

APPENDIX 6

Shared use of facilities across Somerby Parish and connectedness of Somerby and Pickwell villages

Question 9 of the Household Questionnaire informs this Appendix:

'How often do you use the following existing Parish amenities / facilities?'

Village hall / Shop / Post Office / Churches / Doctor's surgery / Play areas / Football pitch / Bus service / Footpaths-bridleways / Burrough Hill Fort / Pubs / Tip'

394 of 397 respondents answered this question. 2 of the 3 that didn't said they were too ill or infirm to use the listed facilities. Some did not tick a box for every facility but of 4,728 possible ticks only about 9% are 'missing' so a good survey. Given the overall 60% response rate to the questionnaire, the answers can be considered representative of the Parish.

Analysis: Because the Parish settlements have different facilities it is possible to draw conclusions about shared use of facilities. For example if someone uses a pub, it must be in Somerby or Burrough on the Hill. If they use a village hall, it must be in Somerby or Pickwell. If they use a shop, it must be in Somerby. This analysis is presented in the following summary and conclusions. The detailed village-by-village tables on which these are based appear last.

Limitations: We can't add up vertical columns in the Questionnaire responses in any way because of how the question was asked, so we can't arrive at totals for eg. How many people from Pickwell use *any* facilities in Burrough on the Hill. However we can often say definitely when they are using a type of facility within the Parish but outside their own village.

Proportionate decision: In the following tables we have taken usage which is at least 'frequent' (weekly) or 'sometimes' (monthly) as the threshold for statistical significance. People using these facilities 'rarely' (less than monthly) are not accounted for below. They would however be additional, so our calculations of cross-village usage are conservative. If 'occasional' use was included cross-village usage of Churches and village halls in particular would be significantly higher.

SUMMARY

Somerby village

Because all conceivable pleasures and diversions are available in Somerby we don't know from these returns how often Somerby residents visit the other villages to use amenities/facilities of types *also available in Somerby*. However there aren't many opportunities to do so: the Church and pub in Burrough on the Hill and the Church and village hall in Pickwell. We know from experience that many Somerby residents do use these but we don't have a number.

Pickwell and Burrough on the Hill villages

Returns for these villages are the most informative because we can often say when respondents are *definitely* using an amenity/facility in Somerby village, because it exists nowhere else in the Parish.

Pickwell and Burrough on the Hill residents' use of Somerby amenities and facilities:

SOMERBY FACILITY	Pickwell usage	Burrough usage
Tip	66 %	57 %
Shop	66 %	70 %
Post	43 %	35 %
Surgery	31 %	19 %
Play area	5 %	4 %
Football pitch	3 %	1 %

These are quite high numbers for shared use of Somerby facilities. As previously explained, they don't allow us to say precisely what overall % of Pickwell / Burrough respondents visit Somerby to use the amenities/facilities there. However it will certainly be more than 75%.

Proximity and connectedness of Somerby and Pickwell

Somerby and Pickwell are the only Parish villages connected by a paved footpath, roughly 1km from centre to centre. This footpath is observed to be well-used, commensurate with the use Pickwell residents make of amenities in Somerby. The maintenance of this path and the adjacent hedgerows are important if walking as opposed to driving between the villages is to be encouraged. There is also a short-cut from Pickwell to Somerby across fields in the form of public footpath D88.

During plan preparation notice was taken of the recommendation of the MBC Case Officer (JL) on planning application 17/01389/FUL for 5 new houses in Pickwell:

"Pickwell is the adjacent village to Somerby a Tier-2 village which has a variety of local resources including a shop, pub, Dr's Surgery and a school. Somerby would easily be able to support the needs of these new home-owners in Pickwell. A variety of local businesses would also benefit significantly from increased local revenues."

These 5 houses were approved in March 2019, so under the Melton Local Plan 2018.

Leesthorpe hamlet

Residents of Leesthorpe are as important as any but few in number (11 responses) so statistically less significant for the present purpose. Leesthorpe has no amenities/facilities. Results suggest they may travel to Melton more than other parishioners, being much closer to the A606.

Places of worship

As a percentage roughly twice as many Pickwell and Burrough people use a place of worship as from Somerby. Church services rotate around five villages (also including Great and Little Dalby) so operate as a 'cluster'.

Pubs

Somerby and Burrough on the Hill have pubs, Pickwell does not. Nonetheless 48% of Pickwell respondents regularly use a pub in the Parish, showing creditable commitment. We don't know statistically whether they go to Somerby or Burrough but it is material that a roadside pavement connects Pickwell to Somerby whereas Burrough is a 3.5km drive (no footpath).

CONCLUSIONS

The data shows that the Parish villages do share facilities and socialise together to a significant extent. This is also what we experience and observe. This is particularly true between Somerby and Pickwell villages due to Somerby having the most facilities and Pickwell the least, and their proximity along a paved footpath.

DETAILED VILLAGE-BY-VILLAGE TABLES

Colour key to facilities:

FACILITY IS AVAILABLE IN:

Somerby only	
Burrough only	
Pickwell only	None
Leesthorpe only	None
Somerby and Burrough	
Somerby and Pickwell	
Somerby, Burrough and Pickwell	

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SOMERBY (226 respondents)

FACILITY	Frequently (weekly)	Sometimes (monthly)	Occasionally (less than monthly)	Never
Village hall Somerby/Pickwell	25 (11.1%)	36 (15.9%)	129 (57.1%)	25 (11.1%)
Somerby shop	135 (59.7%)	44 (19.5%)	46 (20.4%)	6 (2.7%)
Post Office facility	38 (16.8%)	68 (30.1%)	64 (28.3%)	40 (17.8%)
Churches / Chapel	11 (4.9%)	15 (6.6%)	92 (40.7%)	75 (33.2%)
Doctor's surgery	29 (12.8%)	70 (30.9%)	83 (36.7%)	36 (15.9%)
Play areas	16 (7.1%)	31 (13.7%)	46 (20.4%)	106 (46.9%)
Football pitch	11 (4.9%)	15 (6.6%)	27 (11.9%)	141 (62.4%)
Local bus service	11 (4.9%)	19 (8.4%)	37 (16.4%)	137 (60.6%)
Footpaths / Bridleways	125 (55.3%)	50 (22.1%)	25 (11.1%)	12 (5.3%)
Burrough Hill Fort	20 (8.8%)	51 (22.6%)	109 (48.2%)	29 (12.8%)
Pubs Somerby/Burrough	65 (28.8%)	57 (25.2%)	68 (30.1%)	24 (10.6%)
Knossington Road tip	44 (19.5%)	73 (32.3%)	70 (30.9%)	19 (8.4%)
Other (school bus, country walks)	2 (0.9%)	0	0	0

At least monthly or weekly Somerby respondents use their own village for:

Shop	79.2%
Tip	51.8%
Post	46.9%
Surgery	43.7%
Play areas	20.8%
Football	11.5%

(Somerby village has amenities/facilities of all the types to be found in the other Parish villages, so we cannot say from the questionnaire how often they visit other villages to use their facilities.)

Monthly or weekly many do visit Burrough Hill Fort:

Fort	31.4%
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PICKWELL (65 respondents)

FACILITY	Frequently (weekly)	Sometimes (monthly)	Occasionally (less than monthly)	Never
Village hall Somerby/Pickwell	2 (3.1%)	6 (9.2%)	49 (75.4%)	5 (7.7%)
Somerby shop	29 (44.6%)	14 (21.5%)	18 (27.7%)	2 (3.1%)
Post Office facility	10 (15.4%)	18 (27.7%)	18 (27.7%)	12 (18.5%)
Churches / Chapel	8 (12.3)	8 (12.3%)	24 (36.9%)	19 (29.2%)
Doctor's surgery	5 (7.7%)	15 (23.1%)	25 (38.5%)	18 (27.7%)
Play areas	1 (1.5%)	2 (3.1%)	4 (6.2%)	47 (72.3%)
Football pitch	1 (1.5%)	1 (1.5%)	2 (3.1%)	52 (80%)
Local bus service	5 (7.7%)	4 (6.2%)	18 (27.7%)	33 (50.2%)
Footpaths / Bridleways	41 (63.1%)	10 (15.4%)	8 (12.3%)	3 (4.6%)
Burrough Hill Fort	6 (9.2%)	13 (20.0%)	24 (36.9%)	11 (16.9%)
Pubs Somerby/Burrough	12 (18.5%)	19 (29.2%)	18 (27.7%)	7 (10.8%)
Knossington Road tip	12 (18.5%)	31 (47.7%)	12 (18.5%)	5 (7.7%)
Other (allotments)	2 (3.1%)	0	0	0

At least monthly or weekly Pickwell respondents visit Somerby for:

Tip	66.2%
Shop	66.1%
Post	43.1%
Surgery	30.8%
Play area	5.0%
Football	3.0%

And Burrough for:

Fort	29.2%
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And Somerby or Burrough for:

Pub	47.7%
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BURROUGH-ON-THE-HILL (84 respondents)

FACILITY	Frequently (weekly)	Sometimes (monthly)	Occasionally (less than monthly)	Never
Village hall Somerby/Pickwell	4 (4.8%)	7 (8.3%)	34 (40.5%)	28 (33.3%)
Somerby shop	31 (36.9%)	28 (33.3%)	19 (22.6%)	7 (8.3%)
Post Office facility	13 (15.5%)	16 (19.0%)	24 (28.6%)	24 (28.6%)
Churches / Chapel	2 (2.4%)	17 (20.2%)	34 (40.5%)	17 (20.2%)
Doctor's surgery	4 (4.8%)	12 (14.3%)	31 (36.9%)	29 (34.5%)
Play areas	1 (1.2%)	2 (2.4%)	9 (10.7%)	57 (67.9%)
Football pitch	1 (1.2%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.4%)	65 (77.4%)
Local bus service	3 (3.6%)	6 (7.1%)	21 (25.0%)	43 (51.2%)
Footpaths / Bridleways	49 (58.3%)	17 (20.2%)	14 (16.7%)	2 (2.4%)
Burrough Hill Fort	13 (15.5%)	31 (36.9%)	31 (36.9%)	2 (2.4%)
Pubs Somerby/Burrough	26 (31.0%)	24 (28.6%)	24 (28.6%)	3 (3.6%)
Knossington Road tip	17 (20.2%)	31 (36.9%)	16 (19.0%)	5 (6.0%)
Other	0	0	0	0

At least monthly or weekly Burrough respondents visit Somerby for:

Shop	70.2%
Tip	57.1%
Post	34.5%
Surgery	19.1%
Play area	3.6%
Football	1.2%

And Somerby or Pickwell for:

Village hall	13.1%
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(We cannot say how often they visit the pub in Somerby because they have their own pub.
Anecdotally we see them use both.)

LEESTHORPE (12 respondents)

FACILITY	Frequently (weekly)	Sometimes (monthly)	Occasionally (less than monthly)	Never
Village hall Somerby/Pickwell	1 (8.3%)	0	3 (25.0%)	6 (50.0%)
Somerby shop	3 (25.0%)	0	5 (41.7%)	3 (25.0%)
Post Office facility	1 (8.3%)	1 (8.3%)	5 (41.7%)	3 (25.0%)
Churches / Chapel	0	0	2 (16.7%)	7 (58.3%)
Doctor's surgery	1 (8.3%)	1 (8.3%)	5 (41.7%)	2 (16.7%)
Play areas	0	0	1 (8.3%)	8 (66.7%)
Football pitch	0	0	1 (8.3%)	8 (66.7%)
Local bus service	0	0	0	9 (75.0%)
Footpaths / Bridleways	5 (41.7%)	3 (25.0%)	2 (16.7%)	1 (8.3%)
Burrough Hill Fort	0	2 (16.7%)	4 (33.3%)	3 (25.0%)
Pubs Somerby/Burrough	0	3 (25.0%)	4 (33.3%)	3 (25.0%)
Knossington Road tip	1 (8.3%)	1 (8.3%)	4 (33.3%)	2 (16.7%)
Other	0	0	0	0

At least monthly or weekly Leesthorpe respondents visit Somerby for:

Shop 25.0%

Tip 16.6%

Post 16.6%

Surgery 16.6%

(This suggests they may use Melton more, being closer to the A606)

NO VILLAGE OR NONE STATED (7 respondents)

These responses were not analysed for the present purpose as they are few in number and we do not know at all where they live.