

## **Report on Hemingford Grey Neighbourhood Plan Survey School Responses – March/April 2020**

The survey was also completed by key Stage 2 children at Hemingford Grey Primary School, with 67 Responses. The children were aged 9 to 11. Below is the analysis of their responses. The majority of the children live within the parish of Hemingford Grey, a few live in neighbouring parishes.

The survey was undertaken in class time and was coordinated by a member of the NPSG who works at the school.

The children study the local community as part of the curriculum and were introduced to what constitutes our local parish through use of a map. They had a general discussion about current houses and community facilities, for example, the church, shop.

The survey questions provided prompts for children to complete with their views, interests and concerns individually. In addition children provided comments and observations on more qualitative aspects of living within the Neighbourhood Plan area which are also recorded below.

### **General Comments**

The survey deliberately used only three open ended questions as recommended by our ACRE advisors. The concept is to find out what people like or dislike about the parish and living here without feeding them specific questions. This should provide an idea of residents' priorities without forcing them to answer questions about matters that do not immediately come to mind. However this presents much more work for analysis than if tick box questions or yes/no answers were used.

The only prompts were in general areas of interest with a set of key words and a map of the parish showing places of interest.

The results show a very positive view of the parish as a place to live with many children commenting on its 'friendly community' and the village being a 'quiet' and 'calm' place to live. 40% of the children commented on the landscape - the green areas, space and nature featuring strongly in what they liked.

The village parks, such as Daintree Green, are important to the children with 42% of comments being positive.

The sports facilities are of significant interest to the children, being mentioned by 51%. There seems to be a large split in those that think that they were good versus how they could be improved.

One of the biggest areas of concern for the children was the area of nature reserves, with 31% of the children wanting more wildlife areas and nature reserves.

Other aspects of the parish that stood out as being important included having a shop that they could walk to, although some wanted this to be bigger.

Two of the children's comments sum up many of the views well –

- 'A place where everyone is at one with nature.'

- 'A friendly place where people are kind to each other.'

<b>Very significant interest or concern (items mentioned by more than 50% of respondents)</b>	
<b>Sports facilities 51%</b> Positive 25 Improve 28 Future 13	This is a key area of interest for the children. They liked the current sports clubs and the facilities at the Pavilion, with many positive comments about the regatta. However many wanted more sports clubs and a wider variety of activities. In terms of improvements and the future 11 mentioned a swimming pool, 2 the tennis courts and 3 better leisure facilities.
<b>Significant interest or concern (items mentioned by between 25% and 49% of respondents)</b>	
<b>Landscape 49%</b> Positive 40 Improve 7 Future 6	The children were very positive about the natural environment within the parish, with many comments about the green areas, space to go for a walk and the nature. They were keen for this to be maintained for the future with 12 comments on planting more trees.
<b>Parks and Gardens 46%</b> Positive 42 Improve 4 Future 4	Within this area the 42% positive comments relate mainly to the provision of Daintree Green which is an area used widely by the children both for sports activities and leisure. Some improvement comments were around wanting an upgrade to the Pavilion park.
<b>Shops 39%</b> Positive 22 Improve 18 Future 1	The local shop was seen as a positive asset within the village, with a number of comments (9) relating to increasing its size and the variety of products stocked. A small number of comments wished for a larger variety of shops.
<b>Nature Reserves 31%</b> Positive 0 Improve 21 Future 16	This is an important are for the future for the children, with 15 comments relating to the provision of more nature reserves/wildlife areas and tree planting with woodland walks.
<b>Schools 28%</b> Positive 25 Improve 3 Future 1	The children were very positive about their school, seeing it as providing good education in a safe environment.
<b>Youth/child facilities 24%</b> Positive 9 Improve 16 Future 4	They like the clubs that currently run in the village but feel that they could be extended (6 comments). These varied from sports clubs to litter picking, a nature /wildlife club. Some mentioned more community events (5 comments).

<p><b>General facilities 18%</b></p> <p>Positive 7 Improve 7 Future 7</p>	<p>Better WIFI was mentioned by 7 respondents. A café was requested by 7 children.</p>
<p><b>River 16%</b></p> <p>Positive 16 Improve 0 Future 0</p>	<p>The Hemingford's Regatta was seen as an important event.</p>
<p><b>Play Areas 16%</b></p> <p>Positive 4 Improve 10 Future 3</p>	<p>The main areas noted for improvement were around upgrading the Pavilion play area.</p>
<p><b>Historic sites and buildings 13%</b></p> <p>Positive 12 Improve 0 Future 1</p>	<p>They liked the historic houses in the village and the mixture of old and new.</p>
<p><b>Walking 12%</b></p> <p>Positive 9 Improve 3 Future 1</p>	<p>Comments relate to the children enjoying walking in the fresh air and peaceful environment.</p>
<p><b>Building design 10%</b></p> <p>Positive 6 Improve 1 Future 3</p>	<p>Quite a mixture of wanting to keep it the same with a few wanting some more modern houses but keeping the older ones too.</p>

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