

# Online Survey For Tuxford Neighbourhood Plan

## Final Report – High level findings.

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### 1.0 Introduction

Tuxford Town Council (TTC) was asked by Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) whether it was willing to take part in a pilot, supported by the Department of Levelling Up, for a new way to engage with the community and identify the community's priorities to feed into a Neighbourhood Priorities Statement (PS), which in turn will feed into the upcoming new Tuxford Neighbourhood Plan (TNP). BDC had secured the services of Helen Metcalf, who had participated in the previous Neighbourhood Plan in Tuxford, in 2015, to write this from the community engagement.

This engagement included two open-door events in the Parish church (the first attended by 32 families, the second by only four), which led to a decision to create an online questionnaire, which was written by TTC and agreed with BDC and then put online by TTC and promoted via posters around the town with QR codes and repeatedly via the TTC website and social media (TTC and Tuxford Chat, the community Facebook page). The moderators for Tuxford chat kindly agreed to keep the link to the questionnaires at the top of the feed for a period, which resulted in a strikingly higher response rate.

In the end, a total of four surveys was created. Three were very similar and addressed work and leisure time, likes, dislikes, overall views, what is good and what needs to be improved in the town. There were questions that were common to all and some specifics dealing with issues of interest to specific populations.

The last one was a single question on the future of Gilbert Avenue Playing field.

### 2.0 The Surveys - description

There was a survey for general residents, launched first. This asked about work, distance commuted, transport mode, and how people spent their leisure time; views (and use) of Tuxford's current infrastructure, key likes and dislikes (with an option for "no opinion"), prioritised needs for what is missing, wider attitudes to Tuxford and what keeps people here. The general Resident survey garnered 274 responses – a remarkable achievement.

After some feedback, a second survey targeted at Senior Residents asked substantially the same questions but eliminated the work section. 61 Seniors responded to this survey (some were done on paper and the results input by volunteers). Again, this was considered an excellent participation. Notably, 41 respondents to the general Resident survey categorised themselves as "retired".

This meant that a total of 335 adult residents of Tuxford responded in total – 233 of working age and 102 retirees.

The survey on the future of Gilbert Avenue Playing Field (GAPF) asked whether residents wanted to keep it as a playing field and improve the facilities on it, or see it moved (and improved) to a different site. This was asked in the context of BDC defining it as "suitable for development" in the

Land Availability Assessment (LAA). This produced a total of 431 respondents, all but seven of whom wanted it to remain and be improved.

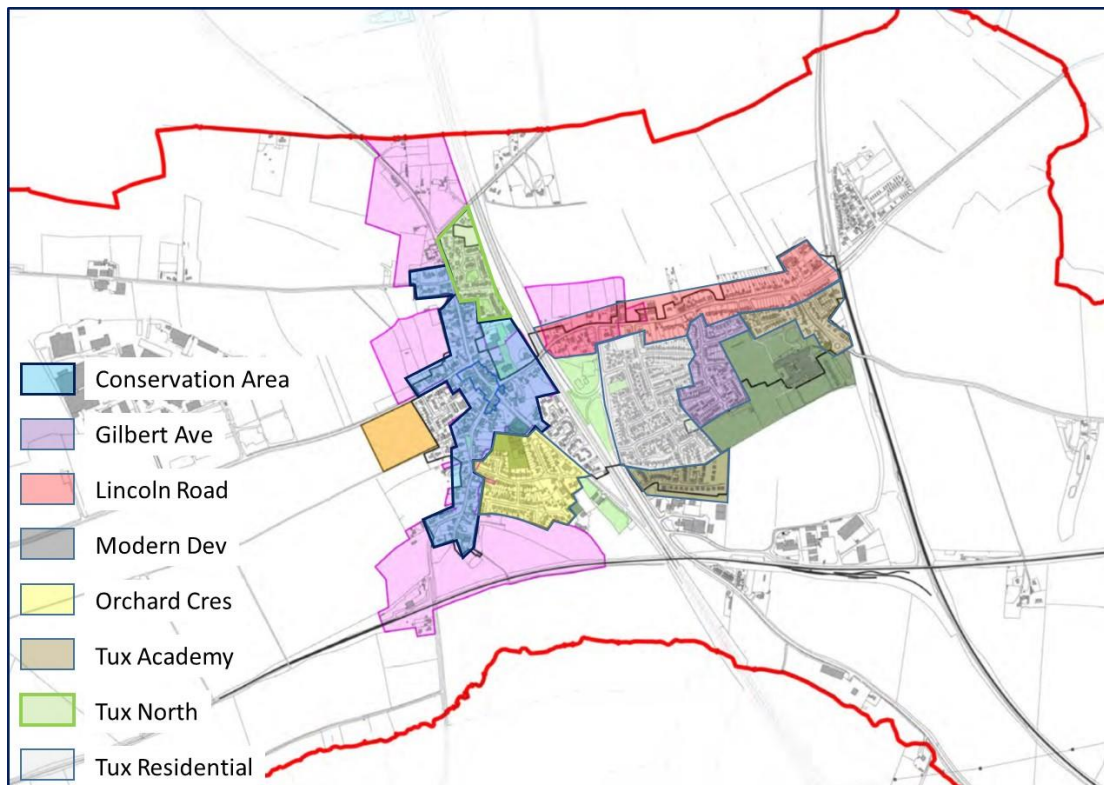
This rapid result impacted the then ongoing survey of the student population. Given the proximity of GAPF to Tuxford Academy, a set of questions was inserted to ask about potential frequency of use of various proposed facility additions. Although this was only added part way through, 44 respondents indicated their preferences. Tuxford Primary fully engaged with the survey, using it as an IT learning and also ran a competition for the best ideas for proposed additional facility in Tuxford. The results of this are incorporated into this.

Tuxford Academy staff did not engage with or support the questionnaire – however despite this the overall response rate of 72 students gives a solid foundation to use for community development purposes.

This gave a clear preference and priority for improvements, and thanks to this, TCC was able to secure sufficient funding to provide for an outdoor gym, a covered (and lit) social space and a small bike track with the budget.

For the three main questionnaires, the format was a set of questions with multiple options to respond to, and at the end of each question, a free text response to see whether anything important had been missed. A set of responses to this open text format is appended.

The Resident and Senior Resident surveys asked people to state which road in Tuxford they lived on. The advice was not to ask this of the student population, in order to ensure anonymity. This was reduced to population areas for later use. The Design Code Areas were originally planned for use, but it was clear that some adaptation was required – for instance, Lincoln Road formed a logical single area, as did the area around Gilbert Avenue. Notably, despite significant efforts including house-to-house calls, neither of the established “retirement areas”, around Beeches and The Pastures, were willing to participate. A map index of the area names is below.



### 3.0 Survey Results

#### 3.1 GAPF Survey

The overwhelming result in support of retaining (and improving) GAPF – 99% of 432 respondents wanted to keep the site where it is and improve it – requires no further analysis. No personal details (age, location) were requested in this survey – it was a “snap shot” which proved to be a very effective tool.

Accordingly, TTC has prioritised improving the facilities at GAPF in its current application under the Rural Infrastructure Fund application process. The choice of what to propose has, however been driven very much by the stated priorities of the student survey.

#### 3.2 Demographic Information

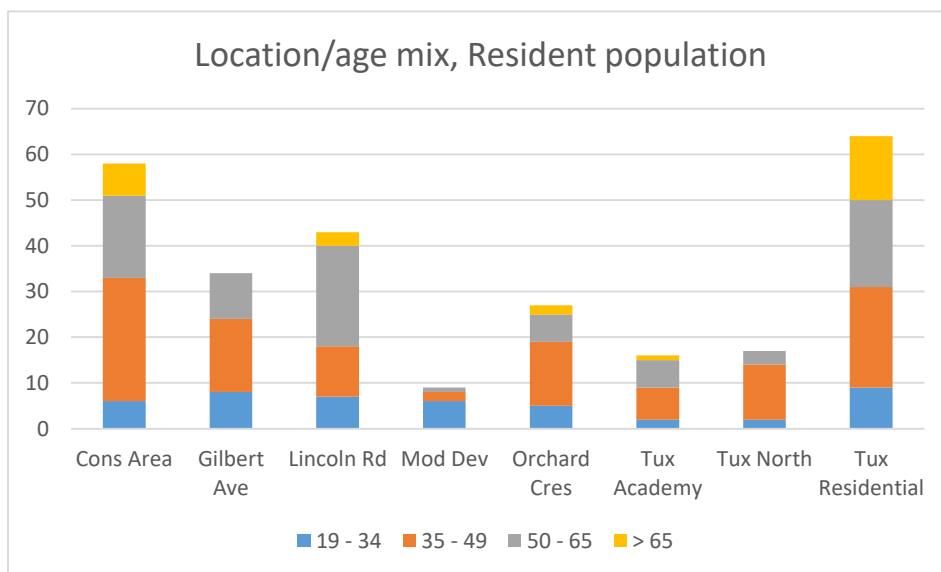
In agreement with BDC, TTC was careful to avoid collecting any personal information which would have enabled individual respondents to be identified. Therefore, the following was the only demographic information requested:

For the Resident survey and the Senior Resident Survey: Address (Street only)

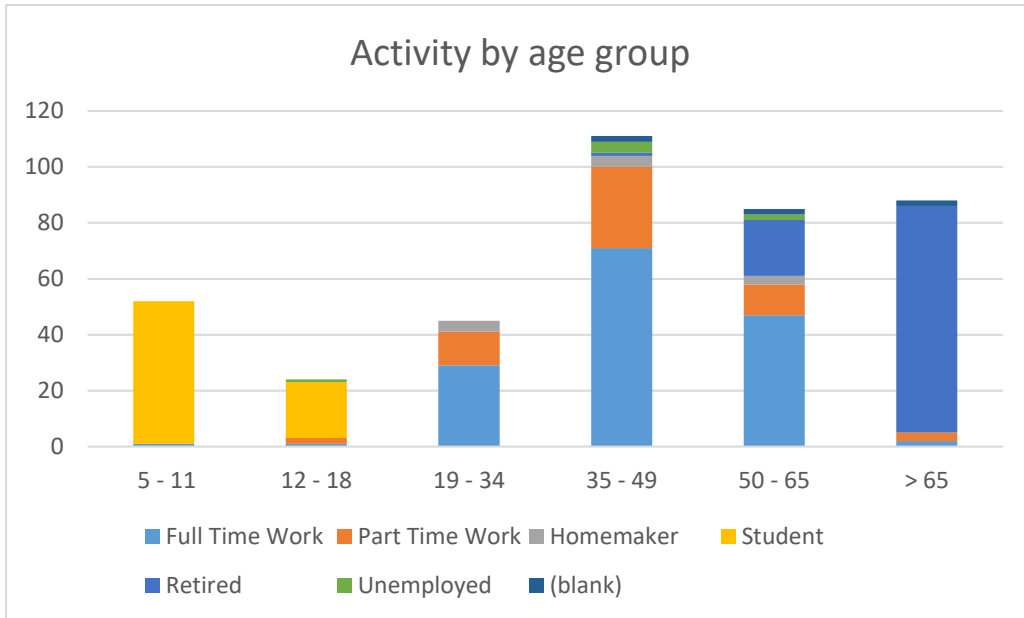
For the Resident survey: Age

For the student survey: only age, how long the respondent has lived locally, and whether the respondent lived in Tuxford or how far away (three distance ranges).

For the adult population, the respondent mix by area of Tuxford was as the graph below: The area names are as defined in the map above. The key point is that all areas are represented except the two retirement communities (although the population identifying as “Retired” was a significant proportion overall).



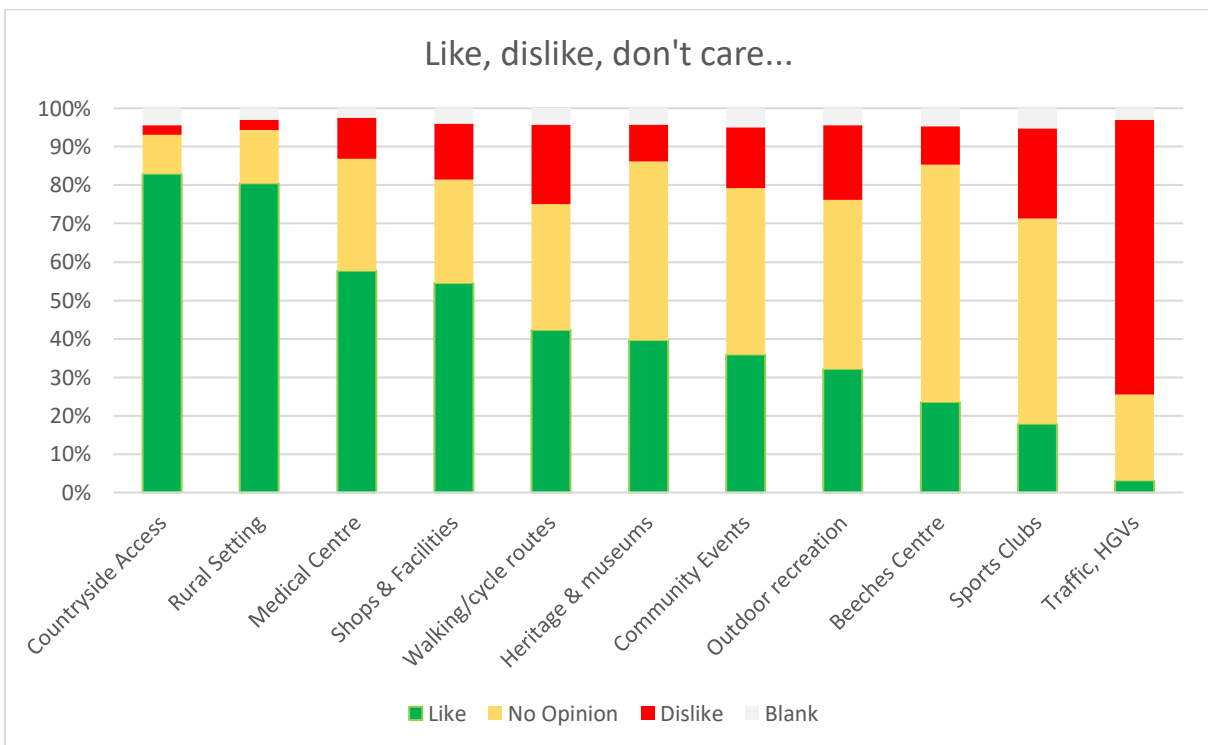
In terms of declared activity, when plotted by age group, are shown in the graph below:



### 3.3 What matters; likes and dislikes

One section of all three questionnaires covered this topic in an identical way. Respondents were invited to say whether they liked, disliked, or had no opinion on some key community facilities and issues. These were chosen as having been previously identified as of importance. As with all question sets, there was an option to add free text with issues not covered, however this did not uncover any undefined issues.

The consolidated response is presented below ordered by “most liked” to “Most disliked” with some comments.



A small proportion of some categories was left blank in some cases – these are considered insignificant. They are ranked from “most liked” to “most disliked”; note the proportion of “no opinion” also tends to increase, except when the issue of Traffic and HGVs is plotted, which has a very strong responses.

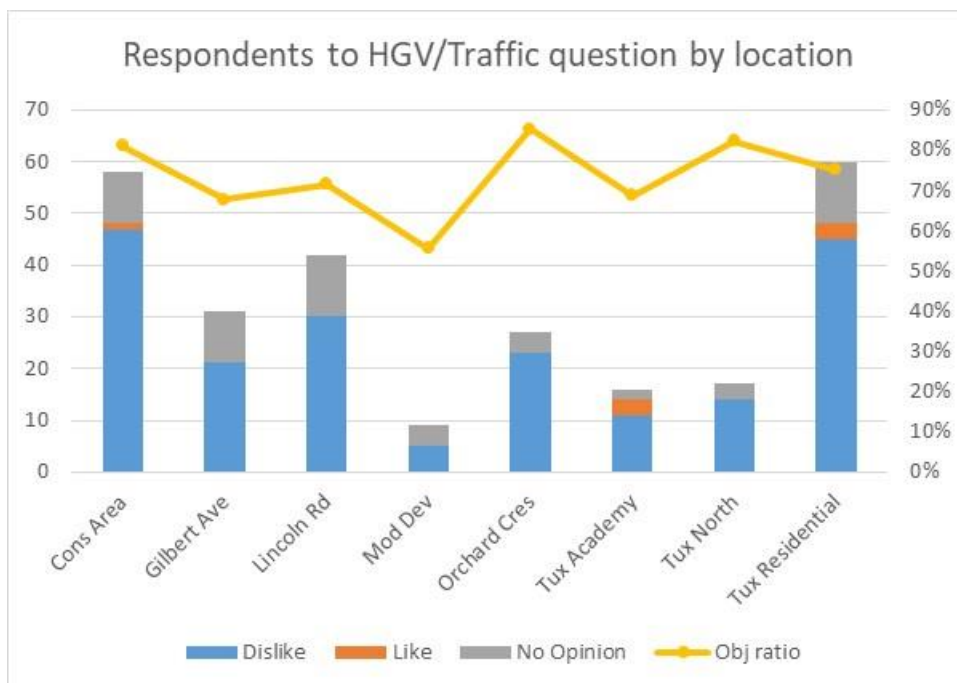
**Access to the countryside** and the **rural setting** were the two most liked attributes of Tuxford across the whole responding population. **Traffic and HGVs** was the most disliked, with over 70% response. The **Medical Centre** was third most important, closely followed by **Shops and Facilities**.

The lack of **Sports Clubs** and **Outdoor Recreation** facilities as well as limited **Walking/cycling** routes is clear in the relatively low positive response – often the “dislike” in this section was supported by comments of the “what sports facilities?” type.

Another way of looking at this information is the proportion of “no opinion” – what might be described as “don’t care”. Countryside Access and Rural setting were not only the two most positive but the two with the lowest “don’t care” ratio, closely followed by Traffic and HGVs, with a strong dislike response.

### 3.3.1 HVG/Traffic Responses in more detail

Given the importance of the negative response on HGV and Traffic, it was considered relevant to review the proportion of respondents from various sub-areas around Tuxford. This is presented in the graph below:

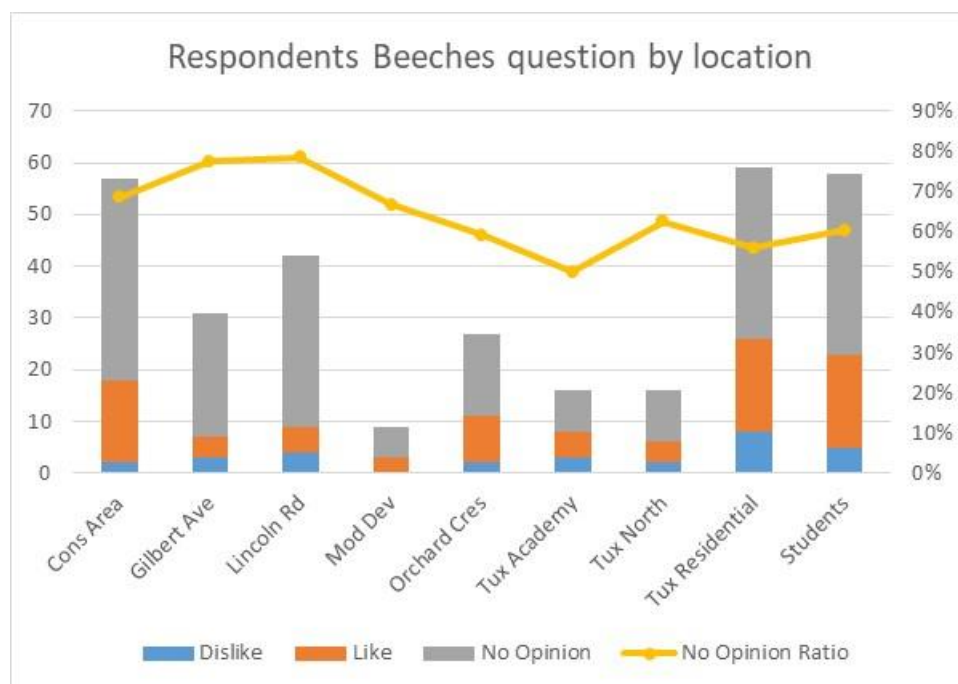


This shows that, whilst the overall negative response was 70%, when the various resident sub-areas are taken into consideration, the negative ratio is greatest (Dislike is consistently >80%) in the following areas: Conservation Area; Orchard Crescent; Tuxford North. These are the three areas most affected by HGV traffic, being the area around Market Square/Ollerton Road/Eldon Street junctions, the residential communities off Eldon Street and the residential area around (and including) the Newark Road exit from the A1 North Exit.

Note that the Student Population for which no address was sought for GDPR reasons, averaged 75% Dislike; these data have not been included in the above

### 3.3.2 Community Activity Spaces

At the other end of the “no opinion” ranking is the **Beeches Centre** and **Sports Clubs**. Comments to these can be summarised as “where is the Beeches Centre?” and “What sports clubs?”



These data were once again evaluated by resident location, this time including the Student population. This time, the ratio is “No Opinion/Total” rather than Dislike. It is unclear why the “No Opinion” ratio should be so high, other than lack of visibility of use. There were no respondents from the immediate area of the Beeches Centre in the survey (despite volunteers going door-to-door to ask for participation via printed forms, it being mainly a retirement bungalow community).

Beyond this, residents across the whole of Tuxford – even those from the closest areas, Conservation Area and Orchard Crescent – are unenthusiastic about it.

The issue of the loss of a Village Hall (for which purpose The Beeches Centre is well suited, with a bit of investment and promotion) is a vexed one. The combination of a rejuvenated Beeches Centre and the future Community Centre adjacent to the new Co-Op may well prove a winning combination.

### 3.3.3 Comments

There were a total of 108 written comments in all to this set of questions. Topics were diverse, with about half reinforcing preferences declared. Key topics not covered include lack of parking, lack of a “feeling of community” and poor quality of pedestrian facilities. The loss of shopping facilities in the last few months was cited frequently. This is showing signs of recovery in recent weeks, and we hope this will continue. There were also several responses bemoaning the lack of a “friendly” Pub and the lack of restaurants.

A full set of all comments made is attached as an appendix.

### 3.3.1 Key findings from this set of questions.

- The topics presented covered the majority of the issues on which the community felt strongly, one way or another, with the exception of parking – see below.
- Countryside access and rural location must be enhanced and preserved; this must be considered the highest priority for the Neighbourhood Plan
- Traffic and HGVs is the most disliked issue and needs to be addressed; this is an issue identified time and time again in the past, going back decades, and even though it is beyond the traditional remit of a Neighbourhood Plan, we consider it cannot be excluded
- The lack of sports facilities and especially outdoor recreation is a critical issue for all the community. We have already begin to address this with the funding for an outdoor gym, cycle track and social meeting place on GAPF.
- The Beeches is not seen as serving the role of a Village Hall, even though it is capable of it. The Neighbourhood Plan must consider how best to make maximum use of this asset (note: TTC and BDC are in discussion about the Tuxford community taking this over)
- Parking – recognised as a key issue for Tuxford as a Local Service Centre and for visitors, is an issue for some residents as well. The recent decision of the Working Mens' Club to remove the public daytime parking facilities there has resulted in significant negative social media comment. Clearly, this has exacerbated an already significant issue.

### **3.4 What is used, What is missing**

Each respondent was asked how often they make use of identified current facilities within Tuxford, and also what they currently go elsewhere to use. The objective of this set of questions was to identify what works, what needs improvement and, as and when CIL\* funding from future development arises, what should it be spent on for maximum local benefit. A set of potential future facilities was presented and respondents asked to prioritise these.

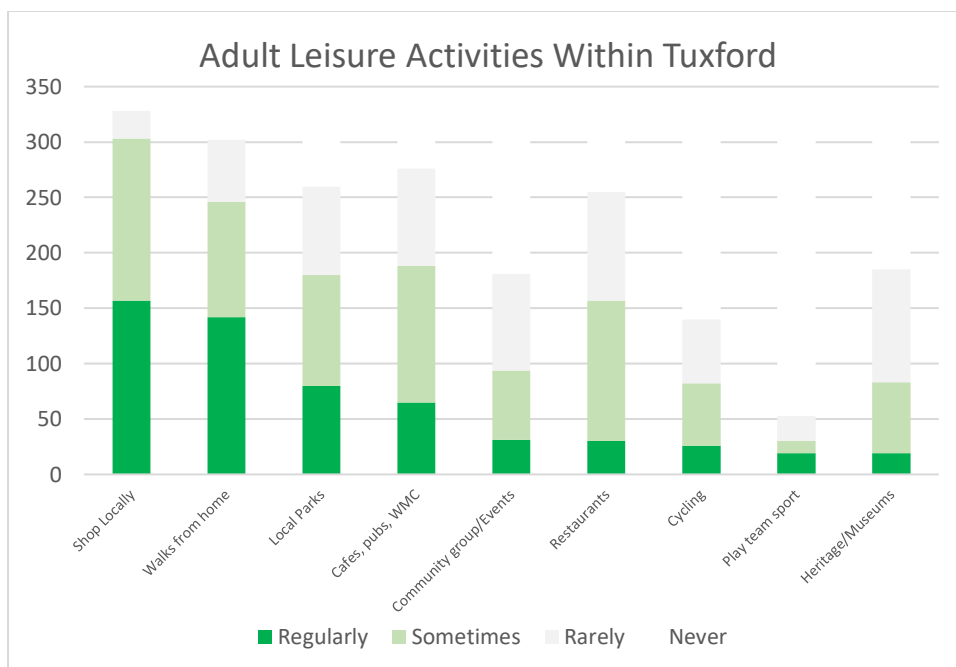
*\* CIL –or Community Infrastructure Levy, is charged on most new residential and commercial development and is the principal source of funding for any future new facilities. With an active NP, Tuxford will capture a greater proportion of this funding for local use.*

As with all questions, there was a free text field for comments.

In this set of questions, the Student population was asked different questions, reflecting their expected different interests. This population was also asked for specific feedback on what (subject to funding) should go onto GAPF. This evidence was used to support new infrastructure on GAPF via the Rural Infrastructure Fund.

#### 3.4.1 Adult Leisure Activities Within Tuxford

Sorted by highest number of regular practitioners, the survey responses were as on the graph below. This is the consolidated input from Resident and Senior Resident sets. The importance of the local retail offering is clear – and it is therefore extremely worrying to see the recent decline in retail facilities, which requires consideration. It may well be that some of the former services were addressing a larger geographical community.



**Note that for all of the graphs in this section, “Rarely” and “Never” have been greyed out so they do not visually impact the total user communities.**

The second rank activity, walking from home, is consistent with the importance of access to the countryside and the rural setting. There were many comments about the rather poor quality, condition and availability of footpaths in and around Tuxford.

The third, enjoying local parks, is (from comments) particularly linked with taking children and grandchildren to the park and the need to make a step-change in the facilities for young children is already well understood.

Group activities (Cafes, pubs, WMC, Community group/events and Restaurants and Eating out) are all more in the “sometimes” rather than “regularly” category of use. It is tempting to consider this may reflect the current economic situation and the need to reduce social spending (though some, such as Community groups and events, are mainly free). We note below the equivalent graph for activities carried out beyond Tuxford in the section below, which we include in order to evaluate suppressed demand. Note also that Heritage and Museums are not a large part of regular activities – they are very important to the visitor economy and tourism, but by their nature, are not routine activities, absent special events or exhibitions to act as a draw.

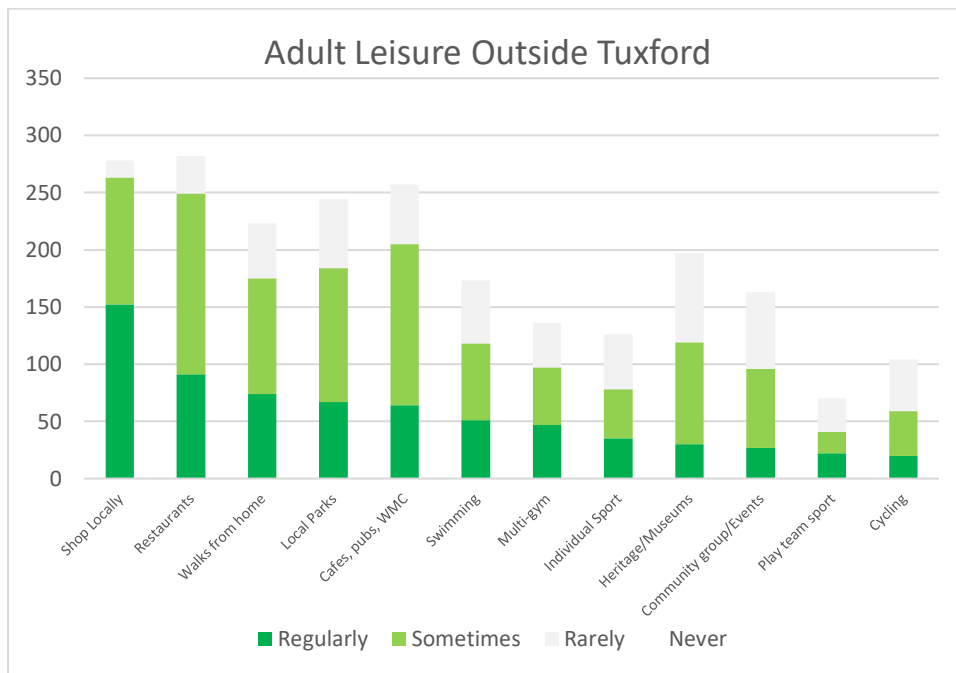
### 3.4.2 Adult Leisure Activities beyond Tuxford

This set of questions was included in order to understand the potential for various specific improvements, subject to funding being available, within Tuxford. It is most visible in the gap analysis which follows. Note that various activities which are unavailable within Tuxford have been added to this question set.

Key activities regularly enjoyed outside of Tuxford include shopping, restaurants/eating out and walking and local parks. The free field comments tended to be focussed on either eating out or



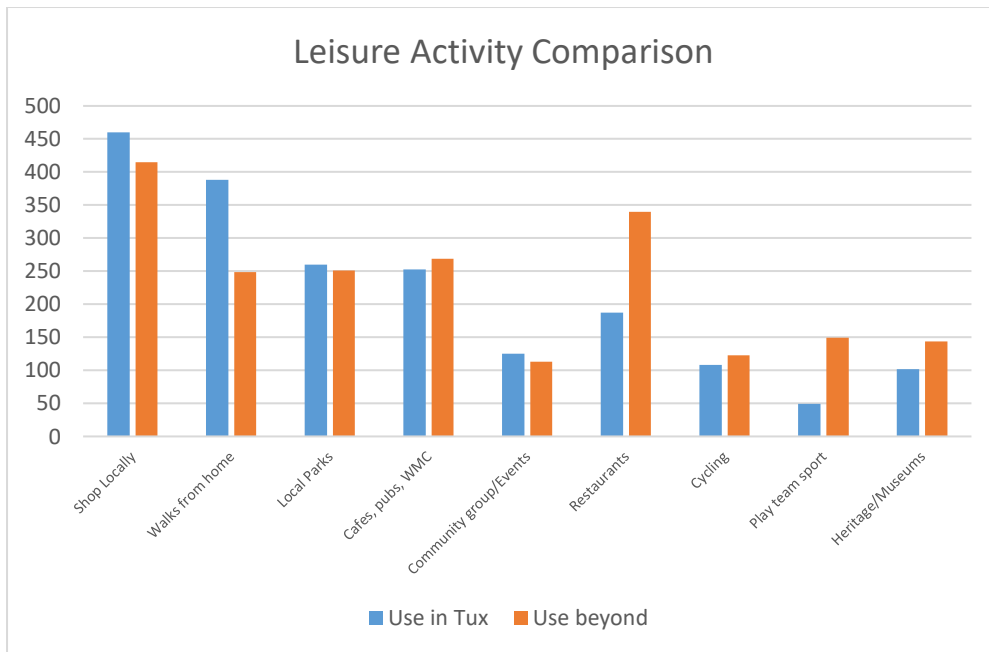
swimming/gym. Interestingly, there is a good correlation between those people who swim outside Tuxford at present and who want a pool in Tuxford, though we know this is far from simple to meet.



### 3.4.3 Gap analysis – Adult Leisure

A comparison of each viable activity is plotted in the graph below, derived from the above two datasets by weighting “regular” use by a factor of two and adding “sometimes” to it. Rarely is ignored.

This produces the result below, which is in the same order as the “regular” ranking of leisure activities within Tuxford. For this reason, the specific activities unavailable within Tuxford have not been included.



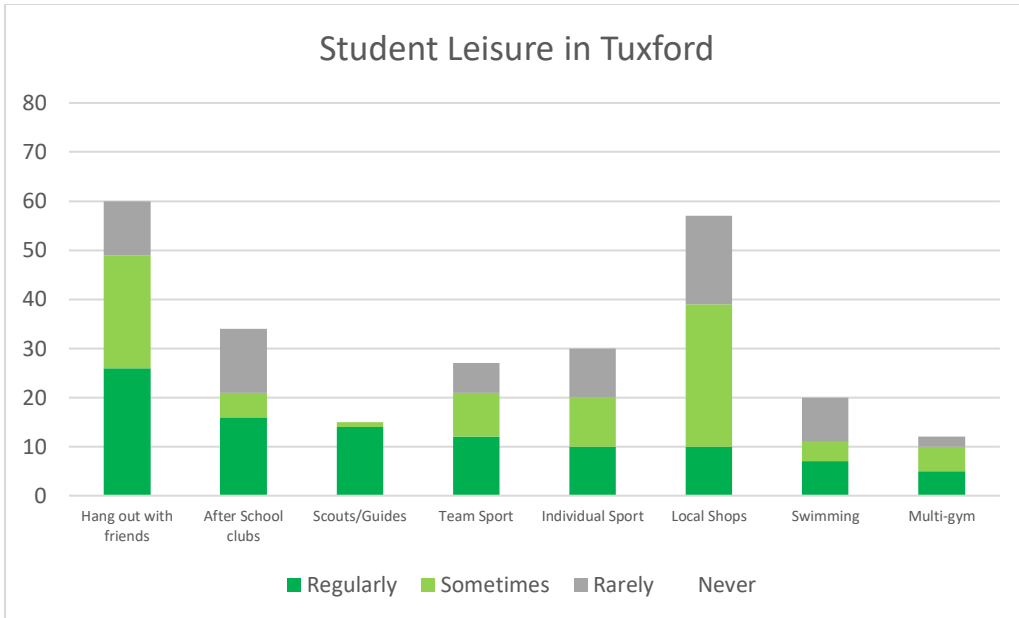
Many categories are similar, indicating that, for example, Community groups and events are similarly popular amongst a proportion of the population, who are willing to travel to them (particular interest groups, for example). The lack of facilities for individual sport within Tuxford (excluding cycling, separated out), shows an unmet demand for facilities. Of these, gym and swimming are the most popular (from both comments and the answers to the “outside Tuxford” questions). We are planning in the first instance to add outdoor gym facilities to GAPF via the Rural Infrastructure fund.

The clearest, fixable, unmet need is for restaurants within Tuxford. There were several comments about the pubs being somewhat unwelcoming but the most obvious easy win for local businesses is to create restaurants for evening use. IN this context, the Sun Inn has recently begun an experiment with takeaway food, which might lead to in-dining in the future. The Fountain serves the eastern end of Tuxford with lunchtime and evening food.

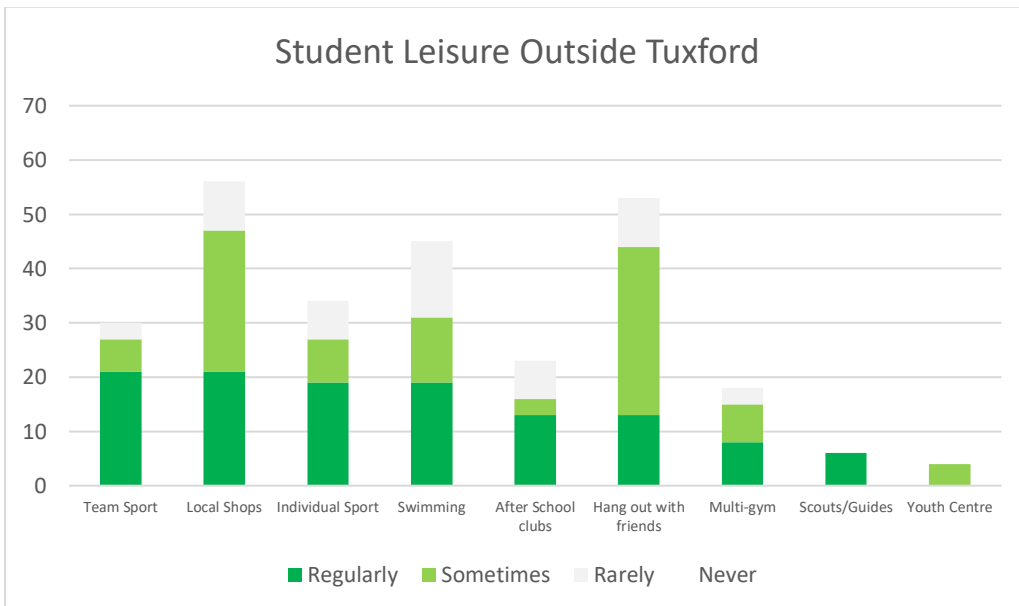
#### 3.4.4 Student Population Priorities

The student population was provided with a somewhat different (but overlapping) set of options, and, as always, a free text field. In terms of identifying what students would like to see, the Primary Academy ran a competition, whose results are attached, for the best new facility idea. The result of this was that a swimming pool was the most popular, followed by a cycle track.

Of this survey result set, the results using the same use categories are as below, for activities within Tuxford. This is plotted by descending “regular” order, though clearly if all active categories were considered, local shops would be a close second to “hang out with friends”. It is worth noting that the set of activities within and outside of Tuxford were the same; remarkably, a proportion of the students claim to swim and/or go to the gym in Tuxford already!



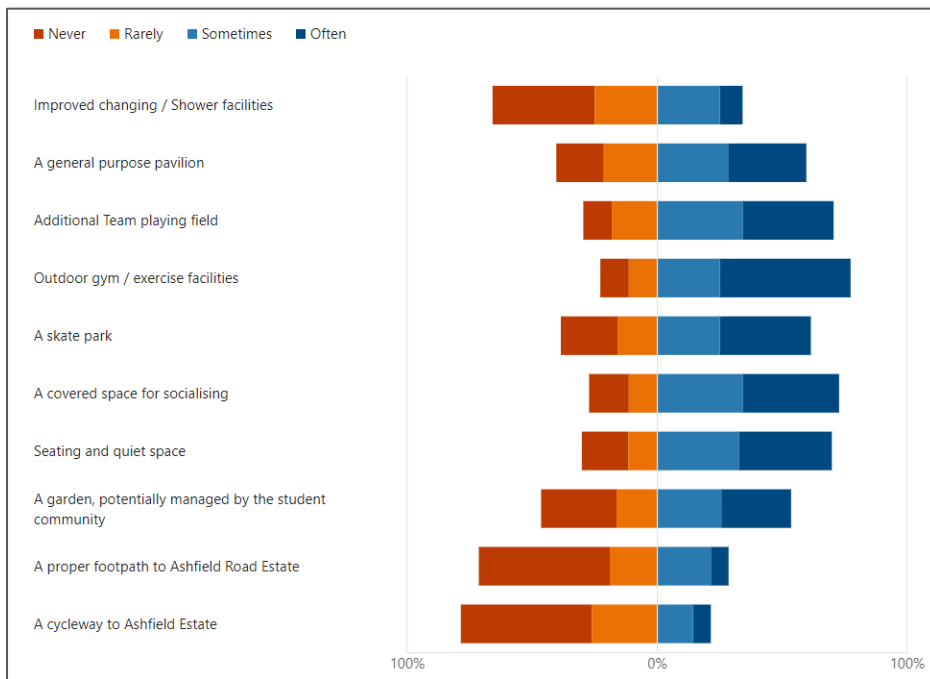
When this set is compared with the “outside Tuxford” set, in the graph below, again plotted in decreasing “regularly do” order, some observations are possible. Team sports is the most popular regular activity, but both Local shops and Hang out with friends are highest if the “sometimes” classification is added. The relatively high importance of “individual sport” and “swimming” is also clear.



#### 3.4.4.1 Student Population priorities for GAPF

As these online questionnaires were beginning to come in, the question of GAPF came up and the near-unanimous response on keeping it (and improving the facilities there). An additional section on the student (as the main likely users) questionnaire was added to identify priorities on this. The

question was “if it were available on Gilbert Avenue, how often would you use ...). The results are as below:



The concept of an Outdoor Gym was the most popular closely followed by covered space for socialising and an additional playing field. Seating and quiet space was also very popular.

This has been taken on board (together with the Primary school response of a cycleway, which, whilst not the most popular (which was a swimming pool), is certainly achievable).

All three of these facilities will be installed on GAPF during the winter 2023/4, so they should be available for use in Spring 2024.

### 3.4.5 Key Findings from Leisure Priorities

- The topics presented in the questions addressed most of the priorities and preferences within the community.
- Free text responses tended to re-inforce or expand the main response rather than add new needs
- Local retail is a key activity and there is clearly further work to do to identify what sort of shops would be of interest
- There are some needs which may reasonably be met relatively easily and others which require considerable thought and further analysis:
  - Local restaurants are a clear unmet need among the adult community
  - Walking is a key activity and improvements to, and connections between, the current footpath set would be both achievable and very popular
  - Gym facilities are a popular demand from all of the community. The intention is that the Outdoor Gym soon to be installed on GAPF will be for whole community use.
  - A space for student age populations to hang with friends is a key need, again, this will be part of the infrastructure to be installed for Spring 2024.

- Swimming is a main activity for which people move outside of Tuxford. However, whilst a “dry” sports/gym facility could be a long term goal, the maintenance on a swimming pool would mean significant further analysis would need to be done.

### **3.5 Sustaining Tuxford. Why do people stay?**

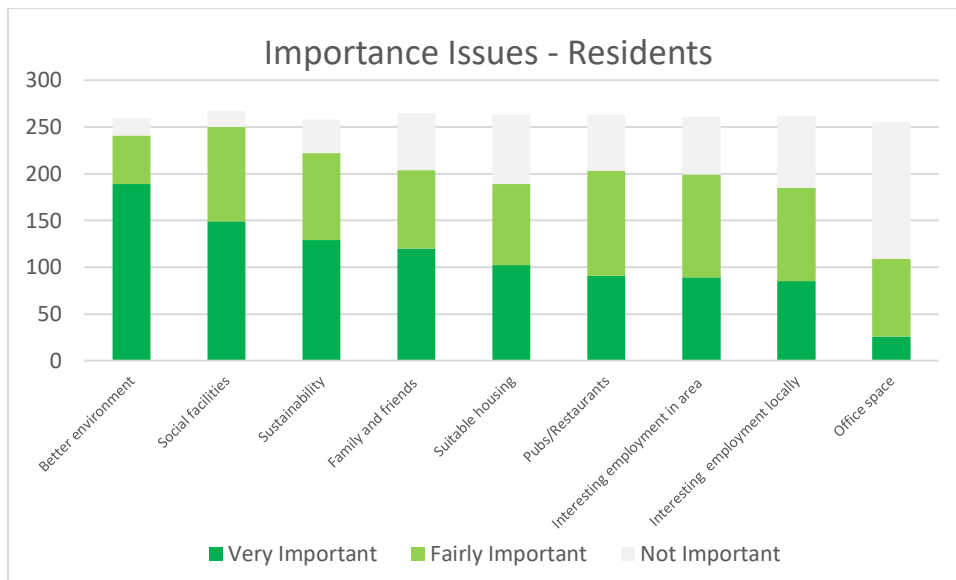
A section of all questionnaires concerned what is important to the residents and what makes them stay (or would make them want to stay as adults, for the student population). This is a broader-brush set of questions, and as usual a set of reasoned categories was included, with the options linked to “how important” rather than “how often”, reflecting the more general nature of the question. A free text option for comments was included. One question that was not asked was “sense of community”, because it is difficult to define what is meant. It does not imply that it is not important – it is a theme included in several of the free text comments.

It is worth looking at each of the three populations separately for this. The full description of categories was:

- Being near family and friends
- Social facilities; shops, parks, community spaces
- Evening; pubs, restaurants
- Housing (but the context clearly meant “suitable for you”)
- Business/office space
- Interesting/rewarding employment in the immediate area
- Interesting/rewarding employment in the wider area
- Better environment; clean air, countryside access, good outdoor spaces
- Sustainability; e.g. clean energy, CO2 neutral

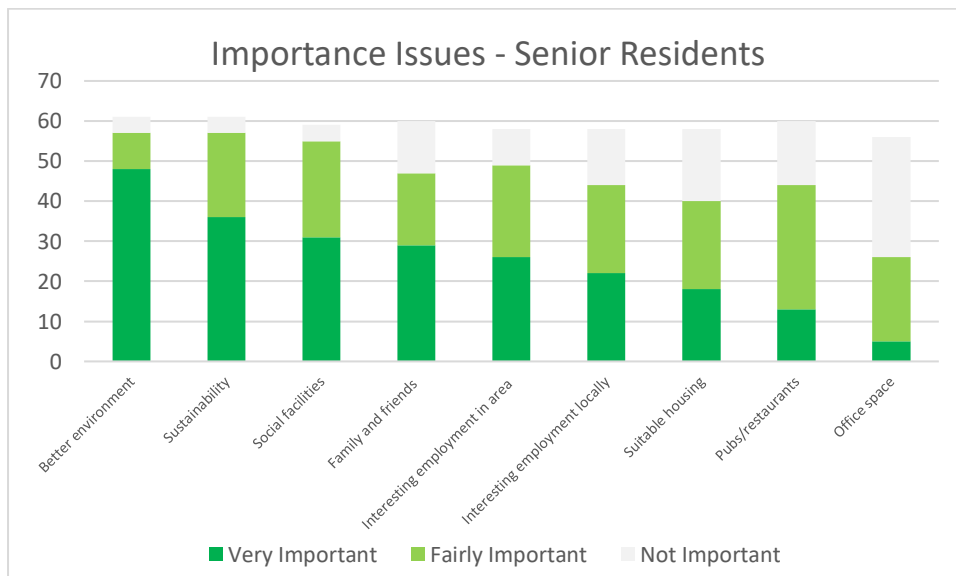
Note that the student set included “Business/incubator space” instead of Business/office and did not include the three last questions, due to an error in transcribing. This was not any attempt to suggest these categories are not of interest to students (they may well have been the most important).

### 3.5.1 Residents Population



Better environment comes top – this is consistent with the dislike of HGV/traffic and access to countryside/rural setting responses above. Social facilities comes next, and being sustainable and close to family and friends are very close. Suitable housing is almost the same level as would be expected, if people are residents: clearly, they already have a house, though they might be thinking about moving locally, so that housing availability and choice is not to be ignored.

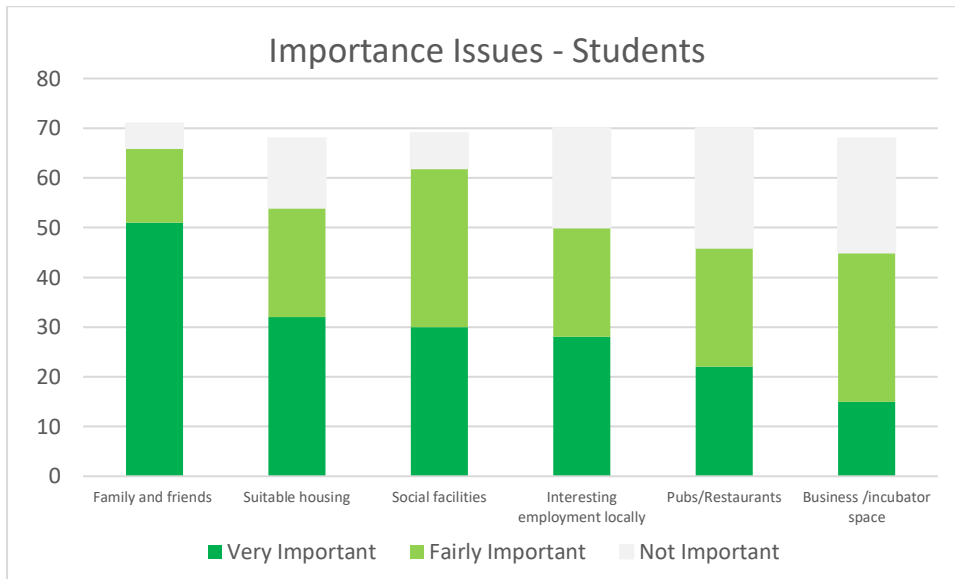
### 3.5.2 Senior Population



The top four categories are the same as for the general resident population, although with a swap between sustainability and social facilities. However, interesting employment, locally or in the area comes above suitable housing. Since this is a population which is retired, this is interesting; it may well reflect more a concern for the next generations' opportunities (and therefore willingness to stay local as adults) than for their own benefit. Note that housing availability is lower down, indicating

the availability of suitable housing for this population is not a major issue. Note that pubs and restaurants is very low; perhaps the senior population are feeling the pinch in the current environment and are not that worried about and evening out.

### 3.5.3 Student population

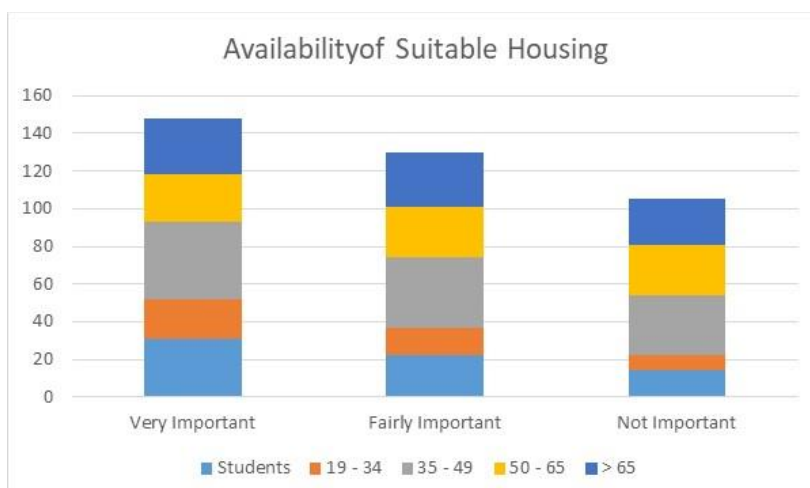


As noted above, the categories of environment, sustainability and wider interesting employment were unfortunately truncated; it is reasonable to expect environment and sustainability would be a major concern for this population. We plan to engage with Tuxford Academy and update this dataset in the near future.

As it stands, family and friends is top, followed by availability of suitable housing, social facilities and interesting local employment. None of this is surprising but it is useful to see it proven this way.

### 3.5.4 Housing

The availability of suitable housing was middle ranking in terms of “reason to stay”. It was identified as a key issue in the previous Neighbourhood Plan specifically in the context of the availability (or not) of suitable retirement living accommodation. It is therefore worthwhile to dive into the current views on this topic. This is presented graphically below, split by age of respondent.



Since 2020, there have been around 90 units built in Tuxford, almost all of which are in the Ashvale Estate, and are general accommodation (in fact, all affordable housing, but mostly family accommodation).

Although there is a sizeable minority for whom accommodation is not important, for most it is. This includes the student accommodation, which, given the expressed desire to stay (or go to Tertiary education and then return), given interesting employment in the town (or immediate area), this clearly should be a consideration in determining the mix of new housing.

It is also interesting to note that the proportion of the population in each category is about even, suggesting that the issue of housing is significant, but not so significantly related to retirement as previously.

However, there is some verbal feedback from people who have moved away, not because they want to – they would return if they could – but because they could not find *suitable* retirement accommodation to move into. In general, this seems to be a desire to downsize, but not to the extent of moving into significantly smaller rooms or giving up on garden space. We do not have the evidence to comment further on this at present but recommend it for further study as it is likely that “house-blocking” of family-sized properties is a not insignificant issue.

#### 3.5.5 Key findings – Reasons to stay

The issue of better environment is at the top of the two communities who were asked this question. We did not constrain responses so it may reflect in part the already established issue of HGV/Traffic through the town as much an appreciation of the surrounding countryside and rural setting. It may well reflect a desire for greater sustainability.

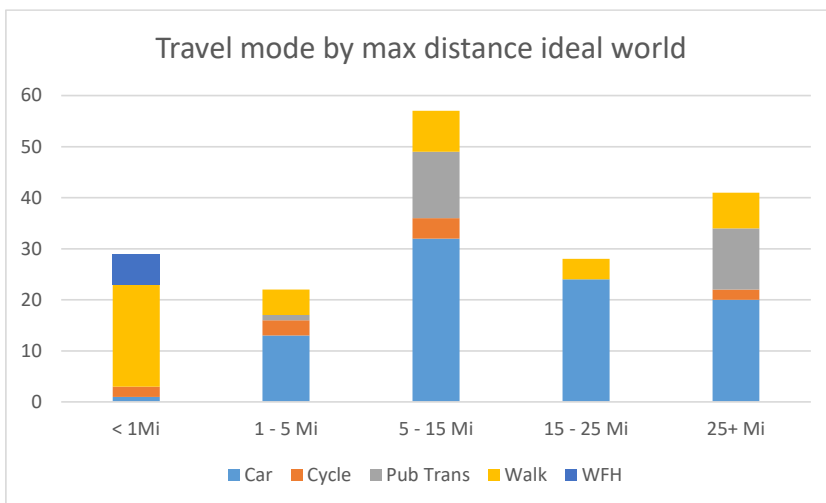
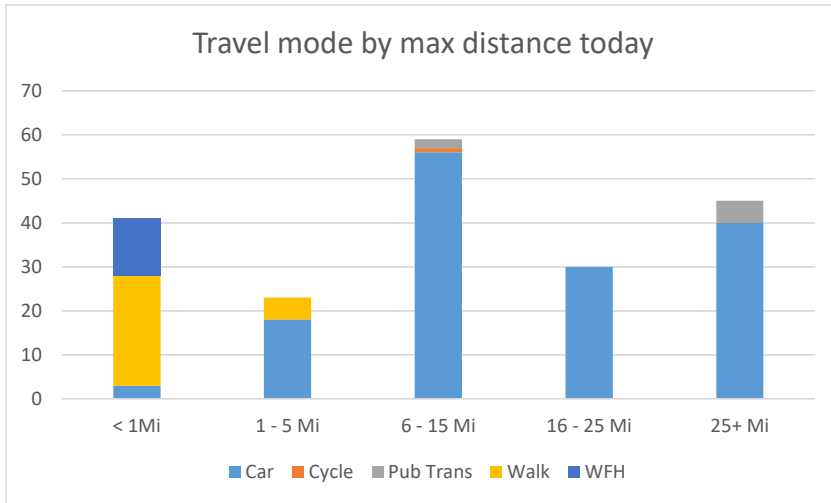
- Proximity to family and friends is middle ranking for the adult communities and top of the list for the student body.
- Access to suitable housing was second for the student group and middle ranking for the rest –which is interesting as they have a place to live already, so it implies an interest in up- or down-sizing or concern for the next generation. We take this as a topic for further research and insights.
- The working age population places some emphasis on interesting employment (even the retired community); we will consider this below.
- Social facilities is second for the working age, and third for seniors and students. Again, this requires greater study as it is a very broad category of asset to deliver on.

### **3.6 Work, Travel and Commuting**

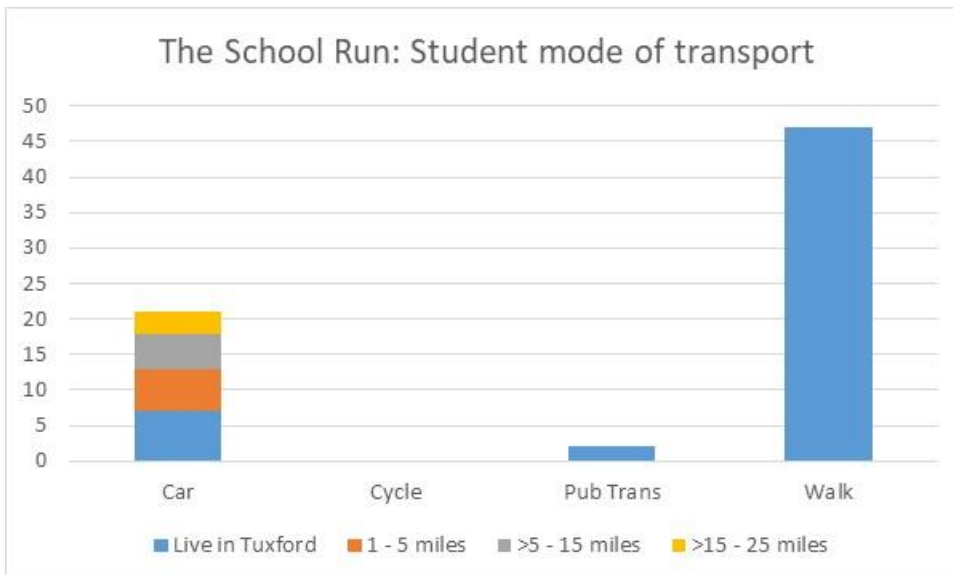
#### 3.6.1 Commuting mode

A set of questions solicited input on how people get to work (or school) today and how they would like to commute in an ideal world. The results, presented as a function of distance travelled, are plotted below, firstly for today and secondly in an ideal world. These show mode of transport used across all age categories.





However, when we look at the student population separately, it is notable (see graph below) that no-one cycles to school; more investigation is required but discussions with parents implies concern over safety on the road, especially along Lincoln Road.

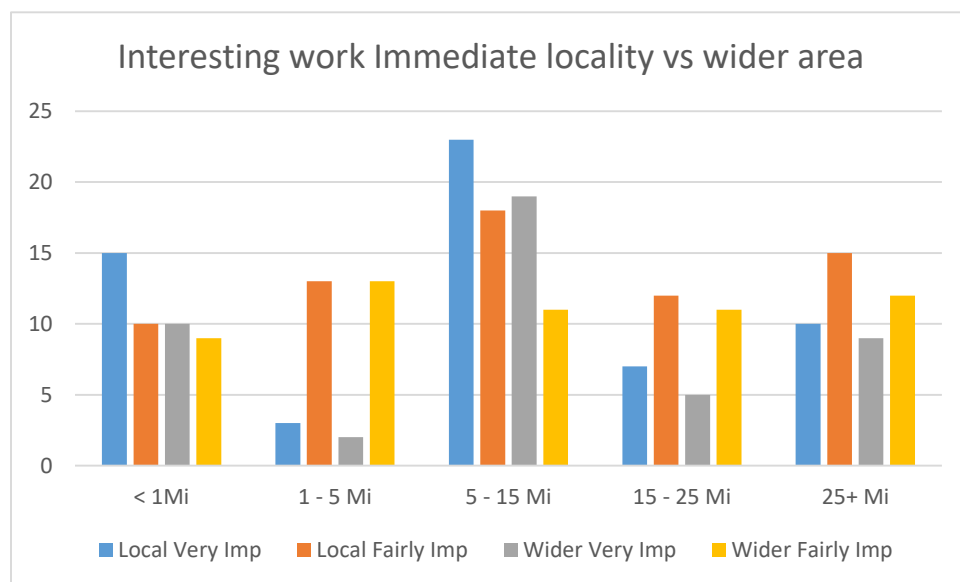


### 3.6.1 The importance of interesting work

In terms of finding interesting and/or rewarding work, both student and working age resident populations were asked about this. The results, for these two populations, but separated by commuting distance, were as below. The question text separated between “in and around Tuxford” as “Locally” and “within Bassetlaw area” as “wider”.

The underlying question – how important is securing interesting work to your choosing to stay in Tuxford? was a middle ranking response in all three population groups (including Seniors, surprisingly – but they may have been thinking of the next generation) if “Very Important” and “Fairly important” are both considered. In all cases, the availability of interesting jobs in and around Tuxford was of slightly greater import than jobs in the wider Bassetlaw area. Given the relatively high proportion of people who currently do fairly lengthy commutes, this is not surprising.

In all cases, it is important to note that the availability of suitable housing was a higher priority as a reason to stay in Tuxford than local employment. However, both clearly need to be taken into consideration in making the plan.



## 4.0 Conclusions

This online survey garnered a very strong response, with **around 14% of Tuxford's total population** responding. It therefore provides a significant evidence base for input to the Neighbourhood Plan. A separate day with the students at Tuxford Academy would be very beneficial and this is being pursued and a separate report issued.

On the whole, people are clearly positive about Tuxford and – recognising there are challenges – are keen to see Tuxford improve, rather than wanting to go elsewhere, which is a positive outcome. The importance of local retail – and therefore the issue of the high street hollowing out as is happening

currently – was clear before but is starkly proven by this survey. The issue of housing availability – especially for singles/couples and future young families - is a key consideration, but growth at Tuxford must be properly planned and not compromise either the rural setting or constrain access to the countryside and local walking/footpaths: these should be improved and added to as an urgent consideration.

Tuxford's lack of sports facilities and high quality outdoor space is a very clear issue, and the HGV and traffic levels are the most significant negative. There is a general sense in the comments that lack of facilities for young people is a major concern and the immediate need is to find a way to generate some social space. The intention is to explore this more with Tuxford Academy's support.

The availability of interesting employment within Tuxford is also apparent. Some people commute significant distances at present and it seems (but we need to check and confirm this) that the people who commute a fair way are most interested in securing a job in or closer to Tuxford.

Parking – not a specific question, by design – came up as an issue, even for this target population of Tuxford Residents. Given that Tuxford is the designated Local Service Centre for quite a range of outlying villages, parking is likely to be more of an issue than we see.

The need to keep – and improve - GAPF is universal whilst the student population have been very clear that outdoor gym and social space are the top two priorities. A cycleway (is the top achievable preference for the younger population and this will also be started as part of Rural Infrastructure funding applications.

Overall, we feel this snapshot of Tuxford today adds significant colour to the well-established themes – love the countryside and rural setting, hate the HGVs and traffic, too few facilities, want to see more community activities.

We have also established a solid evidence base upon which we can draw as the Community Priorities statement is finalised and we progress to a new Neighbourhood Plan. It took a long time, and a great deal of nagging, but the results are very much worth it.

Tuxford, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

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## Appendix 1 : Comments to Like/Dislike/No Opinion

Really enjoyed Xmas Market and Jubilee fair - more of this would be great
I like to run and quite often paths are overgrown and difficult to use
It's comments reference traffic
Ensure footpaths accessible and add walking routes at certain access points to promote use.
The speed people come off the a1, is dangerous and will cause injury or death. More barriers/fencing outside the primary school especially with the children stood waiting for school to open and the volume of traffic. Parking for Tuxford Medical Centre is awful. Parking on the road or pavement is dangerous and makes it difficult for buses to park. The patients don't take into consideration surrounding neighbours and trying to get out of junctions. Not enough for the children to do in the village. Parks need updating and more equipment needs adding.
Tuxford is missing a decent sized community centre that can be used for a wide variety of things, and considering we're a town we have little sports facilities for example a gym. The teens have no where to go and no events set up for them so they hang around. Considering we're a town the lack of facilities is shocking. It would be wonderful if we could use things more locally and encourage more community events like the old Tuxford carnival used to do.
We need to move Tuxford forward
Heritage = Church. Community events - like things that are not specifically for old people
Tuxford medical put on a health and well-being event at the beeches it was very useful and informative.
Other than tuxford football team for the kids there are no sports in the area. You have great facilities up at tuxford academy it should be a hive of activity for various sports clubs. But there's either no advertisement or no interest.
where is the Beeches? never been to the Tuxford clinic (no idea what happens there). Community events aimed at the younger generation, those of us that are older, and still work, seem to have been forgotten particularly if you don't have children in the family, if you are a family of just adults you can forget trying to do anything in Tuxford.
Not enough things to do locally, park is always taken over by older kids
There are currently very little choice of shops and we have lost a number of traders, sadly, this reflects on lack of community and is also not good for tourism or encouraging people to visit.
Not enough community events the ones we have had have brought people together and been a success
I think the village needs a village hall for maybe a youth club, where classes could be held
Safety on pavements and roads have traffic calming especially on Ashvale road
Too few community events. Very little group outdoor recreation - nothing I am aware of or have been able to join. The few 'clubs' available aren't affordable
Be nice to have mains gas. Be nice to have a modern health facility
More safe crossings on the main Lincoln road to make it more safe for kids to cross roads when they are out
Need to invest in the infrastructure to cope with the expansion of the town or stop building more houses.
We lack a community centre. When we did Tuxford was a much better place to live,
What Tuxford Community Events have done us brilliant. More like this please with better air quality so we can enjoy being outdoors
Lincoln road needs more involvement in community events
Path to Markham Moor needs widening
There's a feeling of no communal events are the use of sports facilities like gyms or even a community sports hall
More events aimed for families and children, more shops and restaurants
Walking routes and pavements to them or along them are poor e.g. paths to Markham Moor and East Markham are in very poor condition. Other routes involve walking in the road.
Walk ways need resurfacing and hedges on paths trimming. Roads need resurfacing too.
Speeding through the village is horrendous especially going out of the village passing Burleigh Court
The dislikes are because we don't have enough or not the quality for the size of the town
Definitely need a better bus route
Reduce the lorries going through the main streets of the town
get rid of the parking bays on Eldon Street to improve the traffic flow in the town centre
Have better facilities/ opportunities for the teenagers to go to
Pollution levels need to be monitored especially on Newark Rd (particularly when A1 is diverted), Lincoln Rd and Eldon St. I would like to partake in more sports, but variety is limited, often due to lack of facilities
More community events
We need more leisure facilities, ie a gym/swimming. Better cycle routes into the countryside. More to protect us from the traffic when walking through and around Tuxford
I moved here from London, stop building on green spaces.
We need more sports and social clubs
It would be nice if drug dealers were dealt with instead of being allowed to continue their business, we should not be expected to stand in court against these people, putting us at risk, unsociable, and a nuisance having to live next door to it,
Reduce lorries coming through
we need more community events to bring residents together
No Opinion because we don't have the opportunity to use in tuxford
Finding a place to safely walk my dog, and to cycle and rollerblade is challenging.
A lot needs to change in Tuxford and improvements made. Where I have disliked, is because these are not really available here.
More should be done to encourage local shops in the centre of Tuxford. The location of new CoOp was a bad decision and reduces the attractiveness of investment in the centre of Tuxford. Furthermore it reduces green space. The Mine of Information should be investigated for corruption, it does not take account of community interest. The land would have made a nice skate park. Where has all the money from the sale gone? It should have been invested in local facilities.
The local walks need maintenance
Safer paths that are wide enough for pushchairs.
Better things for babies/toddlers in the smaller park.
Bigger apparatus in both parks for older children.

Great to have facilities such as the medical centre, convenience stores, museums, schools, and the area is lovely. We moved here because it's rural but with some facilities. There's just not much for older children. There's the football club for young children and there are regular events for retired people, but not much for working adults and teenagers. The biggest problem in Tuxford in my opinion, though, is the traffic and pollution. We don't cycle because it's too dangerous with the lorries, the particulates in the air are really high so the pollution is a real concern to health, the noise and the shaking in the house when lorries go past is awful. I sincerely hope there will be a bypass soon to stop lorries going through Tuxford to get to the A1. Tuxford would be a beautiful place to live then.

Community events are poor. They used to do a lovely Christmas market ( although could have been in a more suitable area than near old Co op, very cramped) last two years has poor with not much on.

Footpaths leading out of village are appalling (especially to East Markham)

Sports facilities lack of.

The coop on ashvale has made my life a lot easier.

More community events

As already mentioned, sports facilities are zero.

Public footpaths need improvement

Improving and renovating the building next to the working men's club and the old mine would greatly enhance the centre. Also finding business to occupy the empty shops.

Often feel that the changes made to the village are for the benefit of the few rather than the majority. For example, did we really need another co-op and the ridiculous parking bays on Eldon Street.

Traffic can be a problem

Public footpaths could do with some TLC

I am only aware of one sports club: TYFC. I like the shops and facilities a lot (the post office in particular is an absolute lifeline) but it is such a shame that we have lost so many shops over the last 12 months.

Be nicer if there was a disabled ramp coming off the park rather than steps and the paths was better maintained rather than crumbling and potholes

GP is excellent

Need more community events - love Xmas market need something in the summer. A central place to meet for events would be good

I don't feel that there are many community events that cater for all

Gilbert Avenue is becoming a nightmare with cars speeding up and down making it very dangerous with the amount of people parking on the road. As for housing its about time the council started building properties for not just families..what about people who have disabilities..... 1 parent families single people...people who dont fit the age for a bungalow but need one...Do these people not count?

Needs to be safe cycle routes into and around town. Would be good to have more play parks/outdoor spaces for children. Would be good to have a village hall. Would be good to have more protecting the village from the traffic pollution

Being fairly new to the village, I am unsure what the events or activities for children locally are. I am on various Facebook pages but don't really see anything advertised

The sheer amount of traffic, in particular lorries, that pass through the village has been an issue for many years. Coupled with the parking situation in the centre, I feel this is an ongoing and worsening situation. Living near to the new estate at Ashvale Place, this is also detrimental to the village. I have reported issues of drug taking and dealing that has been posted clearly on Facebook to the local councillor. The smell of cannabis is also a daily occurrence

Small size town with little in the way of community

Stop HGV's from Lincoln road and improve air quality. Build a designated road to the massive industrial park instead of letting them use the village

Look at traffic levels, flow through the centre

Would like less traffic, esp lorries/gridlock from A1 closures. Better access to town centre. Driving is dangerous through centre and puts me off. Hence don't utilise as much as I would like to. Beeches unsure of events/usage?. Love med centre, its really good. Would like a restaurant/bar as opposed to another pub. Like to see more community events. Tuxfest was good.

Church

The lack of shops

Food

More activities for kids and adults too do

There's only sports clubs provided by clubs that raise their own money and mr walker

Shops

I like the school the teachers are nice and try to help as much as they can

A bike park

I don't live there

Less cars and lorries

The roads are too busy, too fast and no cycling lanes

The ones I dislike is because we don't have these facilities.

The sports question, I do horse riding so it means that I have no way of doing that in tuxford, I also try and go to the gym but with me being in tuxford it takes a while to get to good ones, and following the first question, I have to rely on my mum alot to go places like shopping and to sports centres like the gym.

More cheerios in the co op PLEASE

Dislike the drug use and supply, boy racers & lack of police visibility

What cycle routes? Traffic levels and pollution number one issue.

Again. traffic pollution, noise, and access of heavy vehicles desperately needs addressing. Also speed limitation warnings within Tuxford need to be improved.

Sports centre where? Walking routes where? Beeches centre too 'tucked away'

Beeches doesn't cater for anyone except a few elderly events. Where are the cycle routes and the local sports clubs that's not just football

Surely lorries coming from Ollerton could be made to turn left to get on the A1 instead of going through the village. This would reduce the volume of traffic going through the centre

Half of the things offered are not a thing...community events? Bike routes?

Like the shops already here, but tuxford needs more eg butchers, greengrocers and indian takeaway

Things I have disliked are because these areas need improvement.

Parking is my priority

Not enough community events for younger seniors ie 60 somethings

The parking facilities are poor.

Find out where all the money has gone to . Sort out the A1

Too many heavy lorries to and from Lincoln Road

## Appendix 2: Comments on reasons to stay

Clean air - in Tuxford?
To help with the vehicle pollution we should really go back to having some sort of traffic measure in place where Newcastle street and Newark road meet Lincoln road and Eldon street, trying to get out of Newcastle street and down onto Lincoln road in the rush hour is horrendous, and when the A1 is blocked the village can come to a standstill. I would love to see a mini roundabout or something out in by taking up some of the wide path outside Sally Mitchells for example, which will help with the standstill of traffic past the primary school and therefore the polluted air the kids are exposed to, as well as the health of everyone else.
Let's Build a Better Tuxford together and bring that community spirit back . Forget the past
Too many lorries use tuxford at a through road. Dangerous and noisy. Too many new homes being built, anti social behaviour which police do nothing about. Ruined our home
A secure future for Route 37 bus
Air quality
Far too many houses wanting to be built. Too much traffic as it is, can't get a doctor's appointment, schools are full. Village can't cope with any more houses.
We don't need more housing if we don't have anywhere to park. From Tuxford Academy to Fledborough we will be littered with solar panels by next year and we have plenty of wind turbines. I'm comparison to other areas we have ample amounts of clean energy. We need to promote business in the area. Cut down on empty buildings.
I feel we lack in resources in Tuxford but outlying towns seem to fare better. Our community spirit is lacking and it would be nice to get some of that back. We have so much to offer as a rural town, our Christmas lights and little Market is very popular, surely we could organise something more than just once a year?
Better infrastructure. The relevant people/companies not ducking their responsibility for roads, drainage, pavements, education, planning decisions on more houses, and leisure facilities. Stop blaming each other for the state of their area of responsibility. We pay so much in sky high bills and tax burden and yet we just get told there is no money. When asked about area's to be used for housing please don't ignore the opinions of the residents because it doesn't suit
Road noise due to inconsiderate drivers under A1 bridge. Very upsetting to our animals.
Need quality housing estates - more detached houses need new primary school
Better public transport for those who do not drive
I feel this is very poorly worded and not clear how to approach answering some of the sections
Need clean air and traffic to be regulated
Tuxford as lost its sense of direction in the way it sustains the community in infrastructure
One thing alone will not make a place enjoyable to live, it's a combination of all things Tuxford needs a venue that can bring all together and that can be booked for larger functions with live bands but could be used for all most anything maybe we need to look at private companies to support the building and operational aspect since everyone goes on about where did the money go .. it's gone next plan holding events for young and old with plenty of ground for parking would help unite a split community
I have marked housing as not important as building more houses and not improving the village infrastructure won't help.
More free space for dog walkers & children.
Bassetlaw District Council are hell bent on plastering the countryside to the east of the district with every and any form for energy generation. Whether local residents want it or not.
I would have to re-locate out of Tuxford if the green spaces were removed as it would not be beneficial to my lifestyle.
Traffic through Tuxford is really bad, especially during school drop off and pick ups Lorry's travelling through High pollution from traffic
No new houses needed, the village is already overpopulated and crime rate growing. Tuxford wasn't given the improved infrastructure it was promised when the ashvale development started. Need better levels of policing - there has been an increase in crime and anti social behaviour - bring back the local beat bobby. Give the village proper funding to maintain existing green areas/ parks and encourage the state up of new clubs, particularly for children/teens as there is very little for them to do
More pollution monitoring and protection from pollution from the nearby A1
My family don't live in the village, thankfully, ,unlike all other families here, if I could move I would, awful village, nothing for the kids to do, and green space being then for housing that our facilities cannot cater for,
Reduce traffic levels in particular lorries
As I work from home, fully remote, the town is a place where I relax and enjoy my down time. I also think the beauty of the town has a big impact on how I feel. I would love to see the town given some extra care and being made more attractive.
Housing at the moment is at the bottom of my list. We do not have the infrastructure or the facilities to warrant more houses!
There are too many lorries pass through Tuxford.
Adding more housing isn't going to help as that will just strain the resources we already have. Employment opportunities for our children once they finish education is going to be very important. They won't be able to afford to buy their own homes any time soon so they need jobs close to home or we may need to move to where they can find jobs. The environment, whether that be making Tuxford cleaner by getting the lorries out of the village, or Tuxford's impact on sustainability (clean energy, etc.) has to be a huge priority. We can all see the effects of global warming around the world and we need to worry about the future of our children and our children's children. Whatever Tuxford as a community can do to help with environmental issues can only be a good thing.
New Housing should not be a priority as it is putting strain on the existing schools which cannot cater for many more students. The parking issues/ traffic created near both schools around school opening and closing times are horrendous. I understand that it is a long walk from the new estates so driving is the quickest and easiest solution but it creates problems for those that live local with access for emergency services down some streets at these times impossible. A local mini bus doing school runs from other ends of the village would be a great idea.
The schools are good
An effort should be made to clamp down on the drug problem in the village. It is known for being rife with dealers, and this can be off putting for people.
No more large housing developments
Schools and children's activities
Tuxford is getting too big for the infrastructure. It has lost its village feel. People park where they want with no consideration, loud cars and wayward kids make it feel like a deprived area in worksop.
more frequent public transport later into the evening would improve the majority of the things listed above massively
We are a growing community, surely there should be amenities for socialising and bringing the community together either sporting or leisure.
Make Tuxford Green Again
Environment first. Let's make it safe and nice for those that live here.
More wind turbines allowed
Better transport links
More incentives for parents to walk their children to school/bike to school. It's not nice walking through all the traffic to school/through town.
Please see above - I am very concerned at the new estate we already have, along with the th plans for further housing developments, and the strain this will have on services such as GPs, schools, etc. Also, on the people already living in the village and their quality of life
Already over polluted. Poor traffic flow. Clearly planners have never been to Tuxford at 8.30 on a school day yet they see a need to make this worse.
Ban HGV's !!!!!
Reduced building of housing on green belt, farming fields
I plan to move out of Tuxford once my daughter leaves school in about 4 years, not because of the village but because of the property I live in and personal circumstances. As I'm getting older I want a smaller, newer property and I may not be able to afford to run a car once I retire. I therefore need to move to a town for the amenities and public transport links. This would also benefit my daughter in terms of attending College/Uni etc. For a village we have a lot of facilities for which I am grateful but its just not enough. To keep me here the transport links would have to vastly improve. If they reinstated the train station on the London line this would increase the value of our properties and our prospects would improve greatly.
Sad
Clubs
The people
Family
Family Friends Pets
School rule
Near farms
I like drinking until my gullet runs out of space. MORE GUINNESS IN THE CO OP
All future new builds to have solar panels & Rainwater recovery systems. Improved medical/ dental facilities. Reduction of lorries going through the town centre. Improvement of air quality.
Again air pollution, noise, from A1 and traffic limitation in terms of heavy transport through Tuxford are all priorities
Less heavy traffic in the village would be better for the environment & would surely help to sustain the obviously antiquated sewage system, which clearly needs properly replacing. This would all have an impact on everyone's health & temper.
Housing is not needed! Traffic is already horrendous at times particularly school times, schools are full, drainage system is ridiculous, pollution problems from commuters adds to environmental issues. Let's improve what we have got instead of building homes for people with no nearby job prospects and increased traffic
Sort the parking out
Air pollution monitor
Far too much traffic. Could do with a by-pass but suppose not going to happen
Heavy traffic from A1 past the school and to and from Ollerton Road