

## Desborough Town Council Autumn 2018 Consultation Results

The consultation exercise undertaken by the Council has now concluded. A special meeting was held in Desborough Library on Tuesday 8 January 2019 at 7pm to discuss the budget for the coming year.

The Council would like to thank all those who engaged with the process in whatever form: by returning the paper leaflet, by completing the online survey, by speaking with us directly, by email, and by letter.

Responses were received from 118 different streets covering both wards. We received 417 comments by the closing date, broken down as follows:-

Respondent out of area	1
Respondent commented twice	7
Insufficient information to identify respondent	5
No information to identify respondent	46

Of the 358 valid responses to the question: "*Do you agree that using some of the Desborough Town Council reserves to buy the library building is a good thing?*" responses were as follows:-

	Valid responses		All responses (excluding duplicates & out of area)	
No opinion	8	2.2%	9	2.2%
Unsure	20	5.6%	30	7.3%
No	43	12.0%	60	14.6%
Yes	287	80.2%	311	75.9%

The question asking for comments and other suggestions on how the reserves could be used produced a number of ideas including the following:-

No comment made	234
Improve car parking	45
Road improvements / Traffic calming / speed reduction	26
General town improvements	20
Public Toilets	13
Action on the Lawrences Factory site	12
One way system (Gladstone St.)	12
Precept (to abolish, reduce, or to not increase)	12
Retail / shopping improvements	12
Additional Police or PCSOs, or crime detection by CCTV	8
Bus stops / shelters / improve service	7
One way systems (other places)	6
Provision of Grit / Salt bins	5
Play area (other areas)	5
Swimming pool	5

Other suggestions (suggested by fewer people) included: bollards or railings at pedestrian crossings or the railway bridge; a new pedestrian bridge over the railway; improvements to the GP surgery and provision; providing support to local charities and organisations; encouraging walking and cycling; provision of litter bins; a children's Play area (in Loatlands Ward); more public seating; provision of teenage shelters or youth clubs; the introduction of a handyman scheme; improved communications between the Council and the community; improvements to the market or provision of an indoor market; a McDonald's restaurant, a Beefeater restaurant, or a family pub.

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