

APPENDIX 2

A Selection of Villagers Comments



A Selection Of Respondents Comments From Written Answers

QUESTION 3 - Home educated - Reedham music club - Learning group and PRU

QUESTION 5 - No one caters for under 5's - Middle school clubs oversubscribed

QUESTION 8 - Water off fields floods road, drain either blocked or can't cope
- Oxford Way circle floods heavily after rain - Road drains not adequate

QUESTION 28 - Adult education day classes - Sixth form college - More school places - Evening education for teenagers - Current schooling should not be altered
- What happens to nursery school when 1st school closes?

QUESTION 29 - Classes not available at suitable times - Not enough hours in the day - Not enough publicity as to classes - Class cancelled due to lack of support -

QUESTION 34 - Groups of youths hanging about late at night - Young teens making a nuisance of themselves - Rowdy & abusive youths - Large amounts of youths with nowhere to go - Aggressive behaviour from some young people when spoken to - Bad behaviour from children, parents don't want to know - Dog fouling & litter - Noise, Dog mess, litter, putting out rubbish bags 24 hrs in advance - Dog fouling of footpaths and peoples gardens - Dog walkers who don't clear up after their pets should be named and shamed! - Boy racers - Cars not keeping to speed limits - Parking on zigzags at schools - Parking on footpaths - Bullying - Loutish behaviour - Vandalism - Small time drug pushers who are known. Why don't police act before it becomes a bigger problem??? - Any anti social behaviour

QUESTION 35 - Visible Police presence - Village policeman on foot or bike (not car) - Better police response times to calls - Policemen with power to do something about the yobs or fine their parents - Police officers taking active interest in the problems and are seen to be doing something about them - Neighbourhood wardens to work with police - Better training at home and in the schools from an early age - Corporal punishment - National Service - More action to keep playing area clean & safe like other villages - CCTV Cameras at Social Club, Village Hall and Schools - More "SLOW" road signs on narrow lanes, especially Damgate - Special bins for dog muck - All is needed

QUESTION 36 - Service dreadful (Damgate) lucky if we get post by 2-15pm - Need post before 11am why only 1 post per day? - Only 1 delivery and that after midday - Post goes missing undelivered - Likelihood of a letter reaching its destination POOR - Inaccurate delivery of post, neighbours receive each others - Good service from post lady - Postal staff do not smile or appear friendly - Staff always pleasant & Helpful - Post office staff could be more sociable - Postmaster not very helpful - A more polite Postmaster!!! - Postal staff excellent - Access almost impossible from wheelchair - Use Rollesby Post Office - More post boxes needed

QUESTION 42 - Skate & BMX Park - In/outdoor football pitch with floodlights for evening use - Club for 15 - 18 year olds - Computer/Internet availability - Use local halls for different activities, Badminton etc. - More social/leisure clubs - New "Public" Outdoor Bowls Green - Other teams organised i.e. Rugby - decent tennis courts - School holiday clubs - Graffiti free play areas - Dance and nightclub for over 21's as we get bored also - Outdoor activities in general

QUESTION 47 - Word of mouth - CLIP - Local shops Co-op, DIY/Budgens & fish shop - Schools - Church - Local Newspapers - Social Club - Radio - Road side notices

QUESTION 56 - Nothing about Buddhists & Muslims - Jehovah's witnesses - They come knocking at door, we wish they wouldn't- R.C. plus other "Free Churches"

QUESTION 65 - Regeneration of derelict buildings, new housing on "Brown Fill Sites" only - Stricter rules on Dog Fouling and more dog-do bins - Dog walking areas - Keeping ponds and greens clean and maintained - Open up footpaths & bridleways - Try to stop decline of our local shops - An individual theme that sets it up as special (i.e. A Sculpture) - Health centre - More litter bins - More links between village and staithe - Plant up messy ditch area opposite Budgens

QUESTION 66 - Lack of dropped kerbs in places - Some footpaths too narrow for wheelchairs - Holly Close footpath barrier too low for wheelchairs to pass through - Lack of footpaths - Parking on pavements - Overgrown hedges hanging over footpaths - Overgrown hedges reducing width of path making it necessary to use roads - Rubbish bags put out in middle of pavement - Access to Post Office, Doctors, Chemist, Halifax etc. - Pavements & lighting - Double doors in surgery - Shop aisles too narrow and blocked - Getting on the de-capitated bus (??) - It all wants looking at...

Questions 25 and 69 invited respondents to comment in their own words rather than tick boxes or enter numbers. We have not edited these - but due to overwhelming numbers here is just a selection.

QUESTION 25 *If in your opinion there are 'danger-spots' in Martham, where are they?*

Both side road parking in Black Street - Black Street by the old lilac trees - Repps Road. Staithe Road/School Road. - Thurne Rise at school collection times - Should be one-way system i.e. up Black Street, down White Street - Junction between Back lane and Hemsby Road opposite new houses being built blind spot - Village hall access - Leaving junction with Repps Road when buses parked on Black Street. - Co-op car park-Repps Road - Outside local shops at either end of day - White Street/School Road junction - Back lane & White Street junction - Cars parked on Repps Road Causing vehicles to swerve suddenly - Repps crossroads - White Street junction with Bell Meadow at school leaving time.

Marlborough Green parking on the Road - Proper pathway to public toilet on corner - Bend on Cess Road - Car and range rover parked opposite Victoria pub all day long loads of parking in own yard - Repps Road opposite Victoria pub e.g. Black range rover - Somerton Road into village, inconsiderate parking. Should be 20 mph zone - Junction of Bosgate Rise/ Repps Road - Top of Rowan Road. Blackcurrant corner - Bensley Road when children come out of school - Junction of Repps/Rollesby Roads needs better lighting like Potter Heigham, On foggy night you cannot always guess. It is dangerous, hence all the accidents.

QUESTION 69 *What is most important to you about Martham?*

"Martham is the place where I was born and have always lived. Where else would I want to be? It's home". "The number, quality and variety of shops, the open spaces and greens. To keep its rural outlook. Peace, tranquillity". "Make sure library and youth centre stay and give help to village clubs here now". "Vandalism, more police". "Tree and shrub planting, separate refuse collecting, roundabouts". "Youth projects and facilities for keeping youngsters off the streets". "It is time we had something back for our extortionate council tax, poor Street lighting, cul-de-sacs are left frozen in winter months should be gritted". "More litter bins, seating needed. Also more strict rules for appalling dog mess especially around schools".

"Its rural, friendly atmosphere and being close to the Broads". "That people should take a pride in their own properties and hopefully the attitude would spread". "Would like it to retain a village atmosphere without intrusive signs & fixtures". "Retain local shops and facilities. Peaceful environment. Countryside and access to broads. Restrict development". "Speed controls (not bumps in Road) to slow traffic through village".

"Being able to get a daily paper and have milk delivered to my door". "Local schools...". "Clean air...". "Village traditions i.e. Carnival weekend". "More industry - leading to local jobs". "Access to post office - better service from postmaster and all who work in there". "Entrance to surgery is dodgy as you have to open the door outwards - hard when you are pushing a wheelchair".

"Pavement down Black Street is not wide enough for a wheelchair". "Cash machines (free)". "Places to play with my friends". "Near the seaside". "No more building houses". "To preserve our village for future generations". "Close to Norwich". "Football clubs". "Easy access to paid job". "Not much in Martham - can we have more for children?". "I would like a swimming pool". "The video shops and pubs". "More bridleways & beware horse-signs". "Keeping it a rural village but allow local business to thrive". "Hairdresser is very helpful". "Shops & friendly people". "Everything you need here apart from playgrounds, very poor". "I love the feeling of being in a small safe village with lots of carnivals, father xmas etc. Martham feels a very family type village". "How about a cafe /tea room open all day?". "Youth football". "Skate board park". "Proper bus services required. Nice schools. Churches & library maintained - clean attractive & safe".

"Lollipop lady near schools...". "A good community spirit, the old and the young all pulling together". "The village has grown and there are lots of young families around". "Need for local councillor and parish council to do the job properly - listen to local concerns then there would have been no need for the survey". "I work in Great Yarmouth and it is a pleasure to return home every evening to this peaceful village away from the hustle and bustle". "More jobs available by encouraging businesses to invest in this area". "Nice place to live but better when we had a bank and clean ponds". "The village atmosphere, with more 'whole village' social events. Everyone working together, young and old". "Good communication facilities for young and old, electronic, telecom and paper". "The quiet friendliness of a village, schools and churches working together, the carnival to unite the whole village". "I'm very glad it is not a tourist spot; it is a lovely quiet place to live". "It is boring with nothing to do!". "The Chinese takeaway". "Local views, wildlife". "My job in Martham". "A place to be proud to call home, where my children are safe". "It is still a village but needs more for children to do". "My friends live nearby but we don't have much to do".

"Martham to me is a village surrounded by farmland, open space, with a proper village Green and that is how it should stay". "Martham has developed so much over the years and has lost its community spirit. We must try to regain this!". "The peace and beauty of the village, it doesn't need to be bigger". "The outlook from my house over the fields". "Being a well kept village (keep up the good work)". "The dirty ponds are killing the ducks and wildlife". "I have lived here all my life and am saddened by the state it is in. Too many houses, too many school buses etc and dirty roads, vandalism. It is no longer a lovely village to be proud of and action needs to be taken now". "Because it is my home". "Feeling safe in your bed at night". "Hope that Martham will continue to be a safe environment for families and the elderly to live together". "Church history, involvement in clubs and social gatherings". "Unspoilt surroundings". "It would be nice to have a sports centre". "Please, please no more building, there are just not enough facilities". "Boating amenities and friendliness of people". "The general shopping and peace and quiet, the friendship at St. Mary's". "The friendship shown by long-term residents to newcomers, may it long continue". "A wonderful place to live". "Social life is lacking".

**"...When coming home, first we see the wind farm
then the church, we know we are nearly home,
and feel at peace..."**

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