# Barrington Village Consultation Report 2023

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### 1. Introduction

Barrington is a beautiful village to the south-west of Cambridge. Recent housing development has resulted in funds being made available to update both the Village Hall and the Sports Pavilion. A S106 Joint Working Group (JWG) has been established to advise the Parish Council (BPC) on the development of these community facilities.

Open days have been held in the village previously to inform and update residents on the development of the community facilities. Work to understand the constraints and context, the possible options and costs has been undertaken as Phase 1 in the programme of work. BPC is now looking to progress to Phase 2 and develop more detailed plans.

In August / September 2023 a household survey / questionnaire was delivered to every household in the village. The household survey was intended to provide a comprehensive, cross-village understanding of community needs and wants. The objectives of the household survey were to identify:

- how people use Barrington; and
- what residents want to see / use.

The Household Survey will provide data to support the development of a Business Plan and refine ideas for the new community facilities to ensure economic viability and sustainability.

Each completed survey form was given a unique ID number to maintain anonymity in the results.

### 2. Representation

The Barrington Village Household Survey was delivered to 524 households in the village in late August 2023. Parish Councillors returned to many properties to collect the completed surveys and there were also collection boxes in five locations across the village.

In total completed surveys were submitted by 280 households, which was an excellent response rate of 53.44%.

In order to evaluate whether the returned surveys were representative of the village, a comparison has been made with the demographic data reported by the UK Census 2021 which is publicly available at <a href="https://barrington.parish.uk/census">https://barrington.parish.uk/census</a>.

The UK Census Day 2021 was 21/3/2021, during a COVID-19 lockdown. Both primary and secondary schools had re-opened on 8/3/2021 but a stay-at-home order remained in place until 29/3/2021.

# 2a. Total Population

According to the UK Census 2021 the village population on Census Day was 1,184 residents. With a response rate of 53.44% the 2023 Household Survey would be expected to cover 633 people.

The total number of residents living within the 280 households who returned their survey forms was 684, suggesting an increased average household size captured by the Survey. This is reflected in the household composition data included at 2f, with an increase in two-person households since 2021.

# 2b. Gender of population

The UK Census 2021 reported that the Barrington population comprised 46.8% male and 53.2% female.

The gender of five residents was not recorded in the Barrington Household Survey. Of the 679 that were recorded, 320 were male (47.13%) and 359 as female (52.87%).

# 2c. Age of Population

The following table identifies the number of residents in each age group in 2023. No Census 2021 data is available.

Age group	Male residents	Female residents
0 – 5 years	21	22
6 – 11 years	25	22
12 – 19 years	27	23
20 – 30 years	21	20
31 – 40 years	33	42
41 – 50 years	41	45
51 – 65 years	56	69
65+ years	96	116
TOTAL	320	359

# 2d. Ethnicity

The UK Census 2021 reported that 96.2% of residents self-reported as "White". In 2023 250 households responded to the Barrington Village Consultation question "Are you / or members of your household from an ethnic minority background?" 4% stating that they or someone in their household was from an ethnic minority background.

# 2e. Registered Disability

In 2023 224 households responded to the question "Does anyone living at your address have a registered disability?". 32 households (14.29%) answered "yes" to this question.

# 2f. Household Composition

In 2023 277 households submitted responses. The following table shows the 2023 data compared with the UK Census 2021 data.

	No. households	% of households	% UK Census 2021
1 – person household	47	16.97%	34.3%
2 - person household	134	48.38%	34.6%
3 – person household	36	13.0%	12.9%
4 – person household	44	15.88%	13.3%
5 or more – person household	16	5.78%	4.81%

This data shows fewer 1-person households and more 2-person households have responded to the 2023 Household Survey. This may reflect the incoming residents in the new housing development and a slight change in the village demographics.

Overall, it can be seen there is a very good correspondence between the 2021 Census data and the 2023 Household Survey. This gives confidence that the 2023 responses provide a very good representation of the village as a whole.

# 3. Working Life

# 3a. Number of residents who go out to work

The UK Census 2021 took place during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown and reported that 45% of working Barrington residents were working from home. By 2023 everyday life was very different.

In 2023 Barrington residents were asked "How many people in your household go out to work?". The following table identifies that 249 people go out to work and where they work, and notes that 83 people work in an "other" location.

Venue for work	No. people
Barrington	9
Cambridge	97
Royston	9
London	51
Other? Please state	83
TOTAL	249

The most common "other" locations included "all over" (11 people) Melbourn (6), Stevenage (5) and Shelford (3 people). The complete list can be found in Appendix 1.

# 3b. Travelling to Work

In 2023 there were 201 responses to the question "How do you mainly get to work?" with 128 (63.68%) reporting that they mainly used a car to get to work.

Method of travel to work	No. people
Walk	9
Bicycle	18
Bus	6
Train	50
Car	128
Car share	2
Taxi	0

The most commonly used railway station to commute to work was Shepreth (20), closely followed by Royston (16). Foxton was less popular for rail commuters (7).

# 3c. Looking for work

In 2023 12 people were looking for work.

# 3d. Working from home

In 2023 144 residents advised that they work from home, with 28 full-time and 104 part-time.

# 3e. Running a business from home

In 2023, 39 residents in Barrington advised that they were running a business from home. 11 advised that it was a full-time activity, while 25 advised that it was part-time.

# 3f. Wanting to start their own business

In 2023, 18 residents advised that they would like to start a business at home or in Barrington. The ideas for new businesses included the following:

- Online store interior design
- Home décor / declutter
- Car service
- Art
- Photography
- Café

# 3g. Facilities to help businesses to start / grow

The household survey asked: "Would any of the following facilities or services help to start or expand your business?" The responses are included in the table below.

Potential facilities or services	No. households
a. Office / workspace	10
b. Professional kitchen	4
c. Retail space	6
d. Training support	2
e. Business support	9
f. Space to advertise / promote the business	10
g. Meeting room	7

# 4. Household use of village businesses

# 4a. Use of the Post Office and Village Shop

The 2023 survey asked how often households used the Post Office or Village Shop. Not all households responded but the following table reflects the received responses.

How often?	Post Office	Village Shop
Daily	6	18
A few times a week	39	79
Weekly	46	64
A few times a month	132	82
Rarely	46	35
TOTAL RESPONSES	269	278

# 4b. Use of hospitality venues – The Royal Oak and Barrington Social Club

Households were asked how often they used either The Royal Oak or Barrington Social Club to drink, to eat, to have a coffee or to socialise. The following tables contain the responses.

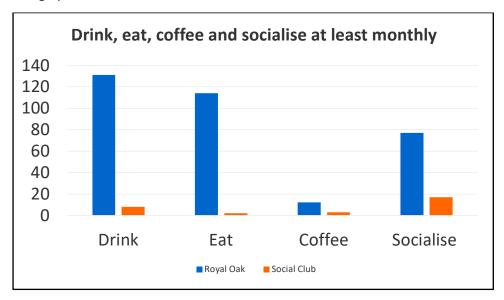
How often to drink?	The Royal Oak	Social Club
Daily	0	0
A few times a week	9	1
Weekly	36	3
A few times a month	86	4
Rarely / Never	99	188
TOTAL RESPONSES	230	196

How often to eat?	The Royal Oak	Social Club
Daily	0	0
A few times a week	2	1
Weekly	8	0
A few times a month	104	1
Rarely / Never	123	180
TOTAL RESPONSES	237	182

How often to have a coffee?	The Royal Oak	Social Club
Daily	1	0
A few times a week	0	1
Weekly	0	1
A few times a month	11	1
Rarely / Never	137	174
TOTAL RESPONSES	149	177

How often to socialise?	The Royal Oak	Social Club
Daily	1	0
A few times a week	4	1
Weekly	14	7
A few times a month	58	9
Rarely / Never	98	164
TOTAL RESPONSES	175	181

The graph shows the total number of visits to drink, eat, have a coffee, or socialise in the two venues.



Households were also asked if they preferred to go elsewhere and to state the reasons for that choice.

Fifty-five households stated that they preferred to go elsewhere. In total 91 households added comments about the local venues, their choices, and what they want in the village. These comments have been themed and are included in full in Appendix 2.

# 4c. Other facilities / services that residents would like to see in the village

Households were asked what other facilities / services they would like to see from a choice of 5.

Facilities / Services	No. households
Podiatrist	76
Beautician	62
Hairdresser	125
Spa Events	44
Repair Shop	96

The Household Survey asked for suggestions for other facilities that residents would like to see in the village.

The following table includes the ten suggestions that most households wanted to see. The complete list is included as Appendix 3.

Other suggestions	No. households
GP surgery	17
Coffee shop / café	14
Bakery	12
Fitness / gym / yoga studio	9
Tennis courts	5
Dentist	5
Outdoor gym	5
Bigger / better Village Shop	5
Butcher	5
Pharmacy	4

The Household Survey also asked residents "Are there other services you would like to be able to use in Barrington?" from a choice of two "medical" options.

		No. households	
Option	Yes	No	Don't know
Clinic for blood tests /	160	43	30
ultrasound etc.			
Other medical clinics. Please	95	38	57
state			

The top three clinics suggested in response to the above question were:

- GP surgery 39 households
- Vaccinations clinics 7 households
- Dentist 6 households

The complete list is included in Appendix 4.

# 4d. Wish list for activities in a new "Village Hub"

The Household Survey listed 15 different activities and asked households to tick which services or activities they would like to see in a new "village hub". It also asked for suggestions of any other activities that villagers would want to see provided in a new Village Hub and these are all included in Appendix 5.

Activity / services	No. households who would like to see this activity in the new "village hub"
Cafe	207
Pop-up craft / farmers' market	179
Fitness – yoga / Zumba / pilates	142
Drop-in surgeries for MP etc	90
Arts / crafts	87
Drama / concerts	85
Quiz evenings	83
Dance – line / ballroom / salsa	72
Youth club expanded	68
Parent and Toddler group	67
Health - mindfulness	66
Nursery for under 5's	59
Travel talks	46
Choir	41
Music / rhyme	40

# <u>4e Potential to use a Village Café</u>

The Household Survey asked "If there was a café in a Barrington "Village Hub" might you use it:

Frequency	No. households
Daily	2
Few times a week	42
Weekly	99
Monthly	62
Rarely / never	23
Don't know	45
Prefer elsewhere	5

The results suggest that 50% of households would visit at least weekly, with 74% of households visiting at least monthly.

# 5. Different needs in the village

# 5a. Families with pre-school age children

The Household Survey asked what services the household was using, and the location of those services. It also asked if the household would access those services if they were available in Barrington.

The results show that households with pre-school age children are currently using services in a wide range of locations, and following tables suggest that 89% of households would access services if available in Barrington. Comments were made by households expecting a baby in the next few months, parents and grandparents who were all positive about services being available in Barrington.

Services currently accessed by households	No. households accessing services currently
Parent and Toddler groups	14
Under 5's nursery	22
Childminders	7
Music activities	10
Tumble Tots	7
Other (please state)	2

Services currently accessed by households	Location and number of households
Parent and Toddler Group	Melbourn (4), Haslingfield (2), Royston (2), Shillington (1), Fowlmere (1)
Under 5's nursery	Shepreth (4), Cambridge (3), Comberton (3), Melbourn (2), Royston (2), Whaddon (2), Addenbrookes (1), Babraham (1)
Childminders	Haslingfield (3), Melbourn (1), Various (1)
Music activities	Fowlmere (1), Haslingfield (1), Meldreth (1)
Tumble Tots	Melbourn (1), Milton (1), Royston (1), Shelford (1), Whittlesford (1)
Other	Ballet in Great Chesterford (1) and Bury Lane Fun Barn (1)

How likely that household would access services in Barrington if they were available	No. households
Yes	18
Very likely	8
Likely	5
Unlikely	2
No	1
Don't know	1

# 5b. Families with primary school age children

The Household Survey asked what services the household was using, and the location of those services. It also asked if the household would access those services if they were available in Barrington.

The results show that households with pre-school age children are currently using services in a wide range of locations, with results suggesting that 89% of households would access services in Barrington if they were available.

Services currently accessed by households	No. households accessing services currently
Breakfast clubs	14
After school activities	29
Dance school	5
Sports clubs / activities – what kind?	24
Cubs / Brownies	12
Singing / choir	3
Other – (please state)	6

Services currently accessed by households	Location and number of households
Breakfast clubs	Barrington Primary School (18)
After school activities	Barrington Primary School (23), Cambridge schools (4), Harston (1)
Dance school	Barrington Primary School (2), Harston (1), Royston (1), Shelford (1) Ballet: Bourn
Sports clubs/ activities	Gymnastics: Comberton (1), Cambridge (3), Barrington Primary
	School (1).  Karate: Barrington Village Hall (2). Sports: Barrington Primary School (2). Football: Shepreth (7). Foxton, Melbourn. Girl's football:
Cubs / Brownies	Melbourn (1)  Comberton (8), Scouts (2), Brownies (3), Outside Barrington (2), waiting list (1)
Singing / choir	Barrington Primary School (1), Cambridge school (1)
Other	Swimming (3), Tadlow (1), Royston (2), Melbourn (3) Rugby: Cambridge (3)
	Tennis (4)
	Hockey, Riding, Basketball
	Rocksteady drama at Barrington Primary School (3)
	Kumon:15 Cambridge (1)

How likely that household would access services in Barrington if they were available	No. households
Yes	15
Very likely	10
Likely	6
Unlikely	1
No	1
Don't know	2

### **Additional Information**

The author of this report and the Chair of the Parish Council also visited Barrington Primary School to talk directly to pupils in Key Stages 1 and 2 about their wishes for facilities in Barrington. The Head Teacher chose two representatives from each age group, 6 – 7 years, 7 - 8 years, 8 – 9 years and 9 – 10 years old.

The discussions were based around the following questions:

- Do you ever go to the Village Hall or Sports Pavilion in Barrington? If yes, why do you go there? Where do you go for other activities?
- What would you like to be able to do in Barrington?
  - o In the Village Hall?
  - o In the Sports Pavilion?
- What would you change about Barrington if you could change just one thing?

Many of the children reported that they were attending a range of activities, either at Barrington Primary School or at other venues. The youngest pupils were attending gymnastics and drama at the school but were also participating in croquet and cricket. They wanted a café with drinks and food.

The 7- 8-year-old pupils had attended parties at the Village Hall, and car meets on the Village Green. They were participating in golf, karate, rugby, dodge ball and badminton and wanted a café in the village.

The 8 – 9-year-olds were involved in ballet and dance, gymnastics, rugby, cricket and golf. They reported that the girls in their class wanted to play football but there were no junior teams in the village. The pupils went on to ask for a range of activities including an expansion of the youth club as it is currently only available for 10+ years old. They also wanted a café, table tennis, table football, and a pool table. They wanted to see more fetes on the Village Green, outdoor gym equipment and a cycle path to get round the village safely.

The 9-10-year-old pupils asked for a soft play area for very young children but without sand. They thought that a sand pit was fine but there should not be sand anywhere else although the floor should be padded. They also commented that the Village Hall has a very small kitchen but the hall itself is huge and they attend parties there. They would like to see more play equipment, including a slide at the Village Hall, more monkey bars, an outdoor gym with different equipment for different age groups, junior sports teams including football and cricket and more public bike racks. They complained that the basketball hoop in the MUGA is very high for them to be able to use. They also asked for football goals at the Royal Oak pub and gates to improve safety in the pub garden. They like to have picnics on the Village Green but would like more paths for both humans and dogs.

# 5c. Families with secondary school age children

The Household Survey asked\_what services the household was using, and the location of those services. It also asked if the household would access those services if they were available in Barrington. The number of households that responded to these questions was low but 81% of households reported that they would use services for secondary school age children if they were available in Barrington.

No additional consultation directly with secondary school age pupils was undertaken as there is not a secondary school in Barrington.

Services currently accessed by households	No. households accessing services currently
Breakfast clubs	1
After school activities	7
Dance school	0
Sports clubs / activities – what kind?	10
Scouts / Guides	0
Singing / choir	0
Other – (please state)	3

Services currently accessed by households	Location and number of households
Breakfast clubs	Cambridge school (1)
After school activities	Harston (2), Melbourn Village College
Dance school	
Sports clubs/ activities	Volleyball Cambridge (2), swimming Melbourn (2) Cambridge (1), hockey Melbourn (2), rugby Cambridge (1), cricket Thriplow (2), tennis (1), cycling (1), football Melbourn (1) Foxton (1), basketball (1), gymnastics Cambridge (1)
Scouts / Guides	
Singing / choir	Cambridge (1) Orchestra (Hitchin)
Other	Art Melbourn (1)

How likely that household would access	No. households
services in Barrington if they were available	
Yes	4
Very likely	5
Likely	5
Unlikely	0
No	1
Don't know	2

# 5d. Households who play organised sport

Households were asked if anyone in their household plays organised sport, and where they play. They were also asked to state which other sports household members were participating in.

Organised sports	No. households
Football	26
Five-a-side football	15
Cricket	14
Bowls	5
Tennis	45
Other – badminton, rugby, table tennis, yoga, hockey, netball, croquet, golf, keep fit, cycling, volleyball, touch rugby, padel tennis, squash, hillwalking, fencing, pilates, pétanque, darts, angling, New Age Curling	19

Organised sports	Locations
Football	Cambourne, Haslingfield, Melbourne, Foxton, Histon, Cambridge
Five-a-side football	Cambridge, Barrington, Melbourn, Linton
Cricket	Whittlesford, Dry Drayton, Cambridge St. Giles, Barrington, Thriplow,
	Newton, Sawston and Babraham
Bowls	Cambridge, Chesterton, Barrington, Shepreth (carpet bowls)
Tennis	Haslingfield, Cambridge, Grantchester, Nottingham, Meldreth,
	Sawston, Royston, Great Shelford, Barton
Other	Badminton (through work / Royston), rugby (Cambridge), table tennis
	(Royston), yoga (Barrington / Tadlow), hockey (Cambridge school),
	netball (Cherry Hinton/ Cambridge school), croquet, golf (Bourn),
	keep fit, cycling, volleyball (Cambridge), touch rugby, padel tennis,
	squash, hill walking, fencing (Cambridge), pilates (Fowlmere),
	pétanque, darts, angling and New Age Curling.

The survey asked households if they would participate in these sports in Barrington if new, modern facilities were provided. The result (shown in the next table) suggests that almost 76% of households would participate in organised sports in Barrington if facilities were available.

How likely that household would access services in Barrington if new, updated facilities were available	No. households
Yes	40
Very likely	18
Likely	27
Unlikely	10
No	8
Don't know	9

# 5e. Households who participate in adult learning or leisure activities

Households were asked if anyone in their household was participating in adult education or leisure activities. They were asked to report where they were participating and whether they would participate in these activities if they were available in Barrington.

120 households reported participation in 161 activities, with some households reporting multiple activities. Interestingly 174 households responded to the question about participation in Barrington if these activities were available with 80% responding positively that they would or were very likely or likely to participate if these activities were available locally.

This was the only question that prompted a response from households not currently participating in the specific activities, with many positive responses from those not currently participating in adult education or leisure activities.

Services currently accessed by households	No. households accessing services currently
Adult education	21
Yoga / pilates	68
Dance	14
Music activities	24
Vocational courses	5
Amateur dramatics	5
Other (please state)	24
Total number of activities	161
No. households who answered this question	120

Services currently accessed by households	Locations
Adult education	Engineering (Royston), Horticulture (Bottisham), Languages (Comberton, Stapleford, Cambourne,
Adult education	Cambridge)
	Melbourn, Cambridge, Tadlow, Great Shelford,
Yoga / pilates	Barrington, Meldreth, Thriplow, Royston, Granta Park,
	Cambridge
Dance	Cambridge, Granta Park, Sawston
	Haslingfield, Cambridge, Ely, Great Wilbraham, St.
Music activities	Neots, Orwell Singers (Barrington), Saffron Walden,
	London
Vocational courses	
Amateur dramatics	Cambridge
	Cross-fit, horse riding, Gym (Meldreth / Royston),
	Spinning, Swimming (Melbourn / Royston /
	Cambridge), Drawing, Forever Active / Strength and
Other (please state)	Balance (Melbourn), Art (Orwell / Melbourn ),
	Meditation, Forget-Me-Not (Barrington), Barrington
	Society, Quiz Group (Melbourne), Badminton
	(Melbourne), Walking Group (Cambridge), Golf

How likely that household would access services in Barrington if they were available	No. households	% households
Yes	49	28.16
Very likely	28	16.09
Likely	63	36.21
Unlikely	13	7.47
No	7	4.02
Don't know	14	8.05
No. households who answered this question	174	

In addition, households made comments including:

- "Would like to access these services if available".
- "If in village I'd attend dance classes".
- "Timings would need to accommodate those who work".
- "Not currently (participating) but have done and would again".

Four households wanted yoga / pilates classes while two households wanted amateur dramatics.

# 5f. Older people

The Household Survey asked which services households with older residents were accessing, where they were accessing them and whether they would attend activities in Barrington if they were available.

Services currently accessed by households	No. households accessing services currently
Health care	90
Social care	4
Social Clubs / Societies	22
Foot care / toe nail clipping	30
Hairdresser	56
Physiotherapy	30

Services currently accessed by	Locations and Number of Households	
households		
Health care	Harston (59), Melbourn (8), Royston (1)	
Social care	Brookfields, Cambridge (1)	
	Barrington Society (3), Forget-me-not Group (3),	
Social Clubs / Sociation	Barrington Ladies Friendship Society (1), Harston Lunch	
Social Clubs / Societies	Club (1), Barrington Social Club (1), Cambridge (1), Car	
	Club (1), Running (1), Triathlon (1), Kayaking (1)	
	Practitioner comes to home (9), Haslingfield (3),	
Foot care / toe nail clipping	Melbourn )2), Addenbrookes (2), Saffron Walden (1),	
	Meldreth (1), Brookfields, Cambridge (1),	
	Cambourne(1), Royston (1)	
	Melbourn (12), Hairdresser comes to home (11), Orwell	
Hairdresser	(5), Cambridge (3), Harston (3), Barrington (2), Royston	
	(1), Fowlmere (1), Barton (1)	
Physiathorapy	Cambridge including Addenbrookes and Brookfields (8),	
Physiotherapy	Melbourn (4), Haslingfield (3), Hauxton (3), Sawston (1)	

How likely that household would access activities / services in Barrington if they were available	No. households
Yes	31
Very likely	20
Likely	34
Unlikely	8
No	5
Don't know	16

Almost 75% of households responded positively about accessing services / activities if they were available in Barrington.

# 6. Community Spirit

Question 30 of the Household Survey related to the perception of community spirit in the village. It asked "Do you think that Barrington has a strong sense of community? The two options provided were "Yes" or "No". If households answered "Yes" they were asked to state which factors help to make Barrington a strong community. If they answered "No" they were asked what could help improve community spirit in the village.

Not all households answered this question. Eight households noted a "Don't know" response, and 34 households provided answers for "Yes" and "No". In total there were 156 households who answered "Yes" and 80 who answered "No"

Appendix 6 includes all responses listed under the Survey ID number. Please note that "Yes" and "No" responses are recorded separately with "Yes" comments immediately followed by the "No" comments from the same household.

Appendix 7 includes all "Yes" responses.

Appendix 8 includes all "No" responses.

Appendix 9 includes all "Don't know" responses.

# 7. Barrington Village Green

### 7a. Use of Village Green

The Household Survey asked if any member of the household used the Village Green for one of 8 options and asked them to state if they used it for any other reason. The following table contains the results.

Uses of the Village Green	No. households
Walking	237
Watching events e.g. car meets, open gardens etc.	197
Family gatherings, fun, play, kiting etc.	96
Dog walking	92
Jogging	70
Informal sport e.g. football etc	50
Picnics	45
Other exercise / keep fit	41

Some responses included comments referring directly to specific options. These included the following:

- Responses under "Other Exercise / Keep Fit"
  - Pond maintenance
- Responses under "Watching Events e.g. Car Meets. Open Gardens"
  - Watching cricket
  - Love the Car Meets
  - Cricket / fetes
- Responses under "Informal sport (e.g. football)"
  - Cricket

Cricket nets

The "other" activities included:

- FOBS events
- Cycling
- Tennis courts
- Cricket nets
- Cricket
- More variety of food trucks
- Food vans
- Rounders
- Hockey
- Watching the world go by
- Looking around and passing the time
- Sitting, relaxing and watching the world go by

# 7b. Suggestions to improve the enjoyment of the Village Green

The Survey also asked for suggestions of what could be done to improve the general enjoyment of the amenity of the Village Green. 92 households provided comments with 13 stating that they did not want change and were happy with it as it is. There was a mixture of comments for and against the current rewilding activity on the Village Green.

Other suggestions included:

- More benches / seats
- More events
- Outdoor gym equipment
- Public toilets
- No parking
- Improved and linked pathways

Appendix 10 contains all the comments and suggestions.

# 8. Additional Comments / Concerns and Suggestions

The back page of the Household Survey was left blank so that residents could add additional comments which might include other concerns or suggestions for future activities.

All comments have been included in Appendix 11 and are listed by Survey ID number, rather than by theme as some comments cover a range of subjects. Concerns included speeding traffic, inconsiderate parking, and the need for better pathways for walkers and cyclists of all ages. Suggestions for the future included ideas for a future Village Hall, Sports Pavilion and for the Village Green.

### 9. Conclusions

The Barrington Household Survey 2023 was completed and returned by 53% of households who in general were very representative of the village at the time of the UK Census 2021.

The data has now been analysed and some strong themes are clear. These include the following:

- Very strong support for a "Village Hub" with a café, and many more activities and events than are available in the current Village Hall. Villagers of all ages currently travel to many different locations to participate in their chosen sport or leisure activities. Some activities cannot be provided in small English villages, but many can and are provided in neighbouring villages. There was strong support for more activities and events to be provided in Barrington, which would also strengthen community spirit.
- The Household Survey highlighted the changes in working hours since the COVID-19
  pandemic with many working age residents now working from home for at least part of the
  week. This has the potential to increase demand for local services and activities, which could
  benefit local businesses and community groups.
- There was consensus about the need for more sporting activities to be available in the
  village, and the provision of a sports pavilion which could support those activities. In
  particular, primary school age children wanted junior teams and some of the girls want to
  play football. There were many requests for tennis courts, and outdoor gym equipment for
  all ages.

It is hoped that the data collected by this survey will provide the baseline for the developing business plan and budget and will support the work of the Parish Council.