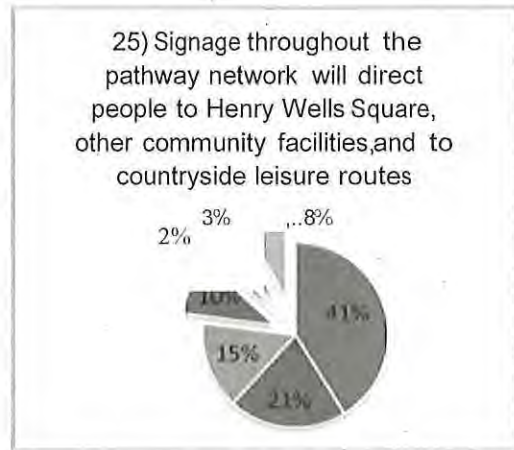
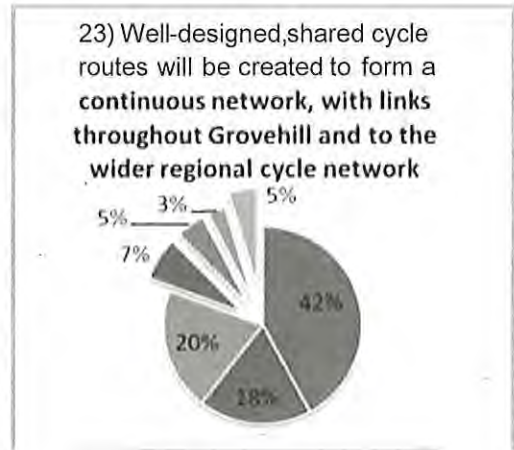
Somewhat Disagree  
 Disagree  
 Strongly Disagree

No Response



**Connectivity and Public Realm**

General Considerations



- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- No Response



**25) c) Types of signage we could use: On pavement paint**



**26) Other proposals**

Most common responses

- Lighting of pathways
- Remove underpass as not lit and not maintained
- No obstructions on the path

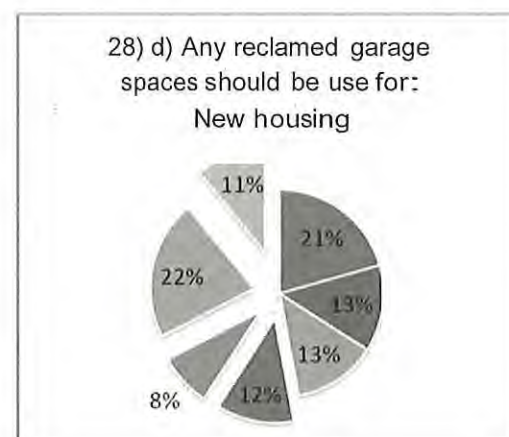
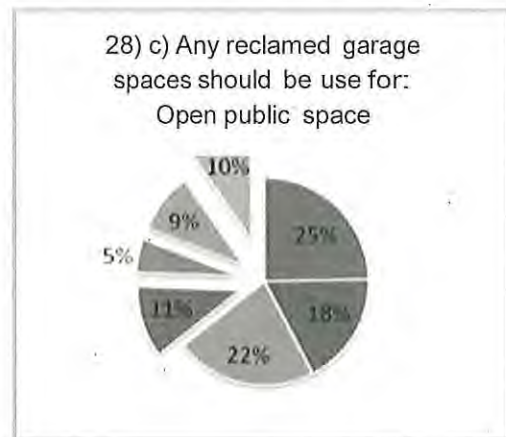
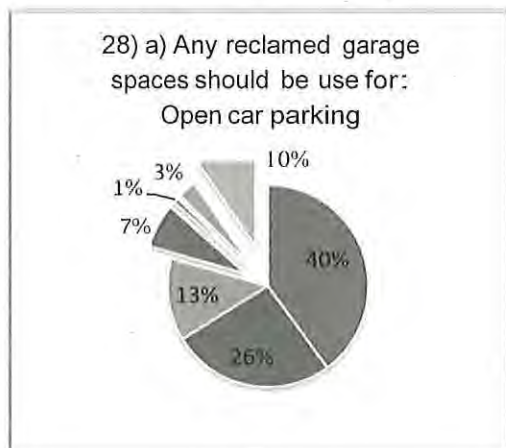
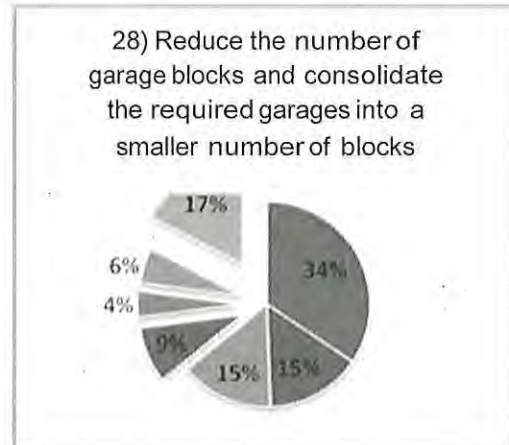
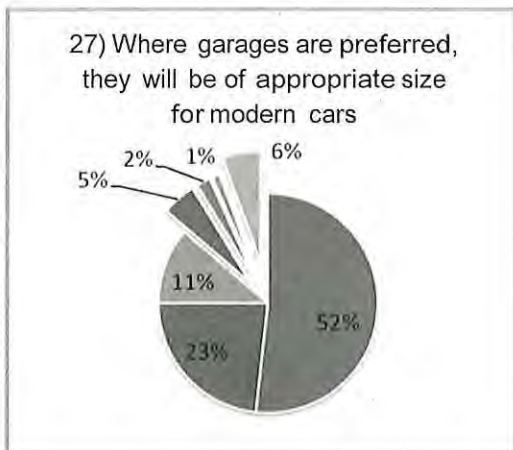
Strongly Agree  
 Agree  
 Somewhat Agree

Somewhat Disagree  
 Disagree  
 Strongly Disagree

No Response



Garage Blocks

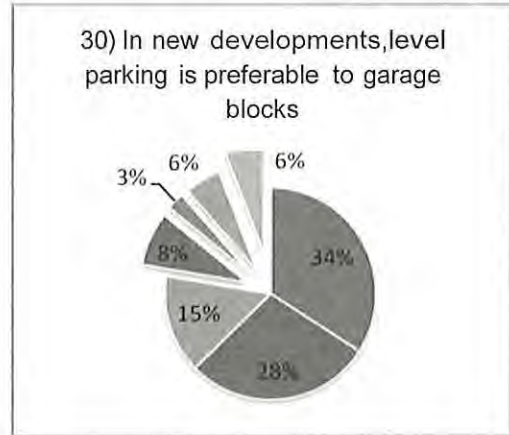
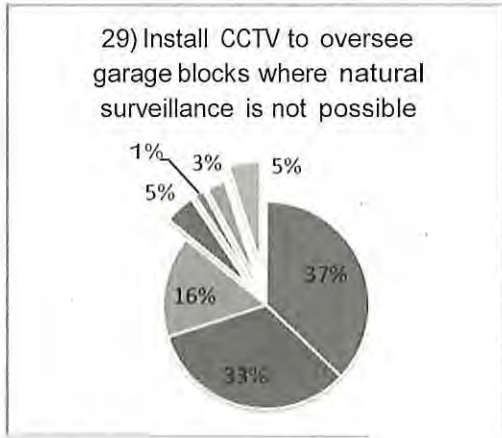


Strongly Agree  
Agree  
Somewhat Agree

Somewhat Disagree  
Disagree  
Strongly Disagree

No Response





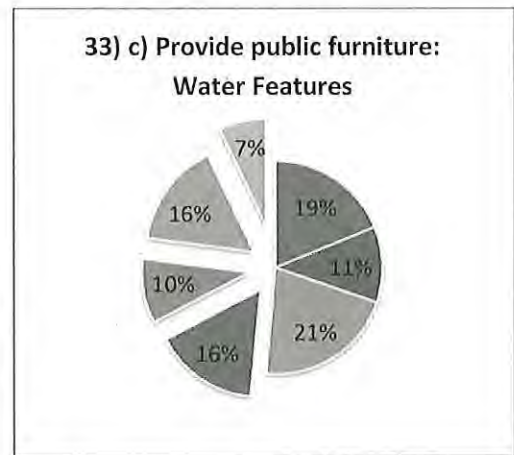
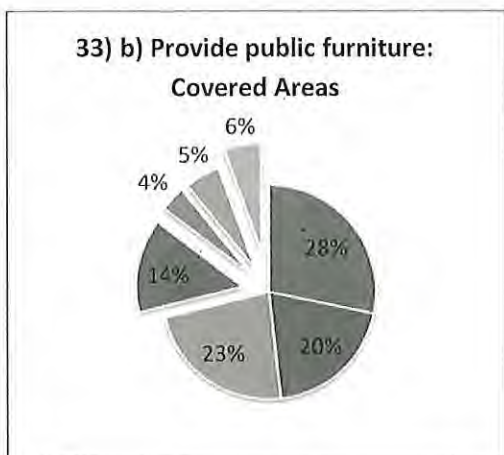
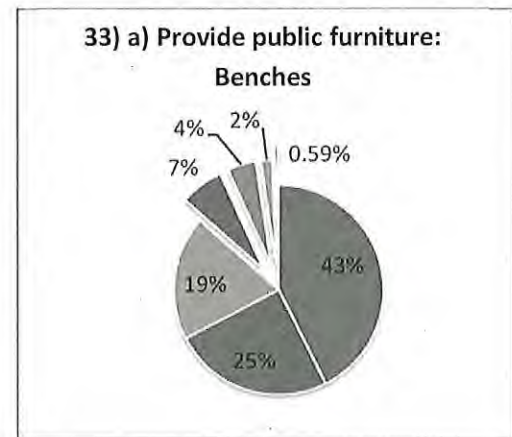
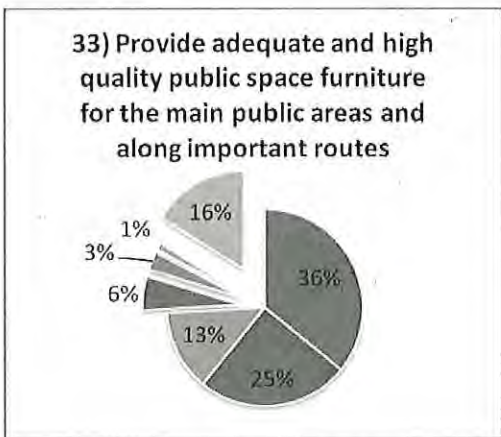
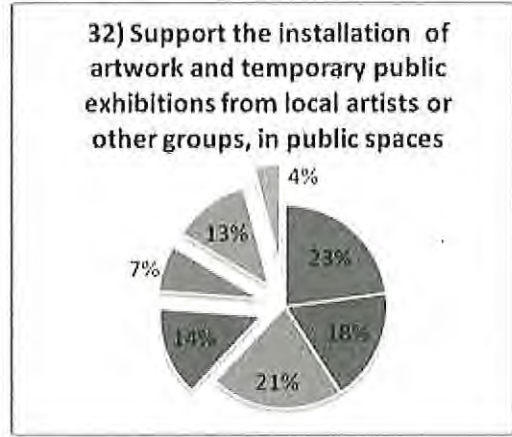
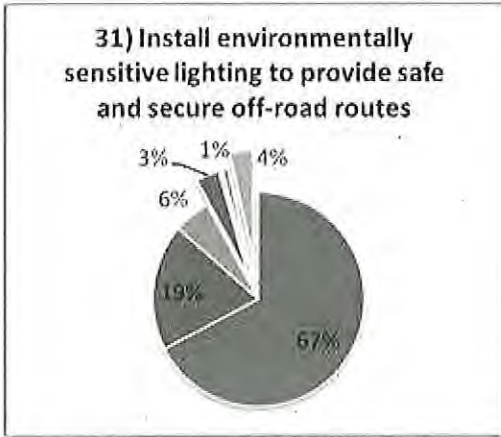
— Strongly Agree  
— Agree  
— Somewhat Agree

— Somewhat Disagree  
— Disagree  
— Strongly Disagree

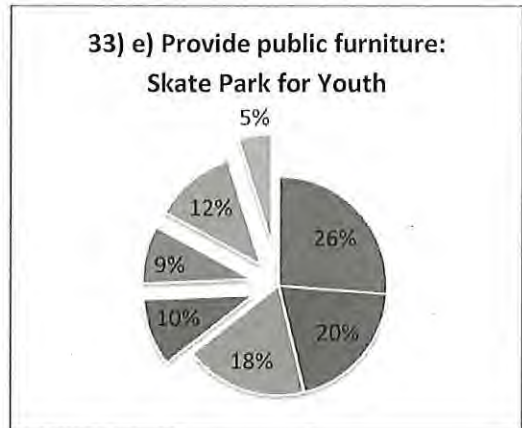
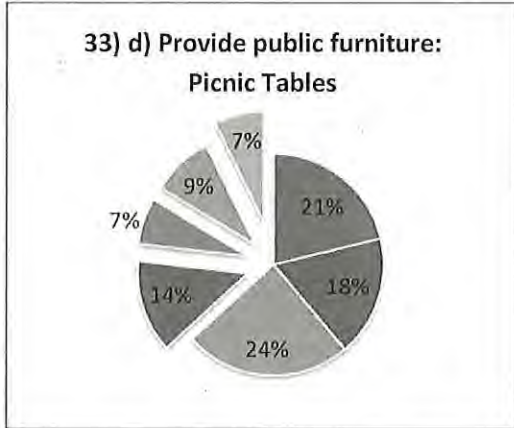
No Response



**Public and Green Space**



- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- No Response



**33) g) Provide adequate and high quality public space furniture for the main public areas and along important routes: Other features, give example**

Retain hedgerows and trees  
Notice boards

**34) Other proposals.**

Most Common Responses

- Dog waste/ Litter bins with enforced fines
- Outside gym/bowling
- Improved signage to deter motorcyclists riding on the green

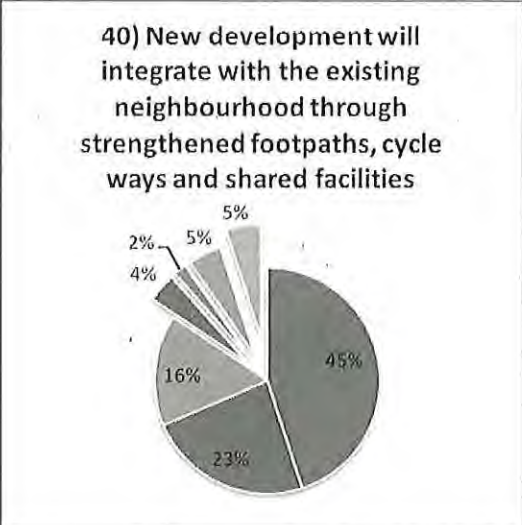
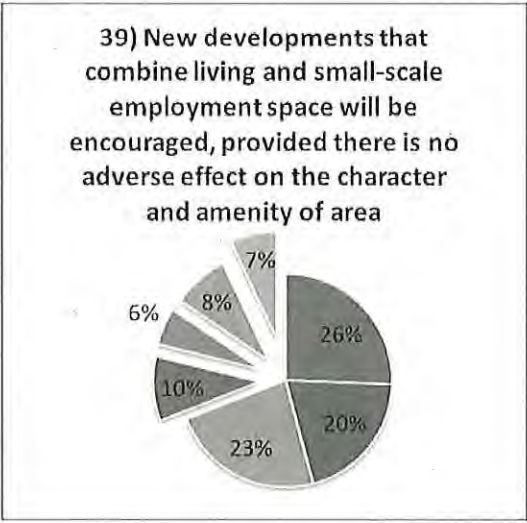
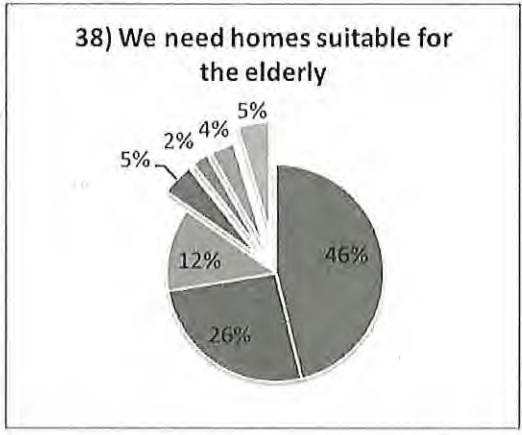
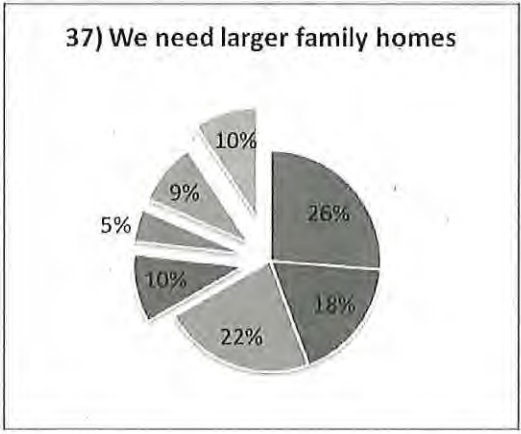
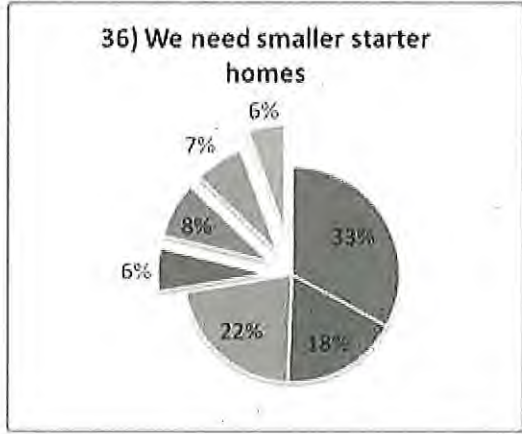
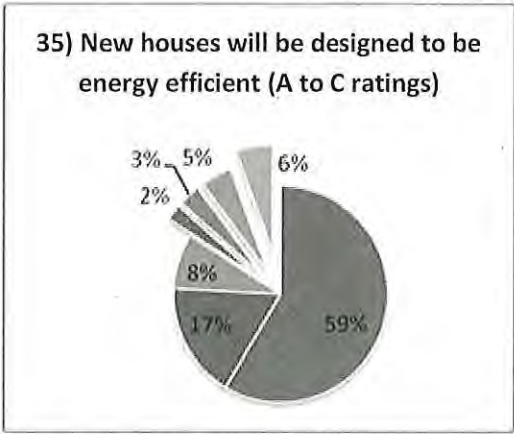
Strongly Agree  
 Agree  
 Somewhat Agree

Somewhat Disagree  
 Disagree  
 Strongly Disagree

No Response



**Housing Developments**



- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- No Response

#### 41) Other Proposals.

Most Common Responses

- Play areas for young people
- Properties for older people
- Protect green belt by building on vacant sites first
- Traffic concerns regarding Marchmont Farm development

#### 42) Other comments or ideas

Most Common Responses

- Planting needed to improve the environment
- Do not relocate the community centre
- Refurbishment is preferable to regeneration
- Better street lighting
- Keep green open spaces
- Improved Level of parking
- More/ better range of shops needed

Strongly Agree  
 Agree  
 Somewhat Agree

Somewhat Disagree  
 Disagree  
 Strongly Disagree

No Response















Which ethnic groups represent your household?

white english  
white-irish  
white- gypsy  
white - eastern european  
white - any other background  
mixed/multiple ethnic groups - white and black caribbean  
mixed/multiple ethnic groups - white and black african  
mixed/multiple ethnic groups - any other background  
asian/asian british - indian  
asian/asian british - pakistani  
asian/asian british - BANGLADESHI  
asian/asian british - Chinese  
asian/asian british - any other background  
black/african/caribbean/black british african  
black/african/caribbean/black british caribbean  
black/african/caribbean/black british any other background  
other ethnic group - arab  
other ethnic group - any other background  
Prefer not to say/not completed

255
1
3
7
3
3
1
1
4
2
1
20
32

Tally 343



the

# GROVEHILL FUTURE

Neighbourhood Plan 2012 - 2031

## Issues and Options Consultation

Consultation results January 2015







Thank you to all Grovehill residents and businesses who responded to our Issues and Options Consultation..

If you want to be involved with the Forum, get in contact with us or come to one of our monthly meetings—full contact information is on page 18 of this brochure.

Thank you for your participation,

Mike Devlin, Chair, Grovehill Future Forum

## Contents

<b>Section 1 - Introduction</b> .....	4
About us.....	4
About the Survey.....	4
About Neighbourhood Plans.....	4
Survey results.....	5
Next Steps.....	5
<b>Section 2 - Henry Wells Square</b> .....	6
Introduction.....	6
Development Principles.....	7
Option A) - Redevelopment.....	9
Option B) - Refurbishment.....	11
<b>Section 3 - Connectivity &amp; Public Realm</b> .....	13
General Considerations.....	13
Garage Blocks.....	15
Public Space Amenities.....	17
<b>Section 4 - Housing Developments</b> .....	19
<b>Section 5 - Open Ended Comments</b> .....	21
<b>Diversity and Equality Form</b> .....	22





## Section 1 - Introduction

### About us

Grovehill Future Neighbourhood Forum was formed in 2011 by members of the local community and businesses to lead on the Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan. It is supported by Dacorum Borough Council as well as other organizations like Planning Aid England and Design Council CABE.

Through the Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan we will identify facilities, housing, services, transport, access, parking and environmental improvements. We will set planning policies for the development and use of land within Grovehill and create a vision and plan for regenerating Henry Wells Square and surrounding area.

## About The Survey

The “Issues and Options” is a compilation of ideas and objectives that we have identified through workshops and consultations work in the past months. Three main themes were identified to be pursued in the Neighbourhood Plan:

- Henry Wells Square regeneration
- Connectivity and Public Realm, and
- Housing Developments

The consultation on Issues and Options took the form of a questionnaire that was distributed to every household and business in Grovehill. The consultation ran between 22nd September—24th October 2014. You can view the questionnaire on our website: [link](#)

The results of the Issues and Options consultation will inform the policies in the Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan. The outcomes for all question are detailed in the following sections. A list of answers to the open ended questions is attached at the end of this document.

## About Neighbourhood Plans

Neighbourhood plans focus on the needs of a local area and give residents, the opportunity to improve and shape the place in which they live, work, shop and go to school.

Neighbourhood plans are led by local people. They set out how much housing the area will need in the future and how the neighbourhood shopping centre, local services and facilities may need to develop and improve.

Neighbourhood plans can be powerful documents that sit alongside the Council’s planning policies and plans. To be adopted by Dacorum Borough Council as local policy, the completed plan must be agreed by local people and be in line with national and local planning policies and guidance.

For more information on Neighbourhood Planning Visit:

[www.ourneighbourhoodplanning.org.uk](http://www.ourneighbourhoodplanning.org.uk)

or

[www.locality.org.uk](http://www.locality.org.uk)





**- Survey results -**

Short Summary—main points

More detailed text about results.

**Next Steps**





## Section 2 - Henry Wells Square

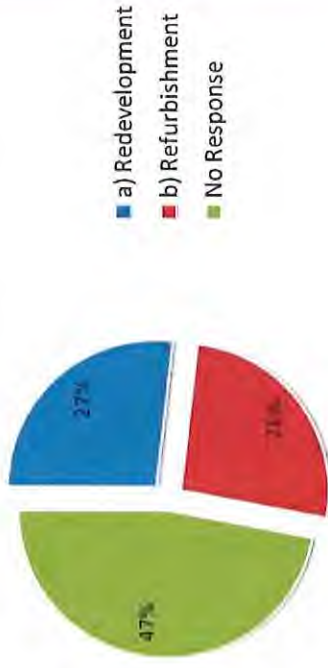
### - Introduction -

The Grovehill Future Forum is considering possible options for the improvement of Henry Wells Square and its close surrounds. For this, a series of workshops and walkabouts were held in spring 2012, in collaboration with Dacorum Council and Design Council CABE. Possible options that were considered are either:

- a) to completely redevelop the area, i.e. demolition and rebuild new shops, community and health facilities and some housing or
- b) to update and refurbish, with the possibility of some infill development.

## COMMENTARY

Which of the options would you prefer:



	a) Redevelopment	b) Refurbishment
<b>Pros</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best opportunity to greatly improve appearance and achieve more efficient use of space;</li> <li>• Provide a new, more diverse shopping centre, with more retail spaces.</li> <li>• Opportunity for new housing (perhaps 140 units) and new small business spaces;</li> <li>• Higher density is better for increased retail viability and more reliable public transport services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheaper option that may be available in the short to medium term, should enough public funding be available from Dacorum Borough Council or planning charges from smaller developments in the neighbourhood area;</li> <li>• Can be implemented with less disruption to businesses.</li> </ul>
<b>Cons</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only possible in the long term, so nothing would be done for several years;</li> <li>• Expensive to achieve, rents may rise as land value will increase;</li> <li>• Will require a period of disruption with careful phasing of developments;</li> <li>• Pressure on car park spaces from increased population density in the area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missed opportunity for complete transformation that can be achieved with the help of a developer;</li> <li>• Less attractive proposition for potential developers;</li> <li>• Improvement will be limited.</li> </ul>





### - Development Principles -

We want Grovehill to be a welcoming, vibrant and busy place to live, work and enjoy.

We would like Henry Wells Square to be safe and attractive, incorporating good facilities, seating, clear signage and pleasant lighting.

Our community centre will be in a high-quality building with improved facilities, welcoming and open to all.

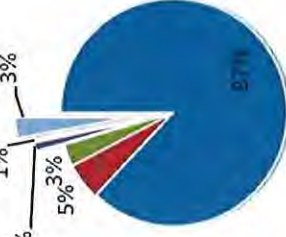
First we set out more details about the possible principles for development, be it redevelopment or refurbishment. We ask you to rank each of the points according to how much you agree or disagree with the proposal.

*Henry Wells Square will be identified in the Neighbourhood Plan as a development opportunity so that it may be improved. The following guidance and principles are considered important:*

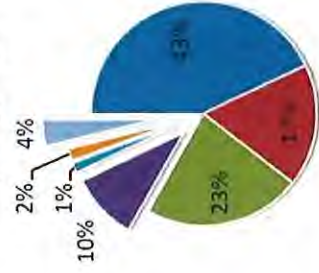
- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- No response

#### COMMENTARY

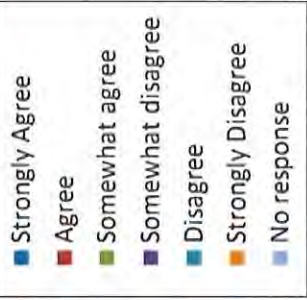
1) Retain all medical facilities, i.e. doctor's surgery, dentist, health clinic and pharmacy



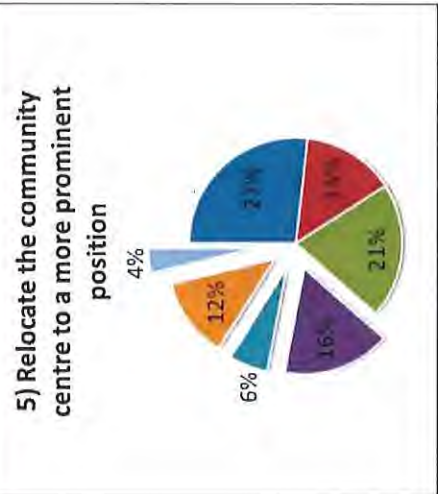
2) Facilities specifically for young people



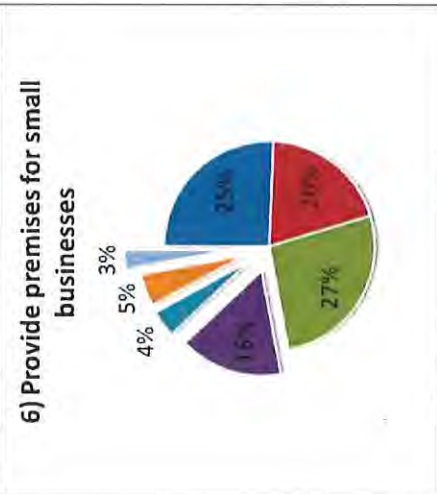
#### COMMENTARY



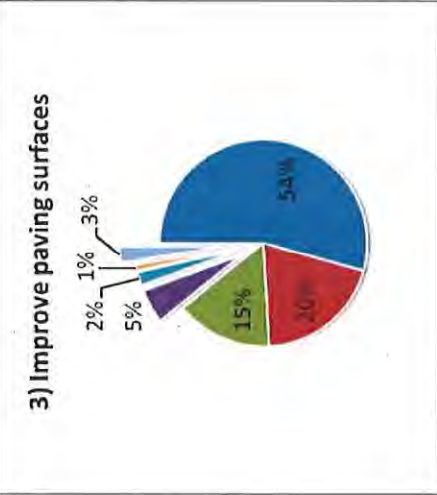
COMMENTARY



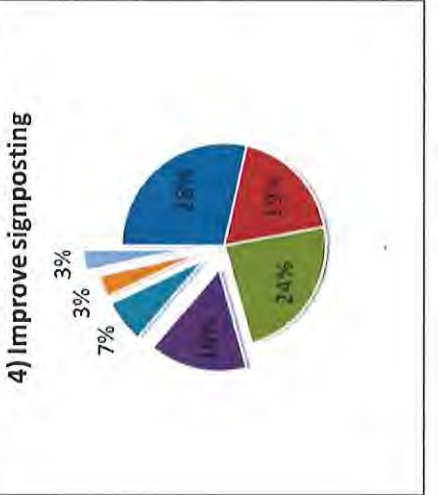
COMMENTARY



COMMENTARY



COMMENTARY







Copyright Design Council Cabe

### - Option A) Redevelopment -

Grovehill Future Forum held a workshop to examine the viability of redeveloping Henry Wells Square. Two planning and development experts attended the workshop to guide us through the possibilities and, with their help, we were able to draft general design options, and estimate the rebuild costs and the commercial value of new retail outlets and housing. It became clear that, in order to generate sufficient finance for the redevelopment, building density would need to be slightly higher than present. There could be shops at ground level and two or more storeys of flats above, as is the case in other shopping centres in the town. The redevelopment would provide improved access roads and parking.

*If Henry Wells Square and the surrounds are to be completely redeveloped, the following will be expected from the resulting development:*

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- No response

#### COMMENTARY

8) Incorporate new housing (to help fund the project)



#### COMMENTARY

9) Locate all medical facilities in one building



- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- No response

COMMENTARY

10) Include development of the area to the rear of the shops (the area around the youth club)



COMMENTARY

11) Relocate the community centre to a more prominent position

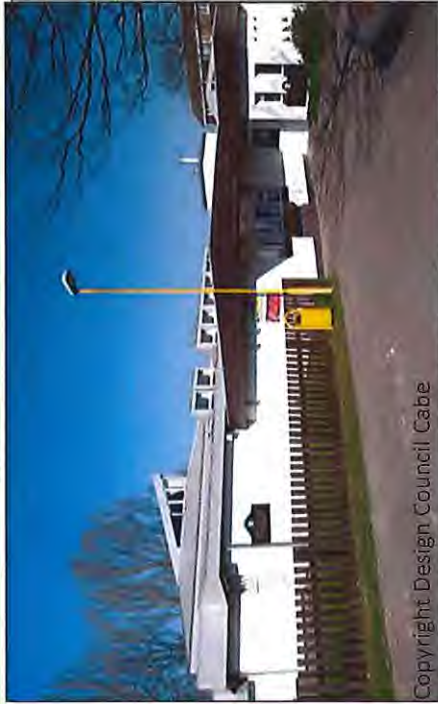


COMMENTARY

12) Provide premises for small businesses and start-ups







Copyright Design Council Gaber

### - Option B) Refurbishment -

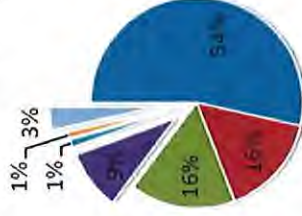
Refurbishment offers a limited opportunity to give the square a “facelift”. Some funds may be available from small scale development, like at the back of the square, around Stevenage Rise, where the servicing and garage area can be more efficiently used. Funds from this and other small developments could be used for improving paving and car park surfaces and lighting around the square. We would also hope to provide improved signage to the various health facilities, community centre, church and youth club and maybe some outdoor seating.

*If Henry Wells Square is to be refurbished, the following will be expected from the resulting development:*

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- No response

#### COMMENTARY

#### 14) Improve paving



#### COMMENTARY

#### 15) Improve car park surfacing



- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- No response

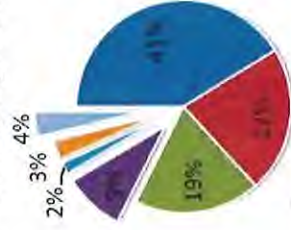
COMMENTARY

18) Improved outdoor sitting arrangements



COMMENTARY

19) Consider redevelopment of the area around Stevenage Rise, where garages are.



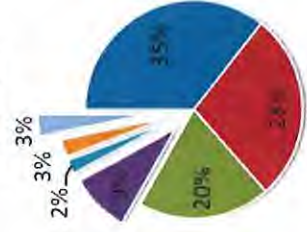
COMMENTARY

16) Upgrade lighting



COMMENTARY

20) Improved access and movement



COMMENTARY

17) Improve signposting







## Section 3 - Connectivity &

### Public Realm

#### - General Considerations -

Grovehill was designed for the most part with a modern grid, in favour of the car with every house having access to parking or a garage. The layout also includes an extensive network of off-street pathways that are now underused.

We want locals and visitors alike to be able to easily navigate their way through Grovehill and Henry Wells Square, with safe, accessible, and well-signed routes, balancing the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.

*The pathway network will be welcoming and easy to use, promoting active travel and providing a network of public spaces that will reinforce our sense of community.*

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- No response

#### COMMENTARY

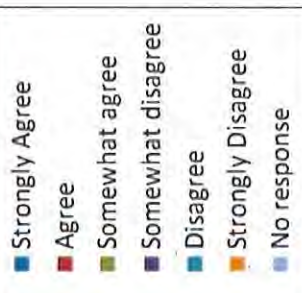
22) Where needed, we will correct pathways to make the routes easier to navigate



#### COMMENTARY

23) Well-designed, shared cycle routes will be created to form a continuous network, with links throughout Grovehill and to the wider regional cycle network





COMMENTARY

25) a) Types of signage we could use: Sign posts



COMMENTARY

25) b) Types of signage we could use: Maps



COMMENTARY

25) c) Types of signage we could use: On pavement paint



COMMENTARY

24) Where practicable, we will remove unpopular underpasses and install street level crossings



COMMENTARY

25) Signage throughout the pathway network will direct people to Henry Wells Square, other community facilities, and to countryside leisure routes







Copyright Grovehill Future

### - Garage Blocks -

We will welcome a better management of the garage blocks to improve the safety and amenity of our public realm. The garage blocks cover a large extent of our public areas. They lack natural surveillance or proper lighting. In addition, a large amount of the units are currently used as storage, vacant, or derelict, providing us with an opportunity to do something to better utilise these spaces for our community.

*We will work with Dacorum Borough Council on a project to rationalise garage blocks in Grovehill, when and where the opportunities arise. The following principles should guide our approach:*

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- No response

#### COMMENTARY

27) Where garages are preferred, they will be of appropriate size for modern cars



#### COMMENTARY

28) Reduce the number of garage blocks and consolidate the required garages into a smaller number of blocks

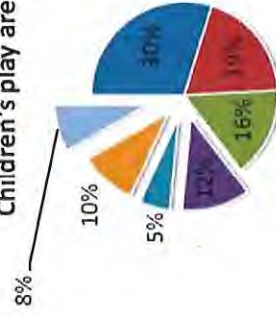


COMMENTARY

28) a) Any reclaimed garage spaces should be use for:  
Open car parking



28) b) Any reclaimed garage spaces should be use for:  
Children's play areas



COMMENTARY

COMMENTARY

28) c) Any reclaimed garage spaces should be use for:  
Open public space



COMMENTARY

28) d) Any reclaimed garage spaces should be use for:  
New housing



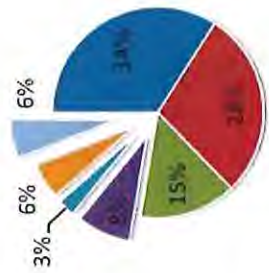
COMMENTARY

29) Install CCTV to oversee garage blocks where natural surveillance is not possible



COMMENTARY

30) In new developments, level parking is preferable to garage blocks







*Open spaces are very important to the Grovehill community. We will direct funding to public space improvements, whenever possible, and improve the value of our public amenities.*

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- No response

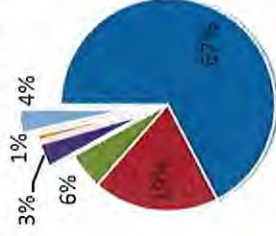
### - Public and Green Space Amenities -

Open spaces were an important topic in our consultation events, with everyone agreeing that the green environment of Grovehill is part of what makes it such a great place to live. Therefore, we will seek to protect and enhance our open and green spaces and we will require new developments to add to the quality of green spaces and enhance provision where possible.

Our public spaces will be safe, welcoming, vibrant community places, providing activities for all age groups, comfortable seating, and artwork.

### COMMENTARY

31) Install environmentally sensitive lighting to provide safe and secure off-road routes



### COMMENTARY

32) Support the installation of artwork and temporary public exhibitions from local artists or other groups, in public spaces



COMMENTARY

33) Provide adequate and high quality public space furniture for the main public areas and along important routes



33) c) Provide publi furniture: Water features



COMMENTARY

33) a) Provide publi furniture: Benches



COMMENTARY

33) d) Provide publi furniture: Picnic tables



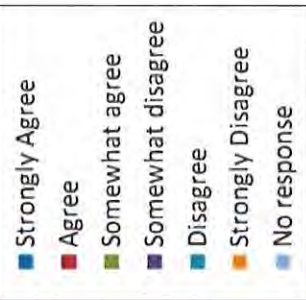
COMMENTARY

33) b) Provide publi furniture: Covered Areas



COMMENTARY

33) e) Provide publi furniture: Skate park for youth



COMMENTARY





## Section 4

### Housing Developments

The Neighbourhood Plan will allow us all to have our say about the design principles of new housing developments, beyond those stated in Dacorum's Core Strategy. Dacorum Council has a responsibility to provide new homes, and Marchmont Farm is identified as a likely site for 300 homes. Additionally, Henry Wells Square and other parts of Grovehill can embrace smaller developments.

We believe that housing should be of good quality design and use the best of materials possible, as well as make use of modern technologies and design principles for energy efficiency. Developments should integrate well with their surroundings and strengthen the character of footpaths, cycleway and shared amenities.

*New developments will complement and integrate with the existing community. Houses will be of good quality design and materials, and complying to modern energy efficiency design.*

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- No response

#### COMMENTARY

35) New houses will be designed to be energy efficient (A to C ratings)



36) We need smaller starter homes



#### COMMENTARY

COMMENTARY

39) New developments that combine living and small-scale employment space will be encouraged, provided there is no adverse effect on the character and amenity of area



COMMENTARY

40) New development will integrate with the existing neighbourhood through strengthened footpaths, cycle ways and shared facilities



Strongly Agree

Agree

Somewhat agree

Somewhat disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

No response

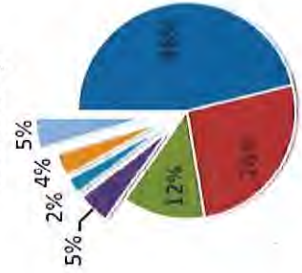
COMMENTARY

37) We need larger family homes



COMMENTARY

38) We need homes suitable for the elderly





## RESULTS



### OPEN ENDED ANSWERS

Comments on how they have been assessed.

**Diversity and Equality Form:**

**RESULTS**



the **GROVEHILL FUTURE**  
Neighbourhood Forum



[www.grovehillfutureproject.co.uk](http://www.grovehillfutureproject.co.uk)

[www.twitter.com/grovehillfuture](https://www.twitter.com/grovehillfuture)

[www.facebook.com/grovehillsfuture](https://www.facebook.com/grovehillsfuture)

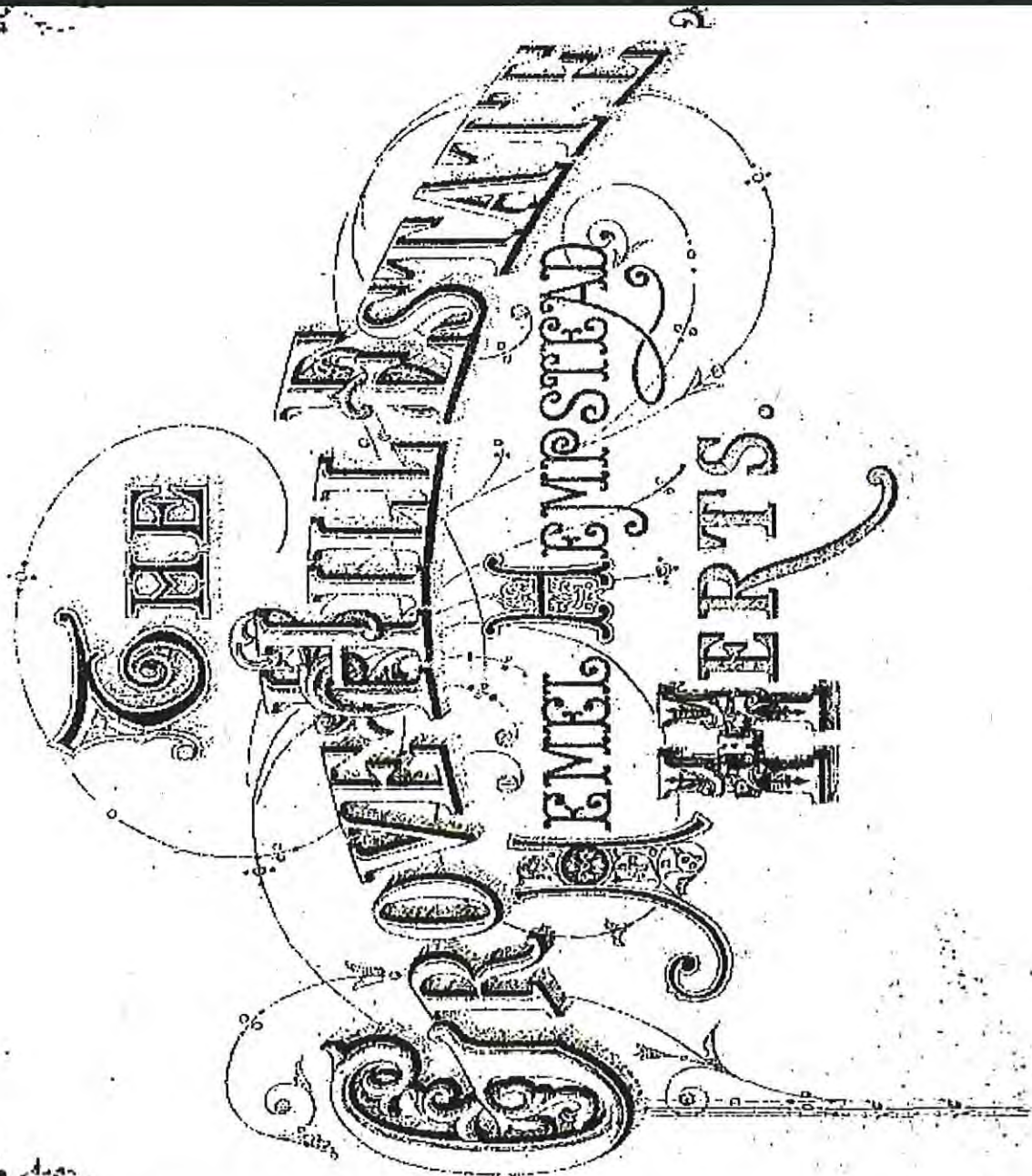
e-mail: [grovehillfuture@dacorum.gov.uk](mailto:grovehillfuture@dacorum.gov.uk)

Jo Deacon

01442 228366

Emma Cooper

01442 228352







# GROVEHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

FEEDBACK FROM THE 'ISSUES & OPTIONS'  
CONSULTATION AND SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS





# Successes

- Good response rate (3,500 questionnaires distributed, 340 responses received) **9.71% response rate**
- Using popular local community venues for distributing/dropping off completed questionnaires worked well
- Good coverage in Hemel Gazette throughout the consultation –a relationship has been made with the paper through Community Engagement Consultants and they continue to be interested in the process



# Opportunities for Improvement

- Response rate can be improved further through using online communication and consultation facilities in conjunction with hard copy questionnaires/leaflets
- Improvements to the design/layout of the consultation booklet would help to increase full completion of all questions and ensure contact detail information is provided
- Further specific engagement via a workshop or other exercise with Grovehill businesses and in particular retailers in Henry Wells Square



# Our Recommendations

- Professionally designed questionnaire form to improve responses and reduce 'no response' results
- Produce simple brochure/leaflet covering key issues – direct people online for further information
- Workshops/Small Exhibition/Pop Up Information Stands to fully engage with a range of stakeholders
- Further information made available online including online questionnaire (will improve response rate)
- Further develop the relationship with the Hemel Gazette to create awareness
- Continue to partner with, and develop, links with local businesses to distribute consultation questionnaires



# Options for the next steps

Area of Work	Timescale
<b>Leading up to Reg 14 Consultation</b>	Jan – March 2014
Advising on policy wording for different topic areas and specific policies to ensure compliance with local development plan and NPPF policies	Jan – April 2014
Drafting Policies (if required)	Jan – April 2014
Review of Policies to ensure compliance prior to consultation	Jan – April 2014
Design of leaflet/brochure/exhibition materials/consultation questionnaire by our in-house design consultant	Jan – April 2014
Setting up online questionnaire	Jan – April 2014
<b>Reg 14 Consultation April – June 2014 (6 weeks)</b>	
Preparing for or assisting the group with preparing for a Public Exhibition (or pop up stand in various locations) and/or workshops with a range of stakeholders	April – June 2014
Promotion of the consultation through Media, Online, Social Media	To coincide with exhibition/workshop and distribution of consultation questionnaires
<b>Post Reg 14 Consultation</b>	
Analysis of consultation responses to feedback to group	June – July 2014
Preparing Consultation Statement on behalf of the group/advising on content for report to be prepared by the group	June – July 2014
Review of materials to be submitted to the Inspector	June – July 2014





**Thank you for listening.**  
I will be glad to answer any questions.

**COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**  
CONSULTANTS



## **Moving from Issues and Options to Plan preparation Grovehill Futures Neighbourhood Plan Workshop programme, 19 January 2015. 7pm to 9pm**

### **Aims of the workshop:**

- To increase an understanding of the structure and layout of a Neighbourhood Plan
- To develop a shared understanding of what the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan might be
- Identify key steps and agree action plan for individuals to commit to

### **Structure of the workshop:**

- 2 hours in total
- Introductions and welcome (5 minutes)
- PAE led discussion/presentation: using examples of other Neighbourhood plans 30 minutes
- PAE led presentation followed by discussion on potential policies to be covered in the Neighbourhood Plan 30 minutes.
- PAE led presentation on structure and layout of the Neighbourhood Plan. 30 minutes
- Discussion on actions. 30 minutes: to include
  - Process for agreeing scope and potential policies to be covered in the Neighbourhood Plan
    - To follow on from this there will be a process of ongoing stakeholder engagement as policies are thrashed out.
  - Lead person to start the drafting of the Neighbourhood Plan (without the policies until wider group have agreed this)
  - Lead person to put together an evidence base document to accompany the draft plan
  - Once Plan agreed SEA screening request to go to Dacorum (PAE can do this so long as before 31 March 2015)
  - Lead person to think about next stage of consultation (pre submission? Learning from what worked well and what didn't work well).