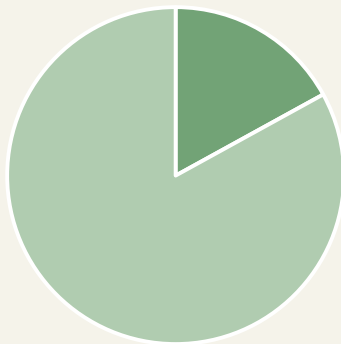


# THE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

Responses to the survey show that people like Woodford, and consider it a pleasant place to live.

The size of the village, its rural location, with good access to major road and rail networks, are key aspects. A high proportion of respondents to the questionnaire consider that the village is now at its optimum size and that further housing development would not be desirable – 83% did not want further housing development.

Do you think more housing is needed?



■ Yes 17% ■ No 83%



The Village Green is central to Woodford, and a valued amenity. However, the area bordering the west side of the Green has the potential for improvement, if funding and permissions could be obtained. Previous negotiations were inconclusive, and it is intended to approach the appropriate authorities with the intention of reopening discussions. The aim will be to provide a landscaped area, with surfaced, designated parking spaces for residents and visitors.

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Three major environmental concerns arose from the survey:

- Litter
- Dog Fouling
- Condition of the Pavements (footpaths).

The Parish Council has arranged for a regular litter collection in parts of the village. The survey has shown that villagers believe that litter is still a problem. The feasibility of extra litter bins will be explored. With the support of volunteers, a twice-yearly 'clear-up' day will be organised in Woodford.

Fly-Tipping was also a concern to many survey respondents. The Environmental Services of East Northamptonshire Council is the appropriate authority to address this problem, but the Council relies on members of the public to alert them to instances of fly-tipping. The contact details will be publicised in the village.

Most dog owners in Woodford are careful to clear up after their dogs. They have asked for more bins at the village extremities, to minimise dog fouling. These will be provided at the sites shown on the attached map.

Members of the Group have walked all village pavements, to identify specific problems. These have been listed, and prioritised. The areas of prime concern are shown on the attached map. The County Council Highways Dept. will be approached with requests for improvement.



## Recommendations

1. The provision of litter bins will be reviewed at the request of residents.
2. A twice-yearly 'clear-up' event will be arranged, with the help of village volunteers.
3. Residents will be asked to report fly-tipping incidents to ENC on 01832 742026.
4. Six extra dog bins will be provided, at the locations requested by residents.
5. The relevant bodies to be approached for improvements to the prioritised pavements (shown on map)
6. The relevant bodies to be approached to request provision of hard & soft landscaping to the area on the west side of the Green.
7. P.C. to be approached for funding for 'clear-up' equipment.
8. P.C. to be requested to liaise with ENC to provide additional dog bins.

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