Wisborough Green Parish Council consultation exercise on proposed development sites within the village: Report by The Research Factor Solutions.

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

This report presents the findings of a consultation exercise undertaken by Wisborough Parish Council on a number of specific sites which could be developed for residential use within the village.

200 people attended a series of focus groups to give their evaluation on each site. (137 people actually registered their names on attendance).

A number of generic themes drive opinions and evaluation of the sites, and these should assume priority for any body/agency looking to develop within the village:

- current use of the site: there is a distinct preference to use brownfield sites for development on the grounds that this would improve sites and not damage the integrity of current open spaces (greenfield sites)
- size of permissible development: there is a preference to see several small developments (10 – 20 max) houses rather than a single large development on the basis that these would be comparatively unobtrusive and could be developed in a way that is in keeping with the village.
- impact on the surrounding area, and the need to maintain the integrity of the village character and environment
- similarly, the desire to maintain/encourage the use of green space and landscaping within any new development
- the infrastructure required to support/facilitate access to the development, from a point of view of safety and accessibility: pedestrian access and traffic calming/the need to address appropriate road access is a major concern

Of those sites evaluated, those which meet these criteria most successfully are:

The Nurseries site(s)
Clarks Yard
Newpound Coal Yard

* this report will be used as evidence for site selection and is therefore not the final outcome. One new site at Ansells Yard has been put forward and further analysis work is required before decisions for inclusion in the plan are made. The community will be kept fully informed.