

# DRINKSTONE

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Questionnaires delivered	247
Completed	205 Including 23 online
Completion Rate	83 %

1 completed questionnaire returned too late to be processed - only textual responses used (just D5)

### Notes

1. **Number Answered** is expressed as a percentage of the completed questionnaires. So, for instance, at least one of the A1 options was selected by 98% of the 205 total respondents
2. Responses to **Multi Choice** and **One Choice** options are expressed as a percentage of responses to the question as a whole. So 83% of the 98% who answered A1 selected 'Footpaths'.
3. **Matrix** options are expressed as percentages of responses for each heading. So 13% of the 91% who answered the 'Affordable Housing' question of B2 selected 'Strongly Disagree'
4. The **Approval Rating** for Matrix questions gives a visual indication of the overall level of Disagreement or Agreement. A blue bar indicates overall agreement, red is overall disagreement. Approval Rating is calculated as the weighted average of the four headings adjusted to produce a value of zero if all four are 25%. So for B7 'Have Gardens':

The weighted average is  $(1\% \times 1) + (3\% \times 2) + (43\% \times 3) + (53\% \times 4) = 1\% + 6\% + 129\% + 212\% = 348\% = 3.48$

This is then adjusted by subtracting 2.5 because that is the weighted average if all four are 25%  $((25\% \times 1) + (25\% \times 2) + (25\% \times 3) + (25\% \times 4) = 250\% = 2.5)$  so the final Approval Rating is  $3.48 - 2.5 = 0.98$  - blue because the rating is positive.

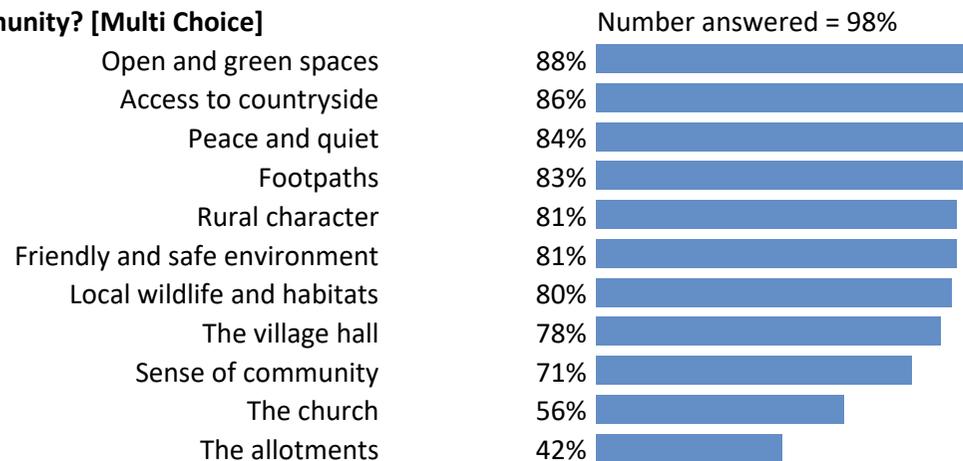
C1 'Play equipment':

$61\% \times 1 + 25\% \times 2 + 7\% \times 3 + 7\% \times 4 - 2.5 = 61\% + 50\% + 21\% + 28\% - 2.5 = 1.6 - 2.5 = -0.9$ , red because negative

5. **C1** is a different type of Matrix to the others because it is centred around 'Never' rather than between 'Disagree' and 'Agree'. It is treated in the same way but is adjusted by subtracting 1 (rather than 2.5) from the weighted average whilst calculating the 'Useage' column. 'Useage' cannot then be negative so the bars are always blue.
  
6. All textual responses are only in the Textual Responses Appendix
  
7. **Single Value numeric** questions are represented as the number of responses against each different value entered. **Numeric List** questions are expressed similarly but as tables with a row for each question in the list.

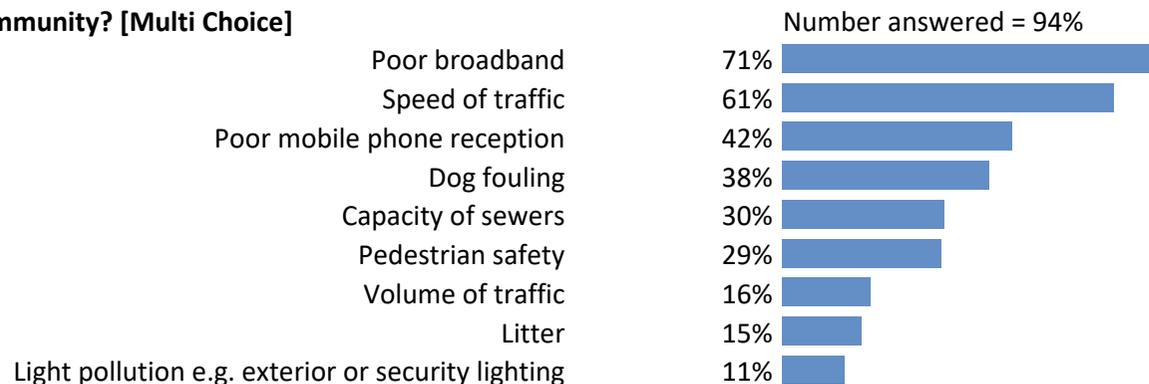
## Section A: What do you value most in the village

### A1: What do you think are the positive features of our community? [Multi Choice]



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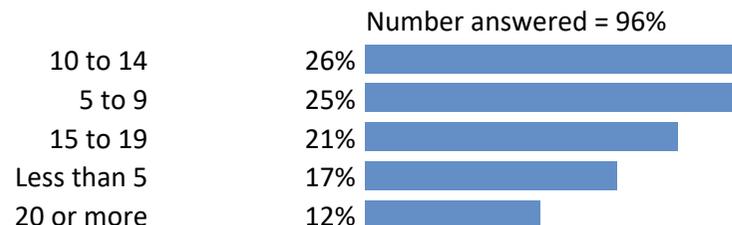
### A2: What do you feel are problems in the community? [Multi Choice]



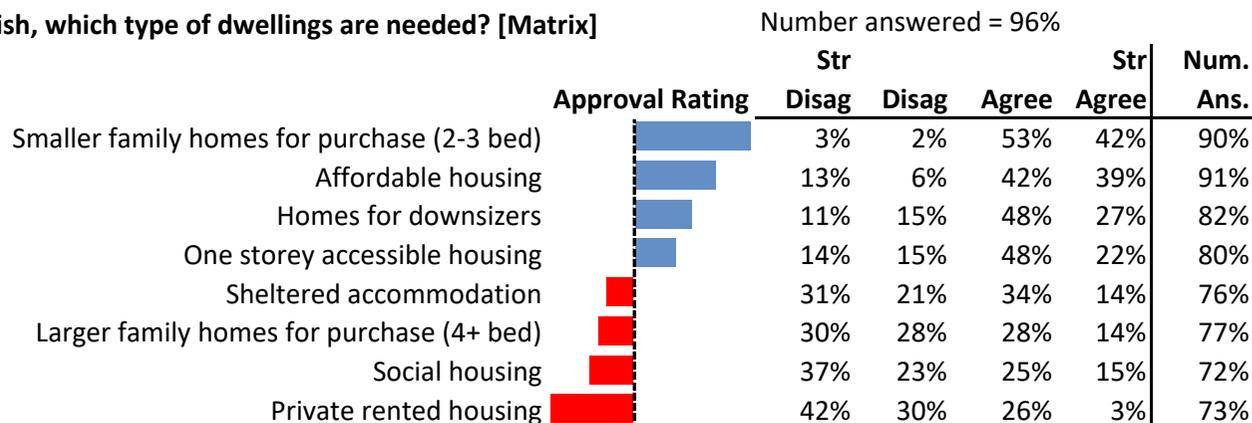
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## Section B: Your views on housing development in the village

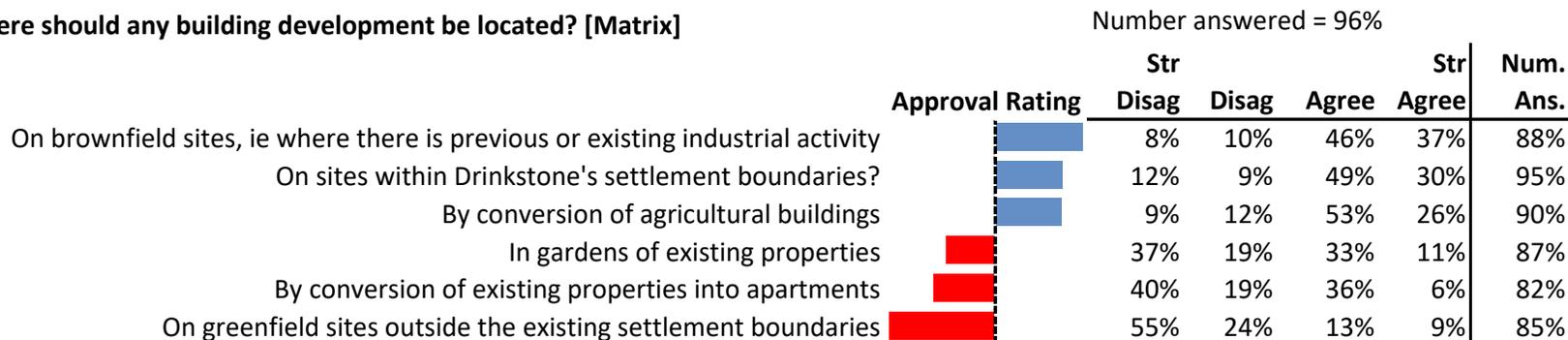
**B1: Apart from the Cherry Tree site (15 houses) the village has grown organically over the last 15 years, with 11 new houses built and around 4 conversions. In your opinion, how many new houses should be built in the village in the next 15 years? [One Choice]**



**B2: If new homes are to be provided in the parish, which type of dwellings are needed? [Matrix]**

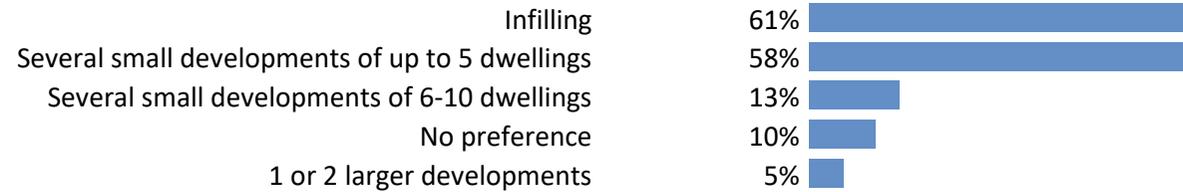


**B3: How and where should any building development be located? [Matrix]**



**B4: What form would you prefer any future developments to take? [Multi Choice]**

Number answered = 95%



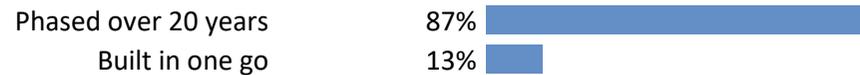
**B5: Are there any sites you consider suitable for development? [Single Value]**

Number answered = 28%

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**B6: Should new housing be phased over the 20 year plan period or built in one go? [One Choice]**

Number answered = 93%



**B7: What principles should influence the design of new houses? [Matrix]**

Number answered = 96%

Principle	Approval Rating	Str		Str		Num. Ans.
		Disag	Disag	Agree	Agree	
Use of modern efficient energy and eco-friendly technology		0%	2%	32%	66%	93%
Have off street parking		1%	2%	33%	64%	93%
Be limited to 2 storeys		2%	7%	29%	62%	90%
Have gardens		1%	3%	43%	53%	94%
Have hedges on roadside boundaries		3%	15%	45%	36%	86%
Be innovative in design		7%	24%	48%	21%	82%
Have pavements and kerbstones by the roadside		13%	29%	36%	23%	86%

## Section C: Your views on services and amenities

### C1: Do you use the following parish amenities? [Matrix]

Number answered = 96%

Useage	Frequency				Num. Ans.
	Never	Some-times	Often	Very Often	
Village hall	11%	44%	23%	23%	99%
Playing field (The Cricket)	32%	39%	12%	18%	95%
Church	35%	52%	7%	7%	92%
Play equipment	61%	25%	7%	7%	94%
Bus service	66%	27%	3%	4%	93%
Allotments	86%	4%	1%	9%	91%

### C2: Have you had problems with the following: [Multi Choice]

No answer

Getting a GP?

Getting a place in the school of your choice?

Number answered = 10%

No answer	90%
Getting a GP?	9%
Getting a place in the school of your choice?	2%

## Section D: Your views on the environment and our green spaces

### D1: What are your views on the natural environment? [Matrix]

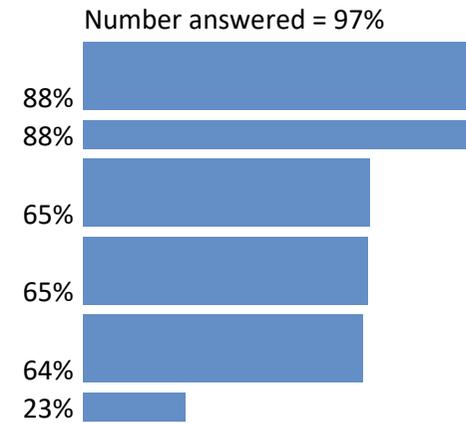
Number answered = 97%

Approval Rating	Str				Num. Ans.
	Disag	Disag	Agree	Agree	
Tranquility: It is important to conserve the peace and rural character of the village.	0%	1%	18%	81%	96%
The open views across fields and woods are important assets to the village.	0%	1%	21%	78%	97%
I value the wildlife and biodiversity around the village	0%	2%	23%	76%	94%
Our hedgerows and mature trees need to be protected	1%	3%	19%	77%	96%
Drinkstone's dark skies are an asset to the village	3%	7%	23%	66%	91%

**D2: Please identify any that you believe are particularly important [Multi Choice]**

- Green spaces: formal green spaces (eg allotments, the playing field (Cricket) and churchyard) must be protected from development
- Footpaths: It is important that our footpaths are well maintained
- It is important to retain the open space and agricultural land between Drinkstone Green and Drinkstone Street
- It is important to retain the open space and agricultural land around other settlement clusters in Park Road, Garden House Lane, Hall Farm and Burts Farm
- It is important to maintain the existing settlement boundaries around Drinkstone Green and Drinkstone Street to protect their character and identity
- We need more footpaths and bridleways

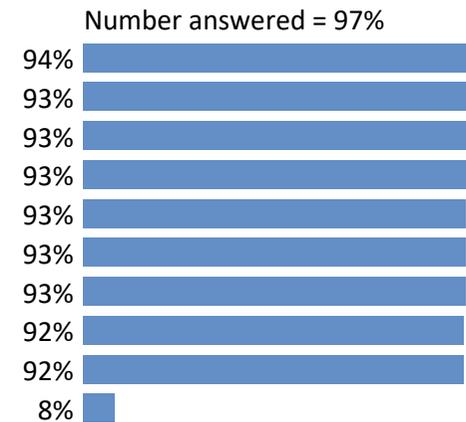
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**D3: In your opinion are the following features important in defining Drinkstone's character and thus merit conservation. [Multi Choice]**

- Mature trees
- Species rich hedgerows
- Drinkstone Mills
- Roadside hedges
- Streams (The Black Bourn)
- Ponds and moats
- Roadside verges
- Small meadows
- Drinkstone park and lake
- Others

See Text Appendix for textual responses for others



**D4: Have you been affected by flooding? If so where? [Single Value]**

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Number answered = 65%

**D5: What other locations are subject to regular flooding in the parish? [Single Value]**

See Text Appendix for textual responses

Number answered = 42%

## Section E: Your views on communications and business opportunities

**E1: Please tell us if you agree or disagree with the following statements [Matrix]**

Number answered = 95%

Approval Rating	Str				Num. Ans.
	Disag	Disag	Agree	Agree	
There would need to be improvements or changes to roads to support increased residential or commercial building	10%	17%	27%	46%	90%
Our mobile phone network needs to be improved	9%	18%	33%	40%	86%
I would be more likely to work from home if my broadband connection was improved	17%	14%	26%	42%	79%
We would welcome the conversion of redundant farm buildings for business use	18%	20%	52%	10%	95%
We need to increase local employment opportunities	20%	25%	45%	10%	93%
Drinkstone needs to attract more small businesses	30%	34%	30%	6%	94%
We would welcome the building of small business units	48%	27%	20%	4%	92%

**E2: Do you run your own business in the village? [One Choice]**

Number answered = 94%

No	86%
Yes	14%

**E3: If YES how many employees do you have? [Single Value]**

Number answered = 11%

Number	Frequency
0	12
1	5
2	4
3	1

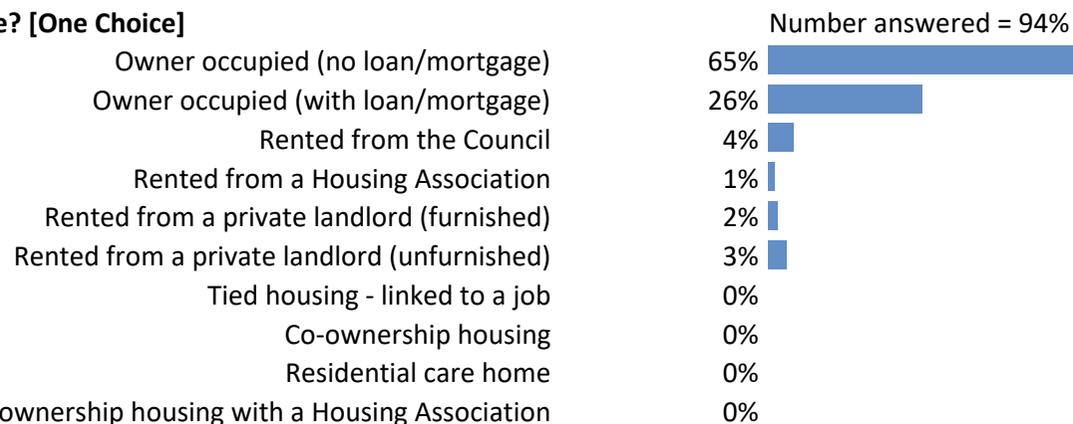
## Section F: YOUR CURRENT HOME

### F1: What type of accommodation are you living in? [One Choice]

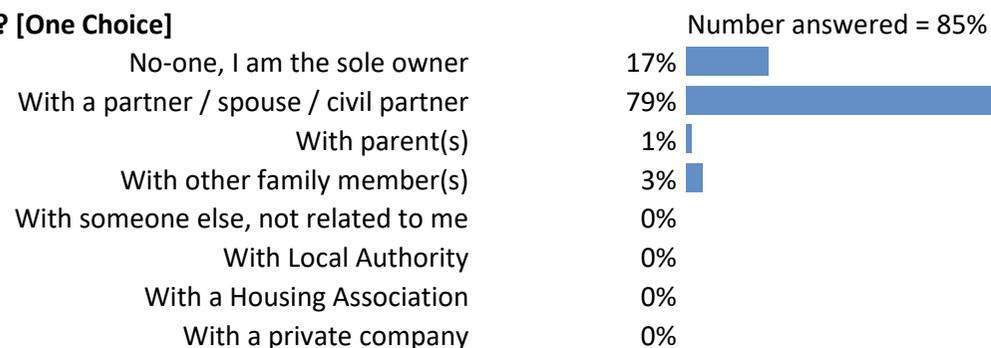


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### F2: What is the ownership status of your home? [One Choice]



### F3: If you own your home, whom do you own it with? [One Choice]

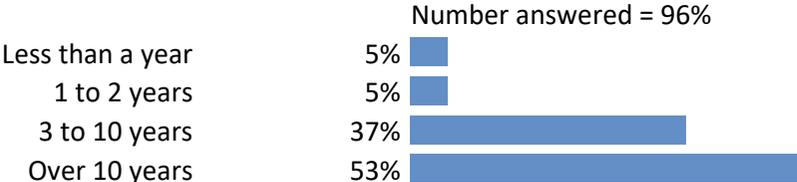


**F4: How many bedrooms does your home have? [Single Value]**

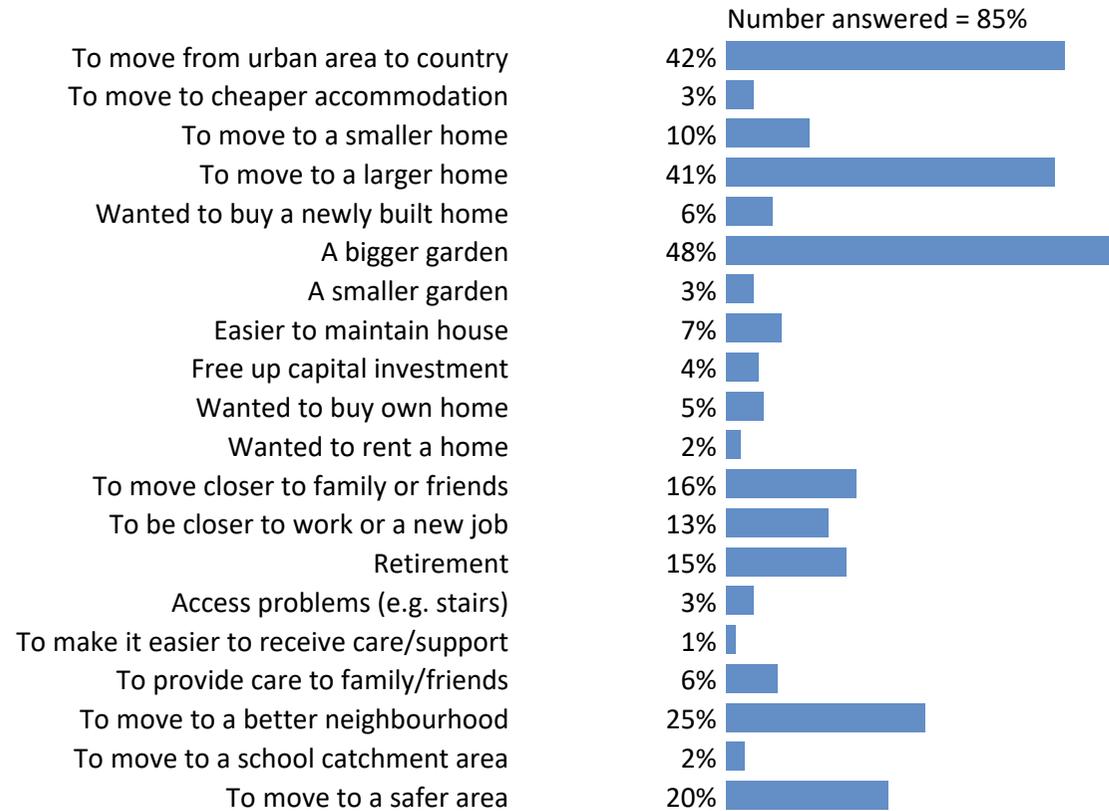
Number answered = 85%

Number	Frequency
1	6
2	17
3	50
4	72
5	22
6	4
7	2
8	1
9	1

**F5: How long have you lived at your current address? [One Choice]**



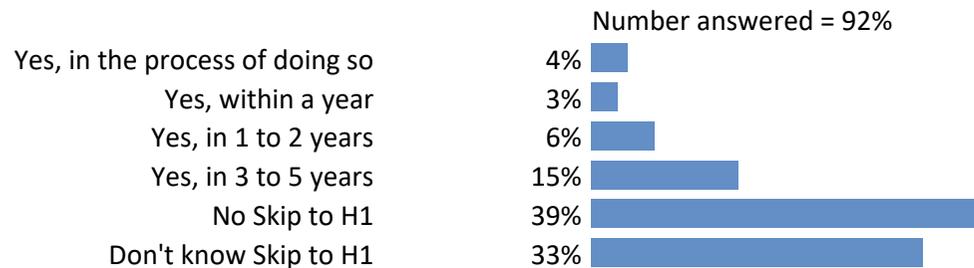
**F6: If this is not your first home, what factors influenced your decision to move to your current home? [Multi Choice]**



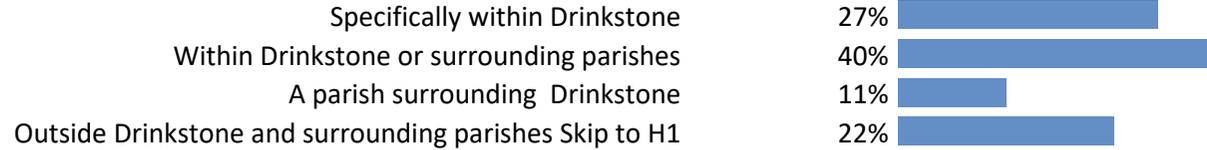
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**Section G: YOUR FUTURE HOUSING CHOICE**

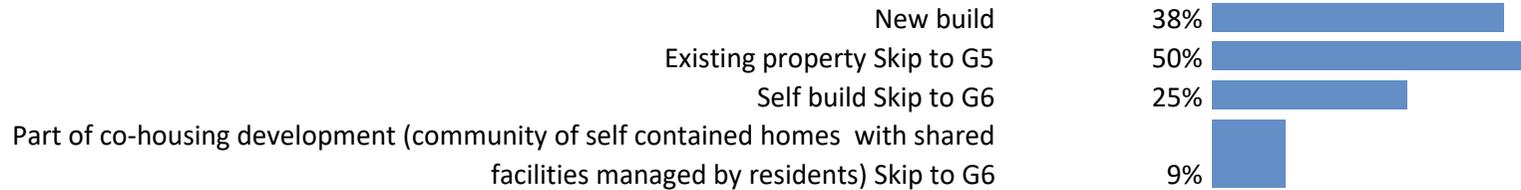
**G1: Do you think you will need to move to a different home or extend your property in the future? [One Choice]**



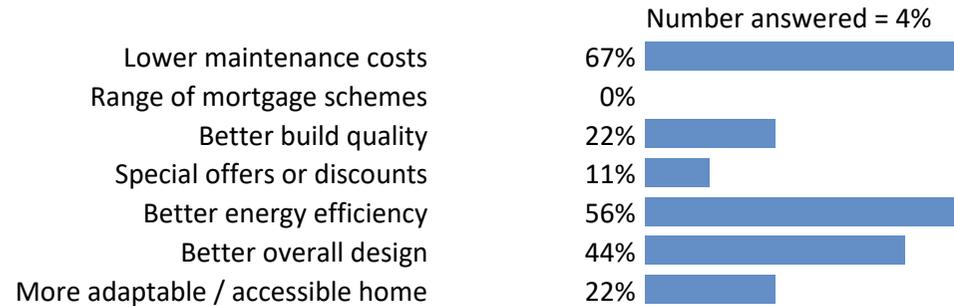
**G2: If you are thinking of moving, would you like to move to: [One Choice]**



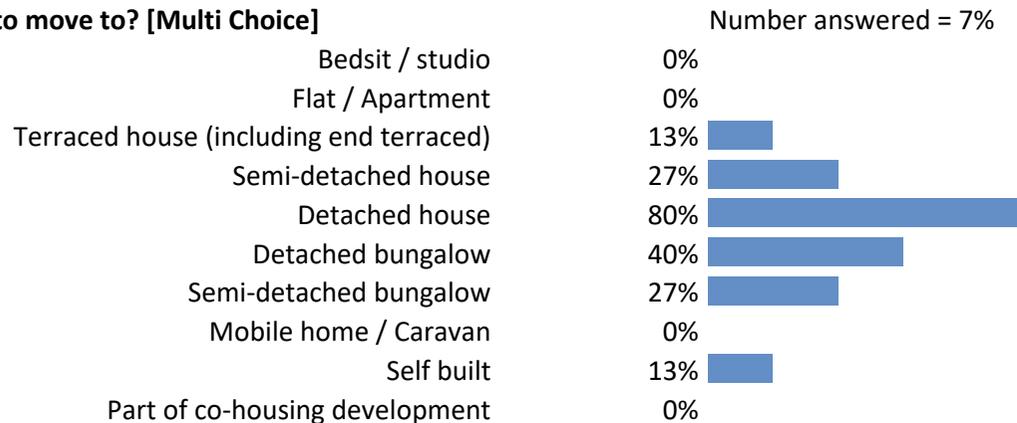
**G3: What type of house you like to move to? [Multi Choice]**



**G4: Why do you intend to move to a newly built property? Once completed skip to G7 [Multi Choice]**



**G5: What type of existing property would you like to move to? [Multi Choice]**



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**G6: Ideally, how many bedrooms would you like, and how many do you expect to have when you move? [Numeric List]**

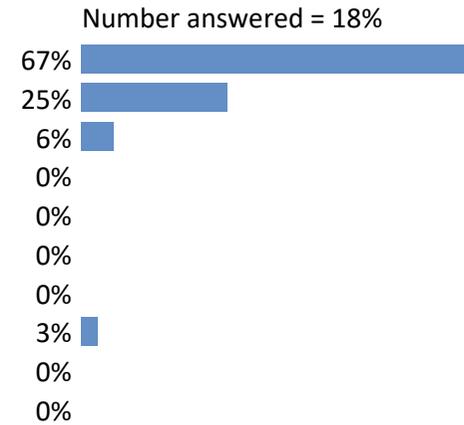
Would like to have  
Expect to have

Number answered = 13%

Number of bedrooms					
1	2	3	4	5	>5
	9	6	8	3	1
1	7	8	6	1	1

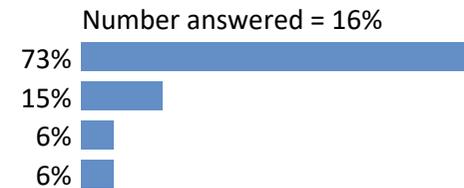
**G7: If you will be moving, what ownership status would you expect to have [One Choice]**

Owner occupied (no loan/mortgage)  
Owner occupied (with loan/mortgage)  
Rented from the Council  
Rented from a Housing Association  
Rented from a private landlord (furnished)  
Rented from a private landlord (unfurnished)  
Tied housing - linked to a job  
Co-ownership housing  
Residential care home  
Shared ownership housing with a Housing Association



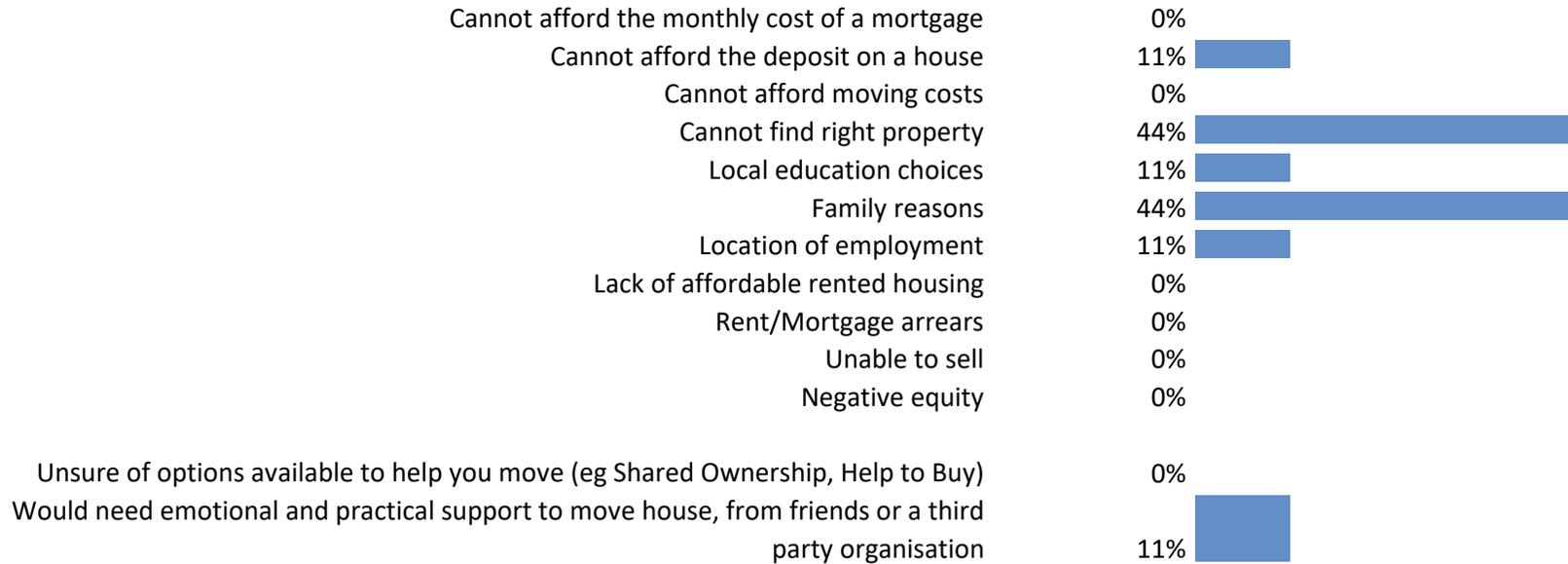
**G8: Has something been preventing you from moving within Drinkstone? [One Choice]**

No Skip to H1  
Yes, for less than a year  
Yes, for 1 to 5 years  
Yes, for over 5 years



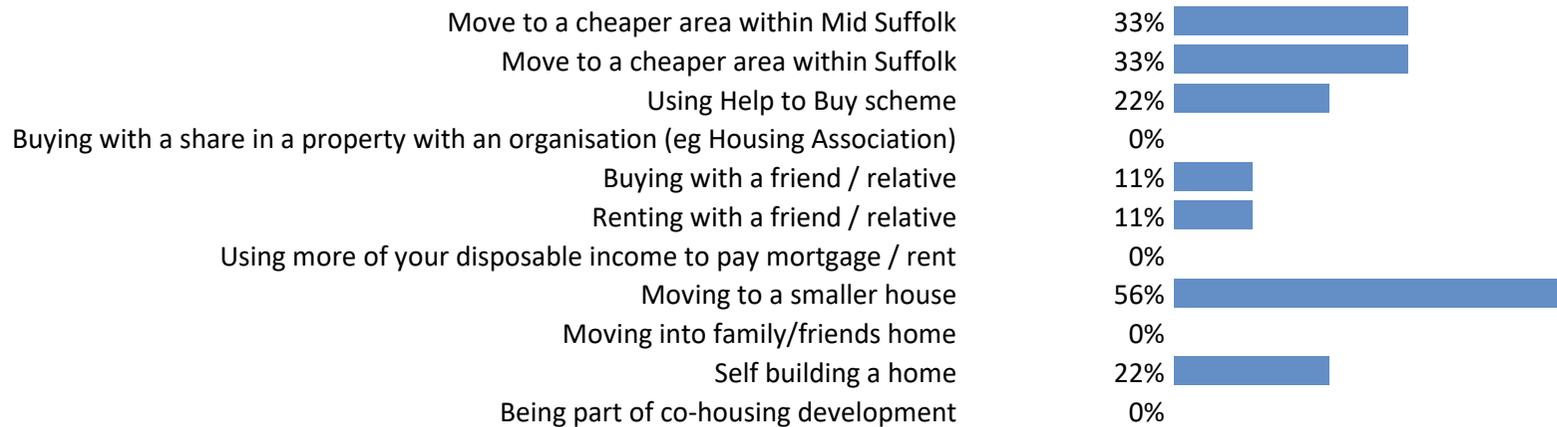
**G9: What has been preventing you from moving within Drinkstone? [Multi Choice]**

Number answered = 4%



**G10: Would you consider any of the following options to help you move? [Multi Choice]**

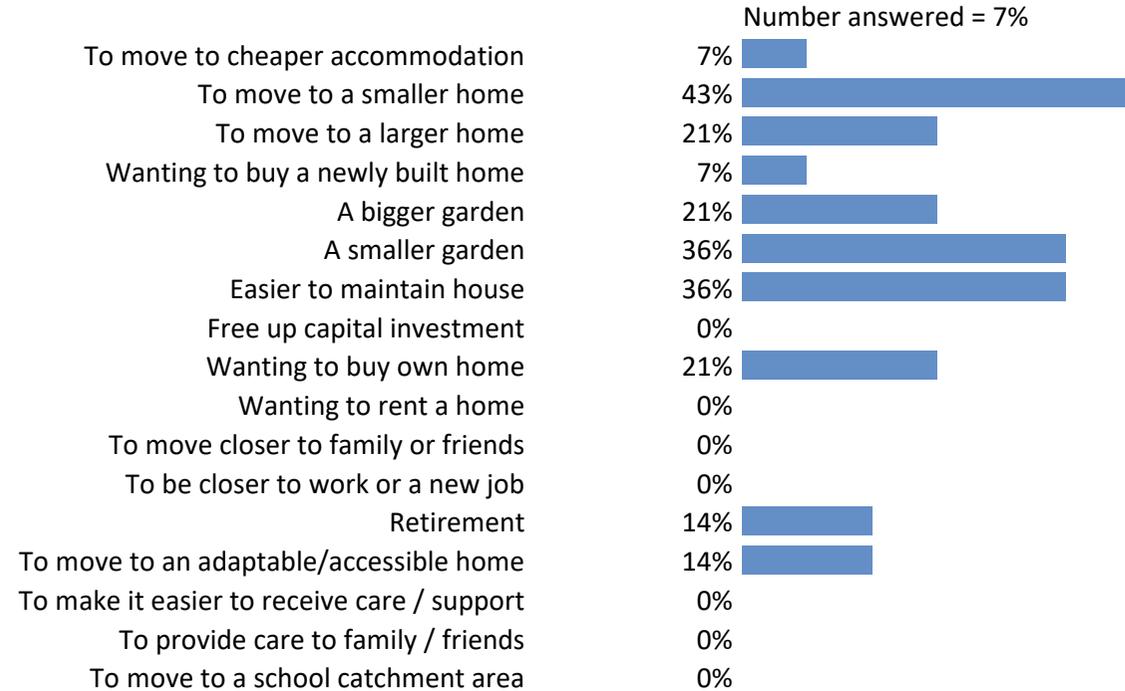
Number answered = 4%



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**G11: What are the main reasons for wanting or needing to move to a different home?**

[Multi Choice]



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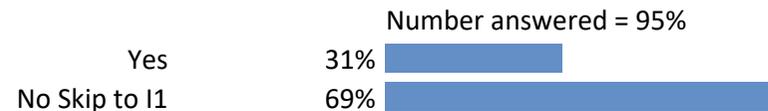
**G12: Where will your deposit / rent bond come from? [Multi Choice]**



No textual responses for Other

**Section H: FUTURE CHANGES TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD**

**H1: Are any existing members of your household looking to move into their own accommodation in the next 10 years? [One Choice]**



**H2: How many are likely to look for accommodation in the next 3 years? [Numeric List]**

Number answered = 18%

		<b>Number of people</b>					
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>&gt;5</b>
	<b>Total People</b>						
Parent / Grandparent	5		1	1			
Child who will be over 16	50	16	12	2	1		
Other	8	5		1			

**H3: How many are most likely to move: [Numeric List]**

Number answered = 19%

		<b>Number of people</b>					
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>&gt;5</b>
	<b>Total People</b>						
Within the next two months	1	1					
Within a year	4	2	1				
In 1 - 2 years	4	4					
In 3 - 10 years	63	11	18	4	1		

**H4: How many people hope to move within Drinkstone [Numeric List]**

Number answered = 17%

		<b>Number of people</b>					
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>&gt;5</b>
	<b>Total People</b>						
within Drinkstone	18	4	7				
elsewhere	48	13	12	1	2		

**H5: How many people are likely to own / rent as follows: [Numeric List]**

Number answered = 19%

	Total People	Number of people					
		1	2	3	4	5	>5
Own outright	9	1	4				
Own with a mortgage	28	10	7		1		
Part own / part rent (eg shared ownership)	9	2	2	1			
Rent from the Council	6	2	2				
Rent from a Housing Association	4	2	1				
Rent from a private landlord / letting agent	24	6	6	2			
Rent from a relative / friend of household	2		1				
Rent from a tied property / linked to a job	0						
Share a flat / house in the private rented sector	10	2	4				

**H6: How many people expect to move to the following types of property? [Numeric List]**

Number answered = 18%

	Total People	Number of people					
		1	2	3	4	5	>5
Bedsit / studio	4	2	1				
Flat / Apartment	29	8	9	1			
Terraced house (including end terrace)	22	8	5		1		
Semi-detached house	16	4	4		1		
Detached house	8	4	2				
Detached bungalow	2	2					
Semi-detached bungalow	1	1					
Mobile home / Caravan	0						
Self built	7	1	3				
Part of co-housing development	0						
Other	2		1				

**H7: How many people will get their deposit / rent bond from: [Numeric List]**

Number answered = 18%

		Number of people					
Total People		1	2	3	4	5	>5
	Their own savings	6	9	1	1		
	Help from parents	8	10	1	2		
	Government scheme eg Help to Buy	1	4	1	1		
	Other	3	2	1			

**H8: If you are in a position to predict, how many people will be able to pay the following maximum WEEKLY costs in rent or mortgage at today's prices? [Numeric List]**

Number answered = 16%

		Number of people					
Total People		1	2	3	4	5	>5
	Don't know	11	7	2	1		
	Prefer not to say	1					
	Under £50	0					
	£50 - £99	2	1				
	£100 - £149	7	2	1			
	£150 - £199	3	3				
	£200 - £249	5	1				
	£250 - £299	2	2				
	£300 - £349	0					
	£350 +	2	1				

**Section I: CARE AND SUPPORT NEEDS**

**I1: Do you, or anyone else in your family have a long term illness or disability? [One Choice]**

Number answered = 92%



**I2: How many people have the following conditions: [Numeric List]**

Number answered = 15%

	Total People	Number of people					
		1	2	3	4	5	>5
Long term limiting illness	15	15					
A physical disability	18	13	1	1			
A sensory disability	2	2					
Learning or development disability	1	1					
Mental health problem	6	3		1			
Cognitive impairment (brain injury)	0						
Autism	0						
Dementia	4	4					
Other	5	5					

**I3: How many receive care and support from the following? If none apply, please leave blank then skip to I6 [Numeric List]**

Number answered = 11%

	Total People	Number of people					
		1	2	3	4	5	>5
Family member	16	12	2				
NHS	19	12	2	1			
Private care / support provider	6	4	1				
Family friend / neighbour	8	1	2	1			
Voluntary body	0						
Community group	0						
Other	0						

**I4: For how many people is the support sufficient? [Numeric List]**

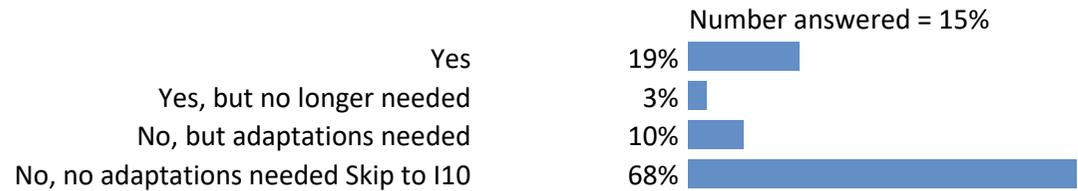
Number answered = 9%

	Total People	Number of people					
		1	2	3	4	5	>5
Sufficient	18	14	2				
Insufficient	4	2	1				

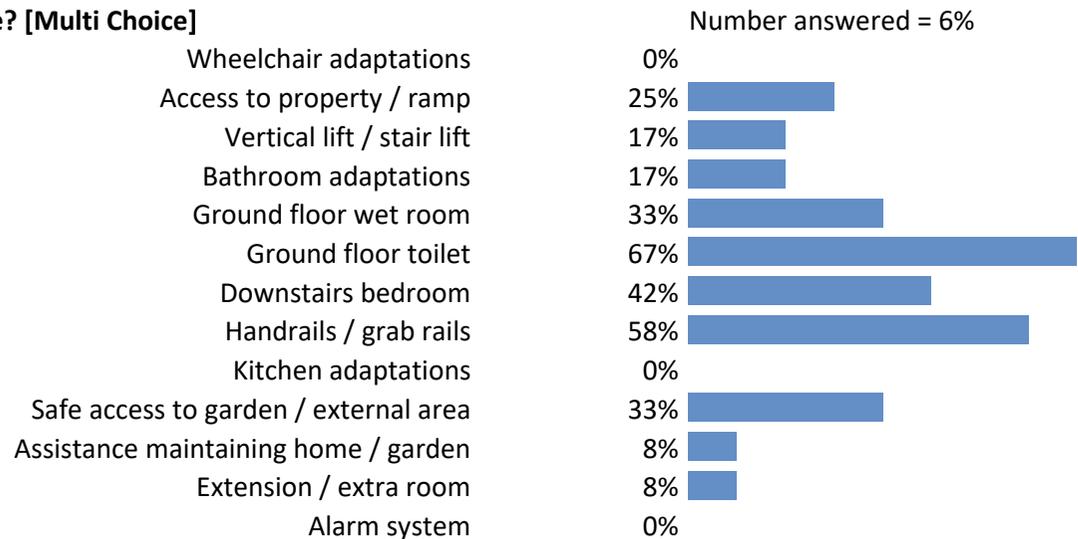
**I5: How many people need further support with: [Numeric List]**

	Total People	Number answered = 4%					
		1	2	3	4	5	>5
Claiming benefits or managing finance	4	2	1				
Having someone to act on your / their behalf	3	1	1				
Help with participating in social activities	4	2	1				
Personal care	5	3	1				
Establishing personal safety or security	3	1	1				
Looking after the home	7	5	1				
Looking after the garden	11	5	3				
Preparing meals	3	3					
Respite care	1	1					

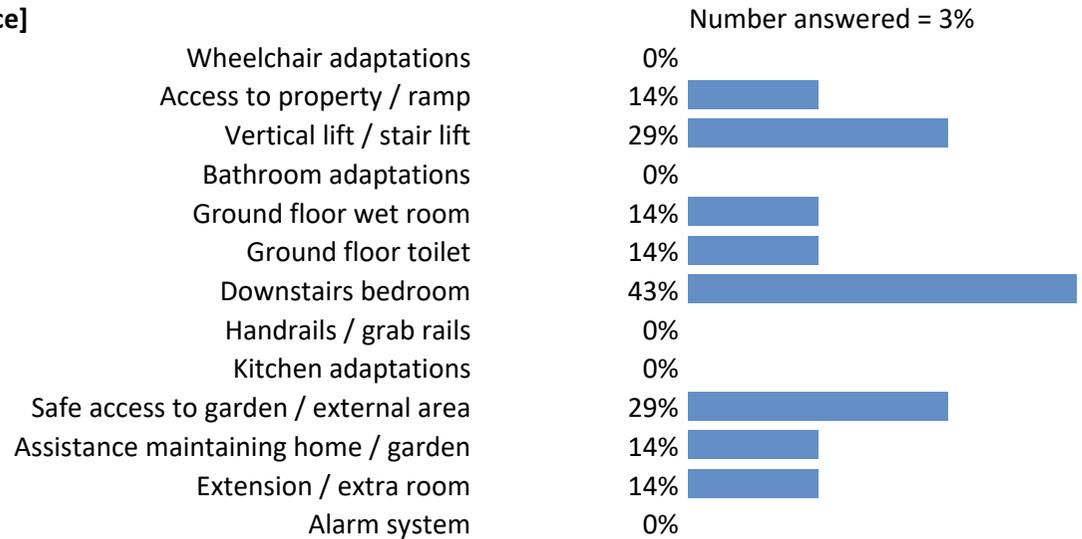
**I6: Has your home, or the access to it, been built or adapted to meet the needs of someone with a disability [One Choice]**



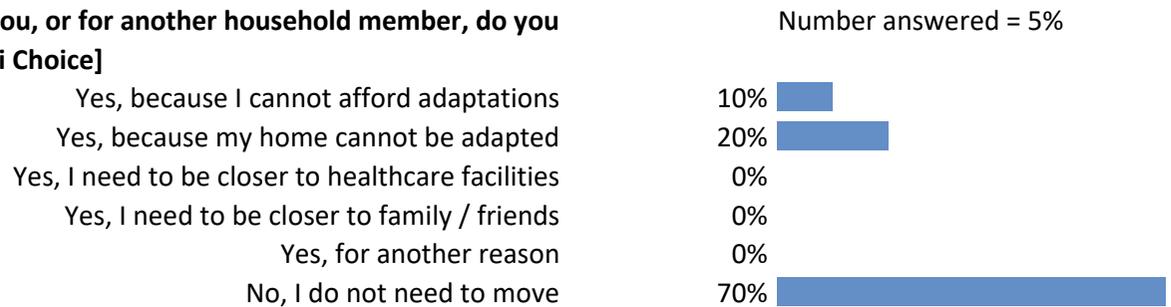
**I7: Which facilities do you already have in your home? [Multi Choice]**



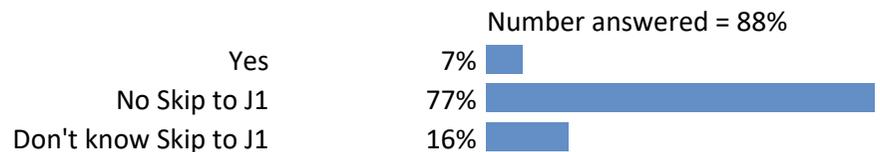
**I8: Which facilities need to be provided? [Multi Choice]**



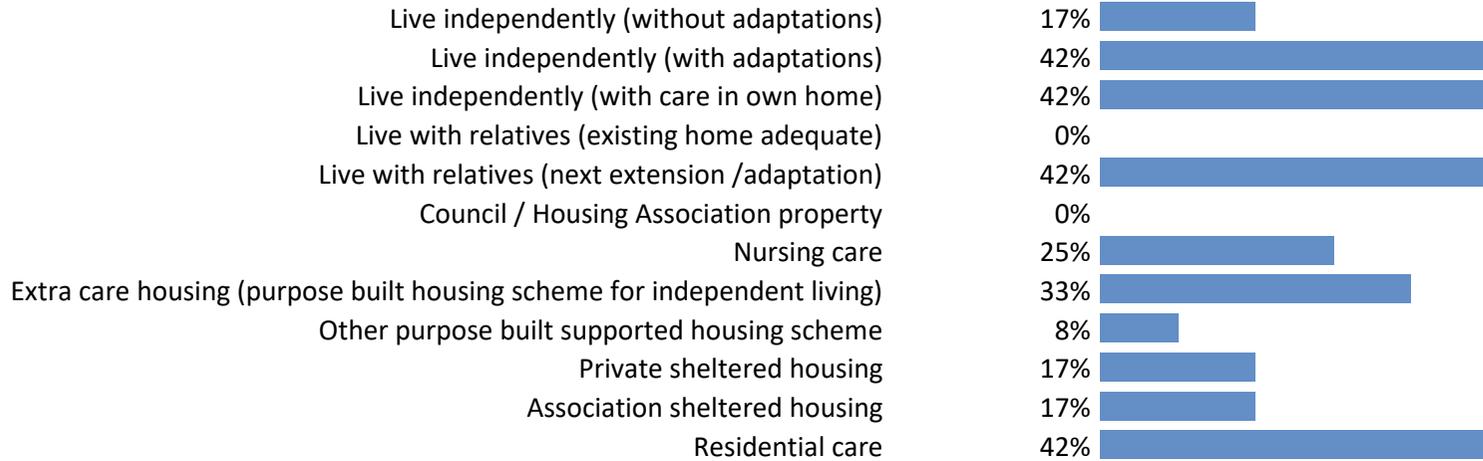
**I9: If your present home is not adequate for you, or for another household member, do you need to move to resolve this difficulty? [Multi Choice]**



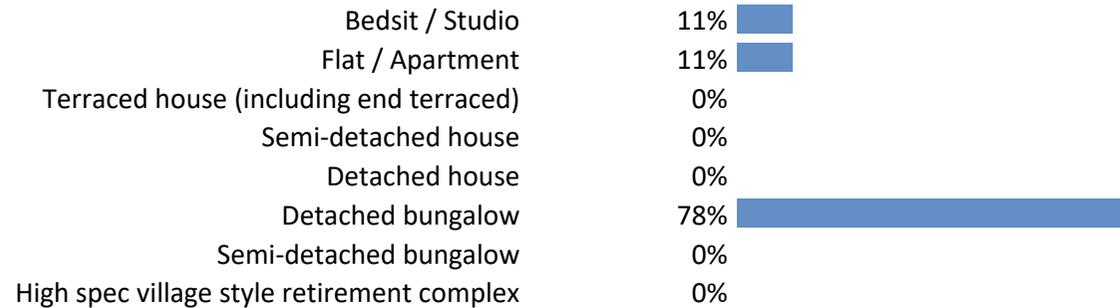
**I10: Do you have elderly relatives who may need to move to Suffolk within the next 3 years to receive support? [One Choice]**



**I11: What kind of care and accommodation might they need? [Multi Choice]**



**I12: What sort of property would they be looking for? [One Choice]**



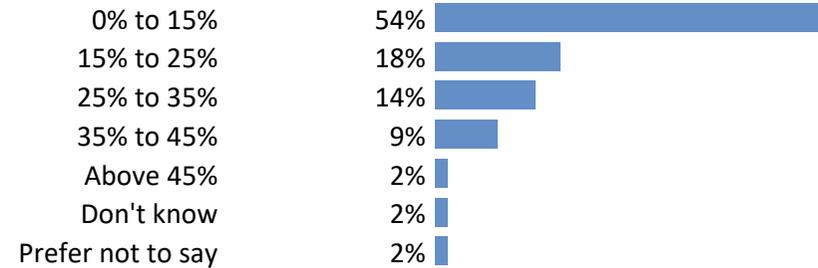
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**Section J: MONEY MATTERS**

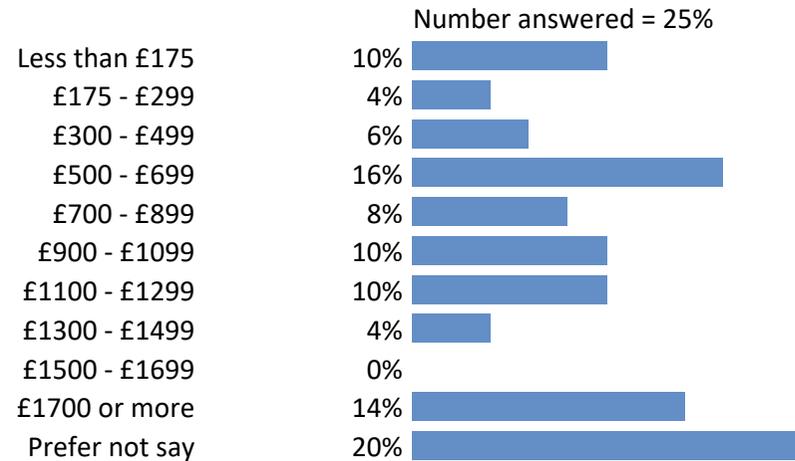
**J1: Do you wish to answer any questions about your personal money matters? [One Choice]**



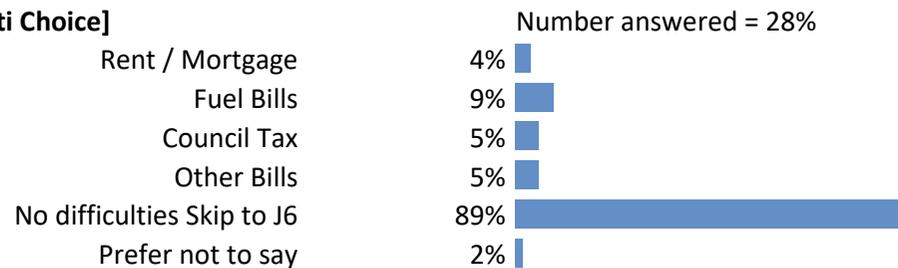
**J2: How much of your net household monthly income (ie after tax and benefits) do you estimate is spent on your rent or mortgage? [One Choice]**



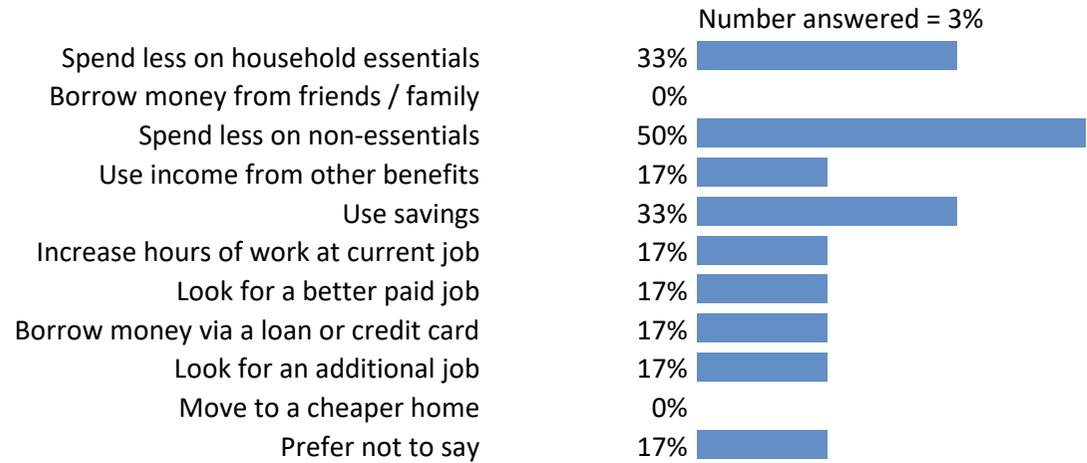
**J3: What would the maximum monthly cost in rent or mortgage at today's prices that you would be willing and able to pay for your home (after any help received through housing benefit or income support)? [One Choice]**



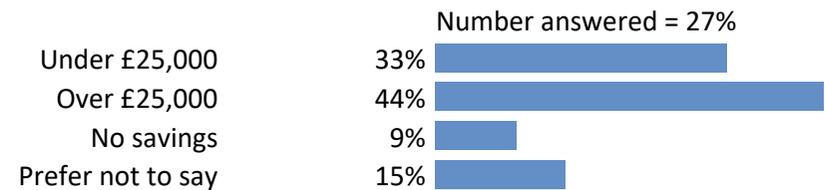
**J4: Do you have difficulty meeting any of the following costs? [Multi Choice]**



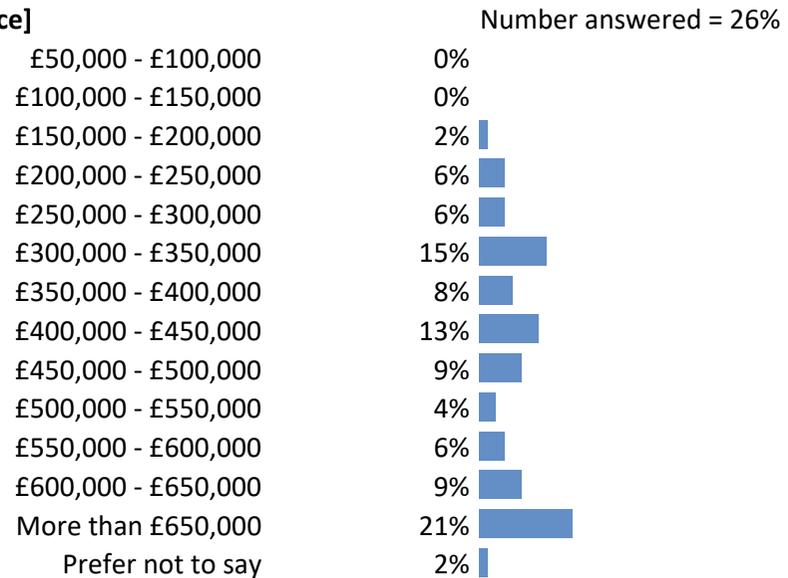
**J5: If you are struggling to afford your housing costs, do you intend to do any of the following to help resolve this? [Multi Choice]**



**J6: Please estimate your total savings [One Choice]**

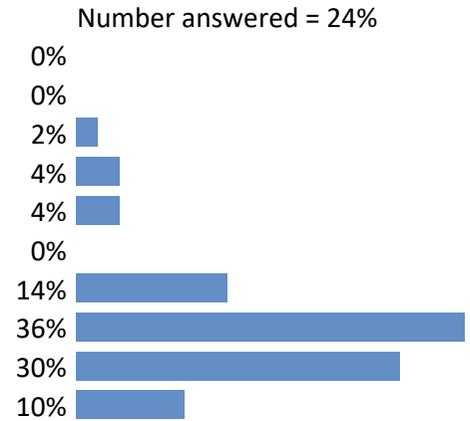


**J7: If you own your home, please estimate its current value [One Choice]**



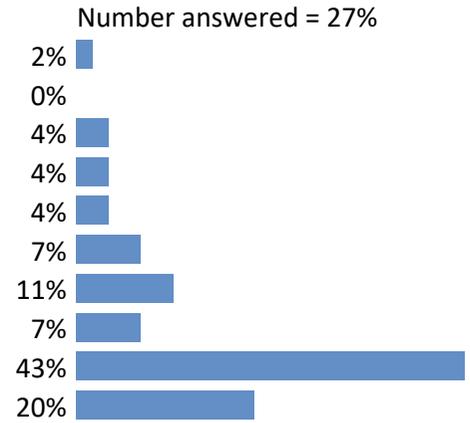
**J8: If you own your own home, how much money (equity) would you get if you sold your home after paying off your mortgage (or debts)? [One Choice]**

Less than £0 (negative equity)  
 Up to £9,999  
 £10,000 - £29,999  
 £30,000 - £49,999  
 £50,000 - £74,999  
 £75,000 - £99,999  
 £100,000 - £199,999  
 £200,000 - £499,999  
 £500,000 or more  
 Prefer not to say



**J9: Please estimate your household income. Annual gross (before tax) income, including any income from investments and benefits [One Choice]**

Up to £10,000  
 £10,000 - £15,000  
 £15,000 - £20,000  
 £20,000 - £25,000  
 £25,000 - £30,000  
 £30,000 - £40,000  
 £40,000 - £50,000  
 £50,000 - £60,000  
 £60,000+  
 Prefer not to say



**Section K: PERSONAL DETAILS**

**K1: How many people in your household fall into the following age ranges? [Numeric List]**

Number answered = 94%

		<b>Number of people</b>					
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>&gt;5</b>
	<b>Total People</b>						
Under 11	38	14	6	4			
11 to 17	42	18	9	2			
18 to 24	33	20	5	1			
25 to 34	20	9	4	1			
35 to 44	38	16	11				
45 to 54	82	30	23	2			
55 to 64	88	36	26				
65 to 74	94	38	28				
75+	55	31	12				

**K2: How many people identify as the following gender? [Numeric List]**

Number answered = 91%

		<b>Number of people</b>					
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>&gt;5</b>
	<b>Total People</b>						
Male	231	121	27	12	5		
Female	239	124	35	15			
Prefer not to say	7	1	3				

**K3: How many people in your household would you describe as having the following ethnic origins? [Numeric List]**

Number answered = 90%

	Total People	Number of people					
		1	2	3	4	5	>5
White British	440	30	86	20	26	6	7
White Irish	10	5				1	
Any other white background	4	4					
White & Black Caribbean	0						
White & Black African	0						
White & Asian	1	1					
Other mixed ethnic background	1	1					
Caribbean	0						
African	0						
Any other black background	0						
Indian	2	2					
Pakistani	0						
Bangladeshi	0						
Any other Asian background	0						
Chinese	0						
Gypsy, Roma or Traveller	0						
Arab	0						
Any other ethnicity not listed	3			1			
Prefer not to say	15	3	6				

Number answered = 18%

**Other Issues**

# APPENDIX - Textual Responses

## Section A: What do you value most in the village

### A1: What do you think are the positive features of our community? [Multi Choice]

Absence of light pollution is highly valued
general beauty
A small village shop would be very handy. More street lighting particularly on the Gedding Road as in winter the bus drops the children off in complete darkness and not on a path. The roads in and out of the village are tricky in the bad weather and there are increasing numbers of pot holes.
The fact that planners have, up to now, taken decisions maintain the village character
Just the sheer beauty if the openness of the views of the surrounding landscape, skyline and countryside
We don't feel the village has an overall rural character as there is no village green and no pub.
History and heritage.Active farming and agriculture area - able to hear and see cows and sheep, and enveloped in the changing agricultural seasons from bare earth to harvest.
No street lights/light pollution
Its history and heritage
unspoilt, ie no street lighting - established village - active community - lots of events/meetings
Dark skies
Access to good schools
Low density housing.No street lights (well almost)
Nice neighbours
low-traffic lanes
Restricted development
Jungle drums for network and support
Not a "through road" village. Vodafone has excellent mobile phone coverage. 4G is leagues better than our Wifi!
Good neighbourliness
Community spirit in respect of village activities, which are many and varied.
Great sense of community. Neighbors and villagers are kind

### A2: What do you feel are problems in the community? [Multi Choice]

Insufficient dog waste bins on popular walking areas
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Lack of parking in Woolpit
Pedestrian safety compromised by cars parking on paths; lack of pavements
Lack of community shop (similar to Rattlesden)
Dogs continual barking at 4 Chapel Lane
narrow road with poor visibility entering the village
Lack of village shop
The biggest issues is the terrible broadband speed - you cannot get what you pay for.
The volume of heavy goods vehicles. Vehicles parking for lengths of time on the path in Gedding Road
Lots of promises to improve broadband but no action. Signs (speed) need to be kept clear of vegetation.
Lack of affordable housing for low income families.No accommodation for frail elderly..
Poor or non existence of enforcement of traffic in Drinkstone and Beyton
Vodafone reception is good
Require fibre broadband and faster mobile signal
Parking
Lack of bridleways for those with horses that's one of the reasons for living in a country village, there are none in Drinkstone
No main sewer connection around Blacksmiths Corner
Light pollution is not within our own community but from neighbouring Woolpit, particularly the transport depot.Noise from A14
No Gas
Have noticed increase in volume of traffic since Cherry Tree homes built
Cycle path to Beyton and cycle path to Woolpit.30mph speed limit on Park Road (road to Beyton)
Something for children - improved play area
A14 traffic noise. There needs to be a better sound barrier
Narrow roads to the village. Most cars have to pull into the verge to go past
Maintenance of our hedgerows, ie Park Road!
20's plenty.With proposed development in adjoining villages local infrastructure could be compromised, ie doctors, schools
Noise from housing re-development on Cross Street
Capacity of sewers??
Speed of traffic - especially tractors
Not enough younger residents.

Mid Suffolk Planning enforcement are rather perplexed into the behaviour of certain parish members connected to the Parish Council when they received seven complaints within three days of construction work begging at xxxxxxxxxx. Fortunately a third party provided evidence to prove two issues were blatant lies, furthermore it was clear to the enforcement officer when on site a further four issues were also untrue. The only issue which held any merit was in relation to fencing which i had not erected in respect of neighbouring properties.It saddens me to think that certain people live in such a lovely area and fill there time attempting to cause trouble for others.To eliminate problems rather than being deceitful surely is it not easier to speak to one another !!.
Light pollution from Woolpit Business Park.Need for better landscaping to screen Woolpit Business Park when viewed from C432 in the vicinity of Deadman's Lane
Litterin the verges less of a problem since Nigel Gale started his Tuesday round. Maybe more of us should get out there?
Little safe riding for horses."Club" cyclists through village - dominate road & rude!
Poor maintenance including pot holes, failure to maintain speed restriction signs and to repaint 30mph speed roundels
Mobile reception is extremely poor.Blacksmiths Corner traffic can be dangerous due to speeding vehicles
Paper leaving dog poo on the side in a bag
The 5 am thunder of v large lorries belting along Gedding rd during sugar beet harvest. All traffic drives too fast along Gedding rd, especially large vehicles. Uncut hedges with brambles overhanging/ impedingthe pavement
50 years ago this was a very good village. Now people want to dictate what can and cannot be done. They forget if new houses were not built they would not live in this village!!
On road parking in Gedding Road.Poor access roads, lack of maintenance and flooding
Poor broadband. Speeding buses. Buses designed for towns not for narrow roads. Come at you in the middle of the rd.
Lack of public transport.Lack of cheaper housing for younger people

## Section B: Your views on housing development in the village

### B5: Are there any sites you consider suitable for development? [Single Value Text]

So many properties have land and access, suitable to build on, but the villagers seem so unreasonable and anti this. In our opinion it would keep the green areas there.
Rattlesden Road
Infill favoured, subject to land-owner's preferences.
Area between Gedding Road and the street (towards church) - If there has to be development
N/A. Not Chapel Lane
Land opposite the Village Hall
No - leave Drinkstone alone

On the corner of Park Road, at Gedding Road junction. This could prompt alterations concerning the regular flooding a little further down on Park Road
The field beside Green Farm/Cross St. The field beside the Village Hall. The field next to High Gables.
Paddock on corner of Cross Street and Rattlesden Road. Sheltered accommodation better suited to a larger village with more amenities and better transport links
Rattlesden Road / Cross Street. Hill Farm Lane.
Part of field opposite village hall
Opposite and adjacent to the village hall. Rattlesden Road beyond the allotments. The Street - from the sub-station towards the Village Hall
Park Road nearing Gedding Road
None
No
None
Opposite village hall. Park rd
Meadow next to village hall and land opposite. Meadow opposite The Meadows, Rattlesden Road
Meadow next to Village Hall with area given to Village Hall. Next to Cross Street and Green Farm
Land on the North West side of Gedding Road.
The concrete slab just passed Cora old house
Cross St. Rattlesden Road towards Boundary.
Move playing field next to village hall and develop the old playing field and the other side of the road.
None at the Drinkstone Street end of the village. Not familiar enough with potential sites in Drinkstone Green.
Venacular one off dwellings that will fit in with the village ethos built to enhance the environment and quality of resident's lives. Larger 'off the peg' developments are inappropriate for the Drinkstone location.
Immediately to the north of the village hall (ie extending Drinkstone Green towards the Church end of Drinkstone)
None in particular
Rattlesden end of Rattlesden Road
Gardens - ideal place as already within village. In between Drinkstone and Drinkstone Green to link the two together
Drinkstone Park hamlet/settlement
No preference
Along Rattlesden Road or Gedding Road or Beyton Road. These 3 roads are the only ones wide enough for passing traffic.
None. Hence the reason for moving to a RURAL village
1. Possibly two or three dwellings between Home Farm and Whitegates along road edge but not further back into the meadow. 2. Possibly small group of bungalows [up to 5] between Treaclebenders and Green Farm along Cross Street Rattlesden Road.
None!

Area north access to A14 - land that butts up to the A14.
Arch field and next to substation
Rattlesden Road
I think you should expand out directly off the existing building line i.e. keep the developments close and local to existing properties
Gedding road/ park road
1. Opposite village hall.2. Rattlesden road
None
Chapel lane.Garden plots Rattlesden rd
Field opposite the cricket.
Birch Meadow, Entrance onto highway has already been granted for further development, in my opinion and consensus of others a single dwelling would have no negative effect on neighbouring properties, having said that i remain open minded as to what the village would prefer.Conversion of farm building adjacent to allotments along Rattlesdon Road.
Off Cross Street
The field at the junction of Cross Street and Rattlesden Road may have some potential
Chapel Lane
Rattlesden Road.Near the Village Hall.
Deadmans lane.Around Peggs Farm area
Scrub land between village hall and chapel lane
There are several sites but as I stated before, people who move here suddenly do not want any more houses. Why, nine times out of ten it does not affect them but must put their noses in and complain.
Meadows, paddocks within village next to roads
The land around and beyond the north end of Gedding Road. i.e extend the community in the vicinity of the Village Hall and the sewerage pumping station
Along Rattlesdon Rd/ Cross st area. Area around village hall and opposite.
Filed opposite the village hall
As the majority of the village is greenfield sites I cannot think of any suitable sites

## Section D: Your views on the environment and our green spaces

**D2: Please identify any that you believe are particularly important [Multi Choice] - Where we need more footpaths and bridleways**

Footpath from the street North to A14
Ideally from here to Tostock and Hessett

Drinkstone Lake
There are no bridleways in Drinkstone. Horse riders need them for safety and it is unfair because there are many footpaths.
Drinkstone Green to Drinkstone Street.Gedding Road heading towards Drinkstone Hall (near farm)
chapel lane to the playing field, drinkstone green to drinkstone street
I agree that we want to maintain the open space and agricultural land around the village but do not have specific views as to which areas.
Park Road
The wider footpaths (especially those on open land) could be changed to dual-usage i.e.footpath/bridle path
Not necessary
Not needed
1. The option of a footbridge over ditch connecting existing footpaths; from footpath on Gedding Road (down from Village hall), follow path straight until met with copse and path veers left then right. Footbridge placed over ditch to meet path opposite. 2. A footpath made accessible behind No. 1 Cross St and Cora Munfords previous home, to connect with existing footpath further down. 3. Footpaths made accessible possibly from Chapel Lane to top end of Park Road and Drinkstone Road would be a great asset! 4. Footpaths connecting to Hessett, Hubbards Lane, also surrounding the lake.
A footpath beside the Blackbourne between The Street and Park Road would be an asset to the village. Drinkstone Lake could be opened up by creating a footpath around it.
The starry skies and lack of light pollution, due to no street lighting, is particularly valued. Anynew developments should follow the same ethos ie - no street lighting
Bridleways. Around the village and across the village possibly linking up with the old Roman Road and leading on for access to Pedars Way. They need to link up with other local villages. Currently there are NONE.
We need 3 footpaths and 4 bridleways.There are no actual bridleways at present - but lots of horses in village and roads are getting less safe.1. (can't read input) Across land extending from end of Cross Street .2. Hannants house to up (can't read input).3. Across from Burts farm.4. Across from top of Pegg's Lane to Rattlesden - around and above Pegg's Lane
Footpath from Blacksmith's Corner to Woolpit, rather than mostly walking along road without pavement.Footpath from Blacksmith's Corner to Tostock.Footpath from The Street to Beyton.
Plenty of footpaths but need more bridleways
The foot path from Drinkstone Park to Hessett should be rerouted around the edge of the field. The section of the footpath that passes through the centre of the field is often unpassable due to farming practices and the weather. I am sure this would also be more beneficial to the farmer as well as the walker..There is a footpath from Hubbards Lane, Hessett which ends in a field behind the lake on the edge of a field leading to nowhere, if this footpath was directed down by the lake and exiting along Park Road it would link the villages with a circular walk and give access to observing the wild life around the lake.
To remain a small village.
Bridleway network is required - footpaths are well serviced.
I would be pleased to see properties built on fields close to the village hall

Footpath to Hessem from Drinkstone Green.
Another footpath from Hessem to Park Lane (south of existing footpath), and Park Lane to The Street (north of Village Hall).
Grid reference TL947605 Footpath from Hessem stops at Drinkstone Parish Boundary..Important views:.To Drinkstone Church from Park Road and FP5.To Drinkstone Church from FP 2 and 3.From FP4 at the corner of Buck's Wood.Blackbourn valley from C432, C430 and FP5
Where possible turn footpaths into bridleways as they were in the past.
A more direct link between Drinkstone Street/Drinkstone Green, walking along the road is not safe.. through the fields?
Unfortunately the tranquility is shattered as early as 5am by huge sugar beet lorries, driving too fast along Gedding Rd. Also other farm vehicles drive v fast, which means risk to life and tranquility.Dogs left barking in gardens for long periods is a big irritant.
Route to Hesse's from Park rd
Good to easily walk to other local villages without walking on roads

**D3: In your opinion are the following features important in defining Drinkstone's character and thus merit conservation. [Multi Choice] - Others**

The Church and its setting.Maintain existing woodland areas and field patterns.Conserve views across the countryside from various viewpoints in the village.
Maintenance of existing pathways and bridleways
our small country roads maintain the character of the village
Drinkstone Lake if very private and although a feature of the village it is not accessible.
Stewardship schemes to create and protect meadows and woodland to benefit flora and fauna, especially insects.
Local place and place names
No
Farm, hedges and ditches
Church and paths leading to church.Detached houses and flint buildings
Red phone box.Red post boxes.nb. Drinkstone Mills should be more accessible for all to appreciate. Have lived in the village for 14 years and have never been able to see them up close.
The number of paddocks and the views across them was one of the main things which attracted us to Drinkstone
Park Road/Lane

Not only are the Mills deserving of conservation but Drinkstone has a number of listed buildings, some of vernacular construction, so of special merit. Such heritage properties and in particular their settings are deserving of better protection. Though the buildings themselves are given protection under planning & listed building statutory regulations, their setting or immediate surroundings are often as not ignored or given little consideration, Drinkstone not being a designated as a conservation area. In-filling, inappropriate adjacent development, destruction of tree and/or hedgerows in their close vicinity, each can cause irreparable harm to the appearance and character of a heritage property. In-filling, in particular, can also destroy the group value where there is of a cluster of two or more heritage properties. Mature trees are also in need of better protection. TPOs are almost impossible in a non conservation area so the local tree warden needs to step up to the mark. For example , the felling of healthy mature trees because they are considered an inconvenience should be challenged.
Drinkstone Lake is a great asset to the village, the land owner should be encouraged to allow some access to observe the wildlife and enjoy the tranquillity of the site. The possibility of gaining grants to allow this should be explored but not to be commercialised and exploited.
Drinkstone Park / Lake: Why should this be protected - can't walk round it, notices to keep out etc. yes, it's a wildlife rich area but if like minded people can't enjoy it, why throw money at it!! for one person's benefit i.e the landowner
I think we should cut back hedges close to roads and give better view across open farm land. Overgrown hedges stops light and air and natural drying.
Conservation in terms of retaining natural features but not by imposing total restrictions on landowners freedoms.
The church.Old farmhouses
Hedgerows flanking Rattlesden Road.Belted Galloway cattle and meadows along Blackbourn Valley and Rookery Farm
Winding lanes. Public footpaths.
Church/ churchyard
The church. Old properties.
Some of these things (mills, ponds, moats, Blackburn certainly merit conservation but not particularly on the grounds of defining the character of the village.

**D4: Have you been affected by flooding? If so where? [Single Value Text]**

On the road past stoney Cottage
Chapel Lane.The Street, by the Bridge.Park Road dip
no
Access to and from village especially Park Road
Yes, though not majorly at our property - only when rain runs off Rattlesden Road and is heavy.Cannot use Park Road in times of heavy rain. Quite often flooded and it is a pain when you came from Beyton and dont know about it until you reach Drinkstone end,
No only in our garden

Yes, Park Road. And poor drainage along Gedding Road oppoiste Cherry Tree, which floods our drive.
Park Road
Park Road
a couple of years ago our garage was flooded due to a burst water pipe
Park Road
No, but the increasing tendency for extreme climatic events makes the maintenance of all rainwater courses increasingly important. For example, Chapel Lane has flooded in the past, including some houses, as a result of a blocked culvert along the field between Gedding Road and Mrs Ivor Jones' farm; it is vital that this ditch is kept clear.
No
Chapel Lane, serious internal flood affecting 8 rooms. The ditch can't cope with waterflow.
chapel lane
no. though I know chapel lane has in the past
Chapel lane (far end).Park Road
Front Garden
Driving from Drinkstone Green to Woolpit
No
Gedding road floods beyond the village hall in the direction of the church. Park road has also been a problem, as has flooding near the bridge in the village. The road also gets bad just before you turn left onto what was Plough road to Woolpit.
Roads awash between the Lodge and the Church
No
Yes, on Park Road
NO
NO
Gedding Road in several places. Overflow from Drinkstone House pond ongoing. The farm track entrance near Thurmond and The Cottage. Lack of maintenance.
Yes - Marsh Green. Poor maintenance of stream forming boundary of property on North side
Flooding at Blacksmiths Corner is quite common in winter
Park Road and Parish Corner - 2 bridges
YES! PARK ROAD - in a bit of a dip at the Drinkstone end of the village.At/near to junction by the old blacksmiths
No
Yes - in back door
Route out of village via Park Road
No
Frequent flood at south end of Park Road about 200m from junction with Gedding Road.
Blacksmiths Corner.Park Road

no
No
Yes. Park Road, beyond Stone Cottage and at junction with Gedding Road
By bridge at beginning Woolpit Rd.By bridge outside old rectory
Cross Street where the ditches are not maintained any longer
Never
Park Road
Park Road.Drinkstone Road
Yes. Park Road is often affected. Drinkstone Street.
Park Road
Lower end of The Street by hump bridge
Not near house but occasionally around 2 deer ponds near footpath Rattlesden Road to Gedding Road.Park Lane often at Rattlesden Road end, coming off fields.
No
The ongoing farce that is Park Road
No
No
Park Road.Gedding Road ditch at entrance to Drinkstone House
Flooding around Blacksmiths Corner and along The Street.
Blacksmith's Corner - flooding of the Black Bourn on a number of occasions, making roads to both Woolpit and Drinkstone Green impassable.
Yes - The Street
Yes, Our garage has been flooded several times. This is caused by the ditches running beside the paddocks on Cross Street not being cleared. We have had to build a soakaway to deal with the problem.
Park Road
At the T-junction - past the church when turning right to Woolpit
no
No
Blacksmiths Corner.Park Road.bottom of hill on Rattlesden Road
Junction going left to Beyton, right to Woolpit.Park Lane, by horse fields
No
No
Yes - junction of Chapel Lane/Gedding Road

Yes. The brook/stream in Chapel Lane, a tributary of the River Black Bourn, floods from time to time and affects several properties in the lane including my own. This immediate area is identified by the Environmental Agency as a medium flood risk zone.
Park Road, not far from Stone Cottage
No
Crossroads down past the church
No
Park Road - too many times
Yes Park Road
No
Park Road near Stone Cottage.Gedding Road near Drinkstone House
Yes; Park Road
No
Park rd
No
no
yes, bottom of Green Close
There is a need to improve drainage for rainwater coming down from Rattlesden Road to Gedding Road following heavy rain
No
Had one flash flood run off the road, along the drive over the door threshold into the hall
Park Rd.Drinkstone rd corner/bridge
No
No
Yes, Park Road, The Street/Woolpit Road junction impassable at times
No
NO
Not applicable
Occasional flooding in park road, junction of the street/Drinkstone road - affects light traffic
Park rd floods regularly
No
Park Road.Stream at end of The Street
No
N/A
No.Opposite. Water level dropped - could be related to drought or new lake at Down the Lane
Park Road

Yes, Park Lane especially. (Last winter it was closed due to flooding more often than it was open).
No
No
Yes. Park Road and Church (vicinity of).Affect: Travel/access
No
Park Road
Park Road
Park Road
No
No
No
Rattlesden Road.Park Road.Beyton Road.Rattlesden village approach
No. (Maybe not applicable to Drinkstone but near Thurston Sixth Form Campus - Drinkstone Road)
No
Various places along the roads when river and ponds overflow.
Drinkstone end of Park Road.Bridge over Black Bourne
Park Road.Gedding Road, near Drinkstone House
No
Park Road
Park rd. sometimes for long periods
Park rd
Park rd
Only on access roads
No
Not where I live but where I travel
No, however it has complicated access to work as roads flooded in surrounding area on occasion.
No
No
Yes.Woolpit.Park Road.Bottom of Rattlesden Road (South) near junction with Felsham Road
Park Road
Yes.at Park Road, Parish's Corner, junction of Chapel Lane and Gedding Road
Yes, our back garden from dew pond at rear of property unable to run off
Park Road

**D5: What other locations are subject to regular flooding in the parish? [Single Value Text]**

Down by the T junction past the church
The road to Woolpit near the windmills
By the bridge coming from Woolpit before the church
As above
The Street
Park Road.Woolpit Road between the T-junction with The Street and the bridge.
Footpath from Gedding Road to Chapel Lane. The ditch beside it needs digging out - it has never been done.
Park Road.Junction of the Street/ beyton Road (white railings).Woolpit Road
park road
chapel lane
Chapel lane (far end).Park Road
Chapel Lane
Park Road
At the bottom of The Street where it meets Drinkstone Road
1. Bottom of Chapel lane after heavy rain (as pumping station can't cope with volume of surface water from stream).2. End of Park Road near livery yard.
Park Road
Park Road by Gerald's Stone Cottage and junction of Park Road/Gedding road
Park Road on a regular basis. Just before the T Junction near The Old Post Office
As above
Park Road, Blacksmiths Corner
By Blacksmith's corner
Around the bridge north of the church.
All roads serving the village
Park Road - again as no-one maintains the ditches properly as they did in the past
Park Road.Woolpit Road (Blacksmith's Corner)
Park Lane
Round the corner from Drinkstone to Woolpit (down past church)
I don't know
Bottom of Rattlesden Road in The Street
Rattlesden Road, bottom of hill leading to Rattlesden
Park Road
The junction of Gedding Road and Park road.
Park Road

Junction of The Street and Beyton Road.
Park road!.Dip in road by chapel lane
Park Road
Park Road
Chapel Lane.Park Road
In Beyton, at beginning of Drinkstone Road
There is often running in Cross Street after heavy rain due to ditches not being cleared.
Junction of Beyton Road and The Street beyond the church
Past the 'lake'
See Above
Road blocks at junction of Drinkstone Road/The Street
Road to Beyton
Chapel Lane.Lower end of Street.Park Road
Park Road - a drainage problem?
Don't know of any
Park Road and Rattlesden Road
Park Road/ Gedding Road
Yes; road to Woolpit and The Street
Bridge area end of Gedding rd
Park rd
Blacksmiths Corner
Bottom of Green Close, Chapel Lane, road outside Drinkstone House, Park Road
1) Blocked drains on Gedding Road cause storm water to drain down Green Close. This can cause flooding at end of Green Close.2) Junction Gedding Road/Park Road. Water from pond can flood road.3) Park Road - Flooding of road occurs near horse field
Park Road. Drinkstone Street.
Park Road is always flooded, which is problematic if you forget
Park Road
Not aware
Woolpit Road
Park Road
Corner of The Street.Up near Beyton School
Blacksmiths Corner
chapel Lane - Road.Park Road.Road next to the Rectory and junction
See above

Near Stone Cottage
Park rd
Park Road and some spots on Rattlesden Road - already well known
Park Road.Junction with Chapel Lane.Bridge Farm
Gedding Road / Park Road junction
Rattlesden Road at the bottom of the hill.Woolpit Road.Park Road
Park Road: A nightmare in Winter
See answer to D4 + .The Street.Gedding Road
Top of Park Road
The Street.Entrance to Chapel Lane.Park Road
Park Road. Near The Rectory
park road
Park Road, Gedding Road north end.The other flooding locations are on access roads, but not in the Village
Park rd due to blocked drain
Near church/woolpit rd. park Rd
Park Rd. (too frequently)
1. Park Road just near newly developed Stone Cottage.2. Near Gedding Rd/Woolpit Rd junction
Park Road
Gedding Rod between Drinkstone Green Close and telephone box - water constantly runs across the road in winter, freezes and is dangerous
Bottom of The Street, at white railings
Park Road
As you enter the village from Woolpit at Gedding Road by the electricity sub station

## Section F: YOUR CURRENT HOME

**F1: What type of accommodation are you living in? [One Choice] - Other**

Chalet bungalow
Detached cottage
Granny Annex
Link detached
Barn conversion
Bar complex of 3. Could respondent mean barn?

Bungalow/chalet
caravan
Semi-detached barn conversion

**F6: If this is not your first home, what factors influenced your decision to move to your current home? [Multi Choice] - Other**

To provide more space to carry out hobbies
small quiet village
We liked the area
Minimal light pollution. Open countryside. Small community. Plenty of footpaths.
Divorce necessitated a move. 4 bedrooms was the deciding factor
Returning from abroad
Bred and born here
Walks for dogs, peace and quiet, not overlooked
To move to a village in the countryside and to a place where we could keep horses, chickens etc
Quieter more friendly neighbours in the countryside
Worked at WSH and had to live within 10 miles as part of contract. Just loved the house and its environment.
Moved for work - wanted to live in the countryside.
Could not afford a 3-bed house in our last village (cost).
Lower market prices than area previously lived in (West Suffolk) - more house for same money. Bigger house to start a family - moved from 2-bed to 3-bed.
To be less affected by noise from A14. Cat friendly road!
Moved in with parents
Land
Very noisy neighbours
to a quieter area with dark skies and footpaths
Retirement
To move to a small village
Had no choice but to move
Converted a barn
Repossession of own house
Character house in local style
A peaceful village location with a community spirit.
The character of the house
Move to a more friendly village

To live somewhere rural and beautiful
More energy efficient home
To move away from aircraft noise
More Rural, quieter location, safer for our son, dark skies
Drinkstone school
Moved with partner who is house owner but no longer living here

## Section G: YOUR FUTURE HOUSING CHOICE

**G5: What type of existing property would you like to move to? [Multi Choice] - Other**

Barn conversion
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**G10: Would you consider any of the following options to help you move? [Multi Choice] - Other**

Once our child finishes education
smaller garden, say half an acre with room for boat storage shed

**G11: What are the main reasons for wanting or needing to move to a different home? [Multi Choice] - Other**

To move to what would be my dream home. End of a road, house backing onto fields. Views of countryside
Mobility problems

## Section I: CARE AND SUPPORT NEEDS

**I12: What sort of property would they be looking for? [One Choice]**

Either a bungalow near to us, or a granny annex extension, or garage conversion
House with annex.

## Other Issues

Not enough housing available for the younger generation to be able to stay in the village in which they were born and grew up.
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We feel very strongly that car users disregard the speed limit of 30 mph. Every day drivers use excessive speed through the village, in fact, two have just gone past. Speeding drivers cause a real danger to pedestrians, horse riders, dog walkers, pets and wildlife. Speeding drivers also cause noise pollution disturbing the quality of village life.

Prefer individual houses or up to three houses to be built, and renovations (e.g. barn conversions).

Some gardens (front) in the village, resemble scap yards. It doesn't create a very good impression to people visiting, and am not sure how they get away with it.

In response to question E1 - Performance and reliability of telephone land line needs improvement especially on the end of long runs. I am the last on a long run.

Whilst not against development, we strongly believe that the character of the village must be maintained - this is why we moved here. Avoiding road development self regulates village size and character

Q G9 - what has been preventing you from moving within Drinkstone - Council not making property available. I feel very strongly that allowances (as to provide roadside repairs) are not made with regards to cyclists and motorcyclists concerning road side verges being worn away by heavy vehicles. In some places i.e. along Park Road, along Drinkstone Road, the verges have gone leaving dips on the side of the road surface, not to mention potholes! When darkness comes this proves exceptionally dangerous with on-coming traffic's light beams. Hedges used to be cut well beyond a verge - now the hedgerows meet the road in some places. I've often been caught with overhanging branches, brambles and they hurt, even at low speed!! I am a regular cycle user out of choice - with the environment in mind - and see other regular users that must have the same issues. Roadside paths (Gedding Road, Rattlesden Road) narrowed majorly because of house owners minimal efforts in keeping grass verges and hedges in line with the edge of the pathway (which should legally be 1 m minimum). The hedges are mainly kept tidy, but because the grass verge grows over the path, people cut to the line of verge, hence narrower pathways. Its a challenge if you have a small child and a push chair to keep from stepping into the road. I have two dogs I walk together and one regularly steps down into the road with no warning - one day a car will be coming! This occurs along Gedding Road and Rattlesden Road.

A village shop would not be viable without an expansion of the village that would totally alter its character. My wife and I anticipate that in due course we will have to stop driving. At this time we will have to move for better access to facilities. As Drinkstone and Elmswell are flat (unlike Rattlesden) we will probably go there..There seems limited point in building bungalows in the village as there are few facilities and little prospect of any material improvement. Elderly people are unlikely to be attracted to the village..Provision of low-cost housing would help young people but unless there is increased employment in the village, they will need to travel to work; probably by private transport. If both of a couple are in work, they will probably both need transport. So any development will need generous provision for parking..The emphasis should be on providing a mix of ages to have a living community. If it becomes merely a dormitory, it will not change but it will not thrive.

I am cynical about consultations etc. Decisions are made much higher in the chain of responsibilities/actions. But it might make local people think that their views are listened to! e.g. Woolpit, Thurston, Elmswell planning decisions.

The parish council tend to have a strong bias to deal with the concerns of the wealthy retired in Drinkstone. This needs to be corrected so that families and the issues of the young people of the village are given equal status.

(Question K3).White British - on all forms there is no mention of White ENGLISH. We as a nation are losing our English way of life and our HERITAGE.

Relating to Section B.B1. We should say none, even if the council say this is not an option, we should still say we want no development.B2. We should say no dwellings are needed. Once you start saying which type of housing is acceptable you are agreeing to development. If you are being told there will be development when you didn't want any. What makes you think you can influence the type of development. Hold your ground on development otherwise you've already lost control.

I have difficulties in getting a GP appointment.Small businesses should be directed at those that serve the village of Drinkstone, rather than bringing in extra traffic into the village to serve a wider community

No more 4-5 bed houses - the village has enough. It attracts people who do not want to be part of the village. They drive big cars and hide behind security gates. Meanwhile, youngsters who belong to the village cannot afford to stay, let alone buy one of these houses. Any houses to be built in the village should be affordable; give the youngsters a chance to stay in the village. Rant over!

Lack of hedge cutting on the access roads to Drinkstone needs to be addressed prior to further development taking place..The road to Woolpit and the A14 needs to be increased to allow two cars to pass (SUV's not mini's) all the way..Infrastructure needs to be improved prior to development approval. .Land should be allocated/sold for self-build development..Sustainable and Code 6 homes should be a priority/requirement of development..Q.B2: Sheltered accommodation is not an option due to lack of public transport and footpaths

The village needs a community shop, preferably with post office facilities..A pub would be beneficial though it is recognised that there are several in neighbouring villages..In developing any new footpaths, consideration should be given to enabling off-road cycle paths, particularly to Beyton, where a number of older children from the village are likely to attend Beyton Sixth Form College..The Drinkstone NP team needs to invest (through additional funding available) in having a village design statement drawn up, to defend the village against housing developers imposing inappropriate, soulless housing on a rural village community. New housing needs to be designed with our varied historic context in mind, not designed for an urban or suburban place. Minimum space standards should also be specified for all new housing to ensure buyers/occupiers are not compromised for the sake of profit..We have concerns about increasing development in Woolpit and how this might expand in future (Woolpit Business Park / Rookery Farm estate) - we appreciate, however, that the Drinkstone NP is unlikely to have any influence over this..Section E1 - we welcome the idea of people working from home, running their own business. However we do not welcome any business activity that creates increased HGV activity on our narrow rural roads.

Drinkstone is a lovely friendly lively rural community. To maintain its vibrancy we need to ensure young people and young families are able to stay or settle here. We, therefore, need to ensure that there are some affordable houses. We also need a regular bus service for non-drivers and teenagers. Good broadband and mobile phone services would allow everybody to enjoy a better quality of life, whether they need these services for work, study or social life. Businesses are particularly dependent on good communications. We also need to cater for older members of community. Some may have a house or garden which is a little too large for their needs or difficult for them to manage. Smaller 'downsizing' homes would allow them to remain in their community close to friends and support networks built over many years while living in Drinkstone. Plus many village clubs and social activities rely heavily on the support of older members. Moving to a smaller property within the village would also 'free-up' a desirable larger property more suited to a family. Our view is that the village should be allowed to grow and develop organically. Infill and conversion developments and very small pockets of 2 and 3 new builds spread throughout the village would seem the best way forward.

Development should be allowed providing:- it's in keeping with character of village. (ie houses/bungalows of similar style/construction). gardens shouldn't be required - or parking as in town centre

Very limited services for children

This community has a dependence on Woolpit and there should be some harmony between the two neighbourhood plans in order to avoid future conflict regarding development plans that could be advantageous to one but not for the other. There is only one school, one health centre, one shopping facility, etc, etc.. Q.E1 Bury St Edmunds is increasing the number of light industrial buildings and therefore job opportunities. Woolpit is going to have another business park and job opportunities. Having businesses in Drinkstone may not provide work for local residents but attract more cars/traffic into the area which may be detrimental to traffic situation on the lanes.

Lets face it - you are simply touting for support for plans that have already been at least approved. When it comes to building, anyone seeking to extend or develop their own private property faces a gauntlet of bureaucracy to obtain planning permission while buying a parcel of land and building a tasteful residence on it is almost outlawed. However, for mass house building by commercial developers it is plain sailing and a blessing from the Government. With enough 'bung' money, any village parish council will roll over and sign away every inch of greenery for more of the usual generic breeze block and plasterboard developments which barely pass building regulations. When it comes to profit and cold hard cash, it is build build build. Accompanied by the usual platitudes of 'concern for the environment' the average developer would bulldoze a nursery school to whack up yet another housing estate. And lets not forget that old cliché "affordable housing". Affordable for who - lottery winners???. When it comes to snouts in the trough for 'economic growth' no cost is too high. Profit trumps from quality of life, residents wishes, environmental preservation and common sense. So build away, you are going to anyway. I moved to Drinkstone from London for the peace and serenity of Suffolk village life 17 years ago. I knew it would only be a matter of time before The Building Bug went viral here too. The only added expense for the Developers is the PR activities required to spin stories of reassurance with plastic smiles and faux compassion. I am a life long subscriber to the fundamentals of Capitalism but there are limits. I am too old and too cynical to swallow all the spin about 'jobs' and 'growth' and 'prosperity'. These days such terms are merely carrots dangled to placate any objections to officialdom and Government policy. You never know, you may get the public support you want. Greed is as rampant in the public sphere as it is in the Government and Corporate ones.

There is a need to create home offices for people who can work from home. Planning should not inhibit the building of garden offices for 1 to 2 people. Communication needs to be good to allow people to work from their own properties.

1. Park Road flooding must be sorted out. Whoever is responsible should be held to task and made to remedy it. 2. Childrens play equipment on The Cricket needs modernising and refreshing. 3. More restrictions on open bonfires in back gardens - these reduce air quality and are a nuisance.

We are blessed with numerous footpaths, it would be really good to consider adding some benches to allow less abled people and children to rest halfway and enjoy outside spaces. There are several sunny and sheltered spots that would benefit from this suggestion.

1. Could some speed radars be installed in the village to deter speeding cars? eg on The Street (near to the Village Hall) & on Rattlesden Road. 2. Extend pavement in Drinkstone Green as far as the Village Hall to improve safety for young families, children & elderly pedestrians in particular.

B4. A small development of up to 5 dwellings. The village lacks infrastructure and amenity to support all but minimal development. For example, medical services i.e. Woolpit Surgery are coming under increasing pressure from surrounding developments at Woolpit and Elmswell. In transport terms Drinkstone retains its rural character in that the prospects of improved transport services are unlikely given the declining bus use (and Beyton issues with extra cars). The A14 remains the obvious transport corridor for future development. Sustainable development in Drinkstone is therefore limited to minor infill and specific sites such as off Cross Street

A2 Road noise from A14. Highways Agency should be pressed again to resurface the A14 with a quieter, noise reduction surface.

<p>Q.G1 Asked about plans (to move or) to extend, but none of the remaining G section related to extending. Therefore G1 may be erroneous.</p>
<p>Whilst the church and village hall are undoubtedly wonderful assets to the village, I would like to see some other amenities within the village i.e. as small shop or even a pub. The shop could be housed or operated from the village hall and would provide a walkable alternative to Woolpit which has the nearest shop or Rattlesden with its post office, both of which require a car. I believe this would enhance the village and sense of community. I do realise both are extremely difficult to run and logistically challenging but feel these should be on the village's aspiration list.</p>
<p>B7: what is "efficient energy and eco friendly energy?". B7, D3 Hedges on roadside boundary are too often allowed to grow too high and extend too far into the road - HAZARD. D1 Too many move to the country to enjoy a rural life, then set about changing the environment to resemble the urban environment they are escaping from! i.e. chopping down trees, destroying hedges, mowing verges, installing over-powerful security lighting. No mention of poor electricity supply. No mention that there is no way to access health centre by public transport. No mention of the way amenities are disappearing (schools, pubs, restaurants, bank, post offices, general stores etc). Unless the above problems are addressed there is no point in increasing the housing supply</p>
<p>Roadside hedges need to be cut back regularly especially along narrow lanes</p>
<p>Drinkstone needs first time buyers for people in village and bungalows for older people to downsize to. How many village people moved into Cherry Tree site - none.</p>
<p>It is likely that there will be pressure to build in the village. Village must engage with this to have some control. We must identify where development can happen with least impact on the character of the village. We should set out criteria for supporting development, such as: Energy efficiency. Provision of homes for a variety of needs. Accessibility and facilities. Village may consider engaging proactively with development in return for local benefits (see community land trust examples, e.g., Wilburton and Stretham). If there is interest we can tell you about Haysom Ward Miller's experience.</p>
<p>If development takes place, it should involve a contribution towards infrastructure improvements</p>
<p>QUESTION B2: I have an issue with the principle of 'affordable housing' as it does not remain 'affordable' beyond the original purchase.</p>
<p>Drinkstone is currently dominated by larger detached houses owned by people approaching or at retirement age. Because of a lack of amenities and affordable small houses young people will continue to move out of the village as soon as their finances allow. It is vitally important that our village plan is focused on the future and younger people when consideration is given to future development. Older established residents tend to have a NIMBY mentality without realising the impact this is having on future generations, the generations that will be around by the time the plan is realised. Please don't let Drinkstone become a village that just perpetuates the status quo but be a pioneer in forward thinking about future generations and start to address the issues that will make the village more accessible and affordable and appealing to them. Otherwise it will morph into a glorified retirement village which I'm sure is not a legacy the committee want to be responsible for!</p>
<p>I enjoy Bingo in the Village Hall. I use the bus every week to go into Bury to see my friends. I want to stay in Drinkstone - I don't want to move to Bury</p>





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## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Summary of Questionnaire Responses