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Consultation Newsletter

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Here's What You Said:

Monitor parking better

Need more toilet facilities

Cycle paths

Resident only parking

No parking for Park and Fly

Somewhere nice to sit

Derby Road parking is a good idea

Traffic calming throughout the village

No speed bumps

Better signage post bypass

Not prepared to pay more

In favour of parking restrictions

See inside for more details...

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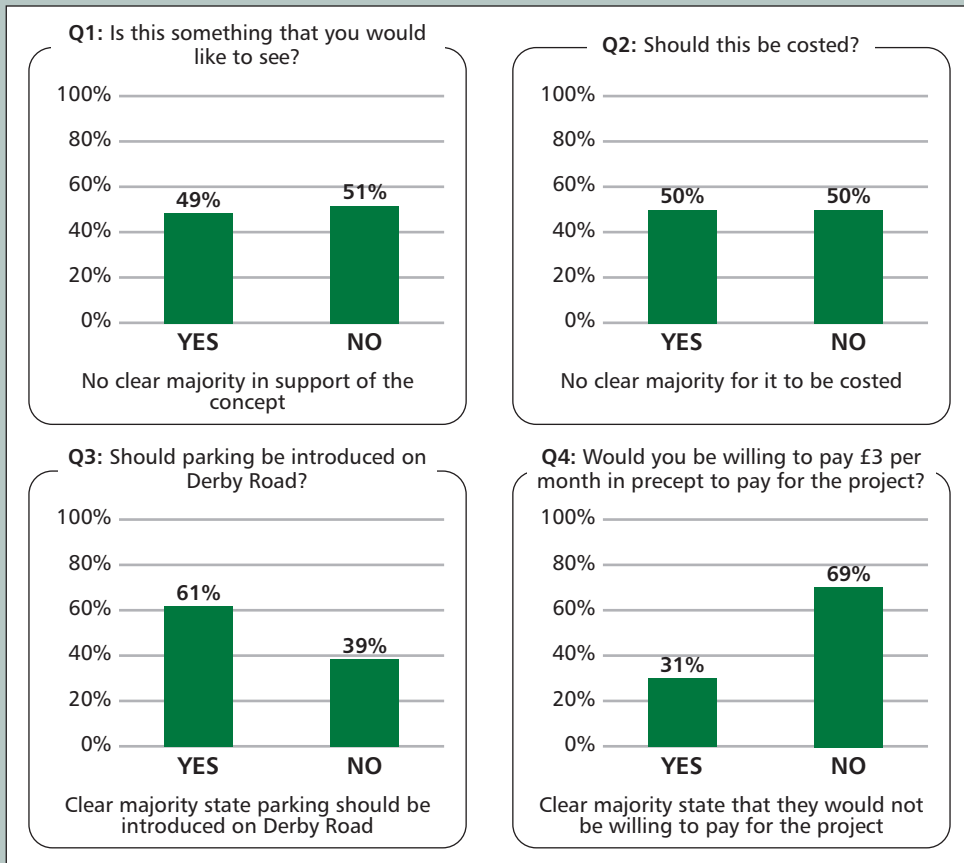
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Having Your Say



We asked you to 'Have Your Say' and you did! Thank you to the 273 people who completed the Village Consultation Questionnaire and to the 100 plus people who attended the Village Consultation Open Morning. It was great to see you all and thank you so much for giving up your time to come and meet us and share your thoughts.

Here is **your feedback** on the four consultation questions:



199 of the 273 people who completed the Consultation Questionnaire also completed the 'any other comments' box or sent letters to us with their views. These are shown in detail on the centre pages, but in summary, there were 5 key themes:

- Parking
- Costs
- Traffic calming
- Wait longer before acting
- Other

Let's look at your feedback in detail...

Parking

You said: "We need more parking on Market Place and in the Village."

- Currently on Market Place there are 13 unrestricted spaces and 13 spaces that are restricted for one hour. It is the intention to implement restricted parking on **Market Place** – whilst the number of spaces may be reduced, the actual turnaround of the remaining spaces will be greater, as a time limit will be in place. If the time restriction, for example, were 3 hours then a single space could be occupied 3 times during a 9am-6pm period and this would eliminate the possibility of 'all day parking'. The likelihood is that the turnover will be higher than this as there will no longer be the option to park for extended periods of time.
- Concern was raised over trees and flowers replacing car parking spaces. The Parish Council will only consider placing trees and flowers in large planters that will be sited away from vehicles.
- A clear majority of residents were in

favour of parking being introduced on **Derby Road**. The Parish Council are keen to assure residents that parking on Derby Road will be looked at sensitively. The introduction of this additional parking should provide benefit to residents, shoppers and visitors alike.

- **Residents' Only Parking** was also frequently mentioned. The Parish Council have spoken to LCC Highways about Permit parking as a way of restricting parking. LCC's advice is that such a scheme would need to be put in place across the entire Village in order to ensure that problems are not passed on to streets without Permits. Permits do not give a guarantee of a parking place outside your home or even on your street. They can be costly for households and the enforcement of these restrictions can also be costly. It is for these reasons that careful consideration needs to be given when looking at this as an option.

Cost

You said: "Get money from landlords and students"

- The Parish Council have held many discussions with NWLDC about non-payment of Council Tax by students, which equates to a loss of around £11,000 per annum for our Village. Although Kegworth Village itself has the highest concentration of students in North West Leicestershire; this actually only represents 2% of discounts applied within the whole of NWLDC. Other factors affecting the level of precept received in Kegworth and other towns and villages include single occupiers, carers, care workers, dependant relatives and similar. The Parish Council will be lobbying Andrew Bridgen MP on the matter. You too can contact Andrew Bridgen MP to have your individual say!

You said: "The project should be paid for by NWLDC/LCC"

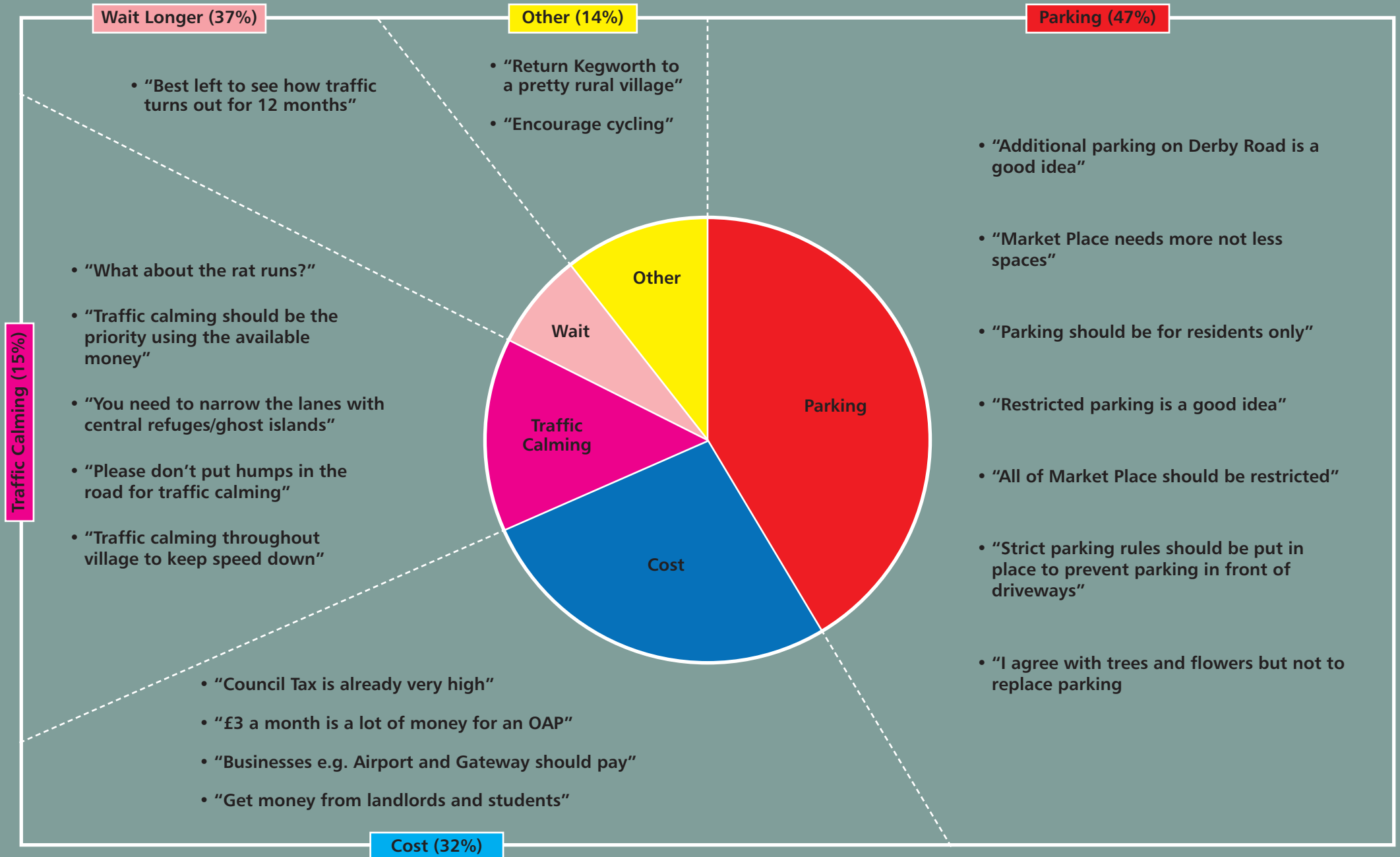
- We currently have £227,000 available to spend on the project. A community fund of £100,000 was given by the East Midlands Gateway Project and matched by NWLDC. Leicestershire County Council are responsible for the highway, however, they say that due to significant savings they must make as part of the Government's drive to reduce public debt, that there is no available money for them to assist with this project.

You said: "Large businesses such as the Airport and 'Gateway' development should pay"

- Your local MP, Andrew Bridgen, and County and District Councillor, Trevor Pendleton, have agreed to approach large businesses for contributions. We will also continue to look for any other funding opportunities.

Here are your comments

The "any other comments" had 5 key themes and the ones below are typical of the feedback received



Traffic Calming

You said: "We need some form of traffic calming in the Village"

- Traffic calming measures remain a priority for the Parish Council, and we are aware of the 'rat runs' that exist in our Village. **Leicestershire County Council** have said that they will assess the issue of rat runs if it remains a problem once the bypass is open.
- The Parish Council has asked LCC to include them on a Community Speedwatch programme. This is so that we are able to evidence the speed of cars entering our Village once the bypass has opened and HGV lorries will no longer help to naturally slow traffic. We are scheduled to join this programme in April 2019 as this is the earliest date available. If you wish to be a Community Speedwatch volunteer, please get in touch.
- There are no plans to put humps in the road in order to slow traffic.
- The biggest issue faced by the Parish Council is that of how to fund traffic calming. The current budget of £227,000 will restrict what we are able to achieve. The Parish Council will be looking into the possibility of using road markings and signs and some pavement re-modelling rather than reconstruction of the highway as this is a costly exercise.

Wait Longer

You said: "Wait 12 months to see what effect the bypass has on the Village"

- Please be assured that the Parish Council will be spending time looking at the changes in the Village once the bypass is open, and trying to ascertain the best way forward whilst being mindful of all your feedback.

Additional Comments

There were a number of comments relating to public toilets, additional bins and not moving the post box to name but a few. These suggestions and ideas will be considered as part of any project undertaken.

Summary

Kegworth has approximately 1850 properties. A Newsletter was posted through every letterbox and the survey was made available online. The 273 responses means that we only heard from 14.7% of the Kegworth population.

Does this mean that over 85% of Kegworth residents are in favour of change? 😊

Next steps

A cost effective way to introduce restricted parking on Market Place and Derby Road

An Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (**TRO**) could be implemented for a minimum of 6 months, but usually 18 months. It is used to test the effectiveness of parking schemes. The scheme is implemented with views sought within the first 6 months, after which, the scheme can be modified or implemented as a Permanent Order. If modified, it will run for a further 6 months before a decision is made. This scheme can be abandoned at any time. The cost of this TRO is £7,500. The benefit of a **TRO** is that changes can be made throughout the process – a trial and error opportunity. Based on the responses to the Consultation Questionnaire, the Parish Council is giving serious consideration to this option and is currently liaising with County Highways.



The Parish Council is meeting with **Leicestershire County Council Highways** and other advisors in order to progress the Village redevelopment.

This is an ongoing "**conversation**" and we need your continued feedback.

This Newsletter is a summary of the feedback that we received. Please look on our Website:

www.kegworthparishcouncil.co.uk for further information or call into our Parish Offices where we will have display boards highlighting your views.

An overview of Kegworth Parish Council's Finances

By Vicky Roe, Parish Clerk/RFO

Parish Councillors share a collective responsibility for financial management of the Council.

The finances are administered by an officer known, in law, as the Responsible Financial Officer. In most cases, the Parish Clerk is also the RFO. Councillors are either elected or co-opted onto the Council and are all volunteers.

A portion of your Council Tax is passed on to this Parish Council by NWLDC and is known as the Precept. Kegworth's Precept for 2018/19 is £105,501.

The Council also receives additional income, for example from the Council Tax Support Grant, cemetery fees and allotment rents. It is estimated that Kegworth's total income for 2018/19 including the Precept will be £117,600.

Some Parish Council expenditure is reasonably fixed:

Staff costs, insurance, utility charges, printing, photocopying and audit fees.

Other expenditure is carried out for public enjoyment and for safety reasons:

Grass cutting of recreation grounds and open spaces, playground inspections/repairs, tree and hedge maintenance.

The Council then agrees how to spend the remainder of the Precept. Some examples are

Christmas installations, village planters and hanging baskets and continued maintenance of SideLey Park. For 2018/19, the Council has set aside £3,000 to refurbish over thirty benches.

In 2017, the Council employed a Lengthsman for fifteen hours per week as many residents felt the village looked 'unloved'. The Lengthsman helps to keep the Market Place, park areas and jitties clean and tidy and undertakes numerous other tasks.

The Parish Council benefits a great deal from the continued support of volunteers who assist the Council in many ways but in a financial sense, help to save a significant amount of money by donating their time for free. Some projects that residents continue to be involved in are the regeneration and on-going maintenance of SideLey Park, Spring bulb planting and completion of a conservation area survey.

If anyone has a question about the Parish Council finances then please contact me:

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