

Collingham Parish Plan Steering Group

Collingham Parish Plan



Putting the Heart Back into Collingham

Background

Parish Plans were announced by Government in 2000 in the rural white paper 'Our Countryside, the Future'. They are intended to set out a vision of how communities want to develop over the next few years, and identify the actions needed to achieve it. Importantly, Parish Plans are produced by members of the community.

Basis of the Plan

This Plan is based on the main report written in September 2005, following the Questionnaire. Copies of this report and the Presentation made to the Parish can be found in Collingham Library. This report specifies and illustrates, with pie charts and graphs, the number and percentage of responses for every question in the Questionnaire.

Top Wants in Collingham!

Lots of people want:

- Farmers' market
- Arts Festival
- Drama Group
- Fun Run
- Bridge Club

And lots of other bright ideas!

Benefits of the Plan

- Ensuring that local concerns, characteristics and needs are properly considered before planning decisions are taken.
- Helping to provide information on local needs and opportunities.
- Enabling parish councils and communities to take the initiative in setting out guidance and proposals tailored to local circumstances.
- Adding ownership to the planning process at a local level.
- A route to winning funds for local initiatives.

Your Key Needs

- Better Communications
- More Community Activities
- Calming the Traffic Flow
- Wider Educational Opportunities, 0 to 100!
- Better Shopping Facilities
- Expanded Community Facilities
- More Conservation and a Cleaner Environment
- More Visible Planning



Where do we go from here? Make your voice heard.

We want to call in your ideas and enthusiasm. So please:

- Join and support existing clubs and societies.
- Discuss your ideas with the Village amenity committees, such as the Memorial Hall and the Wesley Rooms.
- Write to the Fleet Magazine.
- Ask the Parish Council to help.

Local Statistics



Collingham Medical Centre,
Library and Pharmacy

In national statistical terms, Collingham and Meering Ward is defined as 'Accessible Countryside'. In broad terms its defining characteristics are rural but accessible character, with the following differences to the national average for England and Wales:

- Most people have lived in the Parish a long time - 60% for greater than 15 years
- More owner-occupied households with two adults and no children.
- A higher proportion of retired older people, particularly in the 45 to 64 age range.
- More detached houses than average.
- More limiting long term ill health than the national average and more unpaid care workers.
- A greater proportion of two car households.
- Less people in routine occupations; many have higher education qualifications and work from home.

N.B. Statistics and Percentages

About 1,200 questionnaires were distributed and 667 were returned (55%). Not all questions were answered. In each case where we have given a percentage it is the percentage of responses to that particular question, and represents the balance of opinions of those people concerned about that particular topic.

What Do You Like About Collingham?

- Rural location and Parish facilities (42%).
- Family connections (20%).
- Good facilities and 'vibrant character' (17%).
- Bus service
- Village CARE Scheme and Advice Centre
- Pre-School and John Blow



A Vision for the Future of Collingham by -
Claire Mumby (14 years).

What Don't You Like About Collingham?

- Community spirit is dying
- Traffic
- Growing too fast, too many new developments
- Dereliction
- Train Service
- Poor pavements and footpaths
- Secondary Schooling in Newark
- Lack of facilities for elderly
- Lack of youth facilities
- Crime and anti-social behaviour

Transport

Findings

- By-pass supported by 63% of respondents.
- Road crossings supported by 67%.
- Street parking regarded as a hazard by 67%.
- Parking facilities regarded as less than good by 85%.

Suggestions

- Reclassification of A1133 as B road.
- Range of traffic calming measures on all main routes through Collingham.
- Add pedestrian crossings on the High Street regardless of its designation.
- Evaluate parking facilities and requirements – formulate future strategy.
- Better pavement maintenance.
- Make case to Central Trains for more trains to stop at Collingham.
- Develop a package of measures covering roads, buses and trains.



A good bus service, but the train service had few supporters!

Education

Findings

- More than 50% of respondents are not considering pre-school.
- Insufficient child care facilities (27%)
- Insufficient out of school/holiday provision (44%).
- Secondary education concerns.
- 63% of adults more likely to attend classes if they were in Collingham.



Suggestions

- Pre-School and John Blow further advertise out-of-hours activities and establish future demand.
- Joint investigation of educational needs in conjunction with Notts CC, LEA etc., to address secondary education concerns.
- Create small Adult Education Committee to investigate provision of courses in Collingham – needs, facilities, timings and costs.

Shopping and Social Amenities

Findings

- Demand for additional fresh food outlets in Collingham (60%) and a willingness to see the Co-op expand (64%).
- Of those who expressed a view, 56% thought a new community centre should be built.

Suggestions

- Review Co-op expansion.
- Examine case for expanding current community facilities or build new.
- Support new facilities for the Scout HQ.

Collingham Football Club Clubhouse



The Social and Built Environment

Findings

- 87% want no growth or no more than 5% growth in residential housing.
- 73% want new building restricted to in-fills, conversion of redundant property or none at all.
- Significant number of suggestions for new small businesses, such as; bakery (328 responses), Tea/Coffee Shop (261 responses)
- 67% regard police coverage inadequate and there were many comments about anti-social behaviour and vandalism

Suggestions

- Collingham Police Contact Point, Parish Council and Neighborhood Watch to Formulate action plan to present concerns and suggested solutions to relevant authorities.
- Form 'Business Club' to make the case for future development to the Parish Council.
- Address the requirement for a light industrial and office park, which has strong support in the business community.
- Parish Council to take a more proactive approach in communicating their plans and actions to the Parish.

Getting the Message Across

Recommendations

- Create Parish Web-site.
- New Parish Notice Board.
- New Village Information Signs
- Council Communications Strategy

Getting Involved

There are many ways to get involved and to keep Collingham a thriving Parish:

- Join one of the numerous Clubs, Societies and Associations.
- Give assistance to the local voluntary groups.
- Stand for the Council.
- Start organising that activity that isn't catered for at the moment!

Stop Press!

- Web-site on the way.
- Notice Board on the way.
- Fun Run - Sunday May 7th.
- Business Club being formed.
- Parish Council communications strategy in place.
-and other initiatives under way!

Contact Points for the Plan

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For more Information see the Village Website: www.collingham-notts.org.uk

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What can you do?