

## **Appendix 2**

### **Toseland Community Planning Steering Group**

#### **Notes on responses to first residents' questionnaire in the parish plan process – June 2009**

52% response. More women than men responded, the bulk of the respondents were over 40 years of age.

##### **How concerned are you about the speed of the traffic in the village?**

This scored the highest in the rankings.

TCPSPG will be consulting further on this issue and joining the Speedwatch initiative.

##### **How concerned are you about the speed limit through the village?**

No. 2 in the ranking.

We will consult further on options around this. We have been told there is no money for a change in the speed limit – to introduce one costs £1000s apparently. Plus there is no support for the idea from the police. But if Toseland had traffic calming it would also have a lower speed limit. Police advised more parking on the road to slow traffic down, but that is at residents' own risk – some cars have been badly damaged from being parked in the road.

##### **How concerned are you about the volume of traffic through Toseland?**

People were very concerned about this. 64% ranked this as a 5, i.e. very concerned. If the village had traffic calming, then volumes may reduce. If Toseland aims to restrict new development, that will also have an impact on the rate of growth in the numbers of car movements. So if the residents are concerned about traffic volumes, the parish council should not be supporting extra homes or other development in Toseland.

##### **How concerned are you about the number of large vehicles?**

Ranked joint 8<sup>th</sup>. High numbers of people are concerned. This would be affected by traffic calming as lorries would then avoid Toseland. TCPSPG will consider action that can be taken on this.

##### **How concerned are you about the safety of Toseland crossroads?**

Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup>. People are very concerned about this and throughout 2009 the parish council has been pushing for improvements, including a proposal for a change from Give Way to Stop on both junctions, a change in the speed limit, and/or interactive junction warning signs. The parish council has been told there is no budget by Cambridgeshire County Council. Richard West our county councillor agreed to investigate this. The parish council will continue to push for improvements. New signage was erected at the crossroads in summer 2009.

##### **How concerned are you about parking?**

Ranked 4<sup>th</sup>. Fairly low levels of concern generally. Most people have some off road parking and it is not necessarily a bad thing to have cars parked on the road as it can slow traffic speeds.

### **How concerned are you about drainage and ditch maintenance?**

Ranked 9<sup>th</sup>. People were concerned. Ditches and drains are largely the responsibility of the landowner, except for one culvert that crosses the road near No 48 High Street. The parish council will write to landowners asking them to clear their ditches as necessary – this has been done quite often before. The 'grips' that direct water from the road into the ditches need to be cleared more often. No need for further consultation on this issue.

### **How concerned are you about the maintenance of footpaths and bridleways?**

Ranked 9<sup>th</sup>. People are concerned about this issue, but this again is the landowner's responsibility. If any footpath is impassable, the parish council will contact the landowner.

### **How concerned are you about police visibility in the village?**

Ranked 10<sup>th</sup>. Moderately concerned. Need more consultation on this.

### **How concerned are you about the setting up of neighbourhood watch or countryside watch schemes?**

Ranked 11<sup>th</sup> joint. Some farmers locally are in Countryside Watch. Despite requests for volunteers to operate a neighbourhood watch scheme, no one has come forward.

### **How concerned are you about the lack of public transport?**

Ranked 11<sup>th</sup> joint. A fair number if people were concerned about this so TCPSG will do more consultation.

### **How concerned are you about the absence of footways through the village.**

Ranked 12<sup>th</sup>. Moderate response on this, but a footway would make it safer especially for children. The parish council has applied for a footway, but is unlikely to be successful at the first application. It will be expensive due to ditch piping and bridging.

### **How concerned are you about the absence of street lighting in the village?**

Very little concern about this. Ranked 14 in the scoring. The village would need to have street lighting if traffic calming is implemented as it is a prerequisite.

### **How concerned are you about conservation?**

People were quite concerned so TCPSG will survey to find out the detail.

**How concerned are you about dog fouling?**

Villagers are concerned about this issue. Ranked 7<sup>th</sup>. The verges should be free of excrement – local byelaw, but on private land it is an issue for the landowner to take up with individual dog owners. Public footpaths are the main problem area. In 2009 the parish council wrote to all dog owners. This issue needs to be monitored but requires no further consultation.

**How concerned are you about potential new developments in the village?**

Lots of people very concerned. This issue needs more consultation.

**Summary of additional comments**

There were a number of additional comments, some more serious than others.

There was a request for a second Litter Pick in 2009 and this was organised for Sunday October 11.

There were complaints about dangerous driving from D A Payne's school bus. Residents were notified that they must send complains to Education Transport Services at Cambridgeshire County Council.