

Report on Gala stand Sunday 26th June 2016

Aims of event

1. Publicize GNPF, gain new forum members
2. Consult public about the policy objectives
3. Respond to queries about current LCC plans
4. Collect signatures for the Parish council petition
5. Raise funds

Equipment

Maps of proposed planning and PC area

Copies of policy objectives as handouts

Petition forms

Fund raising items, home produce and plants

Helpers : JA,LC, RC, JL, SMcQ, RU, SW

Answers needed for the following

1. No. of new members - 17
2. No of consultation forms given out
3. No of petition signatures
4. Funds raised
5. Comments from public

It was not possible to record total numbers but everyone visiting the stand were very supportive of the GNPF and considered that Garforth needed a PC to protect it from the excesses of LCC. No one was in favour of 1232b being developed and all felt that the number of houses proposed for Garforth were excessive because

- Garforth was already overdeveloped
- Traffic congestion generally around Garforth, dangers exiting the M1 at junction 47 during the rush hour with long tailbacks on the motorway
- Lack of parking for Main Street (using both sides of the road is not popular and causes even more congestion), railway stations and on relatively new housing developments.
- Lack of amenities now, insufficient sports pitches, no proper parks, insufficient GP provision
- Many comments on flooding and drainage issues throughout Garforth

Other comments included

- One lady lives opposite the houses on Severn Drive where the owners have agreed to have their homes demolished should it be required, to make room for the new road from the cliff,

if plans went ahead. She is horrified that this is possibly going to happen and she knew nothing about it. She became a member, in order to be kept informed.

- Many were concerned for the residents on Cedar Ridge (paying a precept for no benefit) and were happy to sign the Parish Council Petition in support of them.
- Developers building houses that many in Garforth cannot afford, perception that private landlords from outside the area buying up the first time buyers properties and then charging exorbitant rents
- Too many charity shops, takeaways, cafes and hairdressers on Main St. No shopping provision and no post office in East Garforth