

EBF; CONSULTATION EVENT QUESTIONNAIRE MARCH 16TH, 2019 - SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

QUESTION 1 CAR PARKING

	CAR PARKING	a) Near Metro	b) Schools	c) Shops Station Rd /Langholm	d) Shops Front St	NIL RESPONSE
Q1	Feedback has highlighted significant concerns regarding parking. Which areas in the Village do you think are problematic for car parking? Tick whichever applies:	105 (93%)	83 (74%)	90 (80%)	51 (45%)	2 (2%)

Parking in all 4 areas is highlighted as a major concern, the area ranked the most problematic is a) near the metro 105 (93%), followed by c) shops on Station Road & Langholm Road 90 (80%), then b) schools 83 (74%) and finally d) shops on Front Street 51 (45%).

	CAR PARKING	YES	NO	NIL RESPONSE
Q2	Do you think we should consider setting parking standards, if so, do you have any views on what they should be seeking to achieve?	83 (74%)	8 (7%)	22 (19%)

83 (74%) YES - agree that parking standards should be set, **8 (7%) NO - do not agree** that parking standards should be set, of these 2 respondents suggest ways to address problems e.g. a dedicated bus for metro commuters and that new housing should have sufficient parking spaces; 2 suggest parking standards would push the problem elsewhere in the village; 1 does not have any problems parking; 1 thinks the measures introduced on Front Street are an improvement on past measures.

There were 22 (19%) nil responses, however of these 14 identified problem areas in Q1 and provided comments in Q3 as to how problems could be addressed e.g. 8 want more dedicated parking spaces especially for the metro but also the shops, some suggest O'Brien's/former Suzuki garage as a potential space; 4 want residents parking; 3 desire sanctions at schools; 2 want a one way system.

	CAR PARKING	CONCERNS	NO CONCERNS	NIL RESPONSE
Q3	Please enter any comments you have on Q1, Q2 and Q3 in the box below. Do you have any other comments about car parking in East Boldon.	91 (81%)	2 (2%)	20 (17%)

91 (81%) highlighted **concerns** and many offered suggestions as to how to address these (see below). **2 (2%)** had **no concerns** about parking, of these 1 person stated that they can park where and when needed, 1 felt Front Street parking measures are an improvement on previous situation, both comments are at odds with the majority of other responses. There were 20 (17%) nil responses.

The major concerns extracted from the questionnaires have been summarised and grouped under 4 key headings, in rank order, (Introduction of parking restrictions; Ways to address dangerous/inconsiderate parking around schools; Current traffic problems in the village; New housing must address parking). The total number of responses is noted at the end of each heading, numbers in brackets underneath indicate the number of specific comments. Some respondents made more than one point and some comments mirror those made elsewhere.

Many respondents would like to see the introduction of parking restrictions such as permits or restricted waiting times for non-residents and extra parking places to address the problems near the metro. Imposing restrictions around the schools was suggested to combat dangerous parking around these. The current infra-structure in relation to traffic was also cited as problematic, the introduction of 'park and ride' buses to the metro and a new metro station were 2 suggestions. Other suggestions are listed below.

Introduction of parking restrictions 91

- 'Residents Only' parking permits or restricted waiting times for (44) commuters/shoppers/non- residents.
- Extend the metro car park/parking spaces, 1 person suggested (25) building a 'sensitively designed' 2-storey car park, several people suggested using the disused O'Brien's site/former Suzuki garage for parking, but some feel that providing extra parking might encourage even more people to park in East Boldon.
- Introduce waiting limits outside shops to include a mix of times e.g.(4) 30 mins, 1 hour, 2 hours.
- Introduce restrictions and rules to facilitate disabled/wheelchair users (3) (e.g. outside Watson Tool Hire) such as parking in direction of traffic, heightening kerbs, more wardens/imposition of fines, install double yellow lines.
- Introduction of a 1-way system. (2)

Ways to address dangerous/inconsiderate parking around schools 20

- Impose parking restrictions around schools(16)
- Encourage parents NOT to use cars (4)

Current traffic problems in the village 14

- Village can't cope with current volume of traffic; 3 suggest that the (8) station is relocated; introduce a manned signal box (presumably to reduce the time the barriers are down).
- Introduce 'Park and Ride' buses to metro. (3)
- New metro station at Brockley Whins, (2)
- Boldon By-pass.(1)

Any new housing must address parking 3

- New housing must include sufficient parking spaces for residents and visitors.(3)