

## Agenda Item for STC Recreation & Leisure Committee 17 Nov 2021

### Stanley Lane Field Development: Introduction

Shrewsbury Town Council has agreed to proceed with developments on Stanley Lane Field/Recreation area, pending Consultation with local residents.

Upon advice from The Town Clerk, Bernie Bentick, Member for Meole Ward conducted a Consultation with Meole Village residents between 20<sup>th</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021, in the form of a Questionnaire which was hand delivered to every Meole Village household.

Additionally, the Questionnaire was uploaded to local Community Facebook pages, with an invitation to respond electronically as well as physically.

The Questionnaire is appended to this Document.

### Stanley Lane Field Development Responses:

There were 91 responses to questions asked in the Consultation Questionnaire, including 2 free text responses & 89 on the Questionnaire itself.

64 responses were hand delivered or posted.

27 responses were Emailed.

Several responses did not answer any of the questions and so were discarded.

#### Specific Responses: Do you support the following: percentage answers from 91 responses, in integers

	Yes	No	Blank
Pedestrian & cyclist footpath(s) between Stanley Lane & Meole Walk:	84	6	8
Desire path encircling the field:	47	28	24
Desire path linking the foot & cycle path with the railway crossing:	61	20	17
Motion sensitive solar powered soft lighting:	62	19	17
More waste bins:	67	13	19
Tree & hedgerow trimming:	67	13	19
Do you currently use the Stanley Road Field?	82	8	8
If the above changes were made, would you use the field?	90	2	7

**In summary, the majority wanted all the principal developments on The Stanley Lane field.**

A minority of residents were concerned that the developments might encourage anti-social behaviour, but this should not deprive the majority of changes that would improve road safety on the narrow section Vicarage Road and its approaches.

## Further Questions on usage of The Stanley Road Field: if changes made, would you use the field for:

Percentage answers from 91 responses, in integers

	Yes	No	Blank
Bypassing the narrow section of Vicarage Road:	70	7	21
Walking across railway crossing:	74	7	17
Walking the dog:	32	30	36
Leisure walking:	68	5	26
Sitting on park benches:	38	25	36
Picnic or reading:	46	12	41
Taking children to playground:	42	26	30
Other:	12	15	72

Many of those who said that they would take children to Stanley Field asked for activities in the Playground and also on the field itself, with football & frisbee being specifically mentioned. This should be explored further.

A significant minority of respondents did not wish there to be park benches, so perhaps 1 or 2 could be installed for a trial period, before a decision was made on whether they should be permanent.

**Conclusions:** The majority of Meole Village Residents who responded to this Consultation wished all the principal proposed changes to be made and so the Developments previously agreed by Shrewsbury Town Council should proceed without delay.

Bernie Bentick.  
Councillor for Meole Ward.