

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES FROM THE SCHOOLS CONSULTATION PROCESS

The following shows the questions asked in the survey and a summary of the responses received.

1. What do you like about Hartley?

The survey shows the children really like and value the rural setting of Hanley with the words: nature, fields, woods, trees, countryside, colours, nature, and spacious used.

The natural surroundings were also much liked with the words greenery, lots of trees, flowers, plants, bees, walks, fresh air and dog walking mentioned. The community was mentioned by many of the children describing the peaceful, calm, quiet and spacious environment specifically mentioned.

A recurring theme noted and valued in the survey by many of the children was "Hartley is a village not a city" and the community was welcoming, with residents "nice, helpful, friendly and caring". The environment was mentioned as clean and tidy.

Facilities in Hartley were mentioned by the children predominantly Hartley Country Club, the Post Office, Co-op, the Library and the Social Club

2. Is there something you do not like about Hartley or something that could be better for children of your age?

The overwhelming dislike about Hartley was the traffic and busy roads particularly the Ash Road and lack of adequate schools. Busy, traffic, roads, parking, speeding and unsafe were mentioned.

The lack of certain facilities was next most mentioned with saying they did not like lack of zebra crossings, traffic lights, parks, children's equipment and bike lanes.

However, 11 children said there was nothing they did not like.

3. What three adjectives (describing words) would you use to describe Hartley?

The most frequently used words were Quiet, Green, Peaceful, Safe, and Friendly. The next most popular words were Calm, Beautiful, Caring and Nature.

4. If you could change or add one thing to make Hartley even better for young people, what would it be and why?

The majority of comments made by the children refer to more parking spaces, zebra crossings, calming measures, bike lanes and streetlamps to make it a safer environment to live in. Next most mentioned was improvement to facilities for children (i.e. sports facilities and notably another park with better equipment).