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The results of a survey of all households in the Assington parish are below. The response rate was 52% of the adult population, or 174 out of 334 people.

Where appropriate, results are summarised in blue as a percentage of those who agree (i.e. have either ticked “Agree” or “Strongly Agree”), excluding any “No answers”. The strength of agreement is also indicated in the yellow summary by weighting “Strongly Agree” to 100%, “Agree” to 66%, “Disagree” to 33% and “Strongly Disagree” to 0%, to give an overall strength of agreement percentage.

### (A) Housing Type and Need

A1) What do you think about the number of houses currently in Assington Parish?					
	Need a lot more	Need a few more	About right	Too many already	No answer
	☆ 5	★ 37	★ 68	★ 62	☆ 2

A2) In your opinion, how many new homes should be built in Assington parish in the next 20 years?						
	0-10	10-25	25-50	50-75	75+	No answer
	★ 98	☆ 48	★ 19	☆ 3	☆ 2	☆ 4

A3) Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements, which have been gathered through discussion with local residents?								Strength of agreement
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer	Agree %		
New houses should be of a style which blends with existing older houses in the village	☆ 3	☆ 22	★ 60	★ 84	☆ 5	85%	78%	
New houses should include modern and architecturally innovative design	☆ 28	★ 62	★ 61	☆ 14	☆ 9	45%	46%	
New houses should be encouraged to include 'eco' credentials	☆ 3	☆ 12	★ 101	☆ 50	☆ 8	91%	73%	
A proportion of future builds should be prioritised for people with a connection to Assington	☆ 3	☆ 21	★ 65	★ 76	☆ 9	85%	77%	
The mains sewage system infrastructure should be addressed before more houses are built	☆ 2	☆ 14	★ 62	★ 92	☆ 4	91%	81%	
If new family homes are to be built, measures should first be taken to ensure enough pupil places at local schools	☆ 0	☆ 8	★ 84	★ 78	☆ 4	95%	80%	
Any new housing development should include affordable housing	☆ 8	☆ 20	★ 61	★ 78	☆ 7	83%	75%	

A4) What type of occupancy should new housing be intended for?							
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer	Agree %	Strength of agreement
Starter homes for first-time buyers	☆ 5	☆ 14	★ 75	★ 69	☆ 11	88%	76%
Social housing (for rent not buy)	☆ 17	☆ 32	★ 73	☆ 40	☆ 12	70%	61%
Shared ownership	☆ 16	☆ 37	★ 82	☆ 12	☆ 27	64%	54%
Social enterprise/self-build	☆ 14	☆ 36	★ 96	☆ 10	☆ 18	68%	55%
Privately owner occupied	☆ 3	☆ 15	★ 108	☆ 28	☆ 20	88%	68%
Private rented	☆ 26	★ 63	★ 51	☆ 8	☆ 26	40%	43%

A5) What type of new housing would you like to see in Assington?							
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer	Agree %	Strength of agreement
1 bedroom homes	☆ 16	★ 47	★ 54	☆ 29	☆ 28	57%	55%
2 bedroom homes	☆ 3	☆ 10	★ 86	★ 62	☆ 13	92%	76%
3 bedroom homes	☆ 8	☆ 12	★ 105	☆ 28	☆ 21	87%	67%
4+ bedroom homes	★ 47	★ 46	★ 45	☆ 6	★ 30	35%	36%
Bungalows	☆ 9	☆ 22	★ 96	☆ 23	☆ 24	79%	63%
One-storey accessible housing	☆ 9	☆ 20	★ 96	☆ 16	☆ 33	79%	61%
Lifestyle homes	☆ 14	☆ 26	★ 87	☆ 14	☆ 33	72%	57%

A6) What form would you prefer any future development to take?								
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer			
In-filling along a road	17	14	99	32	12	81%	63%	
Several small developments of up to 5 dwellings	27	31	89	9	18	63%	50%	
Several small developments of 6-20 dwellings	63	56	29	6	20	23%	29%	
1 or 2 larger developments (10+ dwellings)	101	33	11	6	23	11%	16%	

A7) Allocating Sites for Development								
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer			
The Neighbourhood Plan should allocate actual sites for potential future development	5	9	76	76	8	92%	78%	

## (B) Countryside Character

B1) Do you agree with these comments about good planning?								
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer			
New development should respect Assington's rural character	0	3	33	135	3	98%	92%	
New development should respect Assington's historic areas and buildings	0	5	43	122	4	97%	90%	
New development should provide additional public access, green space and wild places in Assington	1	9	55	98	11	94%	84%	

B2) Do you agree with these comments about landscape and biodiversity?								
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer			
New development should respect the views east from The Street, or from houses in The Street (A134 direction)	1	14	61	85	13	91%	81%	
New development should respect the views west from The Street, or from houses in The Street (The Thicks direction)	1	5	59	98	11	96%	85%	
New development should respect the landscape of The Brook, south from the Church, and past The Vicary and the Reservoir, including its valley-side slopes	1	4	63	95	11	97%	85%	
New development should respect Assington's biodiversity (e.g. protecting animal species)	0	2	62	105	5	99%	87%	
Electricity cabling through the parish should be underground where possible (i.e. not using pylons)	1	8	45	112	8	95%	87%	

B4) Do you agree with these comments about Assington's character?								
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer			
New development should respect Assington Thicks and other woodland near Assington's village centre	☆ 0	☆ 1	☆ 35	★ 133	☆ 5	99%	93%	
New development should respect hedges, fields and orchards along The Street and other roads	☆ 0	☆ 7	☆ 44	★ 115	☆ 8	96%	88%	
New development should respect natural green verges in The Street	☆ 0	☆ 9	★ 53	★ 103	☆ 9	95%	86%	
New development should provide better links to Assington's footpath network, via permissive paths	☆ 2	☆ 9	★ 69	★ 85	☆ 9	93%	81%	
New development should bring improved access on foot to green areas round the village centre	☆ 3	☆ 12	★ 61	★ 89	☆ 9	91%	81%	

### (C) Road Safety

C1) How do you feel about the parish roads and traffic?								
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer			
The volume of traffic is a problem for us in the village	☆ 2	★ 37	★ 56	★ 66	☆ 13	76%	72%	
Speeding traffic is a problem to us in the village	☆ 4	☆ 17	★ 56	★ 88	☆ 9	87%	79%	
Children feel safe walking along the road in the village centre	☆ 37	★ 70	☆ 34	☆ 7	☆ 26	28%	36%	
Cyclists and horse riders are safe and respected on the lanes in our parish	☆ 28	★ 56	★ 65	☆ 4	☆ 21	45%	43%	
There is sufficient parking for residents' needs	☆ 17	★ 60	★ 74	☆ 6	☆ 17	51%	48%	

C2) What measures to improve safety should be considered in Assington?								
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer			
Traffic calming should be installed	☆ 17	★ 44	★ 44	★ 55	☆ 14	62%	62%	
More signage to manage speed is needed in the village centre	☆ 7	★ 43	★ 54	★ 56	☆ 14	69%	66%	
There should be 20mph speed limits and pedestrian priority at key danger points in the village	☆ 9	★ 35	★ 61	★ 63	☆ 6	74%	69%	
The 30mph speed limit should be extended towards A134 on the road into the village	☆ 6	★ 45	★ 61	★ 52	☆ 10	69%	66%	
The speed limit should be reduced on the A134 through Further Street	☆ 14	★ 66	★ 41	★ 40	☆ 13	50%	55%	
Single track lanes in the parish should have defined passing places	☆ 2	☆ 22	★ 79	★ 61	☆ 10	85%	74%	

C3) Would you consider becoming part of a Community Speed Watch group in the future?				
	Yes	No	Maybe	No answer
	19	90	50	15

## (D) Amenities and Services

**D1) These amenities are important to the village community:**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer		
Pub	2	3	63	103	3	97%	85%
The Barn facilities (shop, café, etc)	2	6	65	97	4	95%	84%
Village hall	2	1	48	118	5	98%	89%
Sports ground	3	5	65	96	5	95%	83%
Mobile library	4	21	72	69	8	85%	75%
Bus service	1	5	55	107	6	96%	86%
Post office	2	9	67	88	8	93%	82%
Notice boards	2	8	91	63	10	94%	77%
Broadband coverage	2	0	35	130	7	99%	92%
Church services	4	9	79	73	9	92%	78%
Churchyard	4	8	78	72	12	93%	78%

**D2) Assington needs to improve the following community provisions:**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer		
Indoor sports facilities	8	57	63	17	29	55%	54%
Outdoor sports facilities	7	44	77	21	25	66%	58%
Organised youth activities/groups	2	20	99	36	17	86%	69%
Organised activities/groups for older people	0	20	99	34	21	87%	70%
Organised community activities	0	31	89	29	25	79%	66%

**D3) Assington is in need of improvement of the following services:**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer		
Public transport	9	52	63	33	17	61%	59%
Taxis or community transport	8	56	68	21	21	58%	56%
Broadband	2	15	46	99	12	90%	83%
Mobile phone reception	1	38	53	68	14	76%	72%

**D4) The parish council should use community funds or find sponsors to support:**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer		
An Assington village sign	16	49	64	28	17	59%	55%
Improved playing field	3	40	87	26	18	72%	62%
Creation of a community orchard	7	55	76	16	20	60%	55%
Improvement to the fishing lake area	4	57	69	15	29	58%	55%
Improved surfacing of existing pavements	9	29	83	39	14	76%	65%
Safe play areas for children	1	8	72	79	14	94%	81%
More allotment space	3	71	58	14	28	49%	52%
Additional dog bins	1	32	89	32	20	79%	66%
Addition rural footpaths	2	27	70	49	26	80%	71%
Public benches	2	41	79	30	22	72%	63%
"Welcome to Assington" signs on village entry	14	52	54	40	14	59%	58%

## (E) Local Commerce

**E1) Do you agree that the following types of commercial development are important to the parish?**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer		
Retail	11	31	95	25	12	74%	61%
Leisure activities	7	41	99	12	15	70%	58%
Holiday accommodation	26	52	75	5	16	51%	46%
Garage and motoring service	13	47	80	16	18	62%	54%
Personal care	7	50	78	9	30	60%	54%
Vehicle dismantlers	60	52	38	6	18	28%	31%
Agricultural	2	12	82	70	8	92%	77%
Sports activities	7	35	96	15	21	73%	59%
Tourism	14	34	98	11	17	69%	56%
Social enterprise	4	21	102	19	28	83%	64%

**E2) Do you agree that the following commercial improvements should be considered?**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer		
Assington needs to attract more small businesses	19	48	76	14	17	57%	51%
Assington needs to improve local employment prospects	12	49	77	14	22	60%	54%
We would welcome the construction of new small business premises (e.g. small workshops)	17	42	86	15	14	63%	54%

**E4) Current and future businesses should have regard to their village location in terms of:**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer		
The availability of access to the current road network	☆ 1	☆ 2	★ 86	★ 74	☆ 11	98%	81%
Their impact on the current road network e.g. large trucks	☆ 0	☆ 5	☆ 51	★ 110	☆ 8	97%	88%
Minimising noise pollution	☆ 1	☆ 2	☆ 52	★ 108	☆ 11	98%	88%
Ensuring working hours are appropriate	☆ 0	☆ 5	★ 63	★ 96	☆ 10	97%	85%
Minimising light pollution	☆ 0	☆ 2	★ 64	★ 98	☆ 10	99%	86%

## (F) General Demographics

<b>F1) What is your sex?</b>	★ 88	★ 73	☆ 13				
	Male	Female	No answer				
<b>F2) What age group are you in?</b>	16-17	18-24	25-44	45-59	60-74	75-84	85 & over
	☆ 2	☆ 8	★ 33	★ 55	★ 50	☆ 13	☆ 1
<b>F3) How long have you lived in the parish?</b>	< 1 year	1-5 years	5-15 years	15-25 years	25-50 years	> 50 years	No answer
	☆ 7	☆ 23	★ 44	★ 36	★ 38	☆ 10	☆ 16