

Dear Allan

I would like to comment on what happened at the Consultation Events (6/4/2019 & 10/4/2019)

- A lot of villagers were unaware of the Consultation Events as they are not on mailing lists or don't look at Facebook. Steering Groups elsewhere have done a leaflet drop. Why couldn't a leaflet about the Events have been delivered to all households (it could have been delivered alongside the Church leaflet)
- The system of coloured dots for voting purposes was open to misuse. People could easily put more than one dot without being seen. They could be in a crowd around a table or return to a table when no-one from the Steering Group was looking. Perhaps a Steering Group member should have stayed at each table throughout the Events and given dots to people.
- The Steering Group, stating that they recommend Partial Field designation (with owner approval) rather than Whole Field designation (without landowner approval) already skews what people think and then vote for.
- The question about paragraph 100 had statements above it printed in green text. The text stated that the whole field fulfilled paragraph 100 and the partial field fulfilled paragraph 100. Why then ask the public to put a dot on the Whole Field/Partial Field/Both/Neither? You've just told them the answer. However, after the public had read the green text surely they would have put dots under the "Both" heading. Why then did most people put dots under the "Partial" heading?
- A lot of the comments written on Post-its which supported Partial Field nomination had the same or very similar phrases written on them ie. words to the effect that the landowner had been very generous in offering so much of his field for Green Space nomination. I would have expected the comments to be more varied and along the lines of Partial field nomination having a good chance of being awarded, meaning a lot of the field would remain in its natural state.
- Statistically, it would be expected that the results at two such events would be fairly similar. It is highly unlikely that there would be a complete reversal of voting on such a scale.

Saturday Event	Wednesday Event
3 hour session	2 hour session
35 attendees	An unexpectedly large number of attendees
No comments on Post-its supporting Partial Field nomination	A large number of comments on Post-its supporting Partial Field nomination
Around 2/3 of dots supporting Whole-field nomination	Around 2/3 of dots supporting Partial field nomination

Unfortunately, despite the Steering Group's hard work in putting on the Consultation Events, it could be said that mistakes were made. Therefore the result of the vote for either Whole-field or Partial field nomination for Green Space designation would appear to be invalid for the following reasons:-

- A leaflet drop to every household was not done
- Some of the issues surrounding whole-field/partial field nomination for Green Space designation were not presented clearly enough
- The correct use of the dots for voting was not policed adequately