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**for the village  
by the village**

Firstly a warm welcome to a new Steering Group member - Damian Long, who many of you will know is a governor at Flore School.

As highlighted in our last update, August saw the launch of our Flore Plan household questionnaire in both paper and on-line versions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who took the time to complete it, as well as our volunteers who delivered the hard copies to each and every house, as well as our follow up leaflet. It's hard work, but we now have a core team who have given up a lot of their time (and suffered a few bruised knuckles from some springier letter boxes!) to ensure they were delivered quickly.

This is an important part of the evidence gathering process that we need to shape the plan, which is why each and every return really does make a difference. Without it we would really struggle to understand what it is that is really important to you, how you want the village to look and the issues that concern you.

When I wrote this we had 154 completed surveys, which in a parish of 520 households is great. However to encourage even more of you to tell us your views we have extended the deadline to the 5<sup>th</sup> September. You may still have your original paper copy; if you've mislaid it - or it was eaten by the dog, cat or rabbit - then don't worry. We do have some spare hard copies left which Ash and Babs are holding for us at the shop.

Alternatively the easy option is to log on-line where it only takes 5 minutes to complete; or of course longer if you have lots of comments that you want to make.

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/FloreNP](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FloreNP)

There were a number of emerging themes (which is not surprising) and some really good comments. The one question that generated much mirth was the one asking do you intend to still be living in Flore in 2029! Typical of the funniest Don't know/Not sure - I will be 90 by then!

So what is next for September?

We are still very keen to hear from you, particularly those who have not yet commented? We will be contacting all the various groups and societies in the village offering the chance for one of the Steering Group to come and talk to you about the Plan, and what it involves. If you run such a group and would like us to come along then please do email or contact one of us.

The youth community is very important to us and we need your opinions. We've had some great comments through the survey, but we need more of your views. We have some ideas about what we can do, but it would be even better if you could send us your thoughts and suggestions. Should we run a specific 'event' for you? Or is there something else that we should do. All ideas are good ideas so please do email them through.

Finally we are also starting to plan ahead for the next stage, which is the identification of the key issues and potential options that our work to date has identified. Plans are being made for an October event at the Millennium Hall – provisionally booked for the 11<sup>th</sup> so put it in your diary now.

Tom Higginson

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