

# Eydon Village Design Statement Questionnaire, 2009

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## Appendix 1: Tabulated results and villagers' comments

### Introduction

In November 2009, a total of 195 questionnaire packs were distributed to every household identified in the village and parish of Eydon. Of these, nine were empty at the time of the survey and a further 11, whilst occupied, showed no signs of life during the collection period suggesting that their owners were absent at the time. 147 questionnaires were collected back from the remaining 175 houses, a gross collection rate of 84%. Of these, nine were blank, leaving a final total of 138 filled-in responses, representing the opinions of 79% of available households in Eydon.

Given below are the tabulated results from these 138 questionnaires, along with all the comments requested by questions 20, 22 and 33, as well as additional comment added to individual questions written on the forms. Not all questions were answered on all questionnaires giving the different response rates note below for each question.

### Treatment of the Raw Data

The results are set out in tables with the range of options available (usually from Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree) and show the total number of votes for each of those options.

Because of the variable number of votes cast (and some questions were for households rather than individuals) it is not easy to compare the results directly from one question to another, so this raw data has been normalised and expressed as a percentage distribution of the total votes for that question. This is the value in the shaded boxes.

Below the table is the value for the '*weighted average response*' to that question. This is the standard statistical tool for handling data in this format and gives a single value measure of the degree of support or otherwise to the question.

It gives more weight to strongly held agreement or disagreement over those who just agreed or disagreed, and takes into account the number of people who did not support either. It is expressed as a percentage, and can vary between +100% and -100%. Positive values show that the village on average supported the statement, and the size of the number, between 0 and +100%, shows the level of that support. Given the weighting used, a value of 0% is equivalent to 'No opinion'; +50% to 'Agree' and +100% to 'Strongly Agree'

Likewise a negative number shows that the village on average does not support the statement and again, the size of the number between 0% ('no opinion') and '-100%' (equivalent to 'Strongly Disagree'), indicates the level of the opposition.

(Mathematically it is the sum of all the 'Strongly Agree' votes plus half the 'Agree' votes, less all the 'Strongly Disagree' and half the 'Disagree' votes, the result being divided by the total number of votes given, including the 'no opinions'. It is symmetrical in that it gives equal weight to positive and negative strong opinions.)

Lastly, any anecdotal evidence is given. This is the additional comment that some people have written on the form about that question. The letter in brackets (A), (B) etc in front of each comment is purely to mark its position in that particular list of comments.

## Q1 to Q5, Questions about Demographics

Q1 In your household, how many people are aged: (138 Households)

	A	0-5	6 - 17	18-21	22-45	46-65	65+	Unspecified	Totals
Male		12	17	6	38	51	30	5	159
Female		9	15	12	38	50	26	6	156
Totals		21	32	18	76	101	56	11	315
Distribution		6.7%	10.2%	5.7%	24.1%	32.1%	17.8%	3.5%	

Of these 315 villagers, 294 are 6 and over, and 262 are adult (18 and over)

From these results, the average villager's age is 42 years and 10 months, that of men being 43 years and 2 months; women 42 years and 6 months.

From these results, the size of households can be calculated (138 Households)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	more
	31	66	15	22	4	0	0
	22.5%	47.8%	10.9%	15.9%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%

Averages size of household is 2.28 persons per household

Q2 How many years have you lived in Eydon? (137 households)

	0 - 1	1 - 5	6 - 15	16 - 25	26 - 50	50+
	14	25	45	16	29	8
	10.2%	18.2%	32.8%	11.7%	21.2%	5.8%

Average length of residence per household is 18 years and 4 months.

Q3 When was your dwelling built? (133 households)

	Pre 1900	1900 to 1950	1951 to 1990	Post 1990
	63	11	51	10
	46.7%	8.1%	37.8%	7.4%

Q4 In your household, how many people are? (292 responses)

	In full time education	Employed	Self Employed	Unemployed	Retired	Unwaged, housewife, carer etc	Other
	43	102	61	7	64	9	8
	14.6%	34.7%	20.7%	2.4%	21.8%	3.1%	2.7%

Q5 In your household, how many members' main place of work or study are; (212 responses)

	At home	Elsewhere in the village	Within 10 miles	Within 11 - 30 miles	Over 30 miles
	51	7	56	65	33
	24.1%	3.3%	26.4%	30.7%	15.6%

Average distance travelled to work: 14.5 miles

## Q6 to Q11, Questions about the Village's Landscape and Setting

Q6 How many members in your household believe that the setting of the church and its surroundings should be preserved? (282 responses)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
214	58	9	3	0
<i>75.4%</i>	<i>20.4%</i>	<i>3.2%</i>	<i>1.1%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>

Weighted average response: +85.0%

Additional Comments on Q6: (A) Support for setting of churchyard and graves, but not fields surrounding them; (B) church is usually the heart of the village.

Q7 How many members in your household feel that the settings of the communal open spaces in the village, the green and sports field, should be preserved? (282 responses)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
213	60	8	3	0
<i>75.0%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>	<i>2.8%</i>	<i>1.1%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>

Weighted average response: +85.0%

Additional comments on Q7: (A) Support for preservation of setting of sports field, not the green; (B) That cricket should be maintained; (C) the open spaces should be preserved but private property surrounding them should not be effected.

Q8 How many members in your household feel that the public footpaths, bridleways and verges should be maintained? (281 responses)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
205	71	7	0	0
<i>72.4%</i>	<i>25.1%</i>	<i>2.5%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>

Weighted average response: +85.0%

Additional Comments on Q8: (A) Why wouldn't they?

Q9 How many members in your household believe that existing views within and on approach to the village are important to maintain its rural character? (276 responses)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
179	78	17	4	0
<i>64.4%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>	<i>6.1%</i>	<i>1.4%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>

Weighted average response: +77.7%

Additional Comments on Q9: (A) I fear this is too broad a question as the approaches to the village vary enormously in beauty.

Q10 How many members in your household believe that residents/businesses should be encouraged to maintain, and where applicable replace, trees and hedgerows which contribute to the amenity and landscape of the village? (277 responses)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
143	100	30	6	0
<i>53.1%</i>	<i>35.8%</i>	<i>10.8%</i>	<i>2.2%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>

Weighted average response: +68.1%

Additional Comments on Q10: (A) Disagrees, but notes would actually like a branch removed and hedge cut so that I have a view!

Q11 In the interests of conserving and enhancing the rural nature of Eydon, how many members in your household believe that all electrical and telephone wiring should be laid underground? (276 responses)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
96	97	62	23	0
<i>34.5%</i>	<i>34.9%</i>	<i>22.3%</i>	<i>8.3%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>

Weighted average response: +47.8%

Additional Comments on Q11: (A) Disagrees because of damage to roads which are poorly/badly maintained anyway.; (B) depends where in the village; (C) but most is underground

## Q12 to Q17, Questions about Eydon's Buildings & Settlement

Q12 How many members in your household believe there is any **need** for more accommodation in Eydon? (269 responses)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
25	47	65	72	60
<i>9.3%</i>	<i>17.5%</i>	<i>24.2%</i>	<i>26.8%</i>	<i>22.3%</i>

Weighted average response: -17.7%

Additional Comments on Q12: (A) provided it is the lower end of the market and can support families wanting to remain together in the village; (B) more young(ish) people to contribute to village activities.

Q13 How many members in your household **want** more houses in Eydon (277 responses)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
23	56	43	67	88
<i>8.3%</i>	<i>20.2%</i>	<i>15.5%</i>	<i>24.2%</i>	<i>31.8%</i>

Weighted average response: -25.5%

Additional Comments on Q13: (A) The only way I'll get broadband is if another housing estate goes up. I want broadband.

Q14 If you agree with the statement in Q13, how many members of your household believe that this development should be: - (105 responses from 50 households)

Infill only on existing plots	Small estates 2 to 6 houses	Medium estate 7 to 14 houses	Large estate 15 plus
42	43	15	5
<i>40.0%</i>	<i>41.0%</i>	<i>14.3%</i>	<i>4.8%</i>

Additional Comments on Q14: (A) must be within village envelope; (B) Must look like old village houses, or wonderful fresh architecture; (C) only if extremely carefully designed and meet criteria in Q16 and Q23; (D) '0' in Infill, with NO next to it.

Q15 How many members in your household agree that when replacing windows, doors etc the scale, size, materials and style should match the architectural and historic character of the village? (278 responses)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
115	115	31	13	4
<i>41.4%</i>	<i>41.4%</i>	<i>11.2%</i>	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>1.4%</i>

Weighted average response: +58.3%

Additional Comments on Q15: (A) Only if meets ecological principles; (B) meaningless (ie the words architectural and historic character in question); (C) But quite ideological; (D) 'Not slavishly keeping eyesores unimproved' ; (E) Depends on where in the village'; (F) Question changed from 'of the village' to 'of the particular house'

Q16 With any proposed new development, the scale, density, mass, height, layout, materials, architectural detailing, access and landscape must combine to ensure that it blends well within the context of its surroundings within the village. How many members in your household: - (275 responses)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
177	78	19	1	0
<i>64.4%</i>	<i>28.4%</i>	<i>6.9%</i>	<i>0.4%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>

Weighted average response: +78.4%

Additional Comments on Q16: (A) Probably be too late now!; (B) Subjective!

Q17 Do you believe that environmentally sustainable power generation should be encouraged within the community, subject to planning requirements and provided the construction is appropriately designed and located? How many members in your household: - (270 responses)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
89	93	39	32	17
<i>33.0%</i>	<i>34.4%</i>	<i>14.4%</i>	<i>11.9%</i>	<i>6.3%</i>

Weighted average response: +38.0%

Additional Comments on Q17: (A) As long as not an eyesore!; (B) Essential!; (C) Agree with sustainability but not wind turbines and other eyesores!; (D) If wind turbines - No unless completely hidden. Solar panels yes; (E) not possible without ugly solar panels or noisy wind generation equipment.

## Q18 to Q23, Questions about Roads and Traffic

Q18 How many cars are there in your household and where are they normally kept? (137 Households)

Garage	Car port	Drive	By kerb	On verge	Elsewhere	Total
26	10	124	74	1	9	244
10.7%	4.1%	50.8%	30.3%	0.4%	3.7%	

Cars per household

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
5	41	72	8	7	4	0
3.6%	29.9%	52.6%	5.8%	5.1%	2.9%	0.0%

Average cars per household: 1.77

Average cars per adult: 0.93

Q19 How many members in your household believe that speeding traffic is a problem in the village?

(279 responses)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
45	114	51	48	21
16.1%	40.9%	18.3%	17.2%	7.5%

Weighted average response: +20.4%

Additional Comments on Q19: (A) Not regularly, but isolated drivers can be a problem; (B) Agrees, with qualification " at certain times of day"; (C) perhaps Lime Av might pose a problem?

Q20 If you agree with the statement in Q19, how many of your household think that any of the following could be regarded as a cost effective form of dealing with the issue? (i.e. speeding in the village)

Reduce speed limit to 20 mph?

Yes 97 No 52 +30.3% in favour

Road engineering to calm speed of traffic flow?

Yes 40 No 92 -39.8% against

One way traffic system?

Yes 13 No 117 -81.7% against

Automatic speed notification signs on entry to village?

Yes 114 No 47 +42.5% in favour

Road width restrictions on entry to village to enforce speed reduction?

Yes 61 No 72 -8.3% against

Q20 also asked if villagers had any other suggestions for calming traffic in the village. The 36 responses broke down roughly into the following 4 groups:

**Change nothing** (11)

(A) Please! None of the above!!; (B) No speed bumps!; (C) Don't want to see any obstructions e.g. sleeping policeman/speed notification signs; (D) no white gates or dummy gates please; (E) Keep horses off the road, especially round blind bends!; (F) No more signs; leave the roads alone - the village is not suburban; (G) Road width restrictions would cause problems for farming; (H) A one-way system would mean that

parking wouldn't impede progress.; (I) Icy weather will need traffic to go safest way round village, so 1-way system won't work.; (J) We do not believe road engineering of any sort really works and increases pollution; (K) 30 mph is ignored now- lowering limits will not help, speed bumps are noisy and damages cars.

**Speed traps**

(11)

(A) More police camera traps; (B) Regular radar traps on village roads; (C) Speed camera occasionally employed to remind drivers they may be caught if they don't respect inhabitants lives! False cameras?; (D) enforcement camera/s; (E) As speeding tends to be a problem at certain times of day, to have irregular speed checks; (F) The main area for this problem is Lime Ave. Neighbourhood speed checks could be periodically introduced (village volunteers or police); (G) Mobile speed cameras with signs; (H) Enforcing the speed limit. Make roads into village access only; (I) Although we do not think speeding is a regular problem reducing the limit to 20mph is a good idea.; (J) Maybe residents able to note speeding traffic with a speed gun and report to police. Could have a rota system; (K) Car parking effective speed control. Need speed traps)

**Education**

(5)

(A) Educate drivers properly during test prep; (B) Courtesy and good manners when driving; (C) Injunctions to ban speeders from village!; (D) Name & Shame drivers/cars?; (E) Talk to residents as I have seen many speeding.

**Change roads**

(9)

(A) Small zones of yellow lines, i.e. junctions; (B) rumble strips; (C) Paint the road a different colour. Golden like foot paths!!! ; (D) sign at Lime Ave (i.e. not entrance to village); (E) Possibly to width restrictions. Important not to change the look of the village with signage; (F) There is a need for better road layout on Lime Ave. Possibly narrowing to allow traffic to pass one way at a time.; (G) Change of priorities at junction of Hill View & Lime Avenue - Give Way; (H) Park on both sides create chicane. Close High St to thro traffic - access only; (I) Signs are of no use or there is no one to enforce the speed limit, you must restrict traffic movement in order to reduce speed.

Q21 How many members of your household believe that any new street furniture (signage, markings etc) introduced by these schemes should respect the character of the village in terms of design, density and siting. (265 responses)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
132	105	22	4	2
49.8%	39.6%	8.3%	1.5%	0.8%

Weighted average response: +68.1%

Additional Comments on Q21: (A) Why do we need street furniture, it adds nothing. There is NO need for street furniture! See example of Oxford Circus, London, where they have taken away furniture and [rest illegible] ; (B) Too much signage!; (C);Voted for No Opinion, comment: 'Impossible to achieve'.

Q22 How many members in your household believe that parking is a problem in the village?

(281 responses)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
132	98	38	9	4
47.0%	34.9%	13.5%	3.2%	1.4%

Weighted average response: +61.3%

Q22 also asked if villagers had any other suggestions for solving the problem of parking in the village. The 50 responses broke down roughly into the following 6 groups:

## **No Change**

(4)

(A) No - we just have to live with it.; (B) But probably difficult to deal with now, especially along Preston Capes Road - where are the cars from those new houses going to go!!; (C) Its a village, what can you do?; (D) Too late, too many houses have been built with inadequate parking.

## **New Parking Area**

(17)

(A) Explore possibility of hiring field adjacent to Village Hall for parking during functions at hall.; (B) Can village hall have its own car park?; (C) Local Authorities to buy land off Drs Lane - 2 spaces per property to free up parking for VH parking; (D) Compulsory purchase of field for car parking behind Jolyon Bulls on the High Street for use by residents & Village Hall; (E) Buy field behind village hall for general parking and don't allow (to the left of it) garages to be turned into part of the house i.e. The Cedars; (F) Sadly not in the main area which is the High Street - there is simply no where else unless the field adjacent to the village hall could be utilised in part for off road parking by residents only; (G) Village Hall car park to be created somewhere.; (H) Maybe Village Hall parking edge of village? by the church?; (I) If land were available, would a village car park offer a solution, particularly if gated and at least part secure, for use of residents who could rent space; (J) Overflow village car park; (K) Encourage off road parking with communal facilities; (L) Car park for visitors to the village; (M) Provide a car park, especially for visiting non-residents; (N) Develop a village car park & double yellow parts of village; (O) Car Parking Areas Where Possible; (P) A bit of common sense & courtesy. Parking lessons for some! Pay Geoff Amos for village parking + people park + walk!; (Q) One way system so everyone could park on one side.

## **Shared cars and parking spaces**

(7)

(A) Web based car sharing scheme to reduce car ownerships. Promote smaller vehicles; (B) Shared car parking space on driveways not used by occupiers; (C) buy smaller cars. Arrange use of any neighbours unused spaces?; (D) Cars should park closer, smaller cars; (E) Garage/driveway sharing scheme. Car park for visitors to the village. In general, considerate parking so that neighbours can find a space (i.e. not taking two spaces thus depriving others.)

## **Permits**

(8)

(A) Designated spaces outside house, additional visitor parking elsewhere; (B) People should use their own allocated places/drives; (C) Residents Parking Permits; (D) Permits; (E) Permit parking?; (F) 1 car per household; (G) Residents only permitted; (H) Mark the spaces on the road. Each dwelling should only be allowed one space. Other vehicles they have to find off street parking.

## **Fines for people with off road parking who don't use it!**

(12)

(A) Fine people with adequate off road parking who don't use them!; (B) Those with off road parking should be fined for not using it!; (C) People with drives should be compelled to use them; (D) If rules stipulate a house build requires a garage, the owner must use that garage for their car; (E) Those who have off road parking should use it; (F) Encourage those with off street parking to use it; (G) Regular inspections to monitor illegal or inconsiderate parking; (H) There are people who have off road parking but do not use it! Maybe talking to them may persuade them to use it. Short of a commercial car park there does not seem any option; (I) Some people do have drives or garages to park in; (J) Identify those with driveways and request them not to park on the road; (K) Use driveways/parking areas \*not on pavements\* \*Use common sense in on road parking - don't restrict roadway for emergency service vehicles!!; (L) Local people using the pub should park in the car park.

## **Planning Changes**

(12)

(A) Insist that existing garages are used. Do not grant planning permission for conversion of garages to houses; (B) Stop infilling driveways; (C) Don't convert garages to dwellings; (D) Infill buildings should accommodate cars, not people; (E) No more development without parking allowance for at least 2 cars per household; (F) Any new developments should have off-road parking; (G) No new developments without adequate off road parking; (H) Do not give planning permission for infill unless they have parking off road for all their vehicles; (I) Prohibit parking in dangerous places e.g. the junction on Moreton Road & High Street.; (J) Enforce law not to park within 10 metres of junction. The corner High Street/School Lane is a junction; (K) In view of number of parked cars in High St, one way system would be welcome; (L) That the Royal Oak clearly mark spaces in its c/park and stop patrons parking on the pavement.

Q23 How many members in your household believe that any new building developments must be designed to ensure that they do not add to any existing parking problems? (282 responses)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
202	71	9	0	0
71.6%	25.2%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%

Weighted average response: +84.3%

Addition Comments on Q23: (A) This may present a conflict of interest with Q16, if 'Strongly Agree' leads to larger mass or scale of house to cope with built-in garage - and no 3-storey.

## Q24 to Q33, Questions about Services and Amenities

Q24 How important are the bus services to your household? (263 responses)

Essential	Important	Not important	Never use	Wouldn't use
15	86	90	70	2
5.7%	32.7%	34.2%	26.6%	0.8%

Important destinations (68 responses)

Banbury	Daventry	Northampton	Towcester	Brackley	Woodford	Leamington Spa	Byfield Oxford, MK
55	41	26	15	14	8	5	3
80.9%	60.3%	38.2%	22.1%	20.6%	11.8%	7.4%	4.4%

Q25 How would your household rate (from 1, poor, to 5, excellent) the service they get from each? (136 households)

	Electricity	Water/ Sewage	Internet access	Mobile phone access
Total Score	528	532	265	196
<i>Average Percentage Satisfaction</i>	72.1%	72.8%	23.7%	11.0%

Average percentage satisfaction is calculated by dividing the total score for each facility by the response to that service. It is expressed as a percentage, +100% if everyone gave that service '5', 0% if everyone gave a service '1'.

Q26 How many people in your household work from home? (227 responses)

Never	Occasionally	Regularly	Full time
114	56	46	11
50.2%	24.7%	20.3%	4.8%

Q27 Businesses developments in the village should be encouraged, provided they do not adversely affect the community with unreasonable traffic volumes or working hours or pollution. How many members of your household agree with this? (272 responses)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
53	151	28	33	7
19.5%	55.5%	10.3%	12.1%	2.6%

Weighted average response: +38.3%

Additional Comments on Q27: (A) NB Pollution is an issue, but your leading question is inappropriate!; (B) "But Geoff Amos should be on A361 not in Eydon".

How many in your household agree with the following statements?

Q28 The village is too small to support a shop (271 responses)

Yes 95 No 176

i.e. by almost 2:1, the village thought it **could** support a shop.

Additional comments on Q28: (A) and post office?; (B) - but may support a primary school!; (C) the village used to have a shop!; (D) support increasing size of village to support shop.

Q29 More street lighting is needed (277 responses)

Yes 101 No 176

i.e. by 7:4, the village do not want more street lighting.

Q30 More bench seating is needed (257 responses)

Yes 64 No 193

i.e. by 3:1, the village do not want more benches.

Q31 More litter bins are needed (264 responses)

Yes 85 No 179

i.e. by 2:1, the village do not want more litter bins.

Additional comment on Q31: (A) The litter that is an issue is thrown out of passing vehicles

Q32 More bins for dog droppings are needed (263 responses)

Yes 149 No 114

i.e. by a margin of 30%, the village do want more doggie bins.

Additional comments on Q32: (A) These are STILL not used regularly by some; (B) No need for more bins as some people don't pick it up anyway!; (C) Less dogs!; (D) take it (litter) home; (E) No to more dog bins, but note to take it home!

Q33 Is there one thing that your respondents value most about the village that they feel has not been included on the questionnaire? (49 responses)

This question allowed respondents free range to raise matters about the village that they felt were important to them. The responses could be grouped in to four main topic areas plus an addition miscellaneous group.

## Village Hall

(14 responses)

(A) Maintenance of village hall is vital. Location of village hall.; (B) Great having the village hall in the centre of the village - centre of the community; (C) Use of community space - Village Hall - should maintain its central location as an amenity to the village. Shop/PO run 1/wk from this location?; (D) Village Hall remaining central for activities in the village. Open door policy of Church. Church library, mobile library. pub.; (E) The Village Hall - as a valuable centre of the community should remain the centre of the village.; (F) There is no mention of the Village Hall, a significant amenity; (G) Central location of the village hall is vital to this close-knit community; (H) save the village hall; (I) The village hall should stay where it is; (J) The village hall must be preserved or replaced but is also essential for community; (K) Future of the village hall; (L) The village hall. A good village hall is a valued asset that must be maintained if we are to preserve that friendly, homely community feel that Eydon has and all others envy; (M) The importance of the village hall and pub as amenities and places for community activities/socialising also the sports field and church; (N) The village hall should stay where its always been.

## Community and Peace and Quiet

(9 responses)

(A) I value neighbourhood concerns and security. Neighbourhood Watch is excellent and newsletter detailing any issues and events to raise awareness. Signing to deter criminal activity?; (B) The peace and quiet is very valuable - control of unnecessary noise is important e.g. barking dogs!; (C) Safe Community. Sense of community, with arranged events. Quietness, recycling, beauty - structure of the village and surroundings; (D) Peace and Quiet; (E) Sense of community; (F) The peace and quiet – lovely; (G) A good welcoming feeling from the residents and neighbours, 'Village Help' 'Village News' etc; (H) Eydon's usp is that it's a small, quiet, unspoiled village, off the beaten track with close-knit community. Let's try to keep it that way. PS can we get rid of the golden gravel?; (I) Good neighbours, active clubs, surrounding countryside.

## Development Issues

(9 responses)

(A) We think it is important to note that the village is as it is due to development - evolving over the years. To be a live village we must allow it to continue to do so!; (B) Development of new build should be both in keeping with the character of the village but where possible Eco-friendly. Any new development should offer something positive to the environment/village.

(C) Protection of the surrounding countryside from development which is one of the key characteristics of the village; (D) The village should not extend except for re-development of existing houses or 'brown-fill' development; (E) Respect for the village boundaries; (F) The beautiful view up through the bridleway in Hollow Way, as you come into the village. I cannot imagine having to look at a housing estate - what an utter disaster for the village if planning is allowed.

(G) A continuation of pavements to all houses in Eydon. With more houses, what about more allotments as new houses have tiny gardens. Some garages to store stuff would be great too; (H) Access road maintenance not up to standard for 21st century.

(I) Q14 should include affordable housing.

## The Royal Oak

(7 responses)

(A) The pub and village hall; (B) Pub excellent (if pricey food); (C) Ensuring we do not go the way of Morton Pinkney and lose our pub!; (D) Make the pub a more family friendly area for the kids during the busy summer months; (E) Character of pub to be maintained; (F) The public house is the only place that the village comes together in a social setting; (G) Pub should be encouraged to be a PO/depot for deliveries.

## Miscellaneous

(14 responses)

(A) If you're going to ask our opinions they should be taken into account. The village should move forwards as the majority wants. We hope the results of this questionnaire are going to be published and used to develop the village in a democratic way; (B) This is a rural village of individuals who should not have the prejudices of urban minded groups imposed upon them; (C) We strongly oppose the increasing

urbanisation of the village and believe residents should be encouraged to embrace countryside living rather than try to turn the village into a suburb.

(D) Support for a primary School?; (E) Insufficient facilities for young people

(F) Very important to have a regular bus link to Woodford Halse for all those who don't drive/have access to a car - say twice daily and back.

(G) Mobile shop very useful (Chris Mumford) Village magazine very useful too; (H) Cost effective shop? Safe access to Sports Field?; (I) Supply of gas;

(J) Bonfires should not be allowed in the village;

(K) More effort should be taken by residents (in some cases) to the general upkeep to exteriors areas of their property i.e. frontages/fences hedges etc; (L) It's a beautiful village but the first thing you see entering the village from the Culworth direction is an old caravan - the feel of the village should be maintained from first view entering the village; (M) Value its remote location. Public footpaths could be better maintained with broader access. Private landowners are too restrictive about access right of way. Try consulting some of the expertise in the village....i.e. The sports field committee would benefit from some help!!!

(N) Crime prevention-cctv monitoring of vehicles entering village.

# Eydon Village Design Statement Questionnaire, 2009

## Appendix 2: Questionnaire design and methodology

### Design

The VDS Group put together the questionnaire during the autumn of 2009 based on discussions with other VDS groups, examples of questionnaires and feedback from the exhibition at Eydon Fete in September. It was decided to limit the questionnaire to four sides of A4 and that most questions would ask villagers to agree or disagree with various statements about the village. It was felt important that although the questionnaire was household-based, the views of all the members of the household, including children and young people would be sought.

Most of the questions asked relate directly to the VDS but several questions deliberately went beyond its remit. Some of these covered the demographics of the village and were chosen to compare them with similar questions asked in 1992 and 1995 for the village appraisal. Other questions, for example touching on development issues, are outside the remit of the VDS, but were included with a view to recording these as (non-mandatory) 'Parish Preferences'.

In the end, a questionnaire of 33 questions, including provisions to add comments on various topics, was produced and circulated, along with a separate covering letter. (Appendix 3) The questionnaire, along with its delivery/collection envelope, was designed to ensure anonymity for the respondents.

### Methodology

The village was divided into six, approximately equal, geographical areas. They were: Northwest – top of Lime Av, Partridge Lane and Manitoba; North – Hill View, Preston Rd and very top end of High St; Northeast – Moreton Rd and High St down to Old Granary; East – middle High St and Doctors Lane; South – everything south of a line from 6 High St to 5 Lime Av; and West – middle Lime Av including Blacksmiths Lane and Manning's Yard. Outlying houses and farms were included in the nearest area.

Each VDS group member delivered the questionnaires to their area in the week commencing November 16, 2009 and collected them, in the supplied envelopes, the following week. If not collected then, two to three return calls were made before a card, giving additional details to arrange collections, was left at the house. As these uncollected questionnaires could be returned to whichever group member was most convenient, it meant that the final collected groups of forms are only loosely geographical.

For data handling purposes, the questionnaires were subsequently given a serial number that includes an area identity, but no attempt was made to identify the source of any of the forms. The data, including any comments, was entered into customised Excel workbooks for further analysis. The tabulated results from these spreadsheets, along with all comments written on the forms, are given here in Appendix 1.

[For the record, the group mainly from the northwest of the village is identified by a prefix letter S; that from the north J; from the northeast by the letter R; from the east by a letter K; the south by the letter T

and M identifies the group mainly from the west of the village. These serial numbers have been removed from all public documents.]

## **Response Rate**

From maps etc a total of 195 possible households were identified and questionnaires delivered. During the collection process it became clear that nine of these were empty at this time. In addition in a further 11, whilst apparently occupied, the residents seemed to be absent from them during the course of the survey, leaving a final total of 175 possible village opinions.

A total of 147 forms were collected in giving a gross response rate of 84%. Some of these were not filled in for a variety of reason (sometimes explained in accompanying letters) leaving a total for the filled in questionnaires of 138, representing 79% of possible village opinions. This means that the VDS Questionnaire response truly represents the village's views.



# EYDON VILLAGE NEWS

Special Supplement on the Village Design Statement & Questionnaire

November 2009

## *Did you realise that Eydon will soon have its own Village Design Statement?*

"What's that?" or "So what?" might be your first reaction, but if there are things about Eydon that you'd like to protect then read on.

Just why did you choose to live here? Was it the quietness and beauty of a country village perhaps or was it where you grew up and wanted to stay? These things are important to our design statement.



### What is it?

Our Village Design Statement (VDS) will be a description of the village, drawn up by its residents, which emphasises what people value most about Eydon and what gives it its unique and special identity.

It is intended to influence future changes, both large and small in all parts of the village, so they enhance the features that contribute to Eydon's identity rather than dilute it.

### How a VDS works

The current VDS is only a draft version and has no legal status. But it is hoped that when amended by our views, it will be used by our Parish Council, and, by then working with South Northants Council we hope it will be formally adopted by them and issued as a

Supplementary Planning Document. Although not mandatory, future developers will take notice of what is written in the VDS.

But without this document we have no way, as a collection of villagers, to present our views and make known what we feel strongly about. Small groups of people have come together to fight planning applications, successfully, in the past but we hope this document will reduce the risk of other planners attacking what we hold dear in Eydon.

A draft (it is no more than that) of the VDS is available via the Parish Council website (under 'Miscellaneous Documents' on the 'Archive' page) at: [www.eydon.org.uk/epc](http://www.eydon.org.uk/epc).

### We need you

To carry any weight at all with potential developers in Eydon – which can be anyone looking to build or change something in the village – the VDS must be the view of the people who live here. You may have already contributed some thoughts if you visited the red tent at the Eydon Fete in September, but now we are asking everyone in Eydon to complete a short questionnaire.

The purpose of the questionnaire is to find out what you think and feel about various topics that are best described in the phrase "What makes Eydon, Eydon?"

We would like to point out that you don't have to have read the VDS to complete the questionnaire

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# Questions, Questions.... and Questionnaires

It was Johann Wolfgang Van Goethe (German poet 1749-1832 - as Google found out for us) who said "If you want a wise answer, ask a reasonable question."

The VDS group hope their efforts to come up with a number of reasonable questions will elicit wise answers from the residents of Eydon!

The purpose of the questionnaire is to find out what you think and feel about various topics that are best described in the phrase "What makes Eydon, Eydon?"



## All your views count

We are seeking the views of as many people in the village as possible NOT just one view per household so we ask that the responses will show the number of people in the household who hold each individual opinion. Obviously very young children will not be able to respond but it is not an adults-only event and younger people are encouraged to contribute their views.

If anyone would like to make their own individual response, extra forms will be available.

Also if anyone would like a personal chat about the questionnaire then contact anyone from the list.

## What happens next?

The forms will be delivered the week beginning November 16 and collected a week later, beginning on November 23. If you are away from home at that time do please let us know and we can make other arrangements if necessary.

Some of the topics raised in the Questionnaire may be ones that the VDS itself will not be able to influence BUT it is felt that your responses to them can still be useful.



## What kind of questions?

First of all there will be some general questions such as how many people live in your house and how long have you lived there. We do not ask any personal information at all, not even your name or address. It goes on to cover things like the landscape, green spaces, buildings old and new, roads and traffic, services and amenities and our environment.

Filling in the questionnaire should be an easy task though you may find yourself considering aspects of living in Eydon that you had not thought of before, such as what one thing you think most important.

The style of the questionnaire may be familiar to you. Most questions are in fact statements so you just need to fill in one of a series of boxes ranging from 'Agree strongly' to 'Disagree strongly'.



## Then what?

The results of the survey will not only be used to help produce the VDS but will be shared with the village in as comprehensive a way as possible be it by public meetings, EVN, the village website or any other ways of telling what Eydon people want for Eydon.

# Eydon Village Design Statement Questionnaire

November 16<sup>th</sup> 2009

Dear Eydon resident

Here is your copy of the Eydon Village Design Statement (VDS) Questionnaire, which we hope you will fill in. You may remember the recent supplement to Eydon Village News which explained what the VDS is and why we need your help.

## **Scope**

Our VDS aims to inform future developers on how the village should look. This questionnaire is to obtain the views of people living in Eydon on some aspects that the VDS will cover as well as some topics that will be outside its remit. Some of these tie in with questions asked in the Village Appraisal of 1995, but others have been included so as to gauge the village's opinion on matters that they consider important. It is hoped that some of these might be included as non-statutory 'Village Preferences' alongside the VDS Guidelines (which will form part of the formal planning document).

## **All your views count**

We are seeking the views of as many people in the village as possible, NOT just one view per household, so we ask that responses show the number of people in the household who hold each individual opinion. Obviously very young children will not be able to respond but it is not an adults-only event and younger people are encouraged to contribute their views.

If anyone would like to make their own individual response, further copies of this questionnaire can be obtained from any member of the VDS group, whose details are overleaf, or it can be downloaded as a PDF version from the Parish Council website (under 'Miscellaneous Documents' on the 'Archive' page) at: [www.eydon.org.uk/epc](http://www.eydon.org.uk/epc). A draft version of the VDS is also available from the same place.

## **Questions and help**

If you have queries, if you need help filling in the form or if you (or one of your neighbours) need a large print version of this letter or the questionnaire, ask any member of the group.

## Filling the questions in

Most questions are in fact statements so you just need to fill in one of a series of boxes ranging from 'Strongly Agree' to 'Strongly Disagree'.

For example, in response to the question: "*How many members in your household believe that speeding traffic is a problem in the village?*" If you and your partner think it is a problem, your mother thinks it definitely is, and your son is not bothered, then you would enter in the boxes below the question:

Strongly Agree	<b>1</b>	Agree	<b>2</b>	No Opinion	<b>1</b>	Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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Additional comments, on any aspect of the VDS or questionnaire, will be welcome. Please write them on a separate sheet and include it with your returned form.

## Returning the forms

Please take a few minutes to fill in the form and replace it in the envelope it came in.

This will be collected from your home one week after delivery (nominally week commencing November 23<sup>rd</sup>). If you will be away, or if were out when we called, please contact any of the group, or even return the envelope directly to your nearest group member. We are hoping to have all the questionnaires returned before the start of December.

## Remember, your views matter!

Yours faithfully

*The VDS group*

The questionnaire and draft VDS has been prepared by a group of villagers, under the sponsorship of the Parish Council. Please feel free to contact any of them about any aspect of the VDS or the questionnaire

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## Some information about your household

Q1 In your household, how many people are aged:

	0-5	6-17	18-21	22-45	46-65	65+
Male						
Female						

Q2 How many years have you lived in Eydon?

Less than 1	1 – 5	6 – 15	16 - 25	26 – 50	50+

Q3 When was your dwelling built?

Pre 1900	1900 to 1950	1951 to 1990	Post 1990

Q4 In your household, how many people are?

In full time education	Employed	Self Employed	Unemployed	Retired	Unwaged, housewife, carer etc	Other

Q5 In your household, how many members' main place of work or study are;

At home	Elsewhere in the village	Within 10 miles	Within 11 – 30 miles	Over 30 miles

## Landscape and Setting

The architectural and historic character of the village and its setting are what makes Eydon the village it is.

Q6 How many members in your household believe that the setting of the church and its surroundings should be preserved?

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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Q7 How many members in your household feel that the settings of the communal open spaces in the village, the green and sports field, should be preserved?

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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Q8 How many members in your household feel that the public footpaths, bridleways and verges should be maintained?

Strongly Agree	<input type="text"/>	Agree	<input type="text"/>	No Opinion	<input type="text"/>	Disagree	<input type="text"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="text"/>
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Q9 How many members in your household believe that existing views within and on approach to the village are important to maintain its rural character?

Strongly Agree	<input type="text"/>	Agree	<input type="text"/>	No Opinion	<input type="text"/>	Disagree	<input type="text"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="text"/>
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Q10 How many members in your household believe that residents/businesses should be encouraged to maintain, and where applicable replace, trees and hedgerows which contribute to the amenity and landscape of the village?

Strongly Agree	<input type="text"/>	Agree	<input type="text"/>	No Opinion	<input type="text"/>	Disagree	<input type="text"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="text"/>
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Q11 In the interests of conserving and enhancing the rural nature of Eydon, how many members in your household believe that all electrical and telephone wiring should be laid underground?

Strongly Agree	<input type="text"/>	Agree	<input type="text"/>	No Opinion	<input type="text"/>	Disagree	<input type="text"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="text"/>
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## Buildings & Settlements

Q12 How many members in your household believe there is any **need** for more accommodation in Eydon?

Strongly Agree	<input type="text"/>	Agree	<input type="text"/>	No Opinion	<input type="text"/>	Disagree	<input type="text"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="text"/>
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Q13 How many members in your household **want** more houses in Eydon?

Strongly Agree	<input type="text"/>	Agree	<input type="text"/>	No Opinion	<input type="text"/>	Disagree	<input type="text"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="text"/>
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Q14 If you agree with the statement in Q13, how many members of your household believe that this development should be: -

Infill only (on existing plots)	<input type="text"/>	Medium estate (7 to 14 houses)	<input type="text"/>
Small estates (2 to 6 houses)	<input type="text"/>	Large estate (15 plus)	<input type="text"/>

Q15 How many members in your household agree that when replacing windows, doors etc the scale, size, materials and style should match the architectural and historic character of the village?

Strongly Agree	<input type="text"/>	Agree	<input type="text"/>	No Opinion	<input type="text"/>	Disagree	<input type="text"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="text"/>
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Q16 With any proposed new development, the scale, density, mass, height, layout, materials, architectural detailing, access and landscape must combine to ensure that it blends well within the context of its surroundings within the village. How many members in your household: -

Strongly Agree	<input type="text"/>	Agree	<input type="text"/>	No Opinion	<input type="text"/>	Disagree	<input type="text"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="text"/>
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Q17 Do you believe that environmentally sustainable power generation should be encouraged within the community, subject to planning requirements and provided the construction is appropriately designed and located? How many members in your household: -

Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Roads and Traffic

Q18 How many cars are there in your household and where are they normally kept?

In a Garage	In a car port	On the drive	By the kerb	On the verge	Elsewhere	Total
<input type="text"/>						

Q19 How many members in your household believe that speeding traffic is a problem in the village?

Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Q20 If you agree with the statement in Q19, how many of your household think that any of the following could be regarded as a cost effective form of dealing with the issue?

	Yes	No
Reduce speed limit to 20 mph	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road engineering to calm speed of traffic flow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
One way traffic system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Automatic speed notification signs on entry to village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road width restrictions on entry to village to enforce speed reduction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have any other suggestions?

Q21 How many members of your household believe that any new street furniture (signage, markings etc) introduced by these schemes should respect the character of the village in terms of design, density and siting.

Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Q22 How many members in your household believe that parking is a problem in the village?

Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If you agree, do you have any suggestions for dealing with it?

Q23 How many members in your household believe that any new building developments must be designed to ensure that they do not add to any existing parking problems

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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**Services and Amenities**

Q24 How important are the bus services to your household?

Essential		Important		Not important		Never use		Wouldn't use	
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Please list, in order of importance your preferred destinations.

Q25 How would your household rate (from 1, poor, to 5, excellent) the service they get from each?

Electricity		Water/Sewage		Internet access		Mobile phone access	
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Q26 How many people in your household work from home?

Never		Occasionally		Regularly		Full time	
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Q27 Businesses developments in the village should be encouraged, provided they do not adversely affect the community with unreasonable traffic volumes or working hours or pollution. How many members of your household agree with this?

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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How many in your household agree with the following statements?

	Yes	No
Q28 The village is too small to support a shop		
Q29 More street lighting is needed		
Q30 More bench seating is needed		
Q31 More litter bins are needed		
Q32 More bins for dog droppings are needed		

Q33 Is there one thing that your respondents value most about the village that they feel has not been included on the questionnaire?

# Eydon Village Design Statement Questionnaire, 2009

## Appendix 4: Other supporting documents:

### Village appraisal questionnaires, 1992 & 1995 Census returns 1991 and 2001

#### Village appraisal questionnaire

In April 1992, at the request of the parish council, Eydon Ladies undertook the preparation of a village appraisal for Eydon. In the course of this, in September 1992, a questionnaire was sent to every household in the village. It covered a wide range of questions in order to get an accurate and overall view of the village and the opinion of its inhabitants on a wide range of issues. This produced some interesting results, not least the comments made by some people.

Due to the length of time that elapsed before the final publication of the Appraisal in 1995 a short follow-up questionnaire was sent out to see what, if anything, had changed. The results from both questionnaires, and much else of interest about the village, were published in 1995.

Extracted below are the details from these questionnaires where they are relevant to the questions asked in the 2009 VDS Questionnaire.

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#### Population Size

1991 Census: Number of inhabitants	425		
1992: Number of households	160		
(From village appraisal. Not sure where this figures comes from)			
2001 Census: Number of inhabitants	422;		
2001 Census: Number of males	221;	of females	201
2001 Census: Number of dwellings (inc empty etc)	191		
2001 Census: Number of households	183		
1992 Number of households responding to survey:	112		
1995 Number of households responding to survey:	81		

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## Age Distribution

**1992** In your household, how many people are aged:

(112 Households)

Ages	0-4	5 - 10	11-16	17-21	22-45	46-65	65+	Totals
Male	14	12	8	14	49	38	19	154
Female	10	10	7	8	52	31	19	137
Totals	24	22	15	22	101	69	38	291
<i>Distribution</i>	8.2%	7.6%	5.15	7.6%	34.7%	23.7%	13.1%	

Of these 291 villagers, 267 are 5 and over and 230 are adult (17 and over).

From these results the average villager's age is 37.23 (37 years and 3 months).

Average household size is 2.60 persons.

**1995** In your household, how many people are aged:

(81 Households)

Ages	0-4	5 - 10	11-16	17-21	22-45	46-65	65+	Totals
Male	12	5	15	5	31	29	17	114
Female	4	7	5	2	39	25	13	95
Totals	16	12	20	7	70	54	30	209
<i>Distribution</i>	7.7%	5.7%	9.6%	3.3%	33.5%	25.8%	14.4%	

Of these 209 villagers, 193 are 5 and over and 161 are adult (17 and over).

From these results the average villager's age is 38.55 years (38 years and 6 months)

Average household size is 2.58 persons.

## 2001 Census Returns

Average age of villagers = 39.20 years. Average household size = 2.31

**Data editing:** The 2009 questionnaire had slightly different breakdown of children's ages, from 0-5; 6-17 and 18-21. The results from 1992 and 1995 were converted into these categories by taking all of age groups 0-4 plus 1/6 of ages 5-10; 5/6<sup>th</sup> of ages 5-10+ plus all of 11-16 plus 1/5<sup>th</sup> of ages 17-21; and the remainder of 17-21. These results are given below as total and percentages, along with the 2009 totals:

### 1992

	0-5	6 - 17	18-21	22-45	46-65	65+	Unspecified
Totals	28	38	17	101	69	38	
	9.6%	13.1%	5.8%	34.7%	23.7%	13.1%	0.0%

### 1995

	0-5	6 - 17	18-21	22-45	46-65	65+	Unspecified
Totals	18	31	6	70	54	30	
	8.6%	14.8%	2.9%	33.5%	25.8%	14.4%	0.0%

2009

	0-5	6 - 17	18-21	22-45	46-65	65+	Unspecified
Totals	21	32	18	76	101	56	11
	6.7%	10.2%	5.7%	24.1%	32.1%	17.8%	3.5%

## Length of Residence

**1992** How long has your household lived at this address?

less than 1	1-5 yrs	6- 15 yrs	16-25 yrs	26-50 yrs	50+ yrs
8	36	34	17	12	5
7.1%	32.1%	30.4%	15.2%	10.7%	4.5%

Average length of time in 1992: 14. Years 1 month

**1995** How long has your household lived at this address?

less than 1	1-5 yrs	6- 15 yrs	16-25 yrs	26-50 yrs	50+ yrs
1	20	30	11	10	7
1.3%	25.3%	38.0%	13.9%	12.7%	8.9%

Average length of time in 1995: 18 years

**2009** How many years have you lived in Eydon? (137 households)

0-1	1-5	6-15	16-25	26-50	50+
14	25	45	16	29	8
10.2%	18.2%	32.8%	11.7%	21.2%	5.8%

Average length of residence per household: 18 years and 4 months.

## Age of Housing

**1992** When was your dwelling built? (112 household)

Pre 1900	1900 to 1950	1950 +
49	14	49
43.7%	12.5%	43.7%

**1995** Not asked

**2009** When was your dwelling built? (133 households)

Pre 1900	1900 to 1950	1951 to 1990	Post 1990
63	11	51	10
46.7%	8.1%	37.8%	7.4%

## Employment

**1992** How many people are: (190 responses)

In full time education	Employed	Self Employed	Unemployed	Retired	Unwaged, housewife, etc	Disabled
54	96	39	5	41	28	4
20.2%	36.0%	14.6%	1.9%	15.4%	10.5%	1.5%

**1995** How many people are: (276 responses)

In full time education	Employed	Self Employed	Unemployed	Retired	Unwaged, housewife, etc	Disabled
39	65	26	5	32	18	5
20.5%	34.2%	13.7%	2.6%	16.8%	9.5%	2.6%

**2009** In your household, how many people are? (292 responses)

In full time education	Employed	Self Employed	Unemployed	Retired	Unwaged, housewife, carer etc	Other
43	102	61	7	64	9	8
14.6%	34.7%	20.7%	2.4%	21.8%	3.1%	2.7%

## Place of Work or Study

**1992** Where is your main place of work or study? (212 responses)

At home	Elsewhere in the village	Within 10 miles	Within 11 – 30 miles	Over 30 miles
50	10	69	49	35
23.5%	4.7%	32.4%	23.0%	16.4%

Average distance travelled to work: 13.7 miles

**1995** Where is your main place of work or study? (212 responses)

At home	Elsewhere in the village	Within 10 miles	Within 11 – 30 miles	Over 30 miles
65	5	46	36	23
37.1%	2.9%	26.3%	20.6%	13.1%

Average distance travelled to work: 11.4 miles

**2009** In your household, how many members' main place of work or study are; (212 responses)

At home	Elsewhere in the village	Within 10 miles	Within 11 – 30 miles	Over 30 miles
51	7	56	65	33
24.1%	3.3%	26.4%	30.7%	15.6%

Average distance travelled to work: 14.5 miles

## Car Ownership

**1992** Where are your cars parked? (112 households)

Garage	Car port	Drive	By kerb	On verge	Elsewhere	Total
76	1	56	35	0	3	171
44.4%	0.6%	32.7%	20.5%	0.0%	1.8%	

**1995** Where are your cars parked? (81 households)

Garage	Car port	Drive	By kerb	On verge	Elsewhere	Total
42	2	51	30	0	0	125
33.6%	1.6%	40.8%	24.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

**2009** How many cars are there in your household and where are they normally kept?(137 households)

Garage	Car port	Drive	By kerb	On verge	Elsewhere	Total
26	10	124	74	1	9	244
10.7%	4.1%	50.8%	30.3%	0.4%	3.7%	

**1992** How many cars per household

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
15	37	52	4	3	0	1
13.4%	33.0%	46.4%	3.6%	2.7%	0.0%	0.9%

Average cars per household: 1.53

Average cars per adult: 0.68

**1995** How many cars per household

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
9	28	38	3	3	0	0
11.1%	34.6%	46.9%	3.7%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%

Average cars per household: 1.54      Average cars per adult: 0.82

**2001** Census data; Households, car ownership

0	1	2	3 or more	Total
16	64	77	26	183
8.7%	34.9%	42.1%	14.2%	

Total cars and vans in Eydon 309

Average cars per household: 1.69

**2009** Cars per household

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
5	41	72	8	7	4	0
3.6%	29.9%	52.6%	5.8%	5.1%	2.9%	0.0%

Average cars per household: 1.77      Average cars per adult: 0.93

Max cars in village = (195-9) x 1.77 = 329

**2001** Census data: Percentage of households without a car

Date	Eydon	South Northants	UK
2001	8.7%	11.7%	26.6%
2009	3.6%		25.0% **

\*\* Actually 2008

**Importance of Bus Service****1992** How important are the bus services to your household? (112 responses)

Essential	Important	Not important	Never use	Wouldn't use
27	36	17	32	-
24.1%	32.1%	15.2%	28.6%	

**1995** Not asked

**2009** How important are the bus services to your household? (263 responses)

Essential	Important	Not important	Never use	Wouldn't use
15	86	90	70	2
5.7%	32.7%	34.2%	26.6%	0.8%

## Speeding

**1992** Is speeding traffic a problem? (112 responses)

Yes	No opinion	No
76	7	29
67.9%	6.3%	25.8%

Also, villagers' opinions were asked of (among other things) the control of car's speed in the village:

Tables rearranged from original.

**1992**

1992	Poor	No Opinion	Reasonable	Good
Vehicles speed control	62	18	30	2
	55.4%	16.1%	26.8%	1.8%

**1995**

1995	Poor	No Opinion	Reasonable	Good
Vehicles speed control	41	18	21	1
	50.6%	22.2%	25.9%	1.2%

**2009** How many members in your household believe that speeding traffic is a problem in the village? (279 responses)

(279 responses)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
45	114	51	48	21
16.1%	40.9%	18.3%	17.2%	7.5%

Weighted average response: +20.4%

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## Appendix 5: Case study: Impact of parking on Preston Road

### Background

During 2007 and 2009 plans for two new developments came before Eydon PC for comment. Originally, on one site, outline planning permission had been granted for a single dwelling with adequate off-road parking. However, it was subsequently argued by the developers that in size, scale and position these new dwellings would match the existing (ex-council) houses either side of them, resulting in two similar developments, both for a pair of semidetached houses, on Preston Road.

There may be a need for smaller houses in the village, but the PC rejected both developments on the grounds that they had insufficient off road parking facilities, which would lead to damage to the neighbouring verges. Preston Road is a narrow, effectively single-track road with grass verges and only very limited parking in a bay for residents and visitors to 3 and 5 Preston Road. The plans only provided 1.5 parking spaces per household, a total of 6 spaces for the 4 new households plus their visitors and any services.

Despite the objections, the plans were approved by SNC (May 07 and March 09) with comments to the effect that 1.5 parking spaces per house were *'in line with national guidelines...'* No allowance was made for the narrowness of the road, meaning that heavy lorries delivering building supplies, the contractors own vehicles, local residents and normal road users inevitably will have to drive over and park on the grass verges.

### Construction

Work began first on the plot at No 1, but by the winter of 2009/10 building on the four properties was being undertaken simultaneously. The result was chaos. As one resident reported *"We've put up with mud and vehicles using our drive as a convenient 'turning point'; the splitting of our wheelie bin after it was hit by a passing vehicle crossing the verge, as well as a quagmire where we try to get in and out our property. For those of us who really try to make our frontages look attractive, it is also disheartening to see this end of the village 'trashed'."*

In addition the construction has damaged and blocked the drainage ditches and caused more mud run off problems for neighbouring houses.



## Occupation

There is already entirely inadequate off-road parking for the properties in Eydon, which is likely to get much worse once these dwellings are completed, since none of these have adequate parking for the families they are likely to house. The nearest safe on-road parking for these houses may be up to 200 yards away. It seems that SNC assumes the residents will use the green verges as alternative car parks, possibly unaware of any feedback from NCC of the damage caused. Once these 'parking spaces' are established and the grass denuded, the amenity for pedestrians will be entirely lost.

## Verges

Another resident pointed out: *"It is worth noting that the verges are not 'passive' green areas, since beneath them are the main conduits for domestic electricity, BT, water and sewage pipes. Large vehicles driving over these verges, especially in their current soft condition, will serve to compact the substrate (as my professional expertise is in soil and rock substrates I can vouch for this effect), and may lead to damage to these services and the inevitable breakdown in utilities for residents."*

Parking combined with the narrowness of the road also means that entering and exiting properties is difficult and residents will probably be forced to adjust their own entrances, involving further damage to the verges.

## Conclusions

More weight should be given to local knowledge about the requirements for cars, availability of off road and on road space for parking, and this should be set against nominal guidelines.

Green verges provide many amenities both visually and for pedestrians and horse riders and should not be given over to car parking. Where this is inevitable, it should be a requirement that the services below ground level are protected in some ways, for example by plastic mesh laid on the surface, or by other more permanent protection to the ducts below ground.

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