

TARVIN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

FIRST COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE (JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2015) – FINAL ANALYSIS

456 completed questionnaires have been analysed as follows:

(A) LIVING IN THE TARVIN PARISH AREA

1. What do you like most about living in the Tarvin parish area? [pick three only]

The suggested factors are listed below in order of selection. There were a handful of other factors. Where respondents selected more than three options their responses have been excluded

Easy access to the countryside (including to Tarvin Community Woodland)	289
The village atmosphere	237
Good access to Chester and nearby major cities	230
Friendly people	198
Good school	88
Good bus services	85
Lots to do e.g. clubs, societies, churches, activities at the Community Centre	68
Good range of shops	37
Good range of pubs and other eating establishments	26

Other factors: Peace & quiet (3), facilities (doctor, dentist, library, health centre, chemist, shops) (3), lived here whole life, near family, well-placed for motorways/roads/airports (1)

2. What do you like least about living in the Tarvin parish area? [pick three only]

The suggested factors are listed below in order of selection. 78 respondents gave other factors. Where respondents selected more than three options their responses have been excluded

Congestion on main roads leading in or out of Tarvin village	331
Congestion in the village centre	239
Problems parking	210
Limited range of shops	136
Lack of recreation facilities	78
Litter	57
Not enough to do	24

Other:

Dog fouling (21)

Speeding traffic/lack of speed bumps etc. (11)

Poor state of pavements/kerbs/gutters (weeds, overgrown hedges etc) (10)

Quality/availability of pubs/restaurants/cafes etc. (7)

House building/loss of village atmosphere/services not kept pace (6)

Other parking issues (6)

Dangerous parking/driving near school at pickup time (4)

Anti-social behaviour/vandalism/kids late at night/barking dogs (4)

Other – Chemist opening times, congestion, difficulty walking into village, road (un)safety Cross Lanes, double yellow lines lower High St, lack of public interest/responsibility by younger residents, house prices, no allotments, limited recreation/open space, no postbox on new development, poor bus service, lack of street lighting, unattractive housing, lack of school place, lack of bike parking, too many HGVs and heavy tractors, unfair school transport policy, poor quality of play area, lane has become rat run (1)

3. Are there enough opportunities in the parish area for keeping fit and healthy?

YES	288 (63%)
NO	98 (22%)
Don't know/no answer	70 (15%)

Suggested additional facilities were:

- Recreation centre/leisure centre/health club/gym (33)
- Fitness classes, clubs and groups (keep fit, dancing, gymnastics, pilates, yoga, Zumba, mother & baby keep fit or class with crèche, tai chi, Nordic walking, kick-boxing); current classes too limited/wrong time (31)
- Swimming pool (24)
- Outdoor gym/exercise equipment/fitness trail (on Playing Field or in Woodland) [cf Ashton] (18)
- Cycle paths (inc link to Guilden Sutton cycleway, cycle route to Chester, possibly via Roman Bridges, children's cycle track (13)
- More/bigger playing fields with changing facilities/home for Tarvin FC (5)
- Running track (4)
- All-weather pitch (3)
- Facilities/activities for young people (3)
- Indoor sports facilities eg indoor bowls (2)
- Disability-friendly facilities (2)
- Squash club, tennis courts for non-Club members, school facilities to be open to all residents, more access to fields for dog-walking, rights of way well-signposted/accessible, more surgeries at Health Centre, pedestrian bridge over A51, bakery (1)

4. When you walk around the parish area do you always feel safe?

YES	410 (90%)
NO	29 (6%)
Don't know/no answer	17 (4%)

N.B. A handful of respondents said they sometimes felt threatened or uneasy, particularly at night. Some of those replying "No" cited volume/speed of traffic

Are the play areas for children under 5 near where you live safe and of good quality?

YES	275 (60%)
NO	16 (4%)
Don't know/no answer	165 (36%) [includes respondents stating that there were <u>no</u> play areas near where they live]

Are the play areas for children aged 5+ near where you live safe and of good quality?

YES	247 (54%)
NO	17 (4%)
Don't know/no answer	192 (42%) [includes respondents stating that there were <u>no</u> play areas near where they live]

5. Which of the following is most important to you for the future? [pick up to three, numbering in order of importance where 1 is most important]

Where respondents selected more than three options their responses have been excluded. The weighted score gives 3 points for 1st, 2 for 2nd and 1 for 3rd. If respondents weighted all their choices equally, each choice has been given 2 points

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Wted score
Ensuring that local services (e.g. school, doctors' surgery, library, community centre, recreation facilities) are able to cope with any new development in the parish area	129	158	59	762
Keeping a clear buffer zone around the main settlements of Tarvin and Oscroft, including the existing Green Belt	109	114	38	593
Ensuring that infrastructure (e.g. roads, water, sewerage, gas/electricity) are able to cope with any new development in the parish area or nearby	30	127	59	403
Ensuring the countryside is always close and accessible with unobstructed open views	32	84	34	298
Reducing traffic and congestion	31	52	53	250
Maintaining a good mix of housing, including starter homes, homes for rent and retirement properties	14	50	38	180
Increasing the number and/or range of local shops	8	40	39	143

6. Are there any other facilities or amenities you would like to see provided in the parish area, in addition to what is here already?

Suggested facilities were:

- Sports facilities inc pool, cricket pitch, bowling green (if not already here), football complex for Tarvin FC (with FA grant?), scooter/skate park, modernise/better maintain Playing Field, changing rooms (15)
- More different shops (baker, DIY/hardware, gift shop, butcher, grocer, florist, tea shop, local charity shop); keep Post Office (15)
- Car park/more/better parking; possible park and ride? (12)
- Pub/restaurant/café/takeaway, inc family-friendly/outdoor seating (12)
- Gym/leisure centre (9)
- Bungalows/affordable housing/executive houses/sheltered housing (6)
- Doctors' surgery with longer hours/walk-in surgery (5)
- Bank/extra cash point (4)
- Public toilets/toilets on playing field (3)
- More/better footpaths/pavements (3)
- Better broadband (3)
- Seats in village/on playing field (3)
- More for children/teenagers including investment in Scouts etc. (3)
- Proper library/longer opening hrs (2)
- Speed limits/traffic calming (2)
- Improve pond at Taylor Wimpey site (2)
- Allotments, brown sign to village, more dog waste bins, more of a "Tarpoley feel", pedestrian footbridge over A51, retirement/nursing home, disabled access to shops, reopen Children's Centre, cycle path round Playing Field, hobby evening classes, educational activities along country paths, railway station, better street lights, craft centre, theatre, activities for older people in Community Centre, park, pedestrian crossings on A54, new school with sports facilities, more trees, dentist (1)

(B) HOUSING

7. If there is to be any more housing built in the parish area, where should it go? [please pick one]

In Tarvin village	146 (32%)
In Oscroft	183 (40%)
In the countryside	38 (8%)
No answer	89 (20%) <i>(includes respondents saying no more housing should be built)</i>

8. If there is to be any more housing built in the parish area, should the Green Belt be protected at any cost?

YES	368 (81%)
NO	55 (12%)
Don't know/no answer	33 (7%)

N.B. A handful of respondents asked what "at any cost" meant, or questioned the existence of the Green Belt

9. If there is to be any more housing built in the parish area, what kind of properties do you think should be built? [pick up to three, numbering in order of importance where 1 is most important]

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	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Wted score
Affordable homes including homes to rent	110	80	47	537
Cottages/small houses with fewer than three bedrooms	72	104	66	490
Houses with three bedrooms	49	88	54	377
Bungalows	60	70	44	364
Sheltered accommodation	40	74	49	317
Houses with four or more bedrooms	32	25	19	165
Flats/apartments	4	17	27	73

(C) TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT – MOVING IN AND AROUND TARVIN

10. Which of the following is most important to you for the future? [pick up to three, numbering in order of importance where 1 is most important]

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	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Wted score
Relieve congestion, particularly on the A51 between the Tarvin roundabout and Vicar's Cross	225	109	21	914
Provide more public car parking	45	95	80	405
Enforce speed limits, particularly on country lanes	48	94	41	373
Restrict parking by enforcing a time limit for parking on the High Street and Church Street (except for residents of those streets)	33	74	45	292
Encourage more active ways of getting around, including cycleways and better (hard-surfaced, dry, safe) footpaths	28	75	50	284
Negotiate with businesses which have parking in the village centre over allowing public access to their car park at designated times	14	52	66	212
Encourage more use of public transport	7	21	34	97

11. If you think a public car park is needed, do you agree it should be sited on part of the Garden Field? [the Garden Field is the first field on the left-hand side of Church Street going towards Tarporley Road, adjacent to the Old Rectory]

YES	287	(63%)
NO	86	(19%)
Don't know/no answer	83	(18%)

Suggestions re alternative sites were:

Not needed/won't be used; people should walk; parking restrictions enough (22)

Pool Bank (+ disabled parking on High Street); footpath access through churchyard to High St (7)

Use pub car parks out of opening hours (6)

Playing field car park (& put bus stop/shelter nearby to encourage use by people going to Chester) (3)

Nowhere else suitable (3)

Co-op car park (2)

Millennium Garden/extended health centre car park (2)

Grass verges (2)

Top Farm site (2)

Other – near telephone exchange, by Millside Close, Tarvin Hall site, use Chinese restaurant car park, on perimeter with park-and-ride service (1)

(D) RECREATION

12. Are there enough recreation facilities for

Under 5s	YES	252	(55%)
	NO	32	(7%)
	Don't know/no answer	172	(38%)

5 – 11 year olds	YES	222	(49%)
	NO	49	(11%)
	Don't know/no answer	185	(40%)

11 – 16 year olds	YES	90	(20%)
	NO	177	(39%)
	Don't know/no answer	189	(41%)

Over 16s	YES	66	(14%)
	NO	204	(45%)
	Don't know/no answer	186	(41%)

13. Is there a need for more outdoor recreation facilities? [please indicate on the scale below]

Table shows number of respondents in each category. Respondents who gave no opinion are excluded. The weighted score gives 2 points for agree strongly, 1 for agree slightly, -1 for disagree slightly and -2 for disagree strongly

	Agree Strongly	Agree Slightly	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree Slightly	Disagree Strongly	Wted Score
Safe cycle routes	226	87	33	3	8	520
All-weather pitch	94	72	105	22	54	130
Football pitch (grass)	56	54	132	38	44	40
Basketball court	35	80	137	31	44	31
BMX track	49	62	112	37	59	5
Skateboard park	43	76	117	36	62	2

N.B. Between 22-30% of respondents did not answer the question at all

Other suggestions were:

All-weather pitch for other sports, not just football (eg hockey –tie-up with Deeside Ramblers) (4)

Outdoor gym (4)

Swimming pool (4)

Walking area/walking group/walking track around playing field (3)

Gym (2)

Scooter park (2)

Netball (2)

Other suggestions - pitches for under 11s, facilities for girls/older people, cricket pitch, open tennis courts/dual-use tennis & basketball court, changing rooms, squash club, skateboard ramp below ground level, improved playground, allotments, more benches in Woodland (1)

14. Is there a need for additional indoor recreation facilities? [please write in]

109 people (24%) agreed and made suggestions; these included:

Gym/fitness centre (24)

Badminton (17)

Unspecified (with doubts about cost/location); possible collaboration with other villages (10)

Youth club/somewhere for teenagers to socialize/activities for young/investment in Scout movement (13)

General indoor sports facilities/sessions, especially in winter (including 5-a-side football, netball, basketball, snooker) (13)

Swimming pool (8)

Exercise classes, other evening classes and opportunities to learn new skills/share knowledge (including men's group) (8)

Indoor bowls (7)

Activities for older people (5)

Recreation/sports centre/pavilion with changing & café (5)

Table tennis (4)

Squash (4)

Soft play (4)

Other:

Longer library hours, school facilities always open, encourage better use of existing facilities (1)

Should the Community Centre offer more?

YES	196	(43%)
NO	75	(16%)
Don't know/no answer	185	(41%)

15. Does Oscroft need a) a play area	YES	182 (40%)
	NO	71 (16%)
	Don't know/no answer	203 (44%)
b) a playing field?	YES	149 (33%)
	NO	92 (20%)
	Don't know/no answer	215 (47%)

N.B. A number of respondents did not feel it appropriate to answer on behalf of Oscroft.

(E) WHAT ELSE SHOULD THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN LOOK AT?

16. As we develop the Neighbourhood Plan we need to look ahead 15 years, to what kind of place the Tarvin parish area should be. What areas would you like us to explore? [please indicate on the scale below]

Table shows number of respondents in each category. Respondents who gave no opinion are excluded. The weighted score gives 2 points for agree strongly, 1 for agree slightly, -1 for disagree slightly and -2 for disagree strongly

	<i>Agree Strongly</i>	<i>Agree Slightly</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree Slightly</i>	<i>Disagree Strongly</i>	<i>Wted Score</i>
Making Tarvin cleaner and greener	213	115	47	3	3	532
The facilities and support needed by						
• retired people	186	127	65	6	0	493
• people with a disability	187	107	72	2	1	477
Encouraging healthier and more active lifestyles	190	90	79	0	1	468
Using the Community Centre more	167	133	73	2	3	459
The facilities and support needed by						
• teenagers	180	103	75	2	5	451
• people aged 85 and over	161	113	82	5	0	430
Developing the Tarvin shopping area	162	136	54	19	18	405
The facilities and support needed by						
young families	135	123	93	3	4	382
Making Tarvin a more vibrant place	108	132	94	10	13	312
Encouraging visitors	76	96	135	30	18	182

N.B. Between 15-22% of respondents did not answer the question at all

There were a handful of other suggestions:

Housing to attract young families/executives who will run clubs etc. & spend in shops/pubs

Lobby for A51 improvements

If more housing perhaps also provide general store to relieve pressure on village centre

Safe facilities for 'tweens' - ages 10-13.

Use Hoole as template - vibrant village with great range of shops/businesses

Other general comments were:

- No new housing, facilities/infrastructure already overstretched, keep village atmosphere (43)
- Community Centre – praise for what it does now/ much better than used to be. Who will provide extra activities? Will they be supported? Limited space for more activities. Needs more support from CWaC. Could be club with bar/snooker etc. Film nights great – need more publicity? (12)
- Parking issues - parking on High St is threatening bus routes; crossing roads with parked cars can be tricky; despite Co-op car park people still park on High St.; people park all day & catch bus to Chester; park on pavements/footpaths; Garden Field car park fantastic idea; restriction needed on roads near school; car park no longer needed as High St is dead; possibility of pay and display car park?; residents can walk to shops; abused for parking near school (12)
- Main roads – don't feel safe as traffic too fast, dangerous getting into/out of village onto main roads, suggestions for traffic lights at Tarporley Rd/A51 junction, lower High St/main road junction (Tarvin Sands) and “Ashton turn”; hard to turn right out of village, hazardous to cross main road to access footpaths; need to sort out A51 before allowing any more houses; Cross Lanes/Shay Lane unsafe; need traffic island on A54 west of car sales site; children age 10-11 are crossing main road to cycle at Austins Hill & old turkey farm; traffic lights at Stamford Bridge and Vicars X are major problems - should remove traffic lights at Stamford Bridge; improving main roads will stop lanes being used as rat runs (12)
- Housing issues – should be on edge of village (no sites IN village); encourage sustainable self-build by locals, not volume builders; only build within existing village boundary - no encroaching on Church Farm fields; only limited new housing; retirement village?; all areas should accept share of new housing; define absolute limit to further expansion; every parish must take fair share of expansion or bigger villages will be overburdened; need full range of new housing or creates ghettos; need mix of housing everywhere; build on infill sites where appropriate; build off Townfield Lane accessed from Holme St (this part of Green Belt not to be protected); affordable homes must be for local people; depends where sited & if local need established; no houses in countryside or Oscroft (no facilities); houses needed to allow older people to downsize within village; no more large-scale development; new houses must be near amenities. Need some large housing (cf. Kelsall & Tarporley) Is more housing really needed? Where is there land in Tarvin for housing? (11)
- Playing field – praise but also criticism - play area on field could be improved/integrated cf Kelsall; holly hedge behind goal bursts footballs; play area quite dated, needs new/comfortable benches and re-painting equip; groups of teenagers gather on field and can feel threatening; occasional problems with play area are repaired eventually; swing bars are no good; play areas need updating, that on field should be separately fenced, big climbing frame/slide unsafe for under 5s; good if children could play tennis more; gate to play area on field needs attention (toddlers can open); sometimes broken glass in play area (11)
- Pavements, hedges, gutters etc – footpaths very untidy, hedges not cut, neglected/decaying pavements & road surfaces, paths between Gowy Cres/Heath Drive/Sheaf Close uneven, overgrown & poorly lit, paths/pavements need attention, weeds in gutters (8)
- Traffic speeds – problems with speeding and amount of through traffic. Most country lanes don't have specific speed limits. Should be speed limit on Old Moss to stop boy racers, speed limit by school, limit enforced through village, on Hockenhull Lane and Cross Lanes, anywhere around houses, 40mph limit past Austin's Hill (8)
- Personal safety – older people feel intimidated by young people drinking/taking drugs; some safety concerns at night; some women are wary of walking in Woodland (isolation/density); sometimes uneasy around groups of teenagers. Unruly groups of children can be intimidating. Feel safe in daytime (7)
- Green Belt – are some anomalies but must be careful if amending. Should protect but what does “at any cost” mean? Green Belt and countryside not synonymous. Green Belt should extend into Oscroft. Need map to comment in informed way. (6)
- Dog fouling (particularly around school and near play area) and dogs running free on playing field disliked (5)
- People in village – good neighbours; long-term residents committed to area. People too lazy to use a car park on Garden Field. Younger people less friendly, too many strangers about. Keeping healthy is lifestyle choice, facilities not required (4)

Questionnaire biased/loaded questions (3)

Cycling – cycle paths are healthier/greener/reduce need for parking (look at Ashton as model). A51 dangerous for cyclists. Dangerous cycling on pavements (3)

Doctors' surgeries – inadequate (so have to go to Tarporley), too often closed, timetable is hard to read (3)

Questions – Do over 16s want rec facilities? Does Oscroft want play area or field? What housing types will be needed in future? Where is Green Belt? (3)

Other

Maintain bus services

Evening (post 8 pm) exercise classes

Should make most of free outdoor recreation resources ie countryside. All weather football pitch would be brilliant but football club need multiple pitches

Playing field in Oscroft would serve instead of 2nd field in Tarvin

Flowers at entrances to village

For older children recreation facilities are unrealistic so ensure good transport links

Future use of old Limestar building - flats/sheltered housing/hotel?

Shops can't be developed except as part of a new development.

Need range of facilities for all ages

Need to establish local need for any/all additional recreation facilities

Footpaths need improving for wheelchairs.

Library reinstated(?)

Houses not affordable for local young people

Grass to be cut Austins Hill.

Oscroft is country hamlet, facilities not appropriate

Walk to keep fit

Surrounded by beautiful countryside - don't build on it. Danger extra recreation facilities will draw in outsiders. Plenty of activities for young

No play area for Lower High St

Village already very active.

Suggest one of pubs offer room 6.30 - 9 pm for pool/darts/coffee for 16-18 yr olds

Good school

Poor state of Tarvin Hall.

Used to be a rural self-contained village, now ruined

Value doctors & library