

BOTESDALE &
RICKINGHALL

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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HOUSEHOLD/HOUSING NEED SURVEY SUMMARY

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Household and Housing Needs Survey

Q1. What do you think about the number of houses we have currently? Please tick one box

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Need a lot more | 3.10% 10 |
| About right | 43.34% 140 |
| Need a few more | 48.30% 156 |
| Too many already | 5.26% 17 |
| | Answered 323 |
| | Skipped 8 |

Q2. How many new homes should be built here in the next 20 years? Please tick one box

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 10-25 | 22.05% 71 |
| 25-50 | 22.67% 73 |
| 50-75 | 10.56% 34 |
| 75-100 | 13.35% 43 |
| 100-150 | 10.25% 33 |
| 150-200 | 11.49% 37 |
| 200+ | 3.11% 10 |
| Don't know | 6.52% 21 |
| | Answered 322 |
| | Skipped 9 |

Q3. What importance do you attach to the following reasons for new housing in Botesdale and Rickingham in the next 20 years?

| | Important | Not important | No opinion | Total |
|--|------------|---------------|---------------------|-------|
| To enable young people to remain in the community | 86.08% 266 | 7.12% 22 | 6.80% 21 | 309 |
| To meet the wider need for more housing | 53.68% 153 | 30.53% 87 | 15.79% 45 | 285 |
| To enable older people to move to suitable accommodation | 75.83% 229 | 13.58% 41 | 10.60% 32 | 302 |
| To maintain sufficient use of village services and amenities | 74.50% 222 | 18.12% 54 | 7.38% 22 | 298 |
| To add to the social mix of the community | 39.66% 117 | 44.07% 130 | 16.27% 48 | 295 |
| To fund improvements to the community | 53.85% 154 | 27.62% 79 | 18.53% 53 | 286 |
| | | | Answered 325 | |
| | | | Skipped 6 | |

Q4. What form would you prefer any future development to take? Please note that developers are not required to provide social housing in a development of under 10 houses. Please tick any that apply

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|---|---------------------|
| No preference | 3.74% 12 |
| In-filling | 31.78% 102 |
| Several small developments of up to 5 dwellings | 36.45% 117 |
| Several small developments of 6 - 10 dwellings | 42.37% 136 |
| 1 or 2 larger developments (11-50) | 27.73% 89 |
| 1 very large development of 100+ dwellings | 3.74% 12 |
| | Answered 321 |
| | Skipped 10 |

Q5. What types of housing do you think will be most needed in Botesdale and Rickingham in the next 20 years?

| | Strong need | Moderate need | Low need | No need | No opinion | Total |
|---|-------------|---------------|----------|---------|------------|------------|
| Starter/affordable homes | 57.10% | 25.81% | 8.71% | 4.84% | 3.55% | 310 |
| Social housing e.g. shared ownership or rental through a housing ass | 24.83% | 32.55% | 18.46% | 17.11% | 7.05% | 298 |
| Private rented accommodation | 4.18% | 24.74% | 35.54% | 25.44% | 10.10% | 287 |
| Homes for 'downsizers' | 22.22% | 39.06% | 23.57% | 8.08% | 7.07% | 297 |
| Family homes | 34.11% | 46.82% | 14.0% | 6.02% | 3.68% | 299 |
| Luxury i.e. executive homes | 1.39% | 10.45% | 30% | 54.01% | 4.53% | 287 |
| Retirement housing | 24.09% | 43.56% | 132 | 8.58% | 5.28% | 303 |
| Sheltered housing | 20.25% | 33.76% | 49 | 14.35% | 10.97% | 237 |
| Other (please specify) | | | | | | 7 |
| Other (please specify) | | | | | | 323 |
| Council built and rented | | | | | | 8 |
| No opinion | | | | | | |
| Small family homes | | | | | | |
| No opinion | | | | | | |
| Moderate need for sheltered housing | | | | | | |
| Any homes build should be designed as Caring Homes | | | | | | |
| Builders and estate agents ignore surveys they work for profit irrespective | | | | | | |

Q6. How concerned are you about the consequences of new housing development in Botesdale and Rickingham?

| | Very | Quite | Neutral | Not very | Not at all | Total |
|---|--------|--------|---------|----------|------------|------------|
| Environmental impact (flooding, wildlife, air quality, drainage etc.) | 59.81% | 25.00% | 79 | 8.54% | 27 | 316 |
| Access and safety problems associated with additional traffic | 75.63% | 19.62% | 62 | 3.16% | 10 | 316 |
| Construction traffic | 43.73% | 31.83% | 99 | 13.50% | 42 | 311 |
| Pressure on school places | 53.00% | 25.24% | 80 | 14.83% | 47 | 317 |
| Pressure on health centre | 73.91% | 15.53% | 50 | 5.90% | 19 | 322 |
| Adequacy of other facilities and services | 45.57% | 34.43% | 105 | 4.92% | 15 | 305 |
| Loss of village identity | 55.87% | 23.81% | 75 | 11.43% | 36 | 315 |
| Answered | | | | | | 327 |
| Skipped | | | | | | 4 |

Q7. How important do you think it is for any new building development to match the styles of surrounding buildings or the character of the village? Please tick one box

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|------------------|-----------|
| Very important | 69.44% |
| Fairly important | 22.84% |
| Not important | 6.48% |
| No opinion | 1.23% |
| Answered | |
| 324 | |
| Skipped | |
| 7 | |

Q8. If you have anything further to add to Section A, please comment in the space below.

Answered

77

Skipped

254

Responses

- Too many houses if current levels increase, main objection is lack of provision for car parking on the estates•
- Add to village services and amenities. We need the Health Centre to develop into a 'mini' hospital and therefore need more patients.
- Add to village services and amenities
- Very concerned about loss of village identity
- We do not need more rented or private rented housing.
- As we have an aging population, provide more accommodation for people wanting to downsize or move to more suitable housing therefore vacating their homes and making them available for families or younger people.
- Already a mixture of styles abounding!
- Our villages are quite large enough, any further development would be detrimental to our open spaces and increase in cars using our narrow streets already clogged up with parked cars would be awful. This would also have heavy toll on our Doctors already unable to cope with demands.
- If there were many more vehicles using the street in villages, there would be more congestion, and with so few safe places to park businesses would suffer, people would not be able to stop.
- Housing is not a problem if done properly. We do not need another estate. Support local people not just the "second housers" and financially very well off. Too many people think they are above everyone.
- Population size is right for facilities offered.
- Developers should only be able to develop if they "fund" impact on schools for example, i.e. fund new buildings
- There are many families with grown up children who would benefit from more available and publicly owned and controlled housing nearer their family support networks. Private rental is often out of their reach given the lack of local jobs and the cost of travel to employment elsewhere.
- The inadequacies of the roads and services infrastructures particularly in Garden House Lane and Back Hills need to be addressed before any major development can be allowed to proceed.
- There is a very strong need for "starter" houses for younger people, which are also affordable. Too many young people have been priced out of the market.
- If any houses are to be built, room sizes need to be sufficiently roomy. Recent tv show highlights the shrinking of rooms to fit in more houses. Housing, not rabbit hutches!
- More houses will inevitably be thrust upon us. Having moved here from west London I have seen first hand the effect of large social/housing association type developments. Smaller developments would be preferable.
- Our sewer works is not adequate to take any more housing. Our climate is getting drier each year so where do we keep getting water from for new housing?
- It is important that the young people are able to stay in the community once they start on the housing ladder.
- Building the bypass made this a desirable village in which to live. Housing development will increase traffic and the village will become a conservation street surrounded by housing estates. Once planning is given for a few houses, the floodgates are open for larger developments.
- Executive detached are surplus. Flats such as 'Simmonds' do not offer anything except as starter homes for couples. All developments must offer social housing (need to be 10+ units) The Wherry estate, nos 1-10 Hinderlay Rd. is the best example in the entire area- contains starter homes/family/shared equity/retirement with parking & gardens & come planned with a nature area and allotments. I recommend it as a concept to be greatly utilised in this plan.
- There are a number of precious habitats that could be at risk from new developments. These should be plotted/recorded in the village plan.
- Whatever form the development plan takes it needs to ensure that Botesdale/Rickingham are dynamic and progressive communities, not a haven for retired people who wish the village to remain unchanged.
- Why is pressure being placed on country villages when the population is increasing in towns and cities due to lack of control of immigration by the Government?
- You have stated that Rickingham and Botesdale have approx. 1000 houses; 12 houses per year have been added since 2002 that is approx. 190 homes or 20%. \Our village is 20% bigger is that not enough?
- As so much now depends on volunteers and free help it would be nice to attract people who may help with the running of the village and support the local businesses. Need more bungalows for older people
- Ticked 11-50 homes but think it should be at the lower end of that range
- Would new development actually fund improvement? Unlikely
- Extremely concerned about flooding
- No more houses at all - there are too many pressures on existing facilities and services now. Surely some quality of life is measurable - any quality will be lost with more houses.
- Particularly concerned about the health centre's ability to cope with any extra housing. It is an excellent doctors and a huge asset to Botesdale & Rickingham and I think it is only just managing already and any extra people will cause a deterioration in its service unless it can expand. Even parking at the centre is inadequate already.
- the volume and speed of traffic are a concern. we live in Rickingham street and I have noticed the increase in the last few years
- New housing does not have to "fit in". There are plenty of bland Barrett-style red brick developments already. I would welcome anything of genuine aesthetic value from remod to modernist
- Since first filling in this form I have heard of new proposals to build another fairly large number of houses totalling with those in Back Hills and Bury Rd Botesdale well over 100. While I feel we need new housing to attract families this seems to be a very big % increase for Botesdale on housing stock and with the proposals for Rickingham it just seems too many for the local facilities, car movement and parking.

- Starter homes should be affordable by being basic, no frills and should not be extended thereby increasing their market value out of HTB purchase in future years. HTB = Profit for Banks and Developers only. Downsizing for elderly need still to be spacious and accommodate and live-in carers. Luxury homes attract buyers from more expensive areas and counties thereby raising the market values placing them out of reach of younger people.
- Botesdale and Rickinghall are beautiful villages; to retain their character it would be better for smaller developments to take place which take account of the villages' great charm and character. It would be good to steer clear of the larger scale bland developments. Landscaping and planting around newer developments is important.
- There is already pressure on school and health centre but I believe that there are plans to rectify this. Village lost its identity years ago.
- I am hugely concerned about the environment and traffic/safety impacts of large developments on our village.
- We should ensure any approved developments over 20 houses don't have direct access to the main village road, access only from the bypass or link road. If not viable we must ensure a workable traffic calming scheme is introduced to protect not only the public, local businesses, but also the current housing stock.
- Guidance on future predicted numbers of residents would have been helpful. Will the school, doctor's surgery be enlarged or additional facilities built?
- For more houses you need bigger school or another and another Dr's surgery as ours is already full.
- Building more houses now will lead to an oversupply in 20 years time when the population is forecast to start declining. This will be a disaster for house prices: homeowners' net wealth will decline in tandem with house prices generally.
- I moved to Botesdale to get away from urbanisation and so-called DEVELOPMENT; and to be close to nature without housing or much traffic. I want the village to stay small, keep its character. Where I live in Back Hills, opposite the school, has stunning views of country and wildlife on Spring Meadow. I do not want Spring Meadow or any other place in Back Hills to be developed at all-Zlich!
- I have lived here all my life, my parents too, and their parents before them. The villages are not the friendly, local community they once were. Our older residents are no longer looked after by friends and neighbours. The health centre and school are already at capacity. We need to safeguard our villages from over-development.
- Q7 But a well designed modern home could be a style leader. A village is a mixed community socially and any new housing estate should reflect that, with a mixture of house sizes. Generally, new houses should reflect current styles (there is a range already) but a good architect designed innovative house could be a style leader.
- More starter homes to encourage young people to stay in the village.
- Retirement/sheltered housing will free up family homes.
- Amenities in village already stretched to meet current population. Over expansion of housing would destroy the village-we do not want to become a town. Moved to this village, as believed it's one of the best around.
- Q7 Very important in conservation area, not as vital in Park View area.
- Q7 very important or not important depending on where the housing is located?! Housing on the outskirts of the village will have no bad effect if it doesn't match the other houses. Q6 Unless they're going to build more houses on the main street, loss of village identity is ridiculous.
- I feel that Rickinghall is already overcrowded.
- All new housing should come with adequate parking ie. 3 spaces per household, as every street is getting blocked with cars, not always sensibly parked, which causes congestion.
- Building homes will increase the parking and traffic on our very narrow roads. Cars will be blocking views when turning into another road. Accidents just waiting to happen. Most families of 2/3/4 all have a car each. This has to be taken into account when building more homes for sale.
- Don't know how many houses that are rented/sheltered at the moment, so can't comment on these questions.
- This is an attractive 'conservation area' village, so ANY new developments MUST be entirely sympathetic in scale, design and appearance.
- Small developments can be achieved by a mixture of housing and materials so there is a link with nearby buildings, some may have a modern look. All south facing roofs to have solar panels.
- Despite assurances from the Health Centre, I'm sceptical that an already pressured service could provide quality care with much increased development. Likewise, the existing environmental impact when there is already potential problems with drainage, possible flood issues... and our ever diminishing wildlife.
- I would like to see small developments by local authority for housing projects, as private landlords reduce the availability of starter/affordable homes for starters and downsizers. Do away with social housing/shared ownership on larger developments.
- Before any more building we need a bigger school and health centre, and very importantly, sewage, pumping station and drainage.
- All new housing should come with adequate parking ie 3 spaces per household as every street is getting blocked with cars not always sensibly parked which causes congestion
- facilities will be maintained and improved with additional housing.
- all development should be sustainable and any extra services and infrastructure be provided before any development takes place
- If you build areas for elderly people in a certain location it may be harder for them to access facilities such as shops, village halls and social areas therefore you would have to be precise and make sure that the location of retirement homes or all houses in general would have good access of facilities due to risk of the feeling of isolation and not much social contact.
- We have only recently moved into the village so unable to answer A5 comprehensively
- Section 6, statement 6 - additional building will help support facilities and services such as the Co-op, public houses and hairdressers etc. as opposed to a negative impact which is implied by the question.
- have lived in a village before that was over developed and the local roads and amenities could not cope and the village ethos was lost
- I have lived in villages before that allowed too much development and they were not able to cope with the new housing demands on the road and local amenities

- Q7. More important that any new homes are environmentally sustainable and energy efficient.
- All houses built should be to the PassivHaus or PassivHaus+ standard, should be net generators of energy, should be designed as Caring Homes (that is they should be equipped and ready to accommodate assistive technology, both to prevent accidents and falls and to enable people to stay in their homes for much longer as they age. All houses built should have garaging and parking for at least one car. They should be equipped with electric vehicle charging points
- Maintain green belt and avoid over-crowding
- Any new buildings should match the existing country styles.
- Adequate road access at places where development occurs is very important. The health centre and the school should benefit financially to ensure that there is no depletion in the quality of services provided to the villages.
- New housing should be distributed amongst Rickinghall, Botesdale, Redgrave and Hinderclay
- Questions are loaded to say we are having more houses and from what I have witnessed steering groups are made up of people who would never have a development in their own back garden as others have suffered in the lower price housing bracket - what about building at the back of Hamblyn House affordable houses or retirement flats council supported but it would never happen unless of course as happened up the road a £600k single monstrosity was approved enough room to fit 10 Social houses - after all building lower grade houses near fancy high priced houses devalues them that is not very democratic
- It will be useful to redefine the village envelope that previously existed through the local plan to identify sites available for development progressively, perhaps reissued each 5 or 10 years. Similar increase in housing as over the last 15 years would be ok if incremental, rather than as large developments.
- Follow the designs of buildings built prior to 1900. Not the 20th century. Good design can be an asset and enhance its surroundings, I think. (been watching too much grand designs!) The cramped massing of some recent developments on village edges in Suffolk recently seems hit and miss. I hope we avoid that in our parish and we try add the great architecture we already have. Affordable should be included in this I hope just because they are cheaper doesn't mean they have to look cheap.
- Hopefully we have learnt the lessons of Ryder's Way and Wheatfields. Those developments are not in keeping with the historic character of the villages. New housing should also ideally use the materials and vernacular style of Suffolk/Norfolk.

Q9. Bus services - do you agree with the following? Please tick all that apply.

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|---|-----------------|
| They need to increase in frequency to Diss | 154 |
| They need to increase in frequency to Bury St Edmunds | 165 |
| They need to run later to Diss | 94 |
| They need to run later from Diss | 116 |
| They need to run later to Bury St Edmunds | 107 |
| They need to run later from Bury St Edmunds | 127 |
| They need to co-ordinate better with train services in Diss | 121 |
| They need to co-ordinate better with coach services in Diss | 76 |
| They need to run earlier to Diss | 76 |
| They need to run earlier from Diss | 56 |
| They need to run earlier to Bury St Edmunds | 73 |
| They need to run earlier from Bury St Edmunds | 52 |
| No opinion | 89 |
| Additional routes are needed to/from | 47 |
| | 312 |
| | 19 |
| | Answered |
| | Skipped |

| Additional routes are needed to/from | Responses |
|--|-----------|
| Norwich | 15 |
| Ipswich | 9 |
| Stowmarket | 10 |
| Bacton | 1 |
| Eye | 8 |
| Thetford | 4 |
| Harleston | 1 |
| Diss train station - all the way up the road | 1 |
| Coast | 1 |

Sundays to the hospital
 Well advertised weekly services to Ipswich and Norwich
 Buses need to run on time.
 West Suffolk Hospital
 Botesdale to anywhere on demand, but cheaper than a taxi. E.g. To WS hospital at Bury St Edmunds.
 Diss/Bury enabling people to get home after cinema/theatre or dinner out.
 A villages route around (5+ miles?) Diss hourly

Q10. Would you support any of the following improvements: Please tick all that apply

| | Strong need | Moderate need | Low need | No need | No opinion | Total |
|---|-------------|---------------|----------|---------|-----------------|------------|
| Improved pavements within the villages | 21.14% | 32.55% | 28.52% | 13.42% | 4.36% | 298 |
| More designated cycle routes for pleasure | 17.17% | 30.64% | 25.59% | 15.82% | 10.77% | 297 |
| More designated cycle routes linking Botesdale & Rickinghall to nearby towns/villages | 22.87% | 32.42% | 19.11% | 13.31% | 12.29% | 293 |
| Other | 20.00% | 10.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 70.00% | 20 |
| | | | | | Answered | 316 |
| | | | | | Skipped | 15 |

Q11. If you have anything further to add to Section B, please comment in the space below.

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Answered

273

Skipped

Responses

- Road surface conditions and pot holes.
- Other - Speed bumps. Community village traffic watch. Double yellow opposite side of chip shop/pub - difficult to pass.
- Strong need to get the post office back
- Children constantly cycling on pavements!
- There is a need for traffic calming through Bots/Rick. Possibly a 1-way system through and around villages.
- What about cars near the old Rectory and cars as you turn up or out of Chapel Lane - most park right on the corner.
- We need a bus that leaves more time in Bury St Edmunds before catching the return bus. At present it is only about 3/4 of an hour.
- I find that even though there are designated cycle paths, most cyclists still use the road, so it's a waste of money.
- Dangerous at Rectory Hill
- The work type in this area is predominately of widely spaced business units, hence individual mobility is required. The need for parking of each household MUST be one space per occupant working-that usually means both husband and wife.
- A designated cycle route to Diss would potentially obviate the need for some car journeys.
- Stop cars parking on the pavement
- The bus service depends on people using it, unless the council intend to subsidise it.
- transportation is more important than housing
- Buses should be running at REGULAR intervals!! Bus stops/flags should be made more prominent and user friendly! Passengers before cars!!!
- Morning buses to Bury need to be spread out more; currently one at 1005 and one at 1035
- Difficult to respond as we do not use the local transport, opinion is based on hearsay
- The road users ignore the signs already on the Bury road
- The bus service is useless. Gaps between buses are far too long. we would use buses a lot (especially to and from Diss) if they ran more regularly. Buses should drive up to the railway station.
- Police or parish must stop the epidemic of parking on pavements - pavements need maintaining & cleaning
- Stop illegal parking outside entrance to Co-Op road and on any double yellow lines
- Wider pavements so feel safe with buggy and walking with children. Traffic calming measures on Bury road to make walking safer. Cycle route through village to school and off-road cycle paths. (change use of footpaths to allow bikes).
- we don't use the bus service but would consider doing so if there were more options
- Its quite a safe environment to walk/cycle in. No need or any of above unless future development demanded it.
- One problem associated with pavements in Botesdale is the amount of parking on pavements in the main street and side roads. Difficult for pedestrians
- I do not use the bus service. It is not suitable for my needs. Increasing frequency would not give me the flexibility I require.
- Q10- much better care of existing route surfaces.
- I don't really cycle with my children because of traffic, I would definitely cycle if there were better routes.
- As I have a car, I have not used the bus services in the 20 plus years I have lived here.
- To date have not used bus services.
- So far I have not used the bus service, so unable to comment. Not sure about 'need' but designated cycle routes are a good idea.
- Q10- parking. The double parking outside 'take aways' is dangerous and is an accident waiting to happen!
- The busses are nearly always empty. Subsidising more busses is a waste of money.
- Not a cyclist
- Cheaper request on demand Borderhoppa type transport so more flexibility as to where bus can go. Local community bus is great and cheap if cost shared with several passengers, but expensive for just one traveller.
- 10. other- This is a village not a town. More families with children would be a boon: the school and surgery will adapt accordingly. Interesting smaller homes would be welcome, instead of the 'bog standard bungalow.
- Monitoring speed through the village is pointless if it has no effect on speeding through the whole village-speed humps should be out in place-to slow people down-

- I favour good bus services, but as a new resident have little experience so far.
- I do not like having to walk in the Street as children ride bikes & scooters on the pavements and cars also park on the pavement.
- We need something to be done to stop people parking at junctions, coming out of Mill Road is very difficult because of parked cars.
- Need a permanent vehicle activated sign on Bury Road. More and more dangerous speeding vehicles passing past the house each day!!
- Parking alongside the Blue Orchid Chinese is dangerous and illegal and needs urgent attention. Drivers park on the pavement causing obstruction when they could easily park a few metres away and walk!
- It would be appreciated if car drivers didn't cut up cyclists ie including my husband as when he is cycling he is not using his car which he pays road tax we are making note of car/van drivers who constantly cut my husband up on roads through 'rick' & botesdale
- If developments are made using land with currant public footpaths and bridle ways these must be retained as part of the development.
- Road Repair
- Roads need repairing
- current paving routes are often obstructed by overgrown hedges trees and brambles , both in width and height
- Section 9 - we do not use the services as fortunate to have a car. Please note that an evening bus service from Diss to BSE tried (Simonds) on Friday and/or Saturday night some years ago to enable people - especially the youngsters - to attend the cinema, skating etc. It failed due to lack of take-up to make it viable.
- Cycle path to Diss would encourage less car use.
- Please require householders in Botesdale and Rickinghall to cut back any hedge which encroaches on a pavement. This is an extensive problem for pedestrians who are otherwise obliged to step into the road .
- Please require householders to cut back hedges encroaching on pavements. Pedestrians frequently have to step into the road. This is a hazard.
- Cycling along the street can be hazardous, especially at the designed traffic calming narrowings. This must be especially so for children and would prevent some from cycling to school.
- Local roads need to be repaired. The Street around Botesdale Village Hall has a broken surface along the middle of the road and there is a huge chunk out of the road surface near to The Bell. Similarly, there are still holes on the B1113 between the junction for Botesdale and the A143.
- Cyclists are dangerous and wear head phones ban that first if they want more consideration also children no longer wear safety helmets as standard it will change if someone is injured so spend money on educating parents to protect their children like they would protect their eggs from a supermarket !
- The current bus services are not well supported, due mainly to the widespread ownership of cars, due to the lack of flexibility for journeys that we become used to. Cycle routes in opposition to direction of one-way streets would avoid long diversions for cyclists. This is now common practice in cities.
- It would be good to have cycle routes not on the roads because the roads are dangerous. Not many bridle ways so you cannot cycle on those as an alternative.

Q12. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements.

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Total |
|--|----------------|--------|---------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Our hedgerows and mature trees need to be protected | 71.61% | 24.29% | 4.10% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 317 |
| We have plenty of accessible green spaces to walk in and enjoy | 31.95% | 48.24% | 14.38% | 5.11% | 0.32% | 313 |
| We need more footpaths and bridleways | 14.66% | 22.48% | 49.19% | 12.38% | 1.30% | 307 |
| I value the wildlife and biodiversity in our community | 66.77% | 29.39% | 3.83% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 313 |
| Open views across fields and woods are important assets to be prote | 69.84% | 22.22% | 6.98% | 0.95% | 0.00% | 315 |
| Our community woodlands are an important part of the community | 62.42% | 31.85% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 314 |
| The dark night sky is an asset | 50.65% | 31.37% | 16.34% | 1.31% | 0.33% | 306 |
| If faced with the choice, our housing need should take priority over pi | 2.55% | 12.10% | 19.11% | 38.22% | 28.03% | 314 |
| I use our churchyards to walk in and enjoy like any other green spac | 16.08% | 28.30% | 35.05% | 17.04% | 3.54% | 311 |
| Our history and built heritage are important | 54.57% | 39.12% | 5.68% | 0.63% | 0.00% | 317 |
| Our peace and rural quiet are important | 71.57% | 26.20% | 1.60% | 0.64% | 0.00% | 313 |
| I am in favour of developments which harvest energy from natural so | 36.77% | 37.74% | 20.00% | 4.19% | 1.29% | 310 |
| I think we should invest in renewable energy sources in a project organised by the community | 28.16% | 29.45% | 33.98% | 6.15% | 2.27% | 309 |
| | | | | | | 321 |
| | | | | | | Answered |
| | | | | | | Skipped |
| | | | | | | 10 |

Q13. Are you satisfied that you have sufficient access to the countryside?

| | Responses |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Yes - Go to question 15 | 269 |
| No - Go to the next question | 50 |
| | 319 |
| | Answered |
| | Skipped |
| | 12 |

Q14. Please indicate all of the things that are preventing access:

| | Yes | No | Total |
|---|--------|--------|-----------------|
| Lack of signage or condition of signage | 61.22% | 38.78% | 49 |
| The state or condition of footpaths | 67.31% | 32.69% | 52 |
| Lack of footpaths | 56.86% | 43.14% | 51 |
| Inaccessible because of stiles or gates | 17.02% | 82.98% | 47 |
| Too much dog fouling | 65.45% | 34.55% | 55 |
| Something else? Please tell us in the comments. | 58.33% | 41.67% | 12 |
| | | | 69 |
| | | | Answered |
| | | | Skipped |
| | | | 262 |

Q15. How frequently do you use the following?

| | Often | Occasionally | Not very often | Not at all | Never heard of it | Total |
|--|--------|--------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Miller's Orchard, Mill Rd North, Botesdale | 25.74% | 29.41% | 16.91% | 19.85% | 8.09% | 136 |
| Low Meadow, Bury Road, Rickingham | 27.21% | 21.32% | 24.26% | 20.59% | 6.62% | 136 |
| Northfield Wood, Mill Lane, Rickingham | 30.30% | 28.79% | 12.12% | 21.21% | 7.58% | 132 |
| Wherry Land, Mill Lane, Rickingham | 26.92% | 20.00% | 16.92% | 22.31% | 13.85% | 130 |
| Mill Lane Allotments, Rickingham | 24.81% | 10.53% | 18.80% | 44.36% | 1.50% | 133 |
| Our local public footpaths and bridleways | 65.33% | 20.00% | 9.33% | 5.33% | 0.00% | 75 |
| Other : | | | | | | 28 |
| | | | | | | 146 |
| | | | | | | 185 |

Answered
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Other :

- I use the field out the back of my house to walk my dogs.
- I consider these areas important parts of my rural community, whether I use them or not.
- Spring Meadows
- Anywhere it says Footpath
- I use field out the back of my house.
- Off Garden House Lane

All the above benefit the community. One does not have to visit them to enjoy the benefits that wild life brings, they come to us.

- Snape Hill Bridleway
- Spring Meadow, Back Hills
- local footpaths and bridleways.
- Our local public footpaths and bridleways - often.
- local public footpaths and bridleways
- OUR LOCAL FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS
- our local public footpaths and bridleways
- local public footpaths and bridleways everyday
- I walk my dog daily through the field between Garden House Lane and Bridewell Lane.
- Our local footpaths and bridleways - often
- Our local public footpaths and bridleways - often
- from botesdale to redgrave
- All other footpaths
- define use
- Fields behind Ryders Way, Wheatfields etc.
- most of our local footpaths
- Our local public footways and bridleways for dog walking
- Botesdale Common, Footpath to Hinderclay Road via the bottle bank and the permissive valley land between Botesdale and Redgrave, and paths around Candle Street.
- Stop Great Events people Mill Lane from driving like idiots they will kill someone
- Although I do frequently walk past the allotments (I just don't have one).
- Land behind Rose lane and Botesdale fen

Q16. If you have anything further to add to Section C, please comment in the space below.

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Answered

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Responses

- All new builds to have solar panels if roof aspect is suitable.
- The land owner who closed off the cut across from Mill Lane has done a huge disservice to walkers! Many paths overgrown.
- Instead of considering a decrease in our wide open spaces and foot paths by house building we should be protecting more our environment with more protection of land for use of walking and protecting wildlife.
- No dog poo bins Stowmarket side of bypass
- One householder walks many footpaths but not all in winter or when overgrown. Partner has walked most footpaths when walking dogs without many problems but is unable to now because of arthritis.
- Some people bag poo but leave bags on path in hedgerow. Footpaths on the whole are well maintained.
- I walk my dogs on field out the back of my home - have done for years.
- A map such as the above could appear in the village newsletter i.e. Publicity about the paths.
- In 10 years, Northfield wood and Wherry land have matured. The increase in wildlife is phenomenal. Insect variety has exploded, feeding larger numbers of small mammals/birds. Nesting sites are numerous. The whole chain from Barn Owls and sparrowhawks, thrushes (mistle & common) are now seen all through this part of the village, and sustained by the berries/nuts in the woodland and the voles in the Meadow area. Hedgehogs are now also common. The green woodpecker now breeds easily in these 2 areas. These enhancements are mobile to your garden.
- So many areas for walking are disappearing under the weight of all the new build developments
- I have arthritis and can no longer walk the footpaths. I used to belong to the ramblers. I miss my walks in the countryside.
- We note that the footpaths are often impeded by overhanging branches
- we have the countryside around our village which was the reason for choosing to live here
- We did use these spaces a lot before we lost our dog. Will do so again when we get another.
- since we gave up our allotment in answer to mill lane allotments. We understand we are in danger of losing the green space on the edge of the Redgrave road which we use regularly. If this goes ahead this will soak up most of the housing needs for the next 20 years!
- Farmers have been known to remove local signposts that go through their land.
- Footpaths around village need to be maintained to allow buggy access. No gates or stiles that they cant be manoeuvred through with one person.
- Lack of cycle routes to other villages-Wattisfield, Hinderclay, Redgrave, Gisingham, Finningham etc. without taking children on 60mph roads where people drive much faster than the speed limit. Same applies to direct footpaths.
- important we maintain our woodlands /orchards for public access and provide space for wildlife
- I value all access to nature we have. I would not want to see this access hindered by developments.
- we use all the local footpaths almost weekly. The gaps are the access to Wattisfield and Wortham both of which involve very long footpath routes.
- It is odd that the Allotments are in this questionnaire! Northfield wood is always in a neglected state more weeds than wood and unused play equipment.
- My family and I use the footpaths we are aware of every day. We walk the dogs, walk with the children. I have a footpath/walks map from the old post office but had no idea there was an orchard or wood I was allowed to access. The land owner of the one field I used daily has recently restricted access so we would love other routes to use.
- I now have very limited mobility and can only walk for short distances.
- Development in rural villages must not be allowed. Development around towns is a better option due to proximity to work, shops and facilities, so people do not need to use their cars so much. The roads are already congested.
- I use local footpaths when I can. Used to be a fell walker but now have difficulty even with the 'low' hills in Botesdale.
- we are surrounded by countryside and have excellent network of well signposted footpaths and bridleways
- Back Hills & Spring Meadow sites have both outstanding views, offer a huge amenity, quality of life for walkers, have a huge range of wildlife including frogs, voles, barn owls and muntjac deer. My house overlooks Spring Meadow and both myself, and my neighbours, feel it ia an area of outstanding natural beauty which should not be built on at all.
- Would like more dog poo bins particularly one by Ryders Way footpath. Also would like more Bridleways as footpaths are currently used by horses-could footpaths be upgraded to Bridleways?
- Our countryside, fields, footpaths and green areas need protecting from development. We are lucky to have such a diverse range of wildlife.
- We use Spring Meadows and adjacent fields daily for walks and recreation, as do many other people. Spring Meadows also provides a wildlife haven. This we feel is a valuable asset to many people in the village.
- I feel I have sufficient access to the countryside however I have still never heard of any of these above. So I filled it in anyway.

- The footpaths & verges eg Mill Lane Rickinghall would be used more if they were cut more frequently. So far this year the verges have not been cut at all. Try getting on the side with a dog when vehicles are coming is impossible! Also Northfield Wood would be used more if kept up to date with cutting.
- We love and use footpaths regularly for running and walking, dog fouling is a massive problem.
- Use the Botesdale to Redgrave footpath
- The hand pack given to newcomers telling them a little of our history is a welcome introduction to our village.
- Once you lose woodlands and green spaces they are gone forever. Trees and Green spaces are the lungs of any built up area. Very important. Verges are cut too soon before wild flowers have seeded. More important is the cutting back of hedgerows where signs are covered by greenery. The verges are corridors for wild life.
- Most footpaths are only accessible for able-bodied people, not very easy for wheelchair access, prams etc. Must have strong footwear.
- Access not always possible through most of the Summer as areas not maintained sufficiently!
- We moved to Rickinghall 4 years ago expressly for the rural ambience, and in particular s we could walk our dogs on Garden House/Bridewell fields.
- Overhanging hedges are preventing access. They need cutting back. The hedge down Green Lane, Fen Lane is in need of cutting back. Recently an ambulance was called to the caravan down Green Lane and it was unable to get down. Also there's a hedge up Back Hills that needs trimming.
- I really like the idea of a community renewable energy scheme like they do in Germany.
- many of the questions in section 12 are loaded questions.
- We really could do more dog waste bins we could also get recyclable poo bags in a dispensing machine (I have seen this idea in many other public places) we could collect donations from the general public, so that dog owners that are not responsible feel increased pressure to do the right thing.
- footpaths are generally unkempt and overgrown during the summer months when they are most used and some such as Bridewell lane are mostly inaccessible after rain
- in superior area some footpaths are so overgrown that they are not accessible
- some public footpaths in the superior area are overgrown and as a result are inaccessible
- It would be well worth thinking about establishing a couple of 1.5 MW wind turbines. These could be near to the bypass on the high ground NE of Millers Orchard. They would be well served with power lines.
- In general all new homes should have at least 6Kw(pe) Photo Voltaic generation and batteries to provide balancing overnight. (for houses that are not suitable for PV the use of economy 7 can charge batteries over night and replace incoming electricity by day. - Pay back is around 2 years).
- Many landowners are increasingly unwelcoming to walkers . Very sad.
- The countryside balance is spot on as is what spoils it is the Great events company who discard rubbish along Mill lane witnessed being thrown out of windows and also speeding these people. We'd a warning also dog fouling members of the public spend their own money on signs and this worked luckily some pc officials adopted this issue and helped but still needs policing with fines
- We are fortunate to have an excellent network of footpaths and easy access from the village. The local roads, with the exception of the A143, are generally cycle-friendly.
- Would love to have some of the footpaths linking up more. There's a scenic one that runs off Fen lane/opposite the bowls club, but it's a dead end. There's one that starts off the b1113, leading to Wortham but it's too dangerous to access (off that main road). Also, such a shame that there's zero access across Redgrave Park and the historic grounds.
- A footpath through the historic Redgrave park to link up with one on the way to Wortham without walking along B1113. Not likely I know but maybe we could ask the owner! Linking some of the dead end footpaths like the one off fen lane.

Q17. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements.

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Total |
|---|----------------|--------|---------|----------|-------------------|-------|
| We have enough street lighting | 18.50% | 50.78% | 162 | 27 | 58 | 319 |
| Our street lighting is on at the right times | 15.38% | 54.17% | 169 | 47 | 41 | 312 |
| The amount of car parking is sufficient | 3.87% | 14.52% | 45 | 50 | 122 | 310 |
| People generally park considerably | 2.52% | 30.50% | 97 | 55 | 103 | 318 |
| We have enough play areas | 14.24% | 50.16% | 155 | 90 | 16 | 309 |
| We have enough sports facilities | 8.60% | 39.81% | 125 | 116 | 35 | 314 |
| Our mobile library service is good | 7.49% | 25.41% | 78 | 192 | 10 | 307 |
| The village halls are valuable assets | 67.41% | 29.43% | 93 | 10 | 0 | 316 |
| We have enough village groups, clubs and social activities | 19.87% | 44.16% | 140 | 93 | 19 | 317 |
| We need more things for young people to do | 20.13% | 36.10% | 113 | 127 | 10 | 313 |
| We need a permanent post office | 63.52% | 25.16% | 80 | 32 | 3 | 318 |
| A mobile post office would be sufficient | 7.82% | 25.08% | 77 | 70 | 100 | 307 |
| We need more shops | 13.10% | 26.20% | 82 | 117 | 61 | 313 |
| We need more places to eat | 11.78% | 21.34% | 67 | 126 | 65 | 314 |
| We need more visitor accommodation | 4.53% | 15.21% | 47 | 170 | 65 | 309 |
| We need more dog waste bins | 22.61% | 28.98% | 91 | 123 | 26 | 314 |
| We need more litter bins | 16.50% | 32.69% | 101 | 121 | 33 | 309 |
| We need more benches/seating | 14.24% | 34.81% | 110 | 125 | 35 | 316 |
| Our places of worship are valuable spaces for the community to gather | 30.35% | 36.42% | 114 | 88 | 12 | 313 |

Answered
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Q18. If you have anything further to add to Section D, please comment in the space below:

Answered
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Responses

- We think it is vital to maintain or increase pubs, shops & eating places as in the last 2 years we have lost 2 shops, the post office and a pub and another retail premises is currently up for sale
- Street lamps 1 and 5 on Rectory Hill have been out of action for over one year. Not acceptable. In Botesdale the parking around the Co-Op and Chip Shop is awful.
- Mobile post office would be better than nothing
- We already have a lot of things going on in our community.
- Stopped getting local paper. Community watch? Better bottle banks
- Lengthen street lights at night - safer for people in pubs. Offer school car park to public when school is closed.
- Poor lighting in Street/Garden House Lane area
- I moved from a town 20 years ago, and as a family we chose to move to a village, we wanted to get away from the hustle and bustle of a town to enjoy the countryside.
- We need more shops to provide items that cannot be bought at the co-op (e.g. electrical goods, hardware, haberdashery etc). Car parking for visitors very poor! Rickinghall village hall limits parking to people involved with activities at the hall.
- More shops would be an asset to the community, although we don't need groceries. A mobile library would be great :-)
- The villages need a bakers shop! You cannot get a decent loaf within 10 miles!
- I have answered this based on the village as it is now. I consider there are sufficient services and amenities commensurate with a rural location. Fast food outlets should be avoided at all costs.
- Benches on the long walk footpaths.
- We need a nice cafe like some other villages i.e. Elmswell
- Perhaps some car parks outside the village might help as people don't always park considerately and at times it is difficult to see when exiting a side road onto The Street.

- Litter can be taken home, it is an attitude of pride in one's environment. At present this village is a good place, it is diverse and incorporates much that people can enjoy-sports facilities and utility areas. Parking is a cause of friction, also a source of danger. The diversity is enhanced by the number of wild areas. With the churchyards, they provide a system of interconnected zones. Movement between these zones provides the whole village with nature to enjoy.
- There are areas not covered by street lighting at night. i.e. bottom of Bridewell Lane. Parking is a dangerous issue daily. The Street is packed full of cars parked too close to junctions and the bit of road opposite Walsingham Mews and Garden House Lane is dangerous.
- There are quite a lot of things to do for very young and older but not secondary age (11-16 ish)
- Street lighting in Rickinghall should be the same as in Botesdale. Why was Rickinghall never given the same attractive lights as Botesdale?
- Parking in the vicinity of the Greyhound blocks pavements to prams, buggies and wheel chairs and it should be addressed
- We have a very attractive village that is looking scruffy and unloved. Our Parish Council has to take the blame for this!
- Please review need for bus services, especially National Express coaches which currently by-pass our village!
- absence of my comments to some questions does not mean they are not important
- We need the grass verges to be looked after consistently. Some are cut regularly others not at all making the village look untidy. why is this so?
- The street light outside our house come on too early in the morning in winter- 6am should be sufficiently early. Appreciate that they go off at night-important for sleep and hence mental health. Car parking difficult to resolve in village street which was built before wide car ownership now no space is left. Village already well serviced with benches, bins. Co op. Dog waste bins need to be used more.
- A post-office in the village would be my first choice, but a mobile post-office would be better than nothing!
- Public areas should NOT be built on. Important to have green amenity space for children.
- more play equipment in Botesdale play area
- Local people should take their litter home. Parking on the street has become difficult, too many cars the average cars per household is 3 or more and visitor parking need to be considered when housing numbers are agreed; More houses more congestion. Very surprised there is nothing on healthcare! 15 years ago it was an impressive clinic, now it is less so with longer waiting times and lack of continuity in seeing a preferred doctor. It has a conveyor feel less personal due no doubt to increased numbers of patients.
- Litter is a problem. More bins will not solve the problem unless the law can be enforced. Currently there is zero enforcement.
- We definitely need a newsagent.
- What car parking?
- STOP CARS PARKING ON PAVEMENTS
- Do not bring more town facilities.
- No public WCs
- We have plenty of litter bins and dog waste bins. People just need to take more responsibility for disposing of their litter. The dog fouling on the public footpaths is a disgrace and irresponsible dog owners should be ashamed of themselves.
- In an ideal world, it would be nice to have more amenities but NOT if this means more development. As I imagine the two go together, I would rather have peace and quiet and leave development to towns.
- The play area in Botesdale is poorly maintained. It is often littered. I have found broken glass and faeces on more than one occasion. Parking near the entrance/exit to the Co-Op needs to be addressed; you cannot see clearly when leaving. Parking also needs to be addressed outside the chip shop/chinese with double yellow lines on the side of the road closest to the Market Place.
- Police service should be more visible. The occasional visit to the village would be appreciated.
- We have enough play areas-Not in Botesdale. We have enough village groups... Not for young people.
- The Street already has very limited parking for residents without driveways. A new development would need to have parking (including space for visitors) for each abode-so that parking isn't forced onto The Street.
- The empty boxes are because I do not have an answer.
- street lights go off too early
- More shops-A few only, but of the right kind. ie ironmongery, good bread, a cafe.
- It would be good perhaps to start a tennis club that was available for all ages, this would be an advantage for the community and using the courts.
- We do not need more dog waste bins-we just need owners of dogs to use them!
- Car parking on The Street is a problem. Those with off street parking should be 'encouraged' to use it.
- I do not think more dog foul bins will make people pick it up.
- Post offices are on the way out, sadly. We do need a shop which will give postal services; cleaning (clothes) and there could be lots of ways in which it could be a central point in the village. It is these central points that give the 'feel' of village life.
- I think residents tend to park considerately, but visitors who use the businesses in Botesdale 'street' seem to park wherever is convenient to them- irrespective of residents or others.
- Business will only survive if we use them. We have lost the newsagent and post office for example because for one the Co-Op has been allowed to sell and provide the same goods and services as our other two shops. Restrictions should be put on big nationals to limit what they offer in small communities.
- Street lighting finishes just beyond Water Lane. Needs extending to end of the village on Bury Road. Coffee shop would be a valuable asset to the community and another place to meet up with others.

- A bench half way up Back Hills would be very useful. There is a need for a permanent post office to serve both villages. Most of us go to Wortham which is not very convenient for older people.
 - In section C I touched on my thoughts on dog waste bins and other thoughts on this subject.
 - any new parking areas should not create security, rat run and general social problems. sports fields and recreation facilities are adequate but more organised clubs and teams are probably needed rather than pandering to - nothing to do brigades excuse for misbehaviour
 - Question 17, Statement 3 - what type of car parking are you talking about? There is no space for additional on-street parking. The off-street parking at the Co-op, School and Health Centre is over subscribed.
 - The street lighting is in general insufficient. If any further housing is allowed the 106 provisions should include putting the electric mains in Rickinghall underground and new LED street lighting for all three villages that dims at 23.00 and turns off at 00.30. in winter the street lights should come on at 06.00
 - A mix of inconsiderate and illegal parking takes place at the entrance to 'The Fairstead' in Botesdale during school drop off and pick up times. This is compounded by users of the Health Centre, opposite, who unnecessarily park on the road, obstructing traffic and creating a hazard. The wide grass bank outside the school could be turned into a layby, or a row of parking spaces, for waiting parents to use in order to ease this daily problem in a very narrow lane.
 - The attempts to establish cafes and tea rooms, although a nice idea, do not seem to have been successful in the past.
- There is also a difficult compromise between sufficient street lighting and the timing of it being on, and light pollution preventing views of the night sky. On the whole it's probably right.
- Generally, the lighting along The Street is adequate but it is poor near to The Chestnuts.
 - Existing street lighting needs to be working. Rectory Hill lighting has not been working for 1 year+
 - Remember the word village above leans towards town facilities
 - There will be responses which reflect what as much as need. Some of the facilities referenced do not get much use, or closed partly due to lack of use.
 - Not necessarily more benches along the main village streets, but more along the countryside footpaths.
 - Smaller shops like a butchers, cafe, newsagent would be good.

Q19. Does the proximity of local towns such as Diss, Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket mean that further employment in the community is not needed to stay “vibrant”?

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Yes | 42.11% 120 |
| No | 57.89% 165 |
| | Answered 285 |
| | Skipped 46 |

Q20. Do you work in Botesdale or Rickinghall?

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Yes | 9.84% 30 |
| No | 35.41% 108 |
| Don't work/Retired/Work from home | 54.75% 167 |
| | Answered 305 |
| | Skipped 26 |

Q21. Do you travel to work from Botesdale or Rickinghall?

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Yes | 40.74% 121 |
| No | 5.39% 16 |
| Don't work/Retired/Work from home | 53.87% 160 |
| | Answered 297 |
| | Skipped 34 |

Q22. If yes, how?

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Car | 93.39% 113 |
| Bus | 0.83% 1 |
| Train | 3.31% 4 |
| Bike | 2.48% 3 |
| | Answered 121 |
| | Skipped 210 |

Q23. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements.

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Total |
|--|----------------|--------|---------|----------|---------------------|-------|
| We need to attract more small businesses | 17.28% | 44.19% | 26.25% | 9.63% | 2.66% | 301 |
| We need more small business units | 10.10% | 32.66% | 36.70% | 17.51% | 3.03% | 297 |
| We need to increase local employment opportunities | 18.79% | 41.28% | 30.54% | 6.04% | 3.36% | 298 |
| Our mobile phone networks need to be improved | 34.11% | 26.16% | 26.82% | 10.93% | 1.99% | 302 |
| I would work from home if I had improved broadband connection | 9.32% | 8.96% | 59.14% | 15.41% | 7.17% | 279 |
| If it would improve reception, I would welcome a mobile phone mast | 9.43% | 24.58% | 32.32% | 18.86% | 14.81% | 297 |
| | | | | | Answered 307 | |
| | | | | | Skipped 24 | |

Q24. If you have anything further to add to Section E, please comment in the space below:

Answered

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Responses

- 5 years waiting, limited broadband fibre in some parts of the village.
- Business activities are good in our village no further demands should be necessary.
- Very poor 3 reception (rarely 1 bar)
- Would need to know more about the details to answer fully.
- What's the point? You will do what you want anyway. Let's face it, plans are already done!!!
- Vodafone recently much improved in the village.
- We need more affordable small business units. The ones in the area are too expensive for a start-up business.
- Get good mobile signals but our landline broadband is very poor and should be improved for all.
- Mobile reception here is much better than surrounding villages e.g. Stanton
- There is very little employment or expansion opportunity in this village. The major jobs available are on the satellite small industrial units that surround the area, plus in the 3 nearest towns. Domestic local need for workers will only increase in direct proportion to population increase-this village is not a dormitory feeder town as it is not on a direct motorway or Rail link. There is no Mway access.
- Mobile network better than in Diss! Well done. No mast needed, all good.
- I personally have no issues (generally!) with phone reception (Vodafone) or internet connection (EE) at home. I am not aware of a need for improvement, although it might well be the case.
- Vodafone recently much improved in the village.
- It would depend on where the mobile phone mast was to be placed e.g. on church tower - k or disguised in some way eg as a tree
- With reference to the 'yes' answer above, public transport is a must!
- We are retired but appreciate the need for new businesses and people to support them for the village to remain "vibrant"
- If you need transport to and from work, we need more buses.
- It is unacceptable that most of the village has fibre broadband but Bury Road has missed out. It cant be that hard for it to be upgraded and pressure form the parish and county council would be helpful.
- Vodafone recently much improved in the village.
- I don't understand the desire to attract business to a village. This is not relevant to village life when we have adequate access to towns.
- Would be nice to get 4G
- People live here to enjoy country rural life and travel to Bury, Norwich, Cambridge for their employment. We should not lose our village feel, that's what attracted us here in the first place. I used to travel to London, my husband to Kent on a daily basis.
- Currently one and my phone signal is good. I do work from home occasionally and broadband is OK. Anything to improve broadband speed to encourage small businesses working from home is a positive.
- Vodafone recently much improved in the village.
- I chose to live in a village because it was a village. I am prepared to travel for shops and businesses.
- 3 network shocking! Need booster!
- We have good mobile phone coverage and internet in our household.
- It's a village not a town. I do currently work from home.
- No knowledge to enable me to answer this section.
- Any development in this field would increase traffic. If it were a beautiful development, in a rural, SECLUDED place, I could see something like a Finbow's yard type development with a cafe working.
- We should be generating electricity from solar power.
- Small businesses such as shops have closed through lack of support.
- Most local tradesmen etc work from home. There are several sites locally, providing business units and some have remained empty for years. If you live in a village, you expect to travel for work, or chose a business that can be run from home.
- See question E22-also travel to work by bike
- This section does not apply to me.
- Q.E3 Is it impossible to walk to work?
- Better broadband is needed.
- Broadband is sufficient as is mobile phone signal.

- Also travel to work via bike
- I understand at least 1 village business (the Flower Hut) has been forced out due to escalating rents - can we influence this?
- Broadband is good now on fibre
- the mantra of high tech and skilled jobs requires that type of business development not piecemeal low skilled small units that only blight the area , hence the disagreement with the foregoing. Phone mast? near the bottle recycling?
- home broadband services need to be vastly improved to allow a good choice of suppliers
- an improvement in the broadband telephone lines is an essential for the village
- If we are to have more business units, the best place to put them will be near to or with access to the bypass. From the outset they will need to be very well connected (Broadband, Mobile and telecoms) and could be linked to local wind turbines (as suggested in Q16)
- Broadband, 4G, and mobile phone reception is already very good in The Fairstead.
- When I originally moved here I was working and the location was important as a compromise between two work locations. Access to the A14 and A11 and Diss Railway Station were important considerations. I am now retired but internet and mobile connectivity are essential for the future whatever your employment status.
- Landowners will love this section especially last question this is really a subliminal planning approval for rich people to exploit a need awful wording !! Rich get richer attitude
- I work from home and the mobile reception and broadband is sufficient.

Q25. Is this your main home?

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|---|---------------------|
| Yes, main home | 100.00% 315 |
| No, second home - There is no need to complete the rest of Part 2. Please click NEXT at the bottom of the page. | 0.00% 0 |
| | Answered 315 |
| | Skipped 16 |

Q26. What type of home do you live in?

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Bedsit/Studio | 0.00% 0 |
| Flat/Apartment | 1.90% 6 |
| Terraced House (inc. end terrace) | 13.92% 44 |
| Semi-detached House | 20.57% 65 |
| Semi-detached Bungalow | 4.43% 14 |
| Detached House | 42.09% 133 |
| Detached Bungalow | 15.82% 50 |
| Residential Care Home | 0.32% 1 |
| Mobile Home (permanent site) | 0.00% 0 |
| Other | 0.95% 3 |
| | Answered 316 |
| | Skipped 15 |

Q27. Do you own or rent this home?

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|--|---------------------|
| Owner-occupied (no loan/mortgage) | 61.46% 193 |
| Owner-occupied (with loan/mortgage) | 27.39% 86 |
| Rent privately | 5.41% 17 |
| Rent from the Council | 4.14% 13 |
| Rent from a Housing Association | 0.64% 2 |
| Tied Housing (linked to a job) | 0.00% 0 |
| Shared Ownership (housing association) | 0.32% 1 |
| Residential Care Home | 0.00% 0 |
| Other | 0.64% 2 |
| | Answered 314 |
| | Skipped 17 |

Q28. How long have you lived in ...? Please tick one box per option.

| | 0-1 Years | 1-3 Years | 3-10 Years | 10+ Years | Total |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------------|-------|
| This home | 9.94% 31 | 10.90% 34 | 29.49% 92 | 49.68% 155 | 312 |
| Botesdale/Rickingham | 7.91% 22 | 7.91% 22 | 28.06% 78 | 56.12% 156 | 278 |
| Suffolk | 3.28% 9 | 5.11% 14 | 14.96% 41 | 76.64% 210 | 274 |
| | | | | Answered 317 | |
| | | | | Skipped 14 | |

Q29. How many bedrooms does your home have?

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 2.85% 9 |
| 2 | 24.68% 78 |
| 3 | 37.03% 117 |
| 4 | 27.53% 87 |
| 5+ | 7.91% 25 |
| | Answered 316 |
| | Skipped 15 |

Q30. How many people live in your household?

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 20.32% 64 |
| 2 | 49.21% 155 |
| 3 | 11.75% 37 |
| 4 | 14.92% 47 |
| 5+ | 3.81% 12 |
| | Answered 315 |
| | Skipped 16 |

Q31. If this is not your first home, what factors influenced your decision to move to your current home? Please tick any that apply.

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|---|---------------------|
| To move from urban area to country | 34.20% 92 |
| To move closer to family or friends | 24.16% 65 |
| To move to cheaper accommodation | 5.20% 14 |
| To be closer to work or a new job | 14.50% 39 |
| To move to a smaller home | 16.73% 45 |
| To move to a larger home | 21.93% 59 |
| Wanted to buy a newly built home | 1.86% 5 |
| Wanted a bigger garden | 19.33% 52 |
| Wanted a smaller garden | 9.29% 25 |
| Wanted an easier to maintain home | 12.64% 34 |
| Wanted to buy own home | 13.01% 35 |
| Retirement | 19.70% 53 |
| Access problems in old home | 2.60% 7 |
| To make it easier to receive care/support | 2.60% 7 |
| To provide care to family/friends | 3.35% 9 |
| To move to a better neighbourhood | 18.96% 51 |
| To move to a school catchment area | 5.20% 14 |
| Other | 14.50% 39 |
| | Answered 269 |
| | Skipped 62 |

Q32. Do you think you will move to a different home in the future?

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Yes, in the process of doing so | 4 |
| Yes, within a year | 10 |
| Yes, in 1 to 2 years | 15 |
| Yes, in 3 to 5 years | 35 |
| Don't know | 115 |
| No | 138 |
| Answered | 317 |
| Skipped | 14 |

Q33. If you are thinking of moving would you like to move to:

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Within/to Botesdale only | 6 |
| Within/to Rickinghall only | 5 |
| Either Botesdale or Rickinghall | 68 |
| A parish near Botesdale/Rickinghall | 25 |
| Outside Bots/Rick and near parishes | 18 |
| Outside Suffolk | 23 |
| Answered | 145 |
| Skipped | 186 |

Q34. What type of house would you like to move to: Please tick any that apply.

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|-------------------|------------|
| New build | 35 |
| Self-build | 15 |
| Existing property | 104 |
| Answered | 124 |
| Skipped | 207 |

Q35. If you ticked "New build" or "Self-build" in question 34, why? Please tick any that apply.

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Lower maintenance costs | 34 |
| Better energy efficiency | 36 |
| Range of mortgage schemes | 3 |
| Better overall design | 22 |
| Better build quality | 23 |
| Control over design/features | 21 |
| Special offers or discounts | 3 |
| More adaptable/accessible home | 18 |
| Answered | 46 |
| Skipped | 285 |

Q36. If you ticked "Existing property" in question 34, what type? Please tick any that apply.

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Bedsit/Studio | 1 0.99% |
| Flat/Apartment | 5 4.95% |
| Terraced House (inc. end terrace) | 15 14.85% |
| Semi-detached House | 32 31.68% |
| Semi-detached Bungalow | 27 26.73% |
| Detached House | 62 61.39% |
| Detached Bungalow | 46 45.54% |
| Residential Care Home | 5 4.95% |
| Mobile Home (permanent site) | 0 0.00% |
| Other (please specify) | 3 2.97% |
| | Answered 101 |
| | Skipped 230 |

Other (please specify)

- Sheltered accommodation or residential care home
- Ridiculous question estate agent led and property developer knowledge outcome

Q37. How many bedrooms would you like to have when you move?

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 4 3.31% |
| 2 | 30 24.79% |
| 3 | 61 50.41% |
| 4 | 25 20.66% |
| 5+ | 1 0.83% |
| | Answered 121 |
| | Skipped 210 |

Q38. How many bedrooms do you expect to have when you move?

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 5 4.24% |
| 2 | 35 29.66% |
| 3 | 56 47.46% |
| 4 | 21 17.80% |
| 5+ | 1 0.85% |
| | Answered 118 |
| | Skipped 213 |

Q39. What ownership status would you expect to have?

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|--|----------------|
| Owner-occupied (no loan/mortgage) | 71 |
| Owner-occupied (with loan/mortgage) | 35 |
| Rent privately | 6 |
| Rent from the Council | 3 |
| Rent from a Housing Association | 0 |
| Tied Housing (linked to a job) | 0 |
| Shared Ownership (housing association) | 1 |
| Residential Care Home | 3 |
| Rent-free (e.g. family property/annex) | 0 |
| Other (please specify) | 3 |
| | 122 |
| | Skipped |
| | 209 |

Q40. Has something been preventing you from moving within Botesdale or Rickinghall?

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| No | 106 |
| Yes, for less than a year | 3 |
| Yes, for 1-5 years | 13 |
| Yes, for over 5 years | 3 |
| | 125 |
| | Skipped |
| | 206 |

Q41. What has been preventing you from moving? Please tick all that apply.

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|--|----------------|
| Cannot afford a mortgage | 7 |
| Cannot afford the deposit on a house | 3 |
| Cannot afford moving costs | 6 |
| Cannot find the right property | 12 |
| Local education choices | 0 |
| Family reasons | 6 |
| Location of employment | 2 |
| Rent/mortgage arrears | 0 |
| Unable to sell current home | 1 |
| Negative equity | 0 |
| Don't have the support needed to move | 0 |
| Unsure of options available to help move | 1 |
| Lack of affordable rented housing | 4 |
| Other (please specify) | 5 |
| | 35 |
| | Skipped |
| | 296 |

Q42. What are the main reasons for wanting/needing to move? Please tick any that apply.

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|---|--------------------|
| To move closer to family or friends | 5 7.81% |
| To move to cheaper accommodation | 5 7.81% |
| To be closer to work or a new job | 5 7.81% |
| To move to a smaller home | 14 21.88% |
| To move to a larger home | 12 18.75% |
| Wanting to buy a newly built home | 3 4.69% |
| Wanting a bigger garden | 6 9.38% |
| Wanting a smaller garden | 12 18.75% |
| Wanting an easier to maintain home | 10 15.63% |
| Wanting to rent a home | 4 6.25% |
| Wanting to buy own home | 4 6.25% |
| Retirement | 12 18.75% |
| To move to an accessible home | 5 7.81% |
| To make it easier to receive care/support | 6 9.38% |
| To provide care to family/friends | 2 3.13% |
| To move to a better neighbourhood | 4 6.25% |
| To move to a school catchment area | 0 0.00% |
| Other (please specify) | 9 14.06% |
| | Answered 64 |
| | Skipped 267 |

Other (please specify)

- None given
- The Street and our neighbours are v noisy
- Bury bus service from village is too infrequent to allow access to college for teenagers.
- To own my own home
- Do not want to be near any new building estates!!!
- To move to somewhere where there are more easily accessible (cultural) amenities, accessible by foot or public transport. This partly bearing in mind potential future mobility difficulties.
- Better area away from local authority housing
- Less traffic noise (not near a main road). Would only move for the right property (with more land and a view).
- If the village were to become less village/ rural in nature and more 'town' like.

Q43. Where will your mortgage or rental deposit come from? Please tick any that apply.

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Your own savings | 43 86.00% |
| Help from parents | 3 6.00% |
| Government scheme e.g. Help to Buy | 4 8.00% |
| Other | 6 12.00% |
| | Answered 50 |
| | Skipped 281 |

Q44. Are any existing members of your household considering moving into their own home or do you have family who are considering moving into Botesdale or Rickinghall?

| | Answer Choices | Responses |
|---|----------------|---------------------|
| Yes | | 24 11.43% |
| No - Please click NEXT at the bottom of the page and skip to Sector | | 186 88.57% |
| | | Answered 210 |
| | | Skipped 121 |

Q45. Who is looking/likely to look for accommodation in the next 10 years?

| | Person 1 | Person 2 | Person 3 | Total |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|-------|
| Aged 0 - 15 | 4 100.00% | 2 50.00% | 1 25.00% | 4 |
| Aged 16 - 24 | 11 91.67% | 5 41.67% | 2 16.67% | 12 |
| Aged 25 - 44 | 3 100.00% | 0 0.00% | 0 0.00% | 3 |
| Aged 45 - 64 | 4 100.00% | 1 25.00% | 0 0.00% | 4 |
| Aged 65 - 80 | 3 75.00% | 1 25.00% | 1 25.00% | 4 |
| Aged 80+ | 3 100.00% | 1 33.33% | 0 0.00% | 3 |
| | | | Answered 26 | |
| | | | Skipped 305 | |

Q46. When is each person most likely to move?

| | Person 1 | Person 2 | Person 3 | Total |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|-------|
| Within a year | 3 75.00% | 1 25.00% | 0 0.00% | 4 |
| In 1 - 3 years | 11 91.67% | 3 25.00% | 1 8.33% | 12 |
| In 3 - 5 years | 7 77.78% | 3 33.33% | 1 11.11% | 9 |
| In 5 - 10 years | 3 60.00% | 2 40.00% | 1 20.00% | 5 |
| | | | Answered 24 | |
| | | | Skipped 307 | |

Q47. Where does each person hope to move?

| | Person 1 | Person 2 | Person 3 | Total |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------------|-------|
| Within/to Botesdale only | 2 100.00% | 1 50.00% | 0 0.00% | 2 |
| Within/to Rickinghall only | 0 0.00% | 0 0.00% | 0 0.00% | 0 |
| Either Botesdale or Rickinghall | 15 93.75% | 6 37.50% | 2 12.50% | 16 |
| A parish near Botesdale/Rickinghall | 7 87.50% | 2 25.00% | 0 0.00% | 8 |
| Outside Botesdale/Rickinghall and near parishes | 3 100.00% | 0 0.00% | 0 0.00% | 3 |
| Outside Suffolk | 1 100.00% | 0 0.00% | 0 0.00% | 1 |
| Don't know | 7 87.50% | 2 25.00% | 1 12.50% | 8 |
| | | | Answered 26 | |
| | | | Skipped 305 | |

Q48. What will be the composition of the new household?

| | Person 1 | Person 2 | Person 3 | Total |
|----------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|------------|
| Single person | 88.89% | 11.11% | 11.11% | 1 |
| Single parent family | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0 |
| Couple | 92.31% | 38.46% | 7.69% | 1 |
| Two parent family | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0 |
| Other | 66.67% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 1 |
| | | | Answered | 24 |
| | | | Skipped | 307 |

Q49. What type of property would each person hope to move to?

| | Person 1 | Person 2 | Person 3 | Total |
|--|----------|----------|-----------------|------------|
| Bedsit/Studio | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0 |
| Flat/Apartment | 100.00% | 25.00% | 0.00% | 2 |
| Terraced House (including end terrace) | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0 |
| Semi-detached House | 71.43% | 42.86% | 28.57% | 2 |
| Semi-detached Bungalow | 100.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 2 |
| Detached House | 88.89% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 3 |
| Detached Bungalow | 100.00% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 2 |
| Residential Care Home | 100.00% | 66.67% | 0.00% | 2 |
| Mobile Home (permanent site) | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0 |
| Other | 50.00% | 25.00% | 25.00% | 1 |
| | | | Answered | 26 |
| | | | Skipped | 305 |

Q50. What ownership status is each person likely to have for the home they move to?

| | Person 1 | Person 2 | Person 3 | Total |
|--|----------|----------|-----------------|------------|
| Own outright | 100.00% | 8 | 50.00% | 4 |
| Own with a loan/mortgage | 100.00% | 10 | 20.00% | 2 |
| Part own/part rent (e.g. shared ownership) | 100.00% | 4 | 25.00% | 1 |
| Rent from a private landlord/letting agent | 85.71% | 6 | 42.86% | 3 |
| Rent from the Council | 100.00% | 4 | 0.00% | 0 |
| Rent from a housing association | 100.00% | 2 | 0.00% | 0 |
| Rent a tied property (linked to job) | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% | 0 |
| Share a flat/house in the private sector | 100.00% | 3 | 33.33% | 1 |
| Rent a household property/annex | 100.00% | 2 | 0.00% | 0 |
| Live rent-free in a household property/annex | 100.00% | 1 | 100.00% | 1 |
| Other | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% | 0 |
| | | | Answered | 28 |
| | | | Skipped | 303 |

Q51. Where will the mortgage or rental deposit of each person come from?

| | Person 1 | Person 2 | Person 3 | Total |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| Their own savings | 100.00% | 14 | 5 | 14 |
| Help from parents | 100.00% | 8 | 4 | 8 |
| Government scheme (e.g. Help to Buy) | 100.00% | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Other | 100.00% | 5 | 1 | 5 |
| | | 35.71% | 14.29% | |
| | | 50.00% | 12.50% | |
| | | 0.00% | 0.00% | |
| | | 20.00% | 20.00% | |
| | | | | 24 |
| | | | | 307 |
| | | | | Answered |
| | | | | Skipped |

Q52. Are you willing to answer questions about money matters?

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|---|-----------------|
| Yes | 50.51% |
| No - Please click NEXT at the bottom of the page and skip to Section E. | 49.49% |
| | 295 |
| | 36 |
| | Answered |
| | Skipped |

Q53. What is your employment status? Please tick all that apply within your household.

| | 1 person | 2 or more people | Total |
|---------------|----------|------------------|-----------------|
| Employed | 45.88% | 39 | 85 |
| Self-employed | 75.00% | 24 | 32 |
| Unemployed | 88.89% | 8 | 9 |
| Student | 42.11% | 8 | 11 |
| Retired | 46.34% | 38 | 82 |
| Other | 66.67% | 6 | 9 |
| | | 33.33% | |
| | | | 170 |
| | | | 161 |
| | | | Answered |
| | | | Skipped |

Q54. What is your estimated household income. Annual gross (before tax) income, including any income from investments and benefits?

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Up to £10,000 | 4.85% |
| £10,001 - £15,000 | 5.45% |
| £15,001 - £20,000 | 10.30% |
| £20,001 - £25,000 | 7.27% |
| £25,001 - £30,000 | 10.91% |
| £30,001 - £40,000 | 12.12% |
| £40,001 - £50,000 | 9.09% |
| £50,001 - £60,000 | 5.45% |
| £60,000 + | 17.58% |
| In full time education | 0.61% |
| Prefer not to say | 16.36% |
| | 27 |
| | 165 |
| | 166 |
| | Answered |
| | Skipped |

| Q55. What is the maximum monthly cost in rent or mortgage that you are or would be able to pay for your home? | |
|---|---------------------|
| Answer Choices | Responses |
| Less than £200 | 5.67% 8 |
| £201 - £400 | 8.51% 12 |
| £401 - £600 | 18.44% 26 |
| £601 - £800 | 9.93% 14 |
| £801 - £1000 | 7.09% 10 |
| £1001 - £1200 | 7.09% 10 |
| £1201 - £1400 | 2.84% 4 |
| £1400 or more | 6.38% 9 |
| Prefer not to say | 34.04% 48 |
| | Answered 141 |
| | Skipped 190 |

| Q56. What are your total savings? | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Answer Choices | Responses |
| Nil | 9.32% 15 |
| Up to £5000 | 19.25% 31 |
| Up to £10000 | 5.59% 9 |
| Up to £15000 | 4.35% 7 |
| Up to £20000 | 3.11% 5 |
| Up to £25000 | 4.35% 7 |
| Over £25000 | 19.25% 31 |
| Prefer not to say | 34.78% 56 |
| | Answered 161 |
| | Skipped 170 |

| Q57. Are you registered on a waiting list for housing? | |
|--|---------------------|
| Answer Choices | Responses |
| Yes | 1.20% 2 |
| No | 98.80% 164 |
| | Answered 166 |
| | Skipped 165 |

| Q58. How long have you been on the waiting list? | |
|--|--------------------|
| Answer Choices | Responses |
| Under 1 year | 100.00% 2 |
| 1 - 2 years | 0.00% 0 |
| 2 - 5 years | 0.00% 0 |
| Over 5 years | 0.00% 0 |
| | Answered 2 |
| | Skipped 329 |

Q59. Do you or someone else in your household have any support needs due to a long-term illness or disability?

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|--|---------------------|
| Yes | 23 7.85% |
| No - Please click NEXT at the bottom of the page and skip to Part 3. | 270 92.15% |
| | Answered 293 |
| | Skipped 38 |

Q60. Has your home, or the access to it, been built or adapted to meet the needs of someone with a long-term illness or disability? Please tick one box.

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Yes | 9 18.75% |
| No, but adaptations needed | 4 8.33% |
| Yes, but no longer needed | 1 2.08% |
| No, adaptations are not needed | 34 70.83% |
| | Answered 48 |
| | Skipped 283 |

Q61. What facilities do you already have in your home? Please tick all that apply.

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Wheelchair adaptations | 2 6.45% |
| Access to property/ramp | 5 16.13% |
| Vertical lift/stair lift | 6 19.35% |
| Bathroom adaptations | 10 32.26% |
| Ground floor toilet or wet room | 22 70.97% |
| Downstairs bedroom | 11 35.48% |
| Handrails/grab rails | 14 45.16% |
| Kitchen adaptations | 0 0.00% |
| Safe access to garden/external area | 7 22.58% |
| Assistance maintaining home/garden | 7 22.58% |
| Extension/extra room | 1 3.23% |
| Alarm system | 6 19.35% |
| | Answered 31 |
| | Skipped 300 |

Q62. What facilities do you need to be provided? Please tick all that apply.

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Wheelchair adaptations | 0 |
| Access to property/ramp | 0 |
| Vertical lift/stair lift | 0 |
| Bathroom adaptations | 3 |
| Ground floor toilet or wet room | 3 |
| Downstairs bedroom | 2 |
| Handrails/grab rails | 2 |
| Kitchen adaptations | 0 |
| Safe access to garden/external area | 0 |
| Assistance maintaining home/garden | 7 |
| Extension/extra room | 3 |
| Alarm system | 0 |
| | Answered 11 |
| | Skipped 320 |

Q63. If your present home is not adequate for you, do you need to move to resolve this difficulty? Please tick all that apply.

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|--|--------------------|
| Yes, I cannot afford adaptations | 1 |
| Yes, my home cannot be adapted | 1 |
| Yes, I need to be closer to healthcare | 0 |
| Yes, I need to be closer to family/friends | 0 |
| Yes, for another reason | 1 |
| No, I do not need to move | 26 |
| | Answered 28 |
| | Skipped 303 |

Q64. Please provide your postcode in the box so we can see whether we have a good cross-section of responses.

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| Answered | 300 |
| Skipped | 31 |

Q65. How many people live in your household?

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 63 |
| 2 | 146 |
| 3 | 31 |
| 4 | 48 |
| 5+ | 11 |
| | Answered 299 |
| | Skipped 32 |

- "Garden House Lane" leads to Wheatfields where I live. As the name suggests it is a lane and should remain so for it leads to open fields and footpaths enjoyed by the village and our wildlife. To increase housing in this area would be unacceptable. This was one of the reasons we chose to live here in the first place. That and the facts that Botesdale and Rickinghall are already well served as a community with local shops, co-op and pub, chinese and small businesses and school. We need to protect open spaces and walks and wildlife.
- If we wanted anything more than this we would have chosen to live in a town!
- These comments also apply to any development suggested in any other areas.
- "Please leave it as lovely as it is" so we can all continue to enjoy the area for many years to come and for future generations.
- As I have stated before, I moved from a town to Rickinghall as I wanted my children to grow up away from the hustle and bustle of a town, but a village with close proximity to all amenities. My children are now fully growing and living their own lives, one in Hong Kong and the other in Eye, so living in this village has not been detrimental to either of them. I really feel that all the proposed developments they are talking about will mean they will have to increase the amenities and will spoil the village that we have now and it will become more like a small town if we are not careful.
- Arrangements need to be made upon the parking for the school and surgery. Living on Back Hills, is heavily affected by inconsiderate people using the school and surgery plus some residents!
- It is very difficult to decide what should be priorities, especially at this time with so much uncertainty. I know some young people who would welcome the chance to live and work in this area but also others who left village life but returned when families arrived. I do feel we need housing that is affordable by the majority and not just the more affluent.
- Other than that I love living here, having now been in Suffolk for almost 30 years and aware of this village for most of this time and finally got here 12 years ago. From my own point of view it doesn't need very much improvement.
- Not against any housing small industrial units to the right of the street (from Bury St Edmunds end) up to the bypass being accessed by the bypass with possibly a roundabout in the middle. Any major development should have the infrastructure in place before being built.
- Need to keep our excellent Botesdale Health Centre. Do not overload it. Not enough parking.
- More housing is needed but it will not bring prices down. Everyone wishes to make a profit. It is known that landholders are waiting for prices to rise.
- I am very much in favour of sheltered/warden housing.
- Starter homes which are built never have enough garage or parking spaces. The government think that people in the country will use buses...never. People, including myself, are welded to their cars.
- Housing in village - concerned about how many new developments are going up.
- Traffic - concerned about how much traffic there is and with new housing planned (Ryder's Way) it will only increase.
- Parking - too many cars parking on main street - dangerous coming out of CoOp.
- Thank you to the team involved for trying to gain the views of our community. Thank you also for the time you have given.
- We do not currently live permanently in Botesdale. We bought our house in preparation for retirement in 2020. Consequently we are not fully equipped to answer detailed questions about the need for local employment, social housing, adequacy of facilities for young people etc. We look forward to becoming part of the community.
- When walking my daughter to school I am very aware of the amount of traffic travelling through the village. I think a lot of this may be due to other parents driving kids to school instead of walking, and this leads to inconsiderate parking in dangerous places around the front and back of the school area.
- I would be greatly concerned if there was a large increase in new homes as this would make the problem even worse.
- I have made these comments in relevant sections. These are additional to those.
- Section C:-there are a diversity of interests catered for (play areas/skateboard park/sports ground/nature zones/ allotments). These are integrated to form a whole, one should not have priority at the cost of another. (i.e. Allotments are not wildlife friendly and benefit a small number of residents)Each generates a benefit to the whole community, some more than others.
- Section D:-this village works well but there is little pride in it as a whole. It could be made a lot worse by allowing high density/low quality housing. Although permissible by regulation, it must be said that the style of housing adjacent to Diss station and Eimswell also would not benefit this area. The patchwork gardens and restricted parking in an area such as this (where mobility=opportunity) would result in a loss of village character and the potential to create an area easily defined as a social slum. A small development of say one block (10-15 units) but with 2 parking spaces per flat would be an asset to young couples, a 6 acre field of 150 units would be a disaster.
- I commend the Wherry Development on Hinderclay Rd to you and would welcome any parish official to visit and have the benefits explained.
- A 20% growth in housing will change the character of the village. Parking is already a serious issue, so careful consideration should be given to some interesting solutions-a secure 'out of village' car park perhaps or traffic free areas (around the market place).
- Access to the villages needs to be improved with a widening of Mill RdNorth and a traffic island on the A143 at its junction to make for safer exit and entry. A small roundabout at the junction of the Street and the B1113 is needed now, before the village car population increases. Some land should be allocated for small business units to attract 'start-ups' and lessen the need to commute.
- As for village amenities, there is little or nothing for teenagers to do, a common problem in rural areas. The Health centre is already stretched, the bus services are poor and under used, while recreational activities at the Botesdale end of the villages is poor.
- Road surface to Diss end of Diss Road is dangerous with large ruts running along the middle of the road. Extremely dangerous for motorcyclists and cyclists.
- Do not agree with street lights being turned off through the night.

- Thank you very much for organising this survey. Having not been able to attend any of the meetings or drop in events it is great for us to be able to share our opinions on such an important survey on the future of our villages. We look forward to hearing the results and further information.
- I very much value the community here and the good neighbourliness. I hope decisions taken about the future will not alter the character of the villages, that any expansion will be carefully planned with community facilities and open spaces provided. I am concerned about increased traffic as some of the smaller roads regularly get blocked, especially Back Hills on to the B113, the area around the school and medical centre, and the exit to Rose Lane and Cherry Tree Lane.
- New houses should have more parking spaces, a minimum of two and an extra one for each bedroom.
- We are extremely concerned about the recent, very ungainly rush of bids to build large housing developments in the villages. Some new build is probably needed, but it needs careful and sensitive management and regulation. The medium to long-term negative impact on village services would be very worrying, and would be unsustainable! It is vitally important that the uniqueness, beauty and historic importance of the villages is maintained and strengthened, not weakened and undermined.
- Will move if the village is spoilt by unnecessary new housing
- There are 880,000 homes in this country that are empty and unused (not including holiday homes). These houses should be repaired and put into use before digging up more countryside. I suppose I should tell you that filling in this form is a waste of time and "my" money. The last few weeks have proved that to give information to any form of Council is a complete waste of time that includes county councils and parish council. All come over as bad amateurs working in a world of professionals.
- If we continue our, and future, generations need for public transport, we will not be able to move around our beautiful countryside at all. Our roads will become car parks in a few years time. It must be obvious to development/planning authorities that every household will have two, and often 3 or 4 cars, especially when our teenagers reach the age of 17. We need buses!!!!
- I appreciate that money is a part cause but wish that the Parish Council had more authority and say over decisions concerning planning and village maintenance. People living in the village have local knowledge which is important in planning issues, the traffic problems in garden house lane being one. We all appreciate the need for development but in the right place and of appropriate style. I feel that planning should be looked at as a whole village development not in individual sites. I hope the village plan will make this possible.
- if car/van/lorries/police vehicles did not park on the pavement it would be a better village to walk through.
- A wish dog owners would clear up the mess. Also, if they do pick it up they don't really need to throw it into the nearest hedge or garden.
- A very comprehensive survey which has been well thought out
- I have lived in Botesdale for 40 years. It is a lovely village with lots of easily accessible amenities. Please don't spoil it with lots of housing estates. Our health centre is already struggling with the number of people that use it and the school has a nice number. Hundreds more people would put a strain on these services.
- How much did the publication of this questionnaire cost?
- Traffic from future new multi-dwelling developments should exit directly on to the link roads for A143 and not onto street in the villages as the majority of traffic movements will be for destinations outside the villages, ie B1113 Redgrave Rd, Mill Rd, Rectory Hill
- The MSDC [planning committee appeared to ignore the effect of additional traffic when giving outline planning permission for 42 dwellings in Garden House Lane plus another potential development of houses.
- This comment inadvertently missed from and address in IP22 1DG
- We moved to Botesdale to get away from a town where houses are still being built but the infrastructure cannot cope. Traffic is getting worse, parking and general population is a problem too.
- Talk of any new houses rings alarm bells for us as that's why we moved here, to get away from this 'need' to keep building houses and put more strain on resources!
- After living in two areas where social housing was prevalent, this also made us look to somewhere nice like Botesdale, again to get away from that type of environment.
- Please leave our little village alone!
- I believe the village is in good "health" and do not accept any argument that suggests development is needed to sustain its vitality/economy.
- Any development should be borne out of altruism as there is a genuine need for housing in this country and it is probably fair that each community should play its part in supporting this.
- Any development should be sympathetic to the village and be of architectural merit. NO bland red brick housing.
- We are a village not a small town
- People that live here choose a village environment
- We have excellent facilities in this village
- We have a diversity of activities in this village
- The churches play an active role
- There are two good public houses and other eateries
- Small businesses have "failed" showing that people prefer to travel afield for selective goods
- More people = more potential crime We are fortunate to live in a low crime village, we need to restrict numbers
- The Coop is very successful but queues are longer and parking congested, stock is depleted quicker because neighbouring villages use this facility; but the Coop prospers more houses more problems.
- He3althcentre overstretched already, standards lower. Additional hours/Saturday appointments for working persons to combat loss of earnings
- Street parking is becoming desperate; try parking after 5 pm. Yellow lines do not help
- Garden House lane junction is very dangerous bad visibility.
- Twenty mph is plenty down the street take away (flashing speed signs take away the rural look) why not more speed bumps little and often! The school bus and large vehicles are the worst offenders.

- I think the survey is excellent and thanks to all concerned. However local developers are submitting their own plans, obviously profit motivated, ahead of this survey. Is there no way we can ask the council to put a temporary hold on such plans so that this survey can at some stage be taken into account.
- If this is not possible I feel with the deepest regret the whole event is a complete or largely complete waste of time. It is simply motivating developers to gain permission prior to the survey's completion.
- A good example is the STUPID development in Garden House Lane.
- Would love to stay in the village and be able to afford a reasonably priced 3 bedroom house, which is currently not possible and stuck in my 2 bedroom with 2 children as can't afford more on the mortgage. Could afford a 3 bedroom in local towns, but want to stay in the village, but house prices here are very expensive. So I am in a dilemma with make do and stay or move to a town which I don't want!
- We are all very lucky to live in such a beautiful village, it would be an enormous shame for it to be spoilt by large developments of 'Tesco estate' style housing, which would in turn head to a huge increase in traffic going through the village.
- I am hugely concerned about the pressure to build houses in unsuitable locations. If development must happen it should be small, in keeping with surroundings and limited environmental and traffic impact. I do not believe in developing villages to be bigger, more diverse etc. I don't think there is anything wrong with young people moving away to experience life and make money. I went to university and lived in 3 towns before moving to our village to start a family.
- I really value access to the countryside. It is a massive part of our lives and improves physical and mental health. Access has recently been restricted by a local landowner so would love more information on where I can walk.
- The footpath at the end of Bride and it would be great to build this up like the one at the end of Mill Lane near the Big Event Company.
- Botesdale and Rickinghall are very desirable villages because of the favourable ratio of population to facilities, and being surrounded by beautiful countryside. Their desirability and therefore value will be destroyed by development. Let's keep our villages as they are, constraining forced development to the towns. Please heed my warning in the comments to section A.
- I can't stress how strongly I feel that:
 - 1) Retaining our beautiful, natural environment, and protection of wildlife, is more important than any "development" other than small infill.
 - 2) Retaining the small, characterful, friendly nature of the village is more important than any development.
 - 3) Traffic is very heavy now at peak times in both The Street and Back Hills. More traffic from housing development or business would adversely affect noise, pollution, safety and quality of life. Widening roads would severely reduce the quality of the rural atmosphere.
 - 4) Any house building should be in areas that are not full of wildlife or outstandingly beautiful or used by the community as an amenity for walking.
 - 5) Any house building should NOT use existing lanes or narrow roads. Access to new housing would be better from the A143. Any sites accessed from Back Hills or Hall, Lane will cause immense traffic problems.
 - 6) The reason why the village is attractive is because it is small, beautiful, characterful, friendly, without sprawling housing estates. It certainly will not be so attractive if there is any development. Keep it small!
- We moved, as retired people to Botesdale because it appeared to be one of a few remaining villages which still retained it's character. It also offered important amenities for people who no longer or can't drive ie good shops, friendly pubs and reasonable public transport. Most importantly Botesdale has a wonderful Health Centre-now overstretched. Our Post Office was the 'hub of the village' and a place where people in the community could meet and chat. This is the most important amenity taken from us.
- Our village, at present, has a good balance of old/new, large/small houses but already the services provided to the village are over-stretched, particularly the Health Centre and school. We do not want to lose the character of the village by over building.
- Our villages need protecting from over-development. There is a need for more starter homes, to enable our younger residents to remain here, but developments such as the proposed site at the rear of Park View with 65 executive homes is NOT needed. We already have too much of this type of housing. Locals are being pushed out to make way for the types of people who buy these homes. 20-30 years ago we all knew each other, looked out for each other and there was a strong community-this has already deteriorated and will only get worse if there are more of these types of large developments. The Health Centre and school are already at capacity, along with much of the sewerage/drainage. Our green spaces and fields should be safeguarded, along with the wildlife that resides there, not built on. Speeding through the villages also needs addressing. Most other local villages have the 'speed indicator display'. Vehicles regularly exceed 50 mph past where we are at the top of the village, which is also where most people park for the school. Something needs to be done about this. I raised it with Suffolk County Council, but they weren't interested.
- Thank you for this survey.
- While I recognise that we have to take on our share of new housing, I feel strongly that the two villages should not morph into a town.
- Let us not insist on pavements (paved footways) being installed in our lanes (Garden House Lane), Rectory Hill, Fen Lane etc. Cycle lanes might be helpful though.
- Let us have a variety of new homes, mixed housing not one size en mass.
- Street lighting-villages should not be centres of light pollution, so not too many new lights please.

- I realise that a lot of hard work and grant money has gone into the survey, but feel it is too late. 180 homes have already been either agreed or in the pipeline with more likely to come in soon on land bids approved last year. Over £3000,000 was spent on altering The Street in 1996 despite 430 signatures being presented to S.C.C. in 1995 against altering The Street. S.C.C. also made 800 phone calls and ignored the result. Before cars could park on both sides which in itself slowed down traffic.
- The Street is difficult to negotiate now-how much more so with upward of 300 more cars using it? The work was very badly executed as well as badly designed with constant ongoing complaints. S.C.C. used Ross & Silcocks for the design & S.C.C. carried out the alterations to The Street.
- Concerns whether Doctors, schools and sewer dept can cope with so many more houses. We also need to think of young people's affordable houses to stop this village from dying. Transport through the street is horrendous because of parking, often too near junctions so have to go into the middle of the road to see oncoming traffic, especially up near the Priory.
- We feel the village has all the facilities it needs to function well. Daily needs can be met locally. As several businesses have (shops) in the village failed, what's the point building more. People do not live here because they crave the amenities of a town or city, those that do move.
- This is a very special place where people know each other and feel safe and secure.
- Any large scale building projects would destroy the fabric of the village and probably lead to all the local villages, becoming one urban sprawl.
- Really not the best worded questions, and not a great choice of answers either.
- It seems any decision made by the Parish Councils can be overturned by District.
- One building in Rickinghall was opposed by Parish, county and district. It went to appeal and was approved by 'some jobsworth' in Bristol. And what a monstrosity it is-totally out of keeping.
- We live in Rickinghall to be close to family who need our support, both of us have lived in Bot/Rick or Wrotham our entire lives and love the area. There is massive concern about the development within the villages and how this will impact the villagers already here. 3 generations of my family live here and housing allows that at present, we are able to provide everything they need, but losing the post office and paper shop has taken a lot of elderly people's independence away. Development will happen I know but without essential services and access to these traffic & environmental impact will be huge.
- Also we are so lucky to have such a range of biodiversity and provisions for wildlife must be considered, swifts, house martins, skylarks and hedgehogs to name but a few.
- Moderate additional house building should be in correct locations which do not interfere with existing amenities or access. Suitable sites are available.
- Existing village residents have a right to expect that educational and medical services should be sustainable.
- The Street is not a 'shared space' as in the market place of a town and therefore requires a centre white line for safety purposes in two way traffic.
- I think you have put together a thoughtful survey.
- the main concern I would have is not over powering the lovely village atmosphere of our 2 villages. they are very special. Having witnessed another village dominated by by excess development I would approach development with caution. Since moving here in 2009 I've noticed a change of attitude and atmosphere as present houses change hands.
- It is wonderful to find so many families going back generations still vibrant and active.
- I have noticed a disregard for our village - inconsiderate parking. I am appalled at the dog fouling.
- More public transport would help people in and out of villages having a post office and some shops besides the co-op would make such a difference. Our school and surgery would be overrun if we do not wisely evolve our villages
- It's a lovely village(s), let's keep it that way by insisting upon sympathetic new development(s) and infrastructure.
- I have lived in the village for many years. In recent years, the capacity of the existing surface water drains (which flows from a wide area of Botesdale into Fen Lane) has become less able to cope during periods of heavy rainfall. This has resulted in heavy flows of water running over the surface of the road and much higher levels of water in the natural waterways, into which many of these drainpipes discharge. I am concerned, therefore that any future developments may have a detrimental impact on these natural waterways in as much as it could increase the risk of flooding to those living in the lower level of our village. I am also concerned about the safety aspects for both pedestrians & drivers, if there is a significant increase in the traffic usage of the junction from Back Hills with Fen Lane and The Street. At present, there are times when this is a very busy junction and traffic management at this location should be carefully considered as part of the decision process.
- Experience tells me that large groups of new houses become a community in themselves and do not integrate into village life. Small groups of houses are much more likely to do so, whether one person or families. This is very important, you do not want to create a situation of 'us' & 'them'. It can be very divisive. Small areas of land here and there give breathing spaces to the village and act as a link to the surrounding countryside. Plant trees whenever possible.
- East Anglia was covered in windmills in the past and I can see no reason why the village shouldn't have 2 or 3 of these to try and become self sufficient energy wise. Down Mill Road would be an obvious place for one. I wonder if anyone in authority will take any notice of what we think or need.
- I think Botesdale and Rickinghall are lovely villages. I do strongly feel that the villages do need more affordable houses.

• the main problem with any development is access to the village centre from any direction , the increase in through traffic/parking and the destruction of the existing quality of life and village ambience. Future employment will depend on either university education or high skilled apprenticeships both of these tend to lead to any offspring moving out of the locality to centres of business of this type. Any housing development anywhere should not be on a one size fits all basis to satisfy a national need for more housing this just leads to the wrong housing in the wrong place , increased commuting and probably in the long term increased local employment problems.

Politicians and politically driven activists of all persuasions should wake up to reality and not their own personal dogma

- With regard to Q51 - Q55, it is likely that adaptations will be needed over time.
- If advice is needed for Passive or Renewables please contact me.
- Absolutely incredible survey weighted towards developers and estate agents and investors this is not about care or needs this is about profit potential for above invasive questions for new developments to be used as weighted against allocations I be this report is not mentioned but I will send a copy to MSDC planning for file so they can see outcome if we see new houses behind Hamlin house and social housing at that then I will eat my hat it is time for the rich people to have social housing impact but bet it will never happen
- Thanks for the survey. Great questions. In a nutshell for me is that we searched far and wide (all of East Anglia) to find a village like this (these. Sorry Rickinghall!!) and whilst I understand there must be some development - I hope it's in keeping with the place as it is now and we never lose the rural feel and surroundings. We actually have some 'hills' round here so views towards the village are good but could be effected by unsympathetic designs of estates on village boundaries and could diminish what is a lovely part of Suffolk. So for me maybe a few more small shops, cycle routes, attractive traditional Suffolk 2- 3 bed houses, a resurfaced bypass to keep the noise down when the wind blows from the south! It's a great part of the country to live in. I hope this neighbourhood plan will make it even better in the end.