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How was the survey conducted?

A single copy of the paper version of the questionnaire was delivered to every household in the Parish (486 questionnaires). A notice about the survey, and the questionnaire were also available on-line on the Parish Council website, and a notice about the Neighbourhood Plan, the purpose of the questionnaire and how to respond were posted on the Parish Council notice board in the village. Paper questionnaires were returned to the office of Sinclair Properties on Main Street; electronic versions were submitted via the Parish Council website, or by e-mail to the Parish Clerk. Residents were given 6 weeks to respond, but all late submissions were included in the analysis.

Response rate and methods of analysis

88 questionnaires were returned, a response rate of 18.1% of eligible households.

There were two kinds of questions – quantitative ('box-ticking'), and qualitative (requiring an 'open', verbal answer). They were respectively analysed by Lady Dot Lawton (a retired data-analyst) and Sir John Lawton (a retired natural scientist).

In 7 questionnaires the quantitative questions were answered by two people from the same household, giving a maximum response rate of 95 individuals. The maximum response rate for the qualitative questions was 86. Residents frequently gave more than one answer to the more open-ended qualitative questions. Responses in these sections have been grouped into answers reflecting similar views, although there is an inevitable degree of subjectivity in this process.

Geographical coverage of the Parish

Seven respondents did not provide a post code; the remaining 88 questionnaires come from all parts of the Parish, with only 3 of the 28 Parish post codes not sending in at least one questionnaire.

Demographics of respondents vs. all residents

Although the response rate to the questionnaire of just over 18% is reasonable, the sample is biased by age. The best recent summary of the age distribution of residents is the 2011 Parish Non-Student Survey Return data, presented in Appendix 2 for comparison with data from the questionnaires. In the intervening six years there will have been some (unquantifiable) changes, and estimating the number of University students in the age profile is an approximation. Nevertheless it is hard to avoid the conclusion that a much bigger proportion of older and retired residents returned questionnaires compared with the actual age-profile of residents. Another way to think about this is that a much lower proportion of working residents returned questionnaires than there are working residents in the population (Appendix 2).

Sequence of appendices summarising answers

Appendices 2(i)-(x) are in the order in which their corresponding questions appear on the original questionnaire.

Appendix 1

Demographic profiles of residents returning questionnaires vs Parish residents

The most up-to-date demographic data come from the 2011 Parish Non-Student Survey Return. In the percentages that follow, nil. returns are excluded to allow direct comparison between the two data sets.

Questionnaire			Parish Survey Return		
Full time employment	21	23.1%	249	41.6%	
Part time employment	9	9.9%	87	14.5%	
Self employed	12	13.2%	95	15.9%	
Unemployed	1	1.1%	20	3.3%	
Carer	0	0.0%	36	6.0%	
Retired	48	52.7%	113	18.9%	
Nil. Returns	4	---			
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Age 16-25	0	0.0%	591*	38.5%	16-24
25-40	3	3.2%	453	29.5%	25-44
40-60	29	31.0%	222	14.5%	45-59
60-80	54	58.0%	231	15.0%	60-84
More than 80	7	7.5%	39	2.5%	More than 85
Nil. Returns	2	---			

*Estimate

Other demographic data of those returning questionnaires

Male 35 Female 53 nil response 7

Do you work in the area?

Yes 24 No 57 nil response 14

How long have you lived in the Parish?

0-5 years 18

5-15 years 18

16-30 years 30

Over 30 years 26

Nil returns 4

Nobody selected "All my life" as an option

Appendix 2i

What do you like about Heslington?

	Responses
The village retains a rural/semi-rural feel and identity	57
Specific reasons for giving an answer in this category were:	
Easy access to neighbouring countryside, footpaths & wildlife	44
But with:	
Easy access to York City Centre and wider transport links	40
With specific mention of:	
Good bus service into town	16
Cycle links	1
Respondents particularly liked	
Quality village architecture, Main Street, grass verges, Church Field etc.	32
With specific mention in this category of:	
Good local facilities (Post Office, pub, shop, Meeting Room, school etc.)	28
A sense of place/community, peaceful, with friendly people	24
History, including links to agriculture and farming	13
Good playing fields and safe places to play	8
A good mix of types of housing, commercial premises etc.	6
Trees	6
Looked after and cared for	5
No buses on Main Street	3
The importance of the church in village social life	3
Strong planning and conservation controls	2
Low-level street lighting	2
Disabled parking	1
Yet with:	
A mixed, vibrant, international community enriched by University	16
And access to University events, courses, library and other facilities	15
Plus the campuses, lakes and wildfowl	5
Indeed "everything"	2

Sample quotes

- *"Architecture – proximity to countryside – broad verges on Main Street – flowers on people's front gardens – post office – the Outgang – Boss Lane – access to campuses – bird life – proximity to York – hedgehogs – allotments – green spaces."*
- *"Its charming rural character, interesting buildings, the wide Main Street and the trees, grass verges, easy access to the countryside and proximity to York."*
- *"The range of public services & 'open' lecture series, music & events available to Heslington residents as a consequence of the University. The diverse, vibrant community."*

Appendix 2ii

What improvements/changes would you like to see?

	Responses
Concerns about traffic feature prominently. Specifically:	
Reduce traffic into and through village	14
More parking for residents and restrictions (enforced) for non-residents	13
Remove/re-design speed bumps and chicanes throughout	8
Bus bays at all bus stops	2
Heslington Hall gyratory system needs re-designing	1
Fulford end of Heslington Lane should be 30mph	1
Concerns about student housing and affordable (non-student) housing include:	
Reduce student accommodation/houses of multiple occupation 'of campus'	7
Need more family/affordable non-student homes	6
Provide more student accommodation within campuses	2
And probably related:	
Reduce student noise and feeling of being 'swamped' by students	3
Need to increase provision and maintenance of village infra-structure:	
Better pavement, gutter and road maintenance and cleaning	12
More bike routes and better maintained bike routes (e.g. to Fulford)	7
Better management/location of litter bins, litter collection, cleaning graffiti	6
More investment in, and maintenance of village, street furniture/appearance	5
Add facilities on sports field (e.g. football goals, Astroturf area)	2
Dog waste on the Outgang a concern	1
Street lighting could be improved in some areas	1
Install a defibrillator	1
Some respondents want buses re-instated, re-routed, or made more frequent	6
Village facilities received a lot of attention:	
Re-open the Deramore Pub	12
Need one or more of additional shops, pharmacy, coffee shop, library etc.	10
Need more activities to bring village together socially (including church)	8
Plant a tree-screen to reduce noise from A64	4
Install village biomass (or other) green energy schemes	2
Expand the Tillmire Site of Special Scientific Interest	1
Don't want to see any changes or 'improvements' (nil returns or explicit)	11

Sample quotes

- *"More shops. Café. Bus service to Fulford. Village pond. Remove chicane on Main Street. Improve road surface at roundabout. Remove speed bumps on Uni. Road."*
- *"Less traffic."*
- *"A greater sense of community."*
- *"A few more amenities; good newspaper shop, restaurant, social centre."*

Appendix 2iii

What don't you like about Heslington?

	Responses
Concerns about traffic feature prominently:	
Too much traffic, too fast, illegal parking etc.	32
Too many speed bumps, chicanes, bollards	8
Difficulty of parking for local residents and their visitors	3
Noise from A64	3
Traffic fumes (e.g. parked taxis)	2
Congestion round bus stops	2
The University is not popular with some residents:	
Noisy, antisocial, inconsiderate students	17
An overbearing, continuously expanding University presence	14
Too many houses of multiple occupancy, many poorly maintained	9
Student cyclists with no lights, on pavements and not using cycle routes	6
There is some unhappiness with bus services:	
Too many overcrowded/empty, expensive, polluting buses	7
No service to Fulford, withdrawal of 27 service	2
In the village and its surroundings:	
Litter (including need more bins), fly-tipping and dog fouling	7
Closure of the Deramore	4
Loss of 'village spirit', including 'town vs gown' issues and polarisation by age	4
Erosion of Green Belt	4
More dedicated, better signed cycle routes 'joining up' village, University, Fulford etc.	3
Village too resistant to new developments even when needed (e.g. affordable homes)	2
Contradictory views on too many banks vs bank closures	1 vs. 2
Poor maintenance (road sweeping, messy verges, potholes)	2
No 'corner shop', pharmacy, other shops	2
Some very poor quality University buildings on Main Street	1
Don't want village signs	1
Not enough young families	1
Nothing (nil returns or explicit)	18
<i>Sample quotes</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Every time the students return it's bedlam....And the amount of litter increases 10 fold."• "The traffic chaos when the university staff leave work."• "The imbalance due to the University expanding."• "1. Rubbish dumped around the village. 2. Speeding traffic on Main Street and incoming roads. 3. Overcrowded buses. 4. Parking incorrectly around the village. 5. Pot holes."• "Nothing: it is a lovely place to live. The students are all well-behaved and enliven the community."	

Appendix 2iv

What modes of transport do you use and which do you use most frequently?

Mode of travel (85 responses) (some giving >1)		Most frequent mode (66 responses)
Bus	79	22
Car	71	32
Bus & Car	0	4
Cycle	34	8
Train	6	0
Taxi	6	0
Motorbike	2	0
Other	2	0
Nil returns	3	19

Appendix 2v

What improvements would you like to see to the transport system/infrastructure ?

Responses

Many respondents are unhappy with various aspects of the bus services:

Various combinations of more routes, more frequent services, less crowded buses, more information	32
Specific ideas include:	
Fewer buses at quiet times	2
Dedicated student transport to and from Station at start and end of term	1
Lower prices	1
Heslington Hall club-buses should be banned after midnight	1
Electric (less polluting, quieter) buses	1

University Road widely seen as disorganised shambles of buses, cars, cyclists not on cycle-track, jay-walking pedestrians etc. Needs a serious rethink. 14

And throughout village, including University Road:

Unhappiness with most traffic-calming measures (chicanes, speed-bumps etc.)	12
More, and more joined up, pedestrian and cycle routes (incl. round Deramore School)	12
Rethink/redesign key routes, intersections, pedestrian crossings to reflect hugely increased vehicle numbers, pedestrians and cyclists	11
Enforce speed, weight and parking restrictions and explore need for new ones	7
Need extra parking for residents (e.g. off Main Street)	3
Fix potholes	3
Restrict through traffic in village, now and particularly in future	2
Bike racks at or near bus-stops	1

But not everybody is unhappy:

Content with bus and/or other transport infrastructure	13
Nil returns	12

Sample quotes

- *“Re-introduce the proposal to close Field Lane, except for access and public transport, pedestrians and cycles.”*
- *“The roundabout system near Heslington Hall is still a bit dangerous for cyclists.”*
- *“Since the 44 was cancelled the bus service is overcrowded and not frequent enough before 8am and after 6 (to 8pm).”*
- *Put “bike racks near bus stops.”*
- *“More joined up bike paths along popular routes.”*
- *“...jams on University Road now very bad at some times of the day/year. Traffic being seriously compromised by number of buses converging on roadway.”*
- *“It seems good to me.”*

Appendix 2vi

Does the mix of housing meet local needs? Why do you think this?

	Responses
Note that respondents frequently gave more than one reason for their answer	
YES	26
No reason given	11
Reasons given included:	
Good range of types and sizes of houses	5
Good mix of younger and older people	3
Small village, attractive as it is	3
Student accommodation (HMOs) fairly well controlled	2
Demand from University staff and locals is met	2
QUALIFIED YES, BUT	
Need more affordable housing	2
Need more housing for elderly residents	1
NO	34
Reasons given included	
Not enough affordable/family/single person homes	31
Too many rented/student houses/HMOs	19
Not enough housing for older residents wishing to downsize	3
"Infrastructure" doesn't enable significant housing development	1
DON'T KNOW, BUT	9
Not enough affordable houses	1
Too many HMOs	1
"Something for everyone"	1
NIL RESPONSE	14

Sample quotes

- "Yes I think so. Student accommodation fairly well controlled."
- "Seems OK."
- "Yes, on the whole. Except prices v. high for young first time buyers, and a lot of housing is going over to student lets. This needs to be kept in proportion."
- "There should be more [housing] available at the cheaper end of the market for young would-be home owners."
- "Not enough affordable houses for local residents – too many have been bought by buy-to-let landlords."
- "If anything maybe we need more appropriate housing for the elderly."
- "Not qualified to say."

Appendix 2vii

Which services and facilities do you use in Heslington? Tick all that apply.

(85 Responses)

Post Office	85
Local buses	82
Local footpaths	77
Banks	73
Local shops	72
Public houses	53
Village Meeting Room	44
Play Park	33
Places of worship	26
Church Field	23
Sports fields	19
Holmfield Centre	18
Church Hall	17
Primary School	8
Allotments	8
University facilities	5
Golf Club	4
Scouts and Cubs	4
Pre-school group	3
After-school group	3
Beavers	1
Church facilities & grps.	1
Guides and Brownies	0
Youth Club	0
Sunday School	0

Appendix 2viii

Are you happy with Heslington community facilities?

Responses

Note that most respondents didn't give a reason for their answer, but some gave more than one reason.

YES	51
With specific mention of:	
Village Meeting Room	2
Playing Fields	1
Newsletter and Notice Board	1
QUALIFIED YES, BUT	11
Pity about closure of Deramore	6
A small tea/coffee shop would be welcome	3
A charity shop ditto	2
Very variable other reasons (each a single, different, request/recommendation)	7
NOT ENTIRELY (no reason given)	1
NO	10
For very variable reasons:	
Re-open HSBC/Lloyds banks and Deramore pub	2
Need proper shops, café	2
Not enough for older residents to do/more communal activities	2
DON'T KNOW/HAVEN'T USED ANY	2
NIL RESPONSE	11

Selected quotes

- "OK for my needs."
- "Yes – very impressive array, had no idea there was so much when we moved here."
- "Yes, but not aware of all of them"
- "Yes. But a Tea/Coffee shop would be nice. Also a charity shop would thrive."
- "Yes although there is room for improvement."
- "What are they?"

Appendix 2ix

Are there additional facilities you would like to see?

	Responses
NO	22
NIL RESPONSE	31
YES	33
With various suggestions:	
More village social activities ranging from toddler groups to older residents	11
Need a café, tea room, coffee shop or restaurant	10
Re-open Deramore	9
More shops (various suggestions – newsagents, mini-supermarket etc.)	5
Medical Centre, Pharmacy	3
More play and adult exercise equipment, more sports clubs	3
Flashing warning lights for speeding vehicles	2
More footpath signs	1
Bike racks in village	1
Re-open HSBC Bank	1
Quiet place to sit	1
More “consideration” for wildlife	1
More information about University activities and whether open to public	1

Sample quotes

- *“On the Outgang it would be great if, in addition to play equipment for children, there was similar exercise equipment for adults.”*
- *“A medical centre near the one recently closed in the University. Campus East is too far to walk for some inhabitants.”*
- *“More evening activities for active older people.”*
- *“We often used the Deramore for lunch and coffee so maybe a small coffee shop would be good.”*

Appendix 2x

Are there enough facilities and services for people of every age?

	Responses
YES, YES BUT, & PROBABLY	29
NO	25
NIL RESPONSE	22
NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	10

Examples given if response was “no” or “yes but”

More social facilities and activities, specifying variously children, teenagers 30-somethings, and older people	15
Better cycle facilities (parking and routes)	3
Need a coffee shop, restaurant, or café	3
Need a Chemist/pharmacy for older people	3
More play/exercise equipment for children and adults on Outgang	2
Re-open Deramore	2
Not enough “restricted” (? Residents Only) parking	1
Not enough safe footpaths/roads for children and older residents	1
Restore HSBC & ATM	1

Sample quotes

- *“Yes, very good for children.”*
- *“A community café would be an added facility or a café/restaurant...”*
- *“It is student led. Not much for OAPs.”*
- *“Better cycling facilities required.”*
- *“There is a good range but I think there could be more for older people as well – eg at the village hall, coffee mornings, monthly walks, monthly talks etc.”*
- *“Yes. (But) it’s up to individuals to use the facilities available to start things...”*

Appendix 2xi

What are the advantages and disadvantages of having the university close by?

Responses

Advantages

Good bus-service in to York	42
Access to lectures, concerts, library etc.	39
Supports village shop, PO, banks and pub	37
Students keep the area “vibrant”, “diverse” and “cosmopolitan” (including school)	30
Access to attractive grounds for walks and wildlife	24
Provides excellent sports facilities	16
Good employment opportunities	14
Market Square shops	3
Single miscellaneous advantages (e.g. more bus-stops)	3

NO ADVANTAGES (including nil returns)

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Disadvantages

Antisocial behaviour by noisy (often drunk) students etc. (but 3 respondents explicitly said noise wasn't a problem)	40
Heavy traffic and associated parking problems and traffic calming measures	26
Too many HMOs, depriving families of homes	16
Negative impacts of University's “overwhelming presence” (ugly buildings, loss of agricultural land, “studentification” etc.)	13
Generates litter, rubbish, graffiti	12
Transient student population, not engaged with village, “full of strangers”	9
Blatant illegal cycling (no lights, on pavement etc) and jay-walking by students	6
Overcrowding on buses	3
Miscellaneous	2

NO DISADVANTAGES (including nil returns)

17

Sample quotes

- *“A necessary evil. The village has disappeared; is full of passing strangers.”*
- *“Advantages – Young people around; concerts, lectures available; good bus service; support local shops. Disadvantages – Student noise; traffic; parked cars in every available space with no space for locals.”*
- *“High quality open lectures and concerts. Good bus service. Very little noise or disturbance from students.”*
- *“The villagers who have lived here peacefully for several years agree that the student intake in 2016-2017 is the worst behaved for 40 years.”*
- *“...overall I think we gain more from the university than we lose.”*

Appendix 2xii

Value Statements. It is important that....

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
There is good access to the countryside	0	0	2	18	69
Heslington is well served by public transport	0	3	0	24	59
There are good cycling facilities	2	6	18	28	33
There is a good range of community facilities	3	6	7	35	34
There are open spaces in the village	0	2	5	35	45
There are open spaces round the village	0	0	2	30	51
The Green Belt is protected	3	9	8	21	47
Heslington Tilmire SSSI (Nature Reserve) is conserved	1	1	6	21	57
Vehicle flows through Common Lane/Low Lane are for local businesses and residents only	3	7	5	19	51
Major new developments should be prevented from vehicular access through Common Lane/Low Lane	0	1	3	14	68

Appendix 2xiii

General comments. Please list any other comments you would like to make about Heslington

Nil returns 43

Where respondents made more than one comment about different aspects of Heslington their responses have been split and grouped together with others on a similar topic. All are reported verbatim (with minor editing of punctuation and spelling), and a small number of very long answers have been edited whilst retaining the essential point(s) being made.

1. I really appreciate such questionnaires and consultations. Heslington Parish Council and Village Trust do a good job working with the community.
2. I really like living in Heslington.
3. This is a special, place to live!
4. It's a great place to live.
5. I was here when the original Village Design [Statement] was done and I very much like living here.
6. A good place to live even if you are not part of the University.
7. Heslington is a friendly village but not always easy for newcomers to integrate and understand.
8. Heslington is a very attractive village for people to reside [in]. It should have a proactive approach to housing development and intergenerational questions. The Neighbourhood Plan should incorporate growth for the village and housing targeted at different demographic and income groups. Could the village propose a sustainable development plan that would allow an increase in residents (not just students)?
9. Some considered relaxation may be appropriate to meet housing needs where we have no brown field land [illegible] infill.
10. I would like to see more family-owned homes on Main Street(s) and less rented out-property. Some look rather neglected.
11. Heslington is a special place with a variety of people living here, and countryside village feel whilst being able to access York fairly easily. I think it is important that we do not lose the close community feel, that many people know and talk to each other and look after each other. It would be nice to have a few more family homes but without compromising the traffic flow through Heslington, or easy access to countryside.
12. Despite University expansion and city housing development plans and infilling in the village, Heslington retains much of its charm and rural character. The village is an asset to the City of York, which I hope will support the Heslington Parish Council in its valiant efforts to preserve and protect the village's exceptional attractive character, especially when threatened by more development.
13. I fear for the quality of life in Heslington village if big business concerns are given priority and destroy the tranquillity [and?] the invaluable life style that we [illegible] for humans, creatures and plants.
14. It is important to maintain a 'village feel' within Heslington without undue 'domination' by the University.
15. The University appears to be largely indifferent to the effects it has on Heslington's residential population.

16. The University, whilst a welcome asset to York, should be held to account on promises made but not kept.
17. The University should be made to adhere to agreements made when it initially wants to do some projects (e.g. building a sports pavilion. They made an agreement to not allow people using this and the playing fields, to park on our estate [West Moor Lane] but this was not adhered to and we regularly have people parking outside our houses, and we cannot park near our house as a result). This is just one instance of many, where the University agrees to some stipulation by local groups and then does not adhere to the agreement.
18. Much greater resistance needs to be applied to future plans of the University – especially expansion and changes to roads/routes without local residents support.
19. The various residents/local communities should work much closer to achieve common aims, and resist University.
20. It is not our fault that the University built a whole new college at the end of our road [West Moor Lane] and that many houses on our estate have been bought to let to students.
21. Heslington has always been a lovely village and our family have lived here for over 50 years and we have accepted the many changes and developments that have been built here during the last few decades. Indeed we have always enjoyed the “vibrancy” of the University life but now we feel that too many new University buildings are being allowed by the Council Planning Department. Any further development will eventually result in Heslington village being totally engulfed and will become part of the University campus.
22. I am concerned about what will become of the old Victorian school building once it is handed back when the new school opens. I hope it won't become student accommodation.
23. University should be prevented from extending the East Campus south of Low Lane.
24. Students can be very noisy coming back from the pub at night, going to Halifax Court.
25. It is all very well blaming the students for noise but the universities are not meeting their needs. Lack of expectations (9 hours contact and only having to pass the 1st year) and underappreciation of their vulnerabilities (we don't have adult brains until 23'ish and judgement and empathy are developed very late), mean their behaviour is quite understandable.
26. Concern about Plusnet Events – marathons – which involve huge speakers and large quantities of them. Halifax College have a Freshers Week – noise so loud invaded my home. Music needs monitoring.
27. There needs to be more liaison between residents and the University. With Campus East that should be no student events at antisocial hours within the earshot of the residential community. Such events should be only on Campus East.
28. It is a well known fact that student population has brought neglect and litter to the area.
29. Traffic flows at rush hour are [word illegible] by poorly thought out/unsuitable traffic calming scheme. Please note Heslington Lane 30 not 40 and remove chicanes, have speed bumps along University Road/Fulford to maintain flow of traffic and avoid congestion/aggressive driving.
30. 30 mph limit should apply the whole way between Heslington and Fulford.

31. Can we influence the serious peak time traffic on Field Lane?
32. The extent of traffic visiting Brown's sandwich shop is excessive and diminishes the ambience and atmosphere of the village.
33. I am disabled [and] for some time have felt marooned here. Why? Because of [severe pain] caused by the humps on University Road I can no longer access my bank, the facilities in Market Square, or attend concerts [and] I have lost access to all bus routes. I was looking forward to the new facilities on Heslington East but the unnecessary hump by the church/traffic lights [also] means I rarely get there; [ditto] swimming in the new pool there.
34. 20 mph Main street in Heslington Village – future development should reflect impact on traffic in this area and seek to avoid increasing it significantly for the same health and safety reasons it was made 20 mph.
35. Ways must be found to prevent University staff and students parking in or around the village, and to force the University to make its own parking provision for them.
36. Cars have started to be parked on the lane leading to the Outgang parking area, making it very muddy and the lane narrower.
37. Outgang parking area needs a lot of 'supervision' – suspect drug dealers sell from their cars at night, people dump rubbish, bins overflowing.
38. Parking is very difficult in small streets and cul-de-sacs as too many students now own cars which they bring to their accommodation as do people visiting.
39. We need laybys on University Road for buses to pull into. Traffic being seriously compromised by number of buses converging on roadway.
40. Buses using University Road should have pull-in/layby at the Library Bridge stop – particularly those heading to the city.
41. I was very disappointed that the Council did not make any changes when they consulted on University Road – the speed bumps by traffic islands simply cause congestion and do not make it safer for students – crossings make so much more sense.
42. University Road cycle path – why does no-one use this!?
43. Of all the villages that used to surround York – Haxby, Osbaldwick etc. – only Heslington has not been absorbed by York. It is critical that this doesn't happen. So Badger Hill, Heslington East and Fullford must not encroach on the green buffer zones to the east and west of the village.
44. It is vitally important now that the whole of Heslington remains in the Green Belt.
45. Need to fight to protect Green Belt.
46. South of Heslington is a labyrinth of farms and wild places. A paradise for nature lovers like myself. [There then follows a long list of interesting birds, mammals and plants s/he has seen in the area]. One of the value statements is "the Green Belt is protected". Yet the land is constantly under pressure to be developed. I sincerely hope it will not happen in my lifetime.
47. With plans to close Imphal [Barracks] and build, surely we could leave the Green Belt alone and not turn anymore countryside into housing? Development to date in Heslington has preserved its village nature; it would be sad to lose it now. Access to any development from Common/Low Lane would ruin the village.
48. Should the new town south of the A64 proceed, it's imperative that access along Common Lane only be permitted for cyclists and pedestrians, and the existing farms and residents.

49. University should be prevented from making Low Lane an entry/exit route to/from the East Campus.
50. Do not want more traffic down Field Lane and Heslington Lane.
51. No more cars needed.
52. Retain worries of impact of Germany Beck traffic movements through Heslington via University Road/Heslington Lane to skirt congestion on Fulford Road.
53. We are concerned about the impact of new houses being built close by – Germany Beck and near Elvington. Traffic is very heavy already along Main Street in rush hours – morning and evening.
54. Heslington's village environment has been protected by there being no through route, and by the knowledgeable care of it by some of its inhabitants e.g. the Village Trust and Parish Council.
55. It is very worrying to read that the head of planning is raising funds for infrastructure for new housing on airfield (York Press) out-with any link to formal planning process.
56. Community living should/could be promoted. This could include more open spaces promoting the growth of wild flowers, trees and other plants. A biomass production centre could be developed to provide cheaper clean energy to the community. Up-to-date marking of footpaths, cycle ways to open up more countryside. Emphasis should be placed on pleasant, environmentally supportive open areas for the enjoyment of everyone in the community.
57. Very good direct access to countryside now compromised by A64 – cuts footpaths and bridleways.
58. Despondent that destruction of ancient hedgerow was allowed, just so one resident could erect ugly fence. What's been done about this person?
59. Retain quietness of [Main] Street outside business hours.
60. Retain lack of significant light pollution [in village].
61. A Pedestrian Crossing to be put near Holmfield Lane. Cut hedges back near this crossing.
62. Zebra Crossing is dangerous. Please change it to a Pedestrian Crossing at Holmfield Lane and cut back the hedges by the crossing so we can see people approaching.
63. We need a café and real shops. Heslington is dominated by cars and banks.
64. Schools – residents of Heslington Village should have priority of access for their children to local schools.
65. Dog walkers in and around the village should be encouraged to pick up waste and take it home not tie it to trees or leave on footpaths.
66. Dog walker cars come to the Outgang car park and walk upwards of 10 dogs – creates a lot of dog mess for walkers.
67. Is there still a mobile library service? Not sure!
68. As a resident of West Moor Lane, I object strongly to being included in the Hull Road Ward. Since we are situated between Heslington and Fulford, our address is Heslington, we pay our rates to Heslington Parish Council, we should be included in the Heslington and Fulford Ward.
69. As a resident of West moor Lane, I don't agree with being in Hull Road Ward. We should be included in the Heslington and Fulford Ward. Also we should be included in the Village Plan!!