

Appendix I – Community Facilities

The list below contains items which the Neighbourhood Plan identified as potentially receiving CIL funding together with supporting evidence. The list is maintained and managed by the Parish Council.

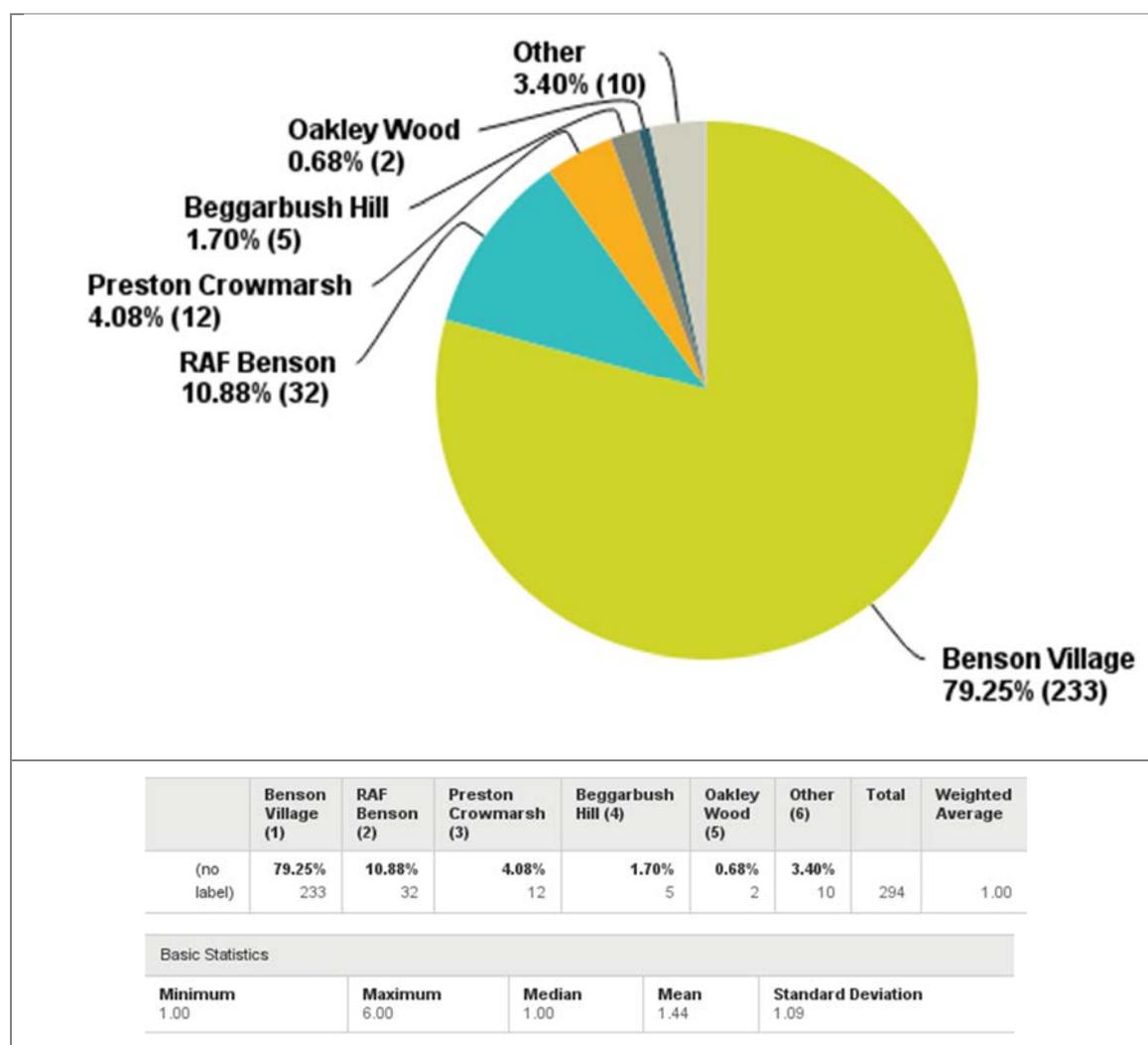
- a) Works to Salt Store
- b) Edge Road connections to existing road network
- c) Traffic calming measures such as speed restrictions where appropriate
- d) Improved pedestrian facilities such as dropped kerbs/ramps as designated
- e) Improved signage to facilitate access to Community Facilities/Sites
- f) Improved foot paths/cycle paths as designated.
- g) Parking restrictions such as road markings in designated locations.
- h) Parish Hall Extension
- i) Play Equipment
- j) Heritage Centre / Library
- k) Burial Ground
- l) Pedestrian Highways crossing on A4074
- m) Parking on grass adjacent to A4074
- n) Biodiversity enhancements
- o) Village Centre car park extension
- p) Enhancement of existing parish green spaces:
 - a. Sunnyside - Planting of wildflower margin
 - b. Millbrook Mead - Refurbishment of the dipping pond
 - c. Cuckoo Pen - Enhancement with picnic benches and wildflower planting
 - d. Bertie West Field – tbc (Requires engagement with Benson Primary School re Forest School requirements and Guides/Scouts for suggestions (eg value of a shelter?).
 - e. Salt Store – Scrub management to create a greater diversity of habitats/age stands of scrub; planting of Dark Mullein to support populations of Striped Lychnis moth.
 - f. Benson Brook - increasing the biodiversity value of banks, focused particularly on Cuckoo Pen stretch, and subject to agreement of riparian owners, other areas within the urban setting.
- q) Installation of a trail and associated signage for Benson's nature network
- r) New footpath and associated wildflower margin connecting Ewelme and RAF Benson (A Defence Infrastructure Organisation suggestion - approximately 800m in within Benson Parish, the remainder is in Ewelme. This would be a collaborative project.)
- s) Bridge across Elmbrook (beside McDonalds to facilitate safer pedestrian access to Warwick Spinney)
- t) Purchase of equipment (eg mower) to enable Benson Nature Group to manage parish green spaces to maximise their value to wildlife and people. Provision of secure storage for such equipment.
- u) Expansion of the Doctors Surgery at Mill Stream

NP – Community Facilities - Supporting evidence documents

1 Youth Hall/ Scout Hut and Youth Facilities

The Parish Council undertook a survey in 2015 of Youth facilities. Findings are summarised below:

		Answered	Skipped
Q1	In which area of Benson do you live?	294	8



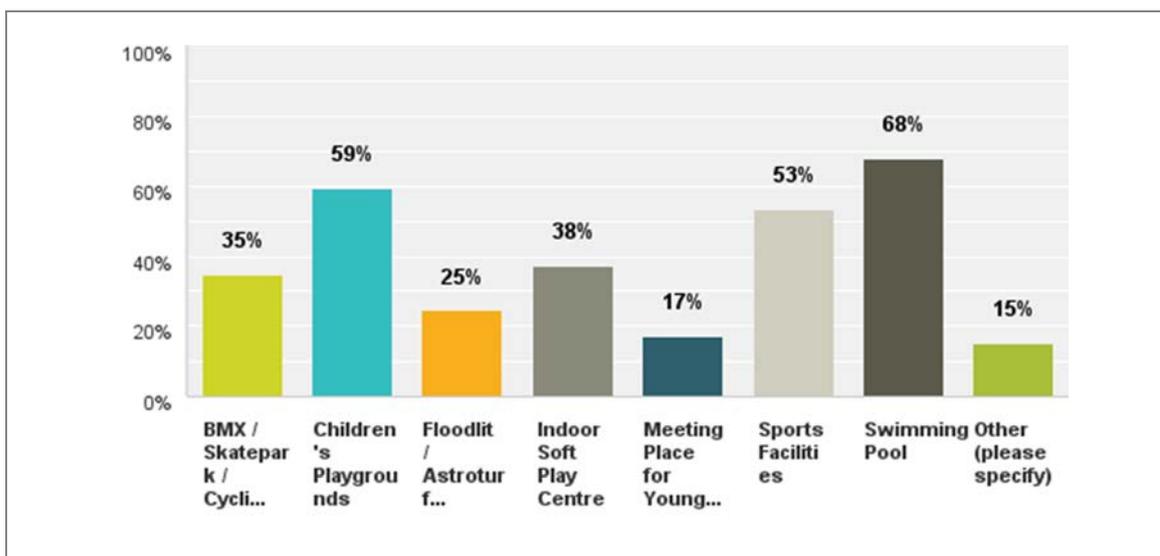
		Answered	Skipped
Q2	How many children, by age, currently live at or regularly visit your household?	297	5

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
0-4yrs	1	130	90
5-9 yrs	1	188	132
10-15 yrs	1	236	160
+ 15 yrs	1	82	59
No children (insert 0)	0	0	36
Total Respondents: 297			

Basic Statistics					
	Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
0-4yrs	1.00	6.00	1.00	1.44	0.91
5-9 yrs	0.00	6.00	1.00	1.42	0.91
10-15 yrs	0.00	6.00	1.00	1.48	0.85
+ 15 yrs	0.00	3.00	1.00	1.39	0.69
No children (insert 0)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

		Answered	Skipped
Q3	What leisure facilities do the young people in your family regularly use OUTSIDE of Benson Parish (Excluding school activities)?	263	34

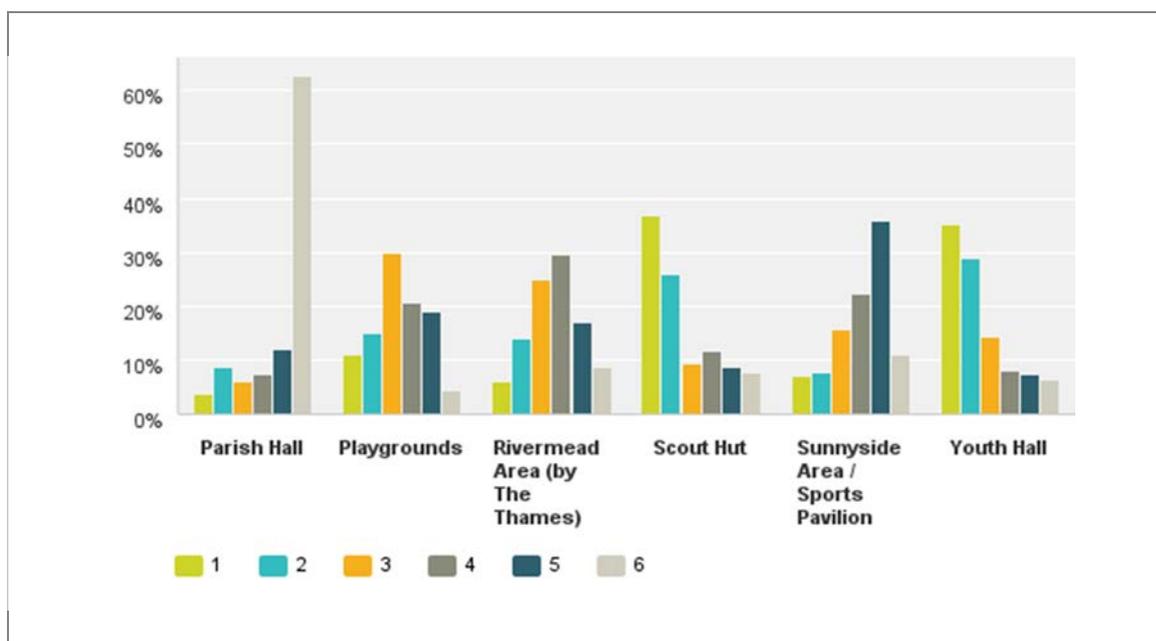
Note: In Total 636 children were represented by survey replies



Respondents mainly leave Benson to use swimming pools, children's playgrounds and sports facilities

Answer Choices	Responses			
BMX / Skatepark / Cycling Agility Trail (1)	35%	94		
Children's Playgrounds (2)	59%	159		
Floodlit / Astrourf Pitches (3)	25%	66		
Indoor Soft Play Centre (4)	38%	101		
Meeting Place for Young People (5)	17%	45		
Sports Facilities (6)	53%	143		
Swimming Pool (7)	68%	182		
Other (please specify) (8)	15%	40		
Total Respondents: 268				
Basic Statistics				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	8.00	4.00	4.45	2.27

		Answered	Skipped
Q4	In order of priority which Parish Council owned facilities in Benson require the most improvement? (1 being requires most improvement, 6 being least)	284	18

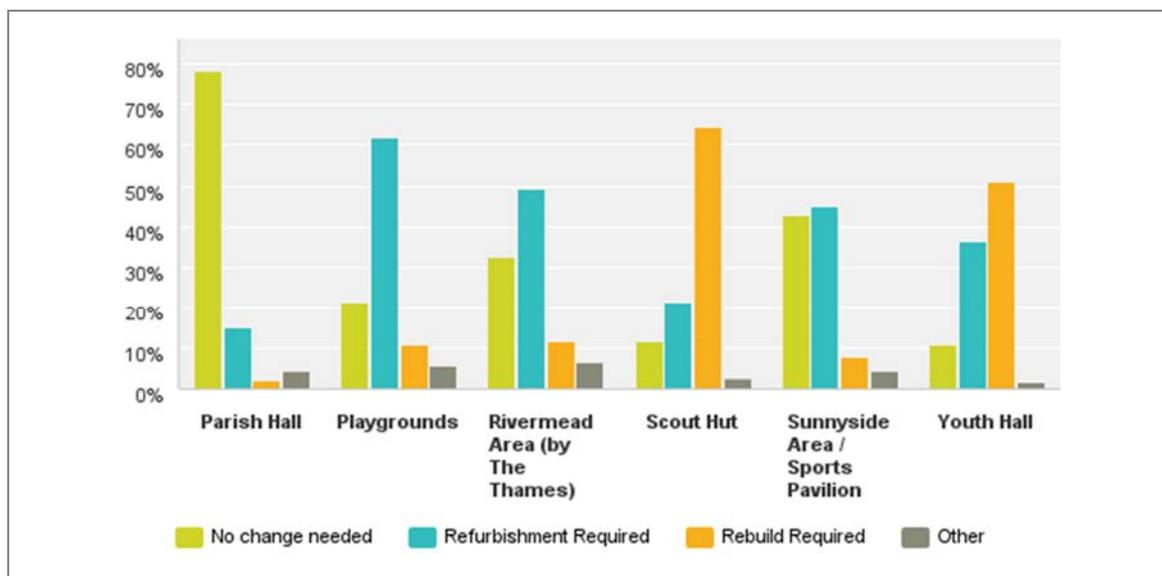


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	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Score
Parish Hall	4% 10	8% 24	6% 17	7% 21	12% 34	63% 177	283	1.96
Playgrounds	11% 31	15% 42	30% 85	21% 59	19% 54	4% 12	283	3.65
Rivermead Area (by The Thames)	6% 17	14% 39	25% 71	30% 84	17% 49	8% 24	284	3.36
Scout Hut	37% 105	26% 74	9% 26	12% 33	8% 24	8% 22	284	4.48
Sunnyside Area / Sports Pavilion	7% 20	8% 22	16% 45	23% 64	36% 102	11% 31	284	2.95
Youth Hall	35% 100	29% 82	14% 40	8% 22	7% 21	6% 18	283	4.58

Basic Statistics					
	Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
Parish Hall	1.00	6.00	6.00	5.04	1.51
Playgrounds	1.00	6.00	3.00	3.35	1.35
Rivermead Area (by The Thames)	1.00	6.00	4.00	3.64	1.31
Scout Hut	1.00	6.00	2.00	2.52	1.63
Sunnyside Area / Sports Pavilion	1.00	6.00	4.00	4.05	1.38
Youth Hall	1.00	6.00	2.00	2.42	1.52

		Answered	Skipped
Q5	What improvements, if any, do you think is required by the following youth facilities?	290	12

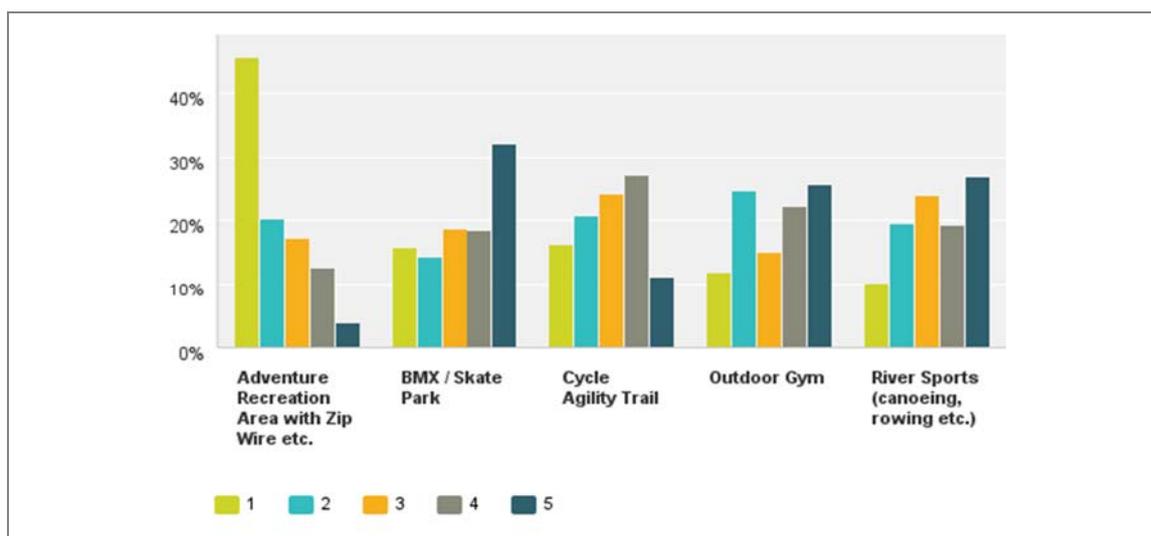


This shows that respondents think we should do nothing to the Parish Hall. However playgrounds, Rivermead and Sunnyside should be refurbished and the Youth Hall and Scout Hut be rebuilt.

	No change needed (1)	Refurbishment Required (2)	Rebuild Required (3)	Other (4)	Total
Parish Hall	78% 203	15% 39	2% 6	4% 11	259
Playgrounds	21% 55	62% 159	11% 28	5% 14	256
Rivermead Area (by The Thames)	33% 83	49% 126	12% 30	6% 16	255
Scout Hut	12% 32	21% 58	64% 175	3% 7	272
Sunnyside Area / Sports Pavilion	43% 106	45% 111	8% 19	4% 11	247
Youth Hall	11% 29	36% 100	51% 141	2% 5	275

Basic Statistics					
	Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
Parish Hall	1.00	4.00	1.00	1.32	0.72
Playgrounds	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	0.74
Rivermead Area (by The Thames)	1.00	4.00	2.00	1.92	0.83
Scout Hut	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.58	0.73
Sunnyside Area / Sports Pavilion	1.00	4.00	2.00	1.74	0.78
Youth Hall	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.44	0.70

		Answered	Skipped
Q6	In order of popularity, which of the following OUTDOOR facilities would your family support if they were provided in Benson? (1 being most popular and 5 being least)	275	27

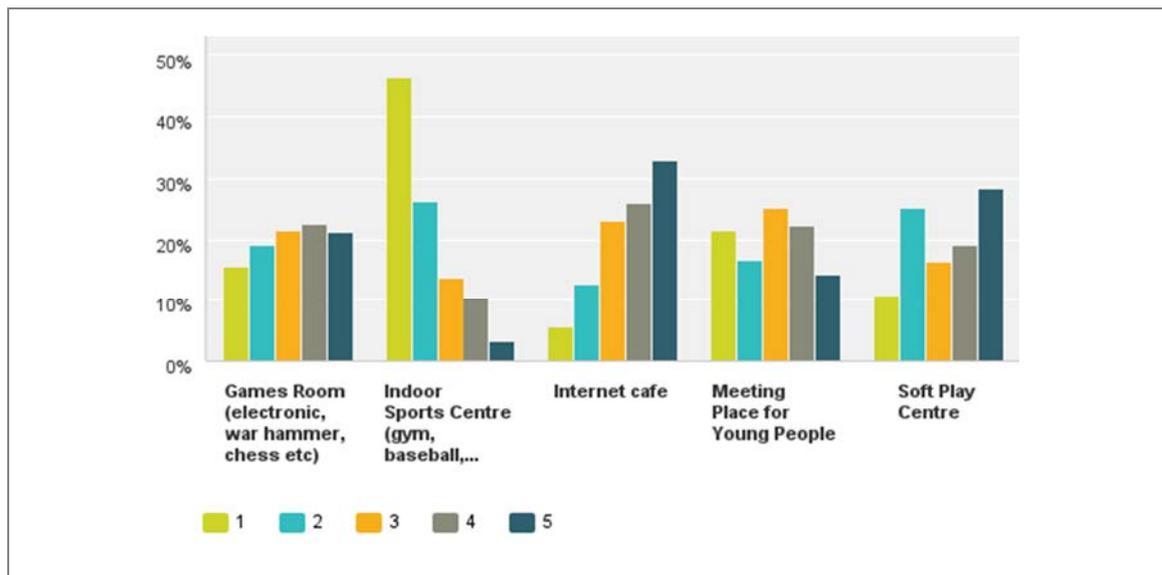


The only clear conclusion is that respondents would support an Adventure Playground with zipwire etc.

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Score
Adventure Recreation Area with Zip Wire etc.	45% 125	20% 56	17% 48	13% 35	4% 11	275	3.91
BMX / Skate Park	16% 44	15% 40	19% 52	19% 51	32% 88	275	2.64
Cycle Agility Trail	16% 45	21% 57	24% 67	27% 75	11% 31	275	3.04
Outdoor Gym	12% 33	25% 68	15% 42	22% 61	26% 71	275	2.75
River Sports (canoeing, rowing etc.)	10% 28	20% 54	24% 66	19% 53	27% 74	275	2.67

Basic Statistics					
	Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
Adventure Recreation Area with Zip Wire etc.	1.00	5.00	2.00	2.09	1.22
BMX / Skate Park	1.00	5.00	4.00	3.36	1.46
Cycle Agility Trail	1.00	5.00	3.00	2.96	1.26
Outdoor Gym	1.00	5.00	3.00	3.25	1.39
River Sports (canoeing, rowing etc.)	1.00	5.00	3.00	3.33	1.33

		Answered	Skipped
Q7	In order of popularity, which of the following INDOOR facilities would your family support if they were provided in Benson? (1 being most popular and 5 being least)	274	28



The only clear conclusion is that respondents would strongly support an indoor sports centre, although a meeting place/games room would also be popular.

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Score
Games Room (electronic, war hammer, chess etc)	15.69% 43	18.98% 52	21.53% 59	22.63% 62	21.17% 58	274	2.85
Indoor Sports Centre (gym, baseball, gymnastics, table tennis etc.)	46.35% 127	26.28% 72	13.87% 38	10.22% 28	3.28% 9	274	4.02
Internet cafe	5.47% 15	12.77% 35	22.99% 63	25.91% 71	32.85% 90	274	2.32
Meeting Place for Young People	21.53% 59	16.79% 46	25.18% 69	22.26% 61	14.23% 39	274	3.09
Soft Play Centre	10.95% 30	25.18% 69	16.42% 45	18.98% 52	28.47% 78	274	2.71

Basic Statistics						
	Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation	
Games Room (electronic, war hammer, chess etc)	1.00	5.00	3.00	3.15	1.37	
Indoor Sports Centre (gym, baseball, gymnastics, table tennis etc.)	1.00	5.00	2.00	1.98	1.14	
Internet cafe	1.00	5.00	4.00	3.68	1.21	
Meeting Place for Young People	1.00	5.00	3.00	2.91	1.35	
Soft Play Centre	1.00	5.00	3.00	3.29	1.39	

2 GP Surgery

2.1 Current Situation

- Surgery currently has 4,741 patients (Source: OCC Infrastructure Development Plan)
- Has capacity for 5,219 patients
- Thus the existing surgery could accept 478 extra patients

2.2 Emerging situation

- Some 200 new homes have either been built recently or are under construction (~12 new + 187 Littleworth Road Phase I)
- Thus assuming average 2.4 persons per household this is equivalent to 480 new patients
- So all spare capacity within present surgery building fully committed
- Potentially there may be 241 houses (578 patients) on Littleworth Road Phase II
- May be a further 80 houses (192 patients) on site Ben2
- A further 240 houses (576 patients) on Sites Ben3 + Ben4
- Thus there may be a need to accommodate as many as 1,346 new patients

2.3 Possible solutions

- Build a completely new surgery or a separate 'satellite' surgery
 - Where? Who would operate this?
 - Not an option liked by either by village or the GPs
- Extend the existing surgery
 - Can this be done?
 - The GP partnership at Benson and NHS Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group believe it is possible
 - What impact upon an operating GP practice during modification of the current surgery?
 - This would be very challenging and disruptive, but probably achievable
 - Thus the NP must seek funding contributions from developers under CIL to permit the necessary surgery expansion.

3 Burial Ground

The new burial space needs to be approximately the same size as the "New Churchyard" in Church Road opposite the Church, about half a hectare.

It needs to be in a quiet place, not too near busy roads, and with plenty of parking.

It would be helpful not to have a footpath or right of way running across it.

There should be no pipes or cables under the ground that may need to be excavated for repair or could impede the digging of graves.

It would be worth checking the height of the water table; double depth graves are at least six feet deep

Proximity close to the existing Church would be beneficial.

Source: Benson Parish Council