

## APPENDIX 4

### Shared use of facilities and the 'Whole Parish' approach

#### PARISHIONER USE OF AMENITIES / FACILITIES BY 'VILLAGE' VIABILITY OF 'WHOLE PARISH' SPATIAL STRATEGY

**Question 9 of the Household Questionnaire is informative:**

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

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. But it does mean totals left-to-right for each facility won't add up to 100%.

In the case of Village Halls and Pubs we don't know which one(s) the respondent uses. Somerby and Pickwell have village halls, Somerby and Burrough have pubs.

**Remember:** 60% was an excellent return to the Questionnaire. Certainly good enough to scale up ie. To assume non-respondents probably use facilities in similar proportion and in similar places to respondents.

**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 facilities of any kind specifically in Somerby. To be able to do that would require several days of work for each village. However we can definitely say when they are using facilities within the Parish but outside their own village.

**Arbitrary decision:** We have taken usage which is at least 'frequent' (weekly) or 'sometimes' (monthly) as the threshold for statistically significant usage. Any people using these facilities 'rarely' (less than monthly) are not accounted for below. They would however be additional, so our calculation of cross-village usage is conservative.

A village-by-village analysis is presented below.

**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	

**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%

(In Somerby village every conceivable pleasure or diversion is available, so we cannot say from the questionnaire how often they raid other villages to use their facilities.)

**Monthly or weekly many do visit Burrough Hill Fort:**

Fort 31.4%

**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%

**And Somerby or Burrough for:**

Pub 47.7%

**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%

(We cannot say how often they visit the pub in Somerby because they have their own pub. Anecdotaly 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 / NOT STATED (7 respondents)**

FACILITY	Frequently (weekly)	Sometimes (monthly)	Occasionally (less than monthly)	Never
Village hall Somerby/Pickwell	0	0	4 (57.1%)	2 (28.6%)
Somerby shop	4 (57.1%)	1 (14.3%)	1 (14.3%)	0
Post Office facility	2 (28.6%)	2 (28.6%)	1 (14.3%)	1 (14.3%)
Churches / Chapel	1 (14.3%)	3 (42.9%)	1 (14.3%)	0
Doctor's surgery	3 (42.9%)	1 (14.3%)	4 (57.1%)	1 (14.3%)
Play areas	0	0	0	5 (71.4%)
Football pitch	0	0	0	5 (71.4%)
Local bus service	1 (14.3%)	0	1 (14.3%)	3 (42.9%)
Footpaths / Bridleways	2 (28.6%)	2 (28.6%)	2 (28.6%)	0
Burrough Hill Fort	0	3 (42.9%)	3 (42.9%)	1 (14.3%)
Pubs Somerby/Burrough	0	1 (14.3%)	2 (28.6%)	1 (14.3%)
Knossington Road tip	1 (14.3%)	2 (28.6%)	3 (42.9%)	0
Other	0	0	0	0

**At least monthly or weekly respondents of unknown address visit Somerby:**

Shop 71.4%

Post 57.2%

Surgery 57.2%

Tip 42.9%

(These respondents might live anywhere, including Somerby village itself, so it would be unwise to draw conclusions about this small number of people.)

## **CONCLUSIONS**

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. They are:

Burrough - Church, pub, Burrough Hill Fort

Pickwell - Church, village hall

We do know anecdotally however that many Somerby residents use the pub in Burrough and the hall in Pickwell but we don't have a number.

Residents of Leesthorpe are as important as any residents but few in number therefore statistically not strong evidence for or against a 'cluster' approach.

Statistically it is probably most informative to compare the rates at which Pickwell and Burrough residents visit Somerby to use amenities/facilities there. Of course we can only clearly say this for facilities they don't have at all in their own village. We also cannot say statistically whether, for example, Pickwell residents who use a pub in the parish go to Somerby or to Burrough (anecdotally we know they use both.).

### **Pickwell and Burrough use of Somerby amenities/facilities (at least monthly or weekly) in whole percentages:**

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

These are quite high numbers for sharing facilities across the Parish. 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%.

### **Places of worship**

As a percentage roughly twice as many Pickwell and Burrough people use a place of worship as from Somerby. However we know that church services rotate around the villages (also including Great and Little Dalby) so they already operate as a 'cluster'.

## **Pubs**

It is reasonable to assume Somerby and Burrough residents use the pub in their own village more often than elsewhere in the parish, though we have no figure. Pickwell respondents achieve a high rate of pub usage in the Parish (47.7% at least monthly or weekly) which shows considerable determination as Pickwell has no pub itself. We don't strictly know whether they go to Somerby or Burrough but it is definitely one or the other (or both, as those of us who use them observe.)

## **Village halls**

Usage appears surprisingly low at roughly 13 – 27% depending on the village. Burrough respondents use a village hall as often as Pickwell respondents, despite not having one themselves, so must be travelling to Somerby or Pickwell.

## **Footpath**

Somerby and Pickwell are connected by a paved path, roughly 1km from centre to centre. They are the only villages connected for pedestrians.

## **'Occasional' (less than monthly) usage**

These haven't been used when comparing and assessing usage of amenities/facilities across the villages. It was felt there was too much uncertainty (every 6 weeks? A wedding every 10 years?). If 'occasional' use was included as well, all numbers for cross-village usage would be significantly higher, especially for village halls, places of worship and Burrough Hill Fort.

**Overall the data strongly shows that the Parish villages do indeed operate and socialise as a 'cluster', as most of us believed from observation and experience anyway. Parishioners extensively use and therefore help to sustain community facilities in villages other than their own. This is particularly true between Somerby and Pickwell.**

This is a level of detail which Melton Borough Council could not be expected to have and which this Neighbourhood Plan will use to inform its spatial strategy for housing. The strategy it leads us to has been called a 'cluster approach' and finds support in the NPPF Para 78 but we prefer to call it a 'whole parish approach'. This approach is consistent with the Vision and Objectives of this Neighbourhood Plan which is written for the whole Plan area not only for any particular village or villages.

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