

Clipstone Regeneration Projects

We asked, you said, we will...

In July 2024, Newark and Sherwood District Council (NSDC) consulted for second time with the public, primarily residents who live and work in Clipstone, on the proposed improvements to the area.

The outcomes of this consultation have reinforced and informed the plans for the development of the area.

This report outlines what we asked, what residents told us and how this has impacted our plans.

We asked...

The regeneration team organised its second series of engagement events at Clipstone Village Hall and Rumbles Café at Vicar Water. Members of the public were invited to attend to talk to members of the team, see the plans and architects' visualisations and provide feedback via online and paper feedback forms.

These events were attended by around **230 people** with the feedback form completed **60 times**.

You said...

Seven questions were designed to capture people's views on the town and what it means to them.

Qs 1 and 2 were about residents' location and age. 60 responses

- Most respondents were from NG21
- 8% aged 18-34
- 23% aged 35-54
- 25% aged 55-64
- 44% aged 65+

Q3.1 I consider myself to be active. 60 responses

- **81% agreed (30) or strongly agreed (19)**
- 12% neither agreed nor disagreed (7)
- 7% disagreed (4)

Q4.1 My current experience of Clipstone is positive. 52 responses

- **52% agreed (18) or strongly agreed (9)**
- 31% neither agreed nor disagreed (16)
- 17% disagreed (7) or strongly disagreed (2)

Q4.2 I have a sense of belonging to Clipstone. 52 responses

- **80% agreed (12) or strongly agreed (13)**
- 15.5% neither agreed nor disagreed (12)
- 4.5% disagreed (12) or strongly disagreed (3)

Q4.3 This development will make me feel proud of Clipstone. 52 responses

- **77% agreed (19) or strongly agreed (21)**
- 19% neither agreed nor disagreed (10)
- 4% disagreed (1) or strongly disagreed (1)

Q5.1 My current experience of Vicar Water Country Park is positive. 52 responses

- **83% agreed (26) or strongly agreed (17)**
- 15% neither agreed nor disagreed (8)
- 2% disagreed (1) or strongly disagreed (0)

Q5.2 This development will make me feel proud of Vicar Water Country Park. 52 responses

- **73% agreed (15) or strongly agreed (23)**
- 23% neither agreed nor disagreed (12)
- 4% disagreed (2) or strongly disagreed (0)

Q5.3 This development will enable me to use Vicar Water Country Park more

- **75% agreed (15) or strongly agreed (24)**
- 17.5% neither agreed nor disagreed (9)
- 7.5% disagreed (3) or strongly disagreed (1)

Q6. What do you think about the proposals creating new and improved cycle paths and footpaths around Vicar Water Country Park? 45 responses

- **47% Proposals are positive / agree with the proposals (21)**
- 26% Footpaths / cycle paths are in need of improvement (12)
- 18% Will improve the area (8)
- 9% Safety concerns (4)

Q7. What do you like most about the regeneration plans? 58 responses

- **45% Proposed facilities (26)**
- 15.5% Create jobs and investment (9)
- 15.5% Other (9)
- 14% Benefit residents / local community (8)
- 8.5% Will attract visitors (5)
- 1.5% Opportunities for new activities (1)

Some of the comments under 'other': 1) None. Absolutely none whatsoever. This village has no infrastructure/ facilities to use yet vicar water is getting a new entrance and cafe? 2) New road link, new building-housing undercover area, bike wash facility, family friendly. 3) We understand that the old visitors centre (which has recently had solar panels installed on the roof) will not be pulled down and probably be used as a cycle shop or something similar. It would be a shame to pull down a well-kept building.

Q8. What, if anything, do you dislike about the plans? 37 responses

- **38% Other (14)**
- 30% Nothing to dislike (11)
- 13.5% Traffic (5)
- 11% Impact on the environment of Vicar Water (4)
- 7.5% Existing facilities (3)

Some of the comments under 'other': 1) I would worry about the cost of housing going up. 2) Length of time to implement. 3) Not sure about the skatepark and anti-social behaviour there. 4) Possible loss of a decent building in the current rumbles building.

Q9. Any other comments – 40 responses

The responses are grouped into the following themes with a sample of the feedback:

- **45% Other (18):** "Potential for anti-social behaviour from the skatepark. Is there potential to add a bandstand/performance area." "I feel gym/swimming pool is needed as at present need to travel to access an outdoor play splash park, paddling pool like at Retford would encourage visitors to the area." "It would have been good if another cafe and leisure facility was provided in the woods behind the new cavendish estate."
- **37.5% Proposed facilities and activities (15):** "Perhaps improving the play area will be a bonus for children." "Hope this development does not pass on any access costs to the public who use vicar water." "Cafe, restaurant to have licence and hold evening functions. Cafe restaurant to be dog friendly or provide space area." Having a wheelchair accessible play area would be fantastic. Things for lonely people or people with mental health issues would be good i.e. a gardening area with support for the people using it."

- **5% Cycle storage (2):** “I would recommend to implement cycle storage for users.” “Cycle hire.”
- **5% Existing facilities (2):** “Need Rumbles and staff as are fantastic.” “Please keep rumbles and staff as it is lovely.”
- **5% Impact on Vicar Water environment (2):** “All the activities are interesting but many of them here already been tried locally, exist locally, been scrapped locally. I like the tranquillity of the park, lots of activities might spoil this.”
- **2.5% Traffic (1):** “What are the knock on effects regarding traffic congestion entering and leaving the site on Mansfield Road. Will they use traffic lights and pedestrian crossings?”

We will...

Your feedback will inform our plans as we finalise the design of the town centre regeneration scheme ahead of submission for planning approval in early 2025. We will share the final plans with the Clipstone community before our submission.

We are completely dedicated to ensuring that any new development in Clipstone is shaped by what works for you. Your feedback is invaluable in informing our plans for your community.

If you have any additional comments or would like to get in touch with someone in the team, please email economic.growth@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk