

Summary of the key findings from the Deepings Neighbourhood Plan Survey for Heritage and Environment

318 responses

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Heritage

1. Results were very clear about how important it is to retain historical buildings within both communities with 275 respondents (86.6%) giving their vote the “very important” status.
2. With Church Street, Market Deeping being recognised as one of the best examples of a Georgian Street in Lincolnshire, results showed that residents feel that heritage architecture should be an very important consideration in future developments.
3. Visual characteristics within the Conservation Areas should be preserved as 82% of respondents recorded this as being of high importance.
4. Further consideration was then given to the areas adjoining the conservation areas within both communities. Results clearly showed that respondents feel that this is an important aspect when new developments are being planned.
5. The two Grade 1 listed Churches have a visual impact on both communities. Seventy Five percent of respondents felt that, where possible, retaining this visual impact is very important.

Environment

1. The survey asked about the importance of Green Areas within the built environments within both communities. The responses showed that the inclusion of these is very important with just over 87% giving a very positive message about the importance of green spaces.
2. When a new development is planned, respondents were asked for their preference about the location of a green space. Here the results were much more varied, with the slightly most popular response indicating a preference for smaller areas scattered throughout the development.
3. The question of having access to a large park and sports facilities gave a very positive indication of the need for such areas.
4. Respondents were asked about the need for additional pedestrian pathways around the two communities, linking up via the Green Walk. The result for this particular area was slightly more mixed with 60% of respondents indicating that the walk ways are very important.
5. Results show that residents feel that the presence of trees forms an important part in our environment. Therefore retention of mature trees and the planting of new ones is a very important consideration for any new development.
6. The River links both our communities which is now used largely for recreational purposes. Results show that respondents feel it is very important to retain access to this visual amenity.