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## 1. Introduction

Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood.

A neighbourhood plan enables parish councils and local people to influence how the designated plan area should grow over the next 15 years.

The National Planning Policy Framework describes neighbourhood planning as providing ‘a powerful set of tools’ for local people to ensure that they get the right type of development that meets local needs, provided it is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.

The scope of the neighbourhood plan must be guided by community consultation. The findings from the surveys have an important contribution to make in helping the Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Champions (SNC) agree the focus of the neighbourhood plan.

## 2. Survey Detail

Two members of the SNC visited Copley Junior School and Richmond Hill Primary Academy on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016. They provided questionnaires<sup>1</sup> together with background notes for teachers<sup>2</sup> at each of the two schools. Teachers used the information to facilitate the completion of the questionnaires by the children. The exercise was undertaken during the same consultation period as the adult questionnaire which went to each household in Sprotbrough.

The questionnaire was produced using the adult questionnaire and selecting four key elements that would be relevant to the children and would interest them. Questions had both opportunities for the children’s own ideas to be recorded plus some suggestions to choose from.

In total, 65 pupils responded to the questionnaire, all from years 5 and 6 (ages 9 to 11)

The data from the returned questionnaires was collated and aggregated by the two SNC members and used as the basis for the following information and analysis.

## What is important to you about living in Sprotbrough?

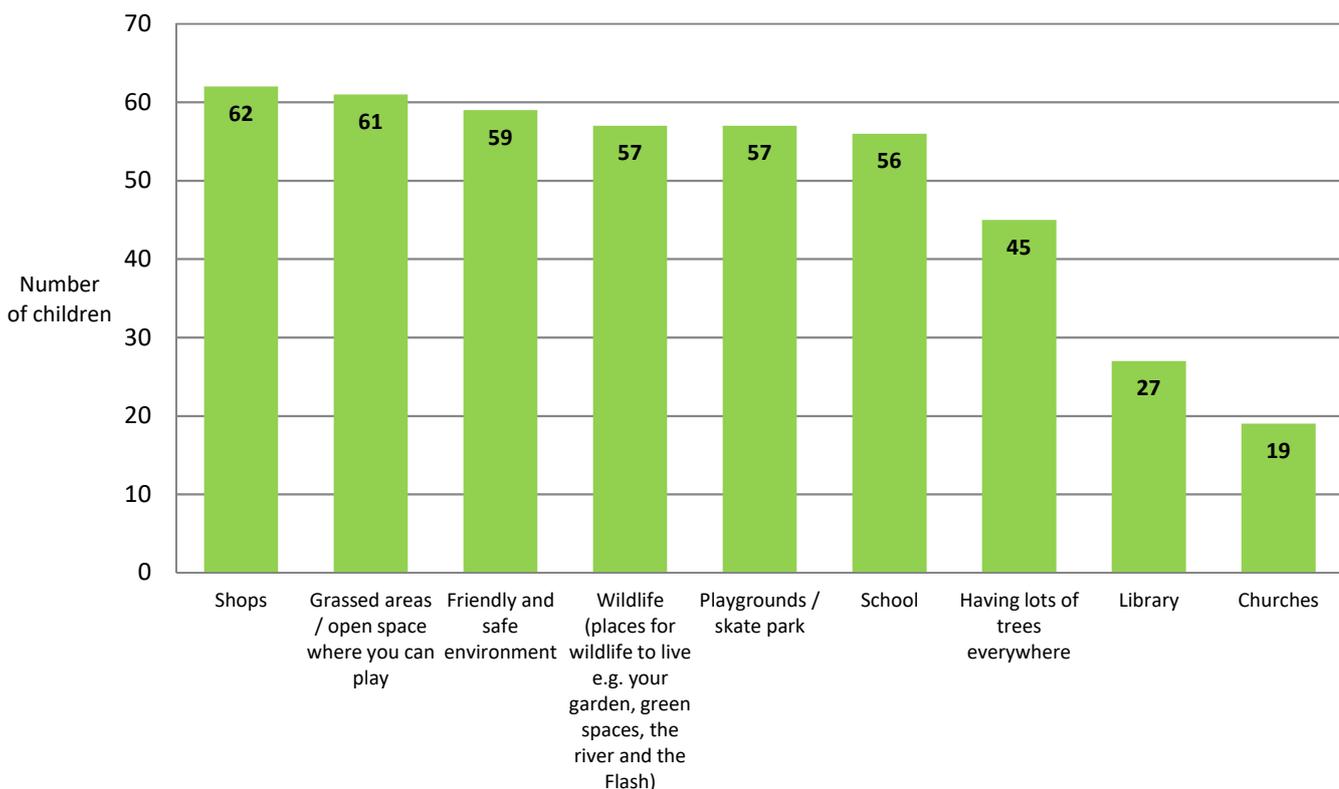
The children were given nine possible choices and could select as many of the nine as they wished. The number of responses shows that the children were able to identify a range of facilities that they consider important to them about living in Sprotbrough. They also had the opportunity to add anything else they thought relevant to the question.

It is evident from the data that the children in Sprotbrough highly value the green open spaces, whether they be for themselves to play safely or as wildlife habitats.

The most popular choices were the shops in Sprotbrough, grassed areas / open spaces and the friendly and safe places to play, which were ticked by 95% (62), 94% (61) and 91% (59) of children respectively. These were followed closely by the playground / skate park and the wildlife areas, both valued by 88% (57) of children.

**Figure 1**

### What is important to you about living in Sprotbrough?



## Is there anything you don't like about living in Sprotbrough?

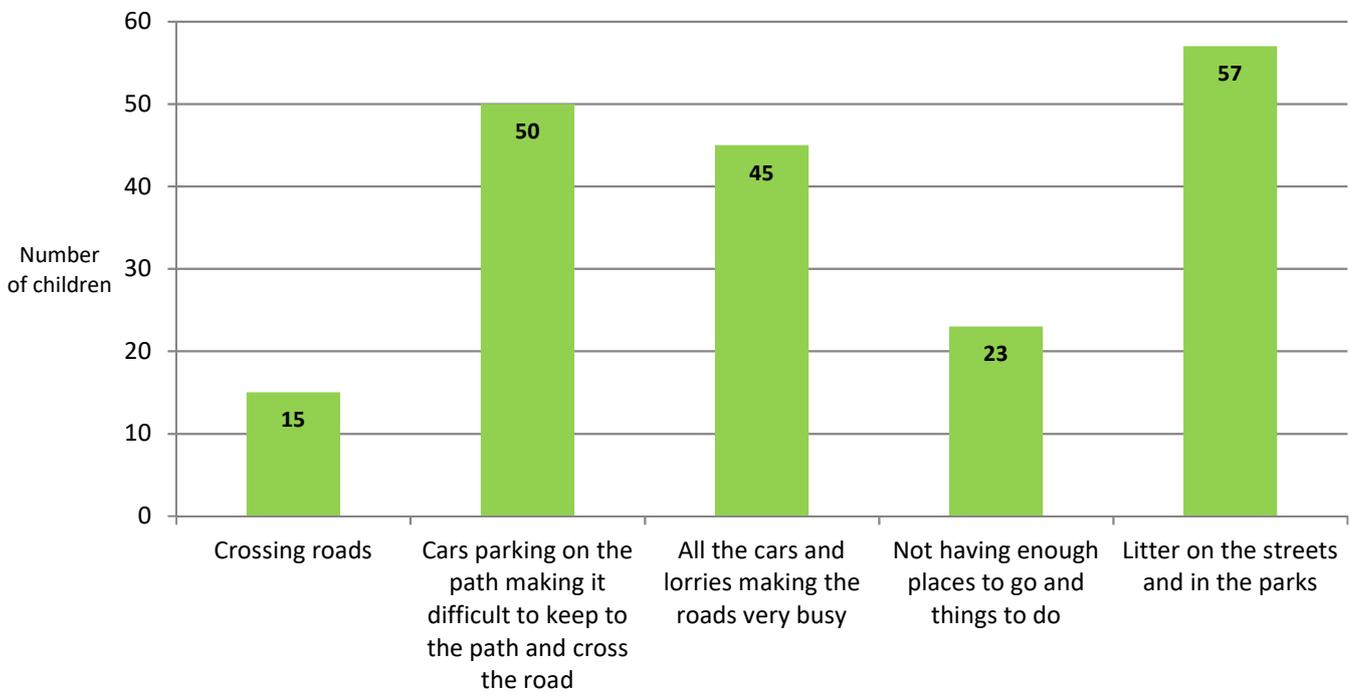
The children were given five possible choices and could select as many of the five as they wished.

They also had the opportunity to add anything else they thought relevant to the question.

The children were very clear about the things they don't like about living in Sprotbrough. In total 88% (57) highlighted litter on the streets and in the parks as being their main area of concern. This was followed closely with 77% (50) being unhappy with cars parking on the paths and 69% (45) with the cars and lorries making the roads very busy.

**Figure 2**

**Is there anything you don't like about living in Sprotbrough?**



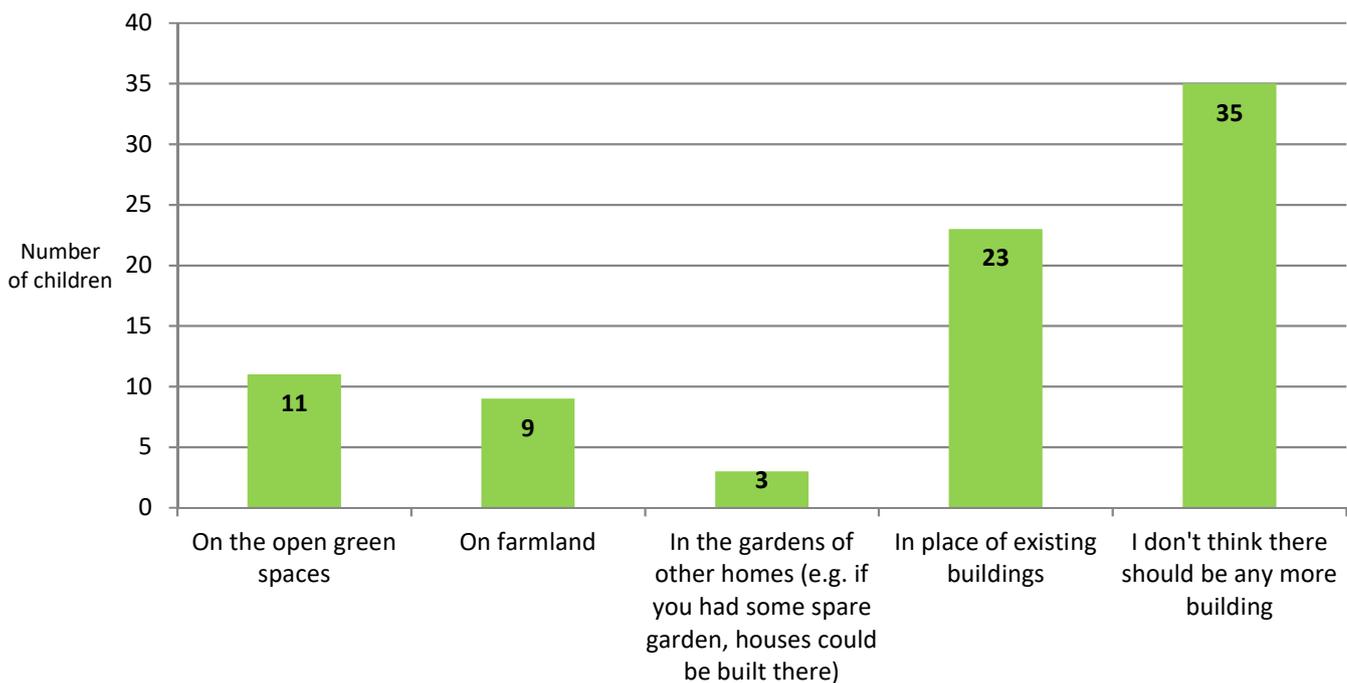
If new homes are being built we will lose open spaces. Where do you think the new homes should be built?

The children were given five possible choices and could select as many of the five as they wished. They also had the opportunity to add their own ideas and suggestions regarding building in Sprotbrough. There were not as many responses in each category for this question which may suggest that the majority of the children selected only one of the options.

The responses showed that 54% (35) of the children ‘don’t think there should be any more building’ in Sprotbrough. Followed by the idea that should there be further housing development it should be ‘in place of existing buildings’ 35% (23).

**Figure 3**

**If new homes are being built we will lose open spaces. Where do you think the new homes should be built?**



## What would you like to see change in Sprotbrough to make it an even better and safer place to live?

This question was presented as an opportunity for the children to write or draw any ideas they may have. No options were given. 52 children (80%) chose to answer this question.

The two most prevalent ideas clearly support the responses which scored the highest percentages in both questions 1 and 2. These being:

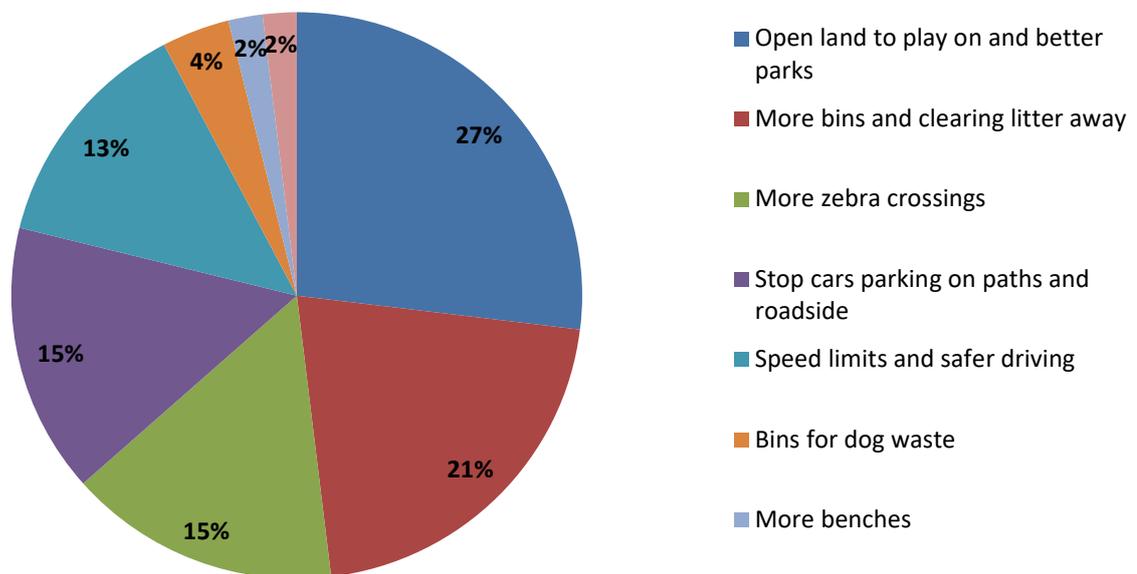
- More open land with better facilities on which to play (as identified in question 1);
- The need for more litter bins along with regular clearing of litter (as identified in question 2 where litter was a cause for concern).

The next most popular thoughts were:

- More zebra crossings or safe places to cross the roads;
- To stop cars parking on the path and the roadside;
- Concerns over speeding limits and safer driving.

**Figure 4**

**What would you like to see change in Sprotbrough to make it an even better and safe place to live?**



### 3. Summary

The children clearly identified their likes and dislikes about living in Sprotbrough as well as their opinions on what could change in the future.

The children enjoy living in Sprotbrough and value the provision of shops, parks and playgrounds. They feel it is a safe and friendly place in which to live. These results correspond with the responses given to two of the questions on the adult questionnaire with the same focus. This being that local shops were identified as the most used parish amenity. Open green spaces, friendly and safe environments and wildlife habitats were identified as strengths and positive features to be protected for the future.

The children's main concern is about the amount of litter on the streets and in the parks. They also highlighted the problem of cars parking on the paths which make it difficult to cross roads and the cars and lorries which make the roads very busy. Again this corresponds with the adult's concerns as shown in the question asking about the weaknesses or negative features of the community. The responses were greatest to the speed of traffic, cars parking on the grass verges and the volume of traffic.

Over half of the children didn't want any further building in Sprotbrough with some children feeling that any new building should be in place of existing buildings. The free script question asking the children to draw or write what they felt would make Sprotbrough even better resulted in 'open land to play on and better parks' being their most identified idea.

Appendix 1 – Children’s Questionnaire

**Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire**

We would like you to tell us what you think about Sprotbrough.

This will help us let the Doncaster planners know what you like about Sprotbrough, and what you would like to change.

**Questions**

1. Which year group are you in?
  
2. What is important to you about living in Sprotbrough?

Please tick the things you like:

	✓
Playgrounds/Skate Park	
Grassed areas/open space where you can play	
School	
Library	
Churches	
Shops	
Friendly and safe environment	
Having lots of trees everywhere	
Wildlife (places for wildlife to live eg your garden, green spaces the river and the Flash)	
Anything else? Please write in this space	

3. Is there anything you don't like about living in Sprotbrough?
- Please tick the things that you don't like:

Crossing roads	
Cars parking on the path making it difficult to keep to the path and cross the road	
All the cars and lorries making the roads very busy	
Not having enough places to go and things to do	
Litter on the streets and in the parks	

Anything else?  
Please write in this space

4. If new homes are being built we will lose open spaces. Where do you think the new homes should be built?

You may tick none, one or more of the ideas below:

On the open green spaces	
On farmland	
In the gardens of other homes (eg if you had some spare garden houses could be built there)	
In place of existing buildings	
I don't think there should be any more building	
Any more ideas? Please write in this space	

5. What would you like to see change in Sprotbrough to make it an even better and safer place to live? Write or draw your ideas.

## Appendix 2 – Background Notes For Teachers

### **Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Plan**

Your views are sought to help build a neighbourhood plan for Sprotbrough.

Neighbourhood planning is about local people deciding how their communities should develop. It offers residents who know and care about their area a fantastic opportunity to get involved in building and shaping their surroundings and gives them more control and influence than they have ever had before. How would you like Sprotbrough to look in 5, 10 or 15 years time?

The neighbourhood plan will provide a set of statutory planning policies for the development of Sprotbrough. It must comply with national planning guidance and local policies made by Doncaster MBC. By doing this the policies in the neighbourhood plan must be taken into account when any planning application in Sprotbrough is considered.

This questionnaire is an opportunity for the young people of Sprotbrough to have a voice. The children's opinions will help the Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Champions and the parish council draw up the plan, ensuring that it contains the views of residents, businesses and children.

Sprotbrough is a distinct village which has links to the urban town centre but which is also surrounded by green spaces. By producing a neighbourhood plan it is this uniqueness that we wish to protect, but also to support sympathetic development to ensure the whole village remains sustainable and that we keep those things which are valued by all. Sustainable communities are places where people want to live and work now and in the future. They are safe and inclusive, well planned, well built, well run, offer equality of opportunity and provide good services to all.

We really welcome the opinions of the young people of Sprotbrough.

Questionnaires for adults are being distributed to all households in Sprotbrough. It would help us enormously if we could collect completed questionnaires on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016.