

Ingoldisthorpe Neighbourhood Plan

Ingoldisthorpe Parish Council is in the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan. A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led plan and gives residents an opportunity to have a say in how the village develops, ensuring future development aligns with community needs. It can protect valued assets and influence the type, design and location of developments whilst promoting sustainable growth.

We are currently in the early stages of preparing this plan and have just undertaken our first initial consultation to gather community views. A total of 134 people answered the main survey with most respondents (129 people) being residents and a large number (111 people) being 50 years or above. Key topics are summarised on the following pages.

The best things about Ingoldisthorpe



The things people are less happy about



How to improve Ingoldisthorpe

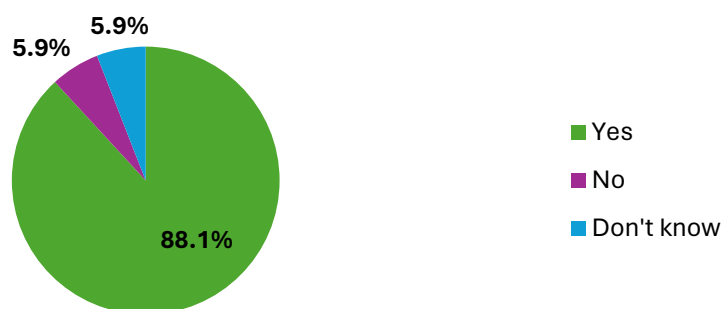
- Better communication between the parish council and the community.
- Green enhancements in the parish such as maintaining hedgerows and creating new areas for wildlife.
- Improvements were requested to the roads and footpaths.
- Improving derelict buildings.
- Later bus service.
- 50:50 split on either wanting more street lighting or wishing for dark skies.
- No more development or development for local people such bungalows, family homes, starter homes with stricter control on the design of buildings.
- Provide better facilities/activities for all ages.
- Safer roads/routes for cycling.
- Work with community groups/stakeholders to maintain and improve the parish.

Design and Housing

Several of the survey questions covered design and housing. The key findings have been summarised below:

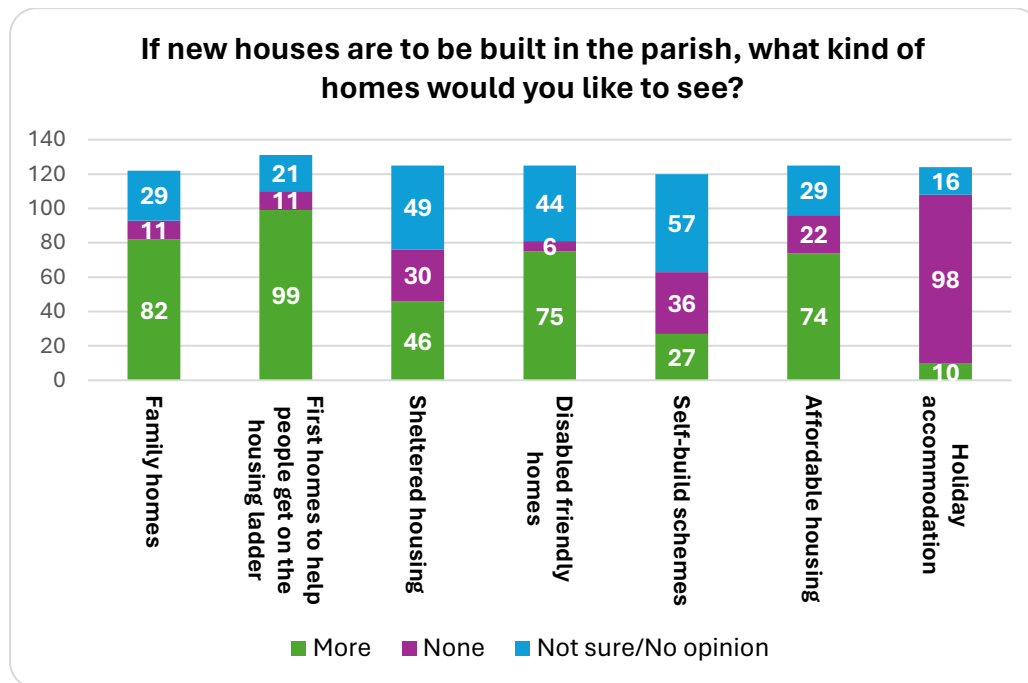
- Most respondents said it was essential for the design of new development to include trees and other planting (92 responses) and be of a height that is in keeping with other buildings in the area (89 responses).
- Most respondents (135 people) think the neighbourhood plan should include design guidelines for new development.

The Neighbourhood Plan can influence what new developments look like and how they function and integrate with the existing housing. Do you think that the Neighbourhood Plan should include design guidelines for new homes?

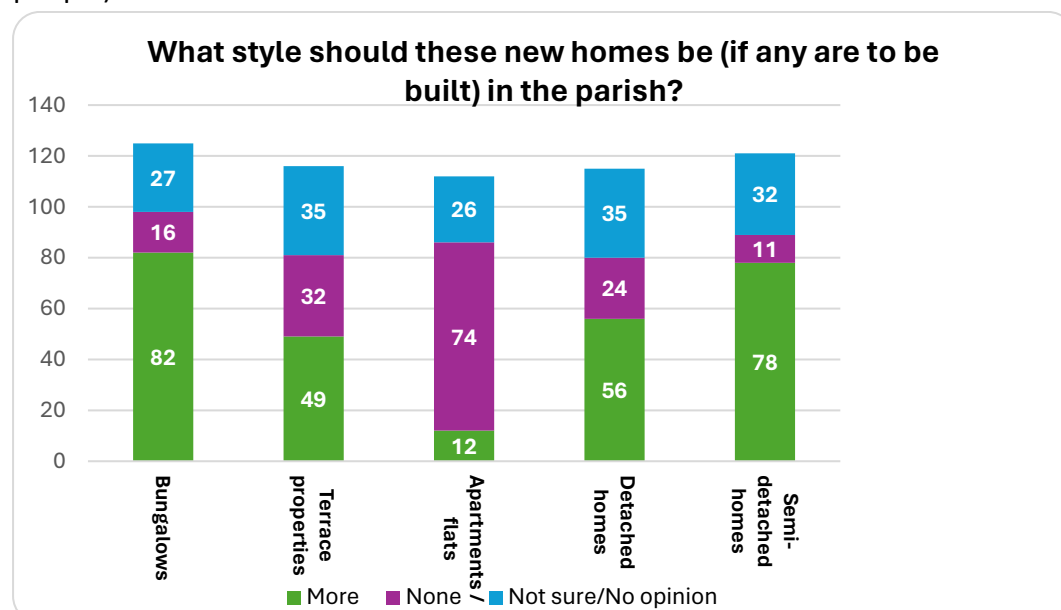


- Numerous respondents (92 people) think new housing should be environmentally sustainable. However, many stated that if this doesn't lead to developments being unaffordable, to local people.

- Most respondents (113 people) think the Neighbourhood Plan should provide guidance on the size and type of new homes built in the parish.
- If new homes were built in the parish many said they would want affordable homes, family homes, first homes and disabled friendly homes. 98 people did not want to see any more holiday accommodation.



- 4 people who answered the survey said they were looking for housing in Ingoldisthorpe such as a bungalow or disabled/sheltered housing.
- The style of new homes respondents would like to see, if any were built, was more bungalows (82 people) followed by semi-detached homes (78 people) and detached (56 people). A large majority of people stated there should be no apartments/flats (74 people).



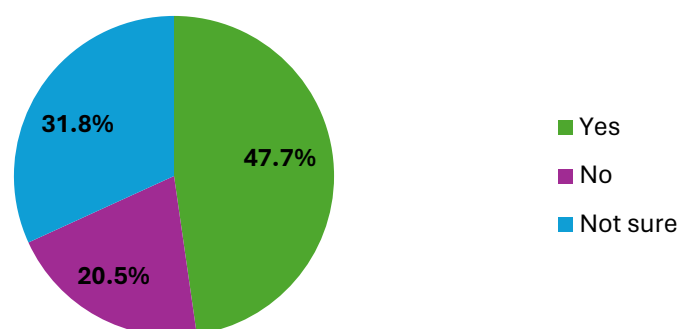
- If new homes were built in the parish many said the size of these should be 2 beds (91 people) or 3 beds (86 people). 66 people would rather not see more 5+ beds. Many comments in the housing survey stated any new homes should be affordable to locals such as young people or families.

If new houses are to be built in the parish, what size of homes would you like to see?

Answer Choice		More	None	Not sure/No opinion	Response Total
1	1 bed	30	25	49	104
2	2 bed	91	9	25	125
3	3 bed	86	9	28	123
4	4 bed	28	34	46	108
5	5 bed or larger	8	66	30	104
Please add further comments if you wish here:					42
answered					132
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- Nearly half of the respondents (63 people) supported making an allocation in the plan. So, there was around a 50:50 split on being for/against idea. Numerous people left comments on this question. There was not strong consensus on location but there was consensus that future developments should be small scale, 2 or 3 beds and for local people. A few reoccurring comments mentioned the derelict site at the P&A Garage as a potential location.

Neighbourhood plans could help shape the form and location of development if it were required. Would you support the Neighbourhood Plan identifying a small site for new housing within the parish?



Historic and Natural Environment

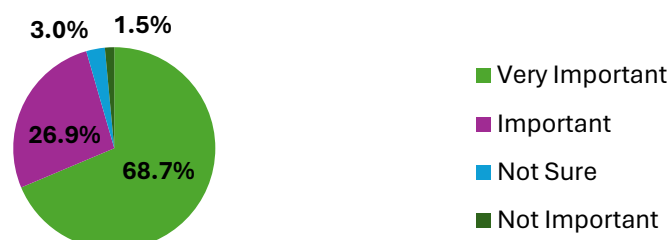
- Most respondents (131 people) agreed it is important to protect existing habitats.
- Most respondents (117 people) would support the identification of wildlife corridors. These would be areas that allow for habitat protection and enhancement of the wider ecological network.

One way we could help nature is to link habitat up, would you support the identification of an ecological network or wildlife corridors as part of the neighbourhood plan?



- 134 people supported the idea of protecting green spaces such as the allotments, church memorial grounds, Ingoldisthorpe Common, playing field and village pond.
- 47 people put forward ideas of other green spaces to protect such as land surrounding the River Ingol, land behind Grovelands and the fields adjacent to the old railway line between The Drift and Snettisham.
- 51 people put forward ideas to protect locally important views looking within the village and beyond. Many reoccurring comments mentioned views from Chalk Pit Road, as well as, looking out beyond the village such as towards Snettisham.
- 108 people think the Neighbourhood Plan should ensure that development minimises light pollution and there was a 50:50 view on the importance of streetlights with 62 people saying they are important and 48 people saying they are not.
- Most respondents (128 people) said that heritage is important with 56 people listing specific buildings such as Church Hall, Old Hall (The Drift), The Old Gamekeepers Cottage, The Old Blacksmith, Rectory, Village Hall, Vine Cottage and more.

How important do you think it is to protect the heritage or history of the parish, for example by protecting historic buildings?



Transport and Access

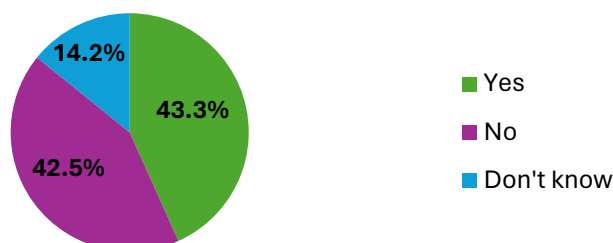
- Many respondents wished to see improvements to a few facilities in the village such as footpaths, new permissive routes, and access to services (94+ people). A few suggestions were given, such as a safer walking/cycling routes along Brickley Lane.

Having good and safe access to services that meet daily needs is often a concern. Do you think any of the following would be of benefit in the parish:

Answer Choice		Yes	No	Not sure	Response Total
1	Provision of cycle paths	78	29	18	125
2	Improved/more public footpaths	105	11	8	124
3	Better bus stops/bus service	53	24	38	115
4	Better access to health services	97	8	18	123
5	New permissive footpaths/routes into the countryside	94	9	17	120

- There was a 50:50 split on the opinions of parking in the village with 58 people saying it is an issue and 57 people saying it is not. 57 people left comments on where they believe parking issues are in the village with many citing near the school, along Hill Road, Lynn Road, and Sandy Lane.

Do you think there is an issue with parking in Ingoldisthorpe?



- 76 people said there is an issue with parking around the school and suggested improving this by creating double yellow lines, having a designated car park, staggering drop-off/collection times and moving the school to a more suitable location.
- 93 people said they think there is an issue with speeding in the village and agreed that this should be addressed as a community action in the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 109 people shared comments on traffic calming measures they would like to see in the village. Around 49 responses said a Speed Awareness Monitoring (SAM2 sign) would be good, also single lane chicanes, and there were several mixed views on introducing speed bumps.

Community Facilities and Employment

- 70 people put forward community facilities they would like to see protected. The Ingoldisthorpe Sports and Social Club was most frequently mentioned followed by the church hall, post office van, recreation field, bus service, allotments, church, pond, footpaths, and the school.
- 51 people suggested ideas they would like to see in the village such as a café, shop, post office, pub, a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at the playing field and more leisure/social activities such as the creation of weekly lunch clubs.
- Over half of the respondents stated they are currently retired (88 people) followed by 25 people working full-time and 18 part-time. Most respondents (100 people) stated they do not work within the parish and those who worked either worked within 0-10 miles or some as far as 50+ miles if necessary. If people needed, or wished, to work at home we asked what factors would support the idea. The biggest factor would be better internet connection followed by a better provision of community services.
- Respondents were invited to select priorities for Community Infrastructure Levy funding in the future. 131 people chose to answer this question. Options that received the most support included enhancing and extending the Ingoldisthorpe Sports and Social Club facilities, new improved footpaths, improving/adding bus shelter, public seating, and dog/litter bins.

Other Matters

Several issues were raised within the survey which Ingoldisthorpe Parish Council wished to find the answers too whilst consulting with the community. These will be investigated outside of the development of the Neighbourhood Plan with relevant stakeholders, and we appreciate the feedback given by all those who participated. These issues include:

- Bus service (evening timetable)
- Footpath maintenance and signage
- Littering, more dog bins, litter bins and seating
- Parking concerns within the village and road improvements (such as concerns with the road layout at Lynn Road/Hill Road junction)
- School concerns (such as capacity and parking)
- Speeding and traffic management measures. The Parish Council are currently awaiting the result of a Highway feasibility study by Norfolk County Council.

Next steps

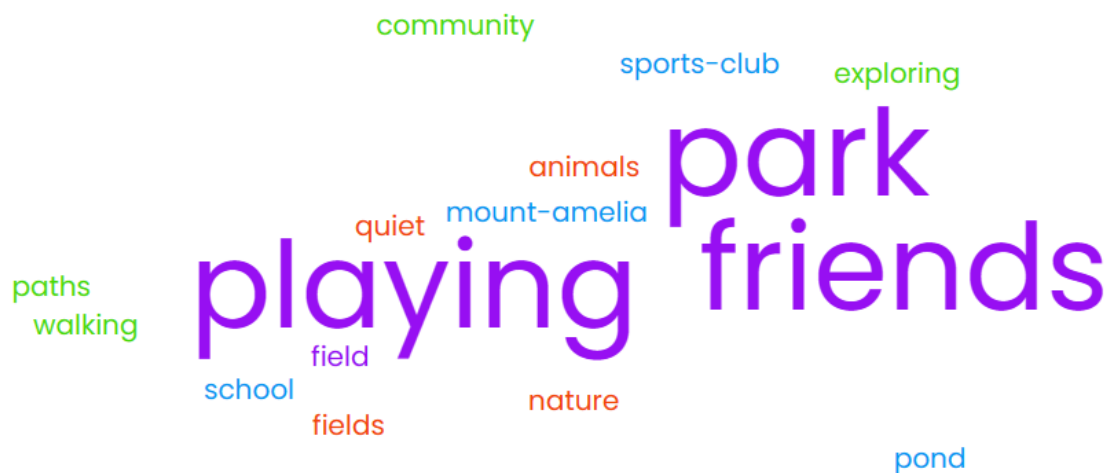
The parish council/steering group are now starting to draft a Neighbourhood Plan as well as its supporting documents. The plan will consider the views shared within the initial survey including housing, design, and the historic and natural environment. The Parish Council will keep you updated when further movement takes place with the plan. Please see the next page for the results from the young person survey.

Ingoldisthorpe Neighbourhood Plan Young Persons Survey

In total 8 people answered some, or all, of the young person's survey and almost all respondents (6 people) describe themselves as residents. 2 respondents said they went to school in the village. All respondents were between the age range of 5-15 years with most respondents being 10-15 years.

The respondents were asked what they liked and disliked about Ingoldisthorpe and what improvements they would like to see.

The best things about Ingoldisthorpe



The things people are less happy about.

- Not many places to socialise or fitness classes for children.
- The park could be improved since it isn't very big, there is no older children equipment at the playground, and it always looks shut because it has a builders fence up at present. The social club can be intimidating and there is no table tennis.
- There are no shops in the village and the main road is busy, and cars go past at a high speed.
- Lack of cycle paths to use and no path to the beach.
- Overgrown hedges near the school makes the paths narrower to walk along.

How to improve Ingoldisthorpe/ Other Issues

- A better park/playing field including older child equipment, table tennis table and fencing. Create easier access to the allotments away from the main road.
- More fun places/activities on offer for children such as sports.
- Provide a shop in the village and a cycle path towards the beach.
- Do not build on fields where we can walk our dogs and look after the environment.