

EAST CHALLOW

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN YOUTH SURVEY REPORT

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INTRODUCTION AND RATIONALE

East Challow is currently preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. As part of its evidence gathering process, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group commissioned Community First Oxfordshire (CFO) to conduct a youth survey in June 2017. CFO is a charity that works with and supports communities across the county and has long-standing expertise in helping communities with consultation strategies.

The survey gave young people in the parish the opportunity to express an opinion on various community issues.

The survey had nine sections:

- About you
- Living in East Challow- likes and dislikes
- Improvements in East Challow
- Concerns about living in East Challow
- Leisure time in and out of East Challow
- Communications
- Feeling safe
- Cycling in the village
- Using the buses

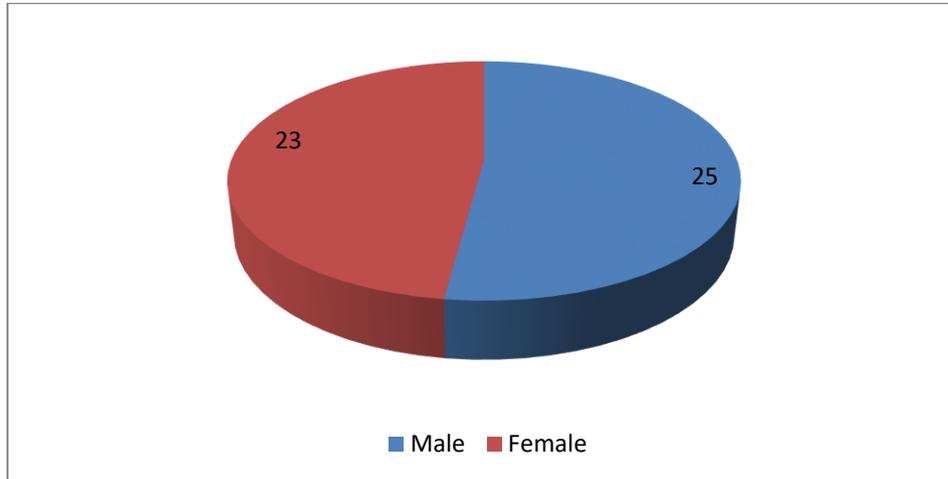
DISTRIBUTION AND RESPONSE

- CFO, liaising with East Challow Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG), prepared the survey content.
- The NPSG arranged distribution of surveys in June 2017.
- 47 surveys were returned – one of the surveys has responses from 2 people so the number of respondents was 48. The younger children gave a collective class view.
- CFO analysed the returned surveys and prepared this report.
- No information is known about the non-respondents, and no assumptions have been made about their opinions.

Part 1 – About You

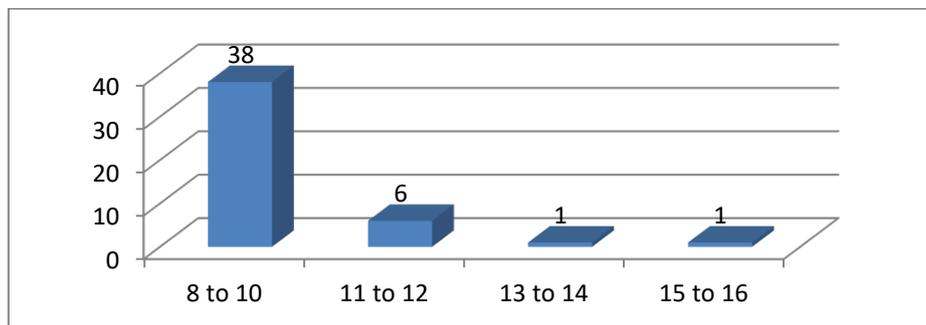
1. Are you male or female?

48 respondents



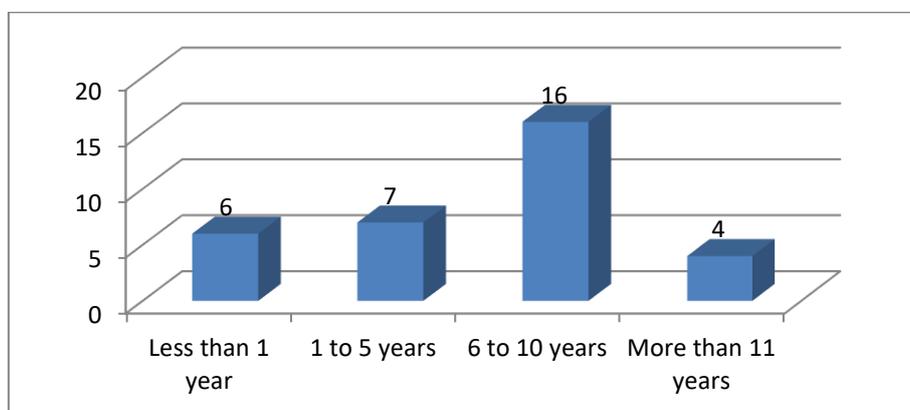
2. How old are you?

46 respondents



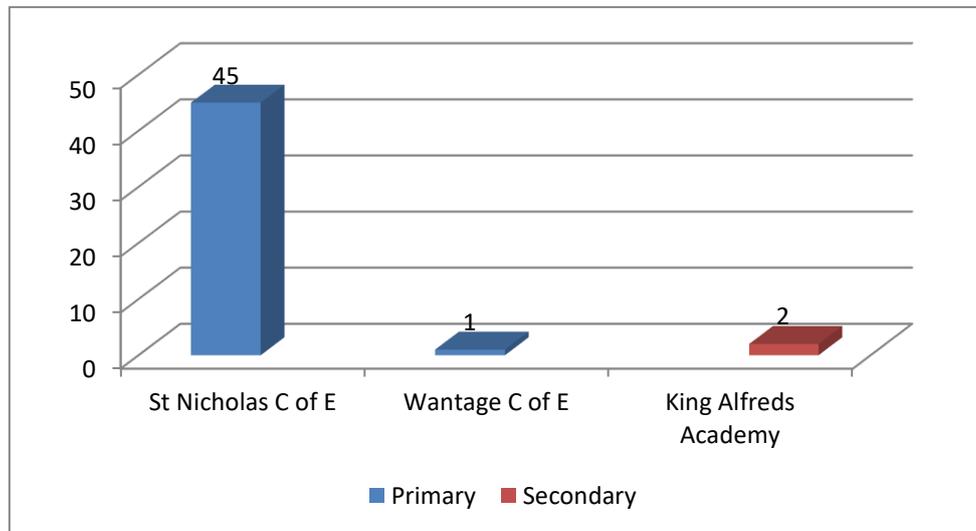
3. How long have you lived in East Challow?

33 respondents



4. Where do you go to school?

48 respondents



Part 2 – Living in East Challow: likes and dislikes

5. What do you like most about living in East Challow?

34 respondents - 45 comments

- Friendly village - 13
- Other responses - 8
- Parks and gardens - 8
- Quiet and peaceful - 8
- Countryside and views - 5
- Not too many houses - 2
- Local school - 1

6. What do you like least about living in East Challow?

30 respondents - 34 comments

- Lack of shop - 8
- Environmental concerns – 7
- Lack of activities - 7
- Number of houses - 5
- The school - 4
- Roads and speeding issues - 2
- Noisy people - 1

Part 3 – Improvements in East Challow

7. How do you think we could improve East Challow?

43 respondents - 66 comments

Local shop - 16
Better roads, controlling speeding and parking - 8
New, bigger school - 7
Skate park - 5
Swimming pool - 5
Developing the park - 4
New housing - 4
Chocolate fountains - 3
Looking after the environment - 2
More activities/ clubs - 2
Cycle path - 2
Trains - 2
Bridges instead of crossings - 1
Make gardens smaller - 1
No more housing - 1
Keep it the same - 1
More farmland - 1

Part 4 – Concerns about living in East Challow

8. Is there anything that concerns you about living in East Challow?

17 respondents - 17 comments

Feeling unsafe - 5
Road safety - 3
School - 3
Environmental issues - 3
Housing - 1
Smoking - 1
Lack of shop - 1

Part 5 – Leisure time in and out of East Challow

9. How do you mainly spend your leisure time?

42 respondents - 47 comments

At home - 21
Playing in the park/outside - 10
Sports - 4
Cycling - 4
Clubs - 2
Seeing friends - 2
Horses - 2
Swimming - 2

10. What activities or clubs IN East Challow do you take part in?

15 respondents - 19 comments

Other activities or clubs - 11
Gymnastics - 5
Football - 3

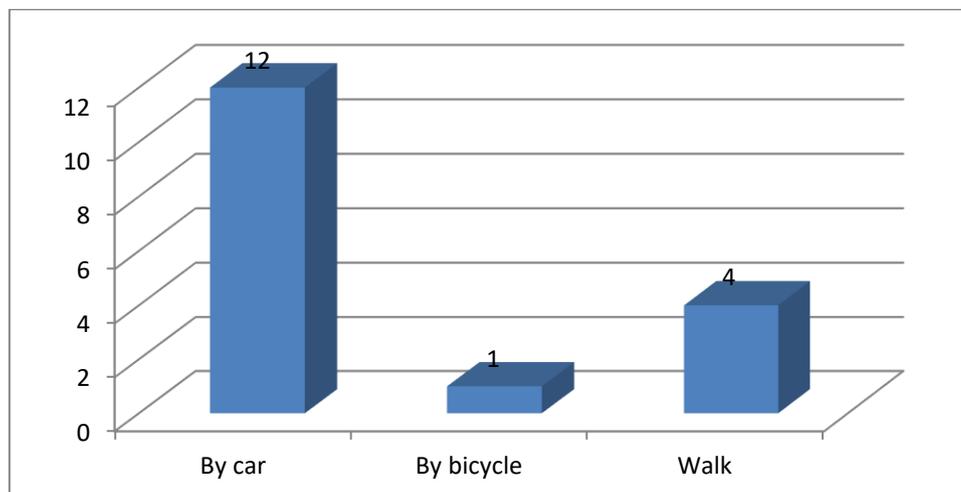
11. What activities or clubs OUTSIDE East Challow do you take part in?

23 respondents - 45 comments

Other activities or clubs - 8
Football - 8
Dance/ drama - 6
Gymnastics/ trampolining - 5
Swimming - 5
Uniformed organisations - 5
Music lessons - 3
Running - 3
Tennis - 2

12. How do you get to these activities?

17 respondents



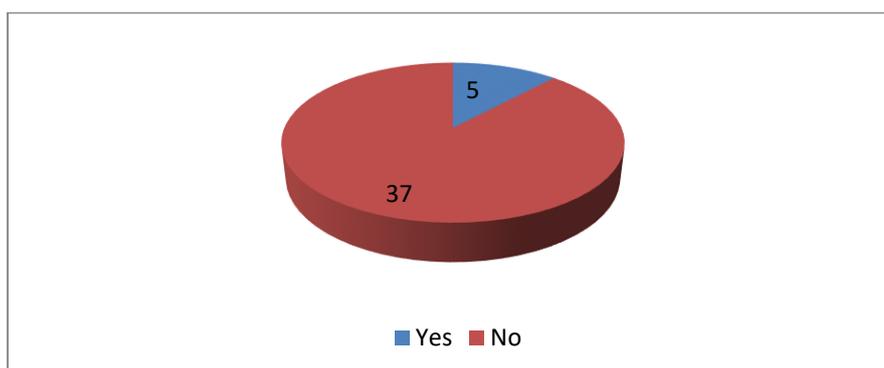
13. What activities or clubs in East Challow would you like?

33 respondents - 48 comments

- Various other sports activities - 13
- Various other clubs - 8
- Arts and crafts - 5
- Football - 5
- Parkour/ skate park - 4
- Swimming - 3
- Dance - 3
- Tennis - 3
- Community events - 2
- Cheerleading - 2

Part 6 – Communications

14. Do you use the village website to find out what's happening? 42 respondents



15. What would be the best way to keep in touch with young people in East Challow?

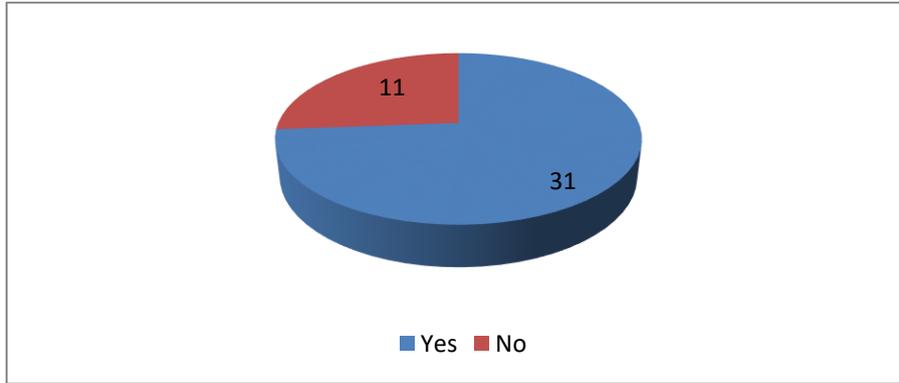
35 respondents - 46 comments

- Mobile phone applications (Skype, Whatsapp, text) - 21
- Face to face - 12
- Other - 4
- Print media and notice boards - 3
- Events - 3
- School - 3

Part 7 – Feeling Safe

16. Do you feel safe walking in the village?

42 respondents



17. If you answered no, what would make walking safer?

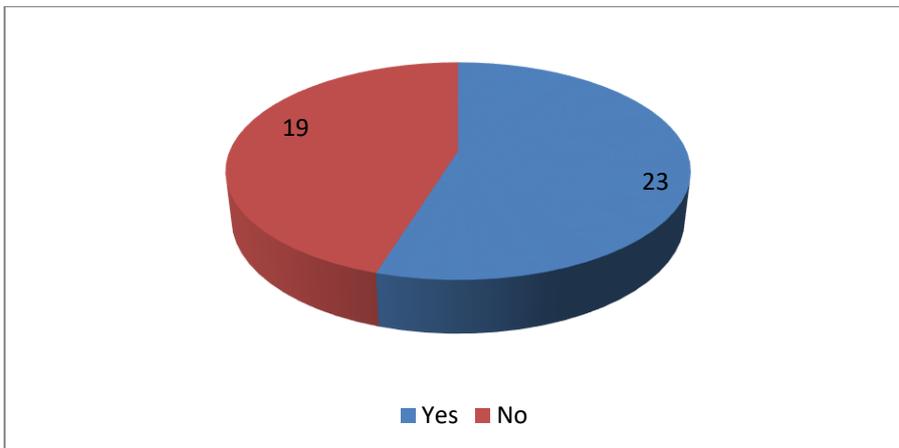
10 respondents - 13 comments

- Reducing speed of traffic - 7
- Better paths - 6

Part 8 – Cycling in the village

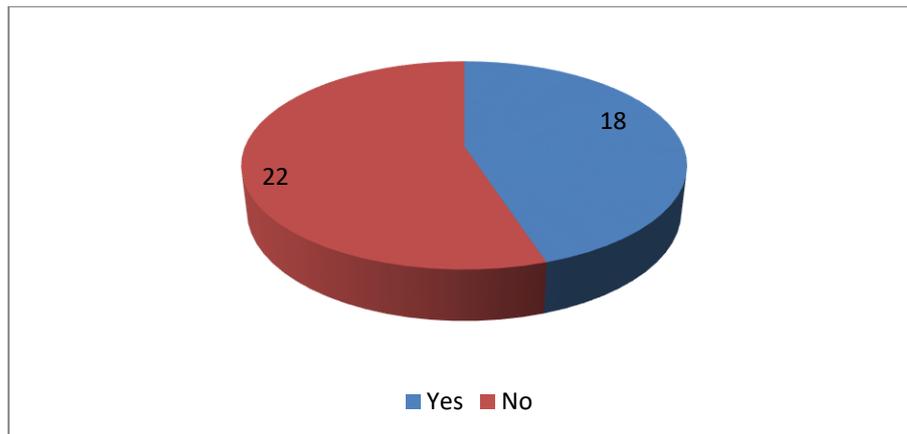
18. Do you cycle in the village?

42 respondents



19. Do you think cycling is safe in the village?

40 respondents



20. If you answered no, what would make cycling safer?

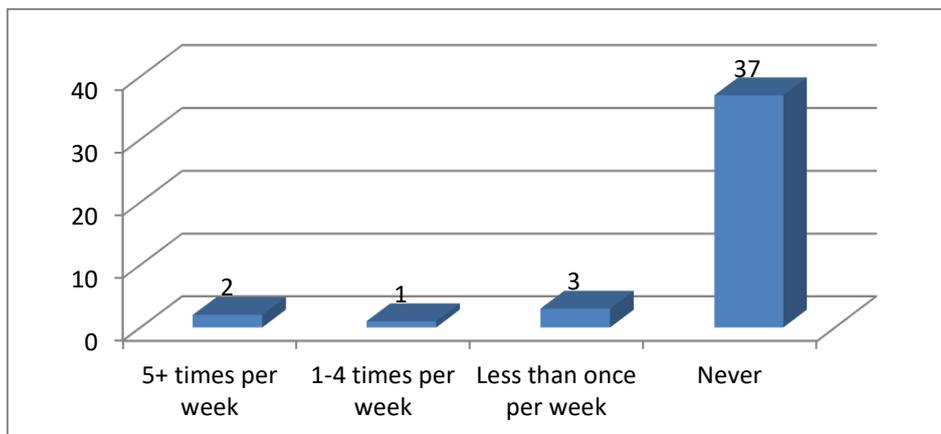
21 respondents - 24 comments

- Cycle path - 10
- Reducing speeding - 6
- Other ideas - 4
- CCTV - 2
- Bridge - 2

Part 9 – Using the buses

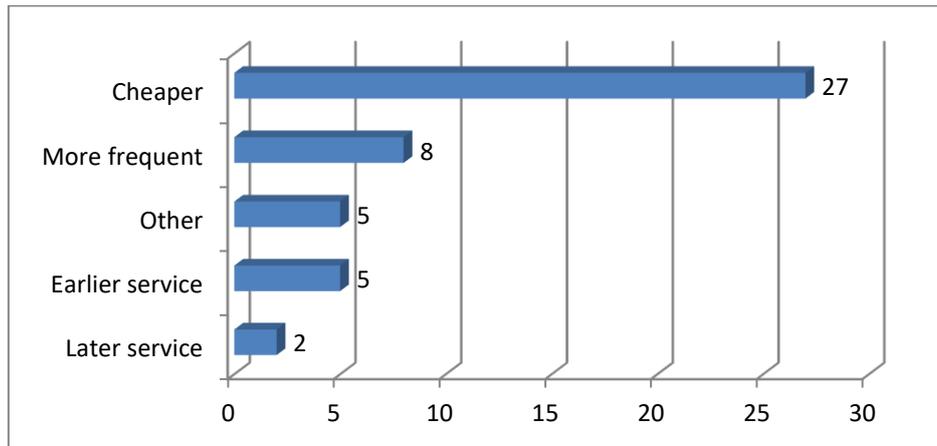
21. How often do you use the village buses?

43 respondents



22. What would make you use the buses more often?

35 respondents – 47 total answers



Comments



YOUNG PEOPLE IN EAST CHALLOW SAY....



We like living in the village as people are friendly. We like that it is small, quiet and peaceful and that we are near the countryside

We would like a shop in the village



Some of us think there are too many houses in the village

We would like people to take better care of the environment



We think that having more activities in the village would improve it. Our favourites would be a skate park and a swimming pool

We think that if there is to be new housing we would need a bigger school and the roads would need to be improved.





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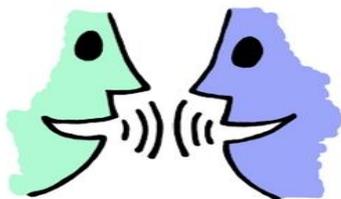
So we can feel safer in the village we would like people to drive more slowly and to park more considerately.

Many of us spend our leisure time at home but many of us go to the local park to play



We are busy and take part in lots of activities and sports outside the village

We would like to see more events, sports and activities in our village.



The best way to keep in touch with us is through our phones, through our school or by talking to us face to face

We would like a cycle path and better pavements and paths as this would make the village safer for everyone

