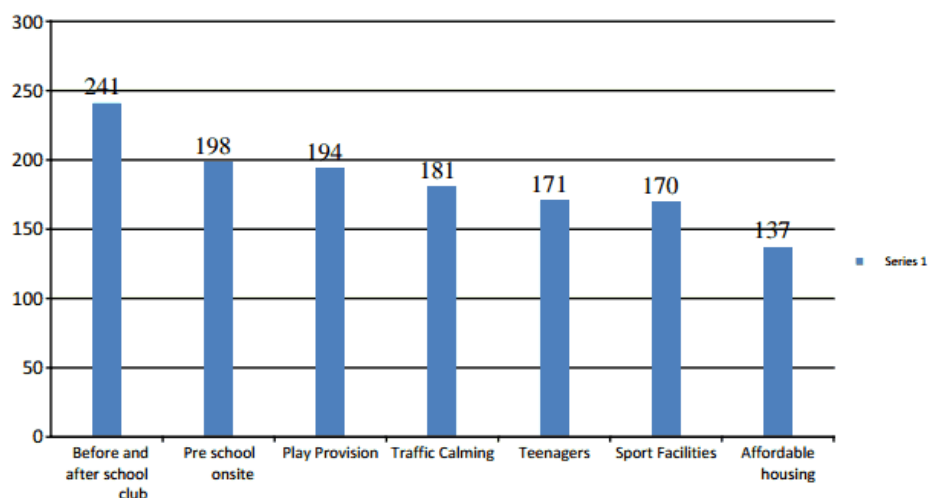


The Friends of Colwall Primary School response to the neighbourhood plan.

45 Consultation forms have been gathered through the Friends of Colwall School. This represents approx. 1 third of Colwall Primary School's community (approx. 90 adults and approx. 108 children.) See the graph below for the results.



Priority 1: The school community has identified its main priority for the next 15 years as a need for a before and after school club based at Colwall Primary school site. Quoting one respondent, "Working families find juggling child care and work increasingly more difficult so provision at Colwall School for before and after school care is vital to attract families to remain in the village. Other schools in the area do offer this. Parents will choose these alternatives instead when selecting a school and village to live in."

Priority 2: The second highest priority is for a pre-school on site. We recognise the vital role a pre-school plays in the success of the school and the vibrancy of the community and the village as a whole. A buoyant pre-school naturally progresses to a buoyant primary school with a strong intake. Despite the excellent service the school provides, the lack of onsite pre-school means that Colwall school is no longer the first choice for some families, even some who live in the village already.

Priorities 1 and 2 have a big impact on the life of the village, including shops, library use and other services.

Priority 3: The 3rd priority is better play provision in the village. The library park is very outdated and potentially unsafe and lacking provision for younger children. There is scant provision elsewhere. For example, the area of swings on the green could be easily enhanced. National research by 'Play England' showed that 80% of children would like to play outdoors more often. This is vital for Children's health and well-being and better play provision would facilitate this.

Priority 4: The 4th Priority is Traffic Calming. National research shows that in 1971, 86% of children walked to school alone compared to the current statistic of 25%. In Colwall a good number of children walk to school but there are fears over safety due to the high speed of vehicles through the village. Some of the suggestions for improvement included speed bumps, a 'slow down school children' sign and the possibility of designated cycle ways.

Our consultation also flagged up improvements to car parking near the school to reduce congestion on the main road.

Joint priority 5 and 6 were for better provision for teenagers in the village and improved sporting and leisure facilities. There were some innovative ideas suggested such as a youth café using underused and struggling venues such as pubs. There is seen to be a need for a place for teenagers to gather eg youth shelter, youth club, skate boarding park, parkour facilities, sporting facilities etc. Providing interesting and positive opportunities for our young people will lead to a happier and more cohesive community. One respondent said that "providing sports provision would offer something for all generations including teenagers and would resolve many issues identified." Is there any more that the 2 private school in the village, which both house fantastic sporting facilities, can offer to villagers.

Priority 7: The school community felt that we must welcome families into the village with more affordable housing. Currently many young families are priced out.

We have copies of the consultation forms should you wish to see them. We would be very happy to contribute to any further discussions.