

Analysis of Questionnaire free-text comments
Darnhall Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The sample comprises the 63 anonymously completed and returned Questionnaire responses. Where more than one respondent made the same or very similar comments, a single representative comment has been drafted to reflect the common view. The Q Ref provides an anonymised reference back to individual questionnaire responses to support the integrity of the data.

Page	Question	Q Ref R=Resident N=Non-Resident	Comment summary
2	Q1.0 Draft Vision	R32	<i>Raven – Demolish</i>
		R33 N5	<i>Enhance & protect countryside Housing, business and education needs to be met without sacrifice to countryside</i>
		R3	<i>No restriction on size of buildings making businesses non-viable</i>
		R29	<i>Develop community services e.g. allotments Darnhall residents can not access allotment plots in Winsford</i>
		N2	<i>Sympathetic development – so people feel they belong</i>
		R12	<i>Support aims, joined up plan with Winsford & Northwich e.g. cycle routes</i>
		R13	<i>Organise events to attract locals from further afield</i>
		R19	<i>Make more of Darnhall being ‘new’ centre of Cheshire</i>
3	Q1.1 Character of built environment	R32	<i>Design & architecture features of Cheshire should feature in new development</i>
		R33	<i>Traditional building materials</i>
		R34	<i>Use of Cheshire Brick & character build</i>
		R35	<i>Red brick as per estate buildings</i>
		R37	<i>Traditional & in keeping build</i>
		R11	<i>Keep local design – fit with environment</i>
		R15	<i>Proportionate size & design</i>
		R19	<i>Traditional character in modern design</i>
		R12	<i>Farmhouses – moderate size fits with landscape</i>
		R10	<i>Local materials, sandstone, brick, slate</i>
		N2	<i>Traditional Cheshire magpie</i>
		N8	<i>Traditional medium density – but up to date architecture in right location should not be excluded</i>
		N1	<i>Blend in with Darnhall Estate properties</i>
		N3	<i>Small properties that fit into the landscape</i>
		R36	<i>Protect against revised plans by developers & preserve green areas</i>
		R13	<i>Minimum amount of building – not obscuring views</i>
		R30	<i>New development should be discouraged</i>
3	Q1.2 Trees & Hedgerows	R31	<i>Replant and additional planting</i>
		R3	<i>Like to see Hall Lane trees replanted</i>
		N5	<i>Replace trees – replanting</i>

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		R37	Takes a long time to grow a tree
		N2 R26, 29 R33	Must safeguard hedgerows Hedgerows important for wildlife Development should protect trees and hedgerows
		R11	Protect all wildlife, trees & hedgerows
		R18	May be occasions where existing trees, hedgerows have to be sacrificed
		R12	Protect trees, hedgerows, ditches important for character of Parish
		R32	Pleased with care with which farmers tend to hedgerows & fields
4	Q1.3 Footpaths	R33 R35 R18,11 R12 R19 R30 R11 Nx	Bridleways should be maintained Safe & properly maintained footpaths & styles Value footpaths – re-route along field boundaries Value for dog walking and birdwatching Better maintenance Moved here for countryside walks New footpath Curt House farm to Weaver Park farm (avoiding Swanlow Lane) All of them, access to our countryside
4	Q1.4 Bridle & Cycleways	R32 R3, 19 R29 R12 N3	Walking important leisure activity in local community & cycling & horse riding – every opportunity to improve facilities Cycleways more important now Cycling is dangerous on country lanes Cycling helps to promote Darnhall tourism Cycleway to Wettenhall
		R37, 13	Any new development should have safe clear connectivity
5	Q1.5 Visual Impact	R32	Retain pastoral character
		R3 R18	Wind turbines should not be allowed Very important visual impact – no wind turbines
		R12	Darnhall is old and beautiful – don't want large developments
		R11	Enough expansion in Winsford without coming into Darnhall
		R17	Depends on circumstances
		R19	Landscape and drainage should be considered
		N2	Countryside is under threat all measures to protect should be taken
5	Q1.6 Woodlands & Wildlife corridors	R3	Modern farming practices carried on – leave part of fields for wildlife
		R11	Natural resources are good for mental health
		N2 R33 R34	Wildlife is interconnected and mutually dependent Woodlands and wildlife corridors should be supported Wildlife desperately needs protection

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		R37	With new development increasing around Winsford we need to encourage wildlife we have
		R30	Horse Chestnut trees on Hall Ln replanted
5	Q1.7 Light Pollution – Dark skies	R31	Street lighting is required
		R18	Disagrees
		R15,11,12 R22 R34 N2	Agree in principal need to be balanced with need of drivers Balance with safety and security Light pollution is a problem but safety to be considered Pleasant viewing night sky – balance with safety
6	Q2 Protecting Community Assets	R3	Restore waterfall
		R5	Restore Darnhall Mill
		R13	Village Hall extended
		N?	Action to halt siltation of Winsford flash
		Nx	Darnhall wood SSSI, Woodlands, Ash Brook & tributaries
7	Q3 Traffic Safety	R6	Roads busier tractors large & too fast on narrow roads
		R3 R1, R32 N1 R34 R14, 15 N2 R12 R26, Nx	Speed limits needed Court House Farm to Bridge should be 40mph Swanlow Ln speed limit extended Speed limits past Village & Village Hall Speed bumps everywhere Swanlow Ln, Moors Ln busy Traffic 20mph speed limit Darnhall School Lane Enforcement
		R35, 11,13	No footpath Hall Lane
		R37	New development needs adequate parking
		R30	Weight restriction Hall lane and through village
9	Q4.1 Barn Conversions	R6	State of the Raven - Blot
		R12, 19	Fit with surroundings Encourage redevelopment of existing properties
		R11	Any conversion restricted in height
9	Q4.2 Brownfield development	R9	Any development better than none if impact good
		R33	Re use existing rural buildings
		R11, 15	Development fit with surroundings
		R13	No ultra modern properties or apartments
		N1	No more than 2 properties on Raven site
		R30	Building in Winsford reached ridiculous proportions 'for God's sake stop'

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		R29	Sensitive to rural surroundings – no development preferred
9	Q4.3 Community safety, peace & wellbeing	R2, 8	Preservation of Rural Area most important
		R3	Don't want new comers complaining about rural activities
		R34	Controlling development is very important to wellbeing
		R33	No development permitted if harm caused to Darnhall residents
		R12	Agree safety issues but communities need to progress
		R11, 15	Peaceful area – protected from excessive development & traffic
		N2	Road infrastructure inadequate Swanlow Ln due to new development in Winsford
		N3	New farm barns screened with hedges and trees – shouldn't create light pollution No development on or near valuable wildlife habitat
		R21	Area becoming over developed no sign of infrastructure – schools, medical, transport
10	Q4.4 Open vistas	R18	Want to maintain views but not sacrosanct
		R19	Darnhall does not want to remain in a time warp
		R12,18	Rural area should be preserved
		R2, 11, 12	View is beautiful one of the reasons we live here
		R36, 5	Beautiful views, behind Village Hall, behind Weaver Chapel
		N2, R25	South from Winsford
		N3	East to Derbyshire, West to Beeston
		N4 Nx	Winsford to Beech House farm and Beeston School Green to Sandstone ridge
		N5	Open fields Moors Lane, Darnhall (Hall) Lane
		R34	Top, Bottom flash, Shaws and Badgers woods – River Weaver
		R33	Darnhall Wood SSSI
10	Q4.5 Open countryside boundary separation	R1 R9, Nx R12, 11 R18, 19 R29 N3 N5	Darnhall must avoid creeping Development from Winsford Darnhall needs to preserve open countryside Too easy for urban areas to swallow up rural communities Need to maintain rural boundary Loss of profitable farmland for housing very sad Stop creeping urbanisation Identity to be retained
		R12 R19	Liaison with WNP to ensure fit Winsford & Darnhall need to work together
10	Q4.6 Future of active farming	R37	Loss of open countryside would result in farming not having area sufficient to be sustainable

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		R7	If we don't have farming 100% we wouldn't be able to feed ourselves
		R34 R18, 11,12,20, 14, 29, N5, Nx N2 N7 N4	Every acre lost to house builders is an acre lost to food production & animal welfare Impact of loss of countryside on farm business viability Planning permission no given for existing farm land Farming protected Remain rural farming community
		R32	Active farming must be preserved for the benefit of all
		R22	Heart of Parish
		N1	Development absolute minimum
		N3	Any public amenity & tourism developments must be protected and maintained through contracts
11	Q4.7 Farm diversification & parish economy	R34	
		R12	Glamping, tea shop, Cycle route – flashes, Kennels, Cattery
		R34, R1, 21, 29, 35, 11, N1, 2, 3	Farm shop / market
		R36	None
		N4	Small commercial conversions
		N5	Micro business units, crafts
		Nx	Horse riding stables
11	Q4.8 Improving parish assets, enterprise & tourism	R35, 18, 3, 19, 20, 11, 37	Improve use of Village Hall - Community hub
		R34, 9	Flashes – camping, adventure, leisure, tourism
		R35, 14, 37,1, 10, 13 N5	Advertise & better signage for footpaths & walks
		N2	Continuance Darnhall Show
		R22	More school / education in community
11	Q4.9 Parish Housing Needs	R12	Brownfield – small development
		R18 R3	Raven site – pub, café, shop House & businesses (garden centre)

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		R36, 3, 15, 11, 13, 16, N3	Bungalows & accessible properties
		R37 R22	Family homes 3-4 bed
		R15, 11, 16 N5	Starter / affordable homes
		R1	Housing for over 55's
		R36	Social housing aimed at local residents only