

COVENANT SURVEY RESPONSE SUMMARY, AND PROPOSALS TO VIGO PARISH COUNCIL



1. IT IS IMPORTANT TO RETAIN THE OPEN PLAN DESIGN OF THE VILLAGE (303 responses)
Strongly Agree / Agree: 81% Strongly Disagree / Disagree: 8%
Neither Agree or Disagree: 11%

Vigo Parish Council agreed that:

(i) That the Covenant regarding the open plan nature of the village is strongly enforced, and the rolling programme to deal with historical breaches of this covenant be continued.

(ii) In exceptional circumstances (to be discussed and agreed with VPC) low barriers may be permitted in between neighbours in detached properties. Where barriers are permitted, they must be either be at least 50% open OR if continuous less than 0.5 metres high.

REMINDER: No barriers can be erected without prior approval from VPC.

2. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR REAR AND SIDE FENCES TO BE UNIFORM IN HEIGHT AND POSITION FROM THE FOOTPATH (308 responses)
Strongly Agree / Agree: 56% Strongly Disagree / Disagree: 19%
Neither Agree or Disagree: 25%

Vigo Parish Council agreed that:

Residents should maintain their rear and side garden fences at a maximum height of 1.8 metres, and at a minimum distance of 1.0 metre from any adjacent public footpath (permission to be sought before moving any fence). Low level planting (maximum height 0.9 metre) to fill the 1.0 metre gap MAY be permitted in exceptional circumstances, but approval needs to be given by VPC in advance.

3. WHERE CONCERNS ARE RAISED REGARDING SHORTCUTS BEING TAKEN ACROSS THE FRONT BOUNDARY OF A RESIDENT'S LAND, SHOULD VPC HAVE THE DISCRETION TO PERMIT A SMALL FENCE OR BOUNDARY TO DISCOURAGE THIS? (297 responses)
Strongly Agree / Agree: 79% Strongly Disagree / Disagree: 13%
Neither Agree or Disagree: 8%

Vigo Parish Council agreed that:

If there is an issue with shortcuts being taken across resident's land, then a small barrier may be erected, maximum height of 0.5 metres. Style and design must be approved by the Parish Council in advance.

4. THE MATERIAL USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF REPLACEMENT WINDOWS SHOULD MATCH THOSE OF THE ORIGINAL DESIGN. (297 responses)
Strongly Agree / Agree: 23% Strongly Disagree / Disagree: 19%
Neither Agree or Disagree: 58%

Vigo Parish Council agreed that:

Residents should be permitted to replace their windows with either an aluminium, wooden or UPVC frame.

5. REPLACEMENT WINDOWS SHOULD CLOSELY MATCH THOSE OF THE ORIGINAL DESIGN (PLAIN GLASS IN A WHITE FRAME (300 responses)
 Strongly Agree / Agree: 42% Strongly Disagree / Disagree: 14%
 Neither Agree or Disagree: 44%

Vigo Parish Council agreed that:

Only clear glass windows will to be approved (no leaded lights, or Georgian style windows). Privacy glass will be permitted where appropriate.

6. RESIDENTS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO CHOOSE THE COLOUR OF THEIR WINDOWS FROM A SPECIFIED LIST OF COLOURS (290 responses)
 Strongly Agree / Agree: 47% Strongly Disagree / Disagree: 18%
 Neither Agree or Disagree: 35%

Vigo Parish Council agreed that:

Window frames in white, grey or brown would be approved (a list of exact colours to be agreed by VPC and this list be made available to residents).

7. THE APPEARANCE OF HOUSES SHOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH THAT OF NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES (SHOULD SEEK TO BLEND IN) (299 responses)
 Strongly Agree / Agree: 63.5% Strongly Disagree / Disagree: 12%
 Neither Agree or Disagree: 24.5%

8. THE OVERALL ORIGINAL APPEARANCE OF PROPERTIES SHOULD BE MAINTAINED (329 responses)
 Strongly Agree / Agree: 53% Strongly Disagree / Disagree: 27%
 Neither Agree or Disagree: 20%

Vigo Parish Council agreed that:

Attached properties must maintain the original appearance of the build, and match neighbouring properties. Detached properties must be in keeping with the area, but VPC have discretion to approve a finish that does not exactly match the original. Radical changes will not be approved under any circumstances. If a detached property ever needed to be rebuilt, the new build should be in keeping with the rest of the street. Attached properties needing to be rebuilt should match the neighbours.

9. RESIDENTS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO CONVERT THEIR GARAGES INTO LIVING ACCOMMODATION (300 responses)
 Strongly Agree / Agree: 63% Strongly Disagree / Disagree: 21%
 Neither Agree or Disagree: 16%

10. QUESTION 9 (above) SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO THERE BEING ADEQUATE ALTERNATIVE PARKING AVAILABLE (293 responses)
 Strongly Agree / Agree: 84% Strongly Disagree / Disagree: 7%
 Neither Agree or Disagree: 9%

Vigo Parish Council agreed that:

VPC should continue to implement the current policy which states that garage conversions will only be permitted when there is adequate alternative off road parking available.

11. RESIDENTS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE BUSINESSES FROM HOME WHICH DO NOT NEGATIVELY IMPACT THEIR NEIGHBOURS (298 responses)

Strongly Agree / Agree:	78%	Strongly Disagree / Disagree:	14%
Neither Agree or Disagree:	8%		

Vigo Parish Council agreed that:

The covenant regarding businesses operating from home will only be enforced if a nuisance were reported and could be evidenced.

12. RESIDENTS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THE APPEARANCE OF THEIR PROPERTY, GARDEN AND FENCES TO A GOOD STANDARD (297 responses)

Strongly Agree / Agree:	95%	Strongly Disagree / Disagree:	3%
Neither Agree or Disagree:	2%		

Vigo Parish Council agreed that:

The PC should continue to write to those residents whose property had fallen into a state of disrepair, using other agencies (such as GBC) as and when appropriate.