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## **Spratton Neighbourhood Plan consultation result – September 2014**

This is being sent to all households, also posted on the Parish Council notice-board and website.

### **Result**

Parishioners have decided, by a strong majority that housing growth should be more gradual with no unidentified sites having significantly more than 10 homes.

Papers received and numbered	302
Duplicates (those sent by scan and also hard copy deposit)	(8)
Papers spoiled (see over)	<u>(5)</u>
Net ballots	<u>289</u>
A. In favour of one large scheme of 35 houses	105
B. In favour of more gradual growth	170
C. No preference between these two approaches	<u>14</u>
Total (as above)	<u>289</u>

### **Of respondents who ticked B or C**

1. 148 - wouldn't support any unidentified sites which had significantly more than 10 homes
2. 28 - wouldn't support any unidentified sites which had significantly more than 20 homes
3. 7 - wouldn't worry how many homes were on any unidentified sites

Percentage of respondents with a preference in favour of more gradual growth (170/275) 61.8%

### **Next step**

A housing policy is being prepared based on this decision by parishioners, and the Plan will come to the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup> for a decision to move to the formal consultation stage.

### **Process and opportunity to check the result**

See over.

## **Thank you**

### **The turnout of parishioners was 31.5% of those on the electoral register.**

This is a very high percentage for this type of consultation, and also higher than the response rate for any other Spratton Neighbourhood Plan consultation. It reflects the seriousness with which parishioners approached this difficult decision, and the Parish Council wants to thank everyone who took part in this consultation.

## **Process for recording and checking the results**

1. Forms were numbered consecutively as received, 1 to 302, on the top and bottom of the ballot.
2. The data from the forms was entered by Cllr Keable in two separate spreadsheets
  - 2.1. One recorded the form number and name of respondent. A few parishioners, who had sent their result by scan to the clerk, also then put in their hard copy. These duplicates were identified by this process.
  - 2.2. The other recorded the form number and the voting intention, but not the name.
3. The name and address element was removed prior to Cllr Keable entering the results
4. Any ambiguous or incomplete responses (there were 8 of these) were set aside, and were subsequently adjudicated, in accordance with Electoral Commission guidance, by a panel of three Parish Councillors, Cllr's Blowfield, Forster and Pacey. Their decision is final.
5. The result has been verified by two councillors, Cllrs Keable and Heaton, and the Clerk.

## **Requests from parishioners to check the data**

Any parishioner may request the opportunity to check that the result is correct.

The anonymous forms are held by the clerk and any parishioner may have access to these, in the presence of the clerk, to confirm the result is as shown overleaf.