

CLERK'S REPORT NO. 2020-029
RESULTS OF THE DUAL SURVEY CONDUCTED BY BEAUDESERT & HENLEY IN
ARDEN JPC - SEPTEMBER 2020
PART 1: SURVEY OF OPINIONS ON WASPS-WCG ACQUISITION
PART 2: COVIDE MEASURES FEEDBACK PAPER

Approximately 1500 survey forms were distributed to local residents, giving an opportunity to record the views of two people per household. Over 350 households [Approximately 600 residents took part] by completing the forms, either partly or fully, a response rate of 24%. The only recent comparison we can refer to is a survey organised by Sarah Brooke-Taylor, WCC, on housing needs in Henley, where they recorded a return rate of 27%, using pre-paid envelopes for replies.

Responses that did not carry house number/name and postcode were not included in the results, and regrettably those who were not members of the electorate of the joint parishes were also discounted. **It should be made abundantly clear that both of these questionnaires were not designed to create winners or losers, they were to gather a consensus of the opinions held by our electorate as the Planning Request sits firmly with the JPC.**

The request for information under **PART 1**, was sought by the JPC in response to the potential need for Beaudesert & Henley JPC to make representations should they be called upon to do so at an open Planning Cabinet Meeting at SDC. There is of course no guarantee that the data gained will be considered as juridical by the SDC when considering their options.

The request for information under **PART 2**, was more one of gaining a clear perception of the fears and anxieties facing our vulnerable groups in Henley, particularly with the possible onset of a second wave of Covid arriving in the coming weeks.

Interestingly, during the counting process, spread over five days, the percentage share stayed roughly the same, right through to the last one assessed, proving a consistent level of opinions throughout the joint parishes. The recorded post codes indicated a return from a very wide catchment across the entire district. In accordance with the JPC Data Protection protocol, the information gained was of anonymized and will be destroyed following unanimous instructions from the corporate body of the JPC.

SURVEY OF OPINIONS ON WASPS-WCG ACQUISITION

OPTION 1

'I BELIEVE THAT IN THE EVENT OF SDC SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION WE MAY LOSE A SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY SPORTS BASED HEALTH & FITNESS FACILITY'

81%

OPTION 2

'I BELIEVE THAT WASPS WILL BRING JOBS, REVENUE & PRESTIGE INTO HENLEY'

18%

OPTION 3

'I HAVE NO INTEREST IN THIS MATTER'

1%

The results shown above will be reviewed and recorded as part of the JPC Ordinary Meeting to be convened Monday 21st of September next at 7.00pm.

THE RESULTS ABOVE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE JPC PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR COMMENT AS FORMAL CONSULTEES, ON THE SDC PORTAL IN RESPONSE TO THE AMENDED APPLICATION LODGED ON THE 18th OF SEPTEMBER LAST.

SURVEY OF OPINIONS ON COVID SUPPORT FOR FURTHER OUTBREAKS

The second opinion survey, probably the most far reaching of the two, in terms of the health and wellbeing of the community, asked how the JPC can support its more vulnerable residents should we see a second peak in the virus. I am very pleased to say that dozens of our participants have voiced their needs robustly, particularly where they feel our local social services may have been lacking. **The JPC will be publishing a summary of the most important issues raised by their survey shortly.**



Ray Evans Clerk B&HJPC 21.09.2020