

# **Steeple Bumpstead** Neighbourhood Plan

## Consultation Statement

September 2023



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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) requires the submission of a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) to a Local Planning Authority (LPA) to include a Consultation Statement. The Regulations outline that the Consultation Statement should include the following information:
- 1) Details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood plan;
  - 2) An explanation of how they were consulted;
  - 3) A summary of the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
  - 4) A description of how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed NP.
- 1.1.2 The Parish was designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of producing a Neighbourhood Plan in March 2018. In January 2018, the Parish Council formed the Steering Group for the Neighbourhood Plan (at the time, known as the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Planning Group), consisting of three Parish Councillors and three local residents, and commenced preparation of the Steeple Bumpstead Parish Neighbourhood Plan (hereafter referred to as the 'SBNP').
- 1.1.3 The following sections of this Statement will set out the information listed above to demonstrate that effective public engagement has taken place throughout the production of the SBNP.

## 2 Consultation undertaken to support the review and update of the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan

2.1.1 To support the update of the SBNP, the Council decided to take a simple and targeted approach to consultation. The following public consultation has taken place since the start of the preparation of the SBNP:

- 1) Spring 2018 – Neighbourhood Planning leaflet distribution
- 2) June 2018 – Community Consultation Workshop
- 3) August 2018 – Village Hall car boot sale
- 4) September 2019 – Resident’s Survey
- 5) Spring / Summer 2023 – Regulation 14 Consultation

### 2.2 Spring 2018 – Neighbourhood Planning leaflet distribution

2.2.1 A printed information leaflet was distributed to all households in the Steeple Bumpstead Parish area after the inception of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group in early 2018. The leaflet outlined what a NP is and does, how to volunteer and provide input into the preparation of the SBNP, and how to find out further information. A copy of the leaflet distributed to all households is available to view in Appendix 1.

### 2.3 June 2018 – Community Consultation Workshop

2.3.1 Following on from the distribution of the neighbourhood planning leaflet as outlined in 2.2 above, an open Community Consultation Workshop took place at the Steeple Bumpstead Village Hall on Saturday 2 June 2018, 14:00pm to 16:00pm. The Workshop was facilitated by the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) and provided the first opportunity for residents to discuss, ask questions about, and input into the preparation of the SBNP. The details of the meeting were publicised on the Steeple Bumpstead Residents Group Facebook page (see Appendix 2). 23 residents attended the Workshop, and a detailed profile of the attendees is available in Appendix 2.

2.3.2 The Workshop provided an opportunity for residents to thematically raise and discuss existing strengths of the Parish, current issues facing the Parish, and future goals and aims for the Parish to address through the NP process, and vote on these in order of

priority. A summary of the top eight priorities voted for by residents at the Workshop are shown below, in ascending order of level of priority:

- Value of, and concern over, future of GP surgery.
- Development to be proportionate to size of village and retain character.
- Retain post office, shop, pubs.
- Improved broadband.
- Heritage value of views and buildings.
- Camping Close.
- Valued school and pre-school.
- Need for affordable and starter homes.

## 2.4 August 2018 – Village Hall car boot sale

2.4.1 On Monday 27 August 2018, the Steering Group held a stall at a car boot sale at the Village Hall. The purpose of this informal engagement activity was to answer questions related to the preparation of the SBNP from members of the public and to publicise the draft SBNP. A poster used to promote the event is available to view in Appendix 3.

Figure 1: Village Hall Car Boot Sale



Source: [Steeple Bumpstead Village Hall Facebook page](#)

## 2.5 September 2019 – Residents’ Survey

2.5.1 A comprehensive Residents’ Survey was distributed to all 1,280 local residents on the Electoral Register for the Parish in September 2019, and completed surveys were received back from 453 residents, representing a response rate of over 35%. Paper copies of the survey were made available at:

- The Village Shop.
- The Fox and Hounds public house.
- The Red Lion public house.
- Doctor’s surgery.

2.5.2 The survey was promoted in the YELLOW Book (October/November 2019 publication) (the village magazine) as well as on the Parish Council’s Facebook page and the Steeple Bumpstead Residents Group Facebook group (see Appendix 4).

2.5.3 The questions within the Residents’ Survey covered the topics of countryside and environment, heritage and character, local businesses, community facilities, highways and transport, and housing. A copy of the distributed survey and its questions is available in Appendix 9.

2.5.4 The results of the survey were used to inform and justify the vision, objectives, and policies of the draft SBNP and key findings have been included within relevant sections of the draft SBNP. Details of the results of the survey are available in Appendix 10, and a high-level summary of the results is available below:

- Desire for an excellent quality of life, safety and conservation of the countryside
- Significant agreement with preventing inappropriate development outside of the village
- Strong desire for ensuring new development retains the character of the natural and built environment.
- Agreement with increasing development for local business and protecting existing local business premises
- Strong desire for retaining local infrastructure such as green infrastructure and open space sites, public houses the doctors' surgery and the school
- High modal share of private cars and vans
- Agreement with at least some development of homes over the next 25 years however in limited numbers, with a preference for small, affordable family homes (including accessible bungalows)
- Disagreement with the development of housing on green field sites with a strong preference for housing development on previously developed land.

## 2.6 Spring / Summer 2023 – Regulation 14 Consultation

2.6.1 In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the draft SBNP was published for Regulation 14 Consultation for a six-week period, from 30 March 2023 to 17 May 2023. The Regulation 14 version of the SBNP, and associated evidence base documents and mapping, were available to view on the Parish Council webpage.

2.6.2 The Regulation 14 Consultation was carried out in the form of a questionnaire available for all individuals to provide feedback on the draft SBNP. The questionnaire mainly focused on the vision and individual policies of the SBNP, and whether any changes should be made to the vision and policies. A list of all questions (as well as responses) can be viewed in Appendix 11.

2.6.3 The questionnaire was made available online through Survey Monkey, with links to this provided on the Parish Council website. In addition to the online questionnaire and online version of the SBNP and evidence base documents, a paper version of the questionnaire was prepared to improve accessibility. Paper copies of the questionnaire and the draft SBNP were available at:

- The Red Lion public house.
- The Fox and Hounds public house.
- The Village Shop.
- The Village Library at Moot Hall.

2.6.4 The locations of paper copies of the SBNP and questionnaires were publicised through the Regulation 14 Flyer (Appendix 5), the Parish Council's website (Appendix 8) and through Facebook (Appendix 8). Completed paper questionnaires were able to be returned to the above locations.

2.6.5 In addition to the above, the consultation was advertised on noticeboards and banners displayed in the following locations throughout the village:

- The Red Lion public house.
- The Fox and Hounds public house.
- The Village Shop.
- The Village Library at Moot Hall.

2.6.6 To support the Regulation 14 Consultation, a public village meeting was held on Saturday 15 April at 15:00pm at the Steeple Bumpstead Village Hall, to which all residents were invited through the printed flyer distributed to all households in the Parish (see Appendix 5) and the YELLOW book village magazine. Around 44 residents attended to receive a detailed presentation on the draft SBNP, with a question-and-answer session included. The question-and-answer session lasted around 45 minutes with a range of questions asked by residents on topics including: affordable housing; recent developments and planning decisions; sustainable design; village facilities; housing needs in Steeple Bumpstead; and local traffic issues. The public village meeting was publicised on social media as well as the Parish Council website (see Appendix 6).



- 2.6.7 The draft SBNP was publicised at the Annual Village Meeting, held on Wednesday 19 April 2023 at 19:00pm at the Village Hall, with the draft SBNP forming part of the agenda and presentation. The Annual Village Meeting was publicised on social media as well as the YELLOW Book (see Appendix 7).
- 2.6.8 Throughout the consultation period, the consultation and related events were frequently publicised on social media groups and pages, the YELLOW book, as well as on the Steeple Bumpstead Parish Council website (see Appendices 6, 7 and 8).
- 2.6.9 As required by the Regulations, Steeple Bumpstead Parish Council emailed statutory consultees, local businesses, village clubs, organisations and individuals to notify them of the Regulation 14 Consultation. The statutory consultees who were sent email notifications of the draft SBNP Regulation 14 Consultation and responded to the consultation are indicated in the table below:

*Table 1: Statutory consultees contacted and responses received to the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation*

<b>Statutory Consultee</b>	<b>Responded to Regulation 14 Consultation? (Yes / No)</b>
Anglian Water Services Limited	Yes
Arqiva Ltd	No
Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council	No
Braintree Association of Local Councils	No
Braintree District Council	Yes
British Gas Connections Ltd	No
British Telecom	No
Bumpstead Ward	No
Cambridgeshire County Council	No
Chelmsford City Council	Yes
Clerk Birdbrook PC	No
Clerk Finchingfield & Cornish Hall End PC	No
Clerk Helions Bumpstead PC	No
Clerk Stambourne PC	No
Clerk Sturmer PC	No
Colchester Borough Council	No
East of England Ambulance Service	No
EE	No
Environment Agency	No
EPN South Highway services	No
ES Pipelines Ltd	No

Statutory Consultee	Responded to Regulation 14 Consultation? (Yes / No)
Essex & Suffolk Water	No
Essex County Council	No
Essex County Council Spatial Planning	Yes
Essex County Fire & Rescue Service	Yes
Essex Police	Yes
Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	No
Hempstead PC	No
Highways England	No
Historic England	No
Homes England	No
Hutchinson 3G UK Ltd	No
Joint Radio Company Limited	No
Maldon District Council	No
Marine Management Organisation (MMO)	No
Mid Essex CCG NHS	No
MLL 32 GHz Limited	No
MLL 40 GHz Limited	No
Mobile Broadband Network Limited	No
National Gas Transmission	Yes
National Grid Energy Transmission	Yes
National Highways	Yes
Natural England	Yes
Network Rail	No
NHS England	No
NHS Property Services Ltd (NHSPS)	No
NHS West Essex CCG	No
North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group	Yes
Parliament	No
Police Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex	No
South Cambridgeshire District Council	No
Sport England	No
Suffolk County Council	No
The Coal Authority	Yes
Three Fields Ward	No
Transport Focus	No
UK Power Networks	No
Uttlesford District Council	No
Virgin Media	No
Vodafone	No
West Suffolk Council	No

Statutory Consultee	Responded to Regulation 14 Consultation? (Yes / No)
Wixoe Parish Council	No
Yeldham Ward	No

2.6.10 A list of the range of local businesses, village clubs and organisations that were sent an email notification of the SBNP Regulation 14 Consultation is provided in the table below:

*Table 2: Local groups notified about the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation*

Local groups contacted
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts
Bingo
Brownies
Bumpstead 1st Responders - Echo Zulu 25
Cavell Community Choir
Friends of St Mary's Church
Guides
Junipers
Ladies Social Circle
Lazy K County Music Club
Pilots
R.N.L.I.
SB Badminton Club
SB Bowls
SB Dynamos
SB Gold Society
SB Players
SB Primary School PTA
SB Pre-School and Toddler Group
SB Wildlife & Environment Group
Sew Crafty
Stour Valley Karate Club
Sturmer & District WI
The Steeple Chasers Running Group

2.6.11 Across all representations made, there were 56 individual responses. 44 completed consultation questionnaires were received – 43 of which were completed using the online questionnaire, and one of which being received via paper copy. Additionally, 12

responses to the Consultation were received via e-mail that were not completed using the questionnaire and sought to make comments or representations on the draft SBNP. This group consisted mainly of statutory consultees.

2.6.12 The consultation responses received provided a range of detailed comments proposing amendments to policies and supporting text within the Plan. Amendments have been made to the SBNP policies as a result of the responses (see Section 3 below)

2.6.13 The consultation comments related to the following topics:

- Overly restrictive or negative policy wordings.
- Overly restrictive policy on the design of new development.
- Issues with the maps supporting the NP in terms of their accessibility and the accuracy.
- Issues with Map SB6 in that this did not show all business addresses within the Parish.
- Opposition to policy requirements for the marketing of sites, with this regarded as being overly restrictive.
- Support for development within the village envelope.
- Support for small-scale development and re-use in rural and agricultural areas to support farm diversification.
- Support for the prevention of development outside of the village envelope and Development Boundary.
- Support for the development of brownfield sites.
- Opposition to new development consisting of 100% affordable housing.
- Spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors within the draft SBNP.

2.6.14 The responses to the Regulation 14 Consultation were analysed by appointed consultants, DAC Planning, and an assessment and summary of each consultation comment is presented in Appendix 11. The assessment of consultation responses considered if a change was required to the Plan as a result of the consultation comments provided, and how the change should be made.

### 3 Post-Regulation 14 Amendments to the Plan

3.1.1 Following the completion of the Regulation 14 Consultation in April 2023, changes were made to the SBNP in responses to the representations as outlined in Appendix 11. DAC Planning analysed the responses and made recommendations on how the Steering Group could make changes to the Plan in order to address consultation comments received.

3.1.2 The spreadsheet presented in Appendix 11 summarises how any changes were made to the SBNP in response to Regulation 14 Consultation comments. The spreadsheet colour coded consultation responses in order to easily identify comments which may require a change(s) to be made to the SBNP, the approach to which is set out in the following table:

*Table 3: Approach to colour coding the assessment of SBNP Regulation 14 Consultation responses*

Key
No change required / recommended to the Plan
A change to the Plan could be considered by the Parish Council. Any proposed amendment is not essential to ensure the Plan meets the requirements of the basic conditions.
A change to the Plan is recommended to ensure the Plan meets the requirements of the basic conditions, or to address an error in the Plan

3.1.3 The responses received and recommendations provided by the appointed consultants were considered by the Steering Group, and changes were made to the SBNP as a result. Key changes to the SBNP included:

- Adjustments to the wording of policies to ensure sufficient flexibility and positive wording.
- Changes to the wording of policies to ensure conformity with the Braintree Local Plan.
- Minor changes, including corrections to spelling, punctuation and grammar.


## 4 Conclusion

- 4.1.1 The residents of Steeple Bumpstead have been provided with a range of opportunities since the beginning of the NP process to participate in and formulate the content of the SBNP. The Plan has been produced using the extensive information gained through the consultation events and engagement outlined within this Statement and accompanying appendices. This has resulted in the production of a Plan which has been amended and refined throughout the production process through consultation and engagement.
- 4.1.2 This Statement demonstrates that the Parish Council has, in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and Government guidance, sought the views of residents of the Parish and beyond through effective public consultation and engagement. Through this process, the production of the SBNP has comprehensively taken account of the views of stakeholders within the Parish and beyond.

## 5 Appendices

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## Appendix 1: Distributed Neighbourhood Plan Leaflet




### Can it stop development?

No. The aim of the Plan is not to protect the village from all new development, but to ensure that local people have a say in how targets for growth in our area are implemented in the Parish.

It will influence which land is designated as appropriate for housing, leisure use and green space and for the development of local business.

It can however also help to ensure that the village's precious heritage is protected.



### What is it?


The Localism Act 2011 gave local communities the right to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, setting priorities for the development and use of land in a parish or local area.

Once the plan is made, it will become part of Braintree District Council's Development Plan, a statutory framework affecting all planning applications as a matter of law.

**Contact Details**

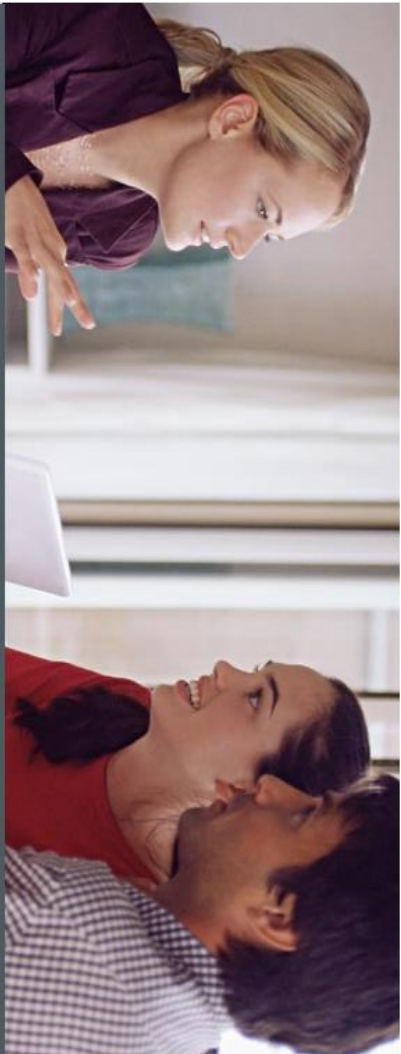
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## Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan



**You can get involved!**





## How can I get involved...?

A steering group has been formed, under the Parish Council, to put together a plan for Steeple Bumpstead which will conform to planning policies and guidance at local, national and European level. There is quite a lot of work involved, which will be undertaken by working groups focusing on particular issues, such as housing, heritage and business.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**IF YOU CARE ABOUT OUR VILLAGE, IT IS NO USE GRUMBLING ABOUT DEVELOPMENT AFTER IT HAS HAPPENED, IT IS UP TO YOU TO MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN AND GET INVOLVED!**

The Group currently needs volunteers to help with collecting data, arranging surveys and plans, getting up to speed on the requirements and putting together the Plan in draft.

If you want to have a say about development in your local community, please send an email to the address in this leaflet. You will be added to a list and contacted by one of the working groups to see how you can help.

Once the Plan has been prepared, it will be put to a referendum in the Parish, but this is a "yes" or "no" only – if you want to influence what the Plan actually says, you have to make contact now!

## Q&A

*Will I be paid for any work I do on the Plan?*

No, it is a purely voluntary activity.

*Where can I get more information?*

There is a lot of information about the local planning process on the internet. The Braintree District Council planning department has got a lot of material on the website at <http://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/2/00221/planning> or, if you send the Neighbourhood Plan Group your email contact details, we can supply you with various other links and explanatory documents. If you are a member of the SB Residents Facebook group, you can also follow links from that site.

*Are there any events planned to explain further and get input from local residents?*

Yes, details of public meetings and events to publicise the Plan will be circulated in due course.

*Who appointed the people on the Neighbourhood Plan Group?*

No-one! They just volunteered! You can volunteer too! What are you waiting for?

## Appendix 2: Community Consultation Workshop (2 June 2018)

### Community Consultation Event attendee profile

#### PARTICIPANTS

Total of 23 people

Male	10	<b>Lived in and around Steeple Bumpstead</b>	
Female	13	Less than 1 year	0
<b>Ages</b>		1 – 5 years	2
Under 11	0	6 – 10 years	1
11 – 17	0	11 – 25 years	2
18 – 24	0	Over 25 years	18
25 – 44	2	Don't live here	0
45 – 59	4		
60 – 74	15		
Over 74	2		

### Community Consultation Workshop – All comments

NOTE: It is important to remember that these are the priorities of those present at the Workshop. Consultations undertaken as part of a Neighbourhood Plan will enable the views and opinions of all village residents to be gathered. The information from the workshop will help us decide the focus of further consultation

#### ALL COMMENTS

The number before the comments indicate the number of votes

#### HERITAGE

##### Strengths

- 7 Historic Landscape and views
- Heritage buildings – Moot Hall, church etc
- Historical aspects

#### EMPLOYMENT & LOCAL ECONOMY

##### Strengths

- 2 Business Park

## **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

### **Strengths**

- 1 Flood resistant  
Humph Meadow

### **Issues**

- Flood / water DEF?

### **Future**

- Include village in Dedham Vale AONB

## **RETAIL – Shops, Pubs, Restaurants, etc**

### **Strengths**

- 12 Post Office, shop, Petrol
- 1 Fox and Hounds  
Garage
- 2 good pubs

### **Issues**

- 4 Lack of Retail

## **UTILITIES – Energy, Waste, Water, Communications**

### **Issues**

- 2 Internet / very poor broadband  
Power cuts

### **Future**

- 6 Get better broadband (fibre)

## **HOUSING**

### **Strengths**

- 2 Big enough – not too big  
Still just a village

### **Issues**

- 2 Affordable housing  
Loss of police house

### **Future**

- 8 Retain strong prohibition on building outside village envelope
- 7 Focus on small scale infill housing development, not large scale development
- 2 Starter homes  
Starter homes, affordable rent, in keeping with the village  
Shared ownership homes  
Homes within walking distance of services / facilities  
Style / design of houses  
Lifetime homes  
Homes with affordable rent  
Houses with off street parking  
Variety of houses

Environmental standards  
More bungalows  
Change proposed site STEB395 elsewhere  
Development should not alter the view of village on approach / character of surrounding land

## **PLACES FOR LEISURE, PLAY, SPORT and CULTURE**

### **Strengths**

- 5 Camping Close
- 3 Village Hall
- 3 Sense of community
- 1 Village Magazine
- Churches
- Allotments
- Lots of groups and activities
- Uniformed youth organisations
- Library
- Bowls Club
- Open Spaces & footpaths within the village
- Village feel – small but not too small

### **Issues**

- 1 Lack of facilities for teenagers

### **Future**

- 3 Ensure that pubs remain zoned as pubs
- 2 More for teenagers (football goals etc)
- 1 Consideration for further burial land
- 1 Maintain open spaces
- 1 Ensure funding for continued functions of St. Mary's Church

## **MOVING AROUND**

### **Strengths**

- 1 Footpaths
- 1 Access to footpaths
- 1 Woodland walks

### **Issues**

- 2 Footpath with development?
- 2 Too much traffic – Blois Rd, North St
  - Speeding traffic
  - No formal traffic calming
  - Traffic starts early hours – increased commercial vehicles
  - Roads congested – too narrow
  - Too few footpaths to the south of the village
  - No cycle ways
  - Insufficient parking
  - Off street parking
  - Parking

### **Future**

- 3 More footpaths to the south of the village
- 1 Safe access – road / footpath
- 1 Parking around village and new development
  - Improved public transport links / bus

## **EDUCATION**

### **Strengths**

- 3 School
- 1 Nursery
  - Decent village school / education
  - Pre school and nursery and after school care

### **Issues**

- Secondary education
- Catchment area for secondary schools not very good

## **HEALTH**

### **Strengths**

- 9 GP surgery

### **Issues**

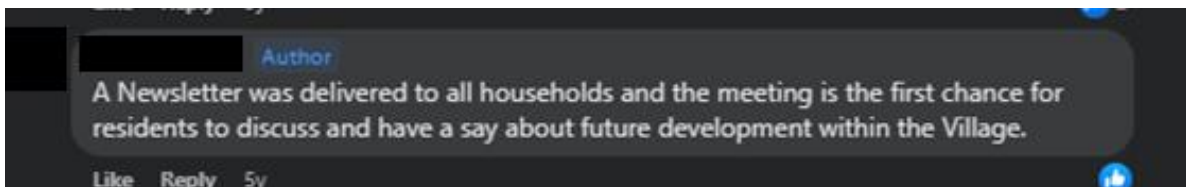
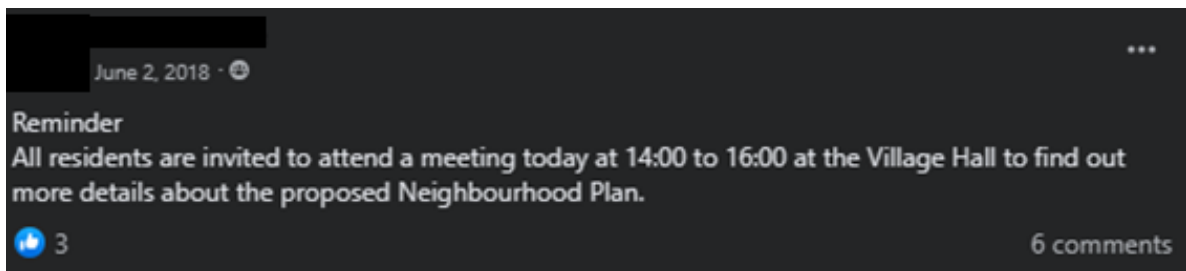
- 4 Uncertain future of village surgery
  - Medical provision

### **Future**

- 5 Secure the future of the village surgery

## Community Consultation Workshop (Steeple Bumpstead Residents Group)

### Facebook group posts





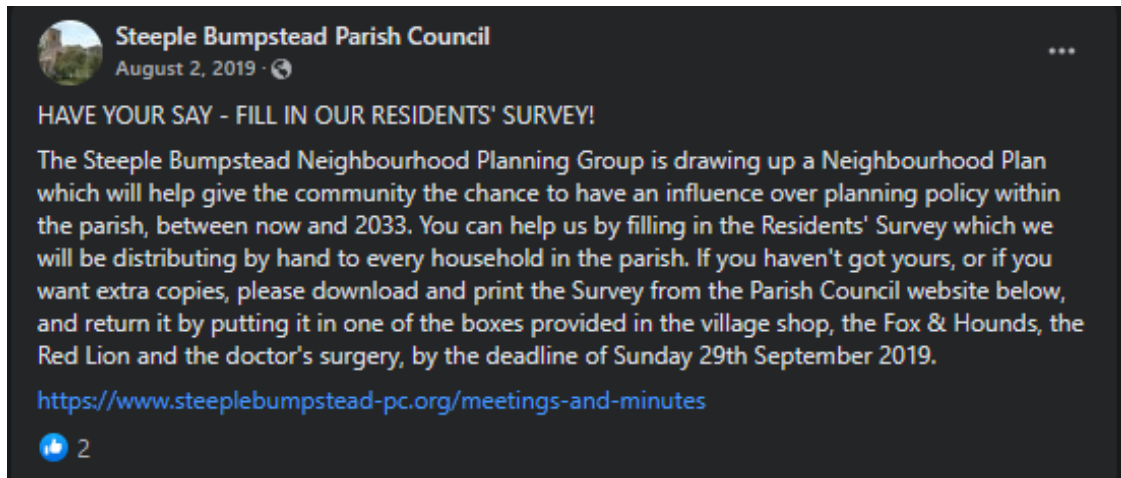
### Appendix 3: Village Hall Car Boot Sale (27 August 2018)

Village Hall Car Boot Sale poster



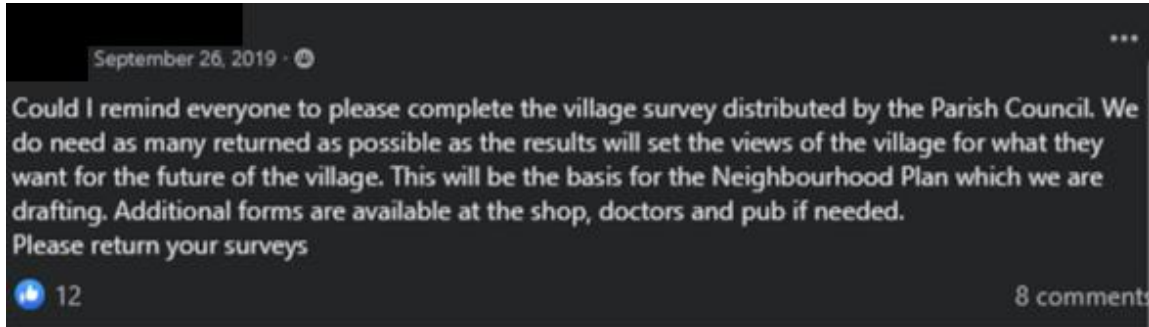
## Appendix 4: Residents' Survey publicity (September 2019)

Residents' Survey Steeple Bumpstead Parish Council Facebook post (posted 2 August 2019)






Residents' Survey Steeple Bumpstead Residents Group Facebook group post  
(posted 26 September 2019)



The YELLOW Book Parish Council Update (October/November 2019 publication)

### Ed Lines



Hello again, Yellow Book readers. How are you? What have you been doing? Do get in touch to tell me what you've been up to and what's important to you. If there's something in the village or surrounding area that you think deserves attention, for whatever reason - good or bad - I'd love to hear about it and include it on these pages. Remember, this is YOUR magazine and the ideal place to share things that are important to you and your community.

Ken McDonald's article on page 26 highlights just one of the many special features of Steeple Bumpstead: our village sign. His comment on the scope for photographers or artists to "capture these charming works of art" prompts me to ask:

**Do you have a great photo, painting, drawing, or any other kind of artistic work, depicting our unique village sign?**

If so, please send it to me (as an email attachment) and I'll print the best ones in a future issue of the magazine. It may even end up on the cover! Don't be discouraged if you don't use email. Just ask a friend to help. I look forward to sharing your creations with all the other Yellow Book readers.

Kate Macpherson  
editor@sb-yellowbook.org

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### Parish Council Update

**Planning**  
The proposed development at Water Lane, by Enterprise Property Group, is still unresolved. When this is brought for discussion by Planning at Braintree District Council, the Parish Council will be represented in order to reiterate our concern regarding the matter of a footpath parallel to Water Lane.  
The PC discussed the use of money, which is made available to the PC to use for the community, in the event of this development going ahead. Refurbishment of the play equipment at Camping Close was considered a priority, with the possibility of including a shelter with seats.

**Archive Project update**  
Andrew Kenning has been working on archiving our records, which go a long way back. The first batch of records has been delivered to Essex Records Office and the next batch is being prepared.

**Footpaths and Pathways**  
We are expecting some repairs to be made, where needed, to concrete footways in the village, following recent communications about this with the Local Authority.

Posts and signs are also being provided for the footpaths surrounding the village, so that these can be improved over a period of time.

**Mental Health First Aid Training**  
The date for this course has been provisionally booked for 23rd November at the Lecture Hall. There are already people signed up for it so don't miss out - get in touch with the clerk if you would like to take part.

**Speedwatch Training**  
The date is still to be confirmed for this event. If you would like to add your name to the list to take part, just let the clerk know.

**Neighbourhood Plan**  
Thank you to all who have already completed and returned their Neighbourhood Plan surveys. The Neighbourhood Plan team will collate this data after September 29th and use it to form the policies and priorities covered in the Neighbourhood Plan. There are plenty of copies of this survey available, so if you have missed out, pick up a copy from one of the return points (the village shop, Fox & Hounds, Red Lion or Doctors' Surgery) or look for the pdf version on the PC website.

**Emergency Plan**  
The Emergency Plan group will be meeting this month to organise an overhaul and update of our Emergency Plan. If you would like more information or if you think you can help in a particular way in the event of a local emergency, do let the clerk know.

Pauline Kenning, Parish Clerk  
clerk@steeplebumpstead-pc.org

### Steeple Bumpstead Parish Council Handyman Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a village handyman to carry out a few regular jobs around the village on a weekly basis, such as emptying bins, picking up litter and general maintenance work.  
The position will be reimbursed at an hourly rate to be agreed.

If you are interested, please send a letter of application to:  
Mrs P Kenning, Clerk to Steeple Bumpstead Parish Council, 14 Chapel Street, Steeple Bumpstead, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 7DQ.  
Or contact: clerk@steeplebumpstead-pc.org Tel: 01440 731987  
You can also email your application to: comments@steeplebumpstead-pc.org

For an informal chat about the position, contact the Parish Chairman: 01440 730794.

The closing date for applications is Friday 18th October.

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## Appendix 5: Regulation 14 Consultation Flyer



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**Jon Borges, Chair, Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

## Appendix 6: Public Village Meeting (15 April 2023)

Public Village Meeting website news updates (posted 14 and 15 April 2023)

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### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION MEETING

3pm at the Village Hall, Steeple Bumpstead  
Come along and see what the plan says - consultation closes on the 17th - have your say



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Public Village Meeting Facebook post (posted April 11 2023)



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*Do you want to know what the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan is all about?*

Then please come to a

# Public Meeting

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
3:00pm

Steeple Bumpstead Village Hall

A chance to quiz those who have put it together and to have your say

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Public Village Meeting Facebook post (posted April 14 2023)



The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook post from the Steeple Bumpstead Parish Council. The post header includes the council's name, a 'Follow' button, and the date 'April 14'. The main content is a flyer for a public meeting. The flyer features a logo with a house, leaves, and a butterfly, followed by the text 'Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan'. The text of the flyer asks if the viewer wants to know about the plan and invites them to a public meeting on Saturday 15th April 2023 at 3:00pm at Steeple Bumpstead Village Hall. It also mentions a chance to quiz those who have put the plan together and to have their say. The website 'www.steeplebumpstead-pc.org' is listed at the bottom. The Facebook interface shows 2 likes and options to Like, Comment, and Share.

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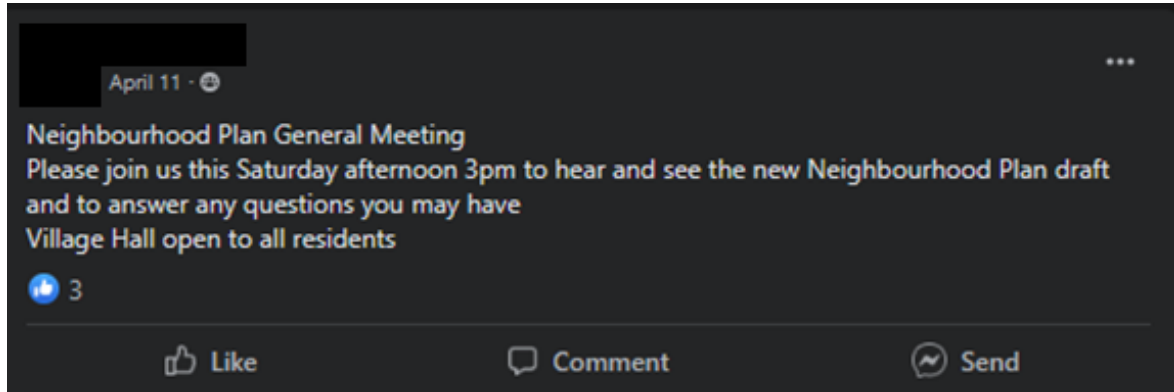
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## Appendix 7: Annual Village Meeting (19 April 2023)

### The YELLOW Book Parish Council Update (April/May 2023 publication)

**Ed Lines**

As I write, people, groups and organisations in the village are gearing up to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, in the enthusiastic way of so many Steeple Bumpstead folk, with many events planned for the long weekend of 6th-8th May. I'll be out and about, taking photos of what's going on to include in our next issue, but I can't be everywhere! So, if you find you have some great pictures that you'd like to see in the Yellow Book, please email them to the address below and I'll include as many as I can next time. Till then, enjoy the coronation celebrations!

*Kate*  
Kate Macpherson,  
editor@sb-yellowbook.org




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**Parish Council Update**  
[www.steeplebumpstead-pc.org](http://www.steeplebumpstead-pc.org)

**Steeple Bumpstead in Bloom**  
As mentioned in the last issue of the Yellow Book, Steeple Bumpstead in Bloom aims to set up volunteering opportunities for those parishioners who enjoy gardening in all its forms and to develop a number of different styles of floral displays across the village, so that everyone gets a chance to enjoy the benefits of nature. Please keep an eye on the Parish Council website and notice boards, as well as on Facebook, for events to join. As part of the Coronation Celebrations there will also be gardening volunteering opportunities on the Bank Holiday Monday across the village.

**Annual Village Meeting - Wednesday 19 April, 7.30 pm, at the Village Hall**  
Please make a note of this date as there will be the opportunity to discuss and learn about the **Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan** (further details on page 12). This is a very important document which enables parishioners to have a say in the future developments in the village. This meeting also provides everyone with the chance to get to know more about the different groups and activities available in the village and to meet members of the Parish Council. Everyone is welcome to attend and it really is the perfect opportunity to meet your neighbours, ask questions and have your say in the life of our village. If you'd like to talk about your group please email the clerk, Julia Howard: [clerk@steeplebumpstead-pc.org](mailto:clerk@steeplebumpstead-pc.org)

**The Coronation of King Charles III**  
The Bank Holiday weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May will be another excellent opportunity for everyone in the village to come together as we celebrate this historic occasion.



Details are included on the centre pages of this magazine for what promises to be a magnificent event with something for everyone. Thank you to all the organisers and volunteers.

**The Big Help Out**  
This is a national Volunteering Day on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The day is about inspiring people to try volunteering for the first time, and will help us build our wonderful group of volunteers. Please see page 28 for more information and keep an eye on the PC's website and Facebook pages for further details on how you can get involved.

**Camping Close repairs / regeneration**  
The Parish Council are working hard to repair and regenerate Camping Close, mostly using grants available, so you will gradually see some evidence of this. It will include repairing or upgrading some of the play area equipment, replacing damaged benches and you may have noticed the baby oak tree recently planted. This tree is in memory of Queen Elizabeth II and forms part of her Green Canopy legacy, from which the Council were donated around 30 trees. Most of these have been planted in the village already.



*Parish Councillors Roy Swaby, Colin Rust, Peter Hill, Ian Mackenzie, Rebecca Denning and Jon Borges at the oak tree planting.*

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## Annual Village Meeting The YELLOW Book poster (April/May 2023 publication)

**Steeple Bumpstead Annual Village Meeting****Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm, open to all****Important information to be discussed**

The Localism Act 2011 gave local communities the right to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, setting priorities for the development and use of land in a parish or local area.

Once the Plan is "made", it will become part of Braintree District Council's Development Plan, a statutory framework affecting all planning applications as a matter of law. The aim of the Plan is not to protect the village from all new development, but to ensure that local people have a say in how targets for growth in our area are implemented in the Parish. It will influence which land is designated as appropriate for housing, leisure use and green space and for the development of local business. It can however also help to ensure that the village's precious heritage is protected.

In 2018 the Parish Council began the process of formulating the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan. You may remember there was a survey circulated to everyone in the village in 2019 in order to capture the residents' opinions and feedback on what was important to them.

There was a particularly high response from you all, which was fantastic, and enabled the Parish Council to begin the drafting of the Neighbourhood Plan based completely on your majority views.

The next process was to gather expert evidence to back up the policies that were drafted based on the survey responses.

Covid then happened and our work was put on hold for two years which was very frustrating. We were also delayed waiting for grant funding to be awarded for us to engage further expert evidence. At last, however, the draft Neighbourhood Plan is ready to go out for formal consultation!

The current situation is that we are about to consult with every resident on the final draft Neighbourhood Plan. This is a vital part of the process and we will need your help.

You will be receiving another survey listing the policies incorporated within our Neighbourhood Plan, and this and associated documents will be made available to view online via the PC website ([www.steeplebumpstead-pc.org](http://www.steeplebumpstead-pc.org)). The survey will be in an easy online 'tick box' format and will allow you to make additional comments.

Please, please complete and submit the surveys. You will have six weeks to respond.

Precise details will be given at the start of this consultation process.



Annual Village Meeting poster



# Steeple Bumpstead Annual Village Meeting

**Wednesday 19th April  
7.30pm  
at the Village Hall**

**All Electors' welcome  
Please join us for this  
public meeting about  
your village**



## Annual Village Meeting Agenda

# ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the  
Annual Village Meeting

**7.30pm WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023**


To be held in the Village Hall  
9 Finchingfield Rd, Steeple Bumpstead, nr Haverhill CB9 7EA

**All village electors' welcome**

## AGENDA


1. Welcome from the Chairman & Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes from previous meeting
3. County & District Councillor's reports
4. Chairman's report
5. Neighbourhood Plan
6. Presentation from Village Groups
7. Questions and Comments
8. Date of next meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024
9. Chairman to close the meeting.

Clerk- Mrs Julia Howard  
clerk@steeplebumpstead-pc.org  
01787 237999

03<sup>rd</sup> April 2023   
Cllr Kerry Barnes, Chairman

## Appendix 8: Regulation 14 social media publicity


Regulation 14 Consultation Facebook post (posted 30 March 2023)



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### Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan

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Regulation 14 Consultation Facebook post (posted 15 May 2023)



## Regulation 14 Consultation website post (posted 26 April 2023)

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## INTERESTED IN THIS VILLAGE? WORRIED ABOUT ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS? HAVE YOUR SAY

The deadline to have your say about our Neighbourhood Plan is the 17th May. Please go online and complete the 2-page questionnaire. It's quick and straightforward. Don't have access online? Got a neighbour who wants a paper version? The Shop, Library and both pubs have paper versions of the Neighbourhood Plan and Questionnaires. If all else fails, contact the clerk [clerk@steeplebumpstead-pc.org](mailto:clerk@steeplebumpstead-pc.org) who can email you a copy to print or drop off a printed questionnaire.

Save trees, complete your questionnaire on line [Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan - Reg 14 Survey \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk).

Check out the Neighbourhood Plan page of this website.

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## Appendix 9: Copy of Residents' Survey



### RESIDENTS' SURVEY

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The Neighbourhood Plan works alongside Braintree District Council's emerging Local Plan, creating policies that tell developers where and how to build the houses, business units and local amenities that the Parish needs.

To make good policies for Steeple Bumpstead we need your help. We need to know what kind of village you want to hand on to future generations, what is important to you, what you think we need, what you want to preserve and what you want to improve. You can help us by filling in this Survey. We would like to encourage as many residents as possible to take part. It should only take you about 20 minutes to complete. Unless indicated otherwise, please tick only **one** of the boxes on each line.

We have tried to distribute enough copies of the Survey to every home in the parish for the number of people on the Electoral Register in each household. Please complete it as an individual. More copies are available from the places indicated below for anyone else in your household who would like to complete a Survey as well. Alternatively you can download and print the Survey from the Parish Council website at:  
<https://www.steeplebumpstead-pc.org/>.

Once you have filled in this Survey, **please return it by putting it in one of the boxes provided in the village shop, the Fox & Hounds, the Red Lion and the doctor's surgery. Please return completed Surveys by the deadline of Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**

Once compiled and checked, the results of this Survey will be made publicly available, and will be used in putting together the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan.

To say thank you for helping us, there is a prize draw for a delicious bumper hamper! If you wish to enter for this, please fill in the details on the back page of this Survey.

**THIS SURVEY IS ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL. NO INFORMATION SUPPLIED CAN BE LINKED TO ANY INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY.**

## About you

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In order to demonstrate that public consultation is representative of our community, would you please provide some information about yourself.

**A1. Are you:**

Female	Male	Prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**A2. Are you aged:**

18 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 59	60 - 74	75+
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**A3. How long have you lived in Steeple Bumpstead?**

0 - 2 years	2 - 5 years	5 - 15 years	15 - 30 years	30+ years/ all my life
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**A4. Are you:**

Unemployed	Self-employed	Full-time employed	Part-time employed	Retired
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caring for family	Other			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

**A5. Do you work from home?**

No	1 - 2 days per week	3 - 4 days per week	Full time
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**A6. Thinking about the village, which words would you like to be able to use to describe Steeple Bumpstead in 15 years' time? (Please choose up to five).**

Excellent quality of life	People feel valued	Connected	Heritage is protected	Countryside is celebrated
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vibrant community	Inclusive	Affordable	Prosperous	Safe
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Countryside and environment

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Taking care of our environment and protecting wildlife is an essential part of any Neighbourhood Plan. Steeple Bumpstead is a country village surrounded by beautiful scenery and landscapes. From the tops of the hills there are characteristic views across the valley and into it. Historically, development within Steeple Bumpstead was below 70m above sea level. There are a number of well-used footpaths in and around Steeple Bumpstead, including several published walking routes around the area. We need to know which aspects of our countryside and environment are most important to you. For instance, if we like our countryside we could make policies that restrict development on open fields or in places which obstruct landscape views.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

**C1. "New development should only be allowed in principle within the existing Village Envelope"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C2. "New development should be prevented if it would result in interrupting the views across and down into the valley"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C3. "New development should be prevented on any land situated at an elevation more than 70 metres above sea level"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**C4. If land had to be developed outside the Village Envelope, which specific area is most important to keep as open countryside? (Please tick only one).**

South-west / towards Hempstead	South-east / towards Finchingfield	North-east / along Blois Road	North-west / opposite Church Street
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C5. Are there any environmental, landscape or habitat features which are particularly important to you?**  
(Please give details below)

**C6. How often do you use footpaths around the village?**

Every day	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	Never
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C7. How far would you usually walk on footpaths around the village?**

Less than 1 mile	1-3 miles	4-6 miles	6-10 miles	More than 10 miles
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C8. Do we need more footpaths around the village?**

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Heritage and Character

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Steeple Bumpstead has a long and rich history. The village is recorded in the Domesday Book. There is a designated Conservation Area within the historic core of the village, which contains a number of high quality buildings, including a total of 21 listed buildings, most dating from the 16th and 17th centuries. The village, especially the Conservation Area, is rich in the traditional style of buildings, construction methods and materials typical to the area, including weatherboarding, brick, and tiled, slate and thatched roofs.

Listed buildings are protected by Historic England but the Neighbourhood Plan could provide more protection, if that is what we want as a community.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

**R1. "New developments (including extensions and additions to individual properties) should reflect the styles and appearance of our historic buildings"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**R2. "New development should be prevented if it would spoil the views or setting of a historic building"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**R3. "New development should be required to ensure that existing trees are left untouched"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**R4. Are there any buildings or built features in the village which are particularly important to you?**

*(Please give details below)*

## Local businesses

There are a number of businesses that provide employment in Steeple Bumpstead, including the two village pubs, the Mace store and Post Office, the Primary School, the village surgery, and a number of small businesses sited at the local business centre in Blois Road. There is a nursery and day centre next to the business centre. As a rural parish, there are also a number of active farming businesses in and around the parish.

The Neighbourhood Plan cannot make businesses grow and prosper but it can help them by making policies that create the right environment for our businesses to flourish, providing local employment and convenient goods and services for all residents.

**L1. What businesses or retail services would you like to have in the parish in addition to the current businesses? (Please tick all that you agree with)**

Shops i.e. baker/fresh food	Coffee shop/ restaurant	Online shopping collection point	Fitness centre	Tourism related businesses
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please give details below)

**L2. Are you aware of and do you use the regular Farmers' Market in the Village Hall?**

Not aware	Aware of but don't use	Use occasionally	Use often
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

**L3. "Development proposals should be discouraged if these would result in the loss of existing business premises through redevelopment or change of use"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**L4. "New development of further business units should be allowed at Blois Road Business Centre"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Community facilities

Steeple Bumpstead has a number of community facilities and services used and much valued by residents. These include a local village Mace store, a Post Office, a petrol station, an antiques shop, and a part-time library in the Moot Hall. The village has its own medical practice, the Surgery on Bower Hall Drive. There are two pubs, The Fox and Hounds and The Red Lion, and a primary school, Steeple Bumpstead Primary School. There are two open public spaces within the village, Humphrey's Meadow adjacent to Claywall Bridge and the much larger Camping Close in the centre of the village. There are also a number of allotments within the village, situated behind the houses on North Street opposite Claywall Bridge. This section is about creating the policies that will ensure that we retain, maintain and improve access to these facilities as far as possible.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

**F1. Recreation space - "New developments that would result in the loss of the whole or part of Humphrey's Meadow or the Camping Close should be prevented"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**F2. Village pubs - "Any proposals for change of use of the either of the pubs to residential or other use should be refused"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**F3. Village Surgery - "Any proposals for redevelopment or change of use of the Surgery to residential or other non-healthcare use should be refused, unless this is an essential part of raising funds for a new build surgery on a larger site within the village"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**F4. Primary school - "Any proposals for redevelopment or change of use of the School or any of its grounds to residential or other non-educational use should be refused"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**F5. Broadband - "Current broadband provision in the village is adequate for my needs"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**F6. Allotments - Do you have either a private or rented allotment in the village?**  
*(If the answer is yes, please ignore the rest of the questions on this page)*

Yes

No

**F7. Allotments - Do you have need of an allotment now or will you in the future?**

Yes

No

**F8. Allotments - (if the answer to question F6 is yes) - what size allotment would you require?**

20 sq metres

50 sq metres

100 sq metres

## Highways and transport

Like many rural villages, Steeple Bumpstead has narrow roads and lanes. Inappropriate parking is often a problem in the village e.g. across private driveways, on pavements, at junctions and in narrow roads. There is a perception that vehicles drive through the village too quickly, and pedestrians feel vulnerable in several places where they have to walk in the road. There are concerns about heavy goods vehicles driving through the village roads. The provision of public transport services from the village, such as buses, is also limited.

The Neighbourhood Plan cannot solve these problems, but it does give us an opportunity to take a first step to addressing some of them. In particular, the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Planning Group has identified a number of potential specific improvements to the village's current highway and pavement infrastructure, and we would be most grateful for your views on these.

**T1. Which of the following methods of transport do you use and how often?**

**a) Car/van**

Daily	Regularly	Occasionally	Never
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**b) Motorcycle/scooter**

Daily	Regularly	Occasionally	Never
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**c) Bus**

Daily	Regularly	Occasionally	Never
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**d) Bicycle**

Daily	Regularly	Occasionally	Never
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**T2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statement that: "The local bus services are adequate"?**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**T3. Which local bus services do you think should be improved/set up, if any?**

*(Please tick all that apply)*

To Haverhill	To Saffron Walden	To Braintree <i>(currently none)</i>	To Cambridge <i>(currently none)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

**T4. "New housing developments should provide adequate and suitable off-street parking, for a minimum of two parking spaces for units with 1 - 3 bedrooms, and a minimum of three parking spaces for units with 4 or more bedrooms"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**T5. "A pavement should be provided on the north-west side of Water Lane (the B1054) between Church Street and the bus stop on Water Lane to the northeast of the junction with Queen Edith Drive"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**T6. "The three-way junction between Claywall Bridge, Chapel Street and Blois Road should be replaced with a mini-roundabout"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**T7. "The three-way junction between North Street, The Endway and Haverhill Road should be replaced with the marked carriageway simply joining North Street and Haverhill Road, with the junction with The Endway being marked as a side junction"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## Housing

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Braintree District Council has assessed the housing and employment needs of the area and decided what each town or parish must provide.

We can't stop houses being built but we can make policies that say what kind of houses are built and where they are built so that we can preserve and protect the things that we value about Steeple Bumpstead.

This section is about creating the policies that will help give us the village we want.

**H1. In the 2011 Census, Steeple Bumpstead had 659 households. Over the next 25 years, how many new homes do you think should be built in the village?**

None	1 - 10	10 - 20	20 - 40	Over 40
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**H2. What do you think should be the maximum number of homes in any single new development project?**

3	5	10	30	No view
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**H3. What types of housing you would you support being built in the village?**  
*(Please tick all that you agree with)*

Small homes (1-2 bedrooms)	Family homes (3-4 bedrooms)	Large executive homes (5+ bedrooms)	Bungalows	Flats
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affordable homes for local people	Sheltered housing	Self build plots	Homes adapted for disabled use	Live/work units
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**H4. Would you support a community led (rather than developer led) housing scheme for local people (i.e. almshouses, Community Land Trust)?**

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

**H5. "New housing development should be allowed on greenfield sites, which have never been built on before"**

<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Don't know / no opinion</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**H6. "New housing development should be allowed on brownfield sites, which have been built on before"**

<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Don't know / no opinion</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**H7. "New housing development should be allowed by converting existing farm buildings"**

<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Don't know / no opinion</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**H8. "Affordable housing should be offered at first occupation, only to people with a local connection i.e. those living in or with family in Steeple Bumpstead"**

<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Don't know / no opinion</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**H9. "All new homes should have a minimum garden size e.g. 50 square metres for a 2 bedroom home or 100 square metres for a 3 bedroom home"**

<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Don't know / no opinion</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**H10. Do you need to move to alternative accommodation within Steeple Bumpstead?**  
*(If the answer is no, please ignore the rest of the questions on this page)*

Yes

No

**H11. When will you need to move?**

In the next  
5 years

In more than  
5 years

**H12. What type of home will you need in the village?**

1-2 bedroom  
house

3-4 bedroom  
house

5+ bedroom  
house

Bungalow

Flat

**H13. What type of housing tenure will you need in the village?**

Owner  
occupied

Private  
rented

Rent from  
council/Housing  
Association

Sheltered  
housing

Shared  
ownership

## Anything else?

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We've done our best to think of everything, but if there is anything else you wish to say or which you think should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan, here's your chance to let us know!

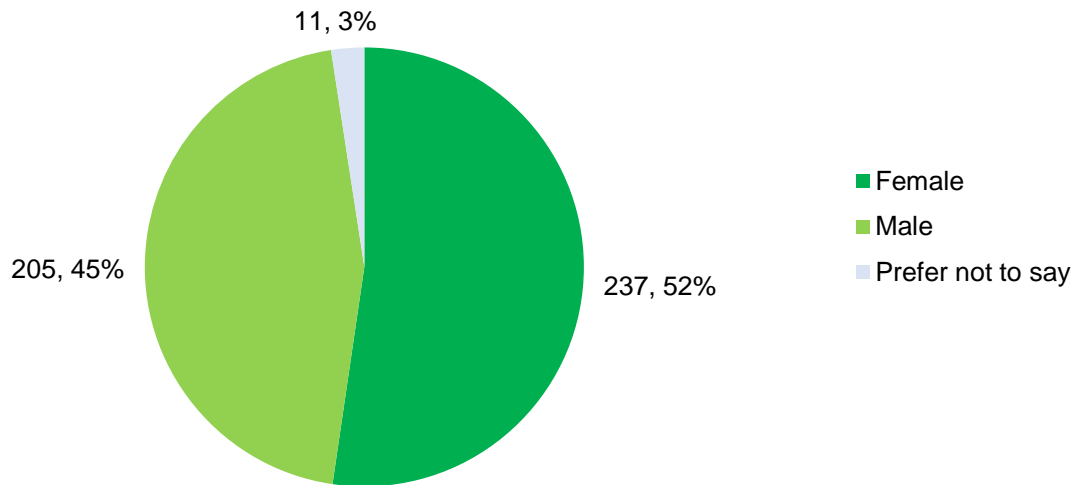
### E1. Any other suggestions or comments?

## Appendix 10: Residents' Survey (2019) results summary

### About you

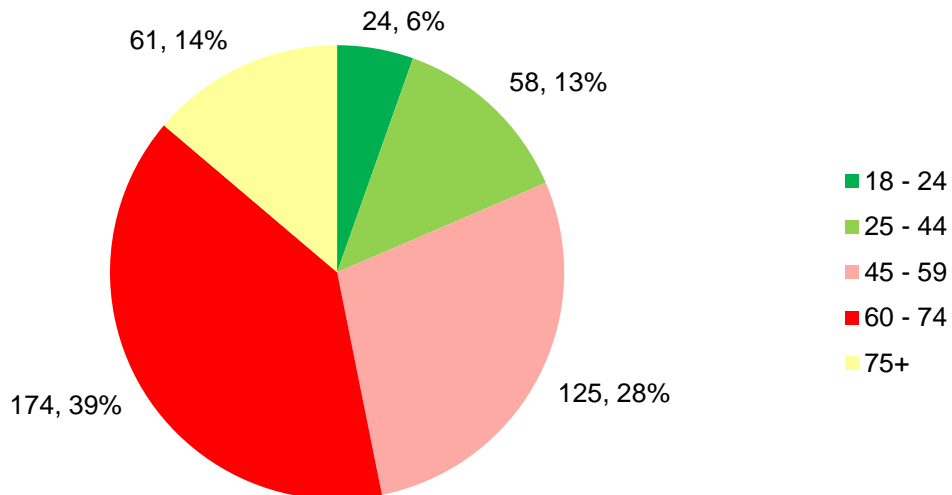
#### A1: Are you?

Female	Male	Prefer not to say
237	205	11
52%	45%	2%



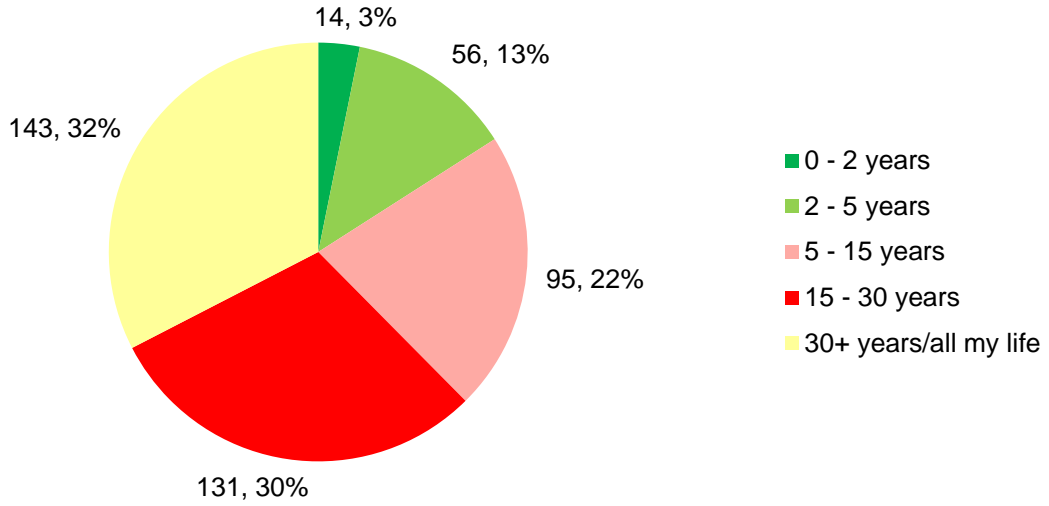
#### A2: Are you aged:

18 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 59	60 - 74	75+
24	58	125	174	61
5%	13%	28%	39%	14%



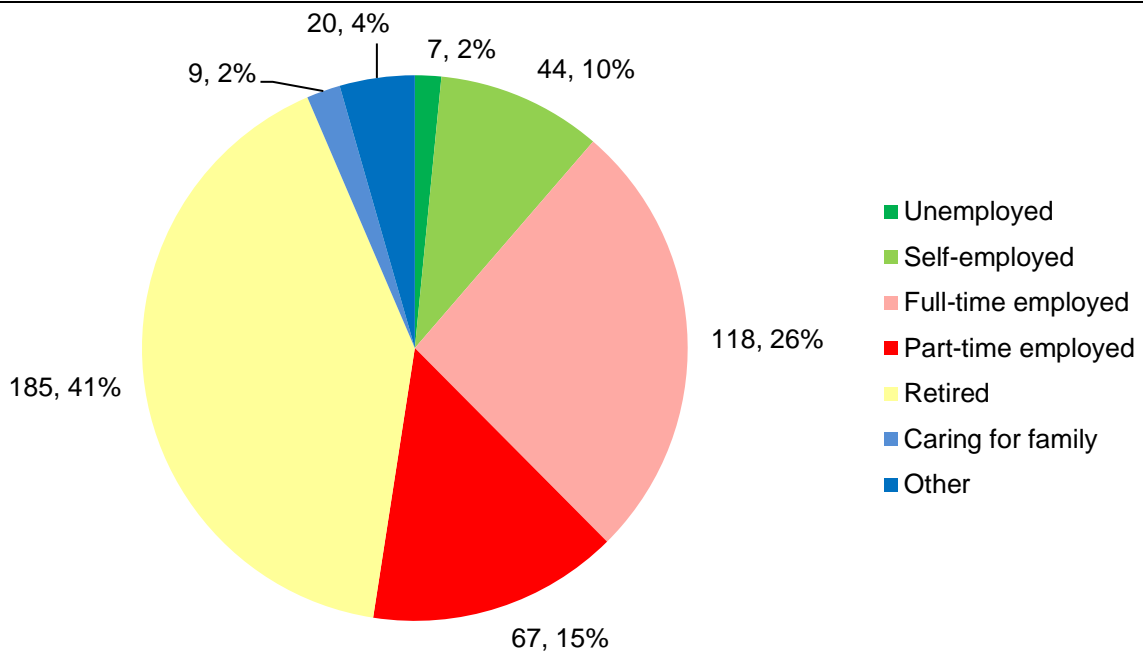
**A3. How long have you lived in Steeple Bumpstead?**

0 - 2 years	2 - 5 years	5 - 15 years	15 - 30 years	30+ years/all my life
14	56	95	131	143
3%	13%	22%	30%	33%



**A4. Are you:**

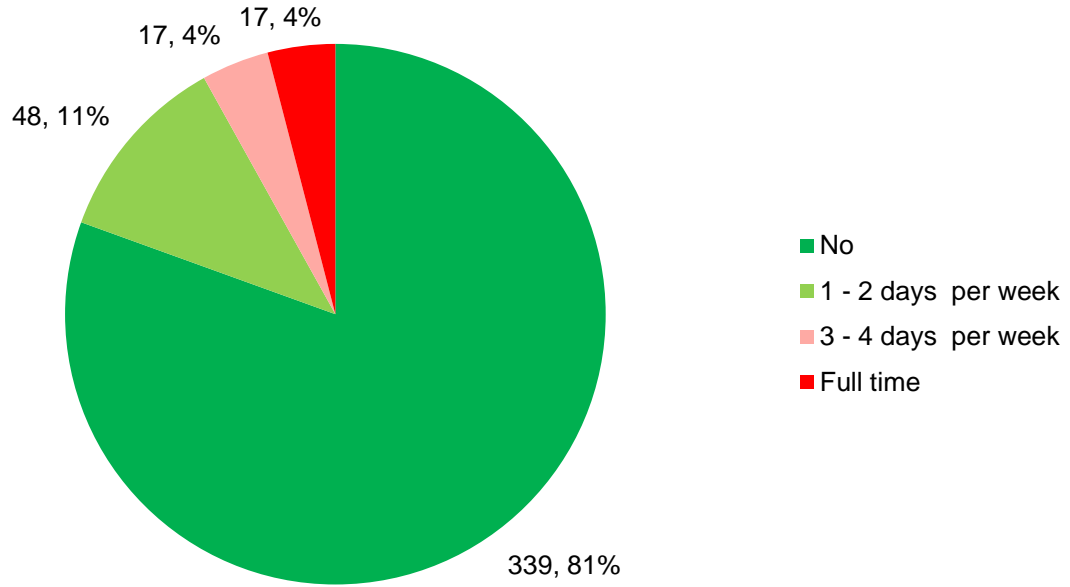
Unemployed	Self-employed	Full-time employed	Part-time employed	Retired	Caring for family	Other
7	44	118	67	185	9	20
2%	10%	26%	15%	41%	2%	4%





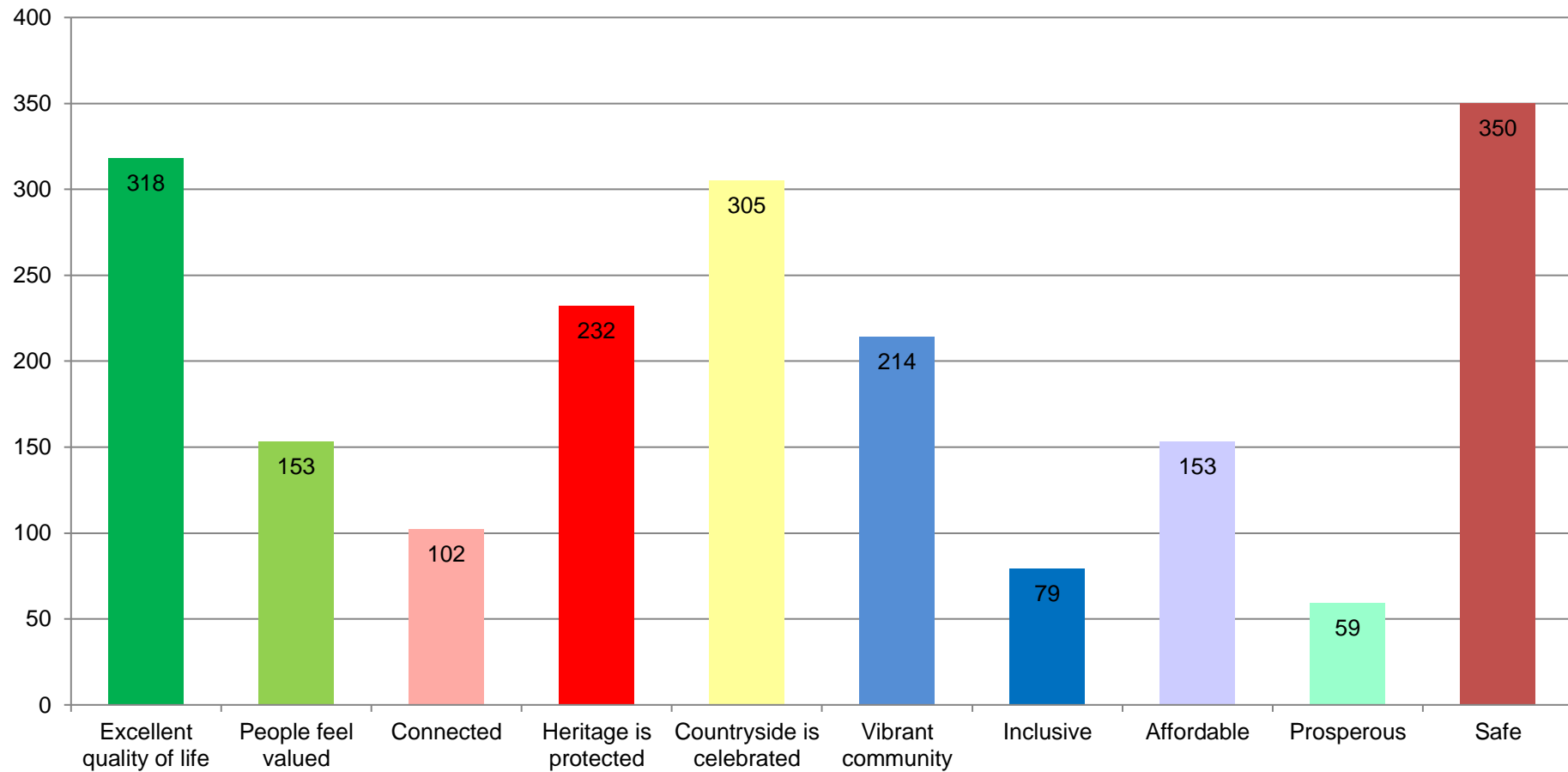
**A5. Do you work from home?**

No	1 - 2 days per week	3 - 4 days per week	Full time
339	48	17	17
81%	11%	4%	4%



**A6. Which words would you like to be able to use to describe Steeple Bumpstead in 15 years' time?**

Excellent quality of life	People feel valued	Connected	Heritage is protected	Countryside is celebrated	Vibrant community	Inclusive	Affordable	Prosperous	Safe
318	153	102	232	305	214	79	153	59	350
16%	8%	5%	12%	16%	11%	4%	8%	3%	18%

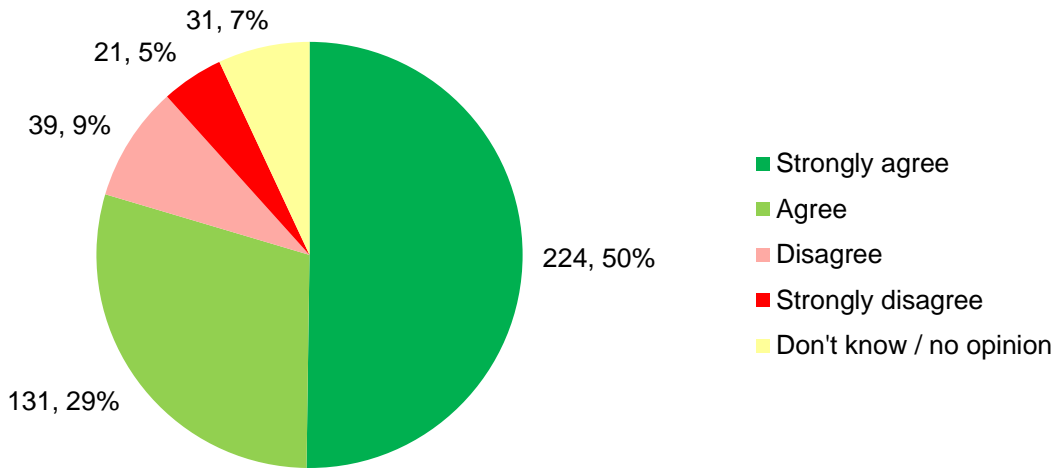


Countryside and environment

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

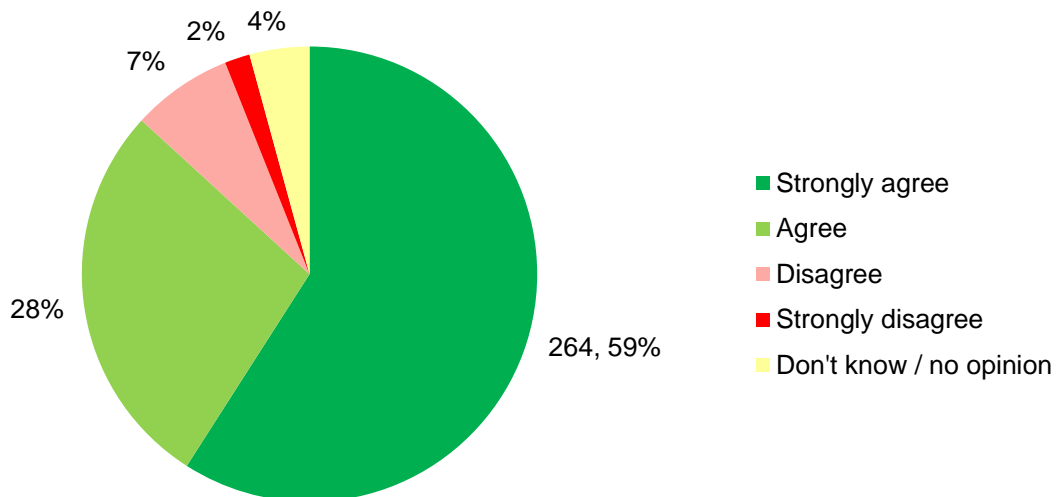
**C1. "New development should only be allowed in principle within the existing Village Envelope"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
224	131	39	21	31
50%	29%	9%	5%	7%



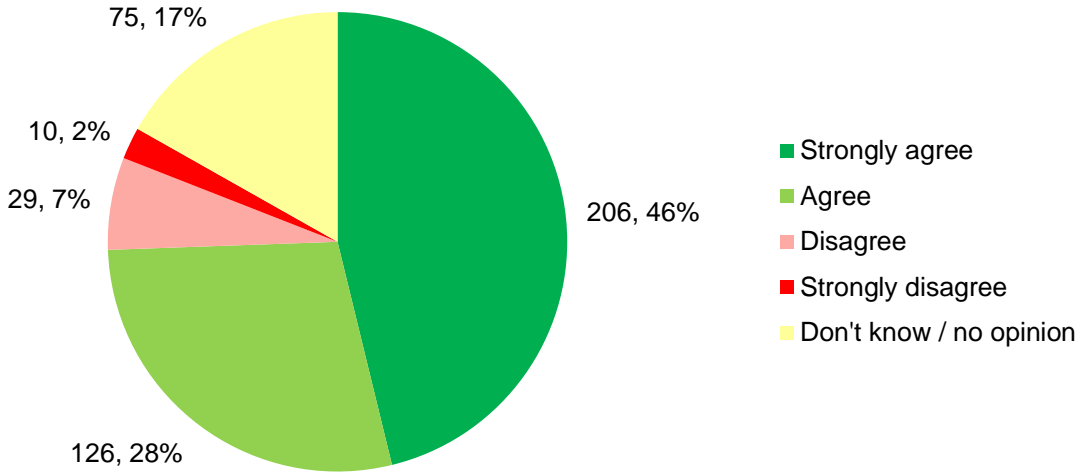
**C2. "New development should be prevented if it would result in interrupting the views across and down into the valley"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
264	124	32	8	19
59%	28%	7%	2%	4%



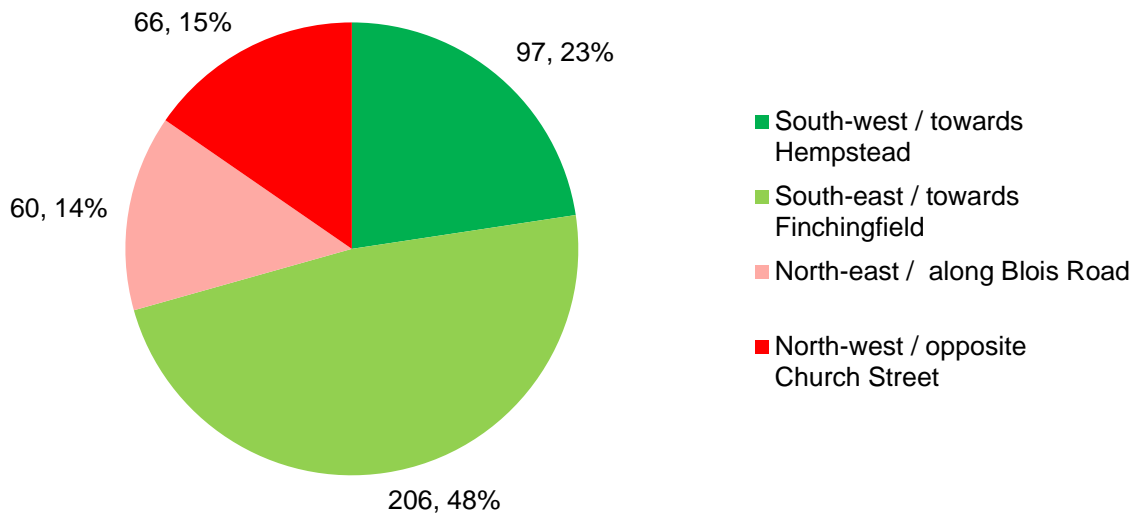
**C3. "New development should be prevented on any land situated at an elevation more than 70 metres above sea level"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
206	126	29	10	75
46%	28%	7%	2%	17%



**C4. If land had to be developed outside the Village Envelope, which specific area is most important to keep as open countryside?**

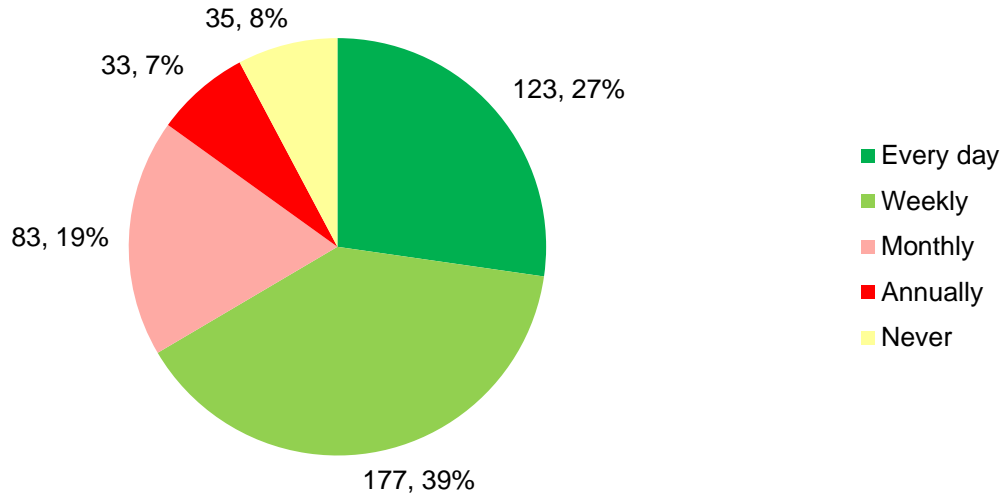
South-west / towards Hempstead	South-east / towards Finchingfield	North-east / along Blois Road	North-west / opposite Church Street
97	206	60	66
23%	48%	14%	15%



(C5. is a text box answer so not included in this spreadsheet)

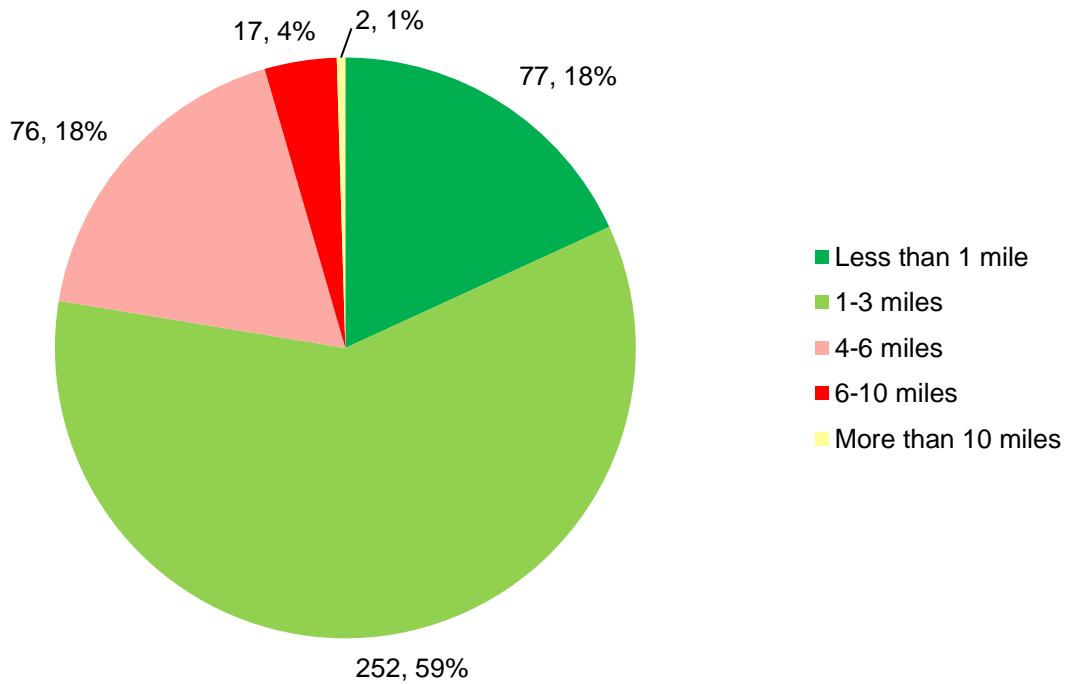
**C6. How often do you use footpaths around the village?**

Every day	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	Never
123	177	83	33	35
27%	39%	18%	7%	8%



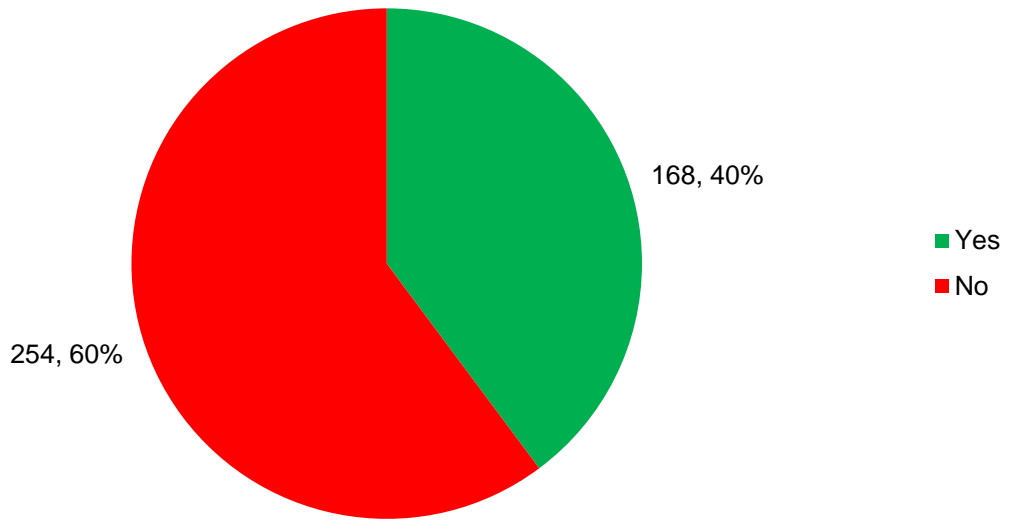
**C7. How far would you usually walk on footpaths around the village?**

Less than 1 mile	1-3 miles	4-6 miles	6-10 miles	More than 10 miles
77	252	76	17	2
18%	59%	18%	4%	0%



**C8. Do we need more footpaths around the village?**

Yes	No
168	254
40%	60%



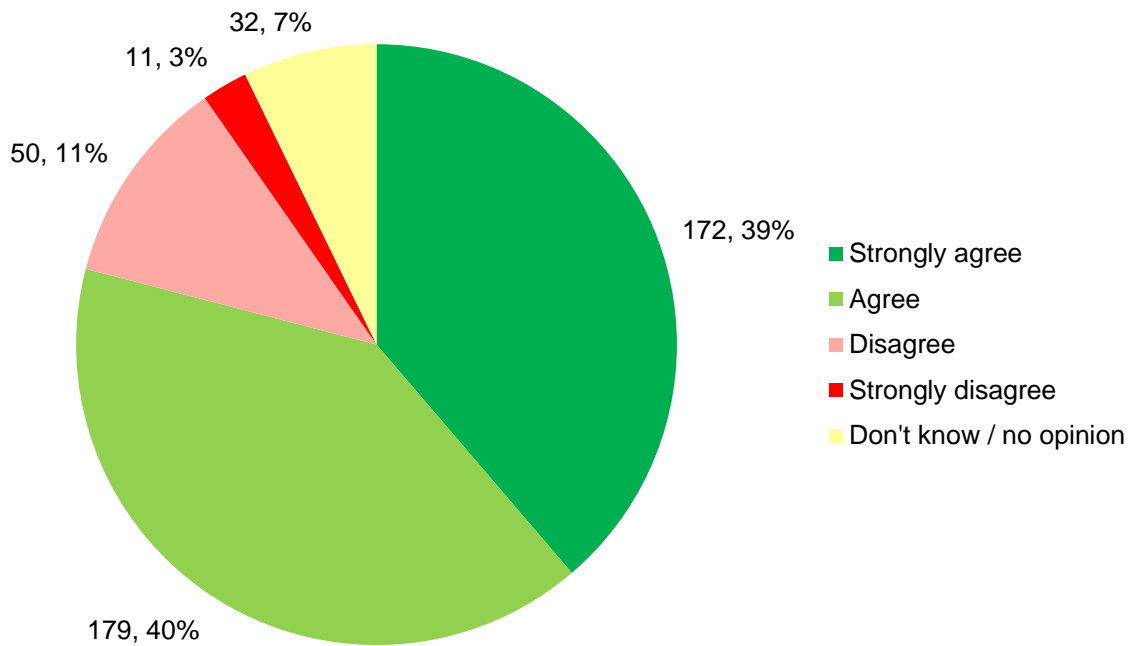


Heritage and Character

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

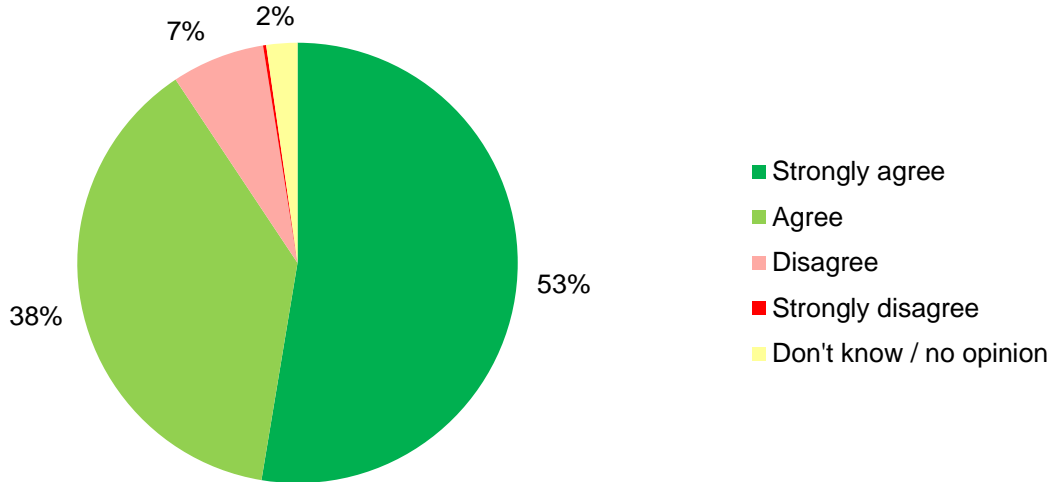
**R1. "New developments (including extensions and additions to individual properties) should reflect the styles and appearance of our historic buildings"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
172	179	50	11	32
39%	40%	11%	2%	7%



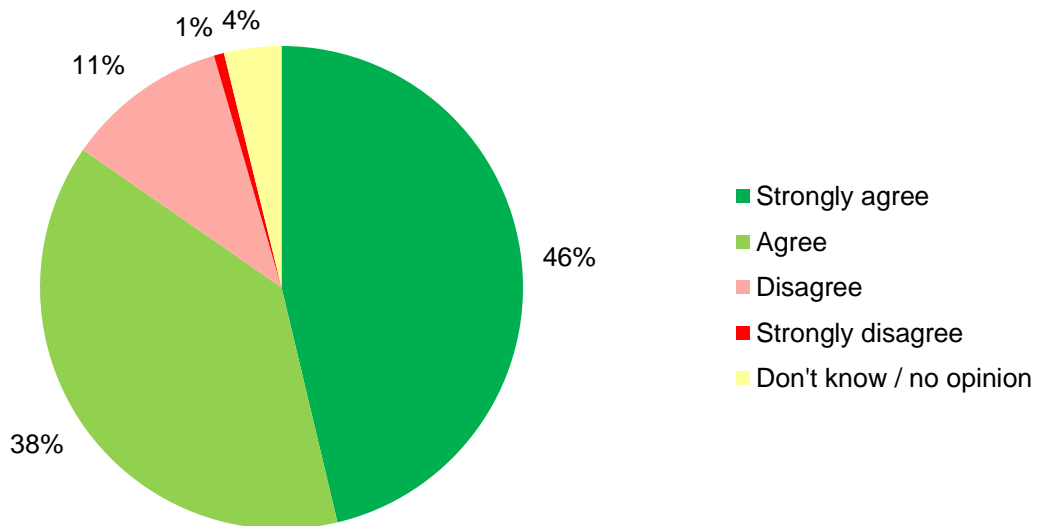
**R2. "New development should be prevented if it would spoil the views or setting of a historic building"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
231	167	30	1	10
53%	38%	7%	0%	2%



**R3. "New development should be required to ensure that existing trees are left untouched"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
205	170	48	3	17
46%	38%	11%	1%	4%



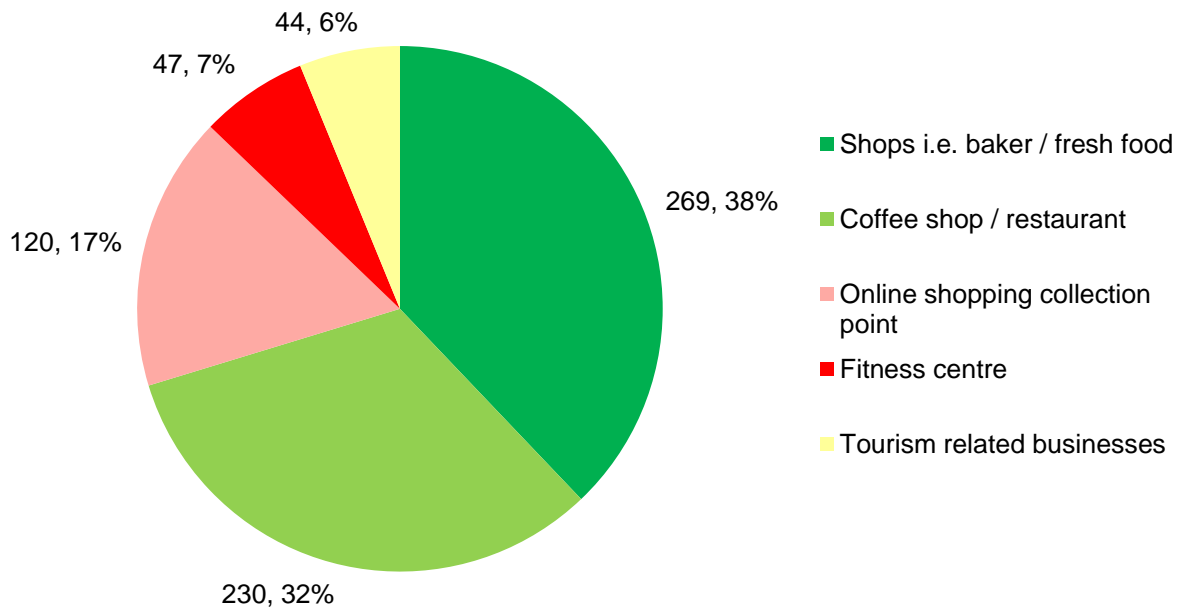
(R4. is a text box answer so not included in this spreadsheet)

Local businesses

**L1. What businesses or retail services would you like to have in the parish in addition to the current businesses?**

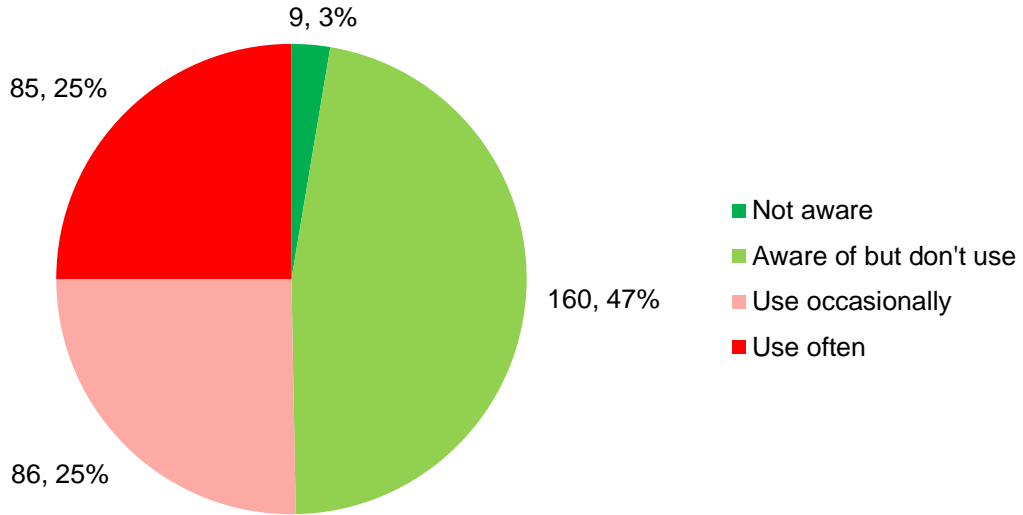
Shops i.e. baker / fresh food	Coffee shop / restaurant	Online shopping collection point	Fitness centre	Tourism related businesses
269	230	120	47	44
38%	32%	17%	7%	6%

(L1. also contains a text box answer which is not included in this spreadsheet)



**L2. Are you aware of and do you use the regular Farmers' Market in the Village Hall?**

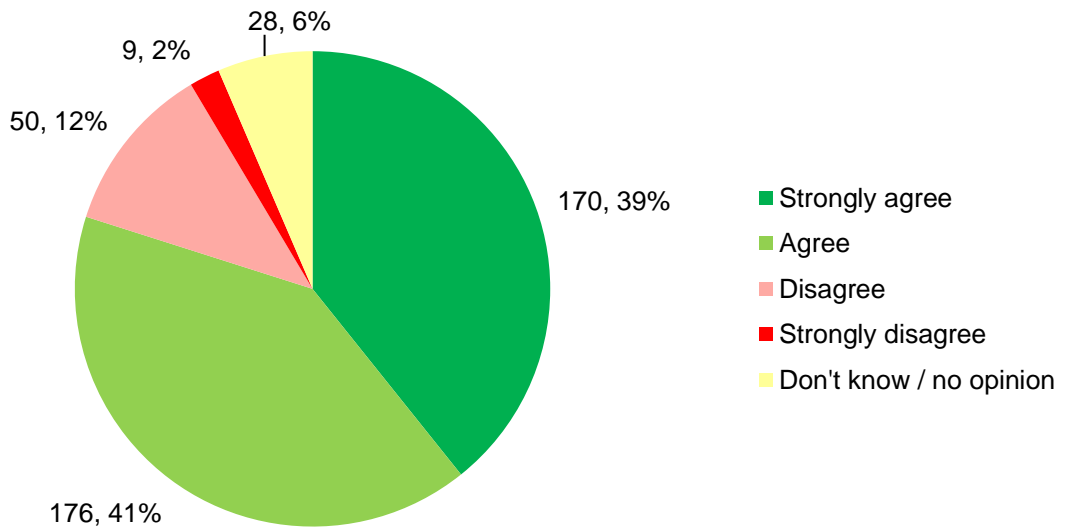
Not aware	Aware of but don't use	Use occasionally	Use often
9	160	86	85
3%	47%	25%	25%



To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

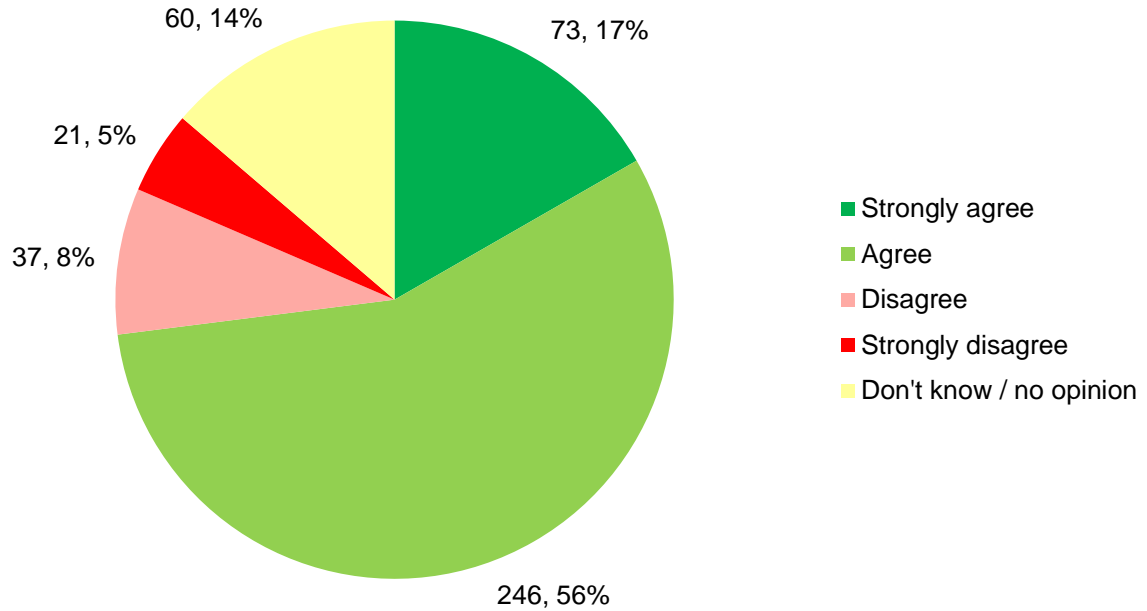
**L3. "Development proposals should be discouraged if these would result in the loss of existing business premises through redevelopment or change of use"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
170	176	50	9	28
39%	41%	12%	2%	6%



**L4. "New development of further business units should be allowed at Blois Road Business Centre"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
73	246	37	21	60
17%	56%	8%	5%	14%

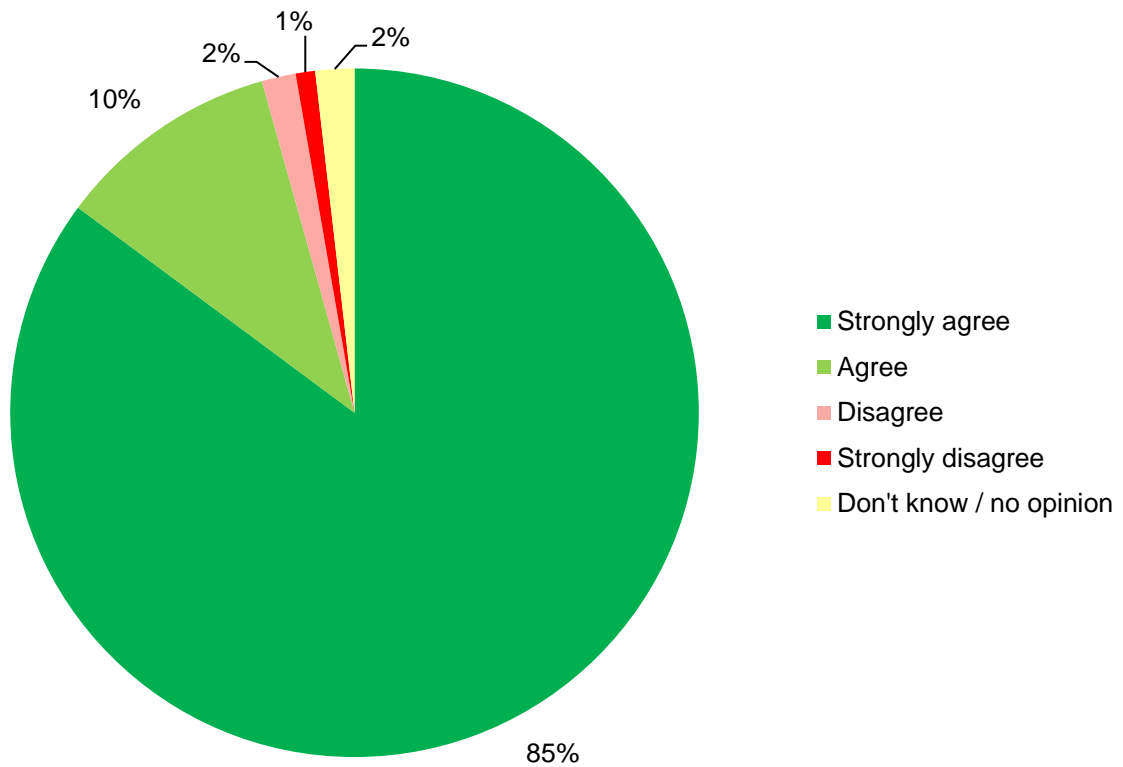


Community facilities

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

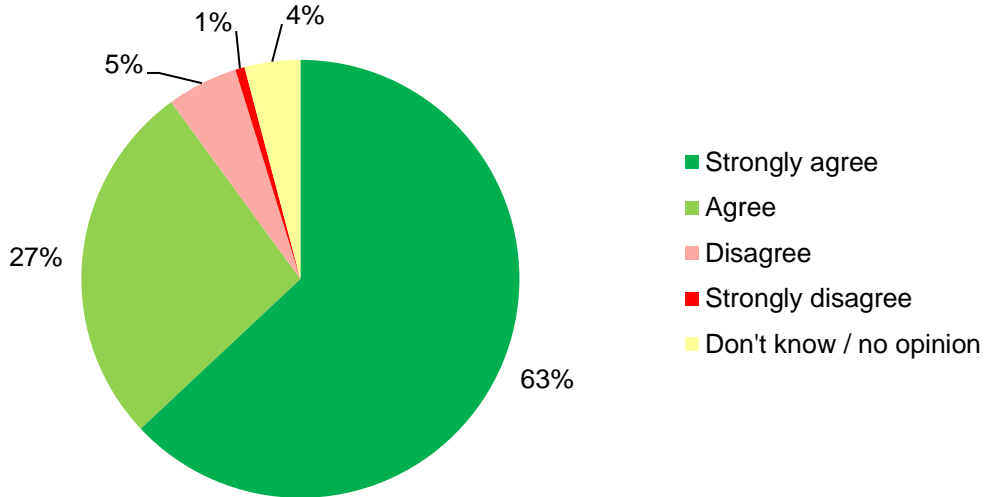
**F1. "New developments that would result in the loss of the whole or part of Humphrey's Meadow or the Camping Close should be prevented"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
373	46	7	4	8
85%	11%	2%	1%	2%



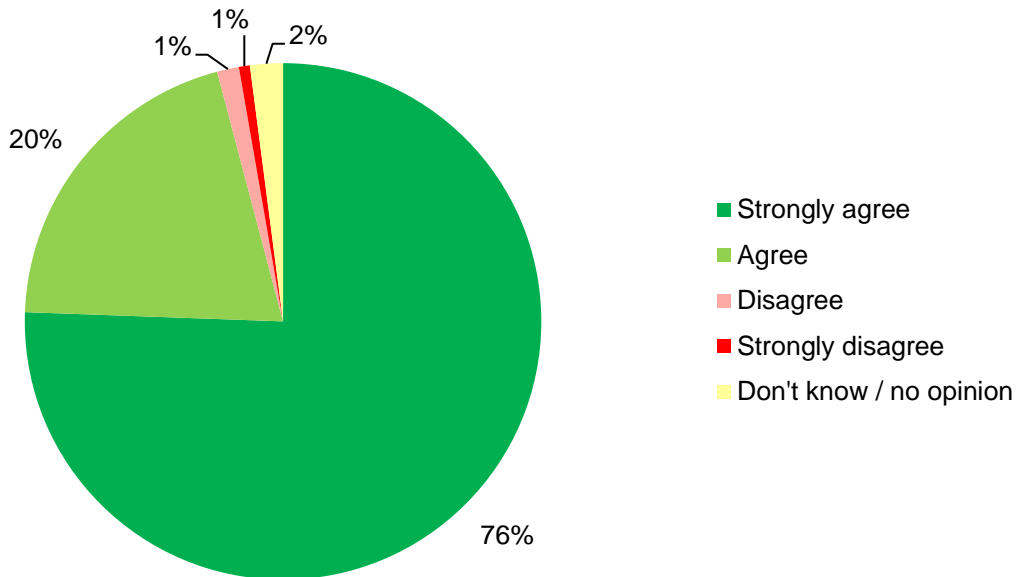
**F2. "Any proposals for change of use of the either of the pubs to residential or other use should be refused"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
276	118	23	3	18
63%	27%	5%	1%	4%



**F3. "Any proposals for redevelopment or change of use of the Surgery to residential or other non-healthcare use should be refused, unless this is an essential part of raising funds for a new build surgery on a larger site within the village"**

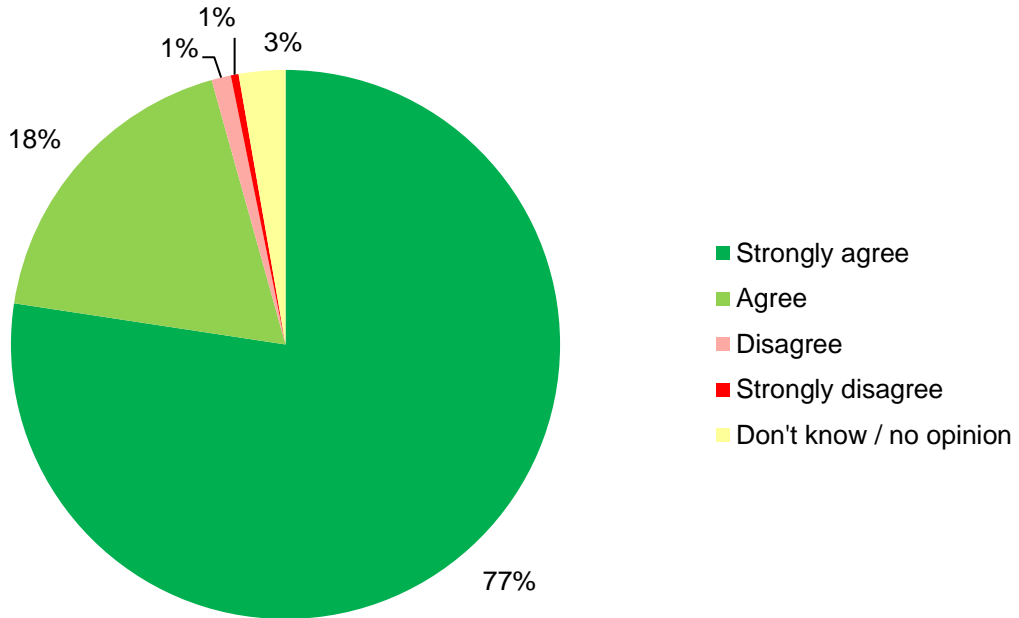
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
331	89	6	3	9
76%	20%	1%	1%	2%





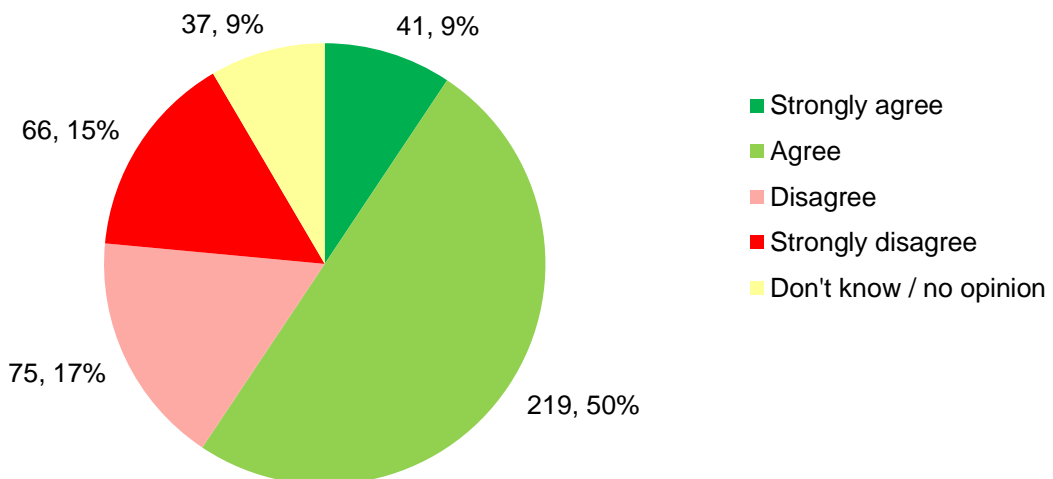
**F4. "Any proposals for redevelopment or change of use of the School or any of its grounds to residential or other non-educational use should be refused"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
339	80	5	2	12
77%	18%	1%	0%	3%



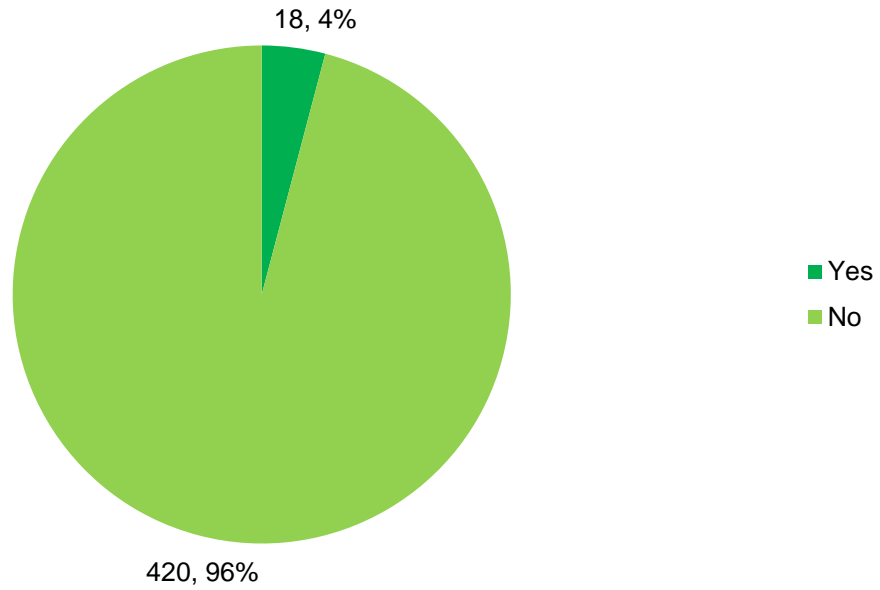
**F5. "Current broadband provision in the village is adequate for my needs"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
41	219	75	66	37
9%	50%	17%	15%	8%



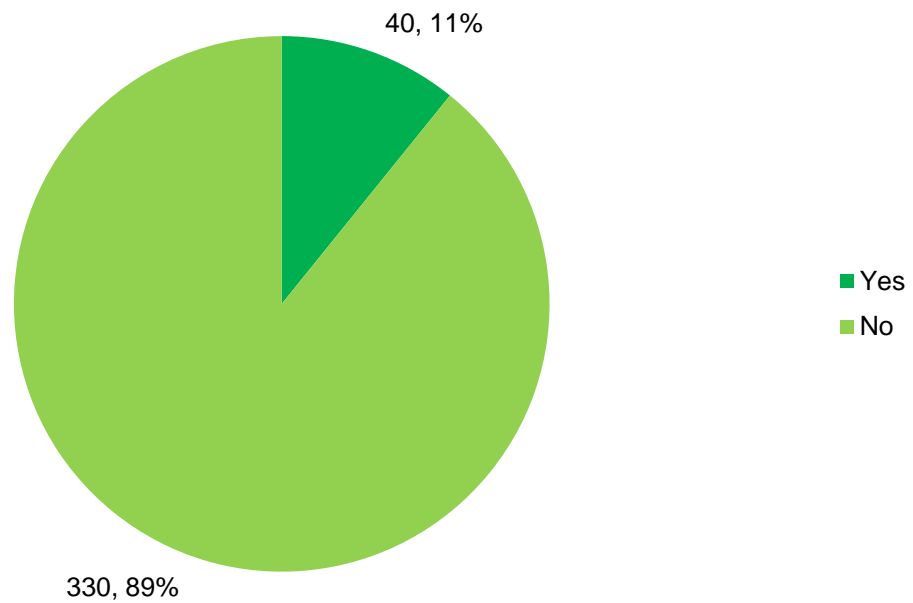
**F6. Do you have either a private or rented allotment in the village?**

Yes	No
18	420
4%	96%



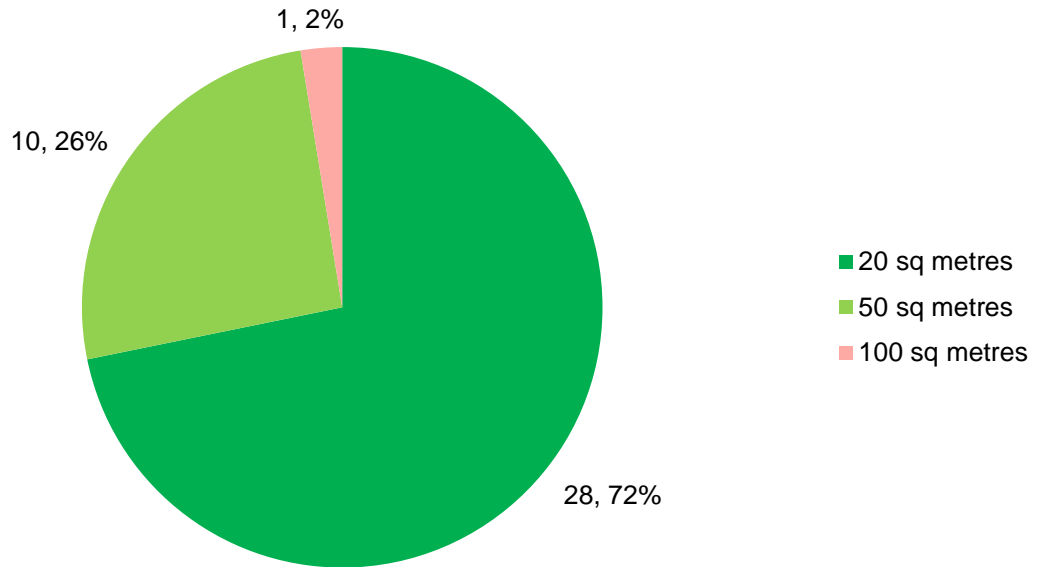
**F7. Do you have need of an allotment now or will you in the future?**

Yes	No
40	330
11%	89%



**F8. What size allotment would you require?**

20 sq metres	50 sq metres	100 sq metres
28	10	1
72%	26%	3%

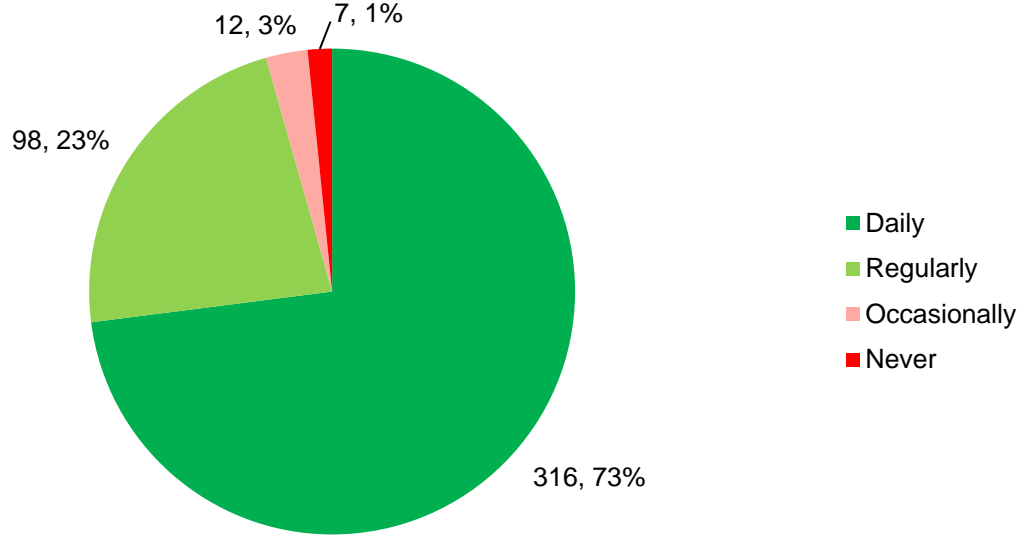


Highways and transport

**T1. Which of the following methods of transport do you use and how often?**

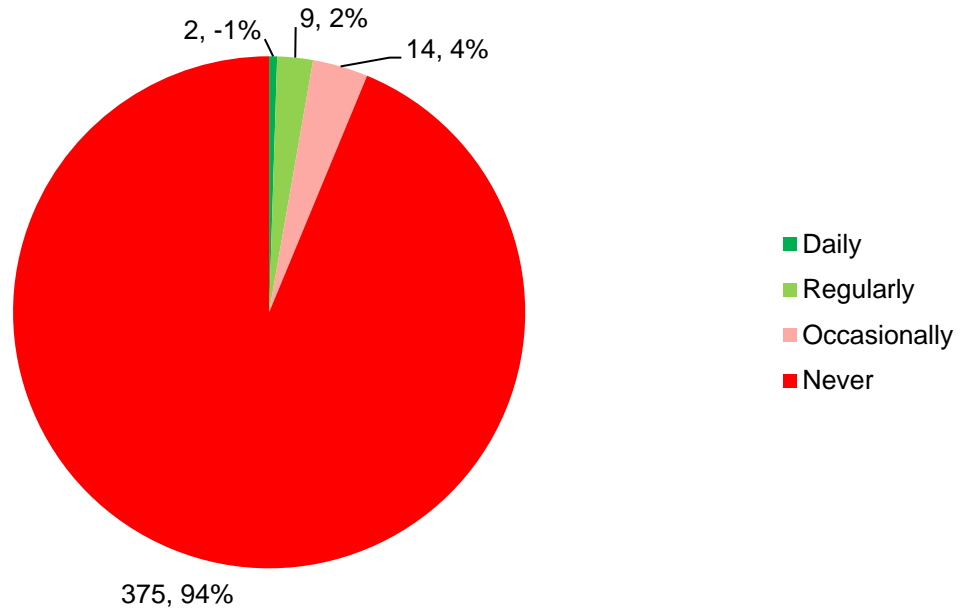
**a) Car/van**

Daily	Regularly	Occasionally	Never
316	98	12	7
73%	23%	3%	2%



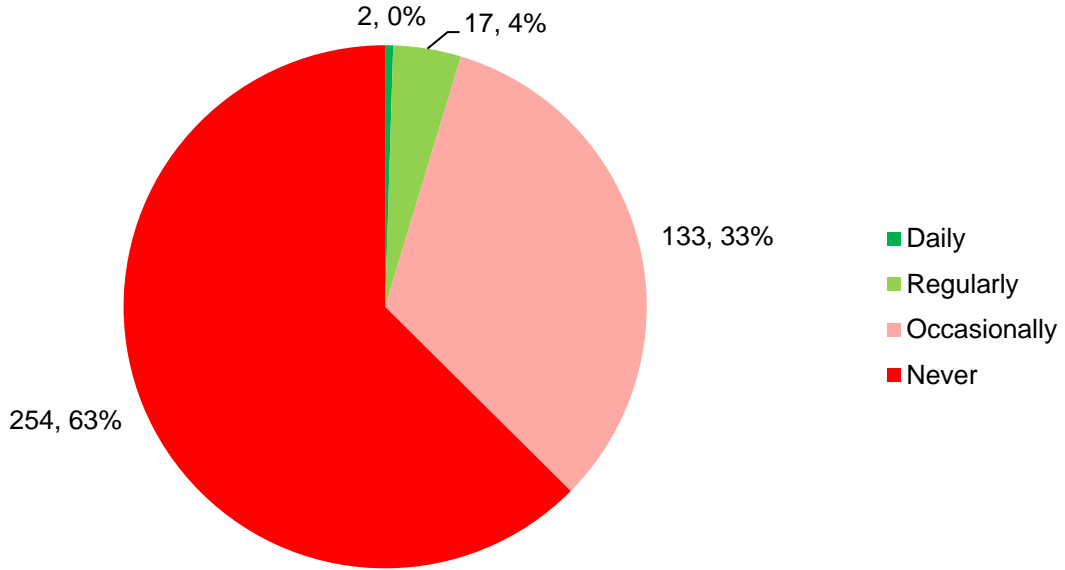
**b) Motorcycle/scooter**

Daily	Regularly	Occasionally	Never
2	9	14	375
1%	2%	4%	94%



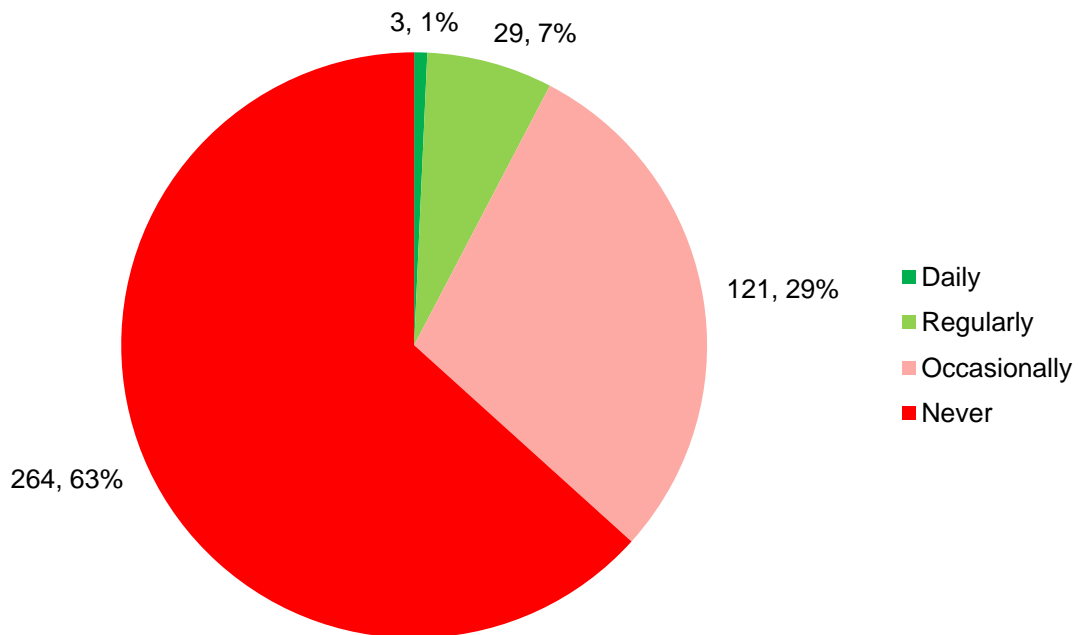
**c) Bus**

Daily	Regularly	Occasionally	Never
2	17	133	254
0%	4%	33%	63%



**d) Bicycle**

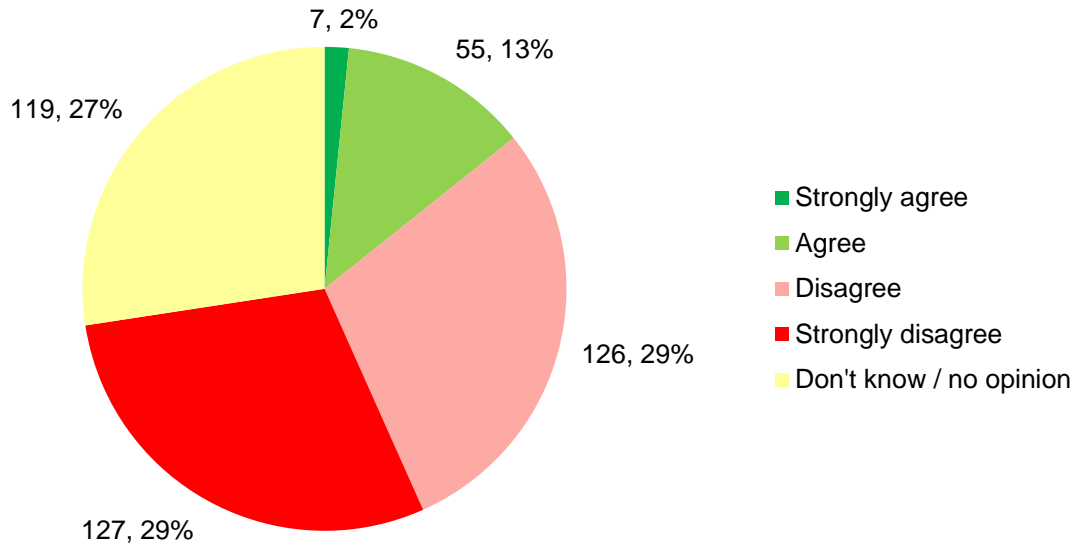
Daily	Regularly	Occasionally	Never
3	29	121	264
1%	7%	29%	63%



**T2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:**

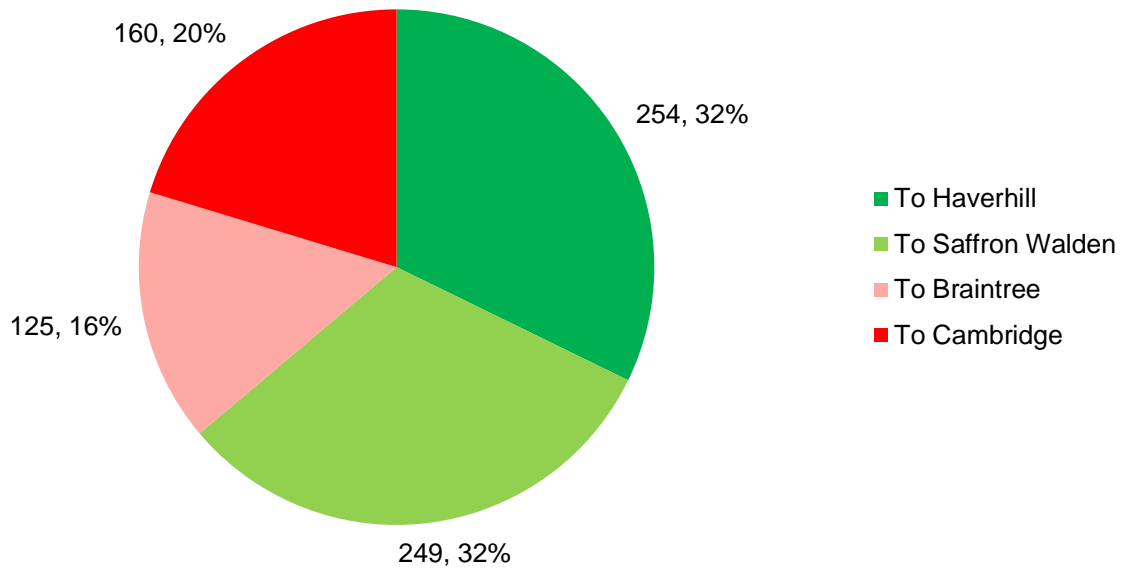
"The local bus services are adequate"

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
7	55	126	127	119
2%	13%	29%	29%	27%



**T3. Which local bus services do you think should be improved/set up, if any?**

To Haverhill	To Saffron Walden	To Braintree	To Cambridge
254	249	125	160
32%	32%	16%	20%

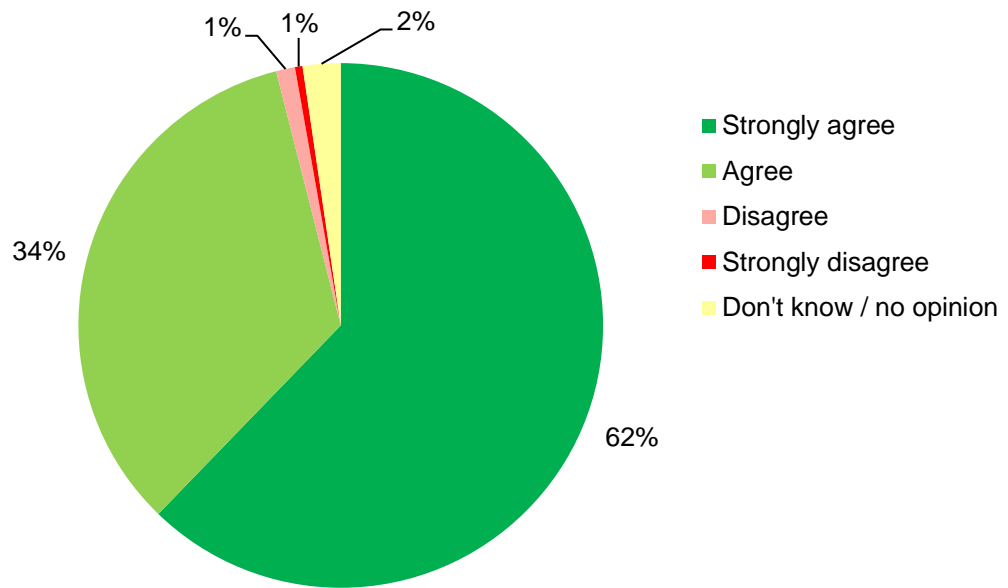


To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

**T4. "New housing developments should provide adequate and suitable off-street parking, for a minimum of two parking spaces for units with 1 - 3 bedrooms, and a minimum of three parking spaces for units with 4 or more bedrooms"**

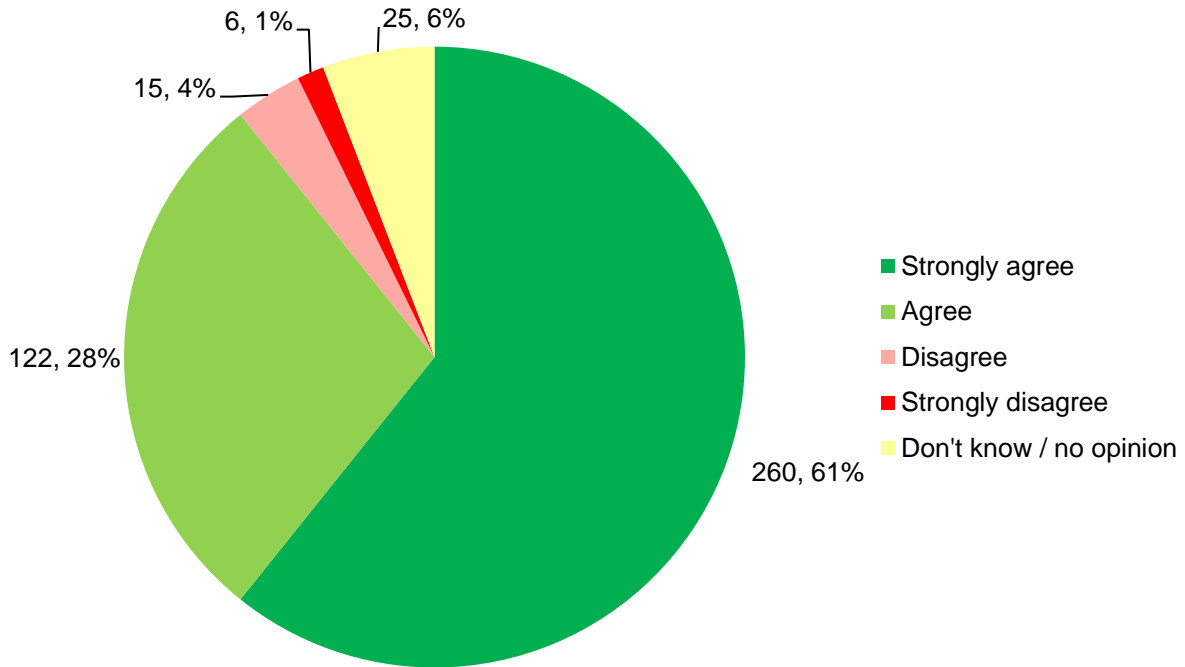
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
267	145	5	2	10
62%	34%	1%	0%	2%





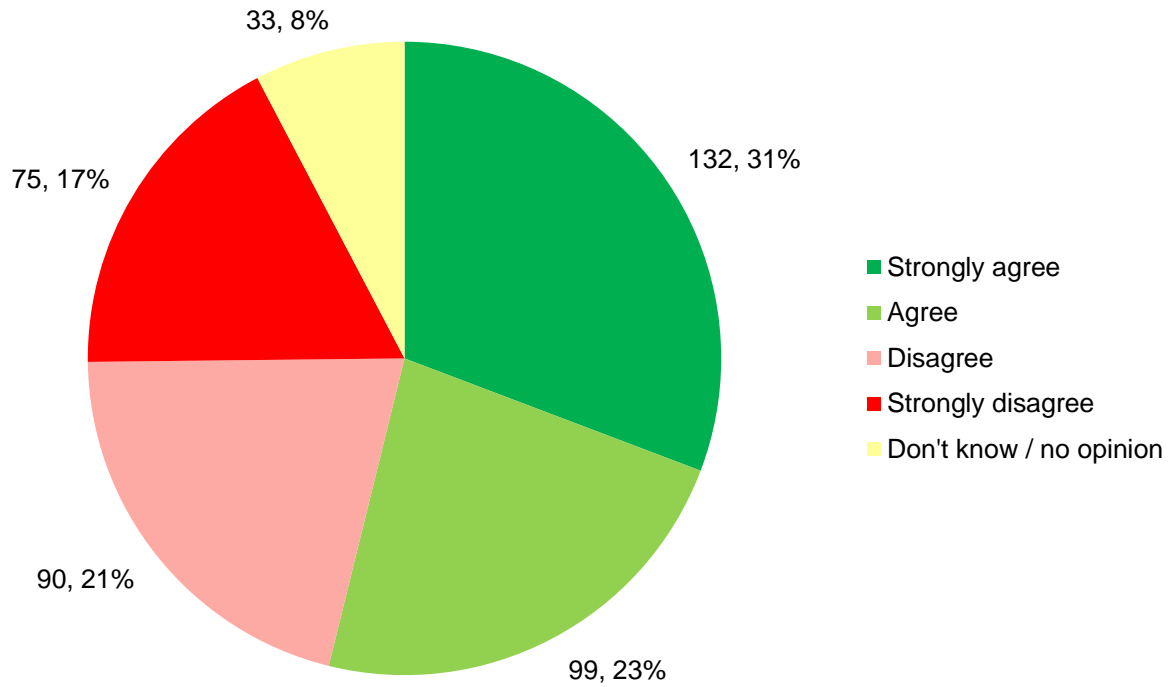
**T5. "A pavement should be provided on the north-west side of Water Lane (the B1054) between Church Street and the bus stop on Water Lane to the northeast of the junction with Queen Edith Drive"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
260	122	15	6	25
61%	29%	4%	1%	6%



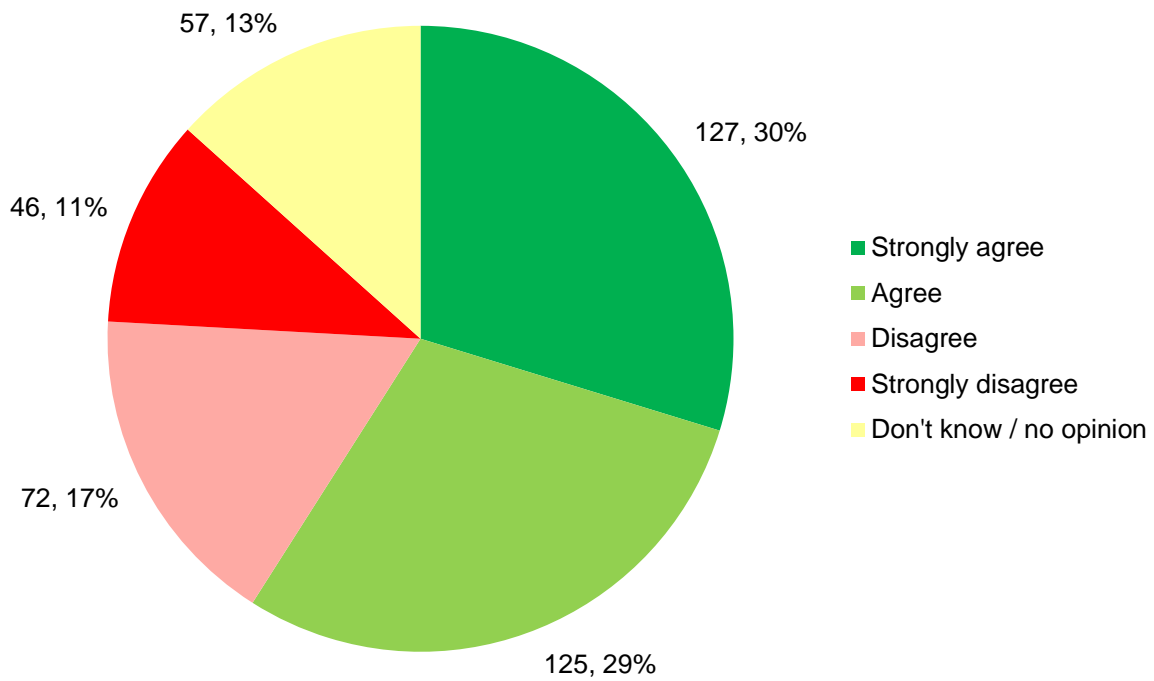
**T6. "The three-way junction between Claywall Bridge, Chapel Street and Blois Road should be replaced with a mini-roundabout"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
132	99	90	75	33
31%	23%	21%	17%	8%



**T7. "The three-way junction between North Street, The Endway and Haverhill Road should be replaced with the marked carriageway simply joining North Street and Haverhill Road, with the junction with The Endway being marked as a side junction"**

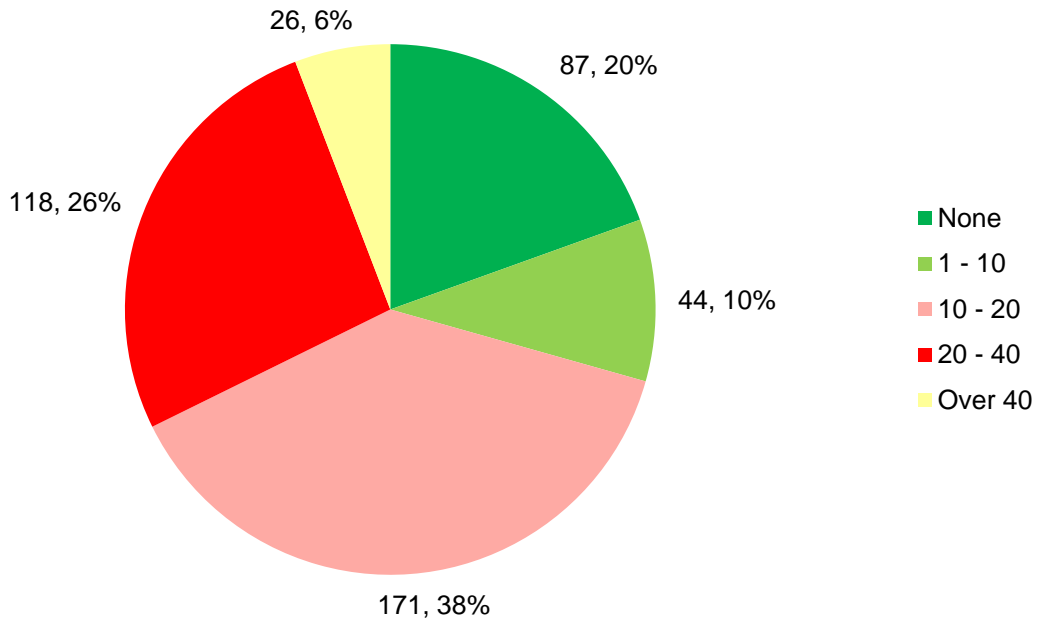
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
127	125	72	46	57
30%	29%	17%	11%	13%



Housing

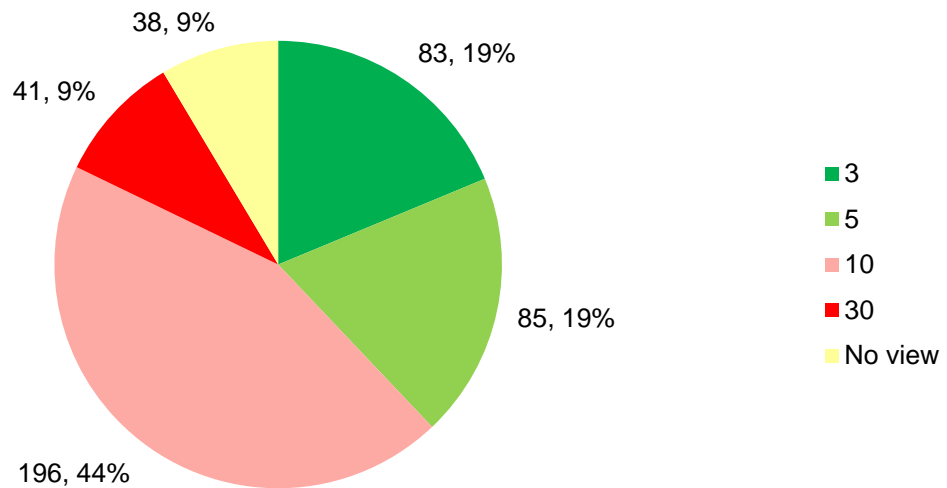
**H1. Over the next 25 years, how many new homes do you think should be built in the village?**

None	1 - 10	10 - 20	20 - 40	Over 40
87	44	171	118	26
20%	10%	38%	26%	6%



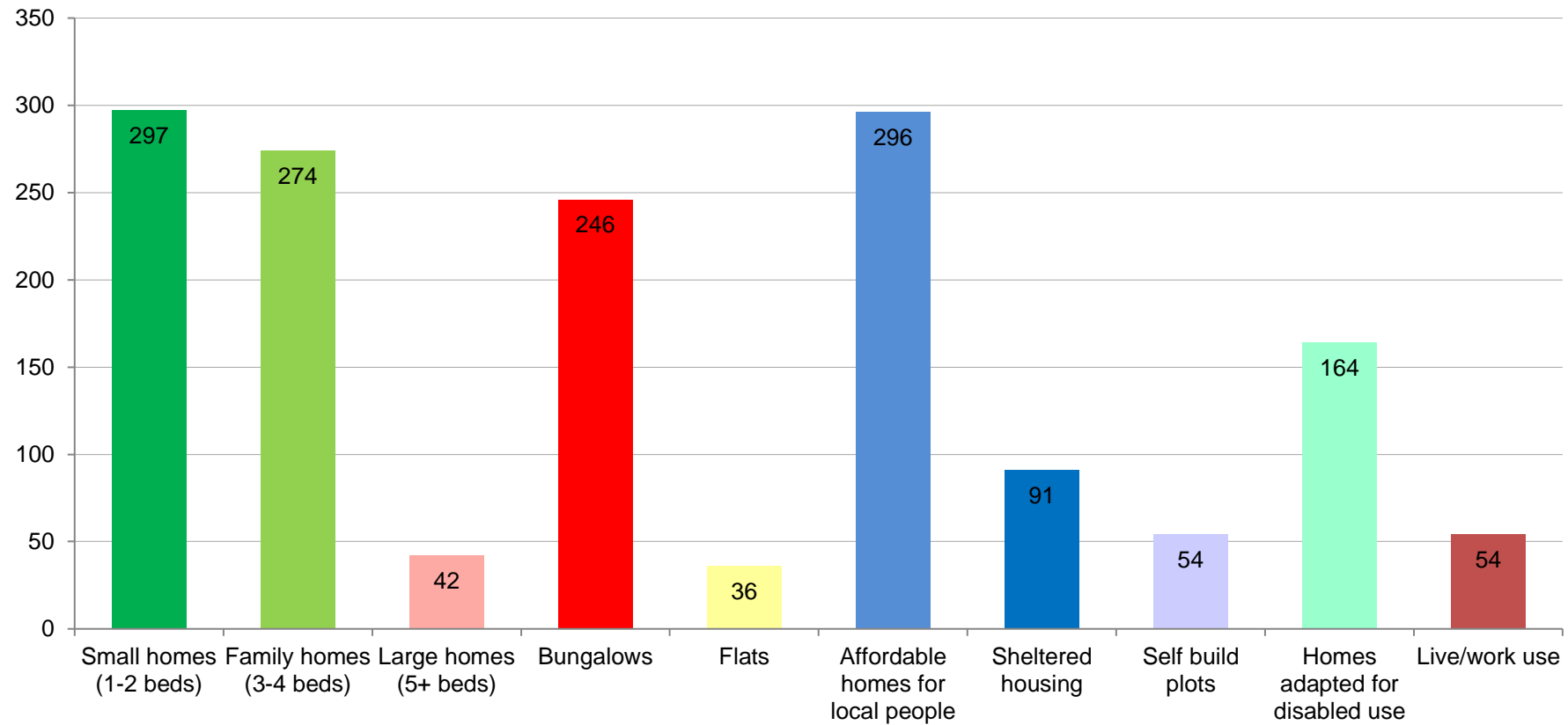
**H2. What do you think should be the maximum number of homes in any single new development project?**

3	5	10	30	No view
83	85	196	41	38
19%	19%	44%	9%	9%



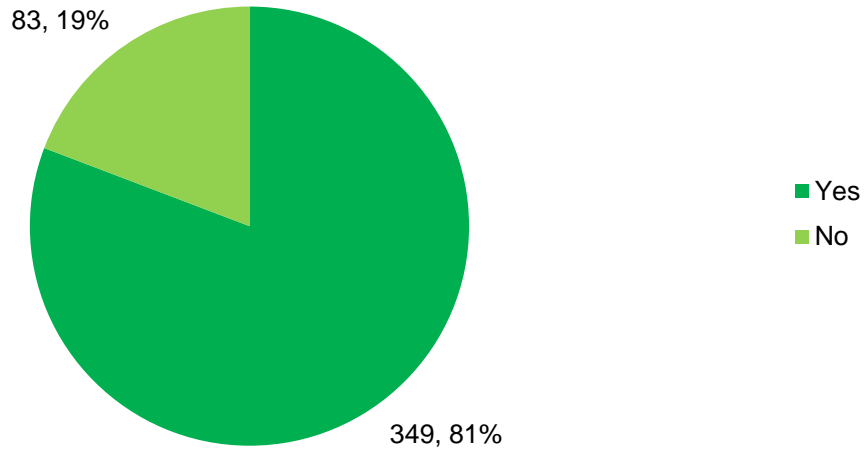
### H3. What types of housing you would you support being built in the village?

Small homes (1-2 beds)	Family homes (3-4 beds)	Large homes (5+ beds)	Bungalows	Flats	Affordable homes for local people	Sheltered housing	Self build plots	Homes adapted for disabled use	Live/work use
297	274	42	246	36	296	91	54	164	54
19%	18%	3%	16%	2%	19%	6%	3%	11%	3%



**H4. Would you support a community led (rather than developer led) housing scheme for local people (i.e. almshouses, Community Land Trust)?**

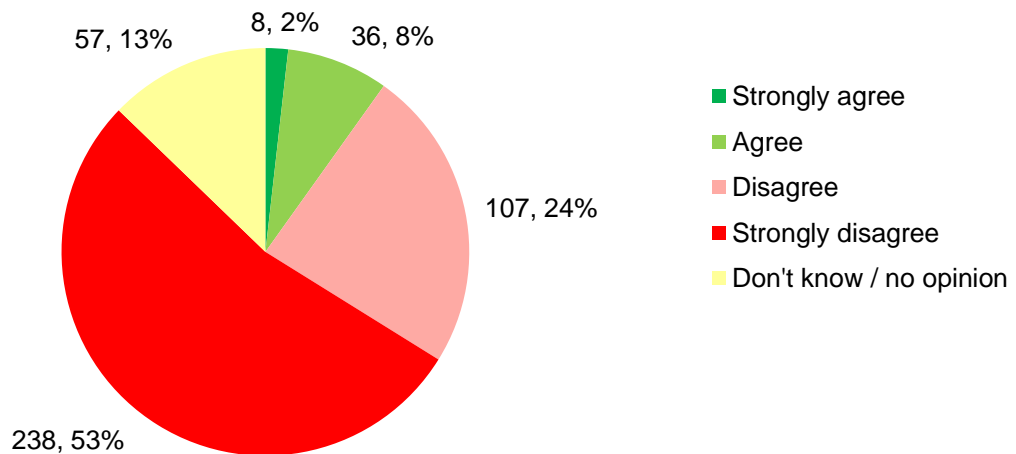
Yes	No
349	83
81%	19%



To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

**H5. "New housing development should be allowed on greenfield sites, which have never been built on before"**

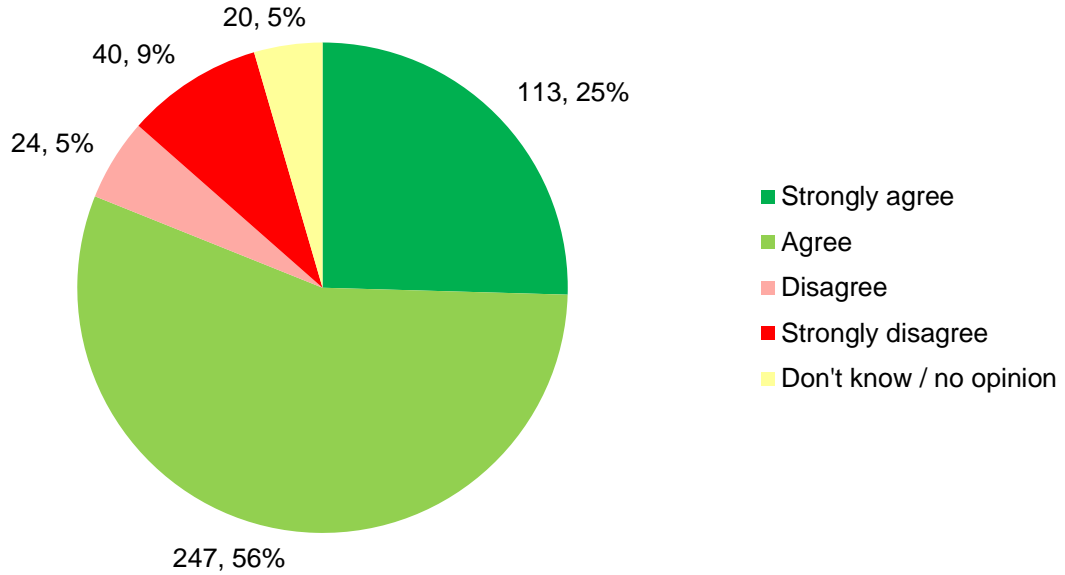
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
8	36	107	238	57
2%	8%	24%	53%	13%





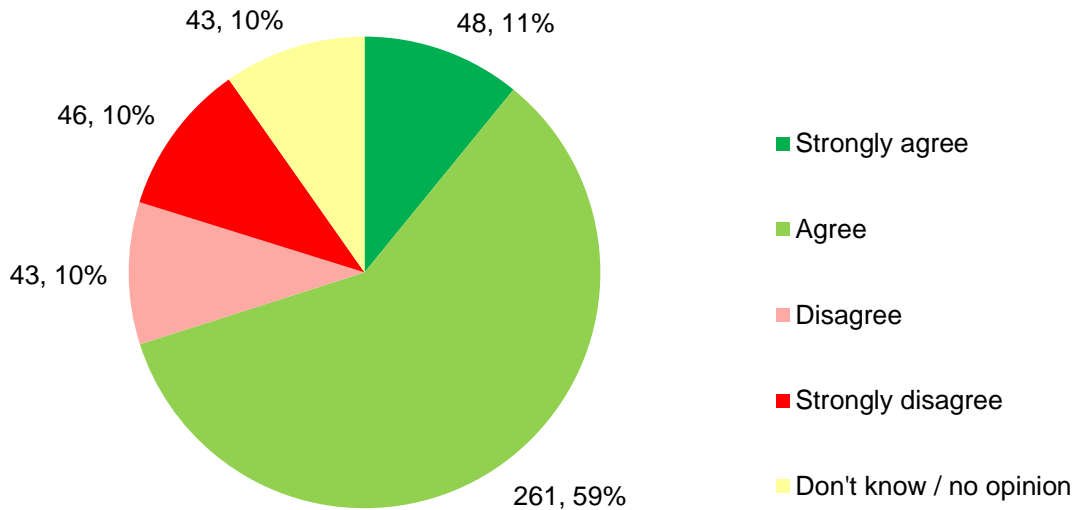
**H6. "New housing development should be allowed on brownfield sites, which have been built on before"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
113	247	24	40	20
25%	56%	5%	9%	5%



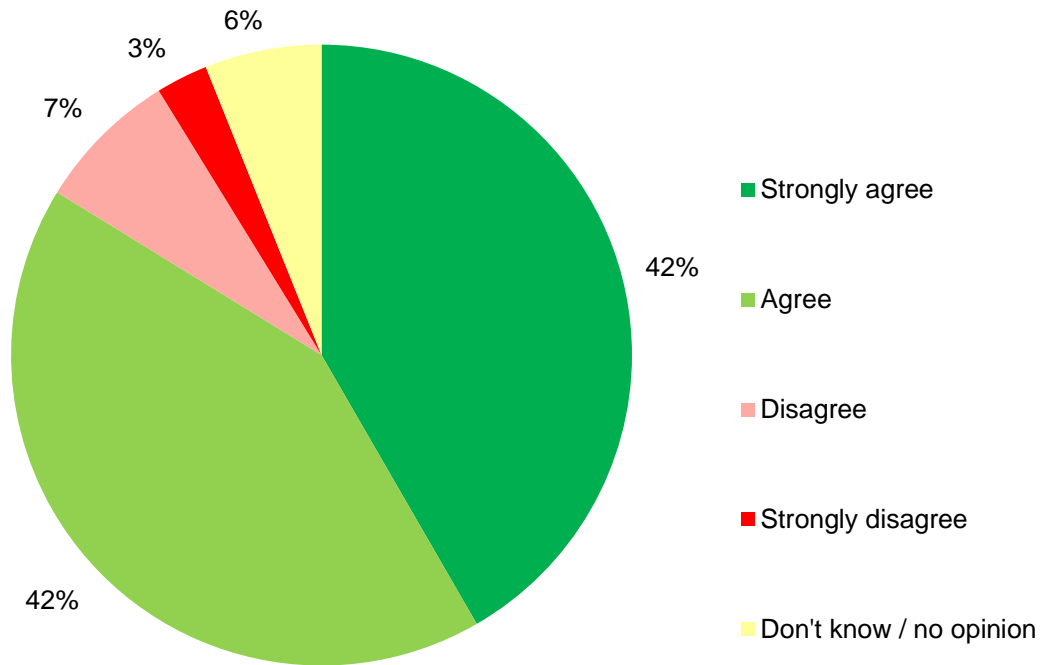
**H7. "New housing development should be allowed by converting existing farm buildings"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
48	261	43	46	43
11%	59%	10%	10%	10%



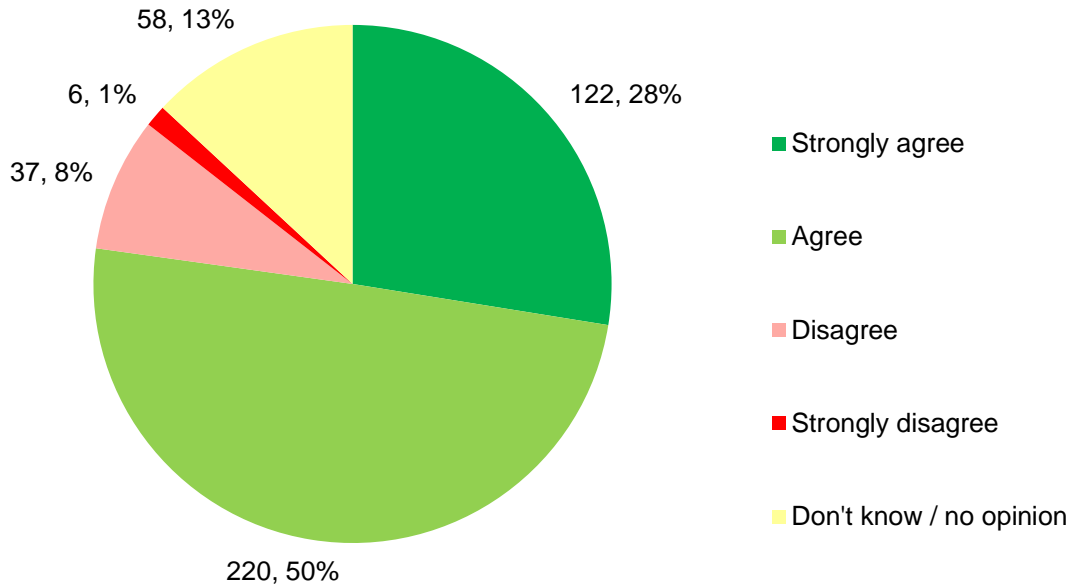
**H8. "Affordable housing should be offered at first occupation, only to people with a local connection i.e. those living in or with family in Steeple Bumpstead"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
185	187	33	12	27
42%	42%	7%	3%	6%



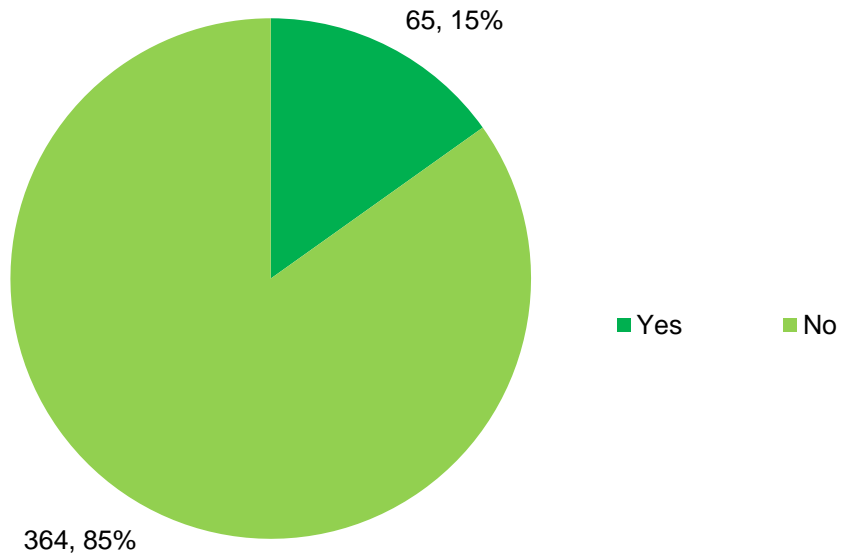
**H9. "All new homes should have a minimum garden size e.g. 50 square metres for a 2 bedroom home or 100 square metres for a 3 bedroom home"**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / no opinion
122	220	37	6	58
28%	50%	8%	1%	13%



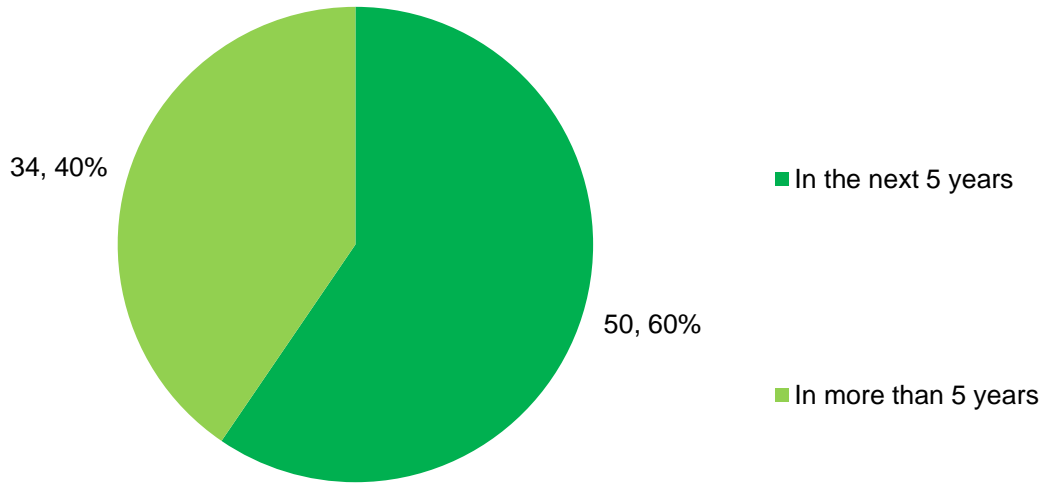
**H10. Do you need to move to alternative accommodation within Steeple Bumpstead?**

Yes	No
65	364
15%	85%



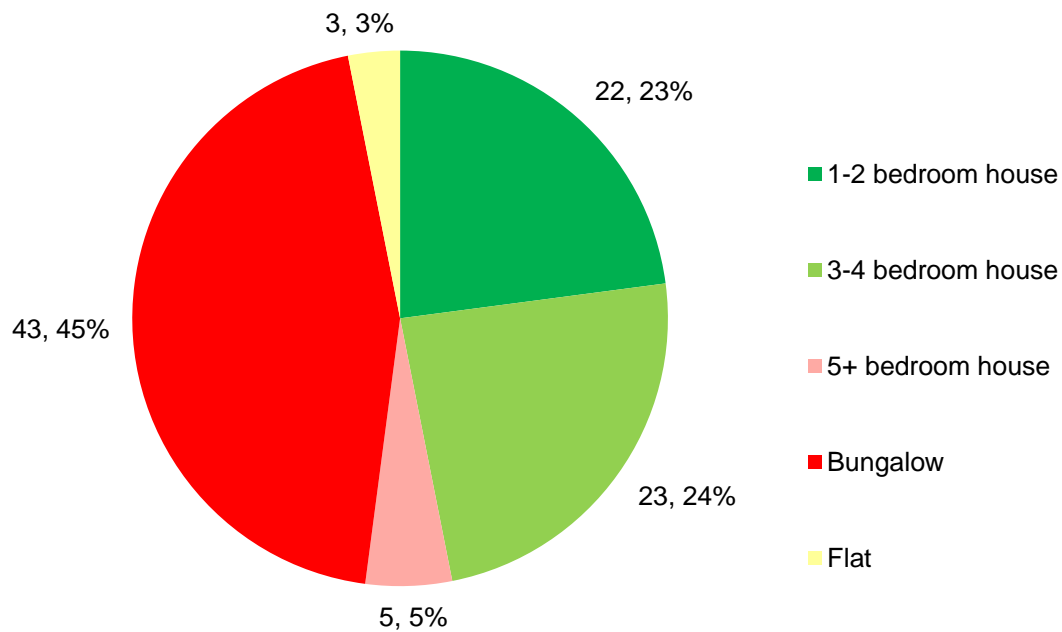
**H11. When will you need to move?**

In the next 5 years	In more than 5 years
50	34
60%	40%



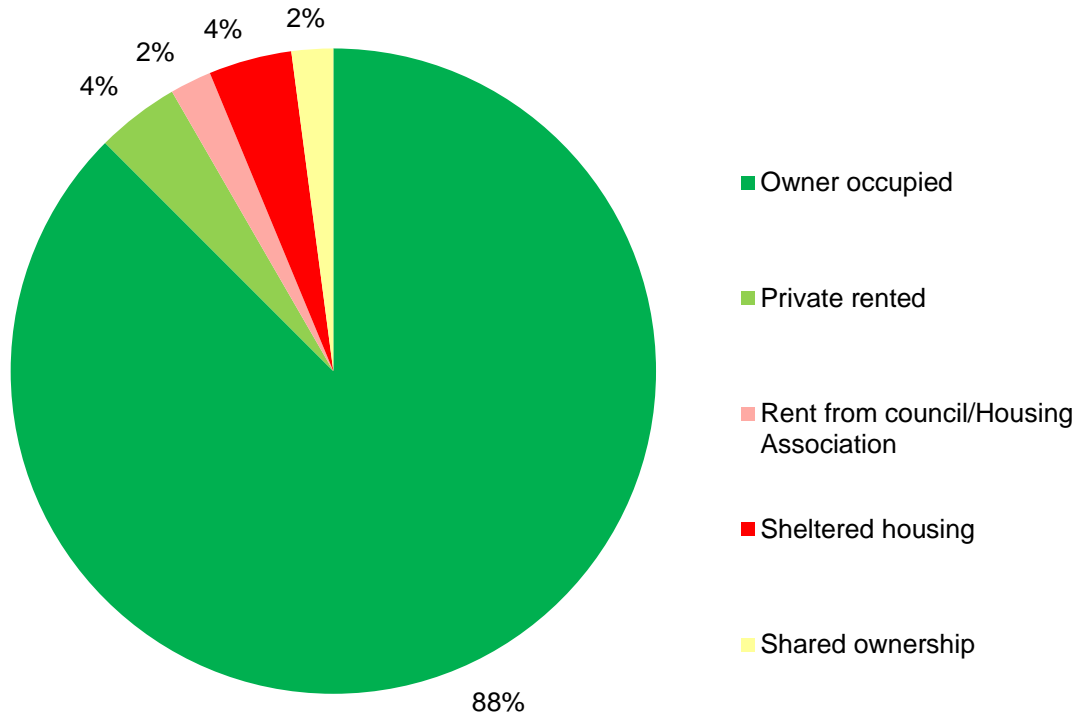
**H12. What type of home will you need in the village?**

1-2 bedroom house	3-4 bedroom house	5+ bedroom house	Bungalow	Flat
22	23	5	43	3
23%	24%	5%	45%	3%



**H13. What type of housing tenure will you need in the village?**

Owner occupied	Private rented	Rent from council/Housing Association	Sheltered housing	Shared ownership
84	4	2	4	2
88%	4%	2%	4%	2%



## Appendix 11: Regulation 14 Consultation responses

### List of questions

Question number	Sub-question	Question text
Q1	a	Do you agree with the vision statement outlined in Section 4 of the draft Neighbourhood Plan?
	b	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?
Q2	a	Do you agree with Policy SB1 "Location of New Development"?
	b	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?
Q3	a	Do you agree with Policy SB2 "Protected Views"?
	b	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?
Q4	a	Do you agree with Policy SB3 "Design in Harmony with the Built and Historic Environment"?
	b	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?
Q5	a	Do you agree with Policy SB4 "Residential Development on Garden Land"?
	b	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?
Q6	a	Do you agree with Policy SB5 "Affordable Housing"?
	b	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?
Q7	a	Do you agree with Policy SB6 "Protecting Existing Business Uses"?
	b	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?
Q8	a	Do you agree with Policy SB7 "Farm Businesses"?
	b	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?
Q9	a	Do you agree with Policy SB8 "Provision for Open Space, Sport and Recreation"?
	b	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?
Q10	a	Do you agree with Policy SB9 "Protecting Community Uses"?
	b	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?
Q11	a	Do you agree with Policy SB10 "Impact of New Development on Traffic"?
	b	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?
Q12	a	Do you agree with Policy SB11 "Parking Provision"?

	b	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?
Q13	a	How do you plan to vote in the referendum to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan?
Q14	a	Do you have any other comments?



Question 1 responses

**Do you agree with the vision statement outlined in Section 4 of the draft Neighbourhood Plan? If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?**

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SB1		Q1.1	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB2		Q1.2	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB3		Q1.3	No	I feel it's not very progressive and very anti-change. Steeple Bumpstead is a hub for satellite villages which it serves. There will inevitably be development to support surrounding village communities - housing and new businesses - the village plan should help shape this, not prevent it which I feel this plan does.	Vision statement not progressive. Plan will prevent development necessary to support neighbouring / satellite villages / communities	The vision is an overarching statement that seeks to positively describe the community's aspirations for the development of the village over the plan period and was developed through extensive engagement. Additional allocations are not anticipated to be required to meet development needs arising over the plan period. A change to the Plan is not required to meet the Basic Conditions.	
SB4		Q1.4	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB5		Q1.5	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB6		Q1.6	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB7		Q1.7	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB8		Q1.8	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

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SB9		Q1.9	No	The vision statement is based on inaccuracies, the heritage assets mentioned on pages 9 and 10 are events and not celebrated. The history of the building listed and unlisted are not preserved. The designated conservation area has not been well preserved, planning restrictions have only applied to the listed building which has resulted in a lack of cohesion , especially in Chapel Street which cannot be replaced. Affordability is a subjective word , and needs clear definition. Whilst I recognise the evidence from the survey, I believe that a vision for the next 15 years must include the word 'Inclusivity' , which this current document lacks especially with regards to comments about housing for people with links to the parish, I don't think this is acceptable in today's society.	Vision statement is inaccurate. Vision should contain reference to inclusivity. Plan lacks inclusivity. Affordability requires definition. The plan does not preserve history of heritage assets.	The vision is an overarching statement that seeks to positively describe the community's aspirations for the development of the village over the plan period. The vision statement was developed through extensive engagement. The neighbourhood plan cannot influence previous development and heritage projects and decisions. The Steering Group could consider adding inclusivity into the Vision. A change is not required to meet the Basic Conditions.	
SB10		Q1.10	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB11		Q1.11	No	A vision statement needs to be one sentence long only and certainly no more than 2 sentences eg. The community of Steeple Bumpstead will enjoy an excellent quality of life that is vibrant, safe, inclusive and affordable where possible. Its heritage and countryside will be protected and celebrated.	Vision statement too long. Alternative text provided.	The vision is an overarching statement that seeks to positively describe the community's aspirations for the development of the village over the plan period and was developed through extensive engagement. Change is not required to meet the Basic Conditions.	
SB12		Q1.12	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

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SB13		Q1.13	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB14		Q1.14	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB15		Q1.15	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB16	Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (the ICB)	Q1.16	Yes	This is the response of the Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (the ICB) and is submitted on their behalf by [REDACTED]. My contact details are [REDACTED]. It is noted that around 48 new homes are expected to be built in the village during the plan period. The ICB would expect the impacts of new development on healthcare capacity to be mitigated, most likely through a financial contribution towards the extension or reconfiguration of healthcare facilities operating in the area. Vision statement: The vision statement is supported, especially reference to excellent quality of life and facilities to meet the needs of the community.	Vision statement supported. Reference to quality of life and facilities supported.	Support noted, thank you.	
SB16	Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (the ICB)	Q1.17	Yes	The ICB would welcome the addition of explicit reference to attractive opportunities for physical activity in the village as this supports residents' physical and mental health and wellbeing.	Vision statement should contain reference to opportunities for physical activity.	The vision is an overarching statement that seeks to positively describe the community's aspirations for the development of the village over the plan period and was developed through extensive engagement. The Steering Group could consider including reference to physical activity. Change is not required to meet the Basic Conditions.	

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SB17		Q1.18	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB18		Q1.19	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB19		Q1.20	No	In my opinion the Vision Statement reads like Disney and is not what the Draft Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan promotes.	Vision statement unrealistic.	The vision is an overarching statement that seeks to positively describe the community's aspirations for the development of the village over the plan period and was developed through extensive engagement. Change is not required to meet the Basic Conditions.	
SB20		Q1.21	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB21		Q1.22	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB22		Q1.23	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB23		Q1.24	Yes	Yes, although more affordable / smaller houses need to be built instead of the 4 bedroom ones that have been built, which appear not to be selling very quickly. Not sure how much say the Parish Council would have but at least the development on the Finchinfield Road was stopped.	More affordable and smaller housing is required instead of 4+ bedroom typology.	No further sites for development have been identified as the Plan meets local housing need for the plan period. However, the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan seeks to promote the development of affordable housing where such development will meet demonstrated local needs. No change required.	
SB24		Q1.25	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB25		Q1.26	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB26		Q1.27	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB27		Q1.28	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

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SB28		Q1.29	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB29		Q1.30	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB30		Q1.31	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB31		Q1.32	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB32		Q1.33	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB33		Q1.34	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB34		Q1.35	No	Whilst agreeing that we need to protect our heritage and environment the village is most definitely not affordable especially for young people trying to get on the property ladder. Evaluating quality of life cannot be generalised, every individual has a different opinion of what constitutes this. Vibrant, is this the revitalised pub? There is nothing to keep young adults in the village	Need for protection of heritage and environment is supported. Village is not affordable. Disagree with the terminology of excellent quality of life - subjective. Village is not vibrant.	The vision is an overarching statement that seeks to positively describe the community's aspirations for the development of the village over the plan period and was developed through extensive engagement. Change is not required to meet the Basic Conditions.	
SB35		Q1.36	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB36		Q1.37	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB37		Q1.38	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB38		Q1.39	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB39		Q1.40	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB40		Q1.41	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB41		Q1.42	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB42		Q1.43	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB43		Q1.44	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

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SB44		Q1.45	No	The Parish of Steeple Bumpstead will be a place where residents enjoy an excellent quality of life and people feel valued. It will ensure the protection of Heritage assets, the countryside, wildlife and valuable views, ensuring that these are safeguarded and celebrated. Homes, businesses and other facilities will meet the needs of a vibrant, affordable and safe rural community. Do not like the terminology of 'Excellent quality of life' because there are so many contributing factors that can impact someones quality of life	Disagree with the terminology of "excellent quality of life" - subjective.	The vision is an overarching statement that seeks to positively describe the community's aspirations for the development of the village over the plan period and was developed through extensive engagement. Change is not required to meet the Basic Conditions.	
SB45	National Highways	Q1.46	N/A	The vision statement outlines and proposed policies within this draft neighbourhood plan 2022-2033 would not have any predicted adverse impact on the Strategic Road Network (SRN). We do not have any more comment of this.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB46	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Q1.47	N/A	Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to NGET assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to NGET's assets which include high voltage electricity assets and other electricity infrastructure. NGET has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	

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SB47	National Gas Transmission	Q1.48	N/A	Proposed sites crossed or in close proximity to National Gas Transmission assets:An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Gas Transmission’s assets which include high-pressure gas pipelines and other infrastructure.National Gas Transmission has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB48	Natural England	Q1.49	N/A	Natural England does not have any specific comments on the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB49	The Coal Authority	Q1.50	N/A	No comment	No comment.	Noted.	
SB50	Chelmsford City Council	Q1.51	N/A	We have no specific comments to make at this time, although we would appreciate being notified of future stages of consultation and onward progress.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB51	Braintree District Council	Q1.52	N/A	N/A		N/A	
SB52	Anglian Water	Q1.53	N/A	N/A		N/A	
SB53	Essex Police	Q1.54	N/A	We have reviewed the content of the draft plan and although we have no direct comment to make on the proposed plan we have attached for your information, the Essex Police considerations to development and infrastructure change which forms part of the organisations strategic planning considerations.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB54	Essex County Council	Q1.55	N/A	ECC recommend reference should also be made to the ‘setting’ of heritage assets consistent with National Planning Policy	Reference should be made to the 'setting' of heritage assets.	The Steering Group could consider including this amendment. A change is not needed to meet the	

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				Framework (NPPF), paragraph 194 and Section 8 – Heritage Assets.	Alternative text provided.	requirements of the Basic Conditions.	
SB54	Essex County Council	Q1.56	N/A	<p>ECC recommend reference is also made to multifunctional green infrastructure (GI) and net gain in biodiversity in the Vision given the nature of the Plan area outlined in Section 3.1 Countryside &amp; Environment, including it being located within the Stour Valley Project Area (SVPA).</p> <p><i>Heritage assets and their setting will be protected; countryside, multifunctional green infrastructure, net gain in biodiversity, wildlife and valuable views will be safeguarded, enhanced and celebrated.</i></p>	<p>Reference should be made to multifunctional green infrastructure and biodiversity net gain. Alternative text provided.</p>	<p>The Steering Group could consider including this amendment. A change is not needed to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions.</p>	



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SB54	Essex County Council	Q1.57	N/A	<p>ECC also recommend a new overarching policy regarding GI be added to Section 5.2 – Countryside and the Environment. The policy is provided later in this response.</p> <p>For your information, Natural England has published the National Green Infrastructure Framework (January 2023), which is designed to help meet requirements in the NPPF, paragraph 20d to develop strategic policies regarding GI in local plans and in new developments. The Framework comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Infrastructure Principles: provide a baseline to develop stronger GI policy and delivery;</li> <li>• Green Infrastructure Standards: guidance on national standards for GI quantity and quality;</li> <li>• Green Infrastructure Maps: mapped environmental, socio-economic datasets to support the standards;</li> <li>• Green Infrastructure Planning and Design Guide: practical, evidence-based advice on how to design good quality green infrastructure; and.</li> <li>• Green Infrastructure Process Journeys: guides on how to apply all the products in the GI</li> </ul>	A new overarching policy regarding Green Infrastructure should be added to Section 5.2 – Countryside and the Environment	The Steering Group could consider including this amendment. A change is not needed to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions.	

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				Framework advise for Neighbourhood Plans			

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SB54	Essex County Council	Q1.58	N/A	ECC recommend the Plan makes reference to and applies the Essex Green Infrastructure Strategy (2020) and the Essex Green Infrastructure Standards (June 2022) as part of the Plan's evidence base, both of which have been endorsed by Natural England. These documents champion for the enhancement, protection, and creation of an inclusive and integrated network of green spaces. Applying Essex's nine GI principles will help to ensure quality and consistency in the provision, management, and stewardship of GI an essential part of place-making and placekeeping for the benefit of people and wildlife. ECC considers that all major and strategic development sites should be designed around green and blue infrastructure to inform and shape the development. Particularly within denser developments, GI and open space should be approached from a multifunctional perspective, combining uses such as sustainable drainage, public open space, walking and cycling routes and biodiversity conservation to combine functional uses with amenity benefits. These features should be strategically located to provide green infrastructure and landscaping in prominent spaces to maximise the benefits to site users and increase the usability of multifunctional space.	The Plan should make reference to and apply the Essex Green Infrastructure Strategy (2020) and the Essex Green Infrastructure Standards (June 2022) as part of the Plan's evidence base	The Steering Group could consider including this amendment. A change is not needed to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions.	

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SB54	Essex County Council	Q1.59	N/A	<p>ECC recommend the Plan makes more reference to securing net gain in biodiversity. All development is required to deliver a minimum of 10% biodiversity net gain (BNG) consistent with the Environment Act 2021. It is expected the mandatory requirement for BNG to come into place in November 2023. Small sites (9 or more homes) will need to comply with the Act from April 2024. The Government's response to the 2018 consultation on BNG set out that there would be a 2-year implementation period for mandatory BNG once the Environment Bill received Royal Assent and became the Act (which happened on 9 November 2021).</p> <p>A Greater Essex Local Nature Partnership (GELNP) was established in March 2022 to deliver the outputs of the DEFRA 25-Year Environment Plan and Environment Act (2021). This includes the preparation of the Greater Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy (GELNRS), including delivering BNG, multifunctional green infrastructure and sustainable land management and to contribute to the national tree planting target. The GELNRS will form the baseline for habitat information, which in turn will generate action to promote biodiversity management and improvement. The GELNRS is being prepared for completion</p>	<p>The Plan should make more reference to securing net gain in biodiversity.</p>	<p>The repetition of legislative requirements is not required within the Neighbourhood Plan. No change required.</p>	

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				by early 2024. The GELNRS is being prepared for completion by early 2024. An Essex Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Guidance Pack has been produced and provides an overview of the facts and guidance on BNG to date. DEFRA released the first round of LNRS guidance on the 23rd of March, which covers general principles of what the LNRS will include. DEFRA also released the LNRS regulations, which layout the legal requirements placed on the Responsible Authority when delivering an LNRS.			
SB54	Essex County Council	Q1.60	N/A	ECC supports the requirement for net gain to preferably be on-site and if this is not achievable off-site with deliverability needing to be evidenced. ECC/Local Nature Partnership (LNP) is presently investigating the approach of seeking developers who cannot deliver the necessary biodiversity requirements on site, due to site constraints, the opportunity to purchase biodiversity credits that can be used to provide additional biodiversity benefits to specific	Further information about supporting biodiversity net gain, and the approach to using a biodiversity credits scheme where necessary.	Noted. No change required.	

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				locations on ECC land. A statutory biodiversity credits scheme, in accordance with the Act, is being established through developing a biodiversity credit investment pipeline and payment structures to fund habitat provision. It is anticipated more information on the national biodiversity credits scheme to be made available in Winter 2023. Any net gain provision will need to demonstrate long term management/stewardship for at least 30 years via obligations/ conservation covenant.			
SB54	Essex County Council	Q1.61	N/A	The Essex LNP Biodiversity and Planning Working Group are exploring the feasibility for 20% BNG. Once more evidence on delivery and viability is available the Plan may wish to consider adopting a higher figure than the minimum 10% requirement. An Essex BNG Guidance Pack has been produced and provides an overview of the facts and guidance on BNG to date	The Plan may wish to adopt a higher than 10% figure for biodiversity once more evidence is available.	The Steering Group could consider including this amendment. The inclusion of the higher target may require additional supporting evidence. A change is not needed to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions.	
SB54	Essex County Council	Q1.62	N/A	ECC recommend the parish council uses the Essex Biodiversity Validation Checklist with regards ecological and biological records. This is a good starting point for the parish to commence data collection regarding local biodiversity. In addition, the parish may wish to contact Essex Wildlife Trust who are running a 'Wilder Towns Wilder Villages Project' to help	Recommend using the Essex Biodiversity Validation Checklist with regards ecological and biological records.	Noted. No change required.	

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				parish and town councils with regards training and resources, connecting with other councils and promoting good practice. Parish Councils are required to sign up to receive a 'toolkit'			

Question 2 responses

**Do you agree with Policy SB1 “Location of New Development”? If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?**

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SB1		Q2.1	No	Development proposals should also respect and be sympathetic to the surrounding properties/villagers, the preservation of the conservation area and the local properties/villagers enjoyment of the same.	Development proposals should also respect and be sympathetic to the surrounding properties/villagers, the preservation of the conservation area and the local properties/villagers enjoyment of the same.	Issues expressed are addressed by Policy SB3 of the Neighbourhood Plan. No change required.	
SB2		Q2.2	No	Too restrictive	Policy too restrictive.	Noted. The Steering Group could consider making the policy less restrictive. This is not needed to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions.	
SB3		Q2.3	No	The village will become bigger as housing demand increases. How will SB support this?	Ability of village to support growth queried.	The neighbourhood plan seeks to influence and manage the growth and development of the village sustainably. No change required.	
SB4		Q2.4	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB5		Q2.5	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	



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SB6		Q2.6	No	i.e. In previous neighbourhood plans the old garage site/workshops behind 40-58 North Street was listed previously as STEP393, this should definitely be specifically identified in the Plan - this had PLANNING APPROVAL GRANTED FOR 5 DWELLINGS, which has lapsed. As a brownfield site within the village envelope this needs to be included on the plan still for future development as well as improving the village views and riverside walk.	Site STEP393 (rear of 40-58 North Street) should be allocated for future development.	There is no previous made Neighbourhood Plan for Steeple Bumpstead. No further sites for development have been identified as the Plan is considered to meet local housing need for the plan period. Future development proposals will be tested against national and local policy and the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan once made. Policy SB1 supports the development of brownfield sites. No change required.	
SB7		Q2.7	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB8		Q2.8	No	Seems too restrictive for future development requirements	Policy too restrictive.	Noted. The Steering Group could consider making the policy less restrictive. This is not needed to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions.	

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SB9		Q2.9	No	I think we should build on the brownfield sites within the village, this would remove unsightly areas . These should be family or multi generational homes which would help maintain the village school etc. At present houses are being built just outside of the village for example in Hempstead these will still impact traffic wise on North Street etc but not contribute to our village. I think it would need very careful legislation to define 'people with a local connection to the Parish' I do not agree with Policy SB5 except that which is accordance with BDC local plan.	Brownfield sites should be developed.	Noted, Policy SB1 supports the development of brownfield sites. Neighbourhood plans can seek to encourage some form of initial local prioritisation in the allocation of affordable housing through planning contributions, however this requires support and guidance from Braintree District Council. No change required.	
SB10		Q2.10	No	In reality too much development has occurred on green belt farm land ,some of which is outside the village envelope. The council should insist that the planner's don't allow this to happen in the future. We should insist that our village plan states clearly on the MAPS and TEXT that any Brownfield sites within the parish and especially the envelope are clearly marked and encouraged for future development. Any development within especially the envelope should improve the area and views for both home owners and those enjoying recreational activities.	Brownfield sites should be identified in the Plan and support for development.	No further sites for development have been identified as the Plan meets local housing need for the plan period. The development boundary represents the general distinction between the built up area (including sustainable and previously developed brownfield sites) and surrounding countryside and therefore development within the boundary is encouraged. Policy SB1 support brownfield land development. No change required.	

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SB11		Q2.11	No	Recently a planning application was put forward in a local town approximately 10 miles from Steeple Bumpstead, for over 1000 houses which was refused by the Local District Council. An application was made to the Secretary of State who passed the proposed application. Braintree District Council suggested 48 houses as being appropriate for Steeple Bumpstead. When does that date from because the Neighbourhood Plan only mentions sites that have already been approved and where development has already started. It is misguided to believe there will be no further development needed for housing over the next 11 years. I would change this policy by taking a more pragmatic and co-operative approach to the location of new developments which could benefit all parties.	Approach to location of new development should be more pragmatic and co-operative.	It is expected that 49 homes will be supplied over the 12-year plan period to 2033 as determined by Braintree District Council's Full Housing Trajectory accurate as of 2022. No further sites for development have been identified as the Plan meets local housing need for the plan period through recent planning approvals. No change required.	
SB12		Q2.12	No	The village has suffered the consequences of too much in-filling already. Para 5.3 states that "The historic core of the village is dense and compact" That is utter rubbish. Steeple Bumpstead used to be blessed with plenty of open space - the Red Lion garden/bowling green though to the garden at Clay Wall provided a wonderful "green lung" to the village. Humphreys Meadow had no houses. Broadgates garden extended to the ford, The Camping Close had no building on it or to the or south and west - those, then meadows, were grazed by cattle who drank from Bumpstead Brook at the bottom of what is now Queen Edith Drive!	Further in-filling should not occur. Development outside of the village boundary should be identified.	No further sites for development have been identified as the Plan meets local housing need for the plan period through recent planning approvals. No change required.	

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				Nearly all the houses had generous gardens, Home Close did not exist and the Portobello yard was fairly open and rural, used as a livestock hauliers base. Further in-filling will inevitably lead to even more urbanisation of the village. The Neighbourhood plan, by simply saying "no" to development outside the village envelope leaves itself open to large developers applying for sites anywhere round the village. Whilst I can see the reluctance to accept new developments, and understand that such a view should be expressed, it would be wise, perhaps, for the committee to identify where they would prefer to see any further developments placed albeit outside the village envelope. That way they would be seen as being proactive and have more influence than just saying "no"			
SB13		Q2.13	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB14		Q2.14	No	Policy SB1 is ambiguous and not explicit enough. Previous attempt's at a Village Plan clearly identified Brownfield Sites or sites identified as potentially available for development within the village envelope. It becomes even more important that Brownfield sites inside the village envelope are included as a priority after recent planning Developments outside the envelope which have been accepted. In previous Neighbourhood Plan attempts I note the Old Garage Workshop site behind 40-58 North Street was previously Listed as STEP 393 this should definitely be	Policy is ambiguous. Brownfield sites should be developed	There is no previous made Neighbourhood Plan for Steeple Bumpstead. No further sites for development have been identified as the Plan meets local housing need for the plan period. Future development proposals will be tested against national and local policy and the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan once	

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				specifically identified in the Plan. I understand that this site has had in the past Planning Approval Granted, for 5 dwellings. Although this development was allowed to lapse, it should be highlighted and encouraged for development to improve the visual aspect to its neighbours, and at the same time enhancing the riverside walk instead of a poor wooden fence and overgrown ivy.		made. Policy SB1 supports the development of brownfield sites and the development boundary represents the general distinction between the built up area (including sustainable and previously developed brownfield sites) and surrounding countryside and therefore development within the boundary is encouraged over outside of the boundary.	
SB15		Q2.15	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB16	Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (the ICB)	Q2.16		No comment	No comment	Noted	
SB17		Q2.17	Yes	It is very important not to allow development outside the village Development Boundary.	Development outside development boundary should not be permitted.	Noted. Policy SB1 restricts development too special circumstances as set out in National Policy.	

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SB18		Q2.18	Yes	It is especially important NOT to allow development outside the village boundary. I was shocked that the Pig Farmer was given permission to develop OUTSIDE the village envelope at Lily corner. How come? And Lily Corner always floods!!!	Development outside development boundary should not be permitted.	The Neighbourhood Plan cannot influence previous development decisions. Policy SB1 seeks to carefully manage development outside of the settlement boundary. No change required.	
SB19		Q2.19	No	Disagree, I cannot support this policy when the policy states "meet relevant requirements set out in other policies" and there are so many inaccuracies in the other policies of the plan. Also, I am not opposed to any carefully considered development outside the village envelope but I am strongly opposed to a 100% affordable housing development.	Policy flawed. 100% affordable housing should not be permitted.	Noted, concern regarding other policies considered in other questions. Objection to 100% affordable developments noted. This is not being proposed through the Neighbourhood Plan. No changes required.	
SB20		Q2.20	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB21		Q2.21	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB22		Q2.22	No	Affordable housing, at present, is a pipe dream although applaudable in concept. I believe that any future development should only be contained within the current envelope and be brownfield only. Village amenities should not be considered for development either.	Development outside development boundary should not be permitted. Brownfield sites should be developed. Amenities should be protected. Affordable housing is not realistic.	Policy SB1 seeks to manage development outside of the development boundary and supports the development of brownfield land. Policy SB9 seeks to prevent losses of community use from development. The protection of village amenities is provided for in Policy SB9 - Community	

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						Uses. No change required.	
SB23		Q2.23	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB24		Q2.24	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB25		Q2.25	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB26		Q2.26	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB27		Q2.27	Yes	I very much agree with the statement, however I am concerned that the document slightly reflects the vision as a fait accompli and shows no provision for any Brownfield sites potentially available, when in fact such land exists. A little bit like the closed shop. Should the plan be completely open and transparent.	Brownfield sites should not be developed.	No further sites for development have been identified as the Plan meets local housing need for the plan period. Future development proposals will be tested against national and local policy and the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan once made. Policy SB1 supports the development of brownfield sites.	
SB28		Q2.28	Yes	Although two current developments are outside this envelope already. Therefore, will this Neighbourhood Plan supply better protection against such developments in the period of the Plan?	Ability of plan to protect against development outside development boundary queried.	The neighbourhood plan cannot influence development decisions taken prior to the plan being 'made'. Policy SB1 seeks to manage development outside of the village envelope.	

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SB29		Q2.29	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB30		Q2.30	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB31		Q2.31	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB32		Q2.32	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB33		Q2.33	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB34		Q2.34	Yes	Why are the maps not included in the document. Is this so that it makes it difficult for people to comment? To be honest the village does not need more development as the character is being removed. There needs to be a distinct boundary which is not breached	Development outside development boundary should not be permitted. Maps should be provided in the document. Village does not need additional development.	The maps were available as separate documents on the Parish Council website. Policy SB3 seeks to support development sympathetic to local character. Policy SB1 restricts the support of development outside of the village envelope to promote desirable and sustainable development within the development boundary. No changes required.	
SB35		Q2.35	Yes	But only if the latest new builds are included in the 48 dwellings. This takes into account the period the plan spans	Plan should include recent approvals.	Future housing supply includes recently granted permissions and ongoing developments. No change required.	
SB36		Q2.36	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB37		Q2.37	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	



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SB38		Q2.38	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB39		Q2.39	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB40		Q2.40	No	In principle this all sounds ideal, however, there are certain vague borders to the edge of the village, and there is no mention of protection of woods and trees that exist on the edge of the village,	Need to protect woods and trees on village edge.	<p>The development boundary was determined by Braintree District Council to provide a distinction between the built up area (including sustainable and previously developed brownfield sites) and surrounding countryside. Policy SB1 seeks to encourage development within the development boundary.</p> <p>Trees are protected under LPP65 of Braintree District Council's Local Plan, the Steering Group could consider the inclusion of a policy or requirement to protect existing trees where appropriate. A change is not recommended or needed to meet the requirements of the basic conditions.</p>	
SB41		Q2.41	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

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SB42		Q2.42	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB43		Q2.43	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB44		Q2.44	No	Development should, in all locations only take place on Brownfield sites as it is the most sustainable way for 'new development' It is already bad enough that we have lost part of a field for houses which are not affordable in the slightest!!!	Brownfield sites should be developed.	Policy SB1 supports the development of brownfield sites and the development boundary represents the general distinction between the built up area (including sustainable and previously developed brownfield sites) and surrounding countryside. Policy SB1 seeks to encourage new development to take place within the boundary on brownfield sites. No change required.	
SB45	National Highways	Q2.45	N/A	The vision statement outlines and proposed policies within this draft neighbourhood plan 2022-2033 would not have any predicted adverse impact on the Strategic Road Network (SRN). We do not have any more comment of this.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB46	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Q2.46	N/A	Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to NGET assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to NGET's assets which include high voltage electricity assets and other electricity infrastructure. NGET has identified that it has no record of	No comment.	Noted.	

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				such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.			
SB47	National Gas Transmission	Q2.47	N/A	Proposed sites crossed or in close proximity to National Gas Transmission assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Gas Transmission's assets which include high-pressure gas pipelines and other infrastructure. National Gas Transmission has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB48	Natural England	Q2.48	N/A	Natural England does not have any specific comments on the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB49	The Coal Authority	Q2.49	N/A	No comment	No comment.	Noted.	
SB50	Chelmsford City Council	Q2.50	N/A	We have no specific comments to make at this time, although we would appreciate being notified of future stages of consultation and onward progress.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB51	Braintree District Council	Q2.51	SB1	Currently the policy is negatively worded. It is suggested that the word "only" is deleted. Development within development boundaries is supported in the Local Plan under policy LPP 1 – Development Boundaries but does not restrict development to only brownfield sites. This means that the policy conflicts with the adopted Local Plan policy.	Policy is negatively worded. Alternative text provided / suggested. Policy conflicts with Local Plan policy.	Agreed. Policy should be amended as requested to ensure it meets the requirements of the Basic Conditions. Recommended change is as follows: <i>'Development proposals within the Steeple Bumpstead Development Boundary</i>	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation

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						<i>as shown on Maps SB1a and SB1b attached will <del>only</del> be supported <del>where</del> provided that they....'</i>	
SB51	Braintree District Council	Q2.52	SB1	It is also in conflict with policy SP1 – Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development which encourages sustainable development within development boundaries. If the Neighbourhood Plan is seeking to prevent inappropriate development, it may be worth including those areas identified on maps SB8 and SB9 as areas where development proposals would not be generally supported.	Policy is negatively worded. Alternative text provided / suggested. Policy conflicts with Local Plan policy.	Agreed. Policy should be amended as requested to ensure it meets the requirements of the Basic Conditions. Recommended change is as follows: <i>'Development proposals within the Steeple Bumpstead Development Boundary as shown on Maps SB1a and SB1b attached will <del>only</del> be supported <del>where</del> provided that they....'</i>	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation
SB51	Braintree District Council	Q2.53	N/A	In addition, the policy is too restrictive of development proposals outside development boundaries as it does not take into account uses appropriate in a countryside location such as agricultural uses or existing businesses who are already operating and may have a need to expand. Policy LPP1 allows for uses appropriate to the countryside which would include agricultural uses. In addition, LPP7 – Rural Enterprise allows for small scale commercial development.	Policy too restrictive. Policy does not take into account uses appropriate to countryside. Policy may conflict with Local Plan.	Agreed. Policy should be amended as requested to enable the development of appropriate uses within the countryside in accordance with relevant policies in the BDC Local Plan. Policy should be amendmend as follows to ensure it meets the requirements of the Basic Conditions: <i>'Development proposals outside of the Steeple Bumpstead Development Boundary</i>	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation, with the addition of the wording "...such as agricultural uses" in line with the comments from BDC

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						<i>will not be supported unless it is where the proposals relate to a Rural Exception Scheme or uses appropriate to the countryside. and subject to Policy SB5 – Affordable Housing set out below.'</i>	
SB51	Braintree District Council	Q2.54	N/A	Whilst policies in a Plan need to be read as a whole, SB1 would potentially conflict with policy SB7 – Farm Business which allows for other uses outside of development boundaries.	SB1 may conflict with SB7.	Agreed. Recommended that the Policy should be amended to enable the development of appropriate uses within the countryside in accordance with relevant policies in the BDC Local Plan. This amendment will provide improved consistency with Policy SB7. Policy should be amendmend as follows to ensure it meets the requirements of the Basic Conditions: 'Development proposals outside of the Steeple Bumpstead Development Boundary will <del>not</del> be supported unless it is where the proposals relate to a Rural Exception Scheme or uses appropriate to the countryside. and subject	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation, with the addition of the wording "...such as agricultural uses" in line with the comments from BDC

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						<i>to Policy SB5 – Affordable Housing set out below.'</i>	
SB52	Anglian Water	Q2.55	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
SB53	Essex Police	Q2.56	N/A	We have reviewed the content of the draft plan and although we have no direct comment to make on the proposed plan we have attached for your information, the Essex Police considerations to development and infrastructure change which forms part of the organisations strategic planning considerations.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB54	Essex County Council	Q2.57	N/A	<p>5.2 <u>Countryside and Environment</u></p> <p>ECC recommend the first objective is amended to reflect the recommended changes to the Vision and the supporting information regarding multifunctional green infrastructure and net gain in biodiversity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>To protect and respect the landscape, multifunctional green infrastructure, wildlife and countryside of the Parish, and cherish its natural beauty and provide net gain in biodiversity.</i></li> </ul>	Objective should be amended to support recommended changes to Vision. Alternative text provided.	The proposed change is not necessary and does not affect the ability of the neighbourhood plan to meet the basic conditions. No changes recommended, however the Steering Group could consider making the change proposed.	

SB54	Essex County Council	Q2.58	N/A	<p>ECC recommend the policy is re-written to be criteria-based concentrating on the key local 'place shaping' principles that any future development will be required to consider. ECC considers this approach would provide more clarity with regards what constitutes sustainable development as referenced in criterion ii). Some examples are provided below for the parish council to consider in terms of their relevance to the Vision, Objectives and nature of the Plan area and the evidence base.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optimise the use of suitable previously developed land for development within defined settlement boundaries.</li> <li>• Ensure development is well connected and in sustainable locations served by the necessary deliverable infrastructure.</li> <li>• Protects and enhances the natural and historic environment with regards its character and assets (including their setting) within the site and its surrounds.</li> <li>• Provides high quality design, varied density and beautiful homes which contribute positively to the character and appearance of the surrounding area and will not result in significant harm to neighbouring residents amenity.</li> <li>• Will not result in any detrimental impact on local highway capacity and safety.</li> <li>• Incorporates sustainable design features which maximise energy efficiency (including heat generation and distribution), multifunctional green and blue infrastructure, biodiversity net gain, innovative low carbon technology, water efficiency, flood resilience including natural flood management strategies and multi-functional sustainable drainage (SuDS) measures, sustainable waste and mineral management.</li> <li>• Provides for sustainable movement by walking, cycling, scooting,</li> </ul>	<p>Policy should be re-written to be criteria based with additional text provided.</p>	<p>The proposed change is not necessary and does not affect the ability of the neighbourhood plan to meet the basic conditions. Other policies in the plan provide for the example criteria suggested and / or are covered by the Braintree Local Plan and national policy. No changes recommended, however the Steering Group could consider making the change proposed.</p>	
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				<p>horse riding and passenger transport within the site and to key destinations and local community facilities. • Provides an appropriate provision of parking having due regard to the Essex Parking Standards or successor document. • The design and standard of any new development should aim to meet a high level of sustainable design and construction including measures which minimise waste reduction, re-use and recycle minerals, and use sustainable materials, including in relation to their procurement and be optimised for energy efficiency, targeting zero carbon emissions. • Includes a mix of housing sizes, types and tenures (including those for older people and people with disabilities), including affordable housing and self-build which meet the current and future housing needs of area taking into account the existing housing stock. • Provides a safe, active, well designed and accessible environment where crime and disorder. and the fear of crime do not undermine the quality of life, health and wellbeing and community cohesion; With regards bullet 7, ECC support the principle of establishing multifunctional greenways to promote sustainable and active travel movements and contribute to health and wellbeing. Their design will depend on whether they are to be within an urban or rural environment and their function (recreational; commuting). Most should be designed with a hard, permeable surface which is accessible in all weathers and for people with mobility impairments, those in wheelchairs, use for leisure and fitness pursuits such as skateboarding and rollerblading, for commuting journeys to work and to school and to provide new</p>			
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				<p>leisure opportunities from development into the countryside. Where possible these routes should be funded by developers where they directly relate to development. Any design of new routes will be required to be consistent with cycling infrastructure design (LTN 1/20) and to be coherent (allow people to reach day to day destinations easily); direct, safe, comfortable and attractive, as referenced in paragraph 1.5.2 of the guidance.</p>			
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SB54	Essex County Council	Q2.59	N/A	ECC has recommended an amendment to the Vison (see above) regarding multifunctional GI and BNG. Consequently, ECC recommend an overarching policy be inserted into the Plan in Section 5.2 covering GI, which could be drafted from the template below. <i><u>NEW POLICY: Green Infrastructure</u> A Green Infrastructure network of multi-functional high-quality green spaces and other environmental features (such as footpaths, street trees, play parks and village green) should be developed across the neighbourhood which together delivers multiple environmental, social and economic benefits, by: • contributing to the quality and distinctiveness of the local environment and landscape character, • be designed to deliver Biodiversity Net Gain and wider environmental net gains, that forms an important component of nature recovery networks and the wider landscape scale GI network. • ensuring opportunities for community socialisation to promote community cohesion and increase community safety, • creating a green wedge and buffer, • providing opportunities for physical activity, improving health and wellbeing and generally adding to quality of life, • adapting and mitigating against a changing climate and severe weather through the management and enhancement of existing habitats and the creation of new ones to assist with species migration, to provide shade</i>	Recommended new green infrastructure policy to be included in the Plan.	The proposed change is not necessary and does not affect the ability of the neighbourhood plan to meet the basic conditions. No changes recommended; however the Steering Group could consider making the change proposed.	

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				<p>during higher temperatures, reduce air pollution and for flood mitigation, and • encouraging a modal shift from car to walking and cycling by linking publicly accessible green space wherever possible (including through tree lined streets) to form walking and cycling routes. Development will be required, where appropriate, to contribute towards the delivery of new green and blue infrastructure which develops and enhances a network of multi-functional spaces and natural features.</p>			

Question 3 responses

**Do you agree with Policy SB2 “Protected Views”? If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?**

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB2 “Protected Views”?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB1		Q3.1	No	The policy should also reference the conservation area and building within the same. The village on the petrol station side slopes down to the river at the lowest point. Any future buildings on the slope down to the river should be sympathetic to this and not sit above the existing roofline along North Street.	Policy should reference the conservation area. The impacts of development on the slope to the river should be identified as a policy requirement.	The historic environment is addressed in Policy SB3, however there is currently no specific reference to the conservation area within the Policy. The Steering Group could consider the need for additional policy requirements on the slope to the river. No change is required to meet the requirement of the Basic Conditions.	
SB2		Q3.2	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB3		Q3.3	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB4		Q3.4	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB5		Q3.5	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB6		Q3.6	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB7		Q3.7	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB8		Q3.8	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB9		Q3.9	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB10		Q3.10	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB2 "Protected Views"?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB11		Q3.11	No	Yes and no. The protected view element of this policy is appropriate as mentioned by the Inspector. However, as indicated in Figure 12 of the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan, where has the 'Long Distance views' decision come from, on what basis has it been made and why? A decision such as this is subjective and open to interpretation at the best of times. I would review and clarify the 'Long Distance views' aspect of this policy by answering the above questions.	Evidence regarding long distance views queried.	No reference to "Long distance views" is present in Policy SB2, only 'Protected Views'. The evidence for identified views is included within the Landscape Character Assessment (LCA). No change required.	
SB12		Q3.12	No	The views identified in the plan do not agree with those of the independent assessment. The one looking north-west from the Hempstead Road presumably is the view towards Balance Wood, only visible from a vehicle, not a footpath, it is not an elevated viewpoint as referred to in the text and anyone admiring it would not be driving safely.	Views in NP conflict with independent assessment.	The independent assessment identifies the views to be protected by Policy SB2 in the Neighbourhood Plan. Described view unable to be identified in the Landscape Character Assessment Figure 12 Map - no views are located on the Hempstead Road. No change required.	
SB13		Q3.13	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB14		Q3.14	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB15		Q3.15	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB16	Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (the ICB)	Q3.16		No comment	No comment.	Noted.	
SB17		Q3.17	Yes	No developments should be permitted which interrupt any of the protected views.	Development should not interrupt protected views.	Policy SB2 seeks to support development proposals that protect and / or enhance these views.	

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SB18		Q3.18	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB19		Q3.19	Yes	Strongly agree, especially views from the heritage assets.	Policy supported.	Support noted, thank you.	
SB20		Q3.20	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB21		Q3.21	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB22		Q3.22	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB23		Q3.23	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB24		Q3.24	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB25		Q3.25	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB26		Q3.26	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB27		Q3.27	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB28		Q3.28	Yes	But will the visual impact assessment mean anything? If it shows there is an impact, will it mean the development will be rejected, or simply noted?	Role of visual impact assessment queried.	National policy encourages good design and requires the protection and enhancement of valued landscapes. A visual impact assessment provides a tool to assess development proposals, guided by policies in the Neighbourhood Plan. The significance of the impact is determined on a case by case basis. No change required.	
SB29		Q3.29	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB30		Q3.30	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB31		Q3.31	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB32		Q3.32	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB33		Q3.33	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB34		Q3.34	Yes	Absolutely.	Policy supported.	Support noted, thank you.	

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB2 "Protected Views"?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB35		Q3.35	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB36		Q3.36	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB37		Q3.37	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB38		Q3.38	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB39		Q3.39	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB40		Q3.40	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB41		Q3.41	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB42		Q3.42	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB43		Q3.43	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB44		Q3.44	Yes	But many views from Haverhill side of the village have already been destroyed in my eyes with the new developments.	Existing views damaged.	Support noted, thank you. The neighbourhood plan cannot influence previous development decisions. The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to prevent future development from adversely impacting protected views.	
SB45	National Highways	Q3.45	N/A	The vision statement outlines and proposed policies within this draft neighbourhood plan 2022-2033 would not have any predicted adverse impact on the Strategic Road Network (SRN). We do not have any more comment of this.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB46	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Q3.46	N/A	Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to NGET assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to NGET's assets which include high voltage electricity assets and other electricity infrastructure. NGET has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	

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SB47	National Gas Transmission	Q3.47	N/A	Proposed sites crossed or in close proximity to National Gas Transmission assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Gas Transmission's assets which include high-pressure gas pipelines and other infrastructure. National Gas Transmission has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB48	Natural England	Q3.48	N/A	Natural England does not have any specific comments on the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB49	The Coal Authority	Q3.49	N/A	No comment	No comment.	Noted.	
SB50	Chelmsford City Council	Q3.50	N/A	We have no specific comments to make at this time, although we would appreciate being notified of future stages of consultation and onward progress.	No comment.	Noted.	



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SB51	Braintree District Council	Q3.51	SB2	This policy is generally supported subject to the removal of the word "only" from in the last line of the first paragraph of the policy.	Alternative text provided.	General support noted. Agree the word 'only' could make the Policy too restrictive, particularly where there is a further requirement to assess any possible impacts through a visual impact assessment, and therefore potentially identify mitigation options. To ensure the Policy meets the requirements of the Basic Conditions, recommend removing the word 'only' as suggested. Recommend the following change: <i>'The village of Steeple Bumpstead is characterised by views across and down into the valley, and views to and from the Church of St Mary the Virgin. Specific Protected Views are identified within the Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) which forms part of the Plan, and set out in Figure 12 - Protected View and Additional Photo Viewpoint Map of the LCA. <del>Only</del> Development proposals will be supported provided that they <del>that</del> protect and / or enhance these views will be supported.'</i>	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation

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SB51	Braintree District Council	Q3.52	N/A	An additional map showing Figure 12 should be included in the neighbourhood plan document as these map shows the protected views and needs to be part of the policy rather than in a supporting document.	Additional map showing Figure 12 should be included within the NP document, not separately.	Agreed, recommend making the addition as proposed. It would be better for accessibility if the map was included within the Neighbourhood Plan document and referenced in the policy, included either in the supporting text or as an appendix.	SG considered and added the map as a separate appendix "Map SB2" to the NP in line with DAC Planning recommendation
SB52	Anglian Water	Q3.53	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
SB53	Essex Police	Q3.54	N/A	We have reviewed the content of the draft plan and although we have no direct comment to make on the proposed plan we have attached for your information, the Essex Police considerations to development and infrastructure change which forms part of the organisations strategic planning considerations.	No comment.	Noted.	

Question 4 responses

**Do you agree with Policy SB3 “Design in Harmony with the Built and Historic Environment”? If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?**

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB3 “Design in Harmony with the Built and Historic Environment”?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB1		Q4.1	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB2		Q4.2	No	Too restrictive	Policy too restrictive.	Without further details, it is unclear which part of the Policy is considered to be 'too restrictive'. No change required.	
SB3		Q4.3	No	There should be greater scope for architectural/design freedom. Not sure this policy encourages that	Policy too restrictive.	The NPPF provides weight to outstanding and innovative designs. The requirements within the Policy will still allow flexibility in design approaches. No change required.	
SB4		Q4.4	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB5		Q4.5	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB6		Q4.6	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB7		Q4.7	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB8		Q4.8	No	Strongly disagree. Far too restrictive	Policy too restrictive.	Without further details, it is unclear which part of the Policy is considered to be 'too restrictive'. No change required.	

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SB9		Q4.9	No	The design guidance and codes in the AECOM document are factually incorrect and conflict with The Essex Design Guide 2018. I am unclear why you say “the aspirations for parish is to create a strong rural economy based on farming services’ (page 53 design guidelines and codes) what does this mean. I don’t think many parishioners have links to farming.	Design code conflicts with Essex Design Guide 2018. Design guidance and codes inaccurate - Parish guidance.	Noted. The Steering Group could reconsider the stated aspiration within the Design Code which seeks to 'create a strong rural economy based on farming, services and other types of businesses with infrastructure to support health, commerce and entertainment'. However, this aspiration is not specifically addressed within the requirements of Policy SB3, and a change is not required in order to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions. No change required to the Plan. The Steering Group could consider making a change to the Design Code.	
SB10		Q4.10	No	While I do agree with the principle stated above, errors are to be found in the document relating to this which makes it inaccurate. DC 03 Housing page 51 shows F60 as single storey property and previously in the document on page 14 is shown as 2 storey property.	Design guidance and codes document inaccurate - figures inconsistent.	Noted, the picture F60 on page 51 of the Design Code appears to be an error, as this is not a 'single storey property'. A change is not required in order to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions. No change required to the Plan. The Steering Group could however consider making a change to the Design Code to address the identified error.	
SB11		Q4.11	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB12		Q4.12	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB13		Q4.13	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB14		Q4.14	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB15		Q4.15	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

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SB16	Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (the ICB)	Q4.16		No comment	No comment.	Noted.	
SB17		Q4.17	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB18		Q4.18	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB19		Q4.19	No	Strongly disagree, the design guidance and codes prepared by AECOM Ltd are factually incorrect and in conflict with The Essex Design Guide 2018. For example, guidance states a 35 degree roof pitch is preferred and pitches of over 50 degrees should be avoided. Most of the noted historic buildings in Steeple Bumpstead have a roof pitch of over 50 degrees and The Essex Design Guide states “Typically, in order to conform to the traditional Essex roofscape, roofs should be pitched at approximately 50°. Roof pitches in the range 35°-40° may be used in exceptional circumstances.”	Design code conflicts with Essex Design Guide 2018 - roof pitches. Design guidance and codes inaccurate.	The NPPF, paragraph 127 states that "neighbourhood planning groups can play an important role in identifying the special qualities of each area and explaining how this should be reflected in development, both through their own plans and by engaging in the production of design policy, guidance and codes by local planning authorities and developers". While a material consideration in decision making, the Essex Design Guide (EDG) is intended to be flexible in the design of residential environments (BLP para 5.30, BLP para 5.31) and confliction with the EDG would not breach the Basic Conditions that the plan is required to meet. A change is not required in order to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions. No change required to the Plan. However, given the concerns raised and the requirements within	

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						Policy SB3 for new developmnet in the area to conform with the Design Codes, the Steering Group may wish to check that they are comfortable with roof pitch recommendations within page 46 of the Guide.	
SB20		Q4.20	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB21		Q4.21	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB22		Q4.22	No	I agree with all of SB3 except the final section regarding development above the 70m line. I believe that no development should be considered above this line. This would be in line with the fight carried out before regarding development above the existing line of development.	Development should not be considered above the 70m line.	The neighbourhood plan cannot stop development being considered in these areas, as each individual application should be considered on it specific merits. The draft Policy aims to restrict development in this area where it has a detrimental impact on the character, appearance, and existing settlement pattern of the area, as assessed through	

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						a Visual Impact Assessment. No change required.	
SB23		Q4.23	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB24		Q4.24	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB25		Q4.25	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB26		Q4.26	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB27		Q4.27	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB28		Q4.28	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB29		Q4.29	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB30		Q4.30	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB31		Q4.31	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB32		Q4.32	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB33		Q4.33	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB34		Q4.34	Yes	Indeed not that this has been\ is being taken into account 're past\ current developments	Policy not taken into account in previous developments.	The neighbourhood plan cannot change developments that have been approved or completed prior to the plan being "made". No change required	
SB35		Q4.35	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB36		Q4.36	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB37		Q4.37	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB38		Q4.38	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

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SB39		Q4.39	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB40		Q4.40	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB41		Q4.41	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB42		Q4.42	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB43		Q4.43	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB44		Q4.44	No	The recent new developments do not fit in with the historic character of the village and tbh any historic character which the village used to have has predominantly gone. Although the church is mentioned, there is no mention of the religious history of the village in this report. for example, some of it's residents were lollards who were tried for heresy in 1527.	Policy not taken into account in previous developments. No mention of religious history of SB in report.	The neighbourhood plan cannot change developments that have been approved or completed prior to the plan being "made". Additional historical information is not required for the Plan to meet the basic conditions. No change required.	
SB45	National Highways	Q4.45	N/A	The vision statement outlines and proposed policies within this draft neighbourhood plan 2022-2033 would not have any predicted adverse impact on the Strategic Road Network (SRN). We do not have any more comment of this.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB46	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Q4.46	N/A	Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to NGET assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to NGET’s assets which include high voltage electricity assets and other electricity infrastructure. NGET has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	



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SB47	National Gas Transmission	Q4.47	N/A	Proposed sites crossed or in close proximity to National Gas Transmission assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Gas Transmission’s assets which include high-pressure gas pipelines and other infrastructure. National Gas Transmission has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB48	Natural England	Q4.48	N/A	Natural England does not have any specific comments on the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB49	The Coal Authority	Q4.49	N/A	No comment	No comment.	Noted.	
SB50	Chelmsford City Council	Q4.50	N/A	We have no specific comments to make at this time, although we would appreciate being notified of future stages of consultation and onward progress.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB51	Braintree District Council	Q4.51	SB3	Remove the word “only” so that the policy reads “New development proposals will be supported if...”	Policy negatively worded. Alternative text provided / suggested.	Agreed. Policy should be amended as requested to ensure it meets the requirements of the Basic Conditions. Recommend the following change: 'New development proposals will <del>only</del> be supported <i>provided that if they fulfil all of the following requirements:</i> '	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation

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SB51	Braintree District Council	Q4.52	N/A	For criteria (d) I would suggested using the phrase “historic assets and there settings” at the end of the criteria. This would help protect non-designated heritage assets as well as designated heritage assets.	Additional text provided / suggested. Additional wording would help protect non-designated assets.	Agreed that this change would improve the Policy. The change is not needed to meet the requirements of the basic conditions, however it is recommended that the Steering Group should consider including this amendment as follows: <i>'(d) Demonstrating that there is no or minimal negative impact on <del>the</del> views or setting of historic buildings historic assets and there settings.'</i>	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation, subject to correcting typo of "their" for "there"
SB52	Anglian Water	Q4.53	N/A	We support the aims of the policy including to ensure conformity with the Design Guidance and Codes specifically developed for Steeple Bumpstead neighbourhood plan area - particularly DC.01 Countryside, environment and sustainability which includes the following codes that align with our purpose and long term ambitions: Code 4 Water Management which prioritises sustainable drainage systems to manage surface water run-off, and the use of rainwater harvesting systems to reduce potable water-use Code 6 Eco-Design which emphasises the use of ambitious water efficiency standards, and water efficient fixtures and fittings, whilst improving flood resilience and resistance.	Design code Codes 4 and 6 supported.	Support noted, thank you.	

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SB52	Anglian Water	Q4.54	N/A	We would support policies that require greater water efficiency standards in areas of serious water stress, given the pressing need to conserve our precious water supplies. The Parish Council may wish to include more ambitious water efficiency targets of 100 litres per person per day achieved through a fixtures and fittings approach. The Government's Environment Improvement Plan sets ten actions in the Roadmap to Water Efficiency in new developments including consideration of a new standard for new homes in England of 100 l/p/d where there is a clear local need, such as in areas of serious water stress. Whilst this provides a strong indication that such measures are likely to be introduced; the neighbourhood plan could provide greater certainty in this regard.	Plan should include additional water efficiency targets.	The Steering Group could consider including this amendment. A change is not needed to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions.	
SB53	Essex Police	Q4.55	N/A	We have reviewed the content of the draft plan and although we have no direct comment to make on the proposed plan we have attached for your information, the Essex Police considerations to development and infrastructure change which forms part of the organisations strategic planning considerations.	No comment.	Noted.	

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SB54	Essex County Council	Q4.56	N/A	<b>Chapter 5.3 - The Built and Historic Environment</b> ECC recommend the second objective should also make reference to the ‘setting’ of heritage assets consistent with NPPF, paragraph 194 and Section 8 – Heritage Assets and the recommended change to the Vision. ECC recommend ‘ <i>of the village</i> ’ is deleted to refer to the whole Plan area. • <i>To minimise the impact of any future development on the heritage assets and their setting of the village</i>	Objective should also make reference to the ‘setting’ of heritage assets. Alternative text provided.	The Steering Group could consider including this amendment. A change is not needed to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions.	
SB54	Essex County Council	Q4.57	N/A	<u>Policy SB3 - Design in Harmony with the Built and Historic Environment</u>  ECC recommend the following changes to paragraph 1, namely: • Delete ‘ <i>in the area</i> ’ as the policy relates to the Plan area; • Delete ‘ <i>good quality design</i> ’ and replace with ‘ <i>well-designed and beautiful homes to meet the needs of different groups in the community</i> ’ consistent with NPPF, paragraph 73c; • Delete ‘ <i>to be in conformity with</i> ’ and replace with ‘ <i>should have regard to</i> ’ to ensure it is justified and effective; and • Reference should be made to new development being required to have regard to the <a href="#">Essex Design Guide</a> (EDG) as well as the Steeple Bumpstead Parish Design Guidance and Codes.	Reference should be made to the Essex Design Guide. Alternative text provided.	It is not necessary to include reference to the Essex Design Guide. The Braintree Local Plan suggests the use of the EDG as a flexible starting point for the design of residential environments.  Other proposed amendments could be considered by the Steering Group, however a change is not recommended and is not needed to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions.	

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				<p><i>All new development proposals in the area should demonstrate <u>well-designed and beautiful homes to meet the needs of different groups in the community</u> <del>good</del> <u>quality design</u> and respect the existing character and appearance of the surrounding area, and <u>should have regard to be in conformity with the Steeple Bumpstead Parish Design Guidance and Codes and the Essex Design Guide as attached to this Neighbourhood Plan as an Appendix.</u></i></p>			
SB54	Essex County Council	Q4.58	N/A	<p>The supporting text (page 20) makes reference to the importance the community places on the protection of trees but this is not referenced in the policy. ECC recommend the parish council consider including a policy on trees or rely on Policy LPP 65 Tree Protection in the adopted BLP.</p>	<p>Policy on trees should be considered.</p>	<p>There is value placed on trees by residents as shown in the supporting text of the NP, however it is considered that the Steeple Bumpstead Design Guide (DC.01 Code.5) and BLP Policy LPP 65 provides the necessary provision and it is not necessary for an explicit trees policy within the neighbourhood plan. No change to the Plan required.</p>	

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SB54	Essex County Council	Q4.59	N/A	ECC note that any tree planting is required to consider the maintenance issues associated with street tree planting and the need to work with highways officers to ensure that the right trees are planted in the right places, and solutions are found that are compatible with highways standards and the needs of different users consistent with NPPF, paragraph 131. Reference should be made to the EDG: Highways Technical Manual - Planting in sight splays.	Reference should be made to EDG guidance on highways tree planting.	It is not considered that reference is needed to this document within the Neighbourhood Plan. No change to the Plan required.	
SB54	Essex County Council	Q4.60	N/A	ECC recommend paragraph 2 is amended to be more positive as required by planning policies, namely:  <i>New development proposals will <u>be required to only be supported if they demonstrate they have met</u> fulfil all of the following requirements:</i>	Policy not positively worded. Alternative text provided.	The proposed amendment to this section of the policy in Comment ID Q4.51 is considered an appropriate amendment to ensure that the Policy is sufficiently positive. No further change to the Plan required.	

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SB54	Essex County Council	Q4.61	N/A	<p>ECC support proposals that demonstrate sustainable construction and design. As the Waste Planning Authority, ECC seek to promote waste reduction, re-use and recycling, sustainable building design and the use of sustainable materials, including in relation to their procurement, consistent with Policy S4 of the MLP. Green infrastructure can also be termed a ‘<i>sustainable material</i>’ as it can reduce cooling demand for buildings by lowering local temperatures and shading building surfaces and lowering energy needs. Green roofs also help to save energy by improving thermal insulation.</p> <p>ECC recommend an additional criterion to read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The design and standard of any new development should aim to meet a high level of sustainable design and construction including measures which minimise waste reduction, re- use and recycle minerals, and use sustainable materials, including in relation to their procurement and be optimised for energy efficiency, targeting zero carbon emissions.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Additional policy clause / criterion suggested regarding renewable and sustainable design, construction and waste reduction. Alternative text provided.</p>	<p>Policies LPP71 and LPP72 of the Braintree Local Plan provide for renewable design and waste reduction, in addition to provisions made in the Design Code to which Policy SB3 requires the adherence to. The Steering Group could consider including this amendment. A change is not needed to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions.</p>	

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SB55	Essex County Council	Q4.62	N/A	<b>General comment</b> ECC recommend the document is reviewed to ensure the correct terminology is used with regards the terms ‘footpaths’ and ‘footways’. At present, most references to the former should refer to ‘footways’. For example, pavements beside public roads are not public footpaths and are better referenced as footways. Footways are not recorded on the Definitive Map as Public Rights of Way. A footway is really a part of the main highway which has been set apart for pedestrians. Public footpaths are shown on definitive maps recording public rights of way where anyone has the legal right to use on foot.	References to footpaths and footways should be reviewed.	The Steering Group could consider including this amendment. A change is not recommended or needed to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions.	
SB56	Essex County Council	Q4.63	N/A	<b>Code.2 Green network</b> ECC seek clarification as to whether this section will be reviewed to take account of the recently published National Green Infrastructure Framework (2023) and the Essex Green Infrastructure Strategy (2020) and the Essex Green Infrastructure Standards (June 2022).	DC Code 2 should be reviewed to take into account new guidance.	No need to reference these documents. No change required to the Plan.	
SB57	Essex County Council	Q4.64	N/A	<b>Code.3 Biodiversity</b> ECC recommend reference is made to securing net gain in biodiversity rather than simply biodiversity. Please see comments made to Chapter 4 - Vision on this matter. In particular, all development is required to deliver a minimum of 10% BNG consistent with the Environment Act 2021.	Reference should be made to biodiversity net gain in DC Code 3.	A change to the Code could be considered by the Steering Group. A change is not recommended or needed to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions.	



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SB58	Essex County Council	Q4.65	N/A	<u>Code.4 Water management (SuDS)</u> Reference is made to Regulations, standards, and guidelines relevant to permeable paving and sustainable drainage on page 37. As LLFA, ECC recommend any guidance also considers and incorporates guidance contained in the Sustainable Drainage Systems Design Guide for Essex 2020.	Reference should be made Essex SuDS Guidance in Code 4.	No need to reference this document. No change required to the Plan.	
SB59	Essex County Council	Q4.66	N/A	<u>Code.5 Trees</u> ECC note that any tree planting should be required to consider the maintenance issues associated with street tree planting and the need to work with highways officers to ensure that the right trees are planted in the right places, and solutions are found that are compatible with highways standards and the needs of different users consistent with NPPF, paragraph 131. Reference should be made to the EDG: Highways Technical Manual - Planting in sight splays.	Reference should be made to EDG guidance on highways tree planting in Code 5.	No need to reference this document. No change required to the Plan.	

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SB60	Essex County Council	Q4.67	N/A	<p><u>Code.6 Eco-design</u> ECC recommend reference should be made to new development being required to have regard to the Essex Design Guide - Climate Change guidance. Please see comments regarding a new policy regarding climate change including the findings of the Net Zero Carbon Viability Study for Essex produced by Three Dragons which can be viewed here. ECC support reference to minimising construction waste, recycling materials and buildings and refer you to our recommended additional paragraph to Policy SB3 - Design in Harmony with the Built and Historic Environment. As the Waste Planning Authority, ECC seek to promote waste reduction, re-use and recycling, sustainable building design and the use of sustainable materials, including in relation to their procurement, consistent with Policy S4 of the MLP.</p>	Reference should be made to EDG guidance on Climate Change in Code 6. Additional climate change policy should be included.	No need to reference this document. No change required to the Plan.	
SB61	Essex County Council	Q4.68	N/A	<p><u>Code.13 Housing mix and affordable housing</u> Reference is made to new development providing a mix of housing to allow for a variety of options and bring balance to the population profile. ECC recommend reference should be made to new development being required to have regard to the EDG: Ageing Population.</p>	Reference should be made to EDG guidance on ageing population in Code 13.	No need to reference this document. No change required to the Plan.	

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SB62	Essex County Council	Q4.69	N/A	<u>Code.23 Accessible and attractive footpaths network/ Access to the countryside</u> ECC welcomes the requirement for new footpaths/footways to link up with green and blue infrastructure to create a network of green walking routes and promote biodiversity. ECC recommend reference is made to establishing <u>multifunctional greenways</u> to promote sustainable and active travel movements and contribute to health and wellbeing.	Reference should be made to multifunctional greenways in Code 23.	The Steering Group could consider including this amendment. A change is not recommended or needed to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions.	
SB63	Essex County Council	Q4.70	N/A	<u>Code.24 Prioritise walking and cycling</u> ECC welcomes the aim to prioritise walking and cycling to help get people healthier and to gain access with nature. ECC support the principle of establishing multifunctional greenways to promote sustainable and active travel movements and contribute to health and wellbeing. Any design of new routes will be required to be consistent with cycling infrastructure design (LTN 1/20) and to be coherent (allow people to reach day to day destinations easily); direct, safe, comfortable and attractive, as referenced in paragraph 1.5.2 of the guidance. Please see comments to Policy SB1 - Location of New Development.	Code supported.	Support noted, thank you. Comments regarding Policy SB1 are addressed separately.	

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SB64	Essex County Council	Q4.71	N/A	Reference is made on page 65 to pedestrian and cycle links being bordered with rich vegetation and trees to enhance the rural character of the village. However, ECC, as highway authority, require consideration be given to the potential danger to pedestrians and cyclists of overhanging hedges as well as any impact on highway safety and visibility splays. Detailed guidance is provided in the EDG - Highways Technical Manual - planting in sight splays. ECC seeks to be consulted upon any relevant tree planting in proximity to the highway, walking and cycling routes where the future height, breadth and root growth may impact upon user safety	Consideration should be made to impacts of hedges on road safety.	Noted. No change required to the Plan.	

Question 5 responses

**Do you agree with Policy SB4 “Residential Development on Garden Land”? f No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?**

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB4 “Residential Development on Garden Land”?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB1		Q5.1	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB2		Q5.2	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB3		Q5.3	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB4		Q5.4	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB5		Q5.5	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB6		Q5.6	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB7		Q5.7	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB8		Q5.8	No	Potential for this to be very limiting, e.g house extensions to accommodate growing families	Policy too restrictive (extensions)	The NPPF paragraph 71 states that plans should consider resisting the inappropriate development of residential gardens. Policy relates to the development of new dwellings rather than extensions to existing properties. No change required to the Plan.	
SB9		Q5.9	Yes	This is part of planning regulations	Policy redundant.	Support noted, thank you.	
SB10		Q5.10	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB11		Q5.11	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB12		Q5.12	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB13		Q5.13	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB14		Q5.14	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

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SB15		Q5.15	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB16	Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (the ICB)	Q5.16	Yes	Private outdoor space encourages residents to be physically active and therefore the retention of private residential gardens is welcomed.	Retention of gardens is supported.	Support noted, thank you.	
SB17		Q5.17	Yes	This is very important - there is far too much "garden grabbing" going on.	Retention of gardens is supported.	Support noted, thank you.	
SB18		Q5.18	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB19		Q5.19	Yes	Agree, but this is already a significant part of current planning.	Policy redundant.	Support noted, thank you.	
SB20		Q5.20	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB21		Q5.21	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB22		Q5.22	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB23		Q5.23	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB24		Q5.24	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB25		Q5.25	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB26		Q5.26	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB27		Q5.27	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB28		Q5.28	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB29		Q5.29	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB30		Q5.30	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB31		Q5.31	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB32		Q5.32	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB33		Q5.33	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

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SB34		Q5.34		Definitely too much development affecting wildlife / birdlife	Development has previously affected wildlife.	Support noted, thank you.	
SB35		Q5.35	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB36		Q5.36	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB37		Q5.37	No			Support noted, thank you.	
SB38		Q5.38	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB39		Q5.39	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB40		Q5.40	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB41		Q5.41	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB42		Q5.42	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB43		Q5.43	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB44		Q5.44	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB45	National Highways	Q5.45	N/A	The vision statement outlines and proposed policies within this draft neighbourhood plan 2022-2033 would not have any predicted adverse impact on the Strategic Road Network (SRN). We do not have any more comment of this.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB46	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Q5.46	N/A	Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to NGET assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to NGET's assets which include high voltage electricity assets and other electricity infrastructure. NGET has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	

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SB47	National Gas Transmission	Q5.47	N/A	Proposed sites crossed or in close proximity to National Gas Transmission assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Gas Transmission's assets which include high-pressure gas pipelines and other infrastructure. National Gas Transmission has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB48	Natural England	Q5.48	N/A	Natural England does not have any specific comments on the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB49	The Coal Authority	Q5.49	N/A	No comment	No comment.	Noted.	
SB50	Chelmsford City Council	Q5.50	N/A	We have no specific comments to make at this time, although we would appreciate being notified of future stages of consultation and onward progress.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB51	Braintree District Council	Q5.51	N/A	This policy seeks to avoid inappropriate back land development within the neighbourhood area, it is suggested that a reference to an appropriate level of privacy and amenity for both the existing and new property is provided.	Reference should be made to appropriate level of privacy and amenity for existing and new properties.	This amendment would be beneficial to the policy. The Steering Group could consider including this amendment. A change is not needed to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions.	
SB52	Anglian Water	Q5.52	N/A		N/A		
SB53	Essex Police	Q5.53	N/A	We have reviewed the content of the draft plan and although we have no direct comment to make on the proposed plan we have attached for your information, the Essex Police considerations to development and infrastructure change which forms part of the organisations strategic planning considerations.	No comment.	Noted.	



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SB54	Essex County Council	Q5.54	N/A	<p><u>Policy SB4 - Residential Development on Garden Land</u></p> <p>NPPF, paragraph 124 seeks to encourage the efficient use of land but development in residential gardens is required to consider any impact on the prevailing character and setting of the area. This policy is largely consistent with the NPPF other than paragraph 1 should be amended to be more positive in nature to read:</p> <p><i>Proposals for new dwellings on private residential gardens will be <u>required</u> <del>discouraged and will only be permitted where it can be demonstrate that:</del></i></p>	<p>Policy consistent with national policy. Policy too restrictive. Alternative text provided / suggested.</p>	<p>It is acknowledged that this proposed amendment would improve the Policy by ensuring it is positively worded, however the Policy would then fail to demonstrate the Steering Groups preference to maintain garden land in the area. A change is not needed to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions. It is therefore recommended that no change is made to the Plan.</p>	

Question 6 responses

**Do you agree with Policy SB5 “Affordable Housing”? If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?**

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB5 “Affordable Housing”?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB1		Q6.1	No	I disagree with support for a rural exception site outside the village development boundary	Rural exception site outside village boundary is not supported.	Noted. National policy promotes the use of rural exception sites that will provide affordable housing to meet identified local needs through plans. No change required to the Plan.	
SB2		Q6.2	No	Too restrictive. Never meets local needs.	Policy too restrictive. Policy does not meet local needs.	Evidence prepared in 2022 indicates that housing needs are being met in the Parish through existing development proposals. No change required to the Plan.	
SB3		Q6.3	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB4		Q6.4	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB5		Q6.5	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB6		Q6.6	No	Do not agree with the 3-4 Future Housing Needs on the conclusion reached as types of housing needs are driven by the market place and countrywide needs.	Market should decide needs / what is affordable.	Housing needs are driven by a range of factors which must objectively be taken into account by local authorities as set out in national policy and guidance which includes market signals and household growth. No change required to the Plan.	
SB7		Q6.7	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB8		Q6.8	No	I'm no expert, but believe this contradicts national policy or even law that developments of over 10 dwelling should provide affordable housing	Policy contradicts national policy on affordable housing provision.	Developments over 10 dwellings (i.e. major developments) are expected to provide affordable housing as per the NPPF. Policy SB5 does not conflict with this. No change required to the Plan.	

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SB9		Q6.9	No	I would like a clear definition of what you classify as affordable housing and local connection , how are you going to police this. Are some connections better than others . The Policy SB5 seems to indicate that you don't want any new people in the village or anyone who is deemed to have any wealth .	Clarity around local connection required.	<p>A definition of affordable housing is provided in Annex 2: Glossary of the NPPF (2021, p64). To address the concern raised, this could be referenced or repeated within the supporting text to the Policy. This amendment would be helpful, but is not required to meet the requirements of the basic conditions.</p> <p>The Policy seek to prioritise new affordable housing for people with connections to the local area. The approach to allocating affordable housing to those with a local connection will be managed by BDC and set out through a s106 agreement and/or planning conditions. Policy SB5 clearly presents the Steering Groups aim of supporting affordable housing to meet local needs.</p>	
SB10		Q6.10	No	Emphasis seems to suggest or state that 100% Affordable housing which is a nonsense as the village grows it needs a mix of all types of properties, and the market forces will dictate what is ultimately affordable	100% affordable housing is unrealistic. Development should be a mix of housing	Policy SB5 states that Rural Exception Sites will be supported where 100% has been allocated to affordable housing. This does not apply to all development proposals. No change required.	
SB11		Q6.11	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB12		Q6.12	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB13		Q6.13	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

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SB14		Q6.14		It makes on sense to allow 100% allocation to affordable housing within Rural Exemption Sites, it should be made up of a mix of types and let the Market dictate what is affordable, with a preference to village people.	100% affordable housing is unrealistic. Development should be a mix of housing. Market should decide needs / what is affordable. Preference should be to local residents.	Rural exception sites are small sites used for affordable housing to meet needs for the local community. This includes accommodating current residents or family / employment connection, as described in the NPPF Annex 2: Glossary. No change required.	
SB15		Q6.15	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB16	Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (the ICB)	Q6.16	Yes	The availability of high quality housing is a wider determinant of health and so provision for housing to meet the needs of those who would not otherwise be able to access the housing market is welcomed.	Provision of affordable housing is supported.	Support noted, thank you.	
SB17		Q6.17	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB18		Q6.18	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB19		Q6.19	No	Strongly disagree, no housing developments should be 100% affordable housing. Surely, this may open a gateway to a social housing estates. Any development in the parish should be a mix of housing as reflected in the parish.	100% affordable housing development is not supported. Development should be a mix of housing.	Rural expection sites are small developments consisting of all or predominantly affordable housing. National policy supports the use of rural exception sites that will provide housing to meet identified local needs, with rents that may be set in accordance with the Government's Social Rent policy. No change required.	
SB20		Q6.20	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB21		Q6.21	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB22		Q6.22	No	Although I appreciate possible future needs may require affordable housing, I know of no definition of affordable housing. This being the case, the	There is no definition of affordable housing.	A definition of affordable housing is provided in Annex 2: Glossary of the NPPF (2021, p64). The Steering Group could consider including a definition	

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				situation is open to abuse by developers and decision makers outside of the village.		of affordable housing within the supporting text to the Policy.	
SB23		Q6.23	Yes	Already mentioned the importance of affordable housing and as indicated in the policy the needs of the young and old members of the community need to be addressed.	The needs of young and old people need to be addressed.	Support noted, thank you.	
SB24		Q6.24	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB25		Q6.25	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB26		Q6.26	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB27		Q6.27	Yes	If any such new developments take place it has to be agreed in written contract that Affordable Housing will be included, too many times this has not taken place, but been sold at the time of planning applications and not adhered to.	Affordable housing requires contractual enforcement. Affordable housing has previously not been provided.	The provision of affordable housing will be agreed contractually through s106 agreements and planning conditions within the planning approval process.	
SB28		Q6.28	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB29		Q6.29	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB30		Q6.30	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB31		Q6.31	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB32		Q6.32	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB33		Q6.33	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB34		Q6.34	Yes	Whilst I agree this simply is not happening. There is no affordable housing, would love to know how many young people return to the village after university to buy, I suspect it will be a very low number. Like many villages	Housing is not affordable in the village.	Support noted, thank you.	

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				steeple has turned into a London commuter area			
SB35		Q6.35	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB36		Q6.36	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB37		Q6.37	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB38		Q6.38	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB39		Q6.39	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB40		Q6.40	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB41		Q6.41	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB42		Q6.42	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB43		Q6.43	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB44		Q6.44	No	No housing down south will ever be affordable - especially for young people. As much as I love the village, unless I get an extremely well paid job after I have completed my university degree, I am likely to remain up north because of the affordability of living. I can get a 2 bedroom semi-detached house in the north for approximately 30% of the cost of a 2 bed semi-detached house in the village which ultimately means I do not need to save up as much for a deposit etc so I am ultimately more likely to get onto the property ladder quicker. It would be interesting to see what proportion of young household owners under the age of 30 in the village went to university or went straight into employment after they completed their post-16 study.	Housing is not affordable in the village.	Noted. This is beyond the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan. The provision of affordable housing is being encouraged through Policy SB5. No change to the Plan.	

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SB45	National Highways	Q6.45	N/A	The vision statement outlines and proposed policies within this draft neighbourhood plan 2022-2033 would not have any predicted adverse impact on the Strategic Road Network (SRN). We do not have any more comment of this.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB46	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Q6.46	N/A	Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to NGET assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to NGET's assets which include high voltage electricity assets and other electricity infrastructure. NGET has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB47	National Gas Transmission	Q6.47	N/A	Proposed sites crossed or in close proximity to National Gas Transmission assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Gas Transmission's assets which include high-pressure gas pipelines and other infrastructure. National Gas Transmission has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB48	Natural England	Q6.48	N/A	Natural England does not have any specific comments on the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB49	The Coal Authority	Q6.49	N/A	No comment	No comment.	Noted.	
SB50	Chelmsford City Council	Q6.50	N/A	We have no specific comments to make at this time, although we would appreciate being notified of future	No comment.	Noted.	

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				stages of consultation and onward progress.			
SB51	Braintree District Council	Q6.51	N/A	It may not be achievable to secure affordable housing for local people on sites which are not a rural exception site as a local connection criterion is usually applicable to rural exception sites.	No comment.	Noted. The Policy represents the preference of the Steering Group in the allocation of affordable housing. The Steering Group can liaise with BDC to further consider how to implement and deliver the proposed policy requirement. The inclusion of this requirement does not affect the ability of the Plan to meet the requirements of the basic conditions. No change required to the Plan.	
SB52	Anglian Water	Q6.52	N/A		N/A	N/A	
SB53	Essex Police	Q6.53	N/A	We have reviewed the content of the draft plan and although we have no direct comment to make on the proposed plan we have attached for your information, the Essex Police considerations to development and infrastructure change which forms part of the organisations strategic planning considerations.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB54	Essex County Council	Q6.54	N/A	<b>Chapter 5.4 - Housing</b> Objective 3 states that appropriate criteria will be defined for identifying potential sites for housing and types of homes required. The Plan does not appear to include a policy implementing this objective in this Chapter. ECC recommend Policy SB1 - Location of New Development is moved from Chapter 5.1 into this chapter and consideration given to the ECC	Policy repeats content of evidence / supporting document - Housing Report. Plan does not include policy implementing Objective 3. Policy SB1 should be moved from Chapter 5.1 to Chapter 5.4.	The proposed change is not necessary and does not affect the ability of the neighbourhood plan to meet the basic conditions. No changes recommended, however the Steering Group could consider making the change proposed.	



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				<p>comments thereon.</p> <p>The Plan identifies that Braintree District Council (BDC) recommended a housing requirement for the Plan area of 48 homes, of which these will be met by existing commitments and hence no further sites are required to be allocated in the Plan. ECC recommend that a significant amount of the text explaining this position is removed from the Regulation 16 Plan as it repeats the content in the supporting Housing Report.</p>			

Question 7 responses

**Do you agree with Policy SB6 “Protecting Existing Business Uses”? If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?**

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB6 “Protecting Existing Business Uses”?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB1		Q7.1	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB2		Q7.2	No	Too restrictive. Does not meet the needs of future businesses within the village	Policy too restrictive. Does not meet future business needs.	Policy SB6 seeks to protect sites for Business Uses and does not seek to restrict change of Business Uses between and within commercial Use Classes of B2, and B8 and E. The Braintree Local Plan allocated the Blois Meadow Site to meet future Business Use needs. Additional needs have not been identified. The representation does not outline how the Policy should be made more flexible. No change required to the Plan.	
SB3		Q7.3	No	Businesses need to change and adapt to survive. This policy does not provide much scope for this.	Policy too restrictive. Does not meet future business needs.	Policy SB6 seeks to protect sites for Business Uses and does not seek to restrict change of Business Uses between and within commercial Use Classes of B2, and B8 and E. The Braintree Local Plan allocated the Blois Meadow Site to meet future Business Use needs. Additional needs have not been identified. The representation does not outline how the Policy should be made more flexible. No change required to the Plan.	
SB4		Q7.4	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB5		Q7.5	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB6 "Protecting Existing Business Uses"?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB6		Q7.6	No	All businesses should be shown within our village envelope to allow possible improvement if required, keeping them viable. i.e. Two village public houses, the pottery building (old church street school), village petrol station including shop. Post Office. (and the Blois Meadow Business Site which is the only one shown on the plan).	Map does not show other businesses within the village. Map should show all businesses within the village. Examples provided.	<p>Map SB6 shows the Business Use area allocated through the Braintree Local Plan. The map shows an area rather than discrete business addresses. The map shows only the area to which Policy SB6 relates.</p> <p>While there are other sites with uses that entail work and employment in the parish, there is no need for a neighbourhood plan to specifically refer to all uses and businesses in an area. Policy SB6 could be misleading where it states that '<i>current areas of business use are shown in Map SB6</i>'. To clarify that only business park allocations in the Local Plan are presented in Map SB6 the plan could be amended as follows: '<i>Current areas of business use BDC Local Plan Policy LPP 6 Business Park allocations within the Parish are shown in Map SB6 attached.</i>'</p> <p>Other uses listed within the representation are Class E and F, and are provided for in Policy SB9 of the Neighbourhood Plan and Policy LPP61 'Local Community Services and Facilities' of the Braintree Local Plan.</p>	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation
SB7		Q7.7	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB6 "Protecting Existing Business Uses"?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB8		Q7.8	No	Business need to adapt to thrive. This policy is too restrictive an anti-change. The survey asked questions about what sort of business development should be catered for.. these results have been omitted from the draft and therefore the responses have been ignored!!	Policy too restrictive. Does not meet future business needs. Survey results regarding business development have been omitted.	Policy SB6 seeks to protect sites for Business Uses and does not seek to restrict change of Business Uses between and within commercial Use Classes of B2, and B8 and E. No change required to the Plan.	
SB9		Q7.9	No	I am unclear as to why other businesses in the Parish are not mentioned for example the two pubs , the map SB6 only shows Blois Meadow Business Centre.	Map does not show other businesses within the village. Examples provided.	Map SB6 shows the Business Use area allocated through the Braintree Local Plan. The map shows an area rather than discrete business addresses. The map shows only the area to which Policy SB6 relates. While there are other sites with uses that entail work and employment in the parish, there is no need for a neighbourhood plan to specifically refer to all uses and businesses in an area. Policy SB6 could be misleading where it states that ' <i>current areas of business use are shown in Map SB6</i> '. To clarify that only business park allocations in the Local Plan are presented in Map SB6 the plan could be amended as follows: ' <i>Current areas of business use BDC Local Plan Policy LPP 6 Business Park allocations within the Parish are shown in Map SB6 attached.</i> ' Other uses listed within the representation are Class E and F, and are provided for in Policy SB9 of the Neighbourhood Plan and Policy LPP61 'Local	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation

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						Community Services and Facilities' of the Braintree Local Plan.	

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB6 "Protecting Existing Business Uses"?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB10		Q7.10	No	The document only seem to show Blois Business Industrial site this Map and section. This Map and section should show and relate to all Businesses in our village especially Pubs , Petrol station shop and encourage them all to Develop, Prosper and Succeed and the map should be therefore marked to show all of them.	Map does not show other businesses within the village. Map should show all businesses within the village. Examples provided.	<p>Map SB6 shows the Business Use area allocated through the Braintree Local Plan. The map shows an area rather than discrete business addresses. The map shows only the area to which Policy SB6 relates.</p> <p>While there are other sites with uses that entail work and employment in the parish, there is no need for a neighbourhood plan to specifically refer to all uses and businesses in an area. Policy SB6 could be misleading where it states that '<i>current areas of business use are show in Map SB6</i>'. To clarify that only business park allocations in the Local Plan are presented in Map SB6 the plan could be amended as follows: '<i>Current areas of business use BDC Local Plan Policy LPP 6 Business Park allocations within the Parish are shown in Map SB6 attached.</i>'</p> <p>Other uses listed within the representation are Class E and F, and are provided for in Policy SB9 of the Neighbourhood Plan and Policy LPP61 'Local Community Services and Facilities' of the Braintree Local Plan.</p>	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB6 "Protecting Existing Business Uses"?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB11		Q7.11	No	If a business related property is redundant and all the correct procedures have been followed to no avail, why not change building usage to residential considering the restrictions the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan places on any new development within the village development area. The time span for a 'change of use' also needs to be much shorter. Why wait for a year whilst the property deteriorates? I would change this policy by allowing for a suitable alternative use to be found eg. residential and at a much faster pace.	Change of use from business to residential property should be allowed within a faster time frame.	The 12 month period for a marketing is consistent with the approach taken in other areas, and consistent with the approach within BDC Policy LPP61 relating to the protection of local community services and facilities. A period of 12 months marketing is not onerous when considering the importance of seeking to maintain these uses within the area. No change required to the Plan.	
SB12		Q7.12	No	The requirement to offer the premises to the market for a minimum of 12 months might be relevant for a pub but little else. If someone is incapacitated and can no longer carry out their business why should they have to wait 12 months before starting to realize any capital potential of their premises? If those premises form part of their domestic accommodation why should they be forced to accept an unknown tenant?	Requirement to offer premises to the market for 12 months is too restrictive.	Policy relates to use and development, and does not restrict private sale of premises.  The 12 month period for a marketing is consistent with the approach taken in other areas, and consistent with the approach within BDC Policy LPP61 relating to the protection of local community services and facilities. A period of 12 months marketing is not onerous when considering the importance of seeking to maintain these uses within the area. No change required to the Plan.	
SB13		Q7.13	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

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SB14		Q7.14	No	I do not agree in its present form, as the map only appears to show Blois Meadow Industrial Estate and is therefore inaccurate. We should be including all businesses especially within the village envelope and encourage them to expand where possible to make them viable. Examples to be included and on the map should include:- Fox & Hounds, Red Lion, Pottery, Petrol Station and Village Shop, Post Office and Blois Meadow Business Estate	Map does not show other businesses within the village. Map should show all businesses within the village. Examples provided.	Map SB6 shows the Business Use area allocated through the Braintree Local Plan. The map shows an area rather than discrete business addresses. The map shows only the area to which Policy SB6 relates. While there are other sites with uses that entail work and employment in the parish, there is no need for a neighbourhood plan to specifically refer to all uses and businesses in an area. Policy SB6 could be misleading where it states that <i>'current areas of business use are shown in Map SB6'</i> . To clarify that only business park allocations in the Local Plan are presented in Map SB6 the plan could be amended as follows: <i>'Current areas of business use BDC Local Plan Policy LPP 6 Business Park allocations within the Parish are shown in Map SB6 attached.'</i> Other uses listed within the representation are Class E and F, and are provided for in Policy SB9 of the Neighbourhood Plan and Policy LPP61 'Local Community Services and Facilities' of the Braintree Local Plan.	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation
SB15		Q7.15	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB16	Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (the ICB)	Q7.16	Yes	Economic wellbeing is a wider determinant of health and so the availability of local employment opportunities is welcomed.	Support for availability of local employment opportunities.	Support noted, thank you.	



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SB17		Q7.17	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB18		Q7.18	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB19		Q7.19	No	Disagree, the Map SB6 only shows Blois Meadow Business Centre as business use areas. This clearly is incorrect as there are other business addresses offering work and employment in the parish. I would also recommend favourable development away from any Class B2 business use to avoid possible industrialisation of Steeple Bumpstead.	Map does not show other businesses within the village. Map should show all businesses. Class B2 should not be favoured to prevent industrialisation of the village.	<p>Map SB6 shows the Business Use area allocated through the Braintree Local Plan. The map shows an area rather than discrete business addresses. The map shows only the area to which Policy SB6 relates.</p> <p>While there are other sites with uses that entail work and employment in the parish, there is no need for a neighbourhood plan to specifically refer to all uses and businesses in an area. Policy SB6 could be misleading where it states that '<i>current areas of business use are show in Map SB6</i>'. To clarify that only business park allocations in the Local Plan are presented in Map SB6 the plan could be amended as follows: '<i>Current areas of business use BDC Local Plan Policy LPP 6 Business Park allocations within the Parish are shown in Map SB6 attached.</i>'</p> <p>While Policy SB6 seek to maintain any existing B2 uses, it does not seek to encourage more industrial uses in the area.</p>	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation
SB20		Q7.20	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB21		Q7.21	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

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SB22		Q7.22	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB23		Q7.23	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB24		Q7.24	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB25		Q7.25	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB26		Q7.26	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB27		Q7.27	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB28		Q7.28	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB29		Q7.29	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB30		Q7.30	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB31		Q7.31	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB32		Q7.32	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB33		Q7.33	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB34		Q7.34	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB35		Q7.35	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB36		Q7.36	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB37		Q7.37	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB38		Q7.38	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB39		Q7.39	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB40		Q7.40	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB41		Q7.41	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB42		Q7.42	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB43		Q7.43	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB44		Q7.44	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

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SB45	National Highways	Q7.45	N/A	The vision statement outlines and proposed policies within this draft neighbourhood plan 2022-2033 would not have any predicted adverse impact on the Strategic Road Network (SRN). We do not have any more comment of this.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB46	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Q7.46	N/A	Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to NGET assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to NGET's assets which include high voltage electricity assets and other electricity infrastructure. NGET has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB47	National Gas Transmission	Q7.47	N/A	Proposed sites crossed or in close proximity to National Gas Transmission assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Gas Transmission's assets which include high-pressure gas pipelines and other infrastructure. National Gas Transmission has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB48	Natural England	Q7.48	N/A	Natural England does not have any specific comments on the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB49	The Coal Authority	Q7.49	N/A	No comment	No comment.	Noted.	

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SB50	Chelmsford City Council	Q7.50	N/A	We have no specific comments to make at this time, although we would appreciate being notified of future stages of consultation and onward progress.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB51	Braintree District Council	Q7.51	N/A	No comments to make.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB52	Anglian Water	Q7.52	N/A		N/A	N/A	
SB53	Essex Police	Q7.53	N/A	We have reviewed the content of the draft plan and although we have no direct comment to make on the proposed plan we have attached for your information, the Essex Police considerations to development and infrastructure change which forms part of the organisations strategic planning considerations.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB54	Essex County Council	Q7.54	N/A	<p><u>Policy SB6 - Protecting Existing Business Uses</u></p> <p>In order to support the two identified Plan Objectives, ECC recommend a new paragraph makes reference to new premises having access to high-speed communications technology.</p> <p>ECC recommend an additional paragraph to read:</p> <p><i><u>Proposals for new developments or expansion of existing properties should be capable of receiving high speed and reliable mobile and</u></i></p>	Additional paragraph proposed. Additional paragraph required to support objectives regarding high-speed ICT connectivity. Alternative text proposed / suggested.	Such matters are provided for under Policy LPP46 'Broadband' of the Braintree Local Plan. There is no need for this to be repeated within the Neighbourhood Plan.	

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				<p><u>broadband connectivity. Proposals will be supported where the appropriate cabling and ducting is provided to the premises and linked to infrastructure networks, enabling the fastest available connections. Where connectivity is not currently available suitable ducting that can accept superfast broadband, fixed line gigabit- cable broadband and/or 5G connectivity should be provided to the public highway or other suitable location.</u></p>			

Question 8 responses

**Do you agree with Policy SB7 “Farm Businesses”? If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?**

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB7 “Farm Businesses”?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB1		Q8.1	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB2		Q8.2	No	Very restrictive to any farm business with due regard to diversification as encouraged by the government and adversely restricts future farm income	Policy too restrictive. Farms require diversification.	<p>Agreed. To ensure that the Policy is consistent with Policy SB1 and relevant policies in the BDC Local Plan, it is recommended that the removal of "only" may address the balance of support for farm diversification, which may include sympathetic and well-designed small scale development (NPPF para 84 (a)), but with a strong preference for re-use and conversion.</p> <p>It is recommended that the following amendments is made to the Policy:  <i>'Outside development boundaries, proposals which support the diversification of farm businesses through small-scale commercial development will be supported <del>only</del> where provided that the development relates to the conversion and re-use of existing buildings that are of permanent and substantial construction and capable of conversion without complete re-building.'</i></p>	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation, while also replacing the word "only" with "provided that..." in the second paragraph of SB7 in line with the approach to other policies above

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SB3		Q8.3	No	Agricultural businesses are intrinsic to rural communities and have a unique ability to serve the needs of village communities. They should be able to develop in the countryside with more freedom than this policy allows	Policy too restrictive. Farms require diversification.	<p>Agreed. To ensure that the Policy is consistent with Policy SB1 and relevant policies in the BDC Local Plan, it is recommended that the removal of "only" may address the balance of support for farm diversification, which may include sympathetic and well-designed small scale development (NPPF para 84 (a)), but with a strong preference for re-use and conversion.</p> <p>It is recommended that the following amendments is made to the Policy: <i>'Outside development boundaries, proposals which support the diversification of farm businesses through small-scale commercial development will be supported <del>only</del> where provided that the development relates to the conversion and re-use of existing buildings that are of permanent and substantial construction and capable of conversion without complete re-building.'</i></p>	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation, while also replacing the word "only" with "provided that..." in the second paragraph of SB7 in line with the approach to other policies above
SB4		Q8.4	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB5		Q8.5	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB6		Q8.6	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB7		Q8.7	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB7 "Farm Businesses"?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB8		Q8.8	No	Again, too restrictive for business, and more limiting than the local plan of NPPF. Farms business need to diversify to survive and a rural parish NDP should reflect this	Policy too restrictive. Farms require diversification.	<p>Agreed. To ensure that the Policy is consistent with Policy SB1 and relevant policies in the BDC Local Plan, it is recommended that the removal of "only" may address the balance of support for farm diversification, which may include sympathetic and well-designed small scale development (NPPF para 84 (a)), but with a strong preference for re-use and conversion.</p> <p>It is recommended that the following amendments is made to the Policy: <i>'Outside development boundaries, proposals which support the diversification of farm businesses through small-scale commercial development will be supported <del>only</del> where provided that the development relates to the conversion and re-use of existing buildings that are of permanent and substantial construction and capable of conversion without complete re-building.'</i></p>	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation, while also replacing the word "only" with "provided that..." in the second paragraph of SB7 in line with the approach to other policies above
SB9		Q8.9	No	This policy doesn't reflect the current move to place Solar farms and this needs to be clearly stated.	Policy does not provide for solar farms.	Renewable energy schemes are provided for in the Braintree Local Plan, Policy LPP 73 Renewable Energy Schemes. No change required.	
SB10		Q8.10	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	



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SB11		Q8.11	No	Where farm buildings are redundant, small scale development needs to be supported to maintain the place of those buildings in the local landscape whether for rural workers' accommodation or other uses. The alternative is that these buildings will become dilapidated to the detriment of the local environment ie. look awful. I would change this policy by making allowance for sympathetic development outside the development boundaries.	Small scale development should be supported on farms. Re-building can be more appropriate than re-use.	Agreed. To ensure that the Policy is consistent with Policy SB1 and relevant policies in the BDC Local Plan, it is recommended that the removal of "only" may address the balance of support for farm diversification, which may include sympathetic and well-designed small scale development (NPPF para 84 (a)), but with a strong preference for re-use and conversion. It is recommended that the following amendments is made to the Policy: <i>'Outside development boundaries, proposals which support the diversification of farm businesses through small-scale commercial development will be supported <del>only</del> where provided that the development relates to the conversion and re-use of existing buildings that are of permanent and substantial construction and capable of conversion without complete re-building.'</i>	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation, while also replacing the word "only" with "provided that..." in the second paragraph of SB7 in line with the approach to other policies above

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SB12		Q8.12	No	In many cases re-building can create a more attractive building far more suited to an alternative use. The alternative is for old buildings to be left to fall down, creating an eye-sore, an unsafe playground for children, or even an illegal drug den! Having stated in the objectives that you wish "to support local businesses and retain local employment" and "to encourage new businesses and employment opportunities in the Parish" , policy SB7 seeks to make this as difficult as it possibly can for farming businesses.	Policy conflicts with objectives of the NP. Re-building can be more appropriate than re-use.	Agreed. To ensure that the Policy is consistent with Policy SB1 and relevant policies in the BDC Local Plan, it is recommended that the removal of "only" may address the balance of support for farm diversification, which may include sympathetic and well-designed small scale development (NPPF para 84 (a)), but with a strong preference for re-use and conversion.  It is recommended that the following amendments is made to the Policy: <i>'Outside development boundaries, proposals which support the diversification of farm businesses through small-scale commercial development will be supported <del>only</del> where provided that the development relates to the conversion and re-use of existing buildings that are of permanent and substantial construction and capable of conversion without complete re-building.'</i>	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation, while also replacing the word "only" with "provided that..." in the second paragraph of SB7 in line with the approach to other policies above
SB13		Q8.13	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB14		Q8.14	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB15		Q8.15	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB16	Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (the ICB)	Q8.16		No comment	No comment	Noted.	

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SB17		Q8.17	No	No additional developments whatsoever should be permitted at farms within the parish.	No development should be permitted at farms.	Farm development is permitted in national policy and guidance in specific circumstances as set out in the NPPF, paragraph 80 and 84. Policies within the BDC Local Plan also supports development 'appropriate to the countryside' outside of development boundaries. To meet the requirements of the basic conditions, the Neighbourhood Plan must have regard to national policy and conform with strategic policies in the BDC Local Plan. No change required to the Plan.	
SB18		Q8.18	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB19		Q8.19	No	Disagree, although farming businesses should be encouraged and supported in their efforts to flourish, diversification should be more clearly defined in the policy. This will prevent agricultural businesses moving away from their core purpose of food production.	Diversification should be defined more clearly. Farming businesses should be supported.	Farm diversification is regarded as on-farm development which supports ongoing agricultural activity and is explained in the supporting paragraphs of the Neighbourhood Plan as well as the Braintree Local Plan. It is therefore expected that food production will continue alongside any diversification activities. No change to the Plan required.	
SB20		Q8.20	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB21		Q8.21	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB22		Q8.22	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB23		Q8.23	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB24		Q8.24	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB25		Q8.25	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB26		Q8.26	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB7 "Farm Businesses"?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB27		Q8.27	Yes	This does not cover the change of use of farm land, for example we have a proposal within Steeple Bumpstead Parish Boundary for a solar Farm. Such a proposal may be acceptable for environmental reasons but does not curtail widespread applications for change of use which is currently taking place.	Policy does not provide for solar farms. Policy does not provide for change of use of farm land.	Correct. Material change of use will require full planning permission, considering the relevant policies of the development plan, including the Neighbourhood Plan once made and the BDC Local Plan. There is no need for a specific policy relating to this issue, as this can be address through the policies within the Plan read as a whole. No change to the Plan required.	
SB28		Q8.28	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB29		Q8.29	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB30		Q8.30	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB31		Q8.31	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB32		Q8.32	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB33		Q8.33	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB34		Q8.34	Yes	Diversification needs to be done sympathetically within the existing farm property. Small scale businesses in barns etc. Existing accommodation should be used for workers prior to new builds	Diversification should be sympathetic to surrounding area.	Support noted, thank you. Policy SB7 provides for the issues expressed.	
SB35		Q8.35	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB36		Q8.36	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB37		Q8.37	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB38		Q8.38	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB39		Q8.39	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB40		Q8.40	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB41		Q8.41	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB42		Q8.42	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB43		Q8.43	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB7 "Farm Businesses"?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB44		Q8.44	No	Only if the developments are sustainable for the environment and suitable measure e.g. harvesting rainwater, solar panels etc are considered as part of the developments. However the use of existing buildings is a must. Any commercial ideas that are created e.g. a food shop i believe should sell local produce in order to support the local farmers in the area e.g. sell their vegetables (especially if they are wonky veg) otherwise the farmers loose out when they sell them to say the supermarkets as the wonk veg goes for half the cost of a good vegetable	Sustainable reuse of existing buildings is supported. Commercial proposals should sell local produce.	Development proposals will be considered in terms of their environmental sustainability as required by national policy as well as the Neighbourhood Plan, which supports the use of existing buildings. The sale of local produce goes beyond the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan policies. No change required to the Plan.	
SB45	National Highways	Q8.45	N/A	The vision statement outlines and proposed policies within this draft neighbourhood plan 2022-2033 would not have any predicted adverse impact on the Strategic Road Network (SRN). We do not have any more comment of this.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB46	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Q8.46	N/A	Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to NGET assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to NGET's assets which include high voltage electricity assets and other electricity infrastructure. NGET has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB47	National Gas Transmission	Q8.47	N/A	Proposed sites crossed or in close proximity to National Gas Transmission assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Gas Transmission's	No comment.	Noted.	

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB7 "Farm Businesses"?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
				assets which include high-pressure gas pipelines and other infrastructure. National Gas Transmission has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.			
SB48	Natural England	Q8.48	N/A	Natural England does not have any specific comments on the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB49	The Coal Authority	Q8.49	N/A	No comment	No comment.	Noted.	
SB50	Chelmsford City Council	Q8.50	N/A	We have no specific comments to make at this time, although we would appreciate being notified of future stages of consultation and onward progress.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB51	Braintree District Council	Q8.51	N/A	As stated above this policy potentially conflicts with policy SB1 – Location of New Development.	Policy potentially conflicts with policy SB1	Agreed. Proposed amendments to Policy SB1 (see Comment ID Q2.54), and amendments to Policy SB7 (see Comment ID Q8.2), will ensure consistency with Policy SB1 and relevant policies in the BDC Local Plan. The proposed amendments will ensure the Plan meets the requirements of the basic conditions.	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation, while also replacing the word "only" with "provided that..." in the second paragraph of SB7 in line with the approach to other policies above

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB7 "Farm Businesses"?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB51	Braintree District Council	Q8.52	N/A	The word "only" should be removed as the policy is too negatively worded.	Policy is negatively worded. Alternative text provided.	Agreed. To ensure that the Policy is consistent with Policy SB1 and relevant policies in the BDC Local Plan, it is recommended that the removal of "only" may address the balance of support for farm diversification, which may include sympathetic and well-designed small scale development (NPPF para 84 (a)), but with a strong preference for re-use and conversion. It is recommended that the following amendments is made to the Policy: <i>'Outside development boundaries, proposals which support the diversification of farm businesses through small-scale commercial development will be supported <del>only</del> where provided that the development relates to the conversion and re-use of existing buildings that are of permanent and substantial construction and capable of conversion without complete re-building.'</i>	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation, while also replacing the word "only" with "provided that..." in the second paragraph of SB7 in line with the approach to other policies above
SB52	Anglian Water	Q8.53	N/A		N/A	N/A	
SB53	Essex Police	Q8.54	N/A	We have reviewed the content of the draft plan and although we have no direct comment to make on the proposed plan we have attached for your information, the Essex Police considerations to development and infrastructure change which forms part of the organisations strategic planning considerations.	Noted.	Noted.	

Question 9 responses

**Do you agree with Policy SB8 “Provision for Open Space, Sport and Recreation”? If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?**

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB8 “Provision for Open Space, Sport and Recreation”?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB1		Q9.1	No	I disagree with development on these sights	Development should not occur on these sites	Noted. Policy SB8 recognises the importance of these spaces and seeks to protect public open spaces in the Parish from development unless the development enhances these spaces or there are exceptional circumstances. No change required to the Plan.	
SB2		Q9.2	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB3		Q9.3	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB4		Q9.4	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB5		Q9.5	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB6		Q9.6	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB7		Q9.7	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB8		Q9.8	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB9		Q9.9	No	The Map SB9 is incorrect and includes land belonging to BDC and residents.	Map is incorrect.	Steering Group should check the accuracy of Map SB9 to ensure that the areas identified are correct. The map presents the area relating to Policy SB8, the ownership of land is therefore not relevant.	
SB10		Q9.10	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB11		Q9.11	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB12		Q9.12	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	



Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB8 "Provision for Open Space, Sport and Recreation"?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB13		Q9.13	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB14		Q9.14	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB15		Q9.15	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB16	Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (the ICB)	Q9.16	Yes	Physical activity and the opportunity to enjoy attractive outdoor spaces supports residents' physical and mental health and wellbeing and so the policy to protect existing open spaces within the village is welcomed.	Policy supported.	Support noted, thank you.	
SB17		Q9.17	Yes	No development whatsoever should be allowed on the Camping Close and Humphrey's Meadow. Furthermore, the areas marked in red on Map SB8 and identified as "Other areas of community value" should also be given equivalent full protection from any development.	Development should not occur on these sites. Areas in red should be given full protection from development. Other areas of community value should be given full protection from development.	Agreed that Policy SB8 could go further to address other areas of open space presented in Map SB8. The Steering Group could therefore consider making the following amendments to the Policy: <i>'Development at the public open space areas, including <del>known as</del> Humphrey's Meadow and Camping Close and Other Areas of Community Value (as shown on Map SB8 attached), will be permitted where the proposals are ancillary to the existing uses on the site, and support and enhance the enjoyment of these areas.</i>  <i>Proposals for development that would result in the loss of the whole or part of the public open space areas, including Humphrey's Meadow and Camping Close and Other Areas of Community Value as shown in Map SB8, <del>known as</del></i>	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB8 "Provision for Open Space, Sport and Recreation"?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
						<p><del>Humphrey's Meadow and Camping Close</del> will not generally be permitted, other than in exceptional circumstances for essential utility infrastructure where no other feasible alternative site is available, or where an equivalent or enhanced replacement facility is provided in a convenient and accessible location.'</p> <p>While the amendments recommended above will assist the implementation of the Policy, they are not essential in order for the Plan to meet the requirements of the basic conditions.</p>	
SB18		Q9.18	No	This should be made much stricter. Of course, open spaces should absolutely be protected and more public spaces should be provided. Farmers who have sold land recently for development should be made to provide an equal area of land for additional green spaces in the village. They can afford it!!	Policy is not strict enough. Open spaces should be protected and provided.	It is currently beyond the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan policies to identify any new areas of open space. No change required to the Plan.	
SB19		Q9.19	No	Disagree, the Map SB8 showing other areas of community value is marked incorrectly. Areas of community value can only be areas where the parish or BDC have jurisdiction and maintained accordingly. Gardens are not. Therefore I cannot support this policy.	Map is incorrect.	Steering Group should check the accuracy of Map SB8 to ensure that the areas identified are correct and only include publicly accessible areas of open space.	

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SB20		Q9.20	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB21		Q9.21	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB22		Q9.22	No	No development of any kind on the two sites should be considered as acceptable. Encroachment onto these areas would cause irreversible damage to the village environment .	Development should not occur on these sites	Noted. Policy SB8 recognises the importance of these spaces and seeks to protect public open spaces in the Parish from development unless the development enhances these spaces or there are exceptional circumstances. No change required to the Plan.	
SB23		Q9.23	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB24		Q9.24	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB25		Q9.25	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB26		Q9.26	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB27		Q9.27	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB28		Q9.28	Yes	But why is specific reference to utility infrastructure? Is there something in the offing?	Query regarding possible utilities project in SB.	There are no current applications relating to utilities infrastructure within areas of which Policy SB8 relates. Policy SB8 seeks to acknowledge the potential importance of utility infrastructure should any associated development be required in the future. No change required to the Plan.	
SB29		Q9.29	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB30		Q9.30	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB31		Q9.31	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB32		Q9.32	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB33		Q9.33	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB8 "Provision for Open Space, Sport and Recreation"?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB34		Q9.34	Yes	Although apart from football there is no sport provision in open spaces	There is no existing provision of sports (apart from football).	As stated within the supporting text of the chapter, the public open spaces are used for communal activities including football and cricket clubs in season. No change required to the Plan.	
SB35		Q9.35	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB36		Q9.36	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB37		Q9.37	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB38		Q9.38	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB39		Q9.39	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB40		Q9.40	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB41		Q9.41	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB42		Q9.42	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB43		Q9.43	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB44		Q9.44	No	Development at the public open space areas known as Humphrey's Meadow and Camping Close (as shown on Map SB8 attached) will be permitted where the proposals are ancillary to the existing uses on the site, and support and enhance the enjoyment of these areas. - These developments should only be done to improve and protect these areas. Proposals for development that would result in the loss of the whole or part of the public open space areas known as Humphrey's Meadow and Camping Close will not generally be permitted, other than in exceptional circumstances for essential utility infrastructure where no	Development should not occur on these sites	Noted. Policy SB8 recognises the importance of these spaces and seeks to protect public open spaces in the Parish from development unless the development enhances these spaces or there are exceptional circumstances. No change required to the Plan.	

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				other feasible alternative site is available, or where an equivalent or enhanced replacement facility is provided in a convenient and accessible location - these spaces should not be built on at all. We need to protect these open spaces because they are important			
SB45	National Highways	Q9.45	N/A	The vision statement outlines and proposed policies within this draft neighbourhood plan 2022-2033 would not have any predicted adverse impact on the Strategic Road Network (SRN). We do not have any more comment of this.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB46	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Q9.46	N/A	Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to NGET assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to NGET's assets which include high voltage electricity assets and other electricity infrastructure. NGET has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB47	National Gas Transmission	Q9.47	N/A	Proposed sites crossed or in close proximity to National Gas Transmission assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Gas Transmission's assets which include high-pressure gas pipelines and other infrastructure. National Gas Transmission has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB8 "Provision for Open Space, Sport and Recreation"?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB48	Natural England	Q9.48	N/A	Natural England does not have any specific comments on the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB49	The Coal Authority	Q9.49	N/A	No comment	No comment.	Noted.	
SB50	Chelmsford City Council	Q9.50	N/A	We have no specific comments to make at this time, although we would appreciate being notified of future stages of consultation and onward progress.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB51	Braintree District Council	Q9.51	N/A	Suggest not using the word "development" as this implies any form of development would be considered on this site. " Proposals for the enhancement of Humphrey's Meadow....."	Policy lacks clarity. Alternative text provided.	Unclear how the proposed amendment should be included. Policy SB8 states that any development proposals would be expected to 'support and enhance the enjoyment of these areas'. This is therefore already sufficiently included within the Policy. No change required to the Plan.	
SB52	Anglian Water	Q9.52	N/A		N/A	N/A	
SB53	Essex Police	Q9.53	N/A	We have reviewed the content of the draft plan and although we have no direct comment to make on the proposed plan we have attached for your information, the Essex Police considerations to development and infrastructure change which forms part of the organisations strategic planning considerations.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB54	Essex County Council	Q9.54	N/A	<u>Policy SB8 - Provision for Open Space, Sport and Recreation</u>  For clarity, ECC recommend reference to ' <i>generally</i> ' in paragraph 2 is deleted.	Policy lacks clarity. Alternative text provided.	The Steering Group could consider the removal of the word 'generally' in Policy SB8. This amendment is not needed to meet the requirements of the basic conditions.	

Question 10 responses

**Do you agree with Policy SB9 “Protecting Community Uses”? If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?**

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB9 “Protecting Community Uses”?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB1		Q10.1	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB2		Q10.2	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB3		Q10.3	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB4		Q10.4	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB5		Q10.5	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB6		Q10.6	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB7		Q10.7	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB8		Q10.8	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB9		Q10.9	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB10		Q10.10	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB11		Q10.11	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB12		Q10.12	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB13		Q10.13	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB14		Q10.14	Yes	Please Note comments in Q7, SB6	Prior comment referenced.	Noted. Response provided in Q7.	
SB15		Q10.15	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB16	Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (the ICB)	Q10.16	Yes	Community uses are important as they provide access to services, reduce social isolation and can encourage physical activity. It is noted that allotments are present in Steeple Bumpstead; these offer	Retention of community uses is supported.	Support noted, thank you.	

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				a source of fresh locally sourced food as well as opportunities for physical activity and social interaction. Their retention is supported.			
SB17		Q10.17	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB18		Q10.18	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB19		Q10.19	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB20		Q10.20	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB21		Q10.21	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB22		Q10.22	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB23		Q10.23	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB24		Q10.24	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB25		Q10.25	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB26		Q10.26	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB27		Q10.27	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB28		Q10.28	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB29		Q10.29	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB30		Q10.30	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB31		Q10.31	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB32		Q10.32	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB33		Q10.33	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB34		Q10.34	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB35		Q10.35	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB36		Q10.36	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB37		Q10.37	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	



Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB9 "Protecting Community Uses"?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB38		Q10.38	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB39		Q10.39	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB40		Q10.40	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB41		Q10.41	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB42		Q10.42	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB43		Q10.43	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB44		Q10.44	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB45	National Highways	Q10.45	N/A	The vision statement outlines and proposed policies within this draft neighbourhood plan 2022-2033 would not have any predicted adverse impact on the Strategic Road Network (SRN). We do not have any more comment of this.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB46	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Q10.46	N/A	Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to NGET assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to NGET's assets which include high voltage electricity assets and other electricity infrastructure. NGET has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB9 "Protecting Community Uses"?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB47	National Gas Transmission	Q10.47	N/A	Proposed sites crossed or in close proximity to National Gas Transmission assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Gas Transmission's assets which include high-pressure gas pipelines and other infrastructure. National Gas Transmission has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB48	Natural England	Q10.48	N/A	Natural England does not have any specific comments on the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB49	The Coal Authority	Q10.49	N/A	No comment	No comment.	Noted.	
SB50	Chelmsford City Council	Q10.50	N/A	We have no specific comments to make at this time, although we would appreciate being notified of future stages of consultation and onward progress.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB51	Braintree District Council	Q10.51	SB9	Suggest removal of "only" from line 2 so the policy is more positively worded. It may help with clarity is this policy is converted into a criteria based policy.	Policy is negatively worded. Alternative text provided.	Agreed. Policy should be amended as requested to ensure it meets the requirements of the basic conditions. Proposed amendment is as follows: <i>'Proposals which will result in the loss of an existing community uses (including Use Classes E and F) will <del>only</del> be supported where provided that it can be demonstrated that the site has been marketed...'</i>	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB9 "Protecting Community Uses"?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB51	Braintree District Council	Q10.52	N/A	The map SB9 should be included within this section of the neighbourhood plan.	Map SB9 should be included within this section.	The Steering Group could consider including this amendment, which would assist users of the document. A change is not needed to meet the requirements of the basic conditions.	
SB52	Anglian Water	Q10.53	N/A		N/A	N/A	
SB53	Essex Police	Q10.54	N/A	We have reviewed the content of the draft plan and although we have no direct comment to make on the proposed plan we have attached for your information, the Essex Police considerations to development and infrastructure change which forms part of the organisations strategic planning considerations.	No comment.	Noted.	

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB9 "Protecting Community Uses"?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB54	Essex County Council	Q10.55	N/A	<p>Policy SB9 - Protecting Community Uses ECC recommend the following amendments which seek to protect an education facility where its need can be demonstrated and enable the potential disposal/change of use if such circumstances change. <i>Proposals resulting in the loss of an educational facility will not be permitted unless it can be <del>should</del> clearly demonstrated that the existing use of the educational facility is redundant <del>no longer viable</del>, a satisfactory alternative facility is to be provided or <del>and how existing</del> local education needs will be appropriately provided for in the area to the satisfaction of ECC, lead authority for education.</i></p>	Alternative text provided.	<p>The Steering Group should consider including this amendment which would improve the understanding and implementation of the Policy. A change is not needed to meet the requirements of the basic conditions, but would be beneficial to the Plan. Recommended that the Policy text is amended as proposed within the representation: '<i>Proposals resulting in the loss of an educational facility will not be permitted unless it can be <del>should</del> clearly demonstrated that the existing use of the educational facility is redundant <del>no longer viable</del>, a satisfactory alternative facility is to be provided or <del>and how existing</del> local education needs will be appropriately provided for in the area to the satisfaction of ECC, lead authority for education.</i>'</p>	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation

Question 11 responses

**Do you agree with Policy SB10 “Impact of New Development on Traffic”? If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?**

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you agree with Policy SB10 “Impact of New Development on Traffic”?	If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB1		Q11.1	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB2		Q11.2	No	Too restrictive	Policy too restrictive.	No specific amendments recommended by the representation. No changed to the Plan required.	
SB3		Q11.3	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB4		Q11.4	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB5		Q11.5	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB6		Q11.6	No	Consideration must be given to previous use of the property and vehicular accesses.	Previous uses should be taken into account.	It is expected that any assessment for a development will consider current use and access arrangements. This is therefore included in the Policy. No change required to the Plan.	
SB7		Q11.7	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB8		Q11.8	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB9		Q11.9	No	The traffic moving through the Parish is greatly affected by neighbouring developments which remain outside of our control . These do not have to take into consideration our road conditions. The addition of a small number of houses etc with the village, which are planned for parking etc should be allowed. These residents can walk to the shop etc. If you encourage businesses in the existing development you must accept increased traffic by employees, and the customers.	Development outside of Parish impacts on traffic in SB. Walkable residential development in the village should be allowed. Traffic generated by business use should be accepted.	Noted. The Neighbourhood Plan can only seek to manage development within the designated area. Policy SB10 supports new development where the transport impacts have been appropriately considered. No change required to the Plan.	
SB10		Q11.10	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

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SB11		Q11.11	No	Whilst a traffic impact assessment is standard practice for any new development, Steeple Bumpstead could introduce a 20mph speed limit through the village to improve safety as many villages, towns and cities in the UK have done. However, those living along the B1054, Hempstead Road still have to deal on a daily basis with traffic travelling at speeds of up to 60mph along this road. A speed limit of 30mph along the B1054 to the edge of the Parish Boundary is urgently needed. I would change this policy by introducing a 20mph limit within the village development area and a 30mph limit out to the edge of the Parish Boundary along the B1054, Hempstead Road.	20mph speed limit should be introduced in the village. 30mph speed limit should be introduced in on the B1054	This is beyond the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan policies.	
SB12		Q11.12	Yes	We now have a 40 mph limit through Broad Green. It would make great sense to have one through Smiths Green as it is a fast road with blind bends on approaches to houses, In fact 30mph would be suitable to the edge of the parish/district boundary.	40mph speed limit should be introduced at Smiths Green. 30mph speed limit should be introduced at the edge of the Parish area.	This is beyond the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan policies.	
SB13		Q11.13	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB14		Q11.14	Yes	Yes But only after taking into account of its previous use traffic if any.	Previous uses should be taken into account.	It is expected that any assessment for a development will consider current use and access arrangements. This is therefore included in the Policy. No change required to the Plan.	
SB15		Q11.15	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB16		Q11.16	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB17		Q11.17	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

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SB18		Q11.18	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB19		Q11.19	No	Disagree, development will always have some adverse effect on traffic. Although I believe it should be limited as much as possible. I would prefer development where it may have some useful effect on the village rather than traffic just causing congestion because they live in a village just up the road that has allowed development. Also, if it is desirable to develop and promote business and employment land, increased traffic must be expected, not simply by the people employed but also by the business it generates.	Adverse traffic impact from development should be limited. Development outside of Parish impacts on traffic in SB. Traffic generated by business use should be accepted.	Noted. The Neighbourhood Plan can only seek to manage development within the designated area. Policy SB10 supports new development where the transport impacts have been appropriately considered. No change required to the Plan.	
SB20		Q11.20	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB21		Q11.21	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB22		Q11.22	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB23		Q11.23	Yes	Unfortunately Poppy Fields access, as the majority of the residents agree, is a nightmare. Both for drivers and pedestrians. Hopefully this would not arise again with any future developments.	Poppy Fields access is poor quality. Future development should not repeat this.	Policy SB10 seeks to limit any adverse impacts through requiring new development to provide additional transport and access related information. No change required to the Plan.	
SB24		Q11.24	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB25		Q11.25	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB26		Q11.26	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

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SB27		Q11.27	Yes	I agree, but consideration should also be given by neighbouring councils such as Haverhill where large housing developments are taking place with over 4000 new houses, but the impact on Steeple Bumpstead has not been considered and just ignored. The village plan should have a voice when such developments have an impact on traffic, increased pollution, wear and tare.	Impact of development outside of Parish on traffic in SB has not been considered. The Plan should influence developments outside of the Parish which impacts on traffic in SB.	Noted. The Neighbourhood Plan can only seek to manage development within the designated area. No change required to the Plan.	
SB28		Q11.28	Yes	But there are existing locations where visibility is already sub-standard, eg pedestrians crossing Finchingfield Road at the limit of existing development, and pedestrians crossing Haverhill Road/North Street by Claywall Bridge. Traffic speed is already too high in places, so would potentially be exacerbated by any new development. An example is again Finchingfield Road, in part because the 30mph limit is within the village. The change in speed limit from 60mph to 30mph should be further up the hill, well outside the village boundary. This would also potentially alleviate the noise pollution from motor bikes using this recognised bikers' route to Finchingfield.	Current traffic speeds are too high. Existing crossings are poor quality. Increased development will exacerbate this. Speed limit at Finchingfield Road should be moved.	Speed limits and current areas of sub-standard visibility are beyond the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan policies. No change required to the Plan.	
SB29		Q11.29	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB30		Q11.30	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB31		Q11.31	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB32		Q11.32	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB33		Q11.33	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	



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SB34		Q11.34	Yes	The local roadways cannot deal with current traffic. Increased housing, most cars have 2 vehicles, leading to roads not being fit for purpose. Residents have to travel to shop, go to medical appointments	Current traffic levels are too high. Increased development will exacerbate this.	The Neighbourhood Plan recognises the current traffic issues and seeks to mitigate the impact of new development in order to ensure no further detriment in the area. No change required to the Plan.	
SB35		Q11.35	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB36		Q11.36	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB37		Q11.37	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB38		Q11.38	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB39		Q11.39	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB40		Q11.40	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB41		Q11.41	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB42		Q11.42	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB43		Q11.43	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB44		Q11.44	No	Although Safe access needs to be considered, we also need to consider the impact on the character of the village with the creation of traffic control measures. What I would suggest is: Blois Road Triangle - do not make this into a mini roundabout because it is a village not a town. It requires better provision of the blind spot mirrors and for the cleanliness of these mirrors to be maintained. Additionally - double yellow lines need to be painted on the corner in order to prevent parking which will improve the safety to an extent Consider where junctions are placed better - the new junctions for the new development are awful and dangerous!	Impact of transport scheme design on character of village should be considered.	Traffic management measures are beyond the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan policies. Policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and the Design Codes can be used to inform the approach to junctions for future developments, however no new developments are being proposed through the Neighbourhood Plan. No change required to the Plan.	

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SB45	National Highways	Q11.45	N/A	The vision statement outlines and proposed policies within this draft neighbourhood plan 2022-2033 would not have any predicted adverse impact on the Strategic Road Network (SRN). We do not have any more comment of this.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB46	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Q11.46	N/A	Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to NGET assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to NGET's assets which include high voltage electricity assets and other electricity infrastructure. NGET has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB47	National Gas Transmission	Q11.47	N/A	Proposed sites crossed or in close proximity to National Gas Transmission assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Gas Transmission's assets which include high-pressure gas pipelines and other infrastructure. National Gas Transmission has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB48	Natural England	Q11.48	N/A	Natural England does not have any specific comments on the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB49	The Coal Authority	Q11.49	N/A	No comment	No comment.	Noted.	
SB50	Chelmsford City Council	Q11.50	N/A	We have no specific comments to make at this time, although we would appreciate being notified of future stages of consultation and onward progress.	No comment.	Noted.	

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SB51	Braintree District Council	Q11.51	N/A	This policy is supported.	Policy is supported.	Support noted, thank you.	
SB52	Anglian Water	Q11.52	N/A		N/A	N/A	
SB53	Essex Police	Q11.53	N/A	We have reviewed the content of the draft plan and although we have no direct comment to make on the proposed plan we have attached for your information, the Essex Police considerations to development and infrastructure change which forms part of the organisations strategic planning considerations.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB54	Essex County Council	Q11.54	N/A	ECC recommend Objective 1 deletes reference to ' <i>including pedestrians and cyclists</i> ' as these are incorporated within ' <i>all highway users</i> '. If not, the parish should explain the reason why these are specifically identified <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>To improve safety for all highway users in, through and around the village, including pedestrians and cyclists.</i></li> </ul>	Reference to all highway users should be incorporated to policy objective 1. Alternative text provided.	The Steering Group could consider including this amendment. A change is not recommended or needed to meet the requirements of the basic conditions.	
SB54	Essex County Council	Q11.55	N/A	ECC recommend Objective 2 is re-ordered to be consistent with NPPF, paragraph 112 a) which seeks applications to give priority first to pedestrian and cycle movements and then to facilitating access to high quality public transport. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>To promote and support active and sustainable modes, namely walking, cycling, e-scooters, horseriding and passenger transport public transport, and travel by foot and cycle.</i></li> </ul>	Policy objective 2 should be reordered to be consistent with national policy transport priority. Alternative text provided.	The Steering Group could consider including this amendment. A change is not recommended or needed to meet the requirements of the basic conditions.	

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SB54	Essex County Council	Q11.56	N/A	<p>The Plan (page 36) identifies the following two locations where the community has identified concerns regarding the local highway infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· the three-way junction between Claywall Bridge, Chapel Street and Blois Road; and</li> <li>· the three-way junction between North Street, The Endway and Haverhill Road.</li> </ul> <p>ECC recommend that these issues should be put through the Braintree Local Highways Panel (BLHP). The BLHP covers potential schemes regarding traffic management improvements; tackling congestion; Public Rights of Way improvements; cycling schemes; passenger transport improvements; minor improvement schemes and aesthetic improvements. In order to progress potential schemes, the parish council will need to make a case for funding via the BLHP. The BLHP is able to consider locally requested measures that are not able to be prioritised for funding through other dedicated highways budgets but meet the desires of the local community. The BHLHP will prioritise the local concerns and make recommendations to the ECC Cabinet Member for the implementation of highway schemes that meet the concerns of local people. Potential schemes can be requested via the BLHP link above.</p>	Junction issues should be raised through the Braintree Local Highways Panel (BLHP)	Noted, the Council will consider raising these issues through the Braintree Local Highways Panel (BLHP)	

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SB54	Essex County Council	Q11.57	N/A	Policy SB10 - Impact of New Development on Traffic ECC support criterion a) with matters regarding safe access and visibility being required to be assessed by ECC, as the highway authority, against the <a href="#">ECC Development Management Policies (2011) (DMP)</a> and the EDG: <a href="#">Highways Technical Manual - Planting in sight splays</a> .	Policy criterion a) supported.	Support noted, thank you.	
SB54	Essex County Council	Q11.58	N/A	<p>Policy SB10 - Impact of New Development on Traffic</p> <p>ECC recommend 'adequate' is deleted and reference made to 'current standards'. ECC recommend criterion b is amended to refer to the need to prepare and submit a Transport Assessment or Statement (TA/TS), as these will cover all aspects covered within criterion b).</p> <p>ECC recommend the policy is amended to read:</p> <p><i>Proposals for new development will be required to must meet both of the following criteria:</i></p> <p><i>(a) Provide safe and convenient access for vehicles and pedestrians with <del>adequate</del> visibility splays consistent with current standards; and</i></p> <p><i>(b) Submit a Transport Assessment or Statement and Travel Plan as appropriate <del>include an assessment of the additional traffic likely to be generated by the development, its</del></i></p>	Policy criterion b should be simplified to reference the need for a Transport Assessment or Statement and Travel Plan. Alternative text provided.	<p>The Steering Group should consider including this amendment which would improve the understanding and implementation of the Policy. A change is not needed to meet the requirements of the basic conditions, but would be beneficial to the Plan.</p> <p>Recommended that the Policy text is amended as proposed within the representation:</p> <p><i>'Proposals for new development will be required to must meet both of the following criteria:</i></p> <p><i>(a) Provide safe and convenient access for vehicles and pedestrians with <del>adequate</del>-visibility splays consistent with current standards; and</i></p> <p><i>(b) Submit a Transport Assessment or Statement and Travel Plan as appropriate-Include an assessment of the additional traffic likely to be generated by the development, its impact on pedestrians, cyclists, road safety, parking and congestion within</i></p>	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation

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				<p><i>impact on pedestrians, cyclists, road safety, parking and congestion within the parish. This should demonstrate that traffic reduction measures have been considered to avoid negative impacts prior to providing measures to mitigate the impacts of increased traffic.</i></p>		<p><i>the parish. This should demonstrate that traffic reduction measures have been considered to avoid negative impacts prior to providing measures to mitigate the impacts of increased traffic.'</i></p>	

Question 12 responses

**Do you agree with Policy SB11 “Parking Provision”? If No, why do you disagree? How would you change this policy?**

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SB1		Q12.1	No	Disagree that a garage should be classed as a parking space. Very few garages are built large enough to house a modern day car/people will not use them for parking purposes, resulting in further parking issues within the village.	Garage should not be classed as a parking space. Garages will not be used for parking purposes.	The policy states that parking spaces provided in the form of garages must be made permanently available for parking use by residents, and the development would need to ensure that the garage is appropriately sized to accommodate vehicles for this to count as a parking space, as discussed in the Essex Parking Standards document (2009). No change required to the Plan.	
SB2		Q12.2	No	Too restrictive	Policy is too restrictive.	Unclear how the Policy is too restrictive. No change to the Plan required.	
SB3		Q12.3	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB4		Q12.4	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB5		Q12.5	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB6		Q12.6	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB7		Q12.7	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB8		Q12.8	No	I don't think the parking requirement is aligned with national policy..?	Policy conflicts with national policy.	The Policy has sufficient regard to national planning policy. However, the Policy is inconsistent with the BDC Local Plan which is aligned with the Essex Parking Standards. A change is therefore proposed to Policy SB11 to address this, as presented within Comment ID Q12.55 below.	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation
SB9		Q12.9	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB10		Q12.10	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

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SB11		Q12.11	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB12		Q12.12	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB13		Q12.13	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB14		Q12.14	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB15		Q12.15	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB16	Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (the ICB)	Q12.16		No comment	No comment.	Noted.	
SB17		Q12.17	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB18		Q12.18	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB19		Q12.19	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB20		Q12.20	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB21		Q12.21	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB22		Q12.22	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB23		Q12.23	Yes	Parking near the school is a problem, as with most schools nationwide, so appreciate that little can be done. A concern though that emergency vehicles would not be able to get through in that area at the beginning and at the end of the school day.	Parking at school is an issue.	Noted. The policy aims to ensure that appropriate off-street parking is provided by new development to ensure on-street parking and traffic issues are not exacerbated by new development within the village. No change required to the Plan.	
SB24		Q12.24	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB25		Q12.25	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB26		Q12.26	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB27		Q12.27	Yes	Very important with the narrow streets of the village.	Policy provision is important.	Support noted, thank you.	
SB28		Q12.28	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB29		Q12.29	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	



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SB30		Q12.30	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB31		Q12.31	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB32		Q12.32	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB33		Q12.33	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB34		Q12.34	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB35		Q12.35	No	No provision to ensure parking spaces have to be retained. Gates to back gardens to park a car is open to abuse and likelihood of road parking being used is more likely. This goes against the aim of the provision	Policy makes road parking more likely. Policy conflicts objectives.	The policy seeks to retain the overall provision of parking spaces, stating that proposals that will reduce existing levels of off-street parking will be resisted, and seeks to ensure an appropriate provision in new developments.  Beyond ensuring the provision of spaces, the ability of planning policies to affect the future management of spaces is limited. No reference to parking in gardens in the Neighbourhood Plan. No change required to the Plan.	
SB36		Q12.36	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB37		Q12.37	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB38		Q12.38	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB39		Q12.39	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB40		Q12.40	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB41		Q12.41	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB42		Q12.42	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	
SB43		Q12.43	Yes			Support noted, thank you.	

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SB44		Q12.44	No	A minimum of three parking spaces for new dwellings containing 4 or more bedrooms. - this should remain as two spaces. If the property has a garage, the size of this should be created to ensure that it is sufficient for at least one vehicle. Current parking provision is tricky because of the way which historic buildings/housing was developed. I think that in some locations e.g. areas used for recreational purposes, the existing spaces need to have spaces created to ensure that the spaces available can then cater for the maximum amount of vehicles possible. Primary school pick up for example - if the village hall spaces were marked out correctly, parents could then be encouraged to park sensibly in these allocated spots first before parking elsewhere.	Garages should be large enough for at least one vehicle. Parking requirement for 4-bed+ dwellings is too high. Current parking provision should be improved.	Noted. Parking standards is considered further in Comment ID Q12.55. The management of existing car parks is beyond the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan policies. No change required to the Plan.	
SB45	National Highways	Q12.45	N/A	The vision statement outlines and proposed policies within this draft neighbourhood plan 2022-2033 would not have any predicted adverse impact on the Strategic Road Network (SRN). We do not have any more comment of this.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB46	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Q12.46	N/A	Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to NGET assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to NGET's assets which include high voltage electricity assets and other electricity infrastructure. NGET has identified that it has no record	No comment.	Noted.	

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				of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.			
SB47	National Gas Transmission	Q12.47	N/A	Proposed sites crossed or in close proximity to National Gas Transmission assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Gas Transmission's assets which include high-pressure gas pipelines and other infrastructure. National Gas Transmission has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB48	Natural England	Q12.48	N/A	Natural England does not have any specific comments on the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB49	The Coal Authority	Q12.49	N/A	No comment	No comment.	Noted.	
SB50	Chelmsford City Council	Q12.50	N/A	We have no specific comments to make at this time, although we would appreciate being notified of future stages of consultation and onward progress.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB51	Braintree District Council	Q12.51	N/A	Minor typo on line 2 "on order" should be "in order".	Typo.	A change to the Plan is recommended to address an error in the Plan, as follows: ' <i>Development proposals that generate an increased need for parking must provide adequate and suitable off-street parking <del>in</del> <u>in</u> order to minimise obstruction of the local...</i> '	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation
SB51	Braintree District Council	Q12.52	N/A	It should be noted that the Essex Parking Standards are currently being updated. Suggest including reference to the parking standards in case other uses are proposed	No comment.	Agreed. Reference to the Essex Parking Standards would be beneficial to the Policy. This is addressed further by Comment ID Q12.55 below.	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC

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				in the neighbourhood plan which are not covered by this policy.			Planning recommendation
SB52	Anglian Water	Q12.53	N/A	Parking areas can create significant surface water run-off that can impact on our wastewater network, therefore we would welcome reference to the Steeple Bumpstead Design Guidance and Codes (Code 4 Water Management) that provides guidance on permeable paving and surfacing.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB53	Essex Police	Q12.54	N/A	We have reviewed the content of the draft plan and although we have no direct comment to make on the proposed plan we have attached for your information, the Essex Police considerations to development and infrastructure change which forms part of the organisations strategic planning considerations.	No comment.	Noted.	

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SB54	Essex County Council	Q12.55	N/A	<p>The parking standards in paragraph 2 are not consistent with the current EPS (page 63) which are 1 parking space per 1 bed dwelling and 2 spaces for 2+ bed dwellings. ECC recommend Policy SB11 is deleted and replaced with the following policy to read:</p> <p><i>Any new residential parking to be provided, whether in new development or through additional provision associated with alterations or extensions to existing development, is required to have regard to Essex Parking Standards (or any subsequent update to this) and the design principles established in the Essex Design Guide. Departures from the Essex Parking Standards (EPS) will require the submission of supporting evidence.</i></p>	Policy SB11 should be deleted / replaced. Parking standards are not consistent with Essex Parking Standards. Alternative text provided.	<p>Unless there is any supporting evidence to indicate why there should be alternative standards for the Parish, in order to meet the requirements of the basic conditions, it is agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan should conform with the BDC Local Plan and Essex Parking Standards. Recommend including the amended text as proposed within the representation:  <i>Development proposals that generate an increased need for parking must provide adequate and suitable off-street parking on order to minimise obstruction of the local road network in the interests of the safety of all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists. Parking spaces can take the form of spaces or garage / car port facilities, but must be permanently available to the resident for parking use.</i></p> <p><del>Unless it can be satisfactorily demonstrated that an alternative parking provision would be appropriate on a specific site, proposals for new dwellings (Use Class C3) should include:</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>• A minimum of two parking spaces for new dwellings containing 1–3 bedrooms.</del></li> <li><del>• A minimum of three parking spaces for new dwellings containing 4 or more bedrooms.</del></li> </ul> <p><i>Any new residential parking to be</i></p>	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation

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						<p><i><u>provided, whether in new development or through additional provision associated with alterations or extensions to existing development, is required to have regard to Essex Parking Standards (or any subsequent update to this) and the design principles established in the Essex Design Guide. Departures from the Essex Parking Standards (EPS) will require the submission of supporting evidence.</u></i></p> <p><i>Proposals that would reduce the existing level of off-street parking provision will be resisted unless it can be satisfactorily demonstrated that the amount of overall provision is adequate for the existing and future use of the site.</i></p>	

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SB54	Essex County Council	Q12.56	N/A	<p>ECC note the summary of bus provision and the limited opportunity it poses for commuting trips.</p> <p>Reference should also be made to the Dart 3 service which covers an area from Earls Colne in the south to Long Melford in the north, Steeple Bumpstead in the east and Bures Green in the east. This is a fully demand responsive service.</p>	Reference should be made to the Dart 3 bus service in supporting text.	The Steering Group could consider including this amendment. A change is not needed to meet the requirements of the basic conditions.	
SB54	Essex County Council	Q12.57	N/A	ECC recommends the parish council undertakes a travel survey to seek the views of the community with regards where residents go for different needs, how often and at what time of day.	Travel survey should be undertaken by SBPC.	It is unclear how a travel survey would inform Policy SB11 regarding parking. No change required to the Plan.	

Question 13 responses

**How do you plan to vote in the referendum to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan?**

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	How do you plan to vote in the referendum to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB1		Q13.1	Yes		Noted.	
SB2		Q13.2	No		Noted.	
SB3		Q13.3	No		Noted.	
SB4		Q13.4	Yes		Noted.	
SB5		Q13.5	Yes		Noted.	
SB6		Q13.6	No		Noted.	
SB7		Q13.7	Yes		Noted.	
SB8		Q13.8	No		Noted.	
SB9		Q13.9	No		Noted.	
SB10		Q13.10	No		Noted.	
SB11		Q13.11	No		Noted.	
SB12		Q13.12	No		Noted.	
SB13		Q13.13	Yes		Noted.	
SB14		Q13.14	Yes		Noted.	
SB15		Q13.15	Yes		Noted.	
SB16	Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (the ICB)	Q13.16				
SB17		Q13.17	Yes		Noted.	
SB18		Q13.18	Yes		Noted.	
SB19		Q13.19	No		Noted.	
SB20		Q13.20	Yes		Noted.	



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SB21		Q13.21	Yes		Noted.	
SB22		Q13.22	No		Noted.	
SB23		Q13.23	Yes		Noted.	
SB24		Q13.24	Yes		Noted.	
SB25		Q13.25	Yes		Noted.	
SB26		Q13.26	Yes		Noted.	
SB27		Q13.27	Yes		Noted.	
SB28		Q13.28	Yes		Noted.	
SB29		Q13.29	Yes		Noted.	
SB30		Q13.30	Yes		Noted.	
SB31		Q13.31	Yes		Noted.	
SB32		Q13.32	Yes		Noted.	
SB33		Q13.33	Yes		Noted.	
SB34		Q13.34				
SB35		Q13.35	No		Noted.	
SB36		Q13.36	Yes		Noted.	
SB37		Q13.37	Yes		Noted.	
SB38		Q13.38	Yes		Noted.	
SB39		Q13.39	Yes		Noted.	
SB40		Q13.40	Yes		Noted.	
SB41		Q13.41	Yes		Noted.	
SB42		Q13.42	Yes		Noted.	
SB43		Q13.43	Yes		Noted.	
SB44		Q13.44	No		Noted.	
SB45	National Highways	Q13.45	N/A			

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SB46	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Q13.46	N/A			
SB47	National Gas Transmission	Q13.47	N/A			
SB48	Natural England	Q13.48	N/A			
SB49	The Coal Authority	Q13.49	N/A			
SB50	Chelmsford City Council	Q13.50	N/A			
SB51	Braintree District Council	Q13.51	N/A			
SB52	Anglian Water	Q13.52	N/A			
SB53	Essex Police	Q13.53	N/A			

Question 14 responses

**Do you have any other comments?**

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you have any other comments?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB1		Q14.1	Steeple Bumpstead is a lovely little historic village which I am keen to see remain as just that. Land owners and developers are extremely money driven and often forget about the importance of retaining the integrity of villages such as ours. Nature, conservation, respect for existing properties/villages and preservation of the history of the village should be at the forethought of any future planning decisions as opposed to simply allowing the greatest number of new dwellings for maximum profit. There are a substantial number of new properties being built in surrounding areas such as Haverhill and Saffron Walden which are able to meet the housing needs of the area. Please protect our village from future expansion.	Village should not be expanded. Nature, conservation and character should be prioritised. Housing outside of the village can meet housing needs.	Noted. The Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate any new development in the Parish. No change required to the Plan.	
SB2		Q14.2			N/A	
SB3		Q14.3	The plan is too restrictive. Probably more so than the Local plan. It doesn't seem to be very progressive or embrace change	Plan is too restrictive.	Noted. The neighbourhood plan has been prepared with regard to national policy which requires plans to be positively prepared, and seeks to conform with the strategic policies of the BDC Local Plan. No change required to the Plan.	
SB4		Q14.4	I feel that Steeple Bumpstead is a lovely place to live. However we have to ensure that complaints to the local council are listened to and acted on. Part of our village sits in a conservation area which we have a duty to	Complaints should be addressed by the Council. Conservation area must be protected. Community is important to SB.	Noted. Policies within the Neighbourhood Plan policies seek to protect the natural and historic environment and footpaths. No change required to the Plan.	

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			protect, which includes homes, walk ways, boundary lines, and especially trees. Community plays a big part in keeping a village safe, giving pride to residents who live here as long as one rule applies to all.			
SB5		Q14.5			N/A	
SB6		Q14.6	The present format of the plan NEEDS TO BE UPDATED CORRECTLY before I can support the development plan in its ENTIRETY in ALL areas/aspects of comments identified.	Format of the plan needs to be updated correctly.	The format of the plan will be updated based on the findings of the representations prior to submission for independent examination.	
SB7		Q14.7			N/A	
SB8		Q14.8			N/A	
SB9		Q14.9	This plan is very much about maintaining the status quo and resisting allowing new people into the parish. The Parish needs to allow development within the village , considered and to a good standard. The housing market will itself ensure affordable, but without new families the schools etc will not survive. We need to be more in tune with what our neighbouring parishes are doing as they will impact on us. This plan feels very much as if we are in a vacuum, which is not the case.	Good quality development should be allowed within the village.	The neighbourhood plan presents policies to manage new development in the Parish. The Neighbourhood Plan provides guidance on how and where new development should come forward in the future. No change required to the Plan.	
SB10		Q14.10	If my points listed previously are acted upon I would vote YES Also the the Maps are poorly identified on the Maps them selves and this makes it difficult to be sure what sections of the plan they relate.	Maps are not clearly formatted / denoted.	Agreed. Recommend that all the maps are incorporated into the main Neighbourhood Plan document, and signposted accordingly with appropriate titles.	SG considered and agreed in principle with DAC Planning recommendation. However, the intention of the SG is to include these maps within the NP at the final publication stage only - until that

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						point, for purely pragmatic reasons the inclusion of the maps within the main NP document will make it too large in terms of electronic file size to be easily sent as an attachment, as many spam filters will reject the document as being too large; and thus the maps will be retained as separate documents until that final stage
SB11		Q14.11	The Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan is unfortunately not a proactive document rather; it has taken a reactive approach. A more balanced and flexible approach is needed allowing planners to work in close cooperation with developers to provide housing where needed at identified sites outside the village development area. This must be agreeable to all parties including the Local Parish Council, whilst maintaining and enhancing the local environment. This document is very short sighted and makes little if no provision for future housing in Steeple Bumpstead.	Neighbourhood plan should be proactive. Neighbourhood plan should be more flexible to provide housing outside of the development area. New housing should be protect and enhance the local environment. Neighbourhood plan is short-sighted. Neighbourhood plan should provide housing in the village.	Noted. The Neighbourhood Plan does not seek to allocated areas for new development. The neighbourhood plan presents policies to manage new development in the Parish. The Neighbourhood Plan provides guidance on how and where new development should come forward in the future. No change required to the Plan.	

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SB12		Q14.12	.It is very sad that there was no footpath or road-widening associated with the recent development opposite what was the ford. A golden opportunity missed for achieving a real community benefit. There is reference in the report to the "scenic" value of the arable land between Freezes and the village shop. Ugh?? It is hardly visible from the road and provides an ideal space for a small development. A prime example of where a proactive approach might help to get some extra parking/road widening to alleviate the problems caused by parking in North Street. The Neighbourhood Plan needs to be much more pro-active. Preserving the village in aspic serves no purpose (and would make driving even more difficult!!)	Previous development should have included highways improvements. Neighbourhood plan should be proactive. Land between Freezes and village shop could be developed.	Noted. The Neighbourhood Plan does not seek to allocated areas for new development. The neighbourhood plan presents policies to manage new development in the Parish. The Neighbourhood Plan provides guidance on how and where new development should come forward in the future. No change required to the Plan.	
SB13		Q14.13	In the past few years many trees have been lost from the centre of the village - especially in the conservation area - I would like to see more trees planted to replace them (not just on Bellropes).The clearance of wildlife habitat on both sides of the brook should be halted - Too much has been removed already. The construction vehicles for the developments in progress are placing a heavy strain on the roads through the village - especially Water Lane and North Street - Maybe a weight restriction is required.	Trees lost from village should be replaced. Habitat loss at the brook should be prevented. Weight restriction on roads in village should be implemented to alleviate construction traffic impacts on highways.	The Steeple Bumpstead Design Guide (DC.01 Code.5), Policy SB3, and BLP Policy LPP 65 provide for the replacement and planting of trees with new development. Construction impacts and highways weight restrictions are beyond the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan. No change required to the Plan.	
SB14		Q14.14	I would vote YES PROVIDED the plan is adjusted to cover the point mentioned and other inaccuracies are rectified. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS FOR ATTENTION The maps included which highlight the different SB Sections are not clearly identified with the Reference Number and for which they refer and the maps themselves should be checked	Plan should be amended to address inaccuracies. Maps are not clearly formatted / denoted. Maps do not show all Education uses.	The Neighbourhood Plan will be updated or modified based on the findings of the representations prior to submission for independent examination. Map issues have been noted. Other proposed amendments are addressed within responses to previous questions.	

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			for completeness and accuracy. Education use in Blois Road Estate ie Play School not shown			
SB15		Q14.15	I think the plan is an excellent piece of work, largely balancing desirability with practicality. I hope that the plan will be adopted and be effective in protecting our village as we adapt to the inevitable pressures to come.	Support for the plan.	Support noted, thank you.	
SB16	Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (the ICB)	Q14.16	N/A		N/A	
SB17		Q14.17	The draft Neighbourhood Plan is an excellent basis for governing new developments in the parish.	Support for the plan.	Support noted, thank you.	
SB18		Q14.18	Very much need a Neighbourhood plan, if it can help stop developers riding roughshod over the green fields as they are currently doing without providing any benefit to the village; no additional open spaces, despite increase in village population; no pavement linking the village past Poppy Field; rogue development OUTSIDE village envelope by Pig Farmer at Lily Corner!	Neighbourhood plan is required to prevent green field development.	Noted. The Neighbourhood Plan cannot influence previous development decisions; however the Neighbourhood Plan will seek to address the issues expressed in relation to future development proposals.	
SB19		Q14.19	The Neighbourhood Plan needs much more work to win my vote.	Neighbourhood plan requires further work.	Noted. Further amendments will be made to the Plan in response to comments received through the Regulation 14 consultation.	
SB20		Q14.20			N/A	
SB21		Q14.21			N/A	
SB22		Q14.22	This is due to my objections to some policies, but, this may change after seeing the final proposals.		Noted. The comments provided during the Regulation 14 stage will inform the final iteration of the Neighbourhood Plan	

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					for submission to be independently examined.	
SB23		Q14.23			N/A	
SB24		Q14.24			N/A	
SB25		Q14.25			N/A	
SB26		Q14.26			N/A	
SB27		Q14.27	Very much approve	Support for the plan.	Support noted, thank you.	
SB28		Q14.28			N/A	
SB29		Q14.29			N/A	
SB30		Q14.30			N/A	
SB31		Q14.31			N/A	
SB32		Q14.32			N/A	
SB33		Q14.33	At the meeting in the Community Hall on the 15th April 2023, a number of people raised the same serious concerns regarding issues with road safety at the exit of the new Poppy Fields Estate and the adjacent bend into North Street opposite the telephone exchange. I believe that given the numbers who expressed concerns that the Parish Council should seek to once again raise these concerns with the Highways Authority and other stakeholders.	Highways issues should be raised with the Highways Authority.	Noted. Comment does not relate to the Neighbourhood Plan.	
SB34		Q14.34	To be honest I have doubts about the plan. A lot of aspects seem to be for an urban society rather than a rural village. The village currently has nothing to entice young people back once they have been away to university unless they live at home.	Neighbourhood plan does not take into account rural village context. Village does not currently provide for young people.	Noted. Unclear from the representation what changes should be made to the Plan.	



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SB35		Q14.35	Because of lack of wording tightness of some provisions	Lack of tightness of policy wording.	The neighbourhood plan has been prepared with regard to national policy which requires plans to be positively prepared. In addition, the basic conditions require neighbourhood plans to have regard to national planning policy and conform with strategic policies in the Local Plan. Further amendments will be made to the Plan in response to comments received through the Regulation 14 consultation.	
SB36		Q14.36			N/A	
SB37		Q14.37			N/A	
SB38		Q14.38			N/A	
SB39		Q14.39			N/A	
SB40		Q14.40			N/A	
SB41		Q14.41			N/A	
SB42		Q14.42			N/A	
SB43		Q14.43			N/A	
SB44		Q14.44	I was not aware that there was a referendum for the neighbourhood plan. I think the plan needs to focus primarily on improving what we already have in the village and not focusing on expanding and creating new properties beyond what is currently being built.	Plan needs to focus on improving existing development rather than providing new development.	The neighbourhood plan does not allocate or provide for further development beyond that of the Braintree Local Plan. The neighbourhood plan seeks to protect and enhance various existing aspects of the village and surrounding area. No change to the Plan required.	
SB45	National Highways	Q14.45	The vision statement outlines and proposed policies within this draft neighbourhood plan 2022-2033 would not have any predicted adverse impact on the Strategic Road Network (SRN). We do not have any more comment of this.	No comment.	Noted.	

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SB46	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Q14.46	Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to NGET assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to NGET’s assets which include high voltage electricity assets and other electricity infrastructure. NGET has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB47	National Gas Transmission	Q14.47	Proposed sites crossed or in close proximity to National Gas Transmission assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Gas Transmission’s assets which include high-pressure gas pipelines and other infrastructure. National Gas Transmission has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB48	Natural England	Q14.48	Natural England does not have any specific comments on the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB49	The Coal Authority	Q14.49	No comment	No comment.	Noted.	
SB50	Chelmsford City Council	Q14.50	We have no specific comments to make at this time, although we would appreciate being notified of future stages of consultation and onward progress.	No comment.	Noted.	
SB51	Braintree District Council	Q14.51	N/A	N/A	N/A	
SB52	Anglian Water	Q14.52		N/A	N/A	
SB53	Essex Police	Q14.53	We have reviewed the content of the draft plan and although we have no direct comment to make on the proposed plan we have attached for your information, the Essex Police considerations to development and infrastructure change which forms part of the	No comment.	Noted.	

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			organisations strategic planning considerations.			
SB54	Essex County Council	Q14.54	<p><u><a href="#">New Policy – Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation</a></u></p> <p>There is no reference to climate change in the Plan. ECC recommend consideration is given to including a specific policy on climate change in the next iteration of the Plan given that BDC declared a Climate Change Emergency in July 2019 and has prepared a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan covering the period 2021 – 2030. As mentioned earlier in this response, the Plan area also partly straddles the CFA identified by the ECAC.</p>	Neighbourhood plan should include climate change policy.	The Steering Group could consider including a climate change policy. This is not recommended or needed to meet the requirements of the basic conditions.	
SB54	Essex County Council	Q14.55	ECC consider that the Plan should consider higher requirements for new homes than the requirement to be in accordance with national Building Regulations.	Neighbourhood plan should require higher requirements than Building Regulations for new homes.	This has already been considered and dismissed through the production of the Plan. No change required to the Plan.	
SB54	Essex County Council	Q14.56	ECC recommend reference is made to the independent ECAC report <a href="#">Net-Zero: Making Essex Carbon Neutral (July 2021)</a> published in July 2021 and the <a href="#">ECC Response</a> to that report	Reference should be made to Net Zero Essex report and ECC response.	There is no need to reference this document within the Plan. This is not recommended or needed to meet the requirements of the basic conditions. No change required to the Plan.	
SB54	Essex County Council	Q14.57	ECC recommend tree planting is identified as a means of tackling climate change.	Tree planting should be identified to mitigate climate change.	The Steering Group could consider including this amendment. A change is not needed to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions.	
SB55	Essex County Council	Q14.58	ECC recommend reference is made to the ECAC Essex Baseline and pathway to Net Zero energy report including the roles decentralised small-scale and large-scale renewable generation will play.	Reference should be made to net zero energy reports.	There is no need to reference this document within the Plan. This is not recommended or needed to meet the requirements of the basic conditions. No change required to the Plan.	

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SB56	Essex County Council	Q14.59	Residents could be encouraged to switch to greener and cheaper energy providers and take advantage of grants for home insulation. ECC recommend additional support can be obtained from the Citizens Advice Essex - Tackling Fuel Poverty and Warm Homes Essex. Further investigation could be undertaken regarding the opportunity for ground-sourced heating systems and district heating networks. ECC recommend reference is also made to energy efficiency, decarbonising heat and retrofitting existing homes. ECC support any encouragement in providing micro-hydro-electricity schemes and solar PV roof and ground mounted (domestic and nondomestic) and the identification of lower agricultural grade land that is suitable for renewable energy schemes.	Reference should be made to energy efficiency, decarbonising heat, and retrofitting. Residents should be encouraged to switch to greener and cheaper energy providers and use grants for home insulation. Renewable energy scheme policies would be supported.	The Steering Group could consider including this amendment. A change is not needed to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions.	

Rep ID	ID (if available)	Comment ID	Do you have any other comments?	Summary	DAC Planning response	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response
SB57	Essex County Council	Q14.60	<p>The Plan makes no reference to flooding or surface water. ECC, as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) recommend a new policy be incorporated into the Plan to be consistent with NPPF, paragraph 159 which states that inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding should be avoided by directing development away from areas at highest risk (whether existing or future).ECC recommend the following new policy:<i>Development proposals should take account of the relationship between the site concerned and the drainage and water disposal profile of the neighbourhood area taking into account the current and future impacts of climate change so as to avoid, where possible, flood risk to people and property. 1. Planning applications for developments which are located within an area at risk from flooding must include mitigation measures giving priority to the use of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) as appropriate to their scale, nature and location:a) To ensure that surface water run-off will not be increased on or off the site and if possible, will be reduced; and b) To ensure that the development will not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere. Sustainable Drainage System, or other appropriate mitigation measures identified in relevant Flood Risk Assessments, should be satisfactorily integrated into the design and layout of the development; and c) To ensure that all development proposals are safe and flood resilient over their lifetime. 2. Where practicable, sustainable urban drainage systems should be designed to be multifunctional</i></p>	<p>Additional SUDS and drainage policy should be included within the Neighbourhood Plan. Alternative text provided.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared to address issues identified by the local community. Flooding is not included in the Plan either because it is not an issue of significant concern for local residents, or because the issue is sufficiently addressed through existing national and local planning policy. This amendment is not needed to meet the requirements of the basic conditions. No change required to the Plan.</p>	

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			<p><i>and deliver benefits for wildlife, amenity, and landscape. 3. The design of SUDS should have regard to 'Sustainable Drainage Systems Design Guide' for Essex.</i></p>			

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SB58	Essex County Council	Q14.61	<p><b><u>Housing Report for the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan 1.</u></b>            Statutory Framework ECC recommend reference to the NPPF (2019) is amended to refer to the 2021 version and that all references have used this version of the NPPF. It should be noted that the NPPF has been subject to review and any changes will require a review of the Plan accordingly. 1.2 District Plan ECC recommend paragraph 1 is deleted as the Braintree Local Development Framework has been replaced by the BDLP 2033, Section 1 and 2 Plans as referenced in paragraph 2. ECC recommend paragraph 2 is amended to reflect the adopted Section 1 Plan to read: <i>The Section 1 Plan includes policies on strategic cross boundary issues including infrastructure and housing numbers and includes a proposals for a three-new Garden Communities at Tendring Colchester Borders.</i> ECC recommend paragraph 4 is deleted as it is superseded by the adoption of the BDLP (Section 1). 1.3 <u>Objectively Assessed Housing Needs (OAHN)</u> ECC recommend paragraph 2 is deleted as the OAHN of 716 homes per annum is covered in Section 1.2. 2.1 <u>Objectively Assessed Housing Needs (OAHN)</u> ECC recommend the paragraph is deleted and replaced with the following for accuracy, as identified in Policy SP4 – Meeting Housing Needs of the BDLP (Section 1). <i>The adopted Braintree District Local Plan identifies a total minimum housing requirement for the plan period (2013 – 2033) of 14,320 at an annual rate of 716 homes per annum.</i> 2.2 <u>Spatial Strategy and Settlement Hierarchy</u> ECC</p>	<p>References to 2019 NPPF and other policy documents should be clarified and updated in the Housing Report. Alternative text provided.</p>	<p>The Housing Report was originally produced in 2022, and has since been updated to support the production of the Neighbourhood Plan. Amendments in the representation have identified matters which could be further updated to improve the document. As an evidence base document, there is no requirement for the Report to be updated for the Neighbourhood Plan to progress. The importance of this evidence base document is reduced where the Plan does not seek to allocate new development. The Steering Group could consider updating the Report in relation to these comments, however this is not recommended or needed to meet the requirements of the basic conditions.</p>	

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			recommend reference to 'emerging' is deleted.			



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SB59	Essex County Council	Q14.62	It is presently unclear as to whether the revised NPPF (2021) has been fully incorporated into the Plan and this evidence base given the reference to the NPPF (2019) rather than the 2021 version as national policy (page 8). The parish council should consider whether this document should be revised given the significant changes incorporated into the NPPF (2021), Chapter 12 – Achieving Well-designed Places. A bigger focus is placed on making 'beautiful' and 'sustainable' places and the use of plans, design policy, guidance and codes is hugely encouraged. For example, Paragraph 128 (previously 126) sets out that <i>"all local planning authorities should prepare design guides or codes consistent with the principles set out in the National Design Guide and National Model Design Code, and which reflect local character and design preferences."</i>	Neighbourhood Plan should be updated to remove reference to NPPF (2019) and ensure alignment with NPPF (2021). Neighbourhood Plan may need revised as a result.	Agreed, all references in the Neighbourhood Plan to the NPPF should now be dated 2021 to reflect the most recent version of the Framework. A change to the Plan is therefore recommended to ensure the Plan meets the requirements of the basic conditions, by demonstrating that the production of the Plan has had regard to the 2021 version of the NPPF, as the most up to date version of national planning policy.	SG considered and amended draft Policy in line with DAC Planning recommendation
SB60	Essex County Council	Q14.63	ECC recommend reference should be made to new development being required to have regard to the Essex Design Guide (EDG) as well as the Steeple Bumpstead Parish Design Guidance and Codes. The EDG contains a much wider scope, including a Highways Technical Manual; Sustainable Drainage Systems Design Guide for Essex; and newer sections regarding Garden Communities; Ageing Populations; and Health and Wellbeing. More recent additions include Planning for 5G and Solar Farm Guiding Principles.	Reference should be made to the Essex Design Guide as well as the Steeple Bumpstead Design Guidance and Codes.	There is no need to reference this document within the Plan. This is not recommended or needed to meet the requirements of the basic conditions. No change required to the Plan.	
SB55		Q14.64	1) Incorrect comments made as regard planning permission on pages 11+12 of the report.	Inaccuracies in the report.	Unclear from the representation what the incorrect comment is. Further information is required to address this comment/	

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SB55		Q14.65	2) Incorrect statements regarding the height of properties, i.e. background information fig 06 –two storey building on page 14 and the same fig 06 refers to a single storey building on page 51.	Property heights figures inconsistent in Steeple Bumpstead Design Guidance and Codes document.	Noted, this error has been addressed within the response to Comment ID Q4.10	
SB55		Q14.66	3) Statements regarding Historic Core in Appendix 1 are very unclear. The mitigation is poorly defined and has not been investigated correctly. All Brownfield sites in the village should be shown clearly on the plans with an indication of the number of properties potentially acceptable.	Inaccuracies in LCA. Brownfield sites in village should be allocated housing units.	The Landscape Character Assessment was carried out to standards established by Natural England and The Landscape Institute. There is no need for this Neighbourhood Plan to allocate further sites for residential development to meet the identified local housing requirement, and therefore no need to undertake a detailed assessment of the brownfield sites within the Parish. No change required.	
SB55		Q14.67	4) As the report has many inaccuracies the summaries and conclusions made are flawed consequently wrong.	Inaccuracies and flaws in the report.	It is not clear from the response to which report the comment is in reference to. The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared with regard to a proportionate evidence base prepared in line with national policy and guidance.	

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SB56	Essex County Fire and Rescue Service	Q14.68	<p>Initial Response to Consultation Document</p> <p>Having reviewed the consultation document, at this time Essex County Fire and Rescue Service would ask that the following are considered during the continued development of the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of community spaces as a hub for our Prevention teams to deliver Fire Safety and Education visits, with the shared use of an electric charging point.</li> <li>• Adherence to the requirements of the Fire Safety Order and relevant building regulations, especially approved document B.</li> <li>• Installation of smoke alarms and/or sprinkler systems at suitably spaced locations throughout each building.</li> <li>• Implementation of vision zero principles where there are introductions of or changes to the road network.</li> <li>• Appropriate planning and mitigations to reduce risks around outdoor water sources.</li> <li>• Suitable principles in design to avoid deliberate fire setting.</li> <li>• Consideration for road widths to be accessible whilst not impeding emergency service vehicle response through safe access routes for fire appliances including room to manoeuvre (such as turning circles).</li> <li>• Access for Fire Service purposes must be considered in accordance with the Essex Act 1987 – Section 13, with new roads or surfaces compliant with the table below to withstand the standard 18 tonne fire appliances used by Essex County Fire and Rescue Service</li> </ul> <p>Implementation of a transport strategy to minimise the impact of construction and</p>	Neighbourhood Plan should consider and include reference to fire safety regulations and design.	There is no need to reference fire safety requirements within the Neighbourhood Plan, however this could be considered as an amendment by the Steering Group. This is not recommended or needed to meet the requirements of the Basic Conditions.	

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			<p>prevent an increase in the number of road traffic collisions. Any development should not negatively impact on the Service's ability to respond to an incident in the local area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A risk reduction strategy to cover the construction and completion phases of the project.</li> <li>• Implementation of a land management strategy to minimise the potential spread of fire either from or towards the development site.</li> <li>• Consideration of the impact of Battery Energy Storage solutions on the fire risk and safety of the community.</li> </ul>			