

BINGHAM COMMUNITY-LED PLAN REPORT

APPENDIX 5

ANALYSIS OF THE EVIDENCE FOR THE ACTIONS LISTED IN THE REPORT

In this appendix an analysis is presented of the questionnaire responses given in Appendix 4. This is the first stage in the analytical process that led to the section WHAT PEOPLE WANT in the main report.

The analysis was carried out by the members of the five working groups that set the questions in the questionnaires and their commentary is presented here. These are:

- Community Services and facilities
- Environment
- Business development and employment
- Transport
- Planning

These are the major themes recognised during the public consultation process carried out in December 2014 and January 2015. Each consists of a number of key issues, which were also identified in the consultation exercises. Some of these appear in more than one theme. These are reported here as they were found, but the layout in WHAT PEOPLE WANT has been rationalised so there is no repetition or overlap.

The tabulated responses given in each theme section list the actions regarded as high priority. In these tables the priority actions have been graded as requiring short, medium or long-term action. This is a judgement made by the working groups. Short term is less than 3 years; that is within the current town council electoral cycle. Medium term is up to five years, while long term is up to ten years. The right hand column in the tables is the first attempt to identify the most likely stakeholders with the responsibility for carrying out the actions listed.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Key themes are:

- Public Conveniences
- Health, Social Care and Education
- Community Centre
- Sport, recreation and clubs.
- Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

The operational facility, sited adjacent to the Library and Health Centre, is run by Rushcliffe Borough Council. The one in Station Street, now closed, is under private ownership. In total 2,653 responses were received from our two questionnaires. The results showed a clear majority were not satisfied with the current, operational facility with 1,059 (59.5%) from the general results and 741 (85%) from the schools questionnaire. It was also noted that more females than men found the facility unsatisfactory in a ratio of 60:40.

Opinion was sought about the preferred site for additional public conveniences to the one in Eaton Place.

1,451 responses were received to the main questionnaire of which 1,306 (90%) suggested the existing disused facility in Station Street should be refurbished. This view was shared by the schools questionnaire though only 434 (44%) chose this option.

Suggestions were received from 216 people completing the main questionnaire and 285 from the schools about the site of an additional facility. However, none was in a clear majority. New sites included the Market Place followed closely by local parks from the schools survey. These comments stressed the need for a toilet close to the playing fields. Comment was also made that additional public toilets may be needed to provide for the increase in Bingham's population when the new housing is built north of the railway line.

Over 70% of the respondents to the main questionnaire but only 41% of respondents to the schools questionnaire said they would be prepared to pay a small fee to use the public toilets.

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Priority Action	Indicative timescale (short/medium/long term)	Potential lead/support body
Refurbishment of present toilet facilities	Short Term	Rushcliffe Borough Council
Investigate additional facility to accommodate expanding population.	Medium Term	Rushcliffe Borough Council & Bingham Town Council
Consider introducing small payment scheme	Short Term	Rushcliffe Borough Council

HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & EDUCATION.

The following key issues were identified for inclusion in the questionnaire:

1. Hours that the Health Centre is open
2. The quality of care provided
3. What improvements could be made to the services
4. How education facilities were rated from childcare to adult.

TIMES WHEN THE HEALTH CENTRE IS OPEN.

The options under consideration were for longer opening hours and seven-day opening. There was marginally more support for longer opening hours rather than the seven-day opening (by a ratio of 12:10). This was further consolidated by support from 50% under the age of 65 years, possibly a reflection of the fact that they are less likely to be able to visit the Health Centre during the working day.

THE QUALITY OF CARE PROVIDED

The question asked about the degree of satisfaction on the provision of care and support for the elderly, children and young people with ongoing health problems, adults with long term physical health problems or disabilities, people with mental health problems and carers. The three classes of answer were, very satisfied, satisfied and not satisfied. 65-85%

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of the adults stated that they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the services provided. The lowest levels were for carers (28% not satisfied) and mental health support (34% not satisfied). In the schools' questionnaire responses a range of ideas was presented for clubs and groups to help children with problems at school or home. The largest individual number of comments (77) asked for personal support groups indicating anger management, bullying, bereavement and general therapy as the prime need. The value of sports clubs (42) and a youth club (also 42) was clearly indicated. General friendship groups also scored highly (32). A surprisingly large number of children admitted to being carers (122) either of unwell adults or siblings, but only 15% of them had access to or attended a club or group to help them.

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS COULD BE MADE TO THE SERVICES?

When asked about improvements to the care and support for people with health and social problems five options were listed. The results from the main questionnaire were:

- 38.8% of respondents stated the need for supported or appropriate housing.
- 55.5% of respondents saw a need for "help with access to or support in work"
- 39.9% of respondents were in favour of a "Befriending scheme"
- 53.9% of respondents were interested in "local support groups"
- 48.4% of respondents supported "improved transport and access to facilities in Bingham"

The student response to the question 'What sort of clubs or groups could be set up in Bingham to help elderly and other people who might struggle on their own?' was wide ranging (see Appendix 4 for details), but by far the largest number of comments was in favour of social groups of one kind or another (175). Whether this reflected on observations they were making on the needs of their grandparents, for example, is unknown. However, they identified board game groups, bingo, friendship groups, story telling and tea and coffee mornings among their ideas for helping their elders.

Priority Action	Indicative timescale (short/medium/long term)	Potential lead/support body
Extend the opening hours of the Surgery	Short term	Belvoir Health Centre

<p>More local support groups (advice, social and games groups) in addition to supported housing, help with access to and support in work, befriending schemes, improved transport and access to facilities in Bingham. Appropriate groups to support young carers was strongly in demand.</p>	<p>Short Term</p>	<p>Notts County Council – Social Service</p>
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HOW EDUCATION FACILITIES WERE RATED FROM CHILDCARE TO ADULT.

Questions were asked about problems in gaining access to satisfactory and affordable services within the last 2-3 years for a range of services. These were childcare for under 5s, a child minder, breakfast/after school/holiday clubs, primary school education, secondary school education and adult education. The questions was answered “not applicable” by an average of 73.4%. Among those for whom it was applicable the figures indicate that whilst there may be some issues they are not generally a problem, with the possible exception of adult education. The adult education question showed 141 had experienced a problem in accessing a service, which is equivalent to 36% of those for whom the question was thought to be applicable. This is three times more than for any other service. Among the free text comments the largest single issue with regard to formal education (29 comments) was that a new primary school was needed, but there were comment in the schools’ questionnaire on the need for more places for after-school clubs and local holiday clubs for the age group 11 upwards.

Priority Action	Indicative timescale (short/medium/long term)	Potential lead/support body
More Adult Education	Medium Term	Notts County Council Education.

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classes, with additional after-school club spaces and local holiday clubs for the 11+ age range		
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COMMUNITY CENTRE

The key issues identified

- Provision of a Community Centre or Similar Facility for the use of the Community as a whole.
- Arts and Cultural Activities

COMMUNITY CENTRE

94% of respondents to the main questionnaire and 79% of the students believe that Bingham should have a Community Centre.

As for a site for the building four options were indicated. These were the Manor House in the Market Place, the old Police Station, Warner's Paddock and a site in the new development north of the railway line. The results favoured the Manor House and the old Police Station roughly equally, with very little indication that development on Warner's Paddock would be welcome. It also appears that the public does not want to wait until the development north of the railway line happens before having a community centre.

Regarding the uses for a Community Centre they were highly variable and indicated that the building needed to be a very flexible facility, which would not limit current or future users. Two uses, as a meeting place for groups or activities (94%) and available for hire (87%) were dominant with theatre (69%) next. Space for temporary exhibitions was listed by 56% of the respondents. Use for film (50%) and for gallery space (40%) were the lowest. Among the students' response the demands came in a slightly different order. The use for groups and clubs was the highest, but with films the next. Art exhibitions came low.

ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Main Questionnaire: just over 70% of the adult respondents who answered this question felt that involvement in Arts and Cultural Activity was of some importance to them. The respondents to the School Questionnaire were less interested in this aspect of life with 40% stating that participation in music, art and drama held no interest to them.

Priority Action	Indicative timescale (Short/ Medium/ Long)	Potential lead/support bodies
Work on building a Community Centre should start without delay selecting one of the two preferred sites – Manor House or the old Police station.	Short term	BTC Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC) Railtrack/Network Rail
The Community Centre should cater for demand for meeting rooms, rooms for hire, a theatre and for film as a minimum.	Short term	BTC Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC)

SPORTS RECREATION AND CLUBS

A large number of adult respondents (809) indicated they were involved in a wide range of sporting activity. This was about 44%, somewhat lower than among school children (52%). Swimming drew the largest participation among the adults, with football and cycling also high. Football and swimming were equally popular among the students.

Whilst respondent's views on the current standard of sports facilities available to them varied, within and across all sports, there was an overriding view that they need to be better maintained and improved overall. For most the facilities were regarded as good or adequate. Tennis and cycling were both regarded as providing poor facilities. Among the activities thought to be poorly supported in Bingham a gym came out with the largest

support (89 individual comments). More than 20 comments each were made requesting facilities for squash, golf, badminton, walking and bowls.

The main questionnaire asked specifically about Bingham Leisure Centre, as the main provider of sport facilities in the town. Among the adults there was a very even split between those who were satisfied with the Leisure Centre (49.5%) and those who were not (50.5%). 73% of school students used the Leisure Centre. A list of ten ways to improve the facilities was given (see Appendix 4). In both questionnaires there was a similar range of suggestions for improvements. The strongest demands were for better maintenance (57%) and improved changing facilities at the pool (55%) and improved car parking.

Both questionnaires asked for comments on how Play Areas and Parks in the town might be improved. Respondents to both came up with a similar range of responses. Predominantly they were looking for improvements in equipment available and more parks/open spaces to be provided. The strongest plea from the students was for exercise equipment for older children and adults.

Priority Action	Indicative timescale (Short/ Medium/ Long)	Potential lead/support bodies
Over 64% of respondents felt that having the chance to see/take part in arts and culture activities in Bingham was important. Work needs to be done on providing those opportunities and should involve all interested parties.	Medium term	BTC
Work needs to be done to maintain and improve the range and standard of sporting facilities in Bingham. Specific mention was made to improve the equipment for teenagers and adults in outdoor play areas.	Short/medium term	All sports groups active in Bingham

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Bingham Leisure Centre should be upgraded and maintenance improved, rather than build a new facility north of the railway line. The most severe comment was levelled at the changing facilities for swimming	Short term	RBC
High responses indicate that the poorest facilities are for tennis and cycling and that the new facilities most would like to see are a gym and dance studio	Short term	RBC

CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The following key themes were identified for inclusion in the questionnaire:

- Crime
- Antisocial Behaviour

CRIME

23% of respondents to the Main Questionnaire were concerned a lot about levels of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in Bingham. This compared with 35% of respondents to the Schools' Questionnaire who said there were places in Bingham where they did not feel safe. Overall the majority of respondents did not feel crime or antisocial behaviour was a major issue for them. However, this ought not to be an excuse for no action, the fact that a third of school children and a quarter of respondents to the main questionnaire were concerned indicates that some action is needed in this area.

The question was also asked if the respondent lived in a Neighbourhood Watch area. 63% said that they did, but over half of the rest did not know. About half of these said they would like to be in one.

Close analysis of free text responses of both questionnaires reveals two main areas of concern

- The level of Policing
- Street lighting

Police –the lack of a Police presence was repeatedly mentioned as the major concern

Lighting – Most respondents wanted the street lights back on or better lighting across the whole of Bingham. The large proportion of children who identified part of Bingham where they felt unsafe indicated they were in dark streets and alleyway (77 individual comments).

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

This comes across as more a perceived than an actual threat - many respondents refer to the congregation of youths in Eaton Place and the Market Square, which they find menacing. To counter balance this, elsewhere in the questionnaire many respondents recognise that the youth of Bingham have nowhere to go in the evening. Our feeling is that if other issues raised elsewhere to improve the lot of youngsters in the town were effectively taken up then there would be a commensurate reduction in this being a concern.

Priority Action	Indicative timescale (Short/ Medium/ Long)	Potential lead/support bodies
Bingham Town Council should work with NCC and the Police and Crime Commissioner to establish a better police presence in the town.	Medium term	BTC, NCC, Police and Crime Commissioner
Bingham Town Council should work with RBC to improve street lighting across the town. Feeling unsafe in dark streets/alleyways was the single most mentioned issue among the school responses.	Medium term	BTC/RBC
To address concerns about anti-social behaviours the Town Council should work with all interested parties to improve facilities and provision for young people in the town.	Medium term	BTC

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ENVIRONMENT

Key themes:

- Litter and dog fouling
- Recycling and waste disposal
- The maintenance and improvement of green spaces

The questionnaire also sought to measure the level of interest in a consultation exercise on reducing energy usage in Bingham and the use of green energy. Responses indicated support among the adults from 64% of respondents for this idea. However, a related question in the schools' questionnaire drew a positive response from 89% of the respondents.

LITTER AND DOG FOULING

Both the main and the schools questionnaire results showed that there is concern about litter amongst all age groups, with 58% of adults identifying it as a minor problem and a further 21% as a major problem. The schools' survey showed that 58% believe there is a litter problem, although it should be noted that a higher proportion of children than adults did not answer this question, possibly because they do not live in the town. The main problem areas identified were overwhelmingly the town centre (particularly on market days) and open spaces (notably Butt Field and Toot Hill playing fields). The Linear Park was also named by 38% in the main questionnaire. A point of interest was that there was more concern about litter amongst the 8 – 10 year-olds than older students, perhaps because of their schools' work on environmental education.

Dog fouling is also a major concern, particularly around the primary schools. Overall over 78% of adult respondents and 58.7% of schoolchildren think there is a problem. The alleyways at Carnarvon Place and alongside Crow Close were identified by a number of respondents, also parks and recreation areas and the Linear Park. Several respondents suggested that the provision of more dog litter bins would help solve the problem, as would more fines for offending dog owners. It is perceived that the problem has worsened since the Town Council stopped supplying bags for the disposal of dog waste.

RECYCLING AND WASTE DISPOSAL.

Clearly the main concern is the loss of the recycling facility at Langar. Over 89.5% of adults were in favour of a replacement for Langar Tip, citing the distance that residents now have to travel to dispose of unwanted items. Improved street lighting, more regular cleaning out of drains and gutters, and the provision of more litter bins were also mentioned. Respondents are also concerned about potential increases in fly-tipping, with the clean-up costs coming from council tax. There was, understandably, less awareness of this as a problem among the children (46% thought waste disposal was a problem).

A clear majority (64%) would also favour an on-street glass collection, and just over half would like local collection points for small items such as small electrical items, pens and ink cartridges.

There was no willingness to prohibit the use of plastic bags in shops in either of the two questionnaires. About half of the adult respondents would like it to be reduced. Surprisingly the children showed less awareness of this being an environmental problem than the adults. The suggestion of a 'Bingham Bag' scheme received good support, with 81.5% of respondents stating they would take part in such an initiative.

GREEN SPACES

The results from both surveys showed a desire to maintain and improve green spaces within the town. A clear priority was for a Country Park, preferably with a café. Almost 80% of adult respondents supported this, together with 65% requesting improvements to the Linear Park, and 61% for the development of wildlife areas. The preservation of Warner's Paddock featured strongly in the individual comments. Both adults and schoolchildren would like to see better recreational facilities in the existing open spaces, with adult exercise equipment installed in addition to improvements to the children's play equipment. This supports comments made in the section on Leisure and Sport.

There is a clear need for more allotments in the town, with 63% of adults requesting them, although there was little interest in a community allotment scheme (21% expressing support or one).

Other comments were made in the main survey about a general tidying-up of the town, with better maintenance of hedgerows and grass verges. Improved street lighting, more regular cleaning out of drains and gutters, and the provision of more litter bins were also mentioned.

Priority Action	Indicative timescale (Short/ Medium/ Long	Potential lead/support bodies
Cleaner streets and open spaces	More frequent cleaning of problem areas, eg alleyways, Town Centre on market days, Toot Hill fields – short term Community 'litter picks' – short/medium term, continuing. Raising awareness via posters, education – short term, continuing More litter bins. Short term	RBC, Toot Hill School Friends of Linear Walk BTC initiative, RBC Schools, BTC BTC
Reduction in the amount of dog mess on pavements, alleyways and open spaces	Cleaning up alleyways and open spaces. Short term Poster campaign eg ' Don't leave us your mess – pick it up'. Short term More dog mess bins. Medium term Fining offenders. Long term	RBC, BTC, Sports associations BTC, Schools RBC, BTC RBC, residents need to identify
Provision of more recycling facilities	Re-opening/replacement of Langar tip. Medium term. (Unlikely to achieve in short term) On-street glass collection. Medium term Local collection points for small electrical appliances, pens, ink cartridges etc. Long term	NCC via BTC RBC RBC
Introduce a 'Bingham bag' scheme	Local businesses to sell re-usable bags promoting Bingham shops. Short term	BTC, Bingham Business Club
More allotments	Identify possible sites (may only be	BTC, Crown

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	available in the new development N of railway). Medium term	Estate developers
The provision of a country park/gardens Ensure long-term future of Warner's Paddock	Already included in the plans for the new development. Short term Negotiate with Crown Estate to extend the agreement in perpetuity.	Crown Estate developers BTC
Improve and develop the Linear Park and develop wildlife areas	Reinforce the workforce of the Friends of Linear Park and make provision in BTC budget to support their work. Medium term	BTC, Friends of Linear Park
Improve and develop play areas for all ages.	Replace old play equipment and provide equipment for older children (eg skate park) and adults. Medium/long term	BTC, RBC, Crown Estate developers

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The aims of the business section were to determine if residents used the businesses in Bingham, if they were happy with the range of businesses present and if the facilities in Bingham for businesses were satisfactory. As such, more questions were directed to adults in the full survey than children – the additional questions were aimed at people working/owning business in Bingham.

Key issues:

- A website dedicated for the use of Bingham based Businesses for the marketing and promotion of local services.
- The potential use of the Market Place by local businesses for the benefit of the residents.
- Whether the lack of a good turn-over of car parking spaces is detrimental to local Businesses.
- Broadband Services to the Town
- What Businesses are missing from Bingham? What would residents like to see?
- Start-up space opportunities for small Businesses?

WEBSITE

There is demand for a website for local community information as well as a website for local businesses and their services.

- 76% of respondents want a Bingham Business website, with half of respondents willing to pay to advertise their businesses.
- 53% of respondents would advertise on the website for a nominal charge
- 83% of respondents want a community website for local services & information

On the schools' questionnaire only 52% said that they would use an 'All about Bingham' website. In the group discussions with the students they stressed that word of mouth and smart phones were much more commonly used to pass around information.

MARKET PLACE

The key issues from both age groups focused on more use of the Market Place (78% among adults, 81% among the children), coupled with the al fresco eating and drinking. This suggests that the Bingham population believes the place is underused and needs bringing into life. There is overwhelming support for a wider use of the Market Place – expanding the use for restaurants/cafes, as well as more activities for both adults and children in the Market Place. Respondents want to see more entertainment and eating/dining options in the Market Place, with support for live music events, activities and 'al fresco' eating from both groups. Another key issue for both ages, with different emphasis, is retail outlets and fast food outlets to meet the needs of today - cheap and disposable for the young and young at heart, more high street locally for the parenting element.

CAR PARKING

The parking issues and responses are more widely covered within the Transport Section of this report.

Broadband service

The feedback is that both residents and businesses are general happy (68% of respondents) with the current overall service from Broadband providers with a few exceptions.

MISSING BUSINESSES

There were two questions about the use of the Market Place and what businesses people would like to see in Bingham. The results between the two age groups were generally as expected– children want fast & easy (&cheap) food outlets, which conforms with their idea to develop Bingham as a social hub. There was also a significant demand for clothes shops and sports shops. The school children were enthusiastic about having branches of chain stores and supermarkets in Bingham. Adults have a more family-based focus on ease of living, locally based basic supplies and health, primarily to allow them to get more of their shopping locally rather than having to travel, e.g. Shoe shops (113 adult comments) and clothing shops (91) for all ages. Altogether there were 14 different suggestions for new retail outlets that came in double figures in the both questionnaires.

START-UP FACILITIES FOR BUSINESS

A key revelation in the questionnaire answers is that there are many who want to set up new businesses and work locally.

145 respondents are interested in facilities for start-up businesses.

The successful letting of the recently developed Old Post Office Yard is an indication that there is a genuine demand for similar 'easy to open' small business units and the further 145 respondents requesting the same can only be good for the Town if further opportunities are made available on a similar basis.

Priority Action	Indicative timescale (Short/ Medium/ Long	Potential lead/support bodies
A website dedicated to Bingham that supports local businesses, promotes advertising of Bingham and events and is a source of local information	Short term	BTC-sponsored (business rates?) and assisted funding from RBC / The Growth Fund
Invitation to local food and beverage providers for their interest in providing outdoor catering / al fresco dining. Family activities 73% Outdoor dining & drinking 64% Live entertainment 82%	Short / Long term	BTC / RBC to authorize usage of Market Place. The Growth Fund to assist with relevant Insurance Costs for the year.
Car parking - See Transport Report		
Positive assistance for those wishing to provide start-up opportunities. There are potentially 145 start-up businesses.	Short / Long term	Landowners, estate agents, BTC & RBC, Growth fund

TRANSPORT

Key issues:

- Road Safety and Traffic Management, including traffic speeds, pedestrian crossings and the Market Place.
- Car parking in the centre of the town.
- Cycling facilities.

Other transport matters, such as bus and train travel, were not considered by residents as being significant key issues at that stage of the process. (n.b. it should be noted that since the questionnaire Trent Barton has amended their service frequency and routes and a new operator has commenced a new service in competition) .

However, comments made in the free text sections indicated that among commuters there was concern as indicated in these responses:

Comment	Number of comments	Lead body
Objections to the new Trent Barton slow service to Nottingham. Bring back the Express, which did not go through Radcliffe and West Bridgford. Slower and more expensive, now discouraging commuters, with old routes through the estates. 10 minute frequency adds to congestion in Market Place	45	Trent Barton
Introduce the abandoned and regular Bingham Town bus service including one to the new development at the top of Tithby Road, Nursery Road.	37	Trent Barton
More frequent rail services to Nottingham and Grantham with better connecting times to London trains. Better access for wheelchairs and buggies at Bingham station.	24	East Midland Trains, Network Rail.

Pedestrian and cycle access across the railway line, linked to the new development area, was raised as a key issue and this has been considered in the Planning Theme section.

ROAD SAFETY AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT:

1. Main Questionnaire: 26% of respondents believe that road safety in the town is a major problem – 74% felt it was a minor problem or not really a problem.

School Questionnaire: a similar percentage of school students thought roads were not safe in Bingham (24%).

2. Main Questionnaire: Respondents felt that there should be measures to reduce speeds, close to schools (57%), in residential areas (56%) and main roads (49%), with a high percentage supporting the introduction of 20mph speed limits in the town centre (79%) and residential areas (63%). (n.b since the questionnaire advisory 20 mph signs have been erected on access roads to the schools)

School Questionnaire: Just under half of respondents suggested road humps (46%) and road signs (40%) to make roads safer, with 57% wanting drivers to slow down near schools.

3. Main Questionnaire: 31% of respondents wanted further provision of pedestrian crossings, particularly around the Market Place (172 comments), Fairfield Street by the footpath through the car park (87 comments), Tithby Road (30 comments) and Nottingham Road (66 comments) adjacent to bus stops. The comments relating to the Market Place, Fairfield Street and Tithby Road included many references relating to safer crossing for children on the way to and from Robert Miles Infant and Junior Schools and Toot Hill School.

School Questionnaire: 71% wanted more safe crossing places. Most significant locations raised included Tithby Road serving Toot Hill School (78 requests); between Eaton Place, Market Place and Robert Miles School (40 requests); and Long Acre Zebra crossing at Yeung Sing Restaurant (39 requests – mainly younger children wanting an upgrade to a pelican crossing with improved lighting).

Main Questionnaire: 47% of respondents would like to see traffic lights at the junction of Tithby Road and the A52.

4. Main Questionnaire: To improve road safety around the Market Place
 - 78% of respondents supported extending the one-way system. 66 specific comments supported making Cherry Street and Church St westbound and Market Place one way clockwise.

- 74% supported improvements to the Market Place to help pedestrians cross the road and 56% supported a redesign for further pedestrianisation. 62 respondents supported pedestrianisation at the east and west ends of the Market Place with 32 supporting wholesale pedestrianisation except for disabled and bus access.

CAR PARKING

1. Main Questionnaire: 89% of respondents supported charging for town centre car parks after an initial free period of two or three hours to encourage more spaces for shoppers/visitors through the day. 111 separate suggestions were made on this subject but with no clear support for any one approach.
2. Main Questionnaire: 81% of respondents were in favour of a long stay chargeable car park outside the Town centre. The subject attracted 156 separate suggestions including 59 supporting a free site, 32 proposing use of contaminated land and 14 the Police Station site. 24 wanted long stay car park provision to be integrated with transport links / shuttle bus.
3. Park & Ride services were supported by 126 separate comments. Most did not specify if they supported services serving Bingham centre or Nottingham although 27 specifically supported a service to Nottingham. The weighbridge/ Vosa site adjoining the Saxondale roundabout was most favoured with 25 comments.
4. 87 separate comments were made supporting parking / speed / directional restrictions on town centre roads. Of these 28 supported permit parking on all centre roads.

CYCLING

1. Main Questionnaire: 58% said it was quite or very important to improving cycling environment & facilities.
 - 69% highlighted a need for better parking and locker facilities. 66% highlighted a need for better cycle lanes with 36 specific comments supporting this on main roads.
 - 66% highlighted a need for improved routes to villages.

- 59 separate comments were made about the problem of poor cycling behaviour including cycling on paths.

School Questionnaire:

- 50% felt it was safe to ride their bikes around Bingham
- 81% wanted more cycle lanes
- 50% wanted safe places to park bikes
- 55% supported improvement of routes to local villages

Priority Action	Indicative timescale (Short/ Medium/ Long	Potential lead/support bodies
Parking provision in the town centre to support shoppers and visitors with charging to promote short stay parking alongside a long stay chargeable car park.	Restrictions to existing parking provision – short term Long stay car park – medium-long term	NCC, RBC, BTC
Improvements to the Market Place area to address safety concerns and generally improve accessibility for pedestrians. This included extending the one way system around the Market Place/ Cherry St/ Church St, pedestrianisation and safe pedestrian crossings.	Medium term	NCC, RBC, BTC
Safe pedestrian crossings including: a. Safe route linking Robert Miles Infant and Junior Schools including pedestrian crossings on Fairfield Street and across the Market Place. b. Safe crossing on Tithby Hill linking to Toot Hill bus park. c. Nottingham Road – near bus stops at Mallow Way and Meadowsweet	Short- medium term	NCC, BTC

Hill. d. Improved Zebra Crossing on Long Acre.		
Measures to reduce traffic speeds including the introduction of 20mph speed restrictions in the town centre and residential areas and slowing traffic near to schools.	Medium term	NCC, BTC
Improvement of facilities for cyclists including better parking facilities, dedicated cycle lanes throughout Bingham (cycling on pavements was highlighted as a concern) and improved cycle links to surrounding villages. The potential to improve links to the new development to the North of the railway line should be kept under review.	Cycle Parking – short term Cycle lanes/links – Medium to long term Review links to development North of Railway line - ongoing	NCC, BTC
Introduction of traffic lights at the crossroads where Tithby Road meets the A52.	Long term	Highways Agency, NCC
Whilst no specific question was asked a significant number of comments supported the provision of a Park and Ride service.	Long term	NCC

PLANNING

Key issues:

- Development north of the railway line
- Warner's Paddock
- Long-term planning in Bingham

Other planning matters raised during the first consultation exercise included the development of up to three retail supermarkets in the town, Tesco, Aldi and Lidl. In light of the fact that these all received planning permission during the process it was considered by the steering group that this was no longer a matter that could be influenced and as such did not feature in the questionnaire. Nevertheless many of the free text comments stated opposition to the large and growing number of supermarkets.

DEVELOPMENT NORTH OF THE RAILWAY LINE

Whilst planning permission was already in place for the major development proposed to the North of the railway line off Chapel Lane there remained an appetite to try and influence the form of development including the type of homes built, the provision of land for leisure facilities and pedestrian access over the railway line.

Type of homes developers should prioritise on land with planning permission to the North of Bingham:

Main Questionnaire: 59% of respondents identified the provision of affordable housing for rent or purchase as a high priority.

In terms of the priorities for house types, most support was given to the provision of smaller 1 and 2 bedroom properties (48% high priority and 40% medium priority) and to warden aided housing for older people (43% high priority and 43% medium priority). The provision of bungalows was relatively less well supported (34% high priority and 41% medium priority). Provision of larger 3,4 and 5 bedroom family homes, homes with larger gardens and other types of supported housing were less well supported with approaching 50% seeing each of these as a low priority.

The design and form of new development on land with planning permission to the North of Bingham:

Main Questionnaire: In terms of the design of new development the provision of adequate on-street and private parking received a very high level of support from 93% of respondents. Traditional house designs were favoured by 79% of respondents. Modern house designs were also well supported, albeit at a lower level at 65%. Just under half of respondents supported land for self-build homes. (n.b. Government guidelines issued in 2015 now require Local Planning Authorities to plan for self-build/custom-build developments)

Pedestrian Crossings over the railway linking to new development to the North of Bingham:

Main Questionnaire: There was a good level of support for retaining all the current pedestrian links across the railway line with 78% of respondents supporting retention of the Moor Lane link and 62% and 55% supporting retention of the St Mary's Road and Cogley Lane links respectively.

Main Questionnaire: The provision of an accessible bridge or lift to provide access to the Grantham-bound rail station platform was well supported with 51% considering this very important and 33% seeing this as important. An additional comment indicated that it was not possible for wheelchairs to gain access to a train from the Grantham-bound platform.

Land allocated for leisure use as part of the new development to the North of the railway line

Main Questionnaire: Very strong support (84%) was given to upgrade the existing leisure centre rather than develop new leisure facilities allocated on land to the North of the railway line. Should this allocated land be used for leisure facilities around half (53%) of respondents preferred a small building with sports fields.

School Questionnaire: As with the main questionnaire students gave very strong support (81%) for the improvement of the existing leisure centre rather than a new centre developed to the North of the railway line.

FUTURE OF WARNER'S PADDOCK

The future of Warner's Paddock (owned by the Crown Estate) next to the bowling club off Long Acre continues to be of concern to Bingham residents and options for its future use were raised.

Main Questionnaire: A strong majority, 64% of respondents, wanted to see this undeveloped area of land owned by the Crown Estate to remain as it is. 33% wanted to see the land developed for community use. (n.b. Bingham Town Council is currently negotiating a long-term lease with the Crown Estate to keep this land as open space)

FUTURE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR BINGHAM

The longer-term future planning of Bingham was a high priority for people including how they could have a greater say. The prospect of developing a statutory 'Neighbourhood Plan' was raised as an option to assist in influencing any further development proposals beyond those that currently have planning permission.

Main Questionnaire: The highest level of support at 98% of respondents felt that people should have a greater say in any new future development proposals affecting Bingham. The same level of support was provided to Bingham Town Council using its powers to prepare a statutory 'Neighbourhood Plan' to allow Bingham people to better influence any further development proposals.

In terms of general comments on planning matters the two raised most were concerns that Bingham can't take any more development (77 comments) and that infrastructure needs to be provided when any new houses are built including schools, medical facilities, roads, parking and shops (66 comments)

School Questionnaire: This asked pupils if they had a view on whether Bingham should stay the same size or get bigger and 61% wanted the town to stay the same size. Working with student representatives at Toot Hill College it was felt that the 39% that wanted Bingham to grow may have considered this an opportunity to provide improved local shopping facilities, better jobs and better transport links to surrounding villages. The view was expressed that for students living in the villages Bingham was a social hub and they preferred to see the sort of development here to enhance this function. 46% would like to live in Bingham as adults, but only 26% wanted to work here. Concerns were however

expressed regarding the limited capacity of Toot Hill School and the need to protect green spaces.

As with the main questionnaire students strongly supported asking Bingham people about changes to the future of the town (82%).

Priority Action	Indicative timescale (Short/ Medium/ Long	Potential lead/support bodies
Bingham residents should have a greater say in any future development proposals affecting the town.	Ongoing BTC to reflect residents priorities during RBC consultation exercises at each stage of the Rushcliffe Local Plan	BTC, RBC, Crown Estate
Bingham Town Council should use its powers to prepare a 'Neighbourhood Plan' at the appropriate time, particularly should there be any emerging further development proposals to extend the town.	Short-medium term BTC to work with RBC to agree when to commence work on a 'Neighbourhood Plan'. BTC to engage residents on any new proposals made by the Crown Estate to further extend Bingham	
Detailed proposals for new development on land with permission to the North of the railway line should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate on street, as well as private parking provision • A mix of traditional and modern housing designs • Affordable housing to rent and buy 	Short – medium term: BTC to respond to detailed development proposals made by individual developers - either directly with developers or through consultation on submitted development schemes/planning	BTC, RBC and developers

BTC = Bingham Town Council,
NCC = Nottinghamshire County Council,
RBC = Rushcliffe Borough Council

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land for self-build homes • Smaller 1 and 2 bed properties, warden aided housing and bungalows 	applications via RBC.	
All pedestrian crossing should be retained across the railway line and a new accessible bridge or lift should provide access to the Grantham bound platform	Short – medium term resist closing pedestrian crossings Medium term – seek bridge/lift improvements at the station	Network Rail, NCC, BTC
Retain Warner’s Paddock as it is, ideally in perpetuity	Medium term – seek to extend the protection already agreed in principle with the Crown Estate	BTC, Crown Estate.