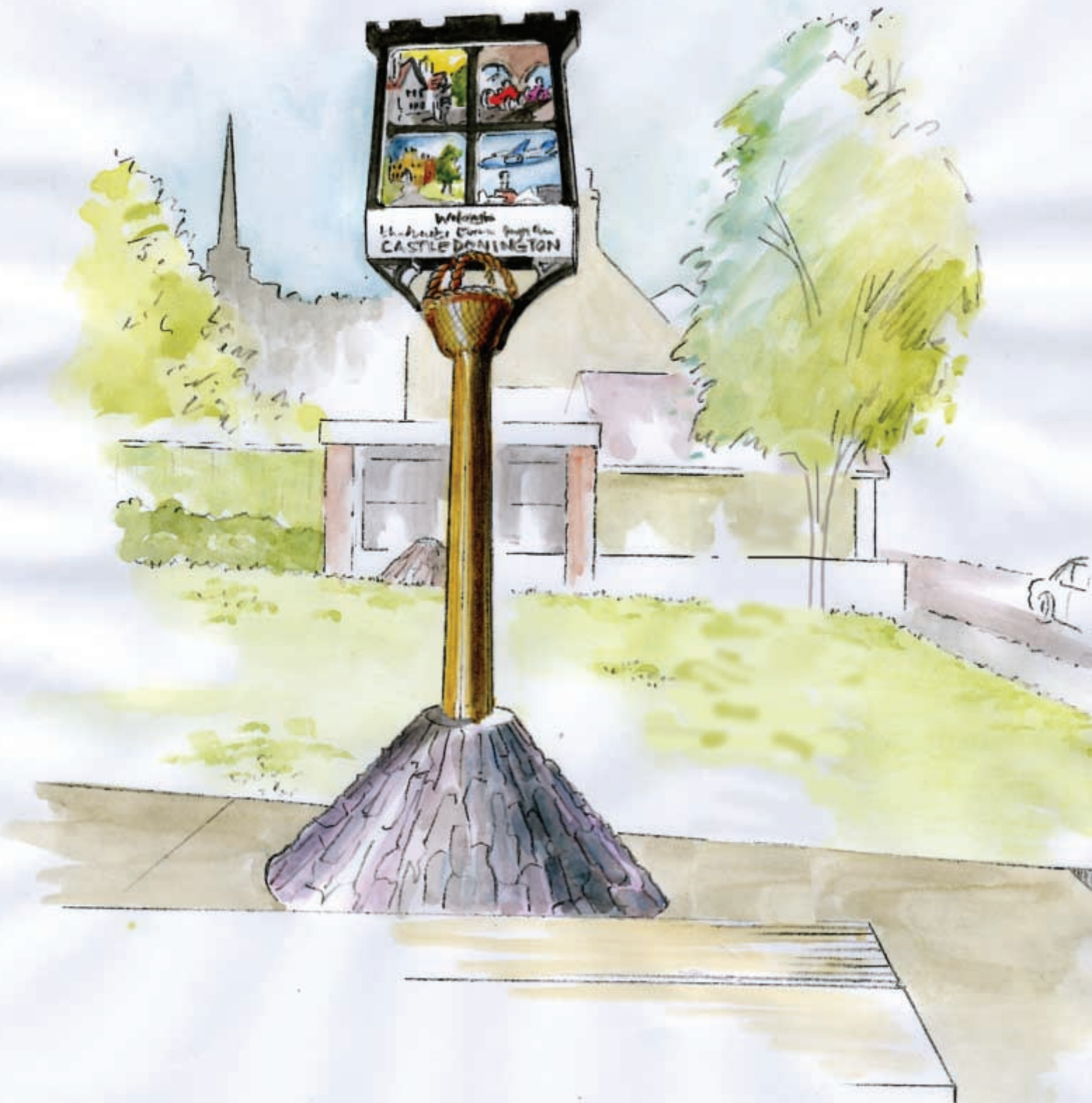


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## 1.0 Introduction

The 'parish plan' is a government initiative aimed at obtaining the views of a community about the place they live in, to help shape plans and developments for areas such as health, crime and safety, education, industrial and residential development, the environment and so on.

In 2006 the Castle Donington Parish Plan group was formed. Made up of local residents the purpose of the group was to create and distribute a questionnaire to obtain the views of the local community and then collate and analyse the feedback to produce a report and action plan outlining the wants and requirements of the village. As it is supported by statistical evidence, service providers cannot argue that the action plan does not represent what a community wants and needs.

The report and action plan is distributed to key service providers such as the County Council, District Council, Primary Care Trust, Parish Council and Local Constabulary to work together to put these actions into place.

Castle Donington's Parish Plan questionnaire was distributed in Autumn 2006 and over 1700 responses were received, which was a fantastic result for an initiative of this kind. Over 1400 of these were adult responses, with the remaining coming from children ranging in age from 7 to 17.

A similar exercise – The Community Appraisal, was conducted in 2001.  
Some successful outcomes of this were:

- Procurement of funding from developers for recreational facilities (partial success)
- Creation of Farmers' Market
- Control of heavy goods vehicles using village as short cut
- Traffic calming in Darsway area
- Resurfacing of pavements in Borough Street
- Provision of hanging baskets in Borough Street
- More recycling facilities including cardboard recycling
- Formation of Environmental Steering Group under chairmanship of County Councillor
- Planting on roundabouts
- Planting daffodil bulbs at entrances to village
- Open mornings at Parish Council offices

Comparisons with the appraisal have been made throughout the document where appropriate.



## **2.0 Traffic & Transport**

### **2.1 Traffic congestion**

A number of respondents were concerned about the traffic delays they suffered. 39% of the 823 respondents suffered delays when major events were staged at Donington Park, whilst during the week 32% were inconvenienced by delays during the morning or evening rush hour at the traffic light junction of High Street and Park Lane.

In addition, 12% complained of delays in Borough Street due to lorries delivering to the shops during the day and another

12% reported delays at the junction of Trent Lane and Station Road. The only other major delays were around the Orchard School and Community College during the school run.

In suggestions to reduce delays, 21% favoured a new bypass, 14% wanted the timing of the traffic lights to be altered to improve traffic flow and others felt that the police should be used to control traffic on race days and enforce the weight limit on Station Road.

One controversial suggestion from 5% of the respondents was to permit parking on one side of Borough Street only. To avoid congestion outside the Community College an additional access road was required to the Stonehill estate and to reduce traffic on race days there should be no Sunday Market.

Not surprisingly traffic has been an issue for respondents for some time, back in 2001 when the Community Appraisal was produced respondents were commenting on parking control in Borough Street then, with a view to improving the situation.

### **2.2 Speeding**

When asked about the key areas in the village for speeding, 55% of respondents cited the main through roads, High Street, Bondgate and Station Road, as the places where speeding took place. Park Lane was the second most common speeding road, with Borough Street and The Green also stated.

In 2001 respondents to the Community Appraisal also identified Park Lane and Darsway as having a problem with speeding cars, since then Darsway has had speeding humps installed, but Park Lane still suffers with the problem.

### **2.3 Parking**

Problems with parking generated 402 replies. 21% quoted Borough Street, then Hastings Street/Mount Pleasant with 17% and 11% noted around The Orchard School. Respondents also commented on 19 other streets in the village.

### **2.4 Public Transport**

Respondents were also questioned about their use of public transport; 46% of the respondents used public transport to visit hospital, whilst 20% used it to socialise and avoid drink driving. Travelling to the Airport was the reason 17% used buses, with shopping well down at 5%.

Nearly half those that replied did not use public transport because they thought it was inconvenient. 16% felt that they lived too far from a bus stop, particularly those on the Stonehill estate and 12% stated that the car was essential for their work.

Correspondingly 32% stated that they would use public transport if there were a bus stop nearer their home, 16% felt that buses did not go where they wanted to go, 13% wanted to use a local railway station and 6% would use buses if they perceived that bus stops were safer places to wait.

These views have also been echoed in the Long Whatton and Diseworth Parish Plans where the requirement for more appropriate times for public transport, more room and better advertising of services have all been highlighted.

Community Appraisal respondents felt that inconvenient times and destinations not served by public transport was increasing residents' isolation and access to employment and other services. Since 2001 there have been a number of new services added, but given the comments from the Parish Plan questionnaire, obviously not enough has been done.



### 3.0 Sport & Leisure

#### 3.1 Sporting activities undertaken

The respondents to the questionnaire undertook a number of sport and leisure activities both in and outside of the village, with the most popular being:

- Rambling 380 (40%) respondents
- Cycling 376 (40%) respondents
- Gym 206 (22%) respondents
- Keep fit / Yoga / Pilates 193 (20%) respondents
- Golf 155 (16%) respondents
- Musical Activities 131 (14%) respondents

Unfortunately for all of the above, there are more respondents taking part in these activities outside of Castle Donington, than inside of Castle Donington. There are in particular a few activities that the majority of respondents take part in outside of Castle Donington: Of those undertaking Golf activities, only 4% participate in Castle Donington.

In swimming only 5% utilise the pool at the Community College, and only 15% of gym goers do so within the village.

When questioned what activities would be undertaken in the village if available almost half of respondents (43%) stated that they would use an indoor swimming pool if one was available.

Other key activities included a leisure centre (11%), racket sport facilities (9%) and dancing activities (7%). This supports the later comments around the communication of available activities as there are dancing activities already available in the village.

#### 3.2 Facilities

Of the facilities available in Castle Donington 734 (63%) respondents use the footpaths/walks around the village, making this the most widely used facility. Following this is the library with 476 (41%) respondents, 369 (31%) utilise the churches and 341 (29%) the parks/play areas. However, it is the local groups, parks/play areas, the Spital and the footpaths/walks which have over two thirds of their users doing so once a month or more.

When questioned on the leisure facilities available in Castle Donington, only 20% (236) of respondents either agree, or strongly agree that the range of facilities are good. Even less – 16% (182) agree, or strongly agree that the quality of facilities are good, and only 17% (193) agree, or strongly agreed that there are adequate venues.

Overwhelmingly the improvements most respondents would like to see to the facilities in the village were; 187 (33%) thought that the village required a leisure centre and 152 (27%) requested an indoor swimming pool. Not surprisingly this was the request of respondents back in 2001 as well.

The facilities most likely to be used outside of the village are either footpaths or a swimming pool

#### 3.3 Communication

Interestingly 47 respondents wanted to see more advertising of the facilities available in the village, their opening times and charges etc.



## 4.0 Heritage

### 4.1 Conservation areas

Unfortunately an overwhelming 719 (68%) of respondents did not know the location of the conservation areas in Castle Donington. Although reassuringly 883 (88%) felt that they should be promoted and developed further.

### 4.2 Village events (May Market / October Wakes)

The respondents substantially support both these events. Significantly more respondents supported the May Market 916 (85%) as compared to the Wakes 779 (73%) and there were almost twice as many opposed to the Wakes (27%) compared with the May Market (15%).

The majority of respondents 827 (71%) did not specify any ways in which the events could be improved. Of those who did provide suggestions, 54 (16%) simply expressed satisfaction with the events; the largest group 67 (19%) wanted to relocate the wakes, whilst a very small number 15 (2%) want to abolish both.

When asked whether a Christmas Event would be supported a huge 819 (80%) of respondents said they would.

### 4.3 Castle Donington Heritage

The majority of respondents 797 (82%) said they would value a Heritage Trail and of the 1006 respondents, 862 (86%) wanted Castle Donington's heritage to be developed further. However only 434 (50%) of respondents did indicate how they would like this to be done.

186 (47%) suggested promotion of the village, the provision of leaflets/village guide on village history and its historic buildings and more/better advertised guided walks. Other suggestions included the heritage trail with information boards drawing attention to the architectural features of buildings (14%) and improvement to the conservation areas by provision of grants and enforcement of conservation areas rules (12%).

### 4.4 Museums

Of the three museums, that are the Aeropark, the Donington Collection and the Castle Donington Museum, the latter was the least known with only 467 (40%) of those completing the questionnaire being aware of its existence compared with 597 (51%) and 631 (54%) for the other two respectively.

However, surprisingly Castle Donington Museum was the most visited with 511 (43%) respondents, compared with the Aeropark visited by 398 (34%) and Donington Collection by 283 (24%). There were negligible multiple visits to any of the museums.

When questioned on what improvements could be made to the museums the three general themes for all museums were a) better promotion and advertising, b) more frequent and longer opening hours, c) better facilities and more events.

For the Donington Collection, of those who commented on this museum, 46 (16%) requested that a discount could be given for local inhabitants to bring the entry cost down.



## 5.0 The Environment

The evidence that the surrounding countryside is extremely important to the people of Castle Donington is shown by the high response to this section. A whopping 97% (1152) said that it was important, or very important to them.

Improvements to the environment of Castle Donington were strongly supported by residents as 71% (726) felt that the historic buildings should be better cared for and 68% (696) thought more footpaths should be created. Another 67% (682) said tree planting should be a priority. There was also a majority 58% (593) favouring open spaces for informal casual recreation.

Suggestions as to how further improvements could be made to the environment were varied and interesting showing concern for the area. The loss of green spaces, the volume of traffic, litter, detritus left by travellers, noise and air pollution all caused great concern to the 414 who responded to this question. Creation of more walks, cycle paths and bridleways and particularly opening up access to the river frontage were the most often called for improvements alongside the creation of a large nature area and a cessation of commercial development and restrictions on noise.

The majority of respondents regard Castle Donington as a large village with only 9% (99) viewing it as a dormitory town.

### 5.1 Footpaths

Footpaths are much valued and generally found easy to access and walk though not particularly child friendly. However, many people 72% (722) would appreciate maps or leaflets showing existing footpaths and with circular routes being more clearly marked. This is of obvious importance as the same comments were made back in 2001 in the Community Appraisal.

Interesting suggestions for creating new footpaths were made by 78% (757) people with walks along the River Trent to Kings Mills with a footbridge over the river to link with Weston and Aston on Trent being cited most often. Many would appreciate more access to Donington Park with the footpath from Park Lane to Melbourne reinstated whilst the potential to create more footpaths and wildlife-attractive spaces in the area around Back Lane, the A50 and the Willow Farm development was highlighted by many respondents.

Making footpaths, cycle paths and bridleways and the remaining undeveloped spaces within Castle Donington more attractive by providing picnic areas, wildlife and heritage interpretation boards, ponds and tree trails showed widespread support. The retention of land for agricultural use is also seen as important.

### 5.2 Litter

Litter is regarded as a huge problem by 74% (792) of respondents with 'fast food' packaging being seen as the major contributor by 63% (568) with 'fast food' itself and general rubbish being cited by 58% (523) and 61% (555) respectively. Fly tipping is seen as a major problem.

More regular street cleaning and better law enforcement are seen as the best ways to overcome this problem together with better education for older children alongside greater provision of litter and dog waste bins. Discarded cigarette ends are also perceived as a problem by 44% (397) of respondents.

Areas throughout the village were named as being badly littered with the major black spots being the village centre near the takeaways, the area around the bus station and nearby public houses, Back Lane and verges around Willow Farm development. Litter being dumped in hedgerows alongside footpaths and on the Moira Dale and Spital playing fields also causes distress.

Since the questionnaire was completed new dog bins have been erected around the village and Environmental Street Officers now regularly patrol the streets enforcing the dog fouling regulations.

Although no specific questions were asked about travellers, respondents felt strongly enough to express widespread anger about the debris left behind by travellers and the unsightly steps taken to prevent green areas becoming despoiled by them.

### **5.3 Household waste and recycling**

A massive 87% (897) of respondents call for a household waste facility within Castle Donington as 89% (834) of these residents wishing to use such a facility having travelled to Lount within the last year with also 45% (291) going to Shepshed. Clearly a majority of respondents wish to recycle as 92% (910) have made use of this facility at the Castle Donington Co-op. Although just over 1% (14) of respondents claim to be unaware of recycling facilities in Castle Donington.

The requirement for local recycling facilities is also supported in the Long Whatton and Diseworth parish plans.

### **5.4 Air quality**

Air quality is a major concern with 80% (855) of respondents feeling this should be monitored and publicly reported. Breathlessness, asthma, coughs, respiratory difficulties, stinging eyes and sinus problems are all felt to be caused by kerosene fumes and aviation fuel with a smaller number of respondents feeling their health problems are exacerbated by traffic fumes from race track congestion and nearby A50 vehicles.

Again, Long Whatton and Diseworth suffer the same problems with regard to the poor air quality caused by aircraft and see this as an area for improvement.

### **5.5 Noise pollution**

Of respondents to the questionnaire, 39% (423) are badly affected by noise pollution regularly with another 27% (294) stating they are sometimes affected. Noise from East Midlands Airport at night affects 70% (702) of respondents with 29% (280) being disturbed during the day by airport operations. Donington Park Race Track affects 70% (671) of respondents with noise at weekends but also regularly affects 46% (445) during weekdays. Social noise is disturbing at night to 17% (172) of respondents and to 15% (144) at weekends around the takeaways and public houses.

### **5.6 Infrastructure**

A majority of respondents felt the condition of roads 49% (469) and pavements 54% (529) have room for improvement. Only 4% (42) expressed complete satisfaction with the public toilets. However, as 47% (449) said they had no opinion on the state of the public toilets this could indicate minimal use by local people.

The poor condition of verges caused concern to more than half the respondents 51% (469) with a similar percentage 50% (475) being completely happy with street lighting. This is an improvement from the 2001 Appraisal, as street lighting was expressed as a concern then.

### **5.7 Parks and play areas**

A large percentage of respondents 79% (812) would like a park for all ages with natural play and picnic areas to enjoy. Where to site such an amenity brought forth many suggestions but also indicated much anger at the recent loss of natural environment within Castle Donington and the vandalism around the village. Missed opportunities at the former Power station site and the Willow Farm development were very frequently mentioned. Many felt the river frontage gave opportunities and would like more co-operation with the Priest House Hotel to facilitate public access whilst other suggestions were to improve existing areas such as Spital Park, Bosworth Road and Bentley Road by making these more interesting with planting trees, hedges, ponds and adventure playgrounds. Resurrecting and enlarging the 'Trim Trail' was also suggested as was the area between Stonehill and the airport perimeter. Opening up Donington Park was also a popular suggestion.

Preserving open spaces/picnic areas in the village was also a concern in the 2001 Appraisal, so its good news that since the Parish Plan questionnaire was distributed in Autumn 2006, a new play area has been developed in the village at Glover Road.

### **5.8 Cycle paths**

Just over 60% (550) of respondents would like to see more cycle paths in Castle Donington but concern was expressed regarding accessing such paths because of the volume and speed of traffic. A safe cycle path along Park Lane to Kings Mills to link with the Sustrans National Cycle network allowing access to the Cloud Trail linking Wilson to Derby city centre was requested by many respondents whilst other popular ideas were to link Diseworth to Castle Donington by upgrading the airport perimeter track for use by cyclists and horse riders as well as walkers. Other suggestions included linking Trent Lane and Back Lane to Long Eaton. However, the majority of respondents expressed scepticism emphasising that either county or national planning authorities do not take provision for cyclists seriously.

## 5.9 Development

The question concerning development brought forth an overwhelming response that Castle Donington is already overdeveloped and no further development is desired except for a full leisure centre. Almost 100% of those providing additional comments supported no development, and many respondents pointed to infrastructure and facilities being already overstretched and to encourage more traffic would be regressive and damaging.

The question 'What is meant by development?' was posed by many respondents: if it means cycle paths, leisure facilities or public spaces then yes but if it means more housing or commercial premises then negative. The overall tenor of responses to this question was 'Don't damage Donington further'.



## 6.0 Shops & Services

### 6.1 Shops

The responses to the questionnaire indicates that most people enjoy the local shops and services to a greater or lesser extent – in fact 99% of respondents use the Co-op on Borough Street and 97% use the Co-op on Trent Lane.

96% of respondents indicated that they do some or all of their shopping in Castle Donington; whilst 39% believe they do at least half of their shopping locally.

On the subject of extra shops or services, the questionnaire highlighted certain very popular wishes - A 'proper' Butcher - 53% of people who filled in the questionnaire indicated they would support a 'proper' butchers shop, along with 51% who would like to see a Fruit and Veg shop (and 48% who requested a Farm Shop)

In a similar vein, 59% of people stated that they use the Farmers Market some of the time, whilst almost half of respondents (49%) would welcome a more regular general market.

The main reasons given for shopping locally were convenience (77%) and a desire to support the local economy (48%) What's more, several respondents specifically stated that they use local shops to help keep them open – clearly some people understand the need to 'use it or lose it'.

As for walking to the shops, almost two-thirds of respondents indicated a willingness to walk to the local shops, most answers suggesting up to 1 mile as a reasonable distance. This may suggest a need for extra shops on the housing estates.

In all, the local shops are clearly valued by the villagers, and there seems to be a strong demand for some extra local shops to fill those shops which are presently unoccupied. Budding business-people, this is your call-to-arms!

### 6.2 Places of Worship

Of those who regularly attend a place of worship, around three quarters do so in this village – 158 respondents to be exact, 13% of the total.

### 6.3 Volunteer Bureau

57% of people said they had never used the volunteer bureau, and another 10% say they are not aware of the services offered here – yet there is a wide range of services on offer, all of them used by some of the villagers. Would the volunteer bureau be more widely used if it were in a visible 'high-street' location?

Of the alternative options for finding information, there were 506 replies – over 170 of these suggesting the Internet as the primary source – perhaps a good indication of the need for a Virtual Volunteer Bureau on the World Wide Web!

## 6.4 Library

49% of respondents use the library, and when asked what additional services they would like to see, almost half of those had suggestions, the most popular suggestion being 'longer opening hours', whilst a small number thought that the internet access could be improved

## 6.5 Internet

Two-thirds of respondents use the Internet already, and of those that don't the most common reasons given are the lack of a computer, lack of interest, or lack of knowledge.

## 6.6 Parish Council

66% of respondents indicated they would welcome a Parish News magazine for the village.

When asked what additional services they would like to see offered by the Parish council, 220 people (19%) offered a very wide range of suggestions.

The only point which came across clearly is that people presently do not know what the Parish Council is or is not responsible for – therefore they don't know what the Castle Donington Parish Council should do for the village, or what it can do for the village. This same point was raised in 2001 in the Community Appraisal, therefore perhaps its now time extra information was made available to villagers, via a newsletter, notice boards, or websites.

A whopping 71% of respondents said they would use a local community information pack.

## 6.7 District and County Council

Substantial minorities would welcome stronger links with both the District Council in Coalville and the County Council in Leicester, in particular a face-to-face contact in Castle Donington and a dedicated telephone number for all services.

## 6.8 Post Office

Over 90% of respondents indicated that they use the village Post Office, and several commented that they feel they need to keep using it otherwise it will be under threat of closure.



## 7.0 Crime & Community Safety

185 individuals, 19% of those who responded had suffered from anti-social behaviour or nuisance. Of these only 60 (32%) had reported the crime, although this was also the biggest reported crime.

Domestic violence and crime due to discrimination because of race, religion, sexuality or disability have both been experienced by the least amount of people. For each of these crimes only 3 people, 0.3% of responders had suffered. Unfortunately for both crimes only 1 out of the 3 reported the occurrence.

The service provided by the local police received mixed opinions from those who responded to the questionnaire.

1048 people responded in total with 306 (29%) believing that the service they received was good or very good; slightly more 422 (40%) thought the service they received was poor or very poor, with the remaining 320 (31%) having no opinion.

When questioned on what could be done to improve the service; 763 (78%) wanted more police, whilst 630 (65%) wanted a permanently manned police office, a lesser amount of people 389 (40%) suggested increased opening hours of the police office, and 325 (33%) requested more community support officers. The need to improve police presence is not a new issue though, as this was again brought up in the 2001 Appraisal.

In addition, respondents to the Long Whatton and Diseworth parish plans also requested greater police presence and increased promotion of the neighbourhood watch schemes.



## 8.0 Housing

A surprisingly small percentage of respondents (15%) were natives, almost 1/3 (32%) were located in Castle Donington because of work, and just over a quarter (27%) because they like the area whereas 17% had family or a partner living locally.

Over three quarters (76%) indicated that current accommodation was adequate for the foreseeable future. 3% would be looking for a larger home, 2% would be down sizing. Less than 1.5% would be seeking a starter home, retirement accommodation or flats/apartments.

Of the 9% seeking alternative accommodation, a fifth would like a rented property and over three fifths would be looking for something privately owned.

12% of respondents in Castle Donington had lost family to another area due to lack of affordable housing, and this was echoed in Diseworth and Long Whatton.



## 9.0 Health & Well-being

### 9.1 Emergency healthcare and “out of hours” medical care

Over 60% of the respondents expressed concerns about what might, or had, happened if they require emergency healthcare in Castle Donington parish. Over 500 people made detailed comments about this.

There were 318 detailed complaints about problems of healthcare at night, weekends and evenings when the Castle Donington doctor’s surgery is closed. Being expected to drive to Wollaton in Nottingham to see a doctor or nurse “out of hours” was universally condemned. Older people living alone and single parents with young children and households with no car commented on their extreme disadvantages with out of hour’s system. This is something that local residents have been concerned about for some time, as the same comments were raised in the Village Appraisal conducted around 7 years ago.

77 respondents complained about the delays in responding when telephoning NHS Direct or/and the very long delays in waiting for the “emergency” doctor to phone or visit, or/and the lack of knowledge of these doctors of their medical history.

30% of respondents said that they would like more medical health information to be available locally. Among the 500 detailed written comments on health 65 were doubts about what they should do in an emergency. Some felt guilty that they were mis-using the ambulance service and/or accident and emergency services at local hospitals because of long delays with "out of hours" services, or lack of transport, or lack of their own medical knowledge of the possible danger of their or their children's symptoms.

111 of the 500 detailed comments complained about the possible long response time of the ambulance service coming from different counties and/or ambulance access and delays when the roads are blocked with traffic attending local events.

## 9.2 Castle Donington Surgery

376 of the respondents (32%) complained about waiting times in the local surgery and 213(18%) about lack of availability of a doctor.

In the 500 written comments about health there were 94 (19%) adverse comments about the operation of the local surgery (excluding all comments about out of hours service which are given previously). 41 (8%) complained about long delays in getting appointments with doctors in normal hours. 15 (3%) complained about lack of home visits. 13 (3%) complained about the surgery telephone system.

Similar comments were made in the Long Whatton and Diseworth parish plans including:

- Better access to the local hospital in terms of transport for the vulnerable and in terms of getting appointments on often fully booked days
- Provision of a prescription delivery service
- Provision of a community nurse
- Reduction for the waiting times for appointments on a daily and weekly basis

## 9.3 Physiotherapy

Only one sixth of patients are able to access these services in the parish.



## 10.0 Education & Training

285 adult respondents reported having 422 children under 19 years old, between them.

Feelings regarding after school clubs, childminders, holiday play schemes, play groups and nurseries were pretty mixed with the largest numbers saying they were adequate.

The percentage split between those attending school were:

- 24% attended Castle Donington Community College
- 18% attended Hind Leys, Shepshed
- 23% attended Orchard Primary School
- 10% attended St Edward's Primary School
- 25% attended "other" schools

Other schools included, Ashby Grammar, Burleigh, Chellaston, Chilwell, De Lisle, Diseworth, Hemington, Derby College, Loughborough College, Loughborough Grammar, Trent College, St Winefrides, Ockbrook, and other private schools.

## 10.1 Approval ratings

Interestingly approval ratings of the schools in Castle Donington were high. These were the marks of the children's parents attending specific schools:

- 96% of parents marked St. Edwards Primary as either being good (44%) or very good (52%).
- 88% of parents marked Castle Donington Community Collage as good (35%) or very good (53%)
- 82% of parents marked Orchard Primary as either good (49%) or very good (33%)

Those who had chosen to have their children educated at other specified schools had even higher top layer (very good) approval ratings; 91% of parents marked their child's school as good (29%) or very good (62%)

Approval for Hind Leys College, Shepshed was less dramatic: only 53% of parents marked Hind Leys as good (34%) or very good (19%)

Unfortunately it was the only designated school to register any significant dissatisfaction with 16% of parents scoring it poor and 10%, very poor. Very disappointing as this is the only automatically designated school for Castle Donington children to attend for their GCSE's.

By far and away the most contentious issue with regard to the education is the current schooling system: Whilst 25 people expressed a general satisfaction with the current system, not one parent commended it; On the other hand a massive 182 (64%) respondents clearly expressed dissatisfaction and were vociferous in their desire to see their children complete their secondary education locally, to at least 16 or even 18 years of age.

With such massive disapproval of Hind Leys College by the residents of Castle Donington, the recent announcement that children will complete their secondary education locally by 2013 will be very welcome. Unfortunately this will be too late for all those children at CDCC now and of course those already at Hind Leys.

## 10.2 Travel to school

Most children, 38% walk to school, a further 29% take the bus and 17% are taken by car.

## 10.3 Adult education

Almost a third of those who responded, 32%, would make use of additional training courses if they were available.

Of the 176 people who responded to a request to specify what training they would be interested in, the most popular stated were:

- 29 (16%) would like foreign language tuition,
- 28 (16%) would like to improve their IT skills with a further
- 23 (13%) listing vocational training, including; plumbing, hair and beauty, massage, teaching, electrical installation, car maintenance and cooking.

Most respondents stated that they struggled to attend extra training courses due to a lack of choice, lack of time, inconvenience or a lack of information. Again Long Whatton and Diseworth echoed these points highlight cost and lack of choice as being a problem.

## 10.4 Education for those with learning difficulties

42 individual people reported having people within the household with learning difficulties over a complete spread of ages.

Only 10% thought that education for people with learning difficulties in Castle Donington was good or very good, whilst 55% thought it was either poor or very poor.

Most complained of there being very limited resources for children and none for adults in Castle Donington. Through individual comments there is a clear desire for better listening, a local club or resource centre and generally better facilities. Many parents would like their children with learning difficulties to be schooled locally, but others felt that local numbers were too small to justify the broad spread of specialist expertise required.

## 10.5 General comments on education

When invited for general comments on education there was continued and repeated dissatisfaction expressed about the perceived poor education and behavioural standards at Hind leys College as well as the underlying resentment that children have to leave Castle Donington for schooling at such a critical time.

There was also a general feeling that adult education classes at Castle Donington Community College have fallen badly away in recent years due to lack of funding/increased costs. There is a general desire to see it return to a "Community College" and a hope for discounted/free classes for the over 60's.



## 11.0 Local Employment

14% of respondents said that they work locally (some 159 people) which implies that local business ventures can be of direct benefit to local people. Additionally 12% of respondents indicated that they would be interested in skills training to enable them to find work locally.

270 people would welcome additional work training in general (not necessarily linked to local work)

A sizeable 37% of respondents – 431 people – indicated they would welcome a local business directory, indicating a strong willingness to buy locally where possible. This enthusiasm is to be encouraged.



## 12.0 Local Businesses

72 respondents replied that they own or manage a local business.

Of these, 21% indicated that they would like to recruit extra staff, whilst 11% found it difficult to do so, citing lack of skills amongst applicants and the difficulty in advertising locally as the main obstacles.

A significant minority of business owners/managers (31%) felt they were unsure who to ask for business related advice – perhaps this is an area the Volunteer Bureau could help with.

## 13.0 General Comments

General comments were made by 29% of respondents, mostly they reflect and reinforce views made elsewhere in the questionnaire.

Clearly there is multiple support for:

- A leisure centre
- A fire station
- HGV restrictions in the village
- Regeneration of the village centre to make it more attractive and presentable
- A restriction on airport night flights (11.00pm – 6.00am)
- More policing to reduce anti-social behaviour
- CCTV to be installed at the bus station
- NO more industrial development, plus constructive and restrictive planning protocols
- Weekly black bin collections (specifically May – September)
- Restrictions and removal of travellers, plus policies preventing their return
- An overhaul of the appearance of both the Moira Arms and the Turk's Head public houses
- A larger/second doctors' surgery with an improved appointment system
- A local butcher, greengrocer and health food shop
- A facility/youth centre for teenagers giving them somewhere to go
- A Community Centre (housing Volunteer Centre, police, Parish Council, possibly crèche etc)
- Freeing Borough Street parking up for shoppers
- Enforcement against dog fouling and litter dropping
- Better bus services to Derby and Nottingham, (also free for pensioners)
- A weekly market on Borough Street (Saturdays)
- A feeling that Coalville has had priority and the lion's share of NWL development money, at the expense of Castle Donington
- Better information on notice boards and local websites
- Something done to prevent the Sunday evening boy racers
- Local big businesses supporting more community initiatives to compensate locals whose lives they disrupt
- Changing NEMA back to EMA (airport name)
- Reinstating Castle Donington village entry signs
- More restrictions on late licencing hours
- Commendation of the services supplied by the Volunteer Bureau
- Secondary schooling within Castle Donington



There were several comments that the questionnaire had taken too long to fill out, over 2 hours quoted several times and one of over 3 hours. That this would lead to restricted feedback. Returning numbers were very good, so residents do have enough community spirit to answer in large numbers if these were restricted by the time taken what might the numbers have been?

Although there were the odd, misinformed comments on how much the questionnaire had cost and that it had only been done to give someone a job, there were many expressing gratitude to the volunteers for pulling the questionnaire together and for being asked for their opinions.

Many felt that Castle Donington is a pretty nice place to live but that it could also be a lot better.

### 13.1 Communication

Throughout the questionnaire a general theme was highlighted; in that communication seemed to be lacking in the village, ranging from information about sports and leisure facilities, to contact information for local businesses and trades people, to details about health services available.

Thankfully there are a number of areas that individuals can access information including websites such as [www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/DE74](http://www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/DE74), however the Parish Plan Steering Committee recognise that this is an issue and so have included an action to address this under G1

In addition the Parish Council is also adding a further notice board on Clapgun Street to help provide information to residents of the village



## 14.0 Demographics

Adult respondents to the questionnaire were made up of the following demographics (not all sections were completed by all respondents)

| Gender       | Number      | %   |
|--------------|-------------|-----|
| Male         | 467         | 43% |
| Female       | 627         | 57% |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1094</b> |     |

| Age          | Number      | %   |
|--------------|-------------|-----|
| 19-24        | 27          | 2%  |
| 24-34        | 108         | 10% |
| 35-44        | 196         | 18% |
| 45-54        | 209         | 19% |
| 55-64        | 268         | 24% |
| 65-74        | 187         | 17% |
| 75 plus      | 104         | 10% |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1099</b> |     |

| Employment status    | Number      | %   |
|----------------------|-------------|-----|
| Employed (full time) | 363         | 33% |
| Employed (part time) | 172         | 16% |
| Self employed        | 74          | 7%  |
| Unemployed           | 15          | 1%  |
| Retired              | 378         | 34% |
| Housewife            | 74          | 7%  |
| Househusband         | 3           | <1% |
| Full time education  | 17          | 2%  |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>1096</b> |     |

| Residence       | Number      | %   |
|-----------------|-------------|-----|
| House           | 945         | 86% |
| Flat/Maisonette | 21          | 2%  |
| Bungalow        | 136         | 12% |
| Mobile home     | 1           | <1% |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>1103</b> |     |

| Residence     | Number      | %   |
|---------------|-------------|-----|
| Detached      | 757         | 69% |
| Semi-detached | 273         | 25% |
| Terraced      | 60          | 6%  |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1090</b> |     |

|                         | Number      | %   |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----|
| Registered disabled     | 66          | 6%  |
| Not registered disabled | 999         | 94% |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>1065</b> |     |



## 15.0 Children's

143 children completed the questionnaire, of which 69 (48%) were male and 73 (51%) female.

Their ages were:

- Aged 7 28 (20%)
- Aged 8 48 (34%)
- Aged 9 45 (31%)
- Aged 10 22 (15%)

The majority (78%) have lived in Castle Donington for between 5 – 10 years, with 4% not living in the village at all and the remaining 17% living here up to 5 years

Of those questioned, 77 (54%) attend Orchard Community Primary School and 64 (45%) attend St Edwards.

The majority of children – 66% walk to school, whilst 26% go by car and 5% use both. The main reasons not all children walk to school are either its too far (39%), not safe to walk (9%) parents need to get to work (33%)

The top 10 activities undertaken by the children answering the questionnaire were

1. Football (46%)
2. Art/crafts (31%)
3. Music (38%)
4. Dance (27%)
5. Drama (27%)
6. Rugby (25%)
7. Cricket (23%)
8. Tennis (23%)
9. Clubs e.g. brownies (22%)
10. Swimming (19%) / Hockey (19%)

These activities are undertaken either at school (50%), at a club (36%), at the community college sports facilities (34%), at the spital (31%) or at a place outside of Castle Donington (26%)

Only 8% of children claim they don't use the play areas at all whilst 47% use the play areas twice a week or more. 25% of children think that the play areas are very good and 53% think that they are ok. The main suggestions for improving the play areas included; more equipment (23%), cleaner (removing litter/glass) (14%), equipment for older children (10%).

38% felt that the play areas were safe, whilst 47% felt that some were but some weren't. 9% said that they didn't feel safe at any play area. The play areas highlighted as unsafe were

- Stonehill 11%
- Moira Dale 9%
- Shields Crescent 7%
- Spital 6%
- Queensway 1%

Their requirements for the village included 73% of respondents wanted an adventure playground, 51% wanted improved play equipment in the play areas, 51% requested a picnic area and

Finally when asked about what they liked most about the village 16% stated the parks, 14% the people. The school, shops and Donington Park all received 7% of the votes and the fair/may market came in at 6%. On the reverse their main dislikes were too much litter (26%) and dog mess (26%), whilst on the bright side 15% stated 'nothing'.



## 16.0 Youth

### 16.1 Introduction

The following information was obtained from the 383 youth respondents, with their ages ranging from 11 and 19 years; the majority being under 16.

### 16.2 Transport

The young people's most frequent means of getting around is by walking. 34% of respondents do not use public transport at all, but when doing so, public transport is used to go shopping, to the cinema and visiting friends.

50% do use buses to get to school/college (half of the respondent age group attend the Upper school at Shepshed) and 82% of respondents plan to attend Further or Higher education when they leave school for which they will need to travel.

Young people would prefer cheaper fares, more frequent and cleaner buses as well as extended school bus passes in order to access after school activities. They do have concerns about using public transport which are as follows: expensive, dirty, dangerous, lack of reliability and they feel frightened to travel on buses alone.

Young people mainly visit leisure centres, at Loughborough, Nottingham, Derby and Long Eaton – Only 5% visit Coalville and Ashby.

If trains were more accessible over 50% would use them.

The majority do not know about the community bus.

### 16.3 Sport and Leisure

The top three activities that young people of Castle Donington take part in are football, basketball and swimming, though the majority of swimming takes place outside of Castle Donington. Clubs attended include - Dancing (14%) Drama (11%) Youth Club (10%) Art Groups (9%) Guides (9%) Scouts (8%) Skate-boarding (8%) Army Cadets (7%) Church (4%)

Of the facilities available to young people in Castle Donington, 38% think that there is a fair range of good quality facilities; the parks and the football pitches are well used.

The young people of Castle Donington would like a variety of physical and sporting activities to be provided but an indoor swimming pool was top of the league, with cleanliness being a major comment regarding the existing open-air pool. A climbing wall was also high on the wish list, followed by a mountain/trails bike track.

Over half of respondents never use after school clubs outside of Castle Donington, but they do use other facilities such as the swimming pool, outdoor football pitches, parks and cycle paths.

The majority of respondents would like a leisure centre that includes a new indoor swimming pool with various activities and an Internet café.

To socialise, the most popular places are friend's houses and the Spital Park. It was interesting that not many use the Bus Station or Doctor's surgery entrance to meet as this has previously been seen as a local nuisance issue. A major concern is the lack of a safe place to meet socially, where they can just 'chill out' and not get shouted at.

Nearly 60% of respondents would use a "Youth Information Shop" and Internet Café.

## **16.4 Heritage**

87% do not know about the conservation areas in Castle Donington but a 3rd of young people who filled in the questionnaire agree that such areas should be preserved.

74% of respondents attend the Wakes and 62% the May market, but would like more advertising and better stalls to make much them larger events. The majority of young people (85%) said they would like a Christmas event in Castle Donington.

If there was a heritage trail in Castle Donington 77% of young people feel that they would not use it.

## **16.5 Environment**

58% of respondents would use cycle paths and these could be anywhere in the area.

74% think that the public toilets need improving, along with a concern for cleaner streets, better footpaths and verges.

The countryside is important to young people, they would improve areas by planting trees and building ponds; they would also like a large family park with water which could be anywhere in Castle Donington.

Litter is seen as an issue, followed by cigarette ends and dog fouling; Recommendations from young people were more general bins, dog bins, which should be emptied regularly, and regular street cleaning. Young people (80%) would use recycling facilities if they were available.

## **16.6 Shops and Services**

Over 60% think that there are not enough shops for young people especially clothing shops.

## **16.7 Crime and Community Safety**

Most young people are not worried about crime and they feel safe walking in Castle Donington during the day. However this is not the case at night and they think that police officers should be more visible on the streets.

In particular, the majority of young people would like more lighting leading up to the Spital Park area, with only 20% thinking it is adequate.

## **16.8 Health and Wellbeing**

Nearly half of respondents (43%) are not registered with a local dentist at all, although 56% respondents have attended a dentist in the past six months. The dental surgeries most young people use are outside of the village.

12% of young people that completed the questionnaire look after someone with a long term illness, disability or condition (young carers).

The majority of respondents to whom the service would apply (almost half) think that Sexual Health services should be available locally.

82% of all respondents believe that a Smoking Cessation service (support to give up smoking) should be provided locally by youth workers.

More than 26% of respondents have tried cigarettes, with nearly 8% smoking every day (the vast majority of respondents were under the age of 16 years)

58% think that underage drinking of alcohol is an issue in the village.

The majority of young people also think that the use of illegal drugs is an issue in the village.

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### Service Providers/Local Champions:

Castle Donington Parish Council  
 Castle Donington Volunteer Bureau  
 Leicestershire County Council  
 North West Leicestershire District Council  
 Primary Care Trust  
 Leicestershire Constabulary  
 Trader's Association  
 Castle Donington Environmental Society  
 Parish Plan Steering Committee  
 Local History Society

CDPC  
 CDVB  
 LCC  
 NWLDC  
 PCT  
 LCon  
 TA  
 CDES  
 PPSC  
 LHS

Association of Airport Related Parish Councils  
 Castle Donington Community College  
 Castle Donington Surgery  
 Local Education Authority  
 East Midlands Airport  
 Castle Donington Youth Forum  
 Youth Outreach Service  
 Youth Service  
 Social Care  
 Environment Agency

AARPC  
 CDCC  
 CDS  
 LEA  
 EMA  
 CDYF  
 YOS  
 YS  
 SC  
 EA

***In all actions the PPSC or CDYF will be the local champion, alongside other bodies where appropriate***

| Number                         | Action  | Service Provider     | Local Champion   | Priority  | Target Date                             |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------------|------------------|-----------|---|
| <b>Traffic &amp; Transport</b> |   |                      |                  |           |   |
| TT1                            | Review areas of congestion and develop and implement strategies to resolve with particular attention to Borough Street, Bondgate, High Street and around the gate of CDCC | NWLDC, LCC, LCon     | PPSC, CDPC       | Very High | Summer 2009                             |
| TT2                            | Explore how more parking can be provided to the centre of the village including temporary parking for events e.g. May Market & Wakes.                                     | NWLDC                | PPSC, CDPC       | High      | Completion of investigation Summer 2008 |
| TT3                            | Consider strategies and implement to reduce speeding along Bondgate/High Street and Park Lane.  | NWLDC, LCC, LCon     | PPSC, CDPC       | High      | Summer 2009                             |
| TT4                            | Consider the provision of public transport for the Stonehill Estate   | NWLDC, LCC, CDVB     | PPSC, CDVB, CDPC | Medium    | Summer 2009                             |
| TT5                            | Control of traffic to reduce congestion when events and race days are taking place at Donington Park  | LCon, Donington Park | PPSC, CDPC       | High      | On-going                                |
| TT6                            | Police to enforce traffic rules around heavy vehicles using station road.   | LCon                 | PPSC, CDPC       | High      | On-going                                |
| TT7                            | Rephase Park Lane traffic lights to reduce & improve safety & congestion.   | LCC                  | PPSC, CDPC       | High      | Summer 2008                             |
| <b>Sport &amp; Leisure</b>     |   |                      |                  |           |   |
| SL1                            | Carry out a feasibility study to understand what other activities could be provided for Castle Donington utilising the existing (and new Spital development) facilities   | NWLDC, CDCC, CDPC    | PPSC             | High      | Autumn 2008                             |
| SL2                            | <b>As per action Y1</b> - Carry out a feasibility study to provide Castle Donington with a Leisure Centre and/or an enclosed Swimming Pool.                               | NWLDC, CDPC, LCC     | PPSC             | High      | Autumn 2008                             |

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|---------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| <b>Heritage</b>           |   |   |                             |           |               |
| H1                        | Promote, improve, develop and exploit the Heritage and Conservation Areas of Castle Donington to increase awareness of their existence and attract more visitors to the village.                                  | CDPC, NWLDC – Conservation Officer, EMDA, LCC | PPSC, CDES, TA, LHS         | High      | December 2010 |
| H2                        | Establish a Heritage Trail.   | CDPC, NWLDC, LCC                              | PPSC, CDES, TA              | High      | December 2008 |
| H3                        | Investigate future funding available for village museums to help promote and advertise the museums, enable longer and more frequent opening times and to improve the general facilities and number of events held | CDPC, LCC, NWLDC                              | PPSC, The Museums of CD     | Medium    | January 2009  |
| <b>Environment</b>        |   |   |                             |           |               |
| E1                        | Current footpaths should be improved and maintained to allow easy use. In addition the creation and distribution of maps showing the footpaths should be investigated   | CDPC, LCC, NWLDC                              | PPSC                        | Medium    | December 2009 |
| E2                        | Consideration should be given to extend the current footpaths and cycle paths particularly to develop a riverside path along the river boundary of the Parish.  | CDPC, LCC, Sustrans, NWLDC                    | PPSC                        | High      | December 2008 |
| E3                        | Set up the monitoring and reporting of air quality in village   | NWLDC, EMA, EA                                | PPSC, CDPC, AAPRC           | High      | December 2008 |
| E4                        | Further commercial / housing development should be strictly controlled and go hand in hand with improvements to infrastructure to accommodate future developments   | CDPC, NWLDC, LCC                              | PPSC                        | Very High | On-going      |
| E5                        | Create a formal policy for clarifying existing powers relating to unauthorised encampments  | LCC, LCon, NWLDC                              | PPSC, CDPC                  | High      | December 2008 |
| E6                        | Investigate impact of noise pollution on village, particularly between hours of 11.00pm – 6.00am  | NWLDC, EMA, LCon                              | PPSC, CDPC                  | High      | Autumn 2008   |
| E7                        | Carry out a feasibility study into the provisions of a household waste facility within Castle Donington   | NWLDC   | PPSC, CDPC                  | Medium    | December 2008 |
| E8                        | <b>As per action C1</b> - Organise a litter pick around the parks/play areas to kick start getting the place cleaned up.  | CDPC, NWLDC – Street Mgmt Officer             | PPSC, Local Primary Schools | High      | Summer 2008   |
| E9                        | <b>As per Y12</b> - Investigate funding option to better the general village environment including improving the pavements and verges   | CDPC, NWLDC – Street Mgmt Officer, LCC        | PPSC                        | Medium    | December 2008 |
| <b>Shops and Services</b> |   |   |                             |           |               |
| SS1                       | Investigate possibility of longer opening hours at the library.   | LCC   | PPSC, CDPC                  | High      | Spring 2009   |

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|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|-----------|------------------------|
| <b>Crime and Community Service</b>   |  |   |  |           |                        |
| CC1                                  | Encourage police to have a greater presence and increase the number of Neighbourhood Watch Areas.  | LCon                                    | PPSC, CDPC<br>Neighbourhood<br>Watch Coordinator | High      | Summer 2009            |
| CC2                                  | Explore possibility of having a permanently manned police station in the village   | LCon                                    | PPSC, CDPC                                       | Medium    | December 2008          |
| CC3                                  | Work with Antisocial Behaviour Co-ordinator to investigate initiatives in the reduction of antisocial behaviour  | NWLDC, LCon                             | PPSC, CDPC                                       | High      | Autumn 2009            |
| <b>Health and Wellbeing</b>          |  |   |  |           |                        |
| HW1                                  | Investigate establishing a Patient Practice Consultation Group with a view to completing the following actions   | CDS                                     | PPSC   | High      | December 2008          |
| HW2                                  | Inform all local residents on how to assess their health needs and obtain health support in an emergency and outside surgery hours.                                    | PCT, CDS                                | PPSC, CDPC                                       | Very High | December 2008          |
| HW3                                  | Carry out study to provide help to those who need a doctor and are without transport outside surgery hours.  | PCT, CDS, CDVB                          | PPSC, CDPC                                       | Medium    | December 2008          |
| HW4                                  | Castle Donington Surgery's appointments system should be improved with particular reference to "same day" appointments.  | PCT, CDS                                | PPSC, CDPC                                       | Very High | December 2008          |
| HW5                                  | Consideration to be given to locating the "Out of hours Service Venue" closer to Castle Donington.   | PCT, CDS                                | PPSC, CDPC                                       | High      | December 2008          |
| <b>Education and Training</b>        |  |   |  |           |                        |
| ET1                                  | The schooling system to be changed to allow children to be educated to GCSE level within the village.  | LCC                                     | PPSC, Governors,<br>CDPC                         | Very High | As soon as practicable |
| ET2                                  | Increase the provision of Adult Education Classes both vocational and recreational, including making these more affordable and at accessible locations                 | LCC, NWLDC,<br>CDCC, LEA                | PPSC, CDPC                                       | Medium    | Summer 2009            |
| ET3                                  | Explore how local resources could be improved to support individuals with learning difficulties  | LCC, NWLDC,<br>CDCC                     | PPSC, CDVB                                       | Medium    | December 2009          |
| <b>Local Business and Employment</b> |  |   |  |           |                        |
| B1                                   | Create a business directory  | TA, NWLDC                               | PPSC   | Medium    | December 2008          |
| <b>Children's</b>                    |  |   |  |           |                        |
| C1                                   | <b>As per action E8</b> - Organise a litter pick around the parks/play areas to kick start getting the place cleaned up.   | CDPC, NWLDC –<br>Street Mgmt Officer    | PPSC, Local Primary<br>Schools                   | High      | Summer 2008            |
| <b>General</b>                       |  |   |  |           |                        |
| G1                                   | Develop an information pack to be available to residents of the village including details of sport and leisure facilities, clubs and organisations, local business etc | CDPC, Rotary Club,<br>CDVB, CDCC, NWLDC | PPSC   | High      | December 2008          |

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| Number       | Action   | Service Provider                             | Local Champion | Priority | Target Date               |
|--------------|--|--|----------------|----------|---------------------------|
| <b>Youth</b> |  |  |                |          |                           |
| Y1           | As per action SL2 - Conduct feasibility study to provide CD with a Leisure Centre and/or enclosed Swimming Pool, or to increase range of activities on offer from current facilities   | CDCC, YS, CDPC, NWLDC                        | CDYF           | High     | April 2009                |
| Y2           | Investigate a feasibility study to provide Castle Donington young people with a safe place to meet, including researching possible facilities and funding  | CDCC, YS, CDPC, NWLDC                        | CDYF           | High     | From April 2008 - Ongoing |
| Y3           | Work with partners to explore the possibility of opening an Youth Information Shop and Internet Café   | CDPC, NWLDC, LCC, TA, YS, YOS, LCon, SC, PCT | CDYF           | Medium   | Ongoing                   |
| Y4           | Communicate options available to young people to reduce their fear of walking at night, incl. provision of handheld alarms, wind up torches & improved lighting leading up to Spital   | LCon, CDPC, YS, NWLDC, LCC                   | CDYF           | Medium   | From April 2008 - Ongoing |
| Y5           | Improve awareness of dental services   | Local dentists, PCT, CDCC,                   | CDYF           | Medium   | From April 2008           |
| Y6           | Improve sexual health awareness and implement free condom service and pregnancy/STI testing  | PCT, CDS, CDCC, YS, NWLDC                    | CDYF           | Medium   | December 2008             |
| Y7           | Set-up a smoking cessation project & improve awareness of smoking related issues   | PCT, CDS, CDCC, YS, NWLDC                    | CDYF           | Medium   | March 2009 – Ongoing      |
| Y8           | Reduce use of alcohol and illegal substances amongst young people through increasing awareness of related issues and provide confidential advice   | PCT, CDS, CDCC, YS, NWLDC, LCon              | CDYF           | Medium   | March 2009 – Ongoing      |
| Y9           | Improve transport and mobility for young people to access services in the district   | NWLDC, LCC, CDVB, CDCC                       | CDYF           | Medium   | From April 2008           |
| Y10          | Introduction of a new cycle track  | EMA, Sustrans, NWLDC, CDPC                   | CDYF           | Medium   | From April 2008           |
| Y11          | Improve public toilets   | NWLDC  | CDYF           | Medium   | From April 2008           |
| Y12          | As per E9 - Investigate funding option to better the general village environment including improving the pavements and verges. In particular set up a young persons group in Bosworth Rd are to improve awareness of environment | CDPC, NWLDC – Street Mgmt Officer, LCC       | CDYF           | Medium   | December 2008             |
| Y13          | Organise meeting with Parish Council to communicate young people's opinion of celebration events, shopping & recycling requirements  | CDPC   | CDYF           | Medium   | July 2008                 |

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*"The Parish Council would congratulate the Parish Plan Group on the amount of work that has been put into the production of this document. A job well done. The Parish Council will accept the Parish Plan Action Plan as a guidance document and this will be reviewed at regular intervals."*

**Castle Donington Parish Council**

*"After two years of dedication and hard work the community of Castle Donington have identified a great Action Plan. Service providers certainly have lots to work with but continued support and involvement from the community is essential to ensure the success of these projects. Let's build a better Castle Donington together!"*

**North West Leicestershire District Council**

*"I think this looks like a really good action plan and there is certainly enough for service providers to get their teeth into. Pleased that actions include reference to places where improvements are needed - therefore service providers don't need find this info within the document."*

**Leicestershire County Council**

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