

Sedgefield Ward Section 106 Community Consultation – key feedback

When new housing development occurs, the developers must put some money towards community and social improvements in the area. This funding is commonly known as Section 106 Fund (S106) and is currently available as part of the building of new housing estates in and around Sedgefield.

The consultation

The consultation focused on three proposed projects for improvements to the local area, which hope to obtain funding from the S106 funding. As the Fund will not be able to fully fund all three projects, it was important ask local people for their views to help DCC recommend and prioritise how much money to allocate into each project.

We received 384 responses, and this is what you told us:

Project	In favour	Neither in favour or against	Against
Sedgefield Cemetery and Allotment Expansion	39%	35.7%	25%
Eden Drive and Winterton play area improvements	71%	17%	12%
Getting around in Sedgefield and Fishburn	70%	19%	11%

Future Project Ideas

We also asked for suggestions for ideas for future projects. We received a long list and the most popular ideas included:

- Youth provision provided for teenagers (15)
- New / improved leisure facilities (9)
- Improvements to cycleways (7)
- Public transport routes (7)
- Provide public toilets in Sedgefield (7)
- Parking improvements (6)
- Cycleway improvements (6)
- Traffic calming / management (6)

Other ideas included: improved health facilities, school and nursery provision, green energy solutions, CCTV and traffic calming amongst others.

Next Steps

The three projects will be asked to submit their fully costed projects to the Section 106 Group so they can be considered for funding.

We will look at the other suggestions to see if we can work in partnership with community groups/ other partner organisations to tackle the issues and source funding for future projects if needed.