



Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan

2015 - 2031
CONSULTATION STATEMENT

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This consultation statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (as amended) in respect of the Sutton Courtenay Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2011 – 2035.
- 1.2 The legal basis of the Statement is provided by Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, which requires that a consultation statement should:
- (a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan or neighbourhood development plan as proposed to be modified.;
 - (b) explains how they were consulted;
 - (c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
 - (d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan or neighbourhood development plan as proposed to be modified
- 1.3 This Consultation Statement sets out: -
- The background to the preparation of the Plan;
 - A summary of the engagement and consultation that has helped to shape and inform preparation of the Plan;
 - Details of those consulted about the Plan at the various stages of plan preparation and the extent to which efforts were made to ensure the Plan was prepared with support and input from the local community; and
 - A description of the changes made to policies as the Plan emerged in response to consultation, engagement and critical review.
- 1.4 The process and techniques involved in seeking community engagement and preparing the submission Draft Plan were appropriate to the purpose of the Plan. The extent of engagement is considered by the Steering Group to fulfil the obligations set out in the regulations. This Statement supports and describes the process of plan making as envisaged through the Localism Act 2011 and the associated Regulations; and sets out how it has been applied in Sutton Courtenay. This has improved the Plan and ensured that it best meets community expectations and the aspirations of Sutton Courtenay Parish Council.

2. AIMS OF THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

- 2.1. The purpose of the consultation process was to engage as widely and effectively as possible with the local community, interest groups, businesses and other key stakeholders to seek their views in bringing forward a positive and forward thinking Neighbourhood Plan.
- 2.2. The Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group recognised that effective communication and community engagement were essential to informing and involving residents in the development of the Plan. Their aims were:
- To involve as much of the community as possible throughout all consultation stages of Plan development so that the Plan was informed by the views of local people and other stakeholders from the start of the neighbourhood planning process;
 - To ensure that consultation events took place at critical points in the process where decisions needed to be taken;
 - To engage with as wide a range of people as possible, using a variety of approaches and communication and consultation techniques;
 - To ensure that results of consultations were fed back to local people and available to read via the SCNP pages on the SCPC Website as soon as possible after the consultation events.

3. PEOPLE & ORGANISATIONS CONSULTED

- 3.1. In addition to parish residents, landowners and businesses were consulted during the early stages of the Neighbourhood Plan preparation.
- 3.2. The Steering Group (SG) also engaged other local groups and organisations that made contributions to the Neighbourhood Plan. These included:
- Planning Policy Officers from the Vale of White Horse District Council
 - Bluestone Planning LLP
- 3.3. Throughout the development of the Neighbourhood Plan the Steering Group consulted with officers and local Councillors from the Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC) and Oxfordshire with regard to area designation, policies and housing attribution.
- 3.4. A full list of statutory consultees can be found in Appendix 1.

4. METHODS OF COMMUNICATION USED

4.1. The mechanisms used to achieve the extensive community engagement sought by the Steering Group are summarised below:

- Sutton Courtenay Parish Website (dedicated page on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan - https://www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk/Neighbourhood_Plan_24936.aspx). A screenshot of the front page can be found at Appendix 2.
- Dedicated email addresses for eatlands32@btinternet.com to respond to any questions and nhp@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk to submit any comments in response to the NP Pre-Submission Draft Document
- Updates via the periodic newsletter (e.g. July-August and November 2022) and notifications on the parish website and via direct emails to registered users of the parish website (see Appendix 3 for newsletters / notifications).
- Leaflet drops, posters and Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaires delivered to and collected from every household that responded. Questionnaires undertaken via the website, supporting emails, posters and hand delivery to residents (see below for details).
- Word of mouth.
- Letters and emails to statutory consultees, stakeholders and landowners.
- Community events, public meetings and a Neighbourhood Plan Exhibition (e.g 25th November 2015, 14th January and 8th February 2016, 2nd March, 24th April and 18th May 2019; 7th and 10th September 2022 – see below for details).

4.2. There were a number of organised consultation events to encourage ‘face to face’ engagement. These were:

- Reflecting the Government’s determination to ensure that local communities are closely involved in planning decisions that affect them, a meeting with residents (66 people attended) was organised on 25th November 2015 to discuss the positives and negatives for neighbourhood planning in Sutton Courtenay.
- At the Sutton Courtenay Parish Council on 1st December 2015, councillors voted to proceed with work on the plan. On 14th January 2016, another meeting took place and 16 residents volunteered to assist with the preparation of the plan.

- On 8th February 2016. The first Steering Group meeting took place and the matters discussed included some of the roles within the members of the Steering Group and the areas the plan should cover. Details on all of the Minutes held in every Steering Group meeting can be found at Appendix 4.
- A number of community events also took place between 2016 and 2017 and their purposes were to gather feedback from across the community on housing, facilities, village environment, infrastructure etc. The aim of these events was to contact people within the local community who prefer giving verbal feedback rather than completing forms. These included the event at The Green on 15th May 2016, the distribution of a questionnaire at School Gate on 29th June 2016, discussions with the children attending the Primary School of village to better understand what the younger generation feels about existing amenities in the village and what they believe should be developed in the future and an event that was held outside Costcutter shop and the Village Hall on 2nd September 2017.
- Door to door survey through delivery and collection of paper questionnaire that lasted from 1st June 2018 to 31st July 2018. The preliminary findings from all of the events that were held from 2016 to 2017 were particularly useful because they informed the questionnaire that was prepared for this door to door survey.
- Community workshop to discuss Sutton Courtenay's developing Neighbourhood Plan. It was held at the Sutton Courtenay Village Hall on 2nd March 2019. 50 people attended.
- Community workshop to provide opportunities for younger people to give their feedback and make any comments, which was then used to inform the Neighbourhood Plan. The event was held at the Sutton Courtenay Village Hall on 24th April 2019. 40 people attended.
- Community event, where an information stand with a number of post-it notes that covered 17 themes was set and residents were asked to provide their comments on what they would like the Neighbourhood Plan to focus in the future. This event was held at The Green on 18th May 2019.
- On 7th and 10th September 2022, a Neighbourhood Public Event took place at the Sutton Courtenay Village Hall. Posters summarising key features of the Neighbourhood Plan were on display and members of the Steering Group, their Planning Consultants and Parish Councillors were present to answer any questions local residents had.

4.3. The original Regulation 14 consultation process took place from 1st July to 14 August 2022. Information can be found on the Parish Neighbourhood Plan website.

5. BACKGROUND TO CONSULTATION

- 5.1. Work began on the Neighbourhood Plan for Sutton Courtenay Parish in 2016 in response to a desire to preserve those aspects of the landscape, environment, heritage and public realm that were important to the residents of the Parish, and to seek to improve those aspects that have been affected by unsympathetic developments.
- 5.2. A public meeting took place in the Village Hall on 25 November 2015, organised by the Parish Council. The meeting was Chaired by Community First Oxfordshire and was addressed by 3 speakers representing the Vale District Council, Sutton Courtenay PC and Drayton PC, whose own Neighbourhood Plan and recently been adopted. It was attended by 66 village residents (2% of village population) who were of the overall opinion that a Neighbourhood Plan would be to the benefit of the village.
- 5.3. At its next meeting on 1 December 2015 the Parish Council resolved, by a 5-4 vote and following a vigorous debate as to the pros and cons, to create a Neighbourhood Plan. It was also resolved to set the Parish Boundary as the Neighbourhood Plan Designated Area (DA), but to consult with Milton Parish Council (MPC) regarding the possible inclusion of two fields separating the two villages that are situated within Milton parish.
- 5.4. An initial Steering Group (SG) met on 8 February 2016, dealt with such matters as 'Terms of Reference,' Creating a Project Plan, appointment of Interim Chair and Secretary and confirming the extent of the proposed DA as referred to in para. 3.2 above. On 9 February 2016, the PC Chairman wrote to Milton PC requesting that MPC considers the inclusion of the two separating fields within Sutton Courtenay Designated Area (SCDA). On 16 May 2016, following MPC approval, MPC Chairman signed the SC Neighbourhood Plan Application form and the whole package was submitted formally to the Vale of White Horse DC.
- 5.5. During the second week of June 2016 the Neighbourhood Plans Officer at The Vale of White Horse District Council (VWHDC) advised SCPC that VWHDC's Cabinet were not prepared to agree the SCDA put forward. The Council instructed SCPC that Didcot A Power Station Strategic Site, Didcot B power Station, an Enterprise Zone adjacent to Didcot B and the Milton Park Strategic Employment Site must be excluded from the SCDA. Under no circumstances could such areas of national strategic importance be included within a neighbourhood plan.
- 5.6. On 14 June 2016 SCPC advised MPC of the Cabinet's decision in writing and enclosed a new Application form accompanied by a revised SCDA map. MPC Chairman confirmed, by return, that the revised SCDA has been forwarded to MPC for approval. On 6 July 2016 the new, reduced proposed SCDA was signed by the SCPC Chairman and sent off to the VWHDC's Neighbourhood Planning Officer.
- 5.7. Within a month, the Neighbourhood Planning Officer advised that he had made a mistake in the consultation process and the proposed plan and consultation process would have to be re-advertised. The extended period for advertising the re-submitted plan was to be 5 September 2016. However, the Steering Group, at its meeting on 1 December 2016 noted, that no official confirmation had been received from VWHDC. The Steering Group was advised that the Village's

location was perceived as ‘unique’ due to the range and complexity of the many major planning applications in the pipeline both within the Parish (inside the proposed Designated Area and outside it) and adjacent to the Parish. Added to this was its unique location within several District Council Designated Areas such as the Didcot Garden Town Zone of Influence, Didcot Acceleration Area and the Vale’s Science Vale Area.

- 5.8. At this stage, the SG agreed that, although it was nearing 6 months since the second NP Application had been submitted, it would have to put on hold the finalising of its ‘Visions and ‘Objectives’ until confirmation was received from the District Council that the Application could proceed. The Plan and Application (3rd version), with its reduced Designated Area was finally agreed by the District Council on 27 January 2017. The designation letter together with all relevant documents and responses can be seen in Appendix 5.
- 5.9. Following the Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group decided to appoint consultants to assist them with the preparation of a survey. The results would be used to inform the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan. In addition, the Steering Group also drafted a document with the vision and objectives of the plan, which was also published to the Parish website.
- 5.10. Between May and July 2018, the Steering Group published their questionnaire, which covered issues such as housing, the local environment, the village community and facilities and infrastructure and requested from local residents to complete, as the responses would help with informing the development policies of the Neighbourhood Plan. 663 responses in total were returned from local residents.
- 5.11. At a meeting that took place on 9th October at the Sutton Courtenay Village Hall, the Steering Group reviewed and analysed the responses from the survey in order to gain a better understanding of local issues and inform the policies of the future Neighbourhood Plan.
- 5.12. Two more community events took place in mid 2019. The first one was an open workshop event and the second event was targeted towards younger people. In both of these events, residents were requested to complete a questionnaire.
- 5.13. During and after the Covid 19 Pandemic, the Steering Group were meeting online to adhere to Covid restrictions and continue with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. The previous project plan that was established by the Steering Group and set out important dates in connection to the delivery of the Neighbourhood Plan was revised to take into account the delays that were caused by the pandemic (see Appendix 6).
- 5.14. In late 2020 - early 2021, the Steering Group set up an online business survey and invited all local businesses to participate. The aim of the business survey was to help the Steering Group understand the needs that local businesses currently have and what they would require to continue to grow and expand.
- 5.15. Towards the end of 2022, the Steering Group organised two public exhibitions. The aim of these was to provide further opportunities for the local residents to comment on the Pre-submission

Draft neighbourhood Plan before the deadline, which was extended due to Covid and was set for 18th September 2022.

- 5.16. Throughout this period, regular updates on the progress of the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan were posted on the Parish Council's website and specifically on a webpage that was dedicated to providing information of the current and next stages of the Neighbourhood Plan. In addition, updates were also included in the parish council meeting minutes and public meetings. These can be found at Appendix 7.
- 5.17. During the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has constantly and consistently liaised with both Officers and local Councillors from VoWHDC.

6. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PROCESS

Questionnaires, Meetings and Surveys

- 6.1. In 2018, the Sutton Courtenay Steering Group contacted the Performance, Consultation and Insight section at Stratford-on-Avon District Council (SDC) to help them distribute questionnaires (see a sample at Appendix 8) to all of the households and analyse the responses that will be received. The aim of the survey was to provide the residents the opportunity to shape and guide future development in Sutton Courtenay.
- 6.2. The survey ran for 2 months, from 1st June 2018 to 31st July 2018 and 663 questionnaires were completed in total. These were completed both online and in paper form. The responses helped shaping the vision and the main objectives for the Parish, as they provided insightful information in connection to the current housing need, the condition and significance of the local environment, availability and suitability of existing community facilities and services, infrastructure, travel and transport and communications and to the type of projects they wish to see developer funding being allocated (see summary and full details of the responses to this questionnaire at Appendix 9).
- 6.3. In February 2019, the Steering Group contacted Community First Oxfordshire and asked them to help them organise three Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Events. These took place on 2nd March, 24th April and 18th May (the minutes from the workshop and a summary of the responses received in each consultation event can be found at Appendix 10).
- 6.4. The Neighbourhood Plan Vision, Aims and Objective Event was held on 2nd March at the Sutton Courtenay Village Hall. 50 people attended and these were asked to complete feedback forms about the vision, aims and objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan. A total of 25 feedback forms were received. The respondent unanimously agreed with every vision, aim and objective that had been included in the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 6.5. The Sutton Courtenay Youth Consultation Evening was held on 24th April at the Sutton Courtenay Village Hall. 40 people attended and the aim of this event was to seek opinions and feedback

from young people to ensure that there is enough diversity in the consultation responses and to inform the evidence base of the Neighbourhood Plan. Only one person out of the 40 that attended this event did not complete a feedback form.

- 6.6. Every respondent agreed that it is important to make sure that children and adults can safely get to and use the open spaces and play equipment. Further, most of the respondents noted that it is also important to maintain and improve green spaces within the village and maintain and improve access to footpaths and open green spaces. With regards to housing, most respondents believed that it is significant that new housing development in the village is of the highest quality. Regarding the respondent's views on how important it is to boost the local economy, about three third of them highlighted that people should support local shops and small businesses and more facilities should be provided for people to increase the flexibility of working environment and hours.
- 6.7. The last consultation event for 2019 was held on 18th May at the Green and an information stand was placed there by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group inviting people who pass to express their opinion and write their comments based on 11 post-it notes that were available there. A total of 22 comments which covered 17 themes were made. The residents who left their comments stressed out the need for new community spaces and local shops, the necessity for more open spaces and play areas for children to be able to socialize and engage into outdoor activities and the requirement to improve the condition of local footpaths and cycle paths.
- 6.8. All of the above Community Workshop events that were organised in 2019 helped the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group understand some of the local needs and most common issues the local community faces, which also informed the policies, aims, vision and objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 6.9. In 2021, an online business survey was also conducted by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, with the aim to understand the local needs and aspirations local businesses have. The online survey ran for approximately 3 weeks, starting towards the end of January and finishing on 19th February. The online survey was formed of 27 questions in total (a sample of the questions can be found at Appendix 11) and 9 companies responded.
- 6.10. The responses gather showed that most companies have been operating from the Parish for more than 10 years, with the most important reason being the fact that owners already lived in the Parish and there is a local demand for a variety of products. The online survey included other types of questions, such as the likelihood of the businesses staying in the parish for the next 10 years and whether they have adequate space or are looking at expanding. These responses, which can be seen at Appendix 12, provided the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group with valuable information that was used to make a more robust Neighbourhood Plan.

Regulation 14 Consultation

- 6.11. The Regulation 14 consultation period started on 1st July 2022 and finished on the 18th September 2022. All relevant information and documents were available on the Parish website and in public places during this period.
- 6.12. Initially, the consultation period for the Neighbourhood Plan was set to run from 1st July to 14th August. However, this period was extended to 18th September partly because the original notification to the South and Vale's Planning Policy Team went in to the team's junk inbox folder and was not picked up. In addition, the consultation period was extended because another landowner requested an extension and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group also recognised that the original consultation that was planned in July/August was largely in the summer holidays. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group prepared a response form and published it in their Neighbourhood Plan website. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group used other ways as well to make the public aware that the Pre-Submission consultation for the NP had started, such as a note in the village's newsletter and a formal notice on the Parish Council's Notice Board.
- 6.13. The local community, developers, the District Council and statutory bodies were invited to make their representations, which were then reviewed by both the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and the Planning Consultant that was hired to assist with the preparation of the NP. The responses, which can be found at Appendix 13, were really helpful and resulted in a number of amendments that were made to the policies and the supporting text in the draft Neighbourhood Plan.
- 6.14. The Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group also organised two physical consultation events, as parts of the Pre-Submission consultation exercise. These were held on 7th and 10th September 2022. These events had been arranged to provide further opportunities for the local community to express their opinion on the Pre-Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan. Posters which summarised key features of the Neighbourhood Plan were on display and members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and the Planning Consultant were present to answer any questions the respondents who attended had. A sample of the posters provided for the consultation even can be found at Appendix 14
- 6.15. At the request of 8 residents of Harwell Road and Milton Road, members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group met with them on 11th August 2022. The meeting covered their concerns about how the draft Neighbourhood Plan will impact the village. They also had concerns regarding the future call for sites within the parish and what impact the plan would have on the sites that would come forward.
- 6.16. 32 comments in connection to the wording and context of the policies and supporting text in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan were sent by the VoWHDC (see Appendix 15). The proposed amendments, which were determined to be valid from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, included:
- Rewording of the objective in relation to the local housing needs
 - Revision of maps and slight amendments to policy SC1 and its supporting text

- Amendments to plan showing key views and vistas (SC3) and include revised viewpoints
 - Amendment to the size of some of the proposed Local Green Spaces (SC5)
 - Amendments to the text in policy SC6, SC7 and SC8
 - Rewording of policy SC9
 - Creation of a new individual map and reference list showing non-designated heritage assets
 - Update text to make reference to the new Joint Design Guide
 - Amendments to the context of policy SC11
 - Rewording of text in policy SC13
 - Amendments to text in policy SC14
 - Deletion of policy SC16
- 6.17. A total of 102 comments were submitted by the local community, public bodies and third parties representing developers and landowners.
- 6.18. Most comments made by the local community expressed their fully support towards the adoption of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. A few respondents also highlighted some minor errors in various of the NP documents, which they wished to be corrected.
- 6.19. The public bodies that made comments on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan included Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks, Network Rail, Natural England, Culham Parish Council, Coal Authority, Oxfordshire County Council and Historic England. Their comments were accepted by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and amendments to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan policies and supporting text were accordingly made.
- 6.20. A number of representations were also made on behalf of landowners and developers that were interested in specific areas within the Neighbourhood Plan Area. The comments made were mainly in relation to text in policy SC1, SC7, SC8, SC9 and SC10. Some general comments requiring clarification on certain parts of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan were also made.
- 6.21. There were several comments made by the respondents, questioning the lack of housing allocations in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. This happened primarily because the respondents believed that the purpose of a Neighbourhood Plan is to identify sites that are suitable for housing development. As it was explained, Neighbourhood Development Plans can allocate sites for residential and other land uses, but there is no requirement that obliges them to do so. This is especially the case when there is already a strategic housing allocation in the Neighbourhood Plan Area or there has been substantial development within the Parish the last couple of years. It is significant to note that the questionnaire results showed that respondents were comfortable with infilling, but not with large scale developments which extended the village envelop into the green fields.
- 6.22. Another respondent queried the fact that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group decided to not actively engage with both Milton Parish Council and business owners at Milton Park. However, it was made clear that the Neighbourhood Plan cannot consider matters at Milton Park as this is covered by a separate Local Development Order. The local community and businesses

were all invited to take part in consultation and / or join the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group as appropriate.

Regulation 16 Consultation

6.23. Information to be added in due course.

7. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

7.1. The VoWHDC confirmed that a Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitat Regulations Appropriate Assessment was not required in a letter dated 22nd November 2021.

APPENDIX 1 – FULL LIST OF STATUTORY CONSULTEES

Statutory Consultee notified under Regulation 14	Responded?
South and Vale District Council planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk	Yes
Oxfordshire County Council PlanningInOxfordshire@oxfordshire.gov.uk	No
South and Vale District Councils	Yes
District Councillor, Drayton	No
County Councillor for Sutton Courtenay & Marcham Division	No
District Councillor for Sutton Courtenay Ward	
Coal Planning Authority	Yes
Homes England	No
Natural England	Yes
Environment Agency	No
Historic England	Yes
Network Rail (asset)	Yes
Network Rail (planning)	No
Highways England	No
Marine Management Organisation	No
BT Group plc (trading as BT and formerly British Telecom)	No
EE mobile network	No
3 mobile network	No
CTIL (on behalf of Vodafone and Telefónica)	No
NHS Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group	No
NHS Property Services	No
National Grid (Avison Young to respond to Local Plans)	Yes
National Grid (Acquisitions & Surveying Team)	No
Cadent Gas Limited	No
Network Planner, SSE Power Distribution	Yes
UK Power Networks	No
Thames Water Services	No
Thames Water Planning	No
Milton Parish Council	No
Culham Parish Council	Yes
Drayton Parish Council	No
Appleford Parish Council	No
Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council	No
National Grid	No
Thames Water	No
SUSTRANS	No

APPENDIX 2 – FRONT PAGE OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WEBPAGE



Neighbourhood Plan 2030 - Shaping Our Future Together

Neighbourhood planning is a right for communities introduced through the Localism Act 2011 to shape development in their areas through the production of Neighbourhood Development Plans. Legislation provides for the Parish Councils who have chosen to produce a plan to establish a steering group of members of the community who are interested in neighbourhood planning to prepare the plan. The role of the steering group is very separate from the formal functions of a Parish Council.

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan

In December 2015 Sutton Courtenay Parish Council resolved to undertake a neighbourhood plan for the area.

Once approved and in place the Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan (SCNP) will:

- Aim to guide the growth and development of Sutton Courtenay to 2030 and beyond;
- Establish policies by which future planning applications will be guided;
- Have legal weight in setting out what development is acceptable to us in Sutton Courtenay. The SCNP, in conjunction with the Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan, will be used in determining planning applications in Sutton Courtenay;
- Entitle the parish council to receive 25% (rather than only 15%) of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) revenues from any new development taking place in Sutton Courtenay. The SCNP must, therefore, envisage how the neighbourhood element of CIL should be allocated e.g. the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure or dealing with other demands a new development may place on the community.
- In Sutton Courtenay there is a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group which is currently progressing through the various stages of plan preparation. Regular updates from the Steering Group on the progress of plan preparation will be posted below.

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Parish Council Grants deadline 31st October 2022

Published: 13 Oct 22

Do you know a local organisation that would benefit from a small grant?

Are you struggling with rising living costs due to fuel bills?

Published: 27 Sep 22

Get practical advice on saving energy, accessing grants and financial support. This is a free service, supported by Oxfordshire County Council, to help you manage your energy bills, make your home more comfortable, reduce stress and improve your health. Find out more 0800 107 00 44 www.bhbm.org.uk

Book of condolence

Published: 8 Sep 22

All Saints' Church, Book of condolence for HM Queen Elizabeth II

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan – come & find out more

Published: 29 Aug 22

Have your Say Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Notice of Meeting – Wednesday 7 September 7.15pm in the Village Hall (OX14 4BB)

Sutton Courtenay (National Power) Trust

Published: 23 Aug 22

Grants available from Sutton Courtenay (National Power Trust) to support organisations and individuals

Gigaclear works

Published: 20 May 22

Gigaclear have provided dates for some works in the village.

THAMES VALLEY ALERTS




Protect Your Home Against Rogue Traders

Often rogue traders persuade the homeowner to have work carried out on their property. This work is often unnecessary, may be charged at over-inflated prices, normally is very poorly done, and often the trader will charge for work that hasn't been completed.

Typically, it will involve roofing, guttering, gardening or driveway repairs. The rogue trader may bully or intimidate the victim and, on occasions, will drive the victim to the bank to get money from their victim.

Doorstep crime and scams are also considered a form of financial abuse. Help us prevent vulnerable people from becoming victims. Learn to spot the signs of doorstep crime and financial abuse and help protect your patients, clients, neighbours, customers, friends or family members.

For more information on how to spot rogue traders & protect your home follow the link below:
 Doorstep crime | Oxfordshire County Council
www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/advice-communities/doorstep-crime

Download free posters to put up outside your home
ColdCallingSticker.pdf (oxfordshire.gov.uk)
www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/trading-standards/ColdCallingSticker.pdf

If not in place already, if there is sufficient community interest you can contact the council to set up a No Cold Calling Zone to help stop door to door selling in your area.

Contact **Trading Standards** to report any rogue traders
0808 223 1133

In an emergency contact the **police** on **999** or for non-emergencies **101**

Alternatively contact **Action Fraud** on **0300 123 2040**

Message Sent By
 Victoria Allan (Police, Neighbourhood Administrator, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse)



Tourist Scams Which Could Ruin Your Holiday

Direct Travel have produced a useful infographic in which they point out 50 holiday scams. It may be worth a look before you head off on your holidays.
www.direct-travel.co.uk/infographic/50-holiday-scams-which-could-ruin-your-holiday/



Jubilee Celebrations – Sunday 5th June 2022

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Sutton Courtenay Parish Council has now set up an email for receiving consultation responses. The Pre-submission Draft Plan has been uploaded to the Parish Council website. A response form is being prepared and the link will be uploaded to the parish council website. A formal notice of consultation will be posted on the Parish Council Notice Board outside Hari and Esha Newsagent.

If you have any queries please email:
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APPENDIX 4 – STEERING GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Present: Rita Atkinson, Catriona Brodribb, Fred Cubbage, David Hignell, Martin Howell, Mike Jenkins, Callum Mackenzie, Anne Morgan-Smith, Peter Morris, Liam O' Brien, Joanna O'Callaghan, Annie Shepherd, Kathy Whittaker.

- 1 **Welcome** by Mike Jenkins (MJ)
- 2 **Appointment of Chair for the Meeting:** Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC) agreed to chair this meeting, with view to appointing a permanent chair.
- 3 **Appointment of Deputy Chair:**
Martin Howell (MH) to ask Chris Parkes (not present at meeting) about being Deputy Chair
- 4 **Appointment of Interim Secretary/Minute Secretary:** Catriona Brodribb (CB) agreed to take the minutes and circulate them for this meeting but might not always be able to do them due to work patterns.
- 5 **Neighbourhood Plan Administrator:** the group agreed that the outline job description was suitable, with two additions:
 - a) that the post is stated as part time
 - b) under 'Job Description': as regards communications-regular updates on progress would be requiredIt was thought that the job if paying £15 an hour would amount to 12-15 hours a week, and that the hours would need to be flexible.

MH to contact Louise Thomas who has been involved with two neighbourhood plans- with possible view to her attending a meeting.

NB The clerk to SC Parish Council is unable to take on more work; Drayton Neighbourhood Planning Group was able to use their Parish Council clerk, and took on a clerk's assistant to deal with the additional workload.

The job description was agreed; MJ to take the job description back to the SC Parish Council Clerk, for advertising via the usual Local Authority channels.

At a later date the interview panel would be made up of members from the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering group.

It was noted that the 4th March deadline for potential job applicants, is probably too soon, so the group might need to agree a new deadline date.

- 6 **Terms of Reference for the Steering Group:** the Vale has a template document which can be downloaded from the Vale website.
CB to download and circulate with minutes to all members of group.
See in italics below from the document's 1st page.

Steering group role: *The role of the group is to:*

- *define the neighbourhood area*
- *agree a budget, how this will be funded and managed including appointment of specialist consultants or advisers*
- *agree the governance structure for the project e.g. any working groups and what their specific responsibilities will be*

- *prepare and agree a project plan which complies with the legislative requirements for producing a neighbourhood plan*
- *manage working groups*
- *ensure working groups have clear terms of reference related to their responsibilities and the project plan*

- 7 Designating the NP area:** the group agreed that the whole parish should be included, and additionally that MJ should contact Milton Parish Council about the possible inclusion of the fields between SC & Milton in the plan. Once we do / don't have their agreement-MJ to fill in the two page Neighbourhood Planning Area Designation Application Form.

NB This form must be completed in order to apply for funding.

CB to download parish map v from owls.oxfordshire.gov.uk to circulate to all.

- 8 Creating a Project Plan:** possibly too early at this stage. Joanne OC to contact Steventon NPG who are 5 months further down the line than SC.
JOC to talk to community actions groups.
Rita to talk to Drayton NPG about their process /time scale ie flowcharts of stages. We could enlist help of Vale Neighbourhood Planning Officer but the recent officer has resigned, and a new one will be appointed. Callum Mackenzie (CM) to ask the Vale for updates of new appointment, as an officer could be very helpful to us in the early stages of getting set up, as well as later on down the line.

9 Working groups.

The topics and issues that are most pertinent to SCNPG seem to fall into four groups, though there may be inevitable overlap:

- a) Infrastructure: roads / transport (both public and private including cycling), broadband, utilities, sewage
- b) housing and related issues
- c) business and places of work, recreation and social facilities
- d) character / environment / green belt/ river and flooding / look and feel (including, presumably history and archaeology, flora and fauna, landfill, pollution.

Sustainability could be a common thread to all groups, so need not be a separate heading.

- 10. Next meeting Mon 22nd Feb 7.15pm at Village Hall.** CB to email a reminder to everyone who has shown interest, so that current numbers are maintained.

NB any other people who are interested should give their email address, so that we can build up a comprehensive list and be able to keep them up to date as and when.

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group: minutes for 22. 2.16 7.15 pm

Chair: Joanna O Callaghan

- 1 **Welcome and apologies from:** Peter Morris, Annie Shepherd, Callum Mackenzie
- 2 **Welcome:** vice chair Chris Parkes who introduced himself, and outlined his skills as canvassing, motivating and similar campaign work. He is familiar with the Drayton NP, and could enlist other interested contacts.
- 3 **Welcome:** Louise Thomas who has a background in urban design and has worked with both neighbourhood and town plans, and who understands the processes extensively. Her skills and experience could be very useful and welcome. She pointed out that the neighbourhood plan that she worked with took six months to get to the draft stage. Neighbourhood Plans and Local Plans need to be in step with one another for the former to be more successful.
NB The Local Plan could be up and running by summer 2016.
She mentioned a useful website: **Placecheck** which could aid us in our preparation and planning-see details below on page 2*
- 4 **Update from Joanna O'Callaghan re Steventon NPSG:** not covered this time
- 5 **Update from Joanna O'Callaghan re VWHDC appointment:** the Vale has temporary cover (Charlotte Colver) from South Oxford District Council (SODC) for the Vale's vacant Senior Neighbourhood Planning Officer post. The post has been advertised, closing date for applications was 18th February but it could be some time before the post is taken up permanently.
Does the Vale have a deputy Neighbourhood Planning Officer?
- 6 **Parish Maps:** Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC) had forwarded a link to Catriona Brodribb (CB) <https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/business-and-government/public-sector/mapping-agreements/public-sector-mapping-agreement.html> but we are not members as yet (CB has since checked their list of subscribing parishes). In order to do this a member of the parish council has to sign up.
This would enable us to access their digital maps.
The Vale can provide us with a large paper copy of the Parish map A1 or A0 size.
Action: Mike Jenkins to pursue the process of registering with Ordnance Survey.
JOC to obtain A1/A0 paper map from the Vale.
- 7 **Update from Mike Jenkins (MJ) re Milton Parish Council (MPC) response:** MPC has a meeting next week on Feb 29th, once that has taken place (hopefully they will discuss /agree to the field between SCP and MPC as being included in the plan), we (MJ) can complete the form and send it off, this is essential to do, to kickstart the NP process and apply for funds.
- 8 **Update from Rita Atkinson (RA) re Drayton NPG timeline:**
Rita had obtained three documents from Drayton2020 group: Their finances, their timeline, and their Steering Group Terms of Reference. These had been emailed around by CB, and RA produced a summary which will be circulated as a pdf.
- 9 **Response to SC Parish newsletter:** JOC had sent in a response for March. It was suggested that we send in copy every month. NB The deadline for April copy would be in the middle of March, exact date to be confirmed. This would be a few days after our next meeting.
- 10 **Administrator-advertising and update:** it was agreed that this should still go ahead as planned.
- 11 **Steering Group Terms of Reference:** this was not discussed this time but will be top of the agenda for next time.
- 12 **Circulating information:** could we put a web page together to keep everyone up to date? To look at another time.

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13 Other ie designating the NP area, creating project plan, more on working groups:

* Issues that were discussed were how to get the whole community involved so as to ensure that the NP was village led and driven, as opposed to local authority driven and led-but still fit within the NP framework.

It was felt to be essential to get as many people interested as possible by running a variety of events to engage and include the local community

One suggestion was plan an activity day including a neighbourhood walk which would end at a location with refreshments, and or a means of involving people more fully in the NP

The Vicar's Fun Day could be a way of accessing local community

The pitch (non-jargon based) has to be right to capture and involve as many people as possible to gather data from fact finding and identifying issues

The retail community could be involved

We have our community questionnaire to build on

Identifying green spaces which could be village green, fields and similar

* Anne Morgan-Smith (AMS) produced a document that could be used for leading the working groups: it outlines the roles of the four main topic areas and the related themes that affect the four key areas. AMS to email this to CB to circulate to the group.

* Finance: We have a possible 30k at our fingertips SC Parish council 12k; Locality grant support-application needed - 8k, VWHDC possible 10k if they approve area of designation. Plus there could be more for technical support & complex issues

* NB if SC East goes ahead with 190 / 200 houses being built (not yet officially agreed) this could bring the house building numbers up to date with Local Plan intentions..

* Everyone who has ideas/suggestions on how to engage community residents in dialogue to find out what village issues matter most to them, to email their ideas to Rita rita@taatkinson.co.uk who will collate for the next meeting.

* JOC to attend Bicester Roadshow on Weds March 16th

14 Next meetings: Thursday 10th March 7pm & Thursday 31st March 7pm

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* *'Placecheck is a method of assessing the qualities of a place, showing what improvements are needed, and focusing people on working together to achieve them. It is the simplest method for communities to take charge of their local areas and, to create action plans to improve streets, spaces, parks and neighbourhoods.*

*The method has been used widely throughout the UK, with critical acclaim for its effectiveness and simplicity. It continues to underpin community and neighbourhood plans; local authority policy and guidance; and school curriculum in developing an understanding for civic and community planning. For more information, see the **Placecheck website**'*

<http://www.urbandesignskills.com/ourServices/place-check>

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- 1 Apologies:** Geoff Armstrong, Rita Atkinson, Fred Cabbage, Karen Malone, Anne Morgan-Smith, Peter Morris, Sue Jenkins, Kathy Whittaker

Present: Joanna O Callaghan, Catriona Brodribb, Martin Howell, David Hignell, Chris Parkes, Mike Jenkins

As many members were absent, it was decided to hold an informal meeting / discussion but to minute it.

- 2 Minutes of meeting on 22.02.16** not discussed.

- 3 Matters arising from minutes** for updates see below with AOB

- 4 Terms of Reference:** it was decided to use the Vale's Terms of Reference, and only tweak / rewrite where essential; to be finalised at the next meeting. NB We looked at the Drayton 20:20 Terms of Reference which was written prior to the Vale's one, and it was felt that the Vale's more recent one produced by David Potter, would be more beneficial.

- 5 Ideas on community engagement:**

To link in with local events as much as possible to capture audience

The weekend Craft Fair at the Church is 14/15 May (with refreshments)

The Vicar's Fun Day is 15th May; it was agreed that we should have a stall there and launch the Neighbourhood Plan project.

(Could the village walk could tie in with this?)

We need to get other businesses involved-how?

Another next weekend with the Church is 18/19th June – which includes an exhibition about the Village over the last 90 years to coincide with the Queen's Birthday.

Could we link in with this somehow?

MJ has 2 documents which relate to village history.

a) The Village Appraisal from 1995

b) Sutton Courtenay, An Oxfordshire Village, Its past, present and future (published 1976)

- 6 Neighbourhood Plan outline:** not discussed

- 7 Web page:** Liam's comments which were circulated previously, were felt to be very useful. Chris and Liam to liaise over setting up Neighbourhood Plan website.

CB to pass on their emails to one another.

NB The Parish Council website is <http://www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk>

all of the Parish Council business is posted there. It is administered by a small local company.

NB Drayton has a website which includes their Neighbourhood Plan which includes a lot of their activities and progress to date: <http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/>

- 8 Any other business & updates:**

a) in terms of completing the Steering Group form, we need a rep from the business community, Pam Spurling of Northlight Design could come on board.

b) Milton Village have agreed to the fields between the villages being included on the plan.

c) Linda Martin has registered the Parish Council with Ordnance Survey Maps, but the link is not yet live, as soon as that goes through, we can access the map to send off with the Neighbourhood Planning Area Designation Application Form. Once we have access to the map, we could have it at the Vicar's Fun Day? NB If that map is not available by then, the Vale does have one that we could use. (JOC to chase up Vale one if needed).

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d) for the next meeting on 31st March:

Chris will email some ideas about community engagement
Chris will report back on website development / ideas
Joanna will report back on the Bicester Roadshow-16th March
Joanna will confirm whether she will remain as Chair

e) We need to record our achievements as we go along (website?)

f) Administration support role: It was resolved to delegate administrative and expert support to the clerk in consultation with: RA, MH, DH and MJ.

g) Villages colours: incorporating some village 'colours' and or images, as part of any visuals used, could work well as part of the branding.

Thomas Brunce was Bishop of Rochester & Norfolk c 1388-1445)

Thomas Beckington c1390-1465 was an early Bishop of Bath & Wells associated with the village- (check on any coat of arms' colours - NB they would need authenticating).

The church clock image: Rita and or Linda may have a digital version of it.

h) Does the Vale Conservation Officer have anything relevant to the village?

This might be useful for our special interest / focus groups, or could link in with the history weekend in June, or there might be something that could be used in conjunction with colours and branding.

Next meeting as previously agreed, Thursday 31st March at the village Hall 7 pm; it is vital that many as possible attend.

**Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting on
31 March 2016 at 7pm, Sutton Courtenay Village Hall: Mintes**

- 1 Apologies from Charlotte Colver, (CC) South Oxfordshire Senior Planning Officer who specialises in Neighbourhood Plans (NPs) and who is covering for the Vale's NP Officer 's vacant post (unable to make it).
CC did offer to meet with a small group outside of any main steering group meeting. It was decided that Joanna (JO'C), Chris and Anne meet with CC as soon as possible, during office hours. JO'C to contact Charlotte to set this up. The aim is to ascertain how Local Authority NP Officers can help us, and any useful advice to help us move forward. Some information would be free.

NB A new senior NP Officer for the Vale has been appointed and will take up the post at the end of April.
- 2 Apologies: Martin Howell, Sue Jenkins, Claire Snowdon
- 3 Report on NP Roadshow attended by JO'C
The South Midlands Roadshow on 16th March was attended by about 100 people, many of whom represented villages at different progression stages of setting up NP Groups. The day was led by Community First Oxfordshire <http://www.communityfirstoxon.org/about/> And CPRE: <http://www.cpre.org.uk/> It was made clear that developing NPs was the way forward, and to work closely with local NP officers.
NB David Potter (ex Vale) is still working as a consultant, contactable via Community First, and charges £400 a day consultancy fees-his paid input could be useful to us later on.
- 4 Minutes of meeting on 22.02.16 and 10.03.16 agreed but the Community Led Plan document published 2016 should have been added to 5) from the minutes of 10.3.16 as part of the village's historic documents' list.
NB All minutes should be signed and records kept on file.
- 5 Matters arising from minutes: covered by agenda
- 6 Terms of Reference: *The public (residents of SC parish) should be able to attend meetings as observers. This should be added to SC Terms of Reference Document under 'Meetings'. Milton PC have agreed to include the field between the two villages as green space. MJ circulated A4 parish maps-as provided by the Vale. It was agreed to keep the Didcot PowerStation area as part of the SCNP geographical area, and extra funding could be applied for, as it is a complex site. A consultant (Louise Thomas?) could be hired to work on that part of it. If it is not included it we lose section 106 money. NB it can only appear in one NP. A finance clause as used by Drayton 2020 could be adopted. Rita (RA) to draft document for SC Parish Meeting next Tuesday. Catriona (CB) to send RA core names from the circulation list to add to page one. This can be reviewed in six months when more has been established. The name of the Plan could be Sutton Courtenay 2040.*
- 7 Ideas on community engagement: *the Vicar's fun day is Sunday 15th May-this is just over 6 weeks away. This event should be used to launch the SC Neighbourhood Plan*
Tasks: *to book a stall via Karen or Fred. To prioritise planning the launch more extensively at the next meeting with the aim of getting more people involved, and gather their contact details (email addresses). Clear vision is needed, so as to engage the public with something concrete, accessible and relevant. Chris (CP) to draft something (vision plan) to work with.*

Focus: Where do we want to be in 20-30 years?

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Float the core groups? These can be developed after this and or other events.

*Web page development-see 9. Also ties in with this as a vital communication tool.
Mike to look at topics from past documents; this could be developed from the recent
Community Led Plan.*

*A second event could take place outside Costcutter, as it would target another part of the
village.*

*A third event could take place after summer vacation in shape of footpaths walk,
culminating in a barbecue at recreation ground.*

Linda may have information on the different footpaths in the village

*Our own events should happen on a regular basis, to keep public interest and involvement
afloat.*

*Involving existing local groups essential, as well as the school, youth groups and local
businesses.*

*Other: look at Woodcote and other NP documents from other areas to see how they
engaged with their residents.*

- 8 *Neighbourhood Plan outline: The NP needs to refer to SC Community Led Plan.
If the steering group has time, to look at other NP documents to extract useful copy that can
be tweaked to suit our needs. Woodcote is good example, also Haddenham.
Tasks: to decide exactly what is wanted from the plan, and the administrator's role.
It would not be too hard to put a basic plan together, and get it validated via community
consultation.
The administrator's role could be advertised once the new Vale Officer is in post.
Our 'findings' would need to be put together properly using correct terminology.
We need to set deadlines, and may need to pay for professional consultation later on down
the line.*
- 9 *Web page: Website: needs developing in conjunction with community engagement, it
should have all relevant information available ie meetings' dates, agendas, minutes, Terms
of Reference, maps etc. (Chris and Liam to set up and link in with existing SC web pages ie
Parish website and Sc main website)*
- 10 *Steering Group members: Steering Group role to oversee NP development, and liaise with
the core /special interest groups.*
- 11 *Any other business: none as such-covered by the above*
- 12 *NEXT MEETING: Monday 18th April 7 pm
Main priorities: the launch event on May 15th and to decide what we want from the plan as a
working document reflecting the future needs of the village/parish.*

Minutes: SC Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting held 18 April 2016, 7pm

Present: Martin Howell, Mike Jenkins, Peter Morris, Geoff Armstrong, Karen Malone, Chris Parkes, Anne Morgan Smith, David Hignell, Rita Atkinson, Joanna O'Callaghan, Catriona Brodribb

1. Apologies: Fred Cubbage
2. Minutes of meeting on 31 March 2016-agreed.
3. Matters arising from minutes:
 - a) *Terms of Reference-it was confirmed that we do not need to be listed as belonging to an organisation in terms of being a steering group member. (See page 1 item 3 of document-under membership where our names are listed).*
 - b) *It was confirmed that we do not have to send a substitute to any steering group meeting if we cannot make it, unless we do belong to a specific organisation.*
 - c) *Agreed that the quorum is four people for any meeting.*
 - d) *Finances & secretarial role need clarifying*
 - e) *Part 12 of Terms of Reference: relationship with Parish Council (PC)- section to be filled in by PC as regards finance /budget. NB we need authorisation from PC for any expenditure over £250*
 - f) *Our 'Vision' needs clarifying; a couple of succinct paragraphs could achieve this (see 8 below action), action: CP & DH .*
 - h) *All steering group members to have each others' emails, they do not need to be bcced and this will speed up the circulation of material*
4. Confirmation of submission to VWHDC/SODC: *we are waiting for Charlotte Colver to produce a digitised version of our map, which will indicate our parish boundaries and includes the Milton fields. Once this has been produced, the Neighbourhood Planning Area Designation Application Form can be sent off with Milton PC's signature included –then there is a six week consultation period.*
5. Feedback from meeting with Charlotte Colver: *CB had circulated notes from the informal small meeting on 13th April. JO'C to contact the new Vale Neighbourhood Plan Officer-Will Sparling, once he has been in post for a few days. He starts on April 25th. In addition, Gayle Wootton is being appointed to work co-jointly with both Vale and SODC as a Planning Policy Officer-starting c. Mon 18th April. The concept of 2040 was suggested as too distant by CC, whereas 2030 ties in more closely to the Local Plan (2031) and time land-use spans with the landfill and quarrying. See 8 below. Banners: see 8 below.*
6. Arrangements for launch at Vicar's Fun Day on 15th May:
 - a *KM to confirm booking 3 tables and possibly chairs. Set up times to be confirmed*
 - b *Those who can be there on the day: Chris, Anne, David, Jo, Cat, Karen, Peter, Geoff*
** Main focus to raise awareness, and get more people involved / on board*
** There needs to be a fun element*
 - c *Resources required:*
CP can design some tee shirts with logos / branding for the event for the steering group to wear - see 8 below
Display boards via RA-to get in advance
Gazebo from CB

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Folding chairs-CB if none other available

Possible sand-pit??

JO'C will devise interactive games for younger age groups

CP to design some A5 flyers with what we are about (drafts can be circulated by email)

Lollipops to hand out

'Post – it' notes and suggestion box: RA has a box which we can cover.

Heritage quiz: CP to devise

Ron Dell's photos for people to guess locations: RA

Something for people to sign for collating email addresses (for special interest groups).

We need to clarify the differences between Local and Neighbourhood Plans- the Vale has something on their website, CB to print out.

Other: heritage information such as previous appraisals (MJ) and conservation plan (DH)

7. Website: *Chris to come up with easy website name, ideally get this set up by the Fun Day to coincide with our launching ourselves.*
8. Mission statement and strapline: *CP has drafted vision statement to go into the beginning of the Terms of Reference document. DH has another (from Haddenham NP), DH to pass this onto CP to circulate to all of the steering group for comments and feedback. CP to design logo based on the clock face-we need to agree on our branding and strapline. CP to circulate the steering group with suitable designs.*

Our official title was agreed as '2030 and Beyond', which tallies with the Local Plan time-line but which also includes the notion of 'post-2030'.

Banner: as suggested by Charlotte Colver last week, not discussed here but presumably once logos and straplines are agreed fully, we could get a quote for a weather-proof banner for vicar's fun day and other events.

9. Village school involvement: *JOC met with 2 staff from the school; they are very keen to be involved. They have a village focused week commencing 27th June when the whole school will be involved. This could be a very good opportunity to maximise their interest. We can get data of how many children in the village go to the school. We could have a presence at parents' evenings-serving tea and coffee.*

Other groups to have contact with / visit:

Damascus youth group (accessing 50-80 youngsters & previous attendees),

Europa School via ASM

Football club

Cricket club

Table tennis group

Evergreens

Church Sunday school (any other church groups?)

SC History Society

Neighbourhood watch groups

Book clubs

UEA

(Are there scouts / brownies / woodcraft groups in the village?)

10. Any other business:
Decide on: a) Budget at next meeting. b) Focus on Draft Plan at next meeting. We need to agree the headings-RA to draft c) Tackle project co-ordinator post at next meeting. We already have a rough job description via MJ, this can be finalised fairly easily. Decide on hours for the post.
11. Date of next two meetings Mondays 2nd which is a bank holiday, & 16th May, 7pm.

**Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting
on 2 May 2016 7 pm village hall: Minutes**

Present: Geoff Armstrong, Rita Atkinson, Catriona Brodribb, Fred Cubbage, David Hignell, Mike Jenkins, Karen Malone, Anne Morgan-Smith, Peter Morris, Jo O'Callaghan, Chris Parkes,

1. Apologies: Martin Howell
2. Minutes of meeting on 18 April 2016-agreed.
3. Matters arising from minutes: *none*
4. Confirmation of submission to VWHDC/SODC: *we are still waiting for the digitised version of the map to be produced by the Vale, Jo / Linda to contact Charlotte Colver and or Will Sparling (new senior NP Vale Officer). Once this has been produced, then the map and the form are to be signed by Milton PC - after which they can be sent to the Vale. NB next SC Parish Council meeting is 3rd May.*
5. Arrangements for launch at Vicar's Fun Day on 15th May:
*The hours are 12.30-4.30, we need to set up 11.30.
Chris P can provide 3 tables.
The church can provide chairs. David H has gazebo.
Other Resources: Flip chart & paper for Peter M's grid / matrix to be written at A1 size...for people to stick post-its onto. CB to collect flip chart & paper from RA & ballot box
Flip chart pens, biro, A4 paper, post-it notes.
A5 flyers c 500 with content agreed- see 6 below (CP etc)
Banner as designed by CP
Jo's map of SC with photos of village / landmarks
It was decided not to use a sand-pit.
Focus on the pitch of '2030 and Beyond'*
6. Website /Mission statement/ Logo:
*CP had produced artwork which was previously circulated.
Logo: the single colour version was preferred-simpler to reproduce.
Banner: to contain words above image: 'Our village. Our community. Our future.'
Words below banner image 'Shaping our Future Together.'
CP to circulate three styles of typeface-the most preferred one will be chosen.
A5 flyer: brief paragraph / phrase to explain our mission statement:
'To develop and implement a Neighbourhood Development Plan that promotes a sustainable future for a thriving village in which managed growth and development reflect and respect the distinctive character, heritage and community spirit of Sutton Courtenay'.

A further paragraph is needed: CP & RA to liaise over this possibly clarifying the differences between N Plan, Local Plan and Community Led Plan? ie the NP is a development arising from the CLP, and not the same as Local Plan. The paragraph could use the wording from this month's newsletter.
Website: CP to liaise with /contact Liam over setting this up. This needs to be set up sooner rather than later.*
7. Budget: *RA had drafted a rough budget plan based on other NP budgets. We have to have a budget plan in place in order to do grant applications. RA to circulate to group.
NB we need to know and clarify what the Vale can provide for use free of charge.
It might be worth seeing what a commercial organisation would charge, for comparison.
RA to see if any parish money could be released for immediate small expenses
CP to keep a tally of what flyers and banner cost.
T shirts??*
8. Ideas on draft plan: *RA had produced a draft document based on other similar documentation which sketched out the different stages giving timelines / ideal deadlines.*

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This gives us an approximate framework to operate from. The document to be circulated to everyone.

Peter's grid/matrix can be used as part of consultation process.

9. Project co-ordinator post: *to be looked at next time*

10. Any other business:

JO'C to contact Will Sparling as we need him on board

CB raised the issue of transparency and communications: it was agreed that once the website is up and running the majority of material can be viewed on there as it is relevant to everyone ie agendas, minutes, mission statements, contact numbers, the map etc.

Due to data protection law we cannot give out all email addresses publically, hence the bcc element.

11. Date of next meetings:

16th May already agreed

Tues 31st May (which is half term week)

Mon 13th June

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting on 16 May 2016 Minutes

Present: Geoff Armstrong, Catriona Brodribb, Fred Cubbage, David Hignell, Martin Howell, Mike Jenkins, Anne Morgan Smith, Joanna O' Callaghan, Chris Parkes,

1. Welcome to Will Sparling (WS) VWHDC Senior Planning Officer (Neighbourhood).
Will introduced himself, and outlined his role as the new senior NP officer at the Vale. He has experienced N plans from various angles. His role with us is supportive, sharing information where appropriate / relevant and helping us through the process where possible. He can comment on our document when we have something concrete to show him.
2. Apologies: *Rita Atkinson, Karen Malone, Peter Morris,*
3. Minutes of meeting on 2 May 2016 – *agreed*
4. Matters arising from minutes - *none*
5. Confirmation of submission to VWHDC/SODC-*the registration form is being handed in 17.5.16, the map has been finalised as a digitised version.*

*NB The fields between us and Milton could be flagged up as needing further explanation ie why we want to include them in our plan; and Didcot Site A (which represents a third of the parish) could be an additional issue as it is an Enterprise Zone (part of the potential Didcot Garden City area?) WS may be able to provide a map of it.
If there are any concerns with the registration form-WS to contact us asap.*

6. Feedback from Neighbourhood Plan launch at Vicar's Fun Day on 15th May: *the input Fun Day was viewed as successful, with quite a lot of interest. The banner looked professional and effective, the flyers were informative, the t-shirts gave the group a cohesive identity. Some of the group went and actively canvassed the opinions of the public and this worked very well.
A fair amount of data was captured which we now have to analyse.
An A4 piece drafted by CP will go in the SC Parish news-CP to email copy for approval. This gives us something to build on.
We need to focus on engagement and evidence collection. (WS)*
7. Website: *is up and running at basic level. The next move is to get more content onto it, ie map, mission statement 20:30 and beyond, minutes, committee dates for public to attend as observers, contact points.
Chris to email around suggestions for website.
NB We need to be open and it needs to be easy to use.*
8. Budget-*discuss next time RA's draft budget had been circulated.*
9. Project co-ordinator post-*discuss next time*
10. Any other business:
 - * To identify the working groups at next meeting.*
 - * There may be three more building planning applications in the pipeline*
11. Dates of next meetings:
 - Tuesday 31st May 7pm*
 - and Monday 13th June 7pm (apols CB who can't make it)*

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting .Tuesday 31 May 2016:

Present: Geoff Armstrong, Rita Atkinson, Catriona Brodribb, David Hignell, Martin Howell, Mike Jenkins, Karen Malone, Peter Morris, Joanna O Callaghan, Chris Parkes; also Will Sparling (Vale planning), Emma Wright (SODC/Vale planning-joint role), Stuart Walker (Vale planning).

1. Will Sparling re submission to VWHDC/SODC:

i) *Confirmation that the submission had been received.*

ii) WS produced large draft maps of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan area. Suggested boundary lines had been drawn (by the Vale) at the southern end of SC parish, which EXCLUDE the power station site. The reasons for this area (approx 1/5th of the parish) being excluded, was that it was cited as an Enterprise Zone (EZ) over which the NP would have little input.

After much discussion, it was agreed that the Steering Group still want to include the power station site as originally intended. This would mean that the NP application has to be resubmitted with adequate reasons as to why we want the Power Station site INCLUDED. The village needs to be able to have the opportunity at NP stage to comment on it, but if not on the NP then the opportunity is lost.

NB Part of the south western power station site area shaded blue on the map is the EZ. Another part which is south east area of the site is likely to be new housing ie an ongoing joint housing submission of 400 houses, 280 from SODC, 120 from Vale and which lie in SC parish. Half of the power station site remains in use and not in the EZ, and which has nothing new proposed as yet, and which is brownfield. ie its future is unknown at this stage. Also within the EZ proposed boundary line-a field, which is an ancient monument.

It was suggested that the group could contact RWE for clarification/input.

iii). The Milton Field inclusion area needs clearer definition and clear justification for incorporating it in the plan: it needs to go up to specific identifiable boundaries such as brooks, roads, hedges or paths.

As the group wish to retain this element in the NP proposal, the edges will need to be redrawn, possibly extending west to the Milton/Drayton Road, and a new signature from Milton PC would be required as part of the re-submission.

iv) other: the cumulative effect of continuous development and the various issues arising from it, were raised- ie who considers knock on effects, such as increased traffic over the years, likely increase of flooding and drainage issues, and other infrastructure topics, which affect everyone.

It was pointed out that unless agencies such as the Highways & Traffic Agency, Local Education Authority, or Environment Agency (are commissioned to) survey and flag up specific issues with substantial evidence, then the planners cannot turn down an application on such grounds.

A new bridge is being proposed in the proposed EZ area, to cross over the railway line, and JO'C asked if it would take the warehouse traffic away from SC Lane, which at present adds to traffic in the area. The role of the bridge and roads that it links with would be in the hands of the developers.

We need to remind ourselves what is our NP for, ie vision, goals, land use not just building, and what would we want to influence in terms of land use in the Didcot end of the parish.

v) There will be 6 weeks statutory consultation, and an overall total of 13 weeks before we get a final decision from our (re)-submission.

vi) JO'C to contact Clifton Hampden NP Steering Group., & possibly Chilton NPSG, but they are not at the map being agreed stage yet.

J'OC to contact David Potter to see if he can advise on the Power Station site and Milton Fields.

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vii) WS to send LA a digital version of their proposed boundaries.

viii) DH to draft some suitable text to go with the re-submission of the application.

2. Apologies: Fred Cubbage, Anne Morgan Smith

3. Minutes of meeting on 16 May 2016-*agreed.*

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5. Matters arising from minutes - *to discuss at next meeting.*

6. Feedback from Neighbourhood Plan launch at Vicar's Fun Day on 15th May and analysis-*to discuss at next meeting.*

7. Website: *to discuss at next meeting. CP had emailed around some timeline suggestions.*

8. Budget: *to discuss at next meeting.*

9. Project co-ordinator post: *to discuss at next meeting.*

10. School activity week: *to discuss at next meeting.*

11. Any other business: *to discuss at next meeting including The Project Plan*

12. Date of next meetings: *Monday 13th June and Monday 4th July*
NB CB cannot make 13th June

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting .Monday 13 June 2016

Present: Geoff Armstrong, Rita Atkinson, David Hignell, Mike Jenkins, Peter Morris, Joanna O Callaghan, Anne Morgan Smith

Apologies: Catriona Brodribb, Martin Howell, Karen Malone, Chris Parkes and Fred Cabbage

- 1. Minutes of meeting on 31 May 2016 agreed as a true record**
- 2. Matters arising from minutes – covered under update on SCNP designated area**
- 3. Update on SCNP designated area**

MJ and JC had met with Will Sparling to discuss the designated boundary area both with regards to the identification of physical features along boundary lines for the fields to north and south of Sutton Road in the parish of Milton and also with regard to staying with the parish boundary for the rest of the designated area.

JC had also spoken to David Potter (he did not charge for the phone call) for some advice on how to approach the designated area application given the complexity of the parish which includes enterprise zones, strategic employment sites and significant stakeholders such as RWE npower all lie within the parish. His advice was that as we are a lay group we should state quite clearly that the parish boundary is the most logical way of designating our neighbourhood plan area.

It was agreed that we would submit an application requesting that the entire parish and the fields to north and south of Sutton Road in the parish of Milton should be the designated area for our neighbourhood plan. Following the meeting with Will Sparling the boundary lines identifying the fields in Milton Parish to provide some physical features as markers of the extent of the area has resulted in a larger area of Milton to be included in our neighbourhood area designation.

Reason for including the fields is as before to prevent coalescence of the two parishes. In the application the relevant local plan policy should be quoted.

Arguments for including enterprise zones etc. are we need a comprehensive strategy for this area. We recognise that our influence is minimal but we wish to include it to ensure a coherent vision with the enterprise zone/strategic employment areas. There are areas of brown field site – not clearly defined yet – to include as it enables the development of coherent vision in partnership with our industrial and commercial neighbours and power station.

Actions:

DH to draft annex to application setting out arguments for including enterprise zones, strategic housing allocation, strategic employment sites and the power station and referencing relevant policies from draft local plan to strengthen arguments. DH to circulate draft to SCNPSG and also David Potter for his feedback.

MJ to take revised application to Milton Parish Council for approval and to Sutton Courtenay Parish Council.

VWHDC to be asked if it is possible to be sent consultee responses on the area designation application as they are received by the Vale to give as much time as possible to think of our responses.

4. David Potter

It was agreed that we should use David Potter as a consultant for the designated area application. David Potter can attend a daytime meeting. He will not charge for an initial meeting. We would probably need up to two days of his consultancy – cost of up to £900.

Action: SCPC to be asked to approve an expenditure of up to £900 on consultancy fees.

5. Feedback from Neighbourhood Plan launch at Vicar's Fun Day on 15th May and analysis

This is currently with Catriona. There was a general discussion about the timing for data collection and analysis.

Action RA to collect from Catriona and collate and present to SCNPG at next meeting to see if themes are emerging

6. Website

Noted this is in draft and will be updated as and when needed.

7. Budget

Action JC to include as a standing agenda item along with the Project Plan

8. Project coordinator post

It was felt that this was not needed at present.

School activity days – 29/06 and 30/06

The school is doing a 'This is Sutton Courtenay' two-day project. On day one they will picnic on the Millennium Common. JC will attend to consult with the children. At the end of the second day parents are to be invited to the school to come and see the children's work between 2pm and 3pm. The SCNPSG consultation will be very simple given that it has to fit in to the school's busy diary.

Questions similar to that used on the Green - What is good; what is bad; what would you like to change? to be used.

It was agreed that the best way to engage the parents would be through the children. Questionnaires to be given to children to take home to get parents to complete. On day two – a stand similar to that on the Green on the VFD to be used.

David H, Jo and Rita to be present at a school from 2pm to 3pm on 30/6/2016 in school to raise profile. RA to check if stand OK to put in main hall.

Action: RA to prepare a very simple questionnaire for the children to take home

10. Date of next meeting 4th July 2016

SCNP Steering Group Meeting on 4 July 2016 : Minutes

Present: Geoff Armstrong, Rita Atkinson, Catriona Brodribb, Fred Cubbage, David Hignell, Martin Howell, Mike Jenkins, Anne Morgan Smith, Joanna O 'Callaghan

1. Apologies from Karen Malone & Chris Parkes
2. Minutes of meeting on 13 June 2016-agreed.
3. Matters arising from minutes-
4. Update on SCNP designated area: *nothing confirmed yet, Milton PC should be agreeing the more recent & extended inclusion at their meeting tonight. Once new NP proposed area is submitted, we should hear back from the Vale within 6 weeks. If newly proposed area is rejected, we need to see if there is an appeal procedure. The Vale may come back to us with a designated area for the Enterprise Zone part, J'OC to ask David Potter about any appeal process / what our options are.*

Would it be possible for us to meet with Milton Park and Didcot Power Station site reps? PC to look at this possibility.

5. David Potter email: *to invite David Potter along to a meeting when we have something specific for him to work with-sooner rather than later.*
6. Feedback from Neighbourhood Plan launch at Vicar's Fun Day on 15th May: *RA now has the material. There are some repeat concerns ie traffic, the bridges, cycling, the Triangle.*
7. Feedback from School's community days: *many children responded. NB upwards of 80% of SC school children live on Bradstocks Way, the main concerns: lack of facilities for younger age groups. NB important to build strong links with the south end of the village in order that their views are represented fully. Ideally we need a Bradstocks Way contact person on board.*
8. Website: *nothing new to report as such, but Chris emailed the following message 'I have drawn a blank on how to develop the website without tech support. But until we have an accepted proposal / plan it's not tremendously important.'*
9. Budget/Project Plan: *we need to draw up a budget.*
10. Project co-ordinator post –*not discussed*
11. Any other business:
 - a) *focus at next meeting what the NP's vision should be about and other aspects of it ie 2030 and beyond. Use the meeting for this one topic. Bring flips charts and other useful resources to help us clarify what it is about. AMS to facilitate. All members of steering to group to pen a paragraph or two as to what s/he thinks a NP is about. Look at all key areas. Other: how to canvas input/opinions from the rest of the village: questionnaires? How best to design one that will get as many people as possible to engage / respond. We need to resolve & clarify our NP vision before we can do this. Once done we can enlist specialist help ie David Potter.*
 - b) *other ongoing issues: Cross Trees Farm-future of site, Save Plough Pub Campaign.*
 - b) *Dates of next meetings: Weds 10th August, Thurs 8th September*

SCNPSG Agenda for Meeting on 8th September 2016 7pm, SC village hall

1. Apologies: Geoff Armstrong, Fred Cubbage, Mike Jenkins, Chris Parkes, Karen Malone (resigning from steering group due to other commitments,)

Present: Rita Atkinson, Catriona Brodribb, David Hignell, Martin Howell, Anne Morgan-Smith, Peter Morris, Joanna O'Callaghan

2. Minutes of meeting on 4 July 2016 were agreed.

3. Matters arising from minutes; nothing to report

4. Update on SCNP designated area: the deadline date was extended until Sept 5th, due to an erroneous date being posted with the first document; **action:** JOC to contact Will Sparling on Monday over any updates. According to MJ there had been no negative feedback.

5. NP's vision: the group drafted a 'vision' statement, using input from members of the group and other allied material:

6. Any other business:

6a) JO'C has asked Lesley Tyler of 'Save The Plough' to join our group. Anne & Jo to draft 'copy' that the steering group can send to the PC, as regards the steering group's views.

6b) From Linda Martin on Tuesday 7/9/16: *At yesterday's Parish Council meeting a speaker, Mr. Martin Hawthorne, outlined an idea for future development on land near Long Barn off the High Street. It was suggested that he liaise with the Neighbourhood Plan group who were preparing the Plan. He clearly was keen to have his site included.*

Is it in order, therefore, for me to pass on your contact emails to him so that he can talk to you direct?

Regards

Linda

6c) We will refer to the Community Led Plan in our NP, its content will be used to inform the NP.

7. Date of next meeting: Tuesday October 11th.

Action: Members of the group to draft Objectives before the next meeting, for circulation / discussion.

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**Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting on
Tuesday 11th October 2016**

Minutes

1. Apologies: Geoff Armstrong, Fred Cubbage, Chris Parkes (taking time out)
2. Minutes of meeting on 8th September 2016 *were agreed*
3. Matters arising from minutes: *see below*
4. Update on SCNP designated area: *the six week deadline has been extended, (as the original dates given out by the Vale were inaccurate). The date was mentioned in the Vale newsletter published 11.10.16. We have to wait until the new deadline consultation is up, which began on 21st September and ends 2nd November. We await their comments. Will S is happy to attend a meeting with us, we may need to set up a budget meeting with him, and do a project plan.*
5. Catriona - report from meeting at Brightwell cum Sotwell: *CB read out feedback from the meeting, also circulated via email to steering group members. CB can attend future meetings if need be, a further meeting is in pipeline with John Cotton hosting it and perhaps someone from the Vale.*
6. NP's vision- confirmation: *content of paragraph agreed by group.*
7. NP's objectives: *the steering group worked on objectives which will be circulated amongst the steering group, then a workshop/open day can be set up, from which we can gather information and possibly devise questionnaire.*
8. The Plough –NPSG's comment: *this is going to planning committee. Three minutes are allowed for comments.*
9. Planning application – (which one was this? Plough, or Harwell Road?)
10. Any other business: Harwell Road-*we could argue for green space preservation.*
11. Date of next meeting: *Tuesday 8th November.*

SCNP Steering Group Meeting on 8 November 2016, Minutes

Present: Geoff Armstrong, Rita Atkinson, Catriona Brodribb, David Hignell, Martin Howell, Anne Morgan Smith, Peter Morris, Jo O'Callaghan

1. Apologies: *Fred Cabbage, Mike Jenkins, (Chris Parkes taking a break)*
2. Welcome Lesley Tyler with The Plough update: *Lesley not present, David Hignell updated us on the meeting, to get hold of a copy of the report. The site has been sold to a building developer for 600k. NB the previous owner also owns The Swan, mention as to whether The Swan should be listed, it is currently as grade 3 building. Both The Plough and The Swan are assets to the village. Lesley Tyler has about 350 people backing her.*
3. Minutes of meeting on 11 October 2016: *agreed, but CB needs to add in who was present*
4. Matters arising from minutes: *none as such*
5. Update on SCNP designated area: *JO'C spoke to Will Sparling (WS), there are further complications partially due to newer or forthcoming legislation on NPs, we are still awaiting an official update from the Vale on our designated area. WS to make recommendations over the Milton fields and our southern boundaries which overlap with the proposed planned Didcot Garden Town. When we get their comments, we only have two weeks to respond, so we may need to set up an emergency meeting to address this.*

We may need to set up a separate meeting with WS, the Vale and Didcot Garden Town planners.

Abingdon Town Council commented on the spur of land that lies north west of the parish, as it feels that that area would be better represented on an Abingdon NP, Rita has information about this to be circulated.

6. NP's vision-*we need to clarify and simplify what we have drafted.*
7. NP's objectives: *look at next meeting*
8. Budget/Project plan: *RA met with WS to look at various topics;*
 - 8a) *The Vision should be written in the future tense, more clarification is needed with objectives and vision, and we need to avoid duplication of text to make it easier to understand.*
 - 8b) *Budget needs more detail, some things are allowable expenses and some are not.*
9. Didcot Garden Town: *There are open days / evenings on Weds 9th Novh in the evening, and Thurs 10th in the day time at Cornerstone to look at the proposals ,,which are jointly made by SODC and Didcot Town Council. Landscaping will be an important feature of it.*
10. Planning application – NPSG's view on comments: *we have to be careful that we do not compromise ourselves, the correct channel for any objection is via the PC*
11. Any other business:
 - 11a) *Steering group members to research if other NP groups had to deal with contested boundaries.*
 - 11b) *Vauxhall and Dalton Barracks will close by 2028? But this is too late to effect our NP.*
 - 11c) *The Church is hosting a display of xmas trees made & decorated by local groups. JO'C suggested that the steering group participate, using topics from the NP, CB & JO'C to tackle.*
12. Date of next meeting: *Thursday 1st December.*

SCNPSG Meeting on 1 December 2016, Minutes:

Present: Geoff Armstong, Rita Atkinson, Catriona Brodribb, David Hignell, Peter Morris, dJo O'Callaghan

1. Apologies: Fred Cubbage, Martin Howell, Mike Jenkins, Anne Morgan-Smith
2. Minutes of meeting on 8 November 2016: agreed
3. Matters arising from minutes: none as such
4. Update on SCNP designated area: We have had no official confirmation to date from the Vale Planning Dept. Our locality is perceived as 'unique' due to the range and complexity of planning applications in the pipeline ie projected Didcot Garden City, / Didcot Acceleration, Science Vale, and other residential ones. Many pockets of land located in and around the southern boundary of SC parish have interested 'stakeholders'.
NB The proposed Didcot Garden City area comes up to the garden fences along Bradstocks way and incorporates the field behind the school which is a SSI, and which could be a cause for concern.

Until our designated area (and its agreed boundaries) is approved or validated, we cannot move forward with developing the neighbourhood plan and this is very frustrating for all concerned. The steering group resolved to request SC parish council to ask the Vale to look into this matter and give us an answer/advice. It has been nearly six months since we sent off the application for the designated boundary / area approval, and we are still awaiting confirmation of our designated area application.
5. NP's vision- confirmation: oh hold until we have Designated Area confirmation from Vale
6. NP's objectives: on hold until we have Designated Area confirmation from Vale
7. Budget/Project plan – Rita: Will Sparling had asked if we could share our **project plan** with Shrivenham as he felt that our project plan template was a good one, and that they might want to consider something in the same style. He also said that Shrivenham had used consultants to support their neighbourhood plan and that there were some quite clear overlaps. He felt we may find it useful to hear what they learnt from the process and had offered to facilitate a meeting. The group agreed to put off any meeting until we had heard back from the Vale.
8. Didcot Garden Town: see no 4 above, David Hignell had attended a recent meeting concerning Didcot Garden Town development, one issue raised there was the A34, and its ongoing problems, and that the A34 problems should be resolved before Didcot Garden Town project gets developed further. The Didcot Garden Town Boundaries do come into Sutton Courtenay Parish, and include the school.
9. Christmas Tree Festival: we are hoping to have a 'contribution' with a 'blank' tree for people to add their comments on, at the festival, deadline weekend 10th December.
10. Any other business:
 - a) The Vale's Local Plan Part one is being approved
 - b) Jo O'C is meeting Matthew Barker, Leader of the Vale on 2nd December, with several other SC residents, as part of the Fair Deal Campaign; the idea is to get dialogue happening, so as to include SC residents in discussions at all levels, which is not happening at present.
 - c) Jo to ask if she can see Will Sparling whilst at the Vale HQ.
 - d) Jo to ask if we can see the comments concerning our designated area application.

- e) The SSI field is a concern that needs further discussion. The steering group may need to ask the PC to address this matter, as the field contains a scheduled monument, and is a recreational area enjoyed by many SC residents.
11. Date of next meeting: Thursday 26th January 2017.

SCNPSG Meeting on 20 February 2017: Minutes

Present: Geoff Armstrong, Rita Atkinson, Catriona Brodribb, Fred Cubbage, David Hignell, Martin Howell, Mike Jenkins, Anne Morgan Smith, Peter Morris, Joanne O'Callaghan, Clare Pennicott

1. Apologies-*none*
2. Welcome to new member: *Clare Pennicott*
3. Minutes of meeting on 1 December 2016 *were agreed.*
4. Matters arising from minutes –*see below*
5. SCNP designated area: the Vale has decided upon our NP area 10th Jan 2017.
<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/neighbourhood-plans/sutton-courtenay-neigh>

The PC was not consulted about this, and therefore correct procedure was not adhered to, so the PC will be writing to the Vale on this matter.

The steering group to request to see a copy of the letter that the PC is writing, so that it can also write to the Vale about procedure. (Action MJ)

Our original proposed NP area was larger as it included much of the southern area of the parish and would have attracted more CIL funding. However there are small pockets on the approved map where CIL funding may still apply.

It was agreed that we would carry on with the NP despite the designated area being smaller.

We also need confirmation of how long this process has taken, as we originally sent the plans in by 25th July 2016, with the original consultation period to have ended by 22nd August? MJ to ask LM about specific dates, as we will need to comment on the length of time that this has taken. (When writing to the Vale)

Will Sparling (the Vale's NP Officer) has offered some help with certain matters ie access through village in conjunction with future river crossings, (Didcot Garden Town).

The extra traffic and how we negate the extra impact needs to appear in our plan.

6. Confirmation of NP's vision and objectives need for PC's approval: *we are nearly there with the wording, minor tweaks are due, ie remove any duplicated text.*

We DO need to consult with the community to achieve the next stage.

5 working sub-groups have been suggested:

- a) Land development / housing (reflecting Local Plan stage 2)*
- b) Access and enhancement of open spaces*
- c) Roads, transport, footways, pavements, cycle routes*
- d) Recreation and leisure (tying in with the PC's recreation sub-group)*
- e) Community services & facilities, ie shops, local businesses, school, the church,*

Subsequently others raised heritage & historic buildings-where would this fit in.

NB Some of this material appears in our vision & objectives, and was in the original powerpoint NP outline that Anne put together?

RA to contact a facilitator via Stratford on Avon that we would pay, to run various sessions with the village as part of the five sub groups. The outcomes would be fed back to the steering group and be part of the public consultation. This should not take too long, two months were suggested.

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7. Budget/Project plan – *we need to have a clear idea of what things will be costing and what monies may be available from different sources.
This information to be provided at next meeting. (Action RA).
We may need to consider hiring an administrator at this stage, or once the sub groups are up and running, to collate all the information.*
8. SC Forum- *Anne updated the group on the meeting. This information is also on the SC website.
“On 8th October 2016, villagers marched to the Vale offices to call for a fair deal for Sutton Courtenay. Following the march, a group of villagers met with the Leader of the Vale and as a result we have set-up the Sutton Courtenay Forum. This gives us access to the Leader of the Vale and Officers to discuss the major planning and development affecting the village. It’s still early days but encouraging. As part of setting up the Forum we have established the “Purpose and Objectives” of the Forum in conjunction with our Parish Council and the Vale of White Horse District Council.
All members of the Forum from the village are volunteers. Thank you!”*

The forum is a good link to have set up, as it has a different role to the steering group and the PC.
9. Any other business-*none as such*
10. Date of next meeting: *to be circulated when we have contacted the facilitator.*

SCNPSG Meeting on 9 May 2017 MINUTES

Present: Geoff Armstrong, Rita Atkinson, Catriona Brodribb, David Hignell, Martin Howell
Mike Jenkins, Anne Morgan Smith & Clare Pennicott

1. Apologies: Fred Cubbage, Jo O'Callaghan & Peter Morris
2. Welcome to Simon Purfield: *(Performance, Consultation & Insight Manager Stratford on Avon DC, who has worked with a number of NPs and Parish Plans & allied questionnaires, he also helped with our SC Community Led plan).*
Simon took us through effective ways of producing a housing questionnaire that is part of the consultation process for a Neighbourhood Plan.

CONTENT-KEY POINTS:

- * *talk with relevant stake holders & focus groups.*
- * *aim for meaningful content to generate useful data*
- * *avoid too many open questions as these may not be helpful in the long run*
- * *concentrate on asking questions such as types of housing*
- * *issues such as traffic and transport are not NP but can be used as other project-wish topics at end of NP (they are not about land use. Cycle tracks and foot paths ARE about land-use, so can be used as such. Environmental topics / natural habitat / biodiversity / open spaces are about land use.*

- * *decide whether we are opting for one questionnaire per household, or one per person (ie 18 plus), the questionnaire cannot be both, so we must choose what is likely to work best. NB with community led plan, only 1 per household was returned, though 2 per household had been distributed.*

- * *FORMAT: include an introductory paragraph for each section.*

Colour (image / logo) could be used on front page, but otherwise print in black and white to save costs. An online version can be generated.

COLLECTION & DISTRIBUTION: methodology of distribution & collection to approx. 1,200 households, we could hand deliver questionnaires to houses with accompanying covering letter, we could use the Parish Magazine to distribute.

Collection: aim to collect within 3 weeks, visiting every house for collection is most effective, online less effective, and posting less effective (costs 40p for free-post per item). Instead of paying for free-post maybe we could offer small incentives to collect? We would need about 20 collectors (based on community led plan which had 19 collectors, and the village has expanded since then).

Length of questionnaire probably 10-12 pages, based on other effective ones.

Simon provided briefing notes for the group and samples of other useful questionnaires

TASKS: Simon to email sample questionnaires and briefing notes to the steering group by end of this week.

RA to email the group with a template, each steering group member to fill in preferred housing questions (having looked at what other questionnaires ask). The group to meet on Weds 24th May to FINALIZE the questions.

Once we have agreed all the content and introductory paragraphs- to email our questionnaire to Simon who can complete the overlook look & design, with comments fed back to steering group.

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANALYSIS: once completed they are fairly easy to analyse, the better the questionnaire, the easier to analyse. Simon uses a marked up copy to create a report based on findings. Open questions & comments are passed onto another body for analysis (if used).

Likely costs of using Simon's services: 4k plus, including the data processing, does this include printing costs?

3. Minutes of meeting on 20 February 2017 - *agreed*
4. Matters arising from minutes - *NA*
5. Project plan and budget (*not discussed this time*)
6. Will Sparling feedback (*not discussed this time*)
7. Way forward timetable (*not discussed this time*)
8. Way forward survey needs e.g. historic character analysis and housing needs-see no 2 above, mainly covered here)
9. Any other business- Recreation space(s) topic to be added in under land use, although initially a parish matter, also needs to be a neighbourhood plan matter, the NP group can work with the parish council on this

10. Date of next meeting Weds 24th May 7pm

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting on 29.8. 2017, 7.30 pm

Minutes

1. Apologies: *Anne Morgan Smith, Peter Morris, Kathy Whittaker*
Present: *Geoff Armstrong, Rita Atkinson, Catriona Brodribb, Fred Cabbage, David Hignell, Martin Howell, Mike Jenkins, Joanne O'Callaghan, Clare Pennicott*
2. Who is staying on/leaving the steering group?
Everyone present voted to stay on the steering group, Peter said he wanted to remain involved. Anne and Kathy presumably so, both are away.
3. Draft Questionnaire outline: *the draft questionnaire has been worked on by sub groups. Some questions have been removed. There are still possibly too many questions about infrastructure, and we need to avoid duplication.*
4. Way forward with questionnaire: *smaller groups carry on with draft, then email around group for feedback & comments. DEADLINE?*
5. Public consultation event ideas: *we missed the event last weekend on the recreation ground as there were not enough people to help out. We need good ideas to engage more fully with the village, public events are one way, and contact with local groups is another.*

It was agreed to do an hour outside Costcutter this coming Saturday the 2nd from 10-11, to raise awareness of NP issue, gazebo to be set up for this..

The A3 boards will be there, with the key topic areas.

NP group members can mention that there will be the questionnaire in 5- 6 months time. (Jan-Feb 2018)

Costcutter event would be followed by a NP steering group presence at the annual produce show later on the same day, set up gazebo 1.30 at village hall, the event runs circa c.2-4-do we need to check with anyone?

Should we put something in the next SC news? COPY DEADLINE SEPT 20th.

NB MAP, BANNER, CLIP BOARDS AND THE GREEN T SHIRTS NEEDED for these two events.

6. Date of next meeting: *nothing confirmed, various people are away mid Sept*

SCNPSG Minutes for 21.5.2018

Meeting re questionnaire distribution:

Apologies: Fred Cabbage, Martin Howell, Mike Jenkins

Present:

Geoff Armstrong, Rita Atkinson, Catriona Brodribb, David Hignell, Anne Morgan Smith, Jo O'Callaghan (Chair), Clare Pennicott, Kathy Whittaker.

Discussion as to when we distribute:

- * Allow two weeks for delivery and collection (NB this has since been extended)
- * Suggested dates Mon 11th June-collect by Monday 25th June (many people are away so these dates are preferred)
- * Parish news has 35 delivery routes/people; NB there is a street and house workbook / list which can be distributed to steering group members, check the new houses have been added on. Each member to record which locations they can cover.
- * Suggestion that each person do approximately 40 houses each, circa 30 volunteers will be needed

We need to ask /clarify how many individuals are represented on the form

Website content needs to be live by 18th June

- * List the steering group
- * Minutes
- * Terms of reference
- * The Neighbourhood Plan Map
- * Online questionnaire

NB the previous 4-5 meetings were not minuted as they were purely to do with questionnaire format, wording and editing. Clare Pennicott has the dates of all the re-edits.

The questionnaire wording / format / layout has been finalized, and approved by the Parish Council.

Other: a Neighbourhood Plan in Norfolk was overridden as no housing space had been identified on the plan. The Issue of allocation is crucial, but much of our land area is already allocated or built on.

Could we meet with Sharon Brentnall (Bluestone Panning), Simon Purfield and Louise Rawling (Vale Community Liaison Officer) before June?

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SCNPSG minutes 16.7.18

Present:

Rita Atkinson, Catriona Brodribb, Fred Cubbage, David Hignell, Mike Jenkins, Peter Morris, Jo O'Callaghan, Clare Pennicott.

Also attending: Sarah Eccles and Sharon Brentnall

Update of where we are at:

The majority of questionnaires have gone out and are being returned. Deadline 31st of July.

Next stage(s): work on visions & objectives

Once information from returned surveys have been gathered, we can focus on core elements specific to our village.

The wording in the Neighbourhood Plan needs to be positive, and is more likely to be successful if worded well.

We need to write policies that must be evidence based and land use based.
All evidence must be referenced.

Topics: traffic surveys, parking, character of village & conservation areas, flooding, drainage, green space analysis / pockets of land (that need protecting), local facilities (recreation), space between our village and other settlements.

We can quote/append/use quote existing documents as long as we have permission, some are in public domain, some may be privately commissioned if we use independent consultants.

We could carry out our own surveys, but these may not be as thorough as ones carried out by professional bodies. We may need to get a heritage study done. Heritage reports are harder to refuse if provided by specialists (as opposed to doing our own). We would need to demonstrate which areas need protecting and why.

Other: look at social housing/needs, based on questionnaire answers

With using any private consultant get several quotes.

Sharon can provide list of consultants and templates for doing policies.

We may be able to get a grant for some things.

SCNP Steering Group Minutes of meeting on 20.08.18

Attendees:

Mike Jenkins, Geoff Armstrong, Clare Pennicott, Kathy Whittaker, Peter Morris, Fred Cabbage and Joanna O'Callaghan

Apologies: Catriona Brodribb, Sarah Eccles, David Hignell, Anne Morgan Smith

Main discussion points:

1. Kathy said that circa 700 completed questionnaires had been received (a mix of paper copies and on those completed online). Simon had been collating responses and those details should be with Kathy by the end of this week. At this stage no analysis details had been supplied. Kathy would circulate details to all members when she receives them.
2. Peter was thanked for all his hard work in preparing his version of the SCNP. Everyone present felt that it provided a very basis for the draft. Attendees agreed that certain aspects required amendments. It was felt that the prime aims for our plan (obviously fitting with our visions and objectives) should be based upon the principles of cohesion, preservation and enhancement of the village. This fits with Peter's version. Obviously this may change once results of questionnaires are analysed.
3. Funding for any future plans for the village was discussed. It became clear that without further extensive development little money would be available. Fred ran through the routes the church has followed to reach circa £360,000.
4. Peter agreed to take on a lead role in project management of the plan but would require assistance.
5. It was agreed that Patrick O'Callaghan would take on the green space assessment of the village.
6. Discussions about which appraisals would possibly be needed and whether we should attempt them in house or approach experts. Those discussed included a green space appraisal, a character/heritage appraisal, coalescence appraisal and a housing needs study. It was concluded that at this stage it was impossible to say. Although a green space appraisal would be needed. Outside sources for appraisals included Sharon of Bluestone and Martin Howell's contact who visited some time ago.
7. The purpose of the next meeting would be solely data analysis and our thoughts.

Action Points:

1. All members of the steering group to review Peter's draft and email him with their own comments.
2. Joanna to research bodies that could carry out the village character appraisal. Sharon suggested we obtain 3 quotes.

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3. Joanna to approach Sharon to find out what documentation to follow regarding a coalescence policy.
4. Joanna to email Bindu to find out whether she would like to attend steering group meetings.
5. Kathy to pass on collated/analysed data to all steering group members when she receives it from Simon.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 10 September 2018 at 7pm. Those members unable to attend should provide their thoughts on questionnaire analysis before the meeting.

SCNP Steering Group Minutes of meeting on 9 October 2018

Attendees:

Mike Jenkins (MJ), Rita Atkinson (RA), Peter Morris (PM), Kathy Whittaker (KW), Anne Morgan Smith (AMS), Sarah Eccles (SA) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC).

Margaret Cox, a resident of the village was also in attendance.

Apologies:

Fred Cabbage (FC), Martin Howell (MH), Catriona Brodribb (CB), Clare Pennicott (CP), David Hignell (DH), and Geoff Armstrong (GA)

Main Discussion Points:

1. We were all happy that the Parish Council, at their meeting in September, had agreed that the results of the NP Questionnaire should be uploaded onto the PC website. Both the raw data and the draft would appear but not the additional comments.
2. Everyone was given a chance to identify any thing that stood out in the questionnaire results. The following were raised:

Surprise that 24% of responses were completed by villagers who had only lived here for between 1 and 5 years;

Any new development should either be infill or on brown field sites;

The positive responses seemed to be balanced out by the negative ones which could make policy writing tricky;

It was clear that no one wanted any more large scale development;

It was clear that the facilities at the southern end of the village were lacking;

Concerned that we may not have responses from a cross section of villagers; and

Green space in all parts of the village and distant views were both a vital part of the village.

3. PM was thanked for producing 3 versions of a draft report. It was agreed that PM would write the final draft once further evidence had been gathered. It was agreed that the plan should still include visions and potential future projects as well as policies backed up by evidence. PM ran through how his most recent draft was referenced to the questionnaire results.
4. RA and MJ reminded us that a NP is essentially about land use and stressed the importance of the precise wording of the plan's policies in order to make them as water tight as possible. Evidence is needed to back up policies which must comply with The Vale's Local Plan.
5. Assessments we are likely to need include:
Housing needs assessment;
Landscape and open green space assessment;
Village character appraisal;
Traffic and infrastructure survey; and
Possibly an amenity and employment assessment.
6. It was concluded that experts should be identified who could carry out the various assessments. JOC said that she had collected a few names which had been emailed to

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others. RA said that Community First Oxfordshire used to offer a housing needs assessment.

7. MJ stressed the importance of the wording of the policies and suggested that we explore using an expert to write them rather than ourselves. JOC mentioned a company being used by Cumnor NPSG.
8. RA explained that an important part of the pre plan work was community consultation. This aspect was taken very seriously by the inspector. Possible further consultations were discussed. It was concluded that Community First should be asked to do an open house workshop for villagers to attend. It was felt that it was best if the steering group were not present. Residents would get a chance to say what they thought without our influence. Also there was a concern that the views of secondary school age children and teenagers were needed. This could be addressed by having something like a pizza evening.
9. As well as Simon's analysis it was felt that members of the SG should ensure that we are familiar with the questionnaire responses. SG members will pair up and analyse a section of the responses.
10. The possible data breach was discussed. RA brought us up to date on advice received from Simon, ICO and Jodie Wales, who has liaised with the Data Protection Officer at the Vale. It would appear that the conclusion is that there may be a potential breach. Jodie has made it clear that all the SG and other volunteers involved in delivery and collection confirm in writing that any lists held have been destroyed. MJ reminded us that should there be a reported breach it will be the PC via its data protection officer that has to defend its position and not the SG.
11. Margaret Cox was thanked for attending, and invited to the next meeting.

Action Points:

1. JOC to approach Community First Oxfordshire to investigate arranging an open house workshop.
2. JOC to approach companies who specialise in appraisals such as village character assessments. Also the company who we believe are involved in preparing and writing the Cumnor NP.
3. All other members of the SG will pair up and analyse the results of one section of the questionnaire responses. JOC will email a list of pairings.
4. All SG members and other volunteers must email to confirm that lists have been destroyed.
5. RA to investigate pizza evening.

Date of Next meeting:

Monday 19 November at 7pm in the village hall

SCNP Steering Group Minutes of meeting on 19 November 2018

Attendees:

Mike Jenkins (MJ), Rita Atkinson (RA), David Hignell (DH), Peter Morris (PM), Anne Morgan Smith (AMS), Sarah Eccles (SE), Kathy Whittaker (KW), Fred Cubbage (FC), Geoff Armstrong (GA) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC).

Apologies:

Martin Howell (MH), Catriona Brodribb (CB) and Clare Pennicot (CP)

Main Discussion Points:

1. It was agreed that point 10 of the draft minutes of the meeting on 9 October should be amended. RA will rewrite point as discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk to the PC, Linda Martin (LM), should reply to the resident, confirm that questionnaire records have been destroyed and invite the resident to attend the next meeting. All members of Steering Group (SG) present confirmed that record sheets had been destroyed. We are still unclear how long completed questionnaires should be kept.
2. Our data analysis:

SE ran through her approach to data analysis which was proving rather time-consuminglengthy. She confirmed that she had identified one or two novel suggestions which the SG may not be aware not covered by the questionnaire of eg car share/ car club. It was agreed that we should pay attention to comments provided as we had asked for comment backup in the questionnaires. However, Although it was suggested by both PM and GA and agreed by all that such thorough analysis was not really necessary as Simon's report covered many of the points raised. PM said that he had fed the observations from the completed questionnaires into his draft.

AMS said that on developer funding 50% of the responses said that any funding received should be put into footpaths, footways and cycle paths. Also it was clear that bus services were an important issue.

MJ said MH and him had looked at the facilities/services section and concluded that PM's idea around the development/expansion of the village hall and linking it via foot/cycle paths to the recreation ground basically covered the majority of wishes. This could potentially cover the requests for more inside sport, recreation, communal hub/café and the development of starter units. It would also link the two ends of the village and improve footpaths and cycle paths.

It was agreed as per RA's suggestion that a skim reading was necessary to identify novel suggestions as the comments in the main reinforce issues we already know

about thereby providing analytical evidence/backup. AMS had identified a number of errors in Simon's report and questioned whether this was the final report or a draft. RA confirmed it was a draft. Agreed that errors should be highlighted and fed back to Simon.

PM asked for everyone to look again at his draft to ensure that it had adequately taken into account the responses from the questionnaire.

3. Assistance needed from outside bodies:

It was agreed that it was likely that we would need a landscape character assessment, green space assessment, housing needs survey and a village character/heritage appraisal. RA said we may not need an SEA as we will not be identifying sites for development. The Vale should be able to help with this. JOC ran through the bodies she had approached:

Community First Oxfordshire can prepare a full housing needs assessment. This could cost £2000. Alternatively they would assist us by providing guidance on how and where to source information required. It was decided that Community First should be asked for an example of their work as it was felt that £2000 was on the high side.

Community First are able to facilitate a half day community drop in at the village hall at a cost equating to £460 per day plus a couple of hours preparation work. A Saturday at the end of February 2019 was pencilled in.

Bluestone has advised that for a village the size of SC they would charge £2800 - £4000 for a village character appraisal, depending on depth required. Sharon of Bluestone would also assist with obtaining grant funding.

The 2 quotes from Lepus: circa £8000 for a landscape character assessment and circa £8000 for Strategic Environment Assessment. Everyone felt that these quotes were high especially when compared with the Bluestone

JOC confirmed that Patrick was confident with carrying out a green space assessment following one of the well-established tool kits. He is in the process of consulting sources. It was felt that we needed to establish what proportion of a landscape character assessment is covered by a green space assessment.

4. SCPC feedback:

The PC have asked us to provide a revised project plan. It was agreed that this should be in a simpler form than the last one.

They have asked us to provide them with a list of the areas where we need additional expertise from outside sources. They specifically require potential costs which will require their approval. These can then be discussed as an agenda item at their meeting in December.

5. SC News entry:
RA will submit an entry to the editor.
6. AOB:
A pizza evening was planned for March 2018, specifically aimed at younger residents of the village.
RA asked that presentation of data should be added to the agenda for next month's meeting. Specifically how to present the return rate.
7. The date of the next meeting is 17 December at 7pm.

Action Points:

1. RA to amend point 10 of minutes of meeting on 9 October.
2. All SG members to highlight any errors they have found in Simon's report and pass to RA who will feed back to Simon.
3. All members of SG to check PM's draft to ensure that it adequately takes into account questionnaire responses.
4. JOC to check with Jodie Wales of the Vale how long completed paper copies and on line versions of questionnaires should be kept.
5. JOC to check with the Vale whether they feel we need to carry out an SEA.
6. JOC to ask Community First for an example of a housing needs survey that they have carried out.
7. RA to prepare a revised and simplified project plan and pass to the PC.
8. JOC to email LM and provide details of bodies/companies we plan to ask for help with appraisals/assessments. JOC to provide LM with quotes for costs in order to obtain their approval. RA to ask Simon the best way to present questionnaire return rate.
9. JOC to establish how a green space assessment equates to a landscape character assessment.

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Attendees: Sarah Eccles (SE), David Hignell (DH), Fred Cubbage (FC), Anne Morgan Smith (AMS), Rita Atkinson (RA), Clare Pennicott (CP). Mike Jenkins (MJ) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC)

Apologies: Martin Howell (MH), Catriona Brodribb (CB), Kathy Whittaker (KW), and Geoff Armstrong (GA) Peter Morris (PM)

Main Discussion Points:

1. Point 10 of minutes of meeting on 9 October was corrected by RA and agreed. RA will send corrected version to CB (to be inserted into prepared minutes) and Linda Martin (LM) of the Parish Council (PC).
2. RA ran through formats of our current project plan and an alternative. It was agreed that we should retain the current format with a front page showing a 'timeline' with proposed dates.
3. RA confirmed that Simon's report was the final version and not a draft.
4. PM's latest draft was discussed. It was agreed that we all appreciated that PM had taken the initiative and produced a number of drafts to move the SG forward. It has also galvanised us into action making us think about the direction of travel. However it was felt that the drafts included some subjective elements which would not stand the scrutiny of the neighbourhood plan legal framework. It was agreed that the SG should concentrate on obtaining additional evidence.
5. MJ was able to update us on the views the PC have on progress (or lack of it) and the additional importance of gaining their financial backing this financial year.
6. JOC said that we still have not had an answer from Sharon of Bluestone as whether she feels we must produce a Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA). RA said she would contact the Vale regarding this. We are not sure whether Bluestone still have a contract with the Vale. We also need to ask the question as to whether SC needs to identify land for development. MJ was of the opinion that we didn't need to. It was agreed that LM of the PC should ask the Vale for confirmation on this point.
7. Additional Evidence:
It was agreed that at the moment we would put on hold the preparation of a housing needs assessment at least until we have a definite response on point 5 above.

It was agreed that we should get definite quotes for both a Landscape Character Appraisal (LCA) and a Village Character Appraisal (VCA). JOC confirmed that we had already received quotes from Lepus and Bluestone. JOC said she was currently in discussion with Stephen Warnock of Livland regarding a LCA. They carried out one for East Hagbourne. The approach they adopted there was very flexible and in effect a partnership with their SG rather than producing a 'glossy' document. He is prepared to do something similar for us and also work alongside Patrick O'Callaghan (POC). He charges £350/day plus subsistence and travel. He will get in touch with the person who carried out the VCA for East Hagbourne who followed a similar approach. It was agreed that the discussions with Stephen should be taken further but the SG would require evidence of their work/expertise.

8. MJ updated us on the PC's new website which is virtually up and running. The NPSG will be able to use this for keeping PC and residents up to date on progress.
9. A date for the Drop In was agreed – Saturday 2 March 2019 from 1pm - in the village hall. JOC to contact Community First. RA advised that there will be a charge for the use of the hall. Refreshments will be provided. SE will produce an A5 leaflet to be dropped through doors.

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10. It was agreed that a pizza evening would follow at a date to be agreed. RA is to approach Pauline Wilson as a potential facilitator.
11. The Redrow/Bidwells email was discussed. It was agreed that our response should be that we are not in the business of identifying sites and anyway their application is due to be determined in January 2019. AMS will draft a response.
12. FC talked us through his email of 16 December and a bit of the background to it. There was support from members of the SG present for his view. It was agreed the SG should concentrate on obtaining additional evidence (see point 5 above) before any further work is carried out on a draft. JOC to reply to email from PM dated 11 December.
13. RA provided us with details of the response from Simon Purfield (SP) regarding the questionnaire return rate. His conclusion is that the number returned for the size of SC should be more than adequate when viewed by the inspector. The details are provided in an email dated 14 December from SP. JOC to forward email.

Date of next meeting:

We plan to stick with meetings on a Monday in 2019. JOC to check which Mondays are best for CB.

Action Points:

1. RA to send out corrected and agreed point 10 of the minutes of our meeting on 9 October 2018. To send to CB and LM.
2. CB to insert point 10 (see above) into recorded minutes.
3. RA to chase Sharon of Bluestone/the Vale about an SEA.
4. LM to approach the Vale regarding the necessity of our plan to identify land for development.
5. JOC to continue discussion with Stephen Warnock of Livland and to obtain firm quotes and obtain evidence of his work/expertise.
6. JOC to contact Community First regarding drop in planned for 2 march 2019.
7. RA to contact Pauline Wilson regarding facilitating a pizza evening for youth.
8. AMS to draft response to Bidwell's email.
9. JOC to forward email of 14 December from SP to all SG members.
10. JOC to reply to PM.
11. JOC to sort out date of next meeting once response from CB has been received.
12. SE to prepare flier for Community First workshop drop in.

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Present: Geoff Armstrong (GA), Rita Atkinson (RA), Catriona Brodribb (CB), Fred Cabbage (FC), Sarah Eccles (SE), David Hignell (DH), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Anne Morgan Smith (AMS), Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC), Claire Pennicott (CP)

1 Apologies from Martin Howell (MH), Kathy Whittaker (KW).

2. No non-members of steering group were in attendance.

3. Minutes & Matters Arising from Action Points from 17.12.18

* We need to fill out a template sheet for next meeting

* See if Sharon Brentnall can attend the next meeting, RA has not heard back from her.

* RA has contacted Pauline Wilson as regards the pizza evening, Pauline's response not finalized.

* AMS has drafted a response to Bidwells. PC may need to approve content.

* SE has obtained quotes for the flier (A4 folded to A5 & double sided) but it was suggested that we need 1,350 fliers to cover all houses, and the various business in the village, ie shops, hair dressers, garage, SE only had quotes for 1,000.

We need to distribute these 2 weeks before 2nd March, which is 16th February; use same distribution network as used to deliver the questionnaire

A Boards need to be obtained from David McKenzie who is away till 6th Feb, FC to follow up.

Rita has updated the project timetable as emailed around earlier, we are at stage four Generating Options. It shows the starting point from Dec 2015, with hoped for end date Oct 2020.

We need to complete stage 4 by end of April 2019 to stay on track.

Funding: was discussed, we have the regular 10k already, further funding may be available for technical grants (complex sites) ie the proposed Didcot Garden Town area of Parish.

It was decided to leave this for now, and pursue at a later date.

4. NO PC feedback as such.

5. Community drop in workshop to run on 2nd March, 2-5 pm at the village hall.

Community First will run it, £1,100 has been quoted for the fee, they will need Tom McCulloch and 3 facilitators. The steering group will not facilitate the sessions.

6. Quotes from outside agencies:

NB We need to provide 3 quotes for each topic area for PC approval

Main areas:

a) Heritage/history of village/assessment: Kathryn Davies could be a suitable candidate.

b) Landscape assessment: possibly use Steve Warnock of Reading, he has worked on East Hagbourne NP.

AOB

* Maps? Who will work on these?

* Writing policies well is very important, we may need Louise Thomas to write policies?

9. Next meeting: we need to invite Sharon Brentnall to see if she can do either February 11th, or 18th.

SCNPSG Minutes of meeting on 18 February 2019

Attendees: Rita Atkinson (RA), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Sarah Eccles (SE), Anne Morgan Smith (AMS), Martin Howell (MH), Geoff Armstrong (GA), Clare Pennicott (CP) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC).

Non -Steering Group (SG) member: Sharon Brentnall of Bluestone Planning (SB).

Apologies: Fred Cabbage (FC), Catriona Brodribb (CB), David Hignell (DH) & Peter Morris (PM).

Main Discussion Points:

1. Minutes of meeting on 21 January: Accepted.
2. Matters arising: AMS to amend and update response to email from Bidwells and pass on to SG members for approval.
3. PC website: Items for the website should be sent to Linda Martin (LM). Items to be forwarded - project plan, visions and objectives, questionnaire results, meeting agendas and minutes, dates of meetings.
4. Pizza Workshop for children/young people: To be held in village hall on 24 April from 5pm to be run by SG. To be advertised in SC News and directly to groups such as Damascus, Scouts and SC Primary. The PC will be asked for their approval to fund event.
5. SCPC update: PC have approved funding for workshop on 2 March and the 2 appraisals being carried out by Kathryn Davies and Steven Warnock.
6. Appraisal Update:

Village Character Assessment: AMS confirmed that Kathryn had already started exploring the background to the appraisal. She had met with Mary Thompson and walked about the village. RA was concerned that the majority of the historic character was located at the northern end of the village. A village character appraisal should cover all parts of a village whatever the age/character. AMS to check with Kathryn and ensure that she is aware that as a result of the questionnaire any future development is to be within the existing footprint.

Landscape Character Appraisal: JOC said a walkabout with Steven will take place on 5 March. DH, POC and JOC to attend.

Steven and Kathryn have arranged to meet on 19 March.

7. SB of Bluestone Planning:

SEA:

SB confirmed that as we were not allocating new development sites no Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) is needed. But need to apply to the Vale on appropriate form, this application will then go out to formal consultation.

Housing Needs Assessment (HNA):

SB confirmed that it was unlikely that we needed to carry out a full HNA but will need to analyse data from questionnaire responses. Also retrieve waiting list data from the Vale. MJ said issue with all the new developments is that the social housing allocation was not occupied by SC families. Although our visions/ objectives state that they should be given priority.

RA and one other to look at data from questionnaire and pass to SB who will then be able to identify what other information we need. As no extensive development is planned to cover off local social housing needs a Rural Exception site could be used, which provides social housing for local people only.

Policy writing:

SB will supply RA with Vale document- Policy Development Framework. RA will pass onto all SG.

Local green spaces:

RA asked whether we could designate local green spaces. Possible but need to show amenity/value.

SB said to stop coalescence the easiest approach is to designate green gaps. But they only last for the lifespan of the NP. This is possible even on land in private ownership. But land owner needs to be contacted. SB will provide template for landowner letter.

Didcot Garden Town (DGT) / Milton Park/Enterprise Zone:

RA/MJ asked SB how, if at all, can our NP have any influence on development on any of the above, also green spaces in respect of DGT, as parts of these areas were within our parish although outside the designated area. Any future development in these areas will have an impact on our village. SB thought they may be able to be covered as a Community Aspiration but will check with Bill Maxted and other Vale officers. RA asked SB about the possibility of obtaining extra grant money to cover these exceptional/technical circumstances. SB thinks it may be possible.

Sustainability Appraisal (SA):

RA asked SB whether we will need to carry out a SA. SB said this should be considered when we have an idea of plan policies. We need to comply with basic conditions SB will send examples of other NP groups Basic Condition Statements.

Policy Writing:

SB said Bluestone can draw up policies but require to be provided with 'basic ingredients' for policies from us.

Traffic and river crossing:

MJ asked SB how our plan can be ready for the likely crossing which could come during the lifespan of our plan. SB said the new bridge would be a trigger for a NP review.

RA asked whether an additional technical grant (see above) could be obtained for an in - depth traffic survey, similar to the Milton Park traffic movement survey. SB said this was possible.

MJ referred to the OCC survey and whether we could use that. Problem is that it would need updating.

Allocated site at SC(E):

AMS asked SB how we should treat the allocated site. SB confirmed that we must include it in the plan but state all negative features. SB could send framework.

8. SC News:

RA will draft entry to cover commissioned appraisals, youth consultation, page on PC website and meeting with SB.

9. AOB:

Requirements for event on 2 March in village hall– tables, chairs, access time, refreshments.

10. Date of next meeting:

Agreed that future meetings should be held on third Monday in the month. Next meeting – 18 March.

Action Points:

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1. AMS to amend email to Bidwells
2. RA and CB to pass to LM items for NP page on PC website.
3. JOC to obtain PC approval of NP expenditure on pizza evening. RA to approach relevant groups.
4. AMs to email Kathryn about tying the character appraisal with our planned policy concerning no development outside the existing village footprint.
5. RA and one other to look at questionnaire responses particularly related to future housing needs and pass to SB.
6. RA to remind SB of:
 - Supplying proforma for SEA;
 - Providing details of information required for housing needs;
 - Providing RA with Vale document – Policy Development Framework;
 - Providing template for landowner letter in relation to designating green gaps;
 - Asking Bill Maxted and other Vale officers about references to areas within parish but outside designated area. Possibility of using community aspiration approach;
 - Possibility of obtaining extra grant money;
 - Providing examples of Basic Condition statements.
7. RA to draft SC News entry.
8. JOC to contact Community First about requirements for event on 2 March.

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Present: Geoff Armstrong (GA), Rita Atkinson (RA), Catriona Brodribb (CB), Sarah Eccles (SE), David Hignell (DH), Anne Morgan Smith (AMS), Peter Morris (PM), Jo O'Callaghan (JOC)

Agenda

- 1 Apologies: Fred Cubbage, Martin Howell, Mike Jenkins, Clare Pennicott
- 2 Welcome to any non members of Steering Group –none present
- 3 Welcome to Jason Warwick-unable to attend
- 4 Jason's input: Neighbourhood Plans and FAQ's –not discussed
- 5 Minutes of meeting on 18 February and matters arising:
Minutes of 18th February were approved.
The PC website needs to show the NP material-action see below (ie project plan, minutes, feedback etc)
- 6 SCPC feedback: none as such
- 7 Workshop feedback:
JOC produced minutes relating to the community workshop, one or two amendments may be needed (as footnotes).
Some feedback material still needs to be passed onto Tom Mcculloch (sealed envelope).
NB JOC has feedback form in electronic format.
PM observed that we had achieved more than was evident at the Community Appraisal event, but much had been covered by the presentation
The workshop day's focus was to consult with the community.
- 8 Appraisal update:
two of these are under way via Kathryn Davies (village character assessment) and Steven Warnock (SW (landscape). JOC & DH spent four hours and covered nine miles looking at village environs; some was found to be in 'poor health'.
Grant aided funding (DEFRA & Wood land Trust) may be available for land owners to clear ditches and or similar, and tree planting could be done in certain locations.
It is hoped that their drafts will be back by the end of the month for us to look at.
SW to be invited to next meeting for feedback. Land owners could be contacted to encourage them to apply for these grants.

** Traffic survey? Not land use but is related to NP issues, to contact OCC re survey results and Milton Park for how they record traffic, using specific sensors attached to lamp posts.*

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- 9 Planning for pizza evening on Wednesday 24 April:

Flyer is being designed (distribution method??)

Use the pizza place in Broadway, Didcot

Games will also be provided

Times& age groups:*

5-6pm, age group 8 - 12

6-7 pm age group 13 -18

7-8 pm age group 18 - 24

We need steering group helpers for each age group, Damascus youth workers will be present to facilitate the evening (safe guarding relevant to under 18s).

To finalise agreements at next meeting and or via email.

- 10 SC News: *we have a page allocated to us, content needed by Weds eve;*

topics to add: the walk around, the pizza evening and community workshop

- 11 AOB:

**May 18th the Vicars Community Showcase Day: we will have a stall there and have relevant material, we will need electrical power and people to help out, plus we will need the gazebo.*

**The NP needs to be ready by October to send to VWHDC, NB neighbourhood plans are constructed around policies, backed up by evidences and appraisals, policies need to stand up to scrutiny. Matters or potential projects arising from the NP can be addressed by the PC.*

Any monies coming forth can be put back into the village, but the way any money is used is not the NP's role, it is the PC's remit.

- 12 Date of next meeting: *15th April (3rd Monday in month)*

Actions:

** RA to contact LM about getting NP content onto the PC website as soon as is possible, especially the feedback material*

** RA to contact Sharon Bentnall re housing needs material*

** RA & PM to go through Peter's draft four copy to use in the plan*

** RA & one other to go through questionnaire responses*

** JOC to send email to Bidwells*

** JOC to contact Milton Park about traffic censor usage.*

** AMS to contact OCC about recent traffic survey report/data*

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1. Apologies: Rita Atkinson, (RA) Sarah Eccles (SE), Martin Howell (MH), (standing down) Claire Pennicott (CP)

Present: Geoff Armstrong (GA), Catriona Brodribb (CB), Fred Cubbage (FC), David Hignell (DH), Michael Jenkins (MJ), Anne Morgan Smith (AMS), Jo O'Callaghan JO'C)

2. Welcome to any non-members of Steering Group (none)

3. Welcome to Jason Warwick-Jason Warwick (JW) was in attendance)

4. Jason's input: Neighbourhood Plans and FAQ's: it was agreed that JW would provide some FAQs for the Community Showcase event on 18th May, various questions have arisen around CIL monies, why have a Neighbourhood Plan and how the NP is funded. JW and steering group to provide answers for the FAQs.

5. Minutes of meeting on 18 March and matters arising: minutes were agreed.

* We need feedback from Sharon Benthall this week. JO'C/ RA to liaise over this.

* RA & PM to meet on April 24th and insert PM's copy into the NP

6. SCPC feedback: concern over delayed completion of NP, increasing costs, and delays due to using two consultants rather than one. We need to report back clearly on targets/progress.

7. Workshop update: RA has received 10 online questionnaire responses, these and paper copy to be sent onto Tom McCulloch of Community First for analysis.

8. Appraisal update: we have received the first sixteen page draft of the village character assessment, it was felt that the Milton Road area and more recent building expansion needed more content. Some dates may need confirming-checking.

AMS to collate and pass on any input to Kathryn Davies (KD) from steering group.

KD is needing to add a section on landscape but this will not overlap with Steven Warnock's (SW) Landscape Survey. Both may be revisiting the village soon.

Hopefully we will see SW's landscape appraisal before too long.

SW could come and talk to us at one of our NP meetings.

9. Pizza evening 24 April: Jo O'C can help 5-6, JW can help 6-7, DH, PM? can help, hopefully SE & CP can help.

The consultative format of the evening may need planning, ie working in small groups.

Roxy & James to rephrase consultative topic content so as to be user friendly for younger age groups.

We need to read their copy/content before the pizza evening.

R & J will be doing the games with the groups.

We need to let RA know who can help out and which time slot.

We need someone on duty in the kitchen.

We need to ask Roxy how many from each age group are likely to show up

10. Community showcase 18th May: FAQs takeaway sheet would be provided, we need David's gazebo, tables, chairs and a display board.

Are other resources needed?

11. SC News: a brief up-date to go in for May, outline the pizza eve and the Community Showcase event on May 18th. Plus put in website link.

12. AOB

* It was felt that a further traffic survey would not achieve more than is already known.

We already have material from previous surveys.

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Issues to do with banning bigger lorries/weight restriction and driving through the village could be 'aspirations' rather than 'policies', in the NP appendix.

NB Traffic surveys can be costly.

* If the new bridge is built to link Didcot and the A415, it will bring more traffic to the area anyway.

13. Date of next meeting Mon 20th May 7pm.

TASKS:

Jo O'C to contact Rita re Sharon Benthall re feedback about technical grants and housing needs ?

Jo O'C to contact RA re school(s) re advertising the pizza event, ie SC Primary School

AMS to check if pizza event advertising has v been circulated around the European School

JO'C to ask RA to ask Roxy to forward the rephrased copy of consultative material used for pizza evening, maybe circulate around everyone on the SG who will be helping out.

RA to ask Roxy how many from each age group are likely to show up

Jo O'C to contact Helen about requirements for the Community Showcase day.

CB to send on agreed minutes from March 18th to LM

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Minutes

Attendees:

Rita Atkinson (RA), Sarah Eccles (SE), Fred Cubbage (FC), David Hignell (DH), Clare Pennicot (CP), Peter Morris (PM), Mike Jenkins (MJ) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC).

Apologies:

Anne Morgan Smith (AMS), Catriona Brodribb (CB) and Geoff Armstrong (GA).

Presentation by Steven Warnock, village landscape appraisal:

Steven presented 7 maps showing Sutton Courtenay's landscape in different contexts ranging from a generalised map showing landform and soils to more precise maps showing landscape character parcels and the management of those parcels. From these we should be in a position to determine what remains of the village landscape that is special and guide change in a positive direction. Steven provided some ideas as to how the landscape could be enhanced and what grants were available. Examples included Countryside Stewardship in relation to the land to the west of the village and grants for woodland on the disturbed land to the east. It is understood that Steven will now provide a draft report which will be based around the 7 maps with text, in the main, relating to the maps.

JOC said that Steven and herself had bumped into Rosemary Allen that afternoon on Mill Lane and we discussed the Government's Countryside Stewardship scheme.

JOC thanked Steven for attending.

Minutes from meeting on 15 April and Matters Arising:

Minutes were confirmed as correct.

JOC said that we had not received from Jason the FAQ's that were discussed at the last meeting. It was agreed that, for the time being, they were no longer required as they were intended for the Community Showcase event on 18 May.

SCPC Feedback and insurance:

JOC has forwarded an email from Linda Martin (LM) regarding the requirement for Steering Group insurance. The insurance company require the answers to a number of questions. LM is able answer some but DH will provide the remainder.

Feedback from meeting with Robyn Tobutt (RT) and another from the Vale NP team:

Attended by RA, MJ and GA.

MJ felt that both officers were new to the planning team and that they will go back to the experienced officers to provide answers. MJ said they made it clear that we are fed up with being totally unable to have any influence at all on land within parish but outside designated area. RT confirmed that they should be able to respond before our next meeting.

They were able to confirm that no Strategic Environment Assessment would be required, but paperwork would have to be completed. They will help with our policies and be able to comment on whether the evidence that we provide is sufficient to back up those policies. RA will forward to them all information we have on housing needs/types.

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Pizza Evening and Community Showcase update:

RA said approximately 40 responses were received from the pizza event. It was agreed that these responses plus the dozen or so responses received at the showcase should be submitted to Tom of Community First Oxfordshire. RA confirmed that she still held some completed feedback forms from Tom's event. JOC will email Tom about paper responses and RA will forward them together once Tom has responded. NB it is important that when Tom prepares his report the responses are split between the different events.

Task List:

RA ran through some tasks to be added to list including: list consultation events on website, keep track of budget, possibly giving responsibility of areas eg housing and environment to each member of the SG. RA will draw up list and email to SG members.

PM's Draft:

It was agreed that all members of SG will look at draft. It was agreed that the draft must be assessed against a check list. PM will draw up draft check list and email to RA for comment. RA made clear that draft must be coordinated with both village and landscape appraisals. The village character appraisal had been forwarded using Dropbox and as a result not all SG members were able to open it. JOC will email KD and request a different format. RA will add a Table of Contents to draft. It was agreed that an entire meeting should be devoted to draft and comments. It was agreed that this would be on 15 July.

NB meeting on 17 June should cover RT's responses.

SC News:

It was agreed that it was vital that an entry appeared in the July/August edition. Deadline is 19 June ie after next meeting.

Date of next meeting:

17 June 2019

Action points:

1. JOC to chase FAQ's
2. DH to answer insurance enquiries
3. RA to chase RT
4. RA to provide RT with housing information
5. JOC to email Tom
6. RA to forward responses to Tom
7. RA to prepare task list
8. JOC to email KD
9. Everyone to read PM's draft
10. RA to prepare Table of Contents PM to prepare draft check list and forward to RA
11. RA will then email finalised check list to all.

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Attendees:

Rita Atkinson (RA), Geoff Armstrong (GA), Fred Cabbage (FC), Anne Morgan Smith (AMS) and Peter Morris (PM)

1. Apologies

Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC), David Hignell (DH), Sarah Eccles (SE), Catriona Brodribb (CB), Clare Pennicot (CP) and Mike Jenkins (MJ)

2. Welcome to non-Steering Group attendees

None

3. Minutes from meeting on 20 May

Minutes were confirmed as correct.

4. Matters arising not covered by an agenda item

Awaiting the Landscape Character Assessment Report from Steven Warnock as well as the Green Space Assessment. The latter is particularly important to assess the robustness of the evidence to include local green space designation. Linking the green spaces, footpaths etc. is also key to cohesion through the village and fits in with one of our objectives. We also need to check the scope of report has been followed as making references to landscape that could not be restored was not within scope.

JOC to follow up on both assessments. RA to circulate green space assessment guides.

Steering Group Insurance – matter still outstanding.

DH to address insurance questions when back from holiday.

5. Response from Robyn Tobutt, Planning Policy Officer

The response was quite generic as regards both the Didcot Garden Town and the guidance on additional housing-needs evidence and didn't add anything new.

SEA screening questionnaire – most of the questions do not apply as we are not identifying sites. However, it was felt that for Question 6 we should try and address the flooding issues associated with the Sutton Courtenay East (Land off Hobbyhorse Lane) site identified in the Vale's Local Plan. The Vale would correct it, if it was deemed not applicable to the SEA.

PM to draft responses to the SEA for consideration at the next SG meeting; AMS to check Flooding Zone designation of the Sutton Courtenay East site

6. SCPC Feedback

None

7. Community First Oxfordshire report progress

SE compiled the feedback from the Youth Consultation Pizza Evening and it has been circulated to all SG members. It has also been sent to Community First along with feedback from the community showcase presence on the Green, and will be included in its report.

JOC to progress CF report prior to next meeting

8. Village character appraisal response

We discussed whether we should request Kathryn to leave as draft until the Landscape and Green Space Assessment Reports have been received and we have had the opportunity to review and confirm that all the reports and their interfaces provide us with the robust evidence to underpin the policies. We also need to ensure that the 'hooks' in PM's draft document have the appropriate evidence to hook into.

It was felt that the statement in the summary - *'The main issue now for the character of the village is pressure for housing development. This has been accommodated to date by retaining connections, visual and physical, to the surrounding landscape creating semi-rural rather than suburban developments.'* was misleading as the new

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developments were like developments elsewhere in the country including towns and cities. This statement along with the accompanying photographs could almost present an argument for further development. It was also felt that more could be made of the open spaces at the southern edge of the village to emphasise the rural nature of the village, but again we need to check how it interfaces with the Village Character Assessment.

All comments on Village Character Appraisal to be back to AMS by 15 July; RA to check with LM re staged payment if we ask Kathryn Davies to delay final document.

9. Confirmation of attendees at Policy Writing course

David Hignell and Peter Morris to attend the workshop on 8 July; Attendees will be asked to bring example draft policies to the workshop. It was felt it would be useful to draft some policies in areas we knew were likely to be required in the NP – example - preventing coalescence; green space designation; only permitting infill housing etc by trawling through made NPs in which sites had not been allocated and also use the policies in PM's draft as a basis. These could then be tested at the workshop.

RA to circulate sample policies for SG to consider to be taken to the workshop

DH and PM to also seek further clarification regarding housing policies ref Robyn Tobutt's email

10. Task List:

Some of the tasks on the list including: producing consultation-events documents and budget/expenditure documents to be uploaded on website and updated regularly were discussed. SG members to take responsibility for given areas such as housing and transport. It was felt that there too few members at this meeting and it should be deferred to the next meeting.

JOC to include Task List as an agenda item for next meeting

11. PM's Draft:

Checklist still to be drafted. PM would prefer structured comments page by page for ease of implementing them. For example, any inaccuracies, areas that require more emphasis; any overarching comments particularly on Section 4.

The issue of how to present the community projects was also discussed as the NP is strictly about land use. The survey (particularly Q40) and other consultations have identified many community projects which PM has captured within his draft document. An examination of other NPs shows that this is not unique to us. Other NPs acknowledge it – for example the Drayton NP has the text:

'This section details those policies which specifically relate to planning i.e. which specifically relate to development and the use of land. It is these policies which have been formally examined and are being put to the vote at referendum. There are, in addition, a number of community aspirational policies which do not explicitly relate to development and land use. These latter policies are principally for investigation and implementation by Drayton Parish Council. The community policies are separately described under the same five themes in Section B.'

And from the Blewbury NP 'Our surveys also found issues that many people are concerned about which do not relate to planning, and therefore could not be the subject of policies. We have listed these separately as Community Issues (Chapter 9), for future attention from the Parish Council and local government.'

PM and RA to draft checklist asap

All to give feedback to PM prior to the next meeting

12. SC News:

Top suggestions from Sarah E's youth consultation summary; upcoming policy workshop, village charter assessment draft report

GA to draft a piece for SCN

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13. AOB

None

14. Date of next meeting:

15 July 2019 at 7pm

Action points:

1. JOC to follow up on both assessments. RA to circulate green space assessment guides.
2. DH to address insurance questions when back from holiday
3. PM to draft responses to the SEA for consideration at the next SG meeting
4. AMS to check Flooding Zone designation of the Sutton Courtenay East site
5. JOC to progress CF report prior to next meeting
6. All comments on Village Character Appraisal to be back to AMS by 15 July
7. RA to check with LM re staged payment if we ask Kathryn Davies to delay final document
8. RA to circulate sample policies for SG to consider to be taken to the workshop
9. DH and PM to also seek further clarification regarding housing policies ref Robyn Tobutt's email
10. JOC to include Task List as an agenda item for next meeting
11. PM and RA to draft checklist asap
12. All to give feedback to PM prior to the next meeting
13. GA to draft a piece for SCN

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Attendees

Fred Cabbage (FC), Sarah Eccles (SE), David Hignell (DH), Peter Morris (PM), Geoff Armstrong (GA), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Rita Atkinson (RA), Clare Pennicott (CP), Anne Morgan Smith (AMS) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC)
Richard Webber (RW), District and County Councillor, was also in attendance.

Apologies

Catriona Brodribb (CB)

Minutes from meeting on 17 June and matters arising

Draft minutes were confirmed.

AMS provided update on Village Character Appraisal. Feedback for Kathryn was required. DH will prepare comment on appraisal and AMS will draft feedback and forward to SG. Payment was discussed and it was agreed that rather than pay invoice in full 90% should be offered. Holding 10% at this stage should enable possible changes at a later date. The photos within the report were discussed, dating and substitution. FC will provide an alternative photo of The Green.

RA reminded the SG that response on insurance queries was outstanding. DH to act.

RA reminded the SG that the SEA proforma was outstanding. RA and PM to act.

RA will circulate Green Space assessment guide.

Community First Oxfordshire's Report

SG happy with report. JOC to provide figures requested and advise Tom that the SC Showcase should be described as a community event where our stand was one of many showcasing activities within village.

Landscape Character Assessment

Points raised included:

SE said that the draft stated that the report will be linked to both the Village Character Appraisal and the Green Space Assessment. However, there was little reference to either.

MJ said that the assessment should not recommend where development should or shouldn't go.

DH said that the Assessment had to be in accordance with the Local Plan and Didcot Garden Town Plan.

JOC to respond to Steven with comments and suggest that draft is put on hold so that it can be tied in with other assessments.

Feedback from Policy Writing course at the Vale

RA, DH, PM and MJ attended the course who agreed that the course was not as helpful as hoped.

However, the Vale officers have agreed to respond to the draft policy submitted and further questions by email. RA and RW will chase up responses. RW suggested that it may be more useful to meet with the Vale officers on our own rather than attend another workshop. PM said that he had sent his draft to Robyn Tobutt (RT), an officer, and had received a useful response. RA suggested that the way forward was to draft policies and send them to the Vale for response on a one to one basis.

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Task List

RA provided a list of the following tasks: SEA, ongoing list of community consultation, budget and policy list to cover spatial strategy, green gap (coalescence), housing design and need, economy and employment, land for recreation, transport & traffic, amenities and flooding.

David's suggestion

DH has suggested that we take instructions from the PC and pass PM'S draft, LCA, VCA, Green Space Assessment and public consultation report to a consultant for advice. RA said the SG must understand the headline of our policies before we do this. These would be passed to the consultant along with the above. RW supported this. RW will approach appropriate officers in both the Vale and OCC to provide guidance. RW advised SG of approach taken by Drayton SG when drafting policies.

PM's Draft

PM will circulate Vale feedback to SG.

SCPC Feedback

Nothing to report.

AOB

Nothing raised.

Date of next meeting

Policy writing meeting to be arranged in the next couple of weeks.
Meeting to follow format suggested above. RA to sort out a date.
All SG should prepare ideas in line with task list above.

Actions

1. AMS to draft feedback on VCA and forward response to Kathryn once feedback agreed.
2. FC to provide photo of The Green and email to AMS
3. DH to respond on insurance queries
4. RA/PM to complete SEA proforma
5. JOC to reply to Community First Oxfordshire
6. JOC to respond to Steven regarding draft LCA
7. RA to chase Vale regarding Policy Writing
8. PM to circulate feedback from RT
9. RA to sort out date for policy gathering meeting
10. All to produce policy ideas in line with task list subjects

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Apologies:

Clare Pennicott (CP), David Hignell (DH), Geoff Armstrong (GA), Catriona Brodribb (CB) and Peter Morris (PM)

Attendees:

Sarah Eccles (SE), Anne Morgan Smith (AMS), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Fred Cabbage (FC), Kathy Whittaker (KW), Rita Atkinson (RA) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC). No non -Steering Group members were present.

Minutes of meeting on 15 July and matters arising:

The minutes were accepted.

It is unclear whether DH has progressed with insurance.

RA said she was not sure whether we are ready to complete the SEA proforma. RA ran through proforma and it was agreed that the form should be completed and submitted once all members of the SG had seen it.

RA shared a potential Table of Contents for a NP draft. A chapter specifically relating to the Parish of SC ie brief history, location etc could be based on PM's draft. KW will work on this. PM could possibly add community needs to this chapter.

Village Character Appraisal:

The SG approved the draft and MJ confirmed that the PC had written a cheque for 90% of the total invoiced. It was agreed that the SG were now content with the second amendments and that the work was now complete. AMS confirmed that Kathryn had agreed that should any further minor edits be needed at a later date she would do these free of charge. Accordingly, the remainder would now be paid. MJ to inform Linda Martin (LM).

Green Space Assessment:

The SG all agreed that the document was very comprehensive, extensive and would be very useful in providing the necessary evidence to support draft policies. The SG thanked Patrick for all the work that he had put in.

FC had identified one or two errors regarding the church and churchyard. FC will provide corrections.

Landscape Character Appraisal:

The SG agreed that any further work on the LCA should be delayed until progress has been made on local green gaps/buffers. NB these are different to green spaces as they are spaces between settlements rather than those within settlements. JOC will contact Steven.

Green Gaps/ Buffers:

RA, MJ and LM met specifically to look at green gaps/buffers and identified the following:

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1. Area to the north and north west of Milton Rd (ie land to the north of Asquith Park etc over towards Drayton Mill)
2. Land to the north and south of Sutton Rd (ie fields between SC and Milton)
3. Kelart Field (ie field between Bradstocks Way and the northern fringe of Milton Park)
4. Land east of Harwell Rd and north of Didcot B and site of Didcot A

SG agreed that consultants, Novell Tulett, used by DGT and East Hagbourne, should be approached for possible assistance. As well as the above the consultants should be asked about the gap between SC and Drayton and also to the north of Appleford Rd. JOC /RA to contact consultants.

SG agreed that Milton PC should be contacted as 4 above is situated in their parish. The PC are aware of the designated area of the SCNP but the chair of the PC has changed. JOC to email.

Ownership of land identified needs to be explored.

RA to contact Vale regarding archive evidence relating to green spaces in and around SC.

Report from sub- group:

Sub-group comprises RA, CP, SE and KW

Over the summer progress has been made on draft policies with supportive evidence. Group have concluded that original aims and objectives now need some adjusting. Group will share with SG after a bit more work.

Outstanding matters arising from group meetings:

1. Listed buildings, list needed JOC said Images of England on the English Heritage website should provide list (more than 60 structures in SC).
2. Key views – map required with key. JOC said Patrick may be able to assist but will be looking for some payment. MJ asked for an invoice.
3. Community Consultation document – RA will supply JOC with notes/table. FC will supply the statement he has prepared for the church.
4. Other potential green spaces- Field south of Norman Hall, Priors Court Paddock, Millenium Common.
5. Blue Infrastructure- JOC confirmed that Patrick had not included river/brook etc in his document. JOC to investigate other village approaches eg Benson and Crowmarsh. RA referred to the Maidstone NP and its approach with River Medway. Environment Agency should be approached regarding condition of blue infrastructure JOC to approach.
6. RA will ask Vale about preferable names /labels eg footprint, settlement etc.
7. Timetable was discussed and it was hoped that we would be ready to pass over all appraisals, reports, draft and draft policies to consultants by end of November.

Sutton Courtenay Parish Council:

Nothing to report.

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AOB:

AMS will supply reports on flooding and traffic prepared by experts for planning applications. These could be added to draft NP as appendices.

Date of next meeting:

21 October for members of sub- group particularly.

Actions:

1. DH to feedback on insurance.
2. RA to complete SEA and share.
3. KW to work on SC brief History chapter.
4. MJ to advise LM about outstanding percentage on VCA invoice.
5. FC to provide Patrick with church related corrections.
6. JOC to contact Steven.
7. JOC/RA to contact Novell Tulett.
8. RA to contact Vale re preferred labels.
9. JOC to supply list showing all listed buildings/structures.
10. JOC/POC to work on key views. POC to provide invoice.
11. RA and FC to provide JOC with information for Community Consultation document.
12. JOC to communicate with Environment Agency re blue infrastructure.
13. AMS to supply expert reports on flooding and traffic.

Minutes

Apologies:

Catriona Brodribb (CB)

Attendees:

David Hignell (DH), Geoff Armstrong (GA), Kathy Whittaker (KW), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Fred Cabbage (FC), Rita Atkinson (RA), Anne Morgan Smith (AMS), Sarah Eccles (SE) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC)

Jane Fowles (JF) of Novell Tullett and Robyn Tobutt (RT) Vale Planning Policy Officer (Neighbourhood) were also in attendance.

JF and RT input:

Mainly discussions concentrated on whether we already have sufficient evidence to underpin our draft policies and whether those policies were sound. The main focus was green gaps/spaces and maintaining our own identity.

JF's conclusions:

1. We had gathered useful evidence/information but put together it was disjointed and not sufficiently coherent to use.
2. Properly mapped information is missing. Overlaying maps from each assessment should show gaps.
3. The Village Character Assessment (VCA) concentrates on built environment but should also cover 'settings' within and around the village as this will support the importance of the green gaps/green infrastructure.
4. Description/evaluation and mapping of views are missing.
5. More depth is needed on 'disturbed' ground to east of village. The Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) is broad, not covering enough depth particularly in relation to planning history/uses. The LCA could be developed to support the VCA.
6. A wildlife and habitat study could be useful support for policies on green spaces/buffers.
7. We need contact with Didcot Garden Town (DGT). She was part of the DGT team and ensured that green buffers would protect villages surrounding Didcot.
8. Potential flooding information should be provided.
9. Gardens (eg The Manor/ Abbey) are covered by the VCA as they form part of the heritage.
10. A policy on good design for new development is missing. Look at Vale/South Design Guide.

RT's comments:

1. Confirmed difference between green gaps and green spaces. The actual gaps need evidence to ensure that they stand up against inspector scrutiny.
2. Will research planning history on 'disturbed' land to east of village. Including time scale, original consents and conditions.
3. Will speak to DGT team to attempt to provide contact.

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4. Suggested we look at Magic Maps for evidence of surface water flooding and approach the Environment Agency (EA) for river/brook evidence and perhaps invite them to a meeting. Research catchment modelling.
5. Will check whether there is further funding we can apply for.
6. Will provide definition of 'brown field sites'
7. Queried our draft policy SC3 concerning infill development within the village envelope.
8. Will provide written comments on all draft policies submitted by RA.

Minutes of meeting on 16 September 2019 and matters arising:

Confirmed as correct.

KW's document, The Parish of SC:

SG happy but MJ will email KW regarding flagging exception sites.

It was agreed that KW will move onto section 4, visions, aims and objectives.

SCPC feedback:

It was agreed that it was vital to keep our page of the PC's website up to date to keep residents informed of progress. It was felt that negative comments, particularly those of a personal nature were not good for the morale of the SG.

AOB:

SC News, GA to draft entry and email to SG before passing to the editor.

Date of next meeting:

16 December 2019

Actions:

1. SG to await to receive report from JF before committing to further work.
2. DH (Millennium Common chair) and AMS to explore habitat surveys such as Thames Valley Environment Records Centre.
3. JOC to approach EA re catchment modelling.
4. JOC to look at Magic Maps with particular reference to surface water flooding.
5. AMS to approach Harvey Rodda re flooding data.
6. MJ to email KW re comment on Parish of SC document.
7. KW to commence work on section 4, vision, aims and objectives.
8. GA to draft SC News entry.

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Minutes

Attendees:

Geoff Armstrong (GA), Fred Cubbage (FC), Rita Atkinson (RA), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Sarah Eccles (SE) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC)

Simon and Bianca Lazaire (non- members of the Steering Group) were also in attendance.

Apologies:

David Hignall (DH), Catriona Brodribb (CB), Clare Pennicott (CP), Kathy Whittaker (KW) and Anne Morgan Smith (AMS)

Minutes of meeting on 18 November 2019 and matters arising:

Minutes were accepted and there were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.

Completion of Green Space Assessment:

Patrick has confirmed that he will be able to finish document, possibly over Christmas. The Steering Group (SG) thanked him for producing the assessment.

Habitat Study:

At the last meeting the PC approved spending £75 on a basic study. At this stage we are unsure whether we should ask for the basic study or the more in -depth assessment costing £250.

Novell Tullet (NT) report and proposed phase 2:

It was clear that NT would be in a position to 'fill in the gaps' by overlaying all the evidence that we have accumulated so far. This would cover the green gaps between SC and neighbouring settlements, the landscape setting of the village character assessment and key views. The document should provide evidence to underpin our proposed green space policies. It wasn't clear whether NT was in a position to write our proposed policies.

FC commented that we still hadn't received from Robyn Tobutt (RT) detailed information on planning consents on land to east of SC. This information will form part of the underlying

evidence for our policies. RA will chase RT. SE also felt information on Radcote Green was needed. Maybe NT can assist with their connections with DGT.

RA said that a detailed report by NT would cost in the region of £6-10,000 but a detailed specification of the report would be needed.

GA queried what proportion of the entire plan could be completed by NT. JOC said NT are landscape consultants and not planners so unsure whether they could take certain aspects further. RA reminded the SG that the main part of the plan covered green spaces and gaps and therefore thorough work was needed on these aspects in order to ensure policies would stand up to scrutiny. GA asked about likely timescale. RA said we would be looking at October 2020. GA felt we should ask NT whether they could pursue other aspects eg housing, infrastructure and amenities. FC confirmed that it was important that we take ownership of the NP and therefore it was inappropriate to farm the plan out in its entirety. RA confirmed that much of it could be written by us and reminded us that KW had already made progress. The SG agreed that we needed help with the policies.

SE concluded that we needed to be more secure about what NT could do. RA and JOC to approach NT.

Landscape Assessment invoice:

The SG agreed that subject to several changes the assessment was approved and will recommend that the PC pay the invoice of £1863. SE has commented on assessment and JOC will consider comments.

Policy Progress:

RA has produced a revised timetable and has added RT's feedback/comments. RA will email SG revised timetable.

JOC will contact EA regarding flooding potential. SG agreed that information on watercourses was available, the difficulty will be obtaining information regarding surface water flooding. The possibility of approaching Harvey Rodda could be explored.

SCPC feedback:

MJ confirmed that the agendas for our meetings should be put on the PC website.

The SG agreed that a presentation should be made to the PC at the March PC meeting.

AOB:

1. NT Invoice: SG are happy with report. RA to ask for invoice to be readdressed to the PC.
2. Grants/Financial Statement: Income so far is £22,000. £11,000 of which has been spent. Additionally, we are entitled to a basic locality grant of £9,000. RA will register for grant. NB the closing date is the end of January 2020 and grant must be spent this financial year. RA will check with NT whether dates are ok. RA reminded SG that a further technical grant may be available.

Date of next meeting:

20 January 2020

MJ sends his apologies in advance.

Actions:

1. RA to chase RT re planning SC (east).
2. RA/JOC to approach NT re next phase.
3. JOC to consider SE's comments on landscape assessment.
4. RA to email revised timetable to SG.
5. JOC to contact EA.
6. RA to ask NT to readdress invoice to PC.
7. RA to check with NT whether completion of next phase before end of march is feasible.

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Minutes

Attendees:

Anne Morgan Smith (AMS), Sarah Eccles (SE), Rita Atkinson (RA), Fred Cabbage (FC) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC)

Simon Lazare (SL) and James Walton (JW), both non- Steering Group (SG) members were also present.

Apologies:

Mike Jenkins (MJ), Kathy Whittaker (KW), Geoff Armstrong (GA), Catriona Brodribb (CB) and David Hignell (DH)

Minutes of meeting on 16 December 2019:

Draft minutes were accepted and will be put on the website.

Documents required by the Inspector:

RA ran through the documents that the Inspector will examine:

1. The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) document
2. The Basic Conditions Statement
3. The Community Consultation Statement

Document 3: RA felt that we had carried out sufficient community consultation. These include the questionnaire and the Community First workshop. The document will summarise and collate all community consultation. This document must be ready for when we submit the draft NP to the Vale ie end October 2020. This task needs to be assigned to a member of the SG. A starting point is to look at examples from adopted plans. Volunteer from SG needed to produce document.

Document 2: RA explained that this document checks proposed policies against national and local planning law. Some villages have contracted this out. JOC to investigate how other villages have approached it and pass information onto SG. Volunteer from SG needed to produce document.

Document 1: RA ran through proposed sections: Introduction- KW has drafted; Community Engagement summary -see above; Visions/ Aims - covered but will require revisiting; Policies and Planning Guidance - grant application submission required; Community Aspiration – doesn't form part of statutory inspection however most villages provide it. Volunteer from SG needed to start document.

Draft policy section of NP:

Main issues comprise local gap designation, green space designation and land on the parish eastern boundary.

Outstanding work needed on the policy section:

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1. Open space setting within the built -up settlement, including key views. This has been discussed with Novell Tullet (NT).
2. Flood Risk: Mix of anecdotal evidence, map/ documents from EA and reports prepared for planning objections.
3. Biodiversity report: Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre (TVERC) to be contacted.
4. Policies

Locality Grant of £9,000:

Application must be submitted by end of January 2020.

RA has approached 3 companies to sort out policies (see 4 above).

Red Kite – no response

Bluestone and Walsingham have responded with quotes which are difficult to compare. Both companies have local knowledge. Concluded that Alan Divall of Walsingham possibly had better local knowledge but Bluestone had more experience of neighbourhood plans.

SG felt that NT should be used for open space (see 1 above).

Any Other Business:

1. FC proposed that the SG thanked RA for her lengthy research. SG agreed.
2. RA was appointed as project manager for the time being.
3. RA suggested that SL should be asked formerly to join the SG.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 3 February 2020

FC sends apologies in advance.

Action Points:

1. SG members will be required to volunteer for outstanding documents eg Community Consultation Statement.
2. JOC to look at completed neighbourhood plans in South & Vale to see approaches regarding this statement.
3. JOC to email Robyn Tobutt (RT) of the Vale to provide examples of Basic Conditions statements.
4. RA to progress with grant application.
5. AMS to compare/contrast quotes from Bluestone and Walsingham
6. JOC to approach TVERC

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting on 3 February 2020

Minutes

Attendees: Rita Atkinson (RA), Anne Morgan Smith (AMS), Kathy Whittaker (KW), David Hignell (DH) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC).

Apologies:

Mike Jenkins (MJ), Fred Cubbage (FC), Geoff Armstrong (GA), Catriona Brodribb (CB) and Sarah Eccles (SE).

Minutes from meeting on 20 January 2020 and matters arising:

Draft minutes were accepted. There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.

Update on Grant Application:

RA provided an update. The application has been submitted and covers two separate packages of work:

1. Policies and text underlying policies. Bluestone and Alan Divall were considered for this package. It was concluded that Bluestone were more experienced in NP work and were well acquainted with what the Inspector expected.
2. Novell Tullet to complete open space work including sieve maps. RA to ask NT what is needed from Patrick to reformat maps.

A response form Locality should be received in 2/4 weeks. Work on the two packages must be completed by the end of March.

Further reports/work needed:

1. Design Guide Work:
Sharon of Bluestone has advised that even in circumstances where sites are not being allocated the design of any future housing must be covered. Bluestone plan to take The Vale Design Guide and make it specific to the character areas identified in the completed Village Character Appraisal. This work is not covered by the grant application however, as we propose to include work on urban design principles we should be eligible to apply for a further grant next financial year.
2. Key Views:
Will be covered by NT but photos need to be supplied. JOC will look out any relevant photos to discover gaps.
3. Biodiversity Report:
TVERC will charge a maximum of £232.50 depending on the extent of the information supplied. DH also felt that we should approach Louise Fox, OCC ecologist. RA says we need to ensure that TVERC will be provided on GIS format in order that they are compatible with NT's work. Reports from residents would be useful. This should be added to SC News entry.
4. Flood Risk Report:
Maps showing flood risk from water courses and surface water are readily available from the EA. JOC to download.
AMS will take lead on flood risk work.
5. Additional draft policies:
Policies covering housing need, infrastructure, community/recreation and employment to be forwarded to Robyn Tobutt (RT) at The Vale for comments. RA to circulate to SG before forwarding to RT.
6. Green Space Report:
Bluestone have identified that changes to the format are needed to fit with Inspector's desired template. They will supply template and KW will make adjustments. Bluestone will need 3 hours paid work to provide what we need.
RA will raise this with the PC at meeting on 4 February.

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7. Research into existing public rights of way/cycle paths:
Starting point is OCC website which shows map of existing paths. Questionnaire responses highlighted this issue. Graham Wells, Nordic walker, could be approached as 'footpath guardian'. JOC to contact him.

Outstanding Invoice Village Landscape Appraisal:

RA confirmed that PC are happy to pay once appropriate amendments have been made. Amendments in line with SE's email plus removal of all references to development. JOC to email Stephen.

Project Plan:

Deferred until next meeting.

PC Feedback:

NP presentation confirmed for March PC meeting at 7pm.

Possible future Assistance from Linda Martin (former PC Clerk):

To be raised at next PC meeting

SC News Entry:

Refer to presentation at March PC meeting. Refer to grant application and specialist consultants. Request for assistance from residents with evidence of flood risk and biodiversity, additionally footpath/cycle path improvements.

A.O.B:

Peter Morris (PM) tendered his resignation from the SG on 19 November 2019. PM was thanked for all his work and his resignation was accepted via email dated 20 November 2019.

Date of Next Meeting:

24th February 2020.

NB no meeting to be held on 17th due to absences.

Action Points:

1. JOC to provide NT with photos of views.
2. JOC to download Environment Agency maps.
3. RA to raise Bluestone additional hours with the PC.
4. JOC to contact Graham, Nordic walker.
5. RA to circulate additional draft policies to SG and then onto RT of The Vale.
6. RA to ask NT what is required to reformat Patrick's mapwork.
7. JOC to email Stephen regarding amendments needed.
8. JOC to draft SC News entry and email to SG for input.

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting on 24 February 2020

Minutes

Attendees:

Catriona Brodribb (CB), Sarah Eccles (SE), David Hignell (DH), Fred Cubbage (FC), Rita Atkinson (RA) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC)
James Walton, non -Steering Group (SG) member was also in attendance.

Apologies:

Anne Morgan Smith (AMS), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Kathy Whittaker (KW) and Geoff Armstrong (GA)

Minutes of meeting on 3 February 2020 and matters arising:

Draft minutes were accepted and there were no matters arising that were not covered by the agenda.

Update on consultancy work:

RA confirmed that our Locality grant application had been successful but the PC were still waiting for the monies to come through. The PC will sign the Terms and Conditions which will give the go ahead for the work once money is received. Consultancy work comprises:

1. Bluestone (BS) will be working on the policy side
2. Novell Tullett (NT) will plug any landscape gaps in the LCA, VCA and Green Space Assessment. They will prepare sieve maps which should show the extent of the Designated Area that is 'protected'.

Update on new reports on biodiversity and flood risk:

1. Biodiversity:
TVERC report has just been received. JOC will forward to all SG for approval in order that PC can pay invoice. TVERC have forwarded maps which can only be opened with the correct software. NT will utilise these for the sieve maps. RA will contact TVERC re pdf version of maps. At the moment the NT quote doesn't include work on either biodiversity or flood risk but the PC have agreed that NT will be paid more if the SG feel that both are needed in the sieve maps.
RA will send JOC Didcot Garden Town overlay map links.
2. Flood risk:
SE will work on a flood risk report with the assistance of AMS. SE and AMS have a meeting arranged. The deadline for this work is more flexible as it is not tied by the Locality grant.

Update on outstanding work on Green Space Assessment ie formatting and maps:

BS has forwarded template and KW will revise format. The template covers proposed designation of green spaces. SG will consult with private owners of land to be designated.

Once Terms and Conditions are signed RA will ask NT what they require for mapping. JOC will respond to the email from the clerk to Milton PC regarding the green buffer between SC and Milton and advise them of future meeting dates (item should be first on the agenda). NT will cover work on key views. RA will ask what they require from the SG.

Amended LCA and outstanding invoice:

SG is happy with amendments but wish to reserve the right to update/alter/add photographs. RA will email PC and authorise payment of invoice. JOC will email Stephen.

Policy update:

BS will take all our draft policies, restructure and provide supporting text. Policies relating to residential design BS suggest picking relevant parts of Vale/South Oxfordshire Residential Design Guide for each character area. DH felt that this was excessive and costly. RA reminded SG that an additional locality grant of up to £8000 may be available if the NP has policies relating to design.

Updated Project Plan:

Plan has 10 stages. Stages 1-3 are complete (although Stage 2 will need revisiting to cross check visions and objectives). We are currently working on Stage 4. Outstanding matters comprise:

1. The possible requirement for a SEA. RA will circulate the screening questionnaire before responding to the Vale.
2. Policy intention document: RA, SE and KW are covering. BS will write policies and supporting text before deadline of 31 March. Although Urban design will not have been addressed.
3. Housing needs survey: not known whether we require one. RA reminded SG that our questionnaire omitted affordable housing for example. RA will ask the Vale whether we need one. Alternatively, on the subject of affordable housing can we rely on the Local Plan's guidance of 40%?
4. Candidates for green space designation and a flood risk appendix are also outstanding. NB not tied by the strict deadline.
5. Community Consultation Document, DH will cover.
6. Basic Conditions Document, JOC will cover.
7. Community Projects, RA will cover. SG are committed that this section should form a part of the draft NP.

Stages 5-10: Stage 5 comprises drafting text for NP and putting it out to community consultation hopefully by end September 2020. After which draft is submitted to The Vale so that by stage 10 the plan is made.

RA will send updated project plan to Robyn Tobutt (RT) at the Vale.

Project Manager Requirement:

RA appointed.

PC feedback:

PC are happy that we approach Linda Martin should we require assistance with planning position on SC (E). PC will attempt to obtain digital maps showing boundary of FCC land. Land registry may also be approached.

SG will give a NP presentation to the PC on 3 March 2020 from 7-7.30pm.

AOB:

There was no AOB.

Date of next meeting:

16 March 2020

Further meeting dates will be agreed at next meeting.

Action points:

1. JOC to forward TVERC report to SG.
2. RA to contact TVERC re pdf version of maps.
3. RA to send JOC link to DGT overlay maps.
4. SE and AMS to meet about flood risk appendix.
5. RA to ask NT what information they require for green space assessment mapping.
6. RA to email PC re authorisation of LCA invoice.
7. JOC to email Stephen re LCZ.
8. RA to circulate screening questionnaire for SEA.
9. RA to ask the Vale whether housing needs survey is required.
10. RA to send updated project plan to RT of the Vale.

SCNPSG Zoom meeting Minutes on 27 April 2020 at 2.30pm

1. Apologies from: Fred Cabbage (FC)

Present: Geoff Armstrong (GA), Rita Atkinson (RA), Catriona Brodribb (CB), Sarah Eccles (SE), David Hignell DH), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Anne Morgan Smith (AMH) Jo O'Callaghan (JOC).

2. Minutes

The Previous planned for 16 March was cancelled, hence no minute: *but the minutes for the previous meeting held on Monday 24th of February were agreed.*

3. Possible revision of Designated Area:

In 2017 the Power Station site was removed from the designated NP area.

We have since been told that ALL of the Parish could be in the Neighbourhood Plan.

At the time of application there were two court cases running, concerning land in the North West corner of the Parish, Abingdon Marina vicinity.

If we wanted to include ALL of the parish, it would have to go back for consultation.

We could benefit if we included the whole area, (this could be an appendix).

Abingdon Town Council could still object.

Milton Park could object.

NB there are approx 135 houses proposed for the Didcot site A, most of which are in SODC area.

We may have to justify why some of this is not already in the NP, MJ to look into this with DH.

Either we stay with the area as it is, or we go for the whole parish.

If we put in a second application, we do not want to lose what we have.

Points 4, 5 & 7 were discussed together:

There are two consultant documents and quite a bit to collate.

We need to focus on the policy document.

The Novell Tullet (NT) document is more of a supporting document.

There are some parts that need resolving such as:

Natural environment and green gaps (NT map needs updating)

Key views and vistas: six areas of work need doing: tasks to meet Sharon Brentnall of Bluestone to go through these).

NB many green spaces are protected (do we need to contact landowners? Ask Sharon)

Green spaces and cycle routes

Allotments

Housing needs analysis, this section is sparse, but everything captured will be added to it eventually. To ask Sharon (Bluestone)

Design guide: who will provide it? This is a huge task so should be undertaken by someone with the right background and skills.

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Flooding & drainage policy needs more work doing to it

Local businesses/employment: needs more content (NB we are part of Science Vale area) and if we included the whole parish, this content would change.

Other: Science Bridge, proposed river crossing and the proposed connecting link road link for the bridge.

The Eastern boundary needs more work doing to it

4. Comments on 2 consultant documents: *see 4,5,7 above*

5. Identification of gaps/ outstanding tasks and planning next stages: *see 4,5,7 above*

6. Project management update: *not discussed as such*

7. Identifying which gaps will form basis of next Locality grant application: *see 4,5,7 above*

8. Identify documents that can be published on web site:

Helen can upload any documents, but we are not ready to upload any material yet, a sit is not yet completed.

9. Green spaces – *approaches to landowners (discuss with Sharon.)*

10. AOB

a) Sustainability: *the housing policies need more information on sustainability, this may be a Design Guide topic.*

Bluestone should refer to the Code for Sustainable Housing.

b) Helen raised the issue of how neighbourhood groups are managing in lockdown:

Zoom meetings seem to work for the main part.

c) *No referendum can take place before May 2021.*

Ideally Vale to have everything from us by Jan 2021.

11. Date of next Zoom meeting Weds 13th of May 2.30 pm, with Sharon Brentnall?

Tasks:

* Rita to contact Sharon

* David and Rita to work on community consultation (based on Hagbourne one)

* Mike and David to look at Designated area

* Jo to work on basic conditions and also draft text for website?/Parish news?

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Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Minutes on 13 May 2020 at 2.30pm

Present: Geoff Armstrong(GA), Rita Atkinson (RA), Catriona Brodribb (CB), Fred Cabbage (FC), Sarah Eccles (SE) David Hignell (DH), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Jo O'Callaghan (JOC), & Sharon Brentnall(SB) of Bluestone Planning

Agenda

1. Welcome to Sharon Brentnall (Bluestone Planning).
There are some areas of work which still need completion:
 - a) Eastern Gap, Novell Tullet (NT) to compete), most of which is straightforward.
Most incomplete parts relate to agricultural or recreational use.
 - b) The Vision/Objectives: needs updating
 - c) Green Gaps: SC1 South Oxon (SODC) has produced a new green gap topic paper, SB to go through it and see if /which parts are relevant or applicable to us. If the document is public then we can use it.
 - d) Design Guide: SC10 each point can go in a topic paper.
We can look at design codes.
Types of development go under design guide/principles/design guidance
We can look at what is appropriate to this area. NB what suits the conservation area and or older buildings, may not be appropriate to an area of newer buildings. (design codes).
If design codes are in our NP, the Vale has to take note.
Other NPs have design principles; Robyn Tobutt (Vale) could help us with this, ie looking at other local Vale/SODC ones.
It need not be a lengthy document
SB can provide good examples of design codes.
Design codes can link into topics such as on-street parking, sustainability, renewables , also planting and landscape.
SB to email the steering group with what has been completed and what is outstanding, and any further costs.
NB Supporting texts relating to specific policies can help clarify policies, and policy issues are key. Inspectors need to read any supporting texts relating to policies.
Evidence material can go in appendices.
The core area of text must be in main part of plan, and not too lengthy.
Allied supporting material relating to policies must be easy to locate within the whole document.
- Other thoughts: existing farm buildings being converted to housing use, with inadequate infrastructure ie road access. Would this be covered by the design guide?
- Other: the proposed Didcot Garden Town: SB or NT to cover this aspect?
- Housing needs Policy SC8/9: the parish survey does not contain all info the information that we need, SB can suggest what extra material we need, in terms of topics such as residential development, density.
Some of the material comes from census data, parish survey, parish housing register.
The Vale (Robyn) can provide some of this, also local housing association(s).
This can be covered by the design guide.
If another survey was needed, the Vale would have to do it, and it would be a standard format.
- SC5 Green spaces: We need to send our latest draft of SC5 to Sharon, for her to review.
There would be additional cost for this work.
NB she can provide a template to send to local land owners.
Footpaths: we can get a (footpath) map from the Vale and we need to mark in permissive paths and look at any areas for improvements, rights of way, aspirations.

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SC7 Flooding and drainage: SE has collated some information, from Vale websites, but not all flood relate comments are available. SE still awaiting photographs from villagers.

Anne Morgan Smith has some which need collating.

Flood related material can be listed by road or year.

Would we need to get in a flood expert?

It is not essential but is of great concern to residents, further developments could exacerbate flooding issues.

NB Every time we have further building in the village, flood water gets pushed from a to b, local knowledge may be of more use than County Council flood people.

We need to do further work on this part.

2. Welcome to Steering Group members and Apologies:
3. Sharon input, Rita to lead (*as no 1*)
4. Minutes of meeting on 27 April 2020 and matters arising: *minutes agreed.*
5. PC website update: *Helen has updated information*
6. David/Mike report on Designated Area research: *It was agreed that a paragraph explaining the current situation /choice should go in the NP; at the time of setting the NP area boundaries (not the same as SC parish boundaries) we had to go with certain provisos (and exclude certain areas), but government policy changed in (2017) and the group were not made aware of this. Although we could now include these areas, we would have little say & jurisdiction over what happens there. The Steering Group have decided not to change anything as this would cause unnecessary delays and involve more cost, and all to no tangible benefit either to the Plan or to the Village.*
7. Rita/Kathy updated report on Steering Group comments: *Kathy was thanked for compiling all the new comments.*
8. Gaps identified to be covered by Locality grant application: *these have been identified. We can apply for locality grant money, just under 9k. We can get free technical advice from AECOM (infrastructure firm), once Bluestone has come back to us with updates, we can then see what maybe needed from AECOM.*
9. Progress on decision on green space designation: *SB tackling this.*
10. Project management update: *look at next time, the group is happy to carry on with Bluestone Planning.*
11. AOB: *to get back in touch with Novell Tullett, invite Jane of NT to attend next meeting*
12. Date of next meeting: *the week of 8th June, dates to be sent out once Jane has been contacted.*

SCNPSG Minutes meeting on 11 June 2020 at 2.30pm

Present:

Geoff Armstrong (GA), Rita Atkinson (RA), Catriona Brodribb (CB), Sarah Eccles (SE), David Hignell (DH), Mike Jenkins (MA), Anne Morgan Smith (AMS), Jo O Callaghan (JOC), Kathy Whittaker (KW).

1. Welcome to Jane Fowles (JF) of Novell Tullett (NT)

2. Welcome to Steering Group (SG) members and any non -SG members: Georgina Harvey (NT). Simon Lazare (SL), (S.C.P.C.) James Walton (JW)

3. Jane Fowles's input. Rita/Jo to lead:

Jane Fowles took the steering group through the document updates in detail.

Some were typographical errors that were corrected.

Other topics were discussed more fully:

Part 4a) focuses on physical properties. It was noted that some of Chapel Lane lies within the conservation area, but that the main structural aspect and historic setting/ features of the village lie within the main streets ie Church Street and High Street.

Part 7) A bit more work needs doing on Church Street South and The Nursery.

Part 9) The Appleford Road approach to village may need more context.

Part 10) Certain features such as Prior's Court Garden need adding in on pages 4 & 10, and to GIS Map.

Part 10) The Design Guide should cover topics such as access (Cross Trees Farm reference)

Part 10) Frilsham Street is tarmacked on one part, and unsurfaced else where, this needs including.

Part 18) Green/local gaps (maintained spaces between settlements).

There are four identified local gaps within the plan.

An additional area of concern is the field lying south of the village close to where it borders the warehouse area. JF to check whether that area can be rewritten or re-assessed.

Originally the Vale did not allow us to include that area.

New photographs to be taken, to give evidence of how the area looks now.

Part 43a) The tennis court and allotments are not designated open (green) spaces, NB hatching on the map relates to proposed not actual designated open spaces.

Green spaces are now referred to as **open spaces**.

Part 44) Footpaths: Simon Lazare will be doing a footpath review. Official footpaths are on the county council map. Permissive paths may not be on there but can be marked out(drawn) on a map and sent to JF. These would go on the GIS map which allows for more scope/depth.

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NB some footpaths have been diverted around the landfill site, they need to be returned to their proper location, but this may not be until 2031?

Views: the new Wilts & Berks Canal Cut is part of the parish, but you cannot see the village from it.

ACTION: 10-12 new photographs featuring typical 'views' to be provided by JOC & SE.

These can from within the village, or outside the village looking in. The sort of visuals that can be included would feature: church spires, front gardens of cottages and anything that relates to how the village developed, the river boundary being one aspect.

4. Minutes of meeting on 13 May 2020 and matters arising: the minutes were passed.

5. Update on position regarding Designated Area and feedback from PC.

Clarification is still needed over this: are we entitled to 15% Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding? Didcot Town Council applied for CIL and did not get it. The clarification asked for was not provided.

ACTION: (RA, DH & MJ to research further).

The power station area is zero rated.

Would the Vale be reviewing their charging schedule, as this would affect matters.

6. Update on position with Bluestone: twenty seven pieces of work have been identified as needing more data /needing completion.

RA to email Sharon (SB) from Bluestone to confirm exactly what is required for the twenty seven areas, and what we should provide, and who is doing what.

SB has provided a quote for work which is currently £6,898.50 including VAT.

7. Grant update: We can apply for a grant for up to 9k, and our request must include exact quotations for all work. So if SB's work would cost more, we would need to know this. There are other grants that we can apply for, the deadline for this is very close.

We will need to add in Novell Tullett's work.

8. Vale's call for sites and Radcote Green: The Vale has put out a call for more sites for potential housing development.

Make SB aware of the proposed Radcote Green development (for 2050)

9. Project Management update: Not discussed.

10. AOB/ Date of next meeting: WEDNESDAY JULY 8TH 2.30 PM

SCNP Steering Group Minutes on 8 July 2020 at 2.30pm

Present: Geoff Armstrong (GA), Rita Atkinson (RA) Catriona Brodribb (CB)
Sarah Eccles (SE), David Hignell (DH), Simon Lazarre (SL) Jo O'Callaghan (JO'C),
Kathy Whittaker (KW)

Agenda

1. Welcome to Steering Group (SG) members and any non –members (no non members present)
2. Apologies: Fred Cubbage, Anne Morgan Smith
3. Minutes of meeting on 11 June 2020 and matters arising:
Minutes agreed, matters arising covered by agenda.
4. Bluestone update RA, MJ & SL went through documents with Bluestone to identify any Bluestone actions, plus actions for steering group to do.
 - * Point 1: We need to revise the aims and objectives written some time ago, as some thinking has changed since the initial writing. Task: do in October
 - * Point 4: Evidences within the NP document: all evidences must be properly referenced.
 - * Point 5 development approach principles: Task: Steering group to look at and discuss at next meeting in Aug.
 - * LG 5 check Bluestone have assessed it. **Task: RA to follow up**
 - * The map needs de-cluttering ie map of key views
 - * Point 21/22 Footpaths: SL has been working on this topic.

The definitive map of 2006 is the official record/document, and is amended by '*schedule of amendments*', which is separate to the map. Both are supported by a '*definitive statement*'. There are outstanding applications.

SL has gone through maps and walked the paths, not all are accurately represented, some are drawn in the wrong location. This is an area of concern if decisions are based on inaccuracies, Others are poorly maintained, which raises additional concern.

The interactive system is more up to date.

SL will report current issues on their system.

SL hoping to meet Arthur McEwen James (OCC) to look at paths.

Infinis have put up signs which may not be legal/accurate.

A footpath in Churchmere Road has been diverted.

We will need an appendix for footpaths to identify the current state, and future work

We can put a footpath 'wish list' in the appendix, ie improvements etc which can go to the PC for addressing.

New routes go on the 'wish list'

Cycle paths/ links can go with this.

Identify historic paths for Sharon (Bluestone)'s policy.
- Point 26/27: Local green spaces: Bluestone has included quote
Action: KW to check latest electronic copy.
Patrick O'C's documents to be checked, as this is going to Bluestone.
- Point 33: Flooding: SE has produced report, The objective is to summarise the information with included photographic evidence.

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Claire Pennicott may have information about the tankers in Church Street clearing foul water over the last two–three years.

Thames Water may have documentation about tankers/dates working in the village

Brook Street update: official update required, PC to request information.

JO'C has had verbal confirmation that the work is delayed due to the water table being too high, so will not be completed on time. They plan to pump out water.

Samples are being tested.

Point 38: Need to update list of planning applications **MJ to do.**

Point 39: Village envelope/settlement Bluestone has added to quote

Point 41/42: Further survey may be needed , bluestone to clarify

Point 43: Heritage aspects J'OC has done.

Point 47: Text from character appraisal p.47 Sharon put it in, **JO'C to look at it**

Point 55: Paragraph in red to be checked for Aug meeting

Point 61: photographs of paths SL doing

Point 61-65: JO'C doing other photographs

Point 71: Mineral abstraction & restoration: **to check up on.**

Point 73: Protecting riverside corridor Bluestone added plan

Point 74: Key facilities covered by RA

Point 77: Compile information about existing services, **KW to do**

Point 80: Local businesses-needs checking over

Discussion re extending NP area and CIL money we can ask the Vale for its infrastructure development information.

Trigger level for NP updates: Sharon (SB) has suggested we add in trigger points to NP every few years, SB has advised us on how to do it.

Point 82: traffic survey: **GA to ask Tom Duckham to send information to RA.**

Sharon's quote: RA took us through the quote, it has exceeded 9k (£9991.88 before tax) and only 9k is available.

Additionally we have to fund producing the plan but there is some in PC budget available for this.

Further information such as appendices we can do in-house

RA & SL & DH to look at footpaths and cycle maps in more detail

NT can only show identified paths on the OS definitive map. We need to show evidences of other paths in use.

SL will put them on map

This is our last chance to check any deficit in the plan

KW has started to pull the information/document together and work on consistent formatting

5. Novell Tullett update: NT to tackle methodologies, evidences must tie in with reports & questionnaire responses. NT document 95% complete

6. Grant application update: RA to check with Bluestone & NT that there are not outstanding payments due

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7. Key Views (photographic evidence): SE & JOC have tackled these, evidences must accompany photographs. There are a mixture of 23 views towards and out of village, or within village.

JO'C to pick out two-three lines for why specific key views chosen, to have ready for August meeting.

JOC to get additional photograph of view towards Wittenham Clumps, also one of landfill site obscuring said view.

Plus a further one needed of view/field to right of village hall ,when facing village hall.

Photographs to be logged on a map, using a **V** symbol to indicate direction that photograph was taken.

SE setting July 15th as deadline for flooding document feedback to forward to KW

6. Flood risk report: covered

7. Green space designation and way forward: covered

8. Parish Council feedback: the weir fencing needs to go on PC agenda

9. AOB: none

10. Date of next meeting August 12th

TASKS:

* LG 5 check Bluestone have assessed it. Task: RA to follow up

*SL to meet Arthur McEwen James (OCC) to look at paths.

* KW to check latest electronic copy as regards Bluestone & open green spaces
also JO'C check with Patrick O'C

* PC to request information from Thames water as regards Brook Street works

* JO'C to pick out two-three lines for why specific key views (photos) chosen, to have ready for August meeting.

* JOC to get additional photograph of view towards Wittenham Clumps, also one of landfill site obscuring said view.

* Plus a further one needed of view/field to right of village hall ,when facing village hall. (JO'C or SE?)

* Point 47: Text from character appraisal p.47 Sharon put it in, JOC to look at it

* Point 74: Key facilities covered by RA-check

* Point 77: Compile information about existing services, KW to do

* Discussion re extending NP area and CIL money :we need to ask the Vale for its infrastructure development information. Action RA

* Point 82: traffic survey: GA to ask Tom Duckham to send information to RA

* RA & SL & DH to look at footpaths and cycle maps in more detail

* RA to check with Bluestone & NT that there are not outstanding payments due

* SE setting July 15th as deadline for flooding document feedback to forward to KW.

SCNPSG Minutes for meeting on Wednesday 12 August at 2.30pm

Present:

Geoff Armstrong (GA), Rita Atkinson (RA), Catriona Brodribb (CB), Sarah Eccles (SE), David Hignell (DH), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Simon Lazare (SL), Anne Morgan Smith (AM), Jo O'Callaghan (JO'C), Kathy Whittaker (KW)

Agenda

- 1 Welcome to Steering Group (SG) members and any non – members (*no non members were present*)
2. Apologies: NB Fred Cabbage is resigning from group as is moving away.
- 3 Minutes of meeting on 8 July 2020 and any matters arising: *minutes agreed, no matters arising.*
- 4 Consultant: Bluestone update: *RA & SL met Sharon Brentnall (SB) with regard to footpaths and rights of way. These will be included on the extra map.*

The Bluestone quote has increased: SB has grouped the tasks and structured the quotes under two headings, matching the two pots of money that we have applied for

There are two pots of money:

One is basic funding, and we have had 8/10k of it, 2k is left.

The other is additional funding: 8k, there are various criteria.

The Design Code is one main one where we are concerned.

This should be SB's final quote: the figures were represented.

Bluestone has outstanding comments but these are part of the quote.

We will need some additional funds to pay for Novell Tullet's (NT) work.

RA to check with Parish Council (PC) as regards allocations of funds.

We need 4k extra, plus c.£500 for NT

Hopefully most of the funds can come from the locality grant.

NT's work needs to be completed & paid for, to go with Bluestone's work.

- 5 Grant application update: see above
- 6 Footpaths: *SL has produced very thorough information and put twenty nine Public Rights of Ways (PROWS) on a map. Others are paths on boundaries and leading to other parishes, but they are as important. The paths have been numbered for ease of identification. SL has information on unofficial but widely used paths and permissive paths and has raised some concerns.*
It was noted that there are new 'Permissive Paths' being created alongside existing PROWS.
SL has found examples of new 'Permissive Paths' parallel and only circa 10 to 15m from the PROW!
This should be investigated to try to find the reason as to why the landowners are intentionally doing this.

Old Wallingford Way is designated as a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT - 373/10) and is in poor condition.

Hobbyhorse Lane (BOAT - 373/9) some parts of both are in a very poor state and require remedial works just to make them safe. Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) should either make the necessary repairs and or take the necessary action to make the landowner (FCC) maintain the BOATs properly. These are important community assets and FCC are currently allowing them to fall into disrepair and disuse.

A comprehensive database has been created, with every aspect of every path.

Once proof-read it can be sent to Bluestone. It may be more than Bluestone asked for, but is useful working tool for both NP and PC ie village interest, as goes wider and deeper.

Some will be PC work, some will be county council work.

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It can be used as an appendix in the NP.

KW may look at the uniform formatting of it. Bluestone can select what is relevant or we can signpost what is relevant.

SL to send JO'C the draft, any identified (key) views to be highlighted.

SL can add key views to database.

SL will circulate the draft to the steering group.

Wallingford Way needs to be returned to good condition.

7 Key views: see no 6

8 Flood risk report: *KW working on appendices & editing. SE anticipates that Bluestone may add comments. CB had emailed extra photographic material with dates.*

The flood report is lengthy, so core material may be used and the rest as supporting appendix material.

Year dates need adding with previous supplied photographs, possibly submit queries via SC news, copy date is 19th August.

9 Green Space designation and way forward: *awaiting Bluestone comments*

The next step is contacting land owners, via Bluestone (pending).

We need to ensure that protected land and green spaces remain fully protected.

SB is looking at the eastern side & land which has not been returned to agricultural use.

Kellarts Field is an important site, part of it falls within the NP area.

10 AOB: *The UK government's recently published white paper (Aug 6th 2020) on reform of the planning system 'Planning for the Future' was mentioned; the content was discussed but no firm conclusions.*

RA to email the Vale about their views on it.

NPs which are work in progress/close to completion would be valid, we need to proceed asap.

RA & MJ to respond to Vale on behalf of the NP as regards the eastern side of the area. (NB The Steering group is not identifying areas for development).

The Design Code should cover aspects of the eastern boundary.

We can ask the Vale about their selection criteria for sites ie the PC & NP would like more information.

Have any land owners submitted (potential) sites?

DH needs more information for his report, DH & RA to go through dates and what is required referring back to original timeline produced by RA.

Radcot Green & new planned Science Bridge:

The West Waddy 'Vision Document for Radcot Green' (RG), shows housing on and between Churchmere Rd and Old Wallingford Way, starting from the east side of the fishing lake on Churchmere Rd! Churchmere Pool (fishing lake) would be the only gap between SC and RG built environments. This is a discussion document showing a clear intent and indicates a lot of communication and lobbying with action already being taken to implement some of the proposals. While we are working on the NP, FCC are already working to develop the land to the east of SC. We need to keep up to speed on this.

10 Date of next meeting (to put in next SC news) WEDS Sept 9th, 2.30 pm

TASKS: Ra to check with PC about additional (allocated funds

RA to email the Vale planning officer about the recent white paper.

RA to check with NT about their costs

SL to send JO'C the footpath document draft

Invite Chair of Milton PC to next meeting.

Invite Richard Webber to next meeting

KW & RA to look at retail outlets in SC for the NP

SCNPSG Meeting on 9 September 2020 at 2.30pm Minutes

Present:

Geoff Armstrong (GA), Rita Atkinson (RA), Catriona Brodribb (CB), Sarah Eccles(SE), David Hignell (DH), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Jo O'Callaghan (JO'C), Kathy Whittaker (KW)

1. Welcome to Steering Group (SG) members and any non – members:

Richard Webber (RW)

RW gave updates:

a) *RW is awaiting feed back from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) as regards South Oxfordshire District Council's (SODC) Local Plan, as this will have a huge impact on our area and will affect many villages ie Appleford, Drayton, Kingston Bagpuize, Marcham, Steventon and Sutton Courtenay.*

It is expected that they will consult with all the affected Parish Councils (PCs); NB the consultation work has been delayed due to covid restrictions.

The proposed new link road from Didcot & allied Thames bridge connection to the A415 is of major importance to both Sutton Courtenay and Appleford residents. The distance from each of the villages and its scale need to be sensitively handled to avoid excessive damage to the environment and to living conditions.

It would also increase the volume of traffic through Sutton Courtenay from the Drayton and the Culham directions, in effect making Drayton Rd, Church St and Appleford Rd a "South Abingdon Bypass",

Despite the obvious limitations of capacity and unmovable pinch points that would lead to major traffic jams, particularly at peak times.

b) *As money is made available for the road and the bridge, there will inevitably be even more pressure for further large-scale housing development in surrounding areas, in addition to that already taking place. These could conflict with clearly expressed preference of residents to maintain green spaces and countryside buffers between the villages and Didcot and Abingdon.*

c) *The new planning white paper 'Planning for the Future' will generate a new algorithm to predict housing need, which is likely to call for even more housing in the area, without necessarily resulting in more affordable homes and without regard to the actual needs of the people employed, or likely to be employed in the future.*

NB the call for sites is standard practice and the Vale (VWHDC) is legally obliged to do this.

d) *Radcot Green: the old FCC site /contract is due to end in 2030.*

It is a valuable piece of land, and although it should to be returned to agriculture, it is likely to become housing. It is not a good site in terms of traffic.

It is possible it could become an 'open space' as was on the original Didcot Garden Town proposal.

PC to communicate with Didcot Town planning/planners officially as regards their view of future development/vision of Radcot Green

2. Apologies: Simon Lazare and Anne Morgan Smith
3. Minutes of meeting on 12 August 2020 (were agreed), no matters arising
4. Consultant update:

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we have had the Bluestone quote, about 4.5 k, RA has written to the PC about this. We cannot register the application until we have been guaranteed the money. Novell Tullitt (NT) were to invoice us for final percentage of work (3K): RA has asked for clarification of the work and allied costs. Check that there has not been a doubling up of which consultant is doing what (Eastern side, Kellart's Field) (RA & JO'C to discuss/clarify after meeting and to liaise with Jane Fowles of NT. NB Sharon of Bluestone wanted more on key views. (RA & JO'C to resolve this). This area (Eastern side) needs to separate us from Didcot, it needs to be retained as a separator/green gap (space between settlements).

5. Grant application update: *nothing more to add*

6. Green space designation: *nothing to add*

7. Parish Council (PC) feedback: *none yet*

8. AOB:

a) DH is progressing well with his work on community consultation.

b) New cycle-path work (at southern end of village connecting to Milton Park) beginning 7th September, the PC has not been notified

9) Date of next meeting Monday 19th October, 2.30 pm

Actions:

PC to write to OCC re modelling enquiry.

PC to communicate with Didcot Town planning/planners officially as regards their view of future development/vision of Radcot Green

All PC communications to go via Helen Savery

SCPC can send an PC member to board meetings of Didcot Garden Town Planning committee (?)

Minutes

Attendees:

Sarah Eccles (SE), Simon Lazare (SL), Rita Atkinson (RA) Kathy Whittaker (KW), David Hignell (DH) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC). All members of the Steering Group (SG).

Apologies:

Anne Morgan Smith (AMS), Geoff Armstrong (GA), Catriona Brodribb (CB) and Mike Jenkins (MJ).

Minutes of meeting on 9 September 2020 and matters arising:

Minutes were accepted and there were no matters arising.

Parish Council Feedback:

The Parish Council (PC) have agreed to pay consultants Bluestone (BS) and Novell Tullett (NT) for the remaining work outlined in the quotes. Money will be taken from previously earmarked reserves. As a result of the two proposed payments the Parish Council has no further money put aside.

Consultant Update:

NT have just sent out an amended report. The two new sections covering first the land to the East of Harwell Road and second the key views (text and map) need to be considered by the SG within the next week or so and all SG members to report back.

It was agreed that SL and DH would take a detailed look at the quote sent from BS and compare it to Locality's suggestion of using AECOM for design guide section. It was thought that AECOM would work to a national template rather than the local design guide which BS would use. It was pointed out that Sharon of BS had a part in the production of the Vale's Design Guide.

It is hoped that RA can arrange a zoom meeting with Sharon so that a decision can be made. SL, SE, DH and RA likely to attend.

Grant Application:

RA has submitted application. Yet to be finalised.

Radcot Green Update:

Presentation was discussed. Although it was felt that Radcot Green was in the early planning stages rather than anything more concrete SL pointed out that certain parts of the proposed site were in the process of being prepared for future development and had been since a planning application dated 2010.

SL referred to the importance of rights of way (R'sOW) over the site.

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Green Spaces:

BS will be providing a standardised letter that we can use to contact owners of sites but need to have details of owners. MJ should have access to this information.

AOB:

SL will forward copies of his documentation on R's OW and FCC ownership.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 25 November 2020 at 2pm

Actions:

1. All members of SG to feedback on NT's additional paragraphs and maps.
2. RA to arrange zoom meeting with Sharon and SE, SL, DH and RA to attend.
3. All members of SG to make a decision regarding AECOM as opposed to BS.
4. SL to forward documentation on R's OW and FCC ownership.
5. MJ to provide details of ownership of potential green spaces.

SCNPSG minutes on 25 November 2020 at 2pm

Agenda

Present: Geoff Armstrong (GA), Rita Atkinson (RA), Catriona Brodribb(CB), Sarah Eccles (SE) David Hignell (DH), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Anne Morgan Smith (AMS), Jo O'Callaghan (JO'C) Kathy Whittaker (KW).

1. Welcome to Steering group (SG) members and any non- members. (No non members present)
2. Apologies (none)
3. Information Bluestone requires before commencement of work
NB their quote is 14k plus tax.
There are various outstanding tasks needing completion to be assigned to steering group members.
Traffic survey (need Tom Duckham's report)
Housing needs survey/ 2011 census data (NB we need to check with Bluestone/Sharon as to what is required),
Information about Appleford Road North
We may need to survey local businesses, business economy data must be up to date, what is required?, what are their needs? KW will look at this.
(we need to check with Sharon/Bluestone as to what is required)
Other: post updates in the SC parish news every month
We may need to include a map gravel extraction (FCC) for Bluestone.
Design code? Do we have specific requests?
Village envelope: we need to think about our definition for this, defining area and terminology
Local green spaces: evidenced based information including rights of way (SL)
Land-owners: Bluestone designing template letter. MJ to send list to RA.
NB There are questions over unregistered land, to be discussed at next PC meeting.
Floodplain & drainage: SE, KW, AMS
4. Progress and delivery dates for actions undertaken by SG members (work required by Bluestone) see above.
RA to set up meeting date with Sharon (Bluestone) & steering group, to ascertain exactly what we need to provide.
5. Status of SG review of NT's report and feedback to NT for finalising document
DH's comments to be added in, DH to email to KW.
Resolve 'brownfield' or disturbed land being restored in 2031 terminology/clause
Were all key views included?
Will the NT map include all the key views, or just the views with photographs?
JO'C's map covers additional key views, ie ones that do not have photographs.
Key views should be listed.
6. Policy on review of documents-needs to be agreed

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7. Green space candidates and designation: we need clarification on the recreation ground and green space, also tennis courts and allotments. The PC may know. NB the piece of (unregistered) land by Frilsham Street with the poplar trees may qualify as green space.
8. AOB There is a Didcot Garden Town meeting on Mon 30th Nov, 5.30 pm, we need to check green gaps, JO'C to ask them about this.
Payments: we need a process to respond, then pay NT.
9. Date of next meeting to be agreed once RA has contacted SB Thurs 17th Dec 7pm.
10. NB Minutes of previous meeting to be formally agreed at next meeting

Sutton Courtenay NP Steering Group Minutes on 17 December 2020 at 7pm

Present:

Geoff Armstrong (GA), Rita Atkinson (RA), Catriona Brodribb(CB),Sarah Eccles (SE)
David Hignell (DH), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Simon Lazare (SL), Anne Morgan Smith (AMS),
Jo O'Callaghan (JO'C) Kathy Whittaker (KW).

1.Welcome to Steering Group (SG) members and any non –members
Eileen Daw (ED), of SCPC, Sharon Brentnall (SB) of Bluestone Planning

2 Apologies: none

3 Welcome to Sharon from Bluestone (BS) see below

4 Sharon input and agreement on way forward –see below

3 & 4 combined: Sharon (screen-sharing) brought the group up to date with outstanding tasks to complete

2.1 Businesses:

BS will provide a business template for us to contact & survey local businesses.
Once we have collated the information, it goes back to SB, and can be used as an evidence based document.

2.2 Housing needs survey:

SB will review data collected so far, if there are any gaps, the SG may need to survey all residents.

2.3 Local green space:

Review what has been done to date.

PO'C had produced a document but we need to transfer this to a template.

NB MJ & KW may have done this already.

KW to send green space documents to SB, make sure PO'C's latest work is included.

The unregistered land at the corner of Frilsham Street does qualify as a green space.

AMS to write text about it with a photograph and email content to KW.

A template letter needs to go to landowners.

2.4 Transport & Highways: Bluestone have begun the work, and are working with documentation including all recent & current planning applications.

We need to access the annual reports from the liaison committee concerning FCC, and progress plans for returning/restoring the land by 2031 (section 106).

The PC to ask OCC who should have the report(s) or the PC can do a FOI search.

The reports should come to the PC as a matter of course.

This documentation is necessary for completing this part of the work.

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SL has produced a lot of evidence based documentation about footpaths in the area (c 66 of them).

Part of the restoration process includes permissive paths but much of this work may not have been carried out yet.

SL to compile list of observations concerning footpaths to pass on to SB.

It is an enforceable legal obligation (via OCC) to follow through with agreed restoration, if not carried out.

This topic (liaison committee annual report) to go on January's PC agenda.

Design Guide: SB to finish with recent added input from SG members

Dates and timings: SB will work on a time line where possible of what we need to provide and when by.

SB can work on draft policy document once other material has come in (including work from NT).

SB can confirm timescale for completion in due course.

SB to send list of what is required to PC.

Village settlement: discuss at later date

5 Minutes of meeting on 19 October 2020 were agreed: to be circulated.

6 Minutes of meeting on 25 November 2020 were agreed: to be circulated

7 AOB: Leachate from capped landfill, who is monitoring this and how often?

We need to produce information about this. Have any breaches been recorded, if so when?

Re flooding:

SE sending on information to KW.

Is there written or visual evidence about Linden Homes and flooding, if so this needs including, AMS may have some relevant documentation.

SG members to use WETRANSFER or DROPBOX for sending big files.

8 Date of next meeting Weds 3rd February 2pm.

SC Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting on 3 February 2021 at 2pm

Agenda

1. Welcome to Steering Group (SG) members and any non –members
Present and apologies: Geoff Armstrong (GA), Rita Atkinson (RA), Catriona Brodribb (CB), Sarah Eccles (SE) David Hignell (DH), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Simon Lazare (SL), Jo O'Callaghan (JO'C) Kathy Whittaker (KW).
Apologies from Anne Morgan Smith
2. Matters arising:
The minutes from 17.12 2020 were passed.
NB There was no further information to add re flooding and Linden homes.
(This was raised at December's meeting).
3. Business Survey: RA has emailed businesses, the garages to be added in.
Other businesses to check/clarify: those advertising in SC news, and in the Matrix
KW looking into this.
Re businesses on Milton Park that are in SC Parish, but not in NP area: clarify with Bluestone about whether we include them in survey, or add them in as an appendix.
Bluestone can identify from postcodes which business is within NP area.
There are only about six that would qualify (Milton Park).
They can be added in as 'soft policy', if outside NP area but still within parish.
Other: we could also identify what other resources that businesses may need in the future ie cafes, meeting spaces.
We can provide hard copy of the questionnaire, NPSG members have received a copy via email.
4. Status of all supporting reports: (floods, footpaths, consultation, list of utilities & Infrastructure)
Flooding document: more photographs are being provided due to the current flooding situation. Some photographs relate to local gaps.
The photographs can be part of the flood report (to be updated) and listed in chronological order, as part of a compendium, some will show repeat flood events.

Footpaths' document: SL had sent the steering group a copy of the report, a revised one to be emailed to SG members.
Photographs within the report to be acknowledged if within copyright (<https://www.gov.uk/copyright/how-long-copyright-lasts>), in this case likely to be 70 years
It was agreed that the document qualifies as a record of current issues.
NB all these NP related documents need to be dated and numbered so that we have accurate record of changes.
Consultation document: DH working on this, to liaise with RA & JOC as to how many public consultation events took place, and when, plus titles of events.

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Utilities & Infrastructure: document: KW adding to and working on this

Basic Conditions Statement: JO'C working on this in terms of structure and policies, local planning and linking to other legal documents. JO'C & DH to liaise over this and check that everything complies.

NB Locality can check our documents for free, we can avail ourselves of this service closer to the time.

* NB Keep these on the agenda so that they get updated.

5. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening:

This has to be submitted to the Vale very soon, before the next meeting.

Recreational facilities: (Kelaart's Field), should we mention other potential recreation areas? given that the village has already expanded.

If we do, this will be a major piece of work; other potential recreation sites can be listed as 'aspirations' and passed onto the PC.

This topic to be discussed at next NP meeting.

6. Novell Tullett report status: More information on Appleford Road may be needed for

Robyn Tobutt. The map of key views may need a tweak. RA to ring RT, then pass information on to Bluestone

7. Bluestone update: RA brought us up to date.

We need a mid term review, RA to ask Bluestone (SB) for some meeting dates mid February.

Bluestone to do housing survey.

8. Parish Council updates:

Freedom of Information being sort in terms of FCC Environment UK Ltd (Waste Management)

Issues with raw sewage being discharged into the Thames, due to lack of capacity. From a NP point of view, any new development should undertake a full drainage. Assessment.

This topic could go under utilities or flood report.

SL to send around some relevant documentation to steering group.

Funding agreed by PC

9. AOB: who put the flag up at The Triangle? It could go into next SC news.

10. Date of next meeting: 17th March 2pm

SC NP Steering Group Meeting on 17 March 2021 2pm Minutes

1. Welcome to Steering Group members and any non members:

Geoff Armstrong (GA), Rita Atkinson (RA), Catriona Brodribb(CB), Sarah Eccles (SE) David Hignell (DH), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Simon Lazare (SL), Jo O'Callaghan (JO'C) Kathy Whittaker (KW).

No non members attending

2. Apologies from Anne Morgan Smith

3. Minutes of meeting on 3 February 2021 were agreed.

4. Parish Council feedback particularly Vale call for sites:

The criteria were being checked. The process is more important, the Vale of WHDC and South Oxford DC may co-operate together, if they do, this is likely to push dates back.

Screening criteria is being used, and must cover past issues.

The process has to be right.

5. FOI request update: we may hear back by 23rd March.

6. Bluestone update and potential meeting: RA had forwarded document(s) Bluestone has put back the date to 31st March.

RA forwarded document to SG to comment on. KW has formatted a template for SG to add comments, bigger detail to be collated now, smaller typos can be picked up on after March 31st. NB Our design code must be consistent with the Vale's Design Code.

If we want items such as soft kerbs, that must be specified by us.

Bluestone need to know what to do with our comments.

We need to tally with the PC over payments and deadlines. About 9k comes from Locality and must be spent by March 31st.

Any extra funds required: apply to PC next year.

SCNP Steering Group has to agree payment to in order to action it via PC.

Other matters such as overhead cabling go in Design Code.

7. Business Survey update: Nine responses, no significant data, eight/nine businesses have adequate parking & anticipate being here for another ten years.

We do not have a business policy as such. SB from Bluestone will analyse the business responses. We will need to know where this information goes. We may need to develop business policy, especially with the Radcote green development and proposed link /flyover.

Some community responses from the survey can be listed under business/ aspirations

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8. Green Space report particularly mapping NT has mapped green spaces. P'OC produced a green space report, can the maps be incorporated? NT produced high quality pdfs. Check copyright issues.

9. AOB:

- * Update documents.

- * SL has made final amendments to footpath reports version 4.

- * Flooding, SE has not amended the flood report, waiting back on SB's comments.

More may need adding in as section 3.8 is incomplete

- * Infrastructure/sewerage: is it too late to incorporate a policy on this?

It can go with Design Code information/list.

NB Fairford NP developed a policy on such.

SL had emailed the SG information about this topic.

It should be a legally enforceable condition of any planning approval that infrastructure investment be completed before construction is started.

- * Basic conditions: JO'C has started work on this, waiting for policies.

- * DH working on public consultation- needs to know deadline.

- * Renew where we are at on 31st March 2021

- * Strategic environment: NT says this can take two months

- * It would be good to get the NP done this year (ie 2021).

Timetable:

Draft to be approved 2-3 months

Complete document goes to consultation & the Vale

SB has list of consultees.

Vale comments implemented

The referendum.

- * Get 1/4 page into Pc news for April which will be printed (GA to draft copy)

- * Check gaps/missing documents on PC website. (MJ to ask HS)

10. Date of next meeting 14th April 2pm.

NB If we want to meet with our MP we need to know what we want from him.

Sutton Courtenay NP Steering Group Minutes on 14 April 2021, 2PM

Agenda

1. Welcome to Steering Group (SG) members and any non- members:

Present: Geoff Armstrong (GA), Rita Atkinson (RA), Catriona Brodribb (CB), Sarah Eccles (SE) David Hignell (DH),, Simon Lazare (SL), Jo O'Callaghan (JO'C) Kathy Whittaker (KW).

Also attending: James Walton (JW).

2. Apologies: Mike Jenkins (MJ)

3. Minutes of meeting on 17 March 2021 and matters arising Minutes were agreed, no matters arising.

4. Bluestone documents review:

We have six documents to go through, RA enquiring if the SC PC website can accommodate the documents (for quick downloading)

KW compiling list of comments via template (which can be used for all documents)
For each policy Bluestone need to build up evidences, there may still be a few gaps.
All the gathered/related documents underpin policy evidence.

* SC Design Code:

DH has made comments on land ownership where the owner may be unknown.

Some ownership can be traced via the PC ie Millennium Common (FCC)

SL has a drawing dating back to 2015 re FCC land ownership-to circulate to SG.

Re the new cemetery in Wallingford Way: check ownership of land.

NB With Drayton's newer housing the developers and the PC worked together and there was not a local plan at the time, some of our newer developments are not in keeping with the rest of the village.

RA will push for better phrasing within the Design Code

* Local Green Space SC (more work may be needed)

* Countryside and Green Gaps (more work may be needed) SC East, not all of the area is being defined as a green gap, some of it is outside the scope of the NP.

The information needs to go in our documents.

Check that this report does what we want it to do.

The NP needs to show clarity in terms of eastern side and Radcote Green.

Check if Bluestone have been through all of the FCC documents in terms of quality of restoration of land.

(Steven Warnock mentioned proper restoration of land in his report).

SL has been looking through FOI documents. Mary Thompson is the senior planning officer of Oxfordshire County Council. Need clarification before we could meet with her to agree that the land has been properly restored.

FCC runs until 2030, restoration to be completed by 2031, some land has already been restored. If it has been restored sufficiently, it can go in our 'green spaces'.

The two lakes/ponds on the eastern side should be shown if permanent.

Did we have to pay for FOI searches?

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* SC Highways and Transport update ?

Appendices are mainly lists.

* Appendix 1a Planning – residential

* Appendix 1b – minerals and waste

Businesses: could be a new policy.

5. Locality Grant update: some unused locality money had to be sent back as was not used within the time-frame We can apply for more in the new financial year via the PC (May PC meeting)

We must clarify what Bluestone needs to complete in term of the locality grant, and they must stay within the budget. The locality money can be used for specific tasks.

6. Housing Needs survey-this needs addressing, NB Sharon sent twelve pages through, some questions do overlap. If we had to do this survey, it would be a huge amount of work. Ask Sharon if we need to do/redo it.

Check with the Vale if we need to do more work on it. The Vale may say that we do have to do it and we need to understand the Vale's position on it.

Affordable Housing needs-do we need to do this? There is already a lot of documentation, but we can influence the percentage of affordable housing if we do it.

7. Strategic Environmental Assessment (S.E.A) Feedback to RA by tomorrow, (15.4.2021) then it will be sent off on 16.4.2021 It takes two-three months to get approval. As we are not identifying prospective sites, it should be easier.

8. SG members' reports: ongoing

9. Next steps: discussed.

10. AOB

a) Anything for SC news, if so RA will provide it, copy deadline 21.4 21

b) We have not yet heard back from FCC, there is a new temporary person called Jamie. SL will let us know who the senior contact is at FCC

c) Footpath 12 has been 'cleared', as have the ditches.

d) A new barbed wire fence has been put up along Hobby Horse Lane.

e) Odour complaints on SC Facebook page, but unless people complain through official channels, nothing will be properly logged nor reported. Using official complaints procedure will generate useful reference numbers.

11. Date of next meeting: Mon 17th May 2 pm.

**SUTTON COURTENAY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
STEERING GROUP MEETING
17 MAY 2021 AT 14:00**

Minutes

1. Welcome to Steering Group (SG) member and non-members
Present: Geoff Armstrong (GA), Rita Atkinson (RA), Sarah Eccles (SE),
David Hignell (DH), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Jo O'Callaghan (JO'C),
Kathy Whittaker (KW)
2. Apologies: Catriona Brodribb (CB), Simon Lazare (SL), Anne Morgan Smith (AMS)
3. Minutes of meeting from 14 April 2021 were accepted with no amendments.
4. Update on Bluestone draft document review:
Any remaining comments on the Character Appraisal & Design Code to be sent to
KW by 21 May. RA to arrange a meeting with Sharon from Bluestone.
5. Update on outstanding Bluestone work, cost & grant:
RA to arrange a meeting.
The land to the east of SC is of concern as there are many active applications.
£3,759.50 was returned to Locality since it was not spent before the end of March
2021. RA made a grant application for the return of the money.
Bluestone work can only be invoiced once grant outcome known.
6. Response from the Vale regarding Housing Needs Survey & SEA:
Bluestone is still awaiting information from the Vale.
It was felt that there was no need for a further Housing Survey and we should wait
for data that comes from the Vale.
RA to submit SEA Screening form to the Vale.
7. Next Steps:
RA to arrange a meeting with Bluestone (has since been arranged for Friday 21
May).
Concern was expressed that Bluestone needs to finalise the documents; the
policies need amending so that the Plan can be written as soon as possible.
8. AOB
If the supporting documents can be put onto the SC website, a notice regarding this
can be put into the SC News.
9. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 14 June 2021 at 14:00

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group minutes 14 June 2021

1. Welcome to Steering Group members and any non members:

Present: Geoff Armstrong (GA), Rita Atkinson (RA), Catriona Brodribb (CB), Sarah Eccles (SE), Mike Jenkins, (MJ) Simon Lazare (SL), Jo O'Callaghan (JO'C) Kathy Whittaker (KW). Also Eileen Daw(ED) Chair of PC, and Robin Draper (RD).

2. Apologies: David Hignell, Anne Morgan Smith

3. Minutes of meeting on 17 May 2021: minutes were agreed.

4. Minutes of Bluestone (BS) meeting on 21 May 2021: Minutes were agreed.

5. Review of Green (local) Gaps/Spaces:

The SG went through a number of green spaces and identified ownership where known. RA to contact Bluestone with amendments.

6. OCC response re land parcels in Minerals and Waste Local Plan:

RA shared the screen so that the SG could review the email from Kevin Broughton. It appears that the land has not been fully restored as intended. RA & ED to work on this and appropriate response after the meeting. The PC is responding.

The steering group can write, but the PC is the official consultee.

Some of the outcome depends on whether certain land is allocated or not and this needs clarifying.

Additionally an application has been submitted to Oxfordshire County Council Minerals and Waste, by Infinis, for a solar farm on the raised landfill area south of Hobbyhorse Lane.

The village has not been consulted and the proposed solar farm could be in situ for 35+ years. NB the raised landfill area is now about 12m higher than the village, so anything placed on it will be in view.

Is Bluestone aware of solar farm proposal?

RA to email SB to ask if she has seen relevant documents

Deadline for response is 18.6.2021.

7. Any updates from the Vale: none mentioned

8. AOB:

1) *Final locality grant application has been approved*

2) *The SEA application has been submitted.*

9. Date of next meeting: 12.7.2021 2pm

Tasks:

a) Related email trail(s) on point 6 to be shared with SG

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- b) SL to draft SF 'letter of concern', SL & RA to work on it.
- c) JO'C to write to OCC & reply to the original email from OCC to JOC ie request evidence
- d) MJ to photograph green land/space behind church
- e) JO'C to photograph land along Ginge Brook leading away from High St
- f) SL to photograph land south of Mill Lane behind Tullis Close
- g) RA to collate the extra photographs
- h) Get Priors Court included
- i) Norman Hall Paddock was mentioned in NT report, and needs correcting/updating.

All documents need pulling together

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Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting on 12 July 2021

Minutes

1. Attendees:

Rita Atkinson (RA), Simon Lazarre (SL), Geoff Armstrong (GA), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Sarah Eccles (SE), David Hignell (DH) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC)

2. Apologies:

Kathy Whittaker (KW), Catriona Brodribb (CB) and Anne Morgan Smith (AMS)

3. Bluestone (BS) update:

RA provided an update. Information on 4 possible additional green spaces has been sent to BS. Sharon of BS has said that she would be able to send out revised draft documents and draft policy document by 16 July 2021.

4. Vale update:

Still waiting for a response from the Vale on housing and SEA.

5. Community Consultation Document:

DH provided update. Draft document should be complete by end July. DH has used referred to other village plans for guidance.

6. Community Aspiration Chapter:

RA says this remains outstanding and would be pleased to receive any further ideas from Steering Group (SG).

7. Locality Grant:

Money received and RA confirmed that we had reached the limit. Although still possible to go back to Locality to get them to check our draft, possibly at the same time as draft is sent to the Vale. RA will confirm whether Locality will provide check before draft goes to public consultation.

8. Minutes of meeting on 14 June 2021:

Minutes confirmed after checking 2 green spaces with question marks. SG satisfied with details. It was agreed that green space known as LG19 should be split as in 2 ownerships.

9. Actions:

MJ will provide details of owners of green spaces.

SG members will provide RA with suggestions of community aspirations.

10. Next meeting:

29th July 2021 at 2pm

SC Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting on 29 September 2021 at 5.30pm

Agenda

1. Welcome to Steering Group members and any non –members
Present: Rita Atkinson (RA), Catriona Brodribb (CB) Sarah Eccles (SE),
David Hignell (DH), Michael Jenkins (MJ), Jo O'Callaghan (Jo,O'C),
Kathy Whittaker (KW)
Patrick Stewart (PS) as non member of Steering Group
2. Apologies:
3. Draft plan – PC feedback: RA shared comments, NB it is currently a zero development plan, no development is acceptable, sites have not been selected by the SG. Many speculative sites are not suitable for reasons such as flooding, traffic. Any new building would have to follow the design guide.
4. Draft plan – Vale feedback: RA shared her screen and took the SG through fifteen pages of comments (many are technical details to tweak)
We need to talk to Milton PC about the fields between us and Milton.
Send the Vale our Design Guide and green spaces/green gaps documents
5. Next steps with draft; nothing specific to report
6. Other outstanding reports: nothing specific to report
7. AOB: nothing specific to report
8. Date of next meetings

28th October 2pm with Sharon from Bluestone.

Next Steering Group meeting 15.11.2021 4pm

17.11.21 with Sharon Benthall from Bluestone

SC Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting on 17 November 2021 at 11.30 am

Agenda

1. Welcome to Steering Group members and any non members
Present: Rita Atkinson (RA), Catriona Brodribb (CB), Sarah Eccles (SE)
David Hignell (DH), Mike Jenkins(MJ), Jo O'Collaghan, (Jo O'C)
Kathy Whittaker (KW)
Also Sharon Brentnall (SB) and Irene Curran (IC) (both Bluestone Planning)

Sharon shared her screen and took the Steering Group through Vale comments.
Most are minor.
Bluestone are happy with our approach.

We can choose our own examiner, the Vale may send us a list of examiners (they are consultants).

Solar farm: solar farm the panels are facing the Harwell Road but screening will be put in place, however this will reduce the green gap in that area.
The solar farm panels are viewed as a temporary structure.

THE NP is a stand alone document and all other documents go in the appendix.

Typologies: the word *typologies* to be used in the landscape assessment.

Photographs: some need updating or redoing, can be good to have both winter and summer versions, winter ones evidence any lesser screening they need to tie in with the key view map.
A photograph from Heritage Park has been misplaced, the context belongs with Design Code.

Planning applications: SB will bring up to date any (current) planning applications

Kelaart's field: more expansion on this (topic) required
Check with Milton Park re their LDO (local development order?) as to what is protected and why
Who proposed it/designated it as a wildlife site? SCNP to look into this.
TVERC may hold records relating to this site?

Flooding and drainage: SB & IC happy with content provided.
Documents were sent to them last December.
SE is updating the flood report.
The Environment Agency needs to reassess flooding and update it.

The new application for Hobbyhorse Lane East wants linkage with the FCC site (David Bainbridge). NB permission is not in place.

Affordable housing was flagged up but what we have proposed is acceptable.

Housing policy can be a paragraph.

Minerals and waste: can be an aspiration SB looking into this

SC Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting on 17 November 2021 at 11.30 am

Process:

The document is at pre-submission draft stage

The PC circulates it to whoever needs to receive it

People then respond to PC not SG.

At the end we review it.

SB & IC to send through info by Nov 19th?

Once the document is 'handed in' formally, it is an emerging plan. It would be good to finish it in this financial year.

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting on 6th December 2021 at 2pm

Agenda

1. Welcome to SG members: Rita Atkinsonm (RA), Catriona Brodribb (CB), Sarah Eccles (SE), David Hignells (DH), Jo O'Callahan (JOC), Kathy Whittaker (KW) = 6
2. Apologies for absence: Anne Morgan Smith?
3. Minutes of meetings on 15 and 17 November 2021, minutes for the 17th Nov were agreed.
4. Community Aspirations: this still needs doing:
Maybe some of SG can do it.
We could run to 4-5 pages of aspirations, but all we need is a paragraph on each topic SE has a list from 2018.
RA has looked at Shrivenham, JO'OC was going to look at others, Drayton is more extensive (policies)
Village Hall comes under Policies.
RA can look at it over xmas, SE cannot commit
RA can produce a skeleton document with sections
Recreation
Footpaths
Village Hall
Shop
Photographs can go with it.

RA shared the questionnaire response, our community aspirations will be based on this.
Other topics also mentioned:
Transport
Carbon emissions (reducing)
Electrical charging points
NB Sarah's information overlaps

RA sending documents to SE to double check.
5. Bluestone position: RA has left messages with Bluestone, but no reply from SB
RA screen-sharing updates on land registry information.
6. Parish Council and finance:
£33,602 total spent by Nov 2021
We have paid 14k to Bluestone, but we may owe them a bit more, c£1,600
The PC has allocated 14k towards production costs
We have received grants & income to the value of 42k which has enabled us to buy in consultancy where appropriate.
7. AOB: former SG member Peter Morris died recently, JO'C writing to his family to express condolences and acknowledge his input.
8. Date of next meeting: Mon 17th January 2022

SCNP Steering Group meeting on 14 December 2021 Minutes

Present:

Rita Atkinson (RA), Sarah Eccles (SE) and Joanna O'Callaghan

Points discussed:

1. Importance of key views
2. Key views throughout the village including views on entry and exit to the village.
3. Ensuring Bluestone (BS) have been provided with all the appropriate photos and vantage points showing where photos were taken.

Action:

JOC to check whether precise position of photo vantage points

SCNP Steering Group meeting on 17 January 2022 Minutes

Present: Mike Jenkins (MJ), Rita Atkinson (RA), Sarah Eccles (SE), David Hignell (DH) Kathy Whittaker (KW) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC)

Main discussion point:

Community aspirations need to be listed and incorporated into the drafts either as a separate document or incorporated into the NP. It was concluded that it would be more appropriate to tie aspirations into the policies. SE had drawn up an initial list derived from the survey responses and forwarded to SG members in July 2021. To be taken as a starting point.

Action:

SG members to share ideas by 26 January.

SCNP Steering Group meeting on 7 February 2022 Minutes

Present: Rita Atkinson (RA), David Hignell (DH), Kathy Whittaker (KW) Sarah Eccles (SE) and Joanna)'Callaghan (JOC)

Apologies from Mike Jenkins, Catriona Brodribb and Anne Morgan Smith

Main discussion point: Draft documents received from Bluestone (BS) on 28 January 2022

Bluestone 1 = Countryside & Local Gap Assessment (36 pages)

Bluestone 2 = Character Appraisal & Design Code (66 pages)

Bluestone 3 = Local Green Space Assessment (27 pages)

Bluestone 4 = Initial Draft for Pre-Submission to 2031 (127 pages)

Bluestone 5 = Highways & Transport Context (12 pages)

Initial responses only due to insufficient time but following aspects discussed:

1. Green Gaps and Local Green Spaces.
2. Priorities for CIL funding is missing from documents
3. Designated area explanation
4. Can designated private gardens be included as Local green spaces?

Action: Responses to be collated by KW (blank response forms supplied) and forwarded to BS by 13 February

SCNP Steering Group meeting on 23 March 2022 Minutes

Present: Rita Atkinson (RA), Sarah Eccles (SE), David Hignell (DH), Kathy Whittaker (KW) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC)

Apologies from Mike Jenkins and Anne Morgan Smith who had had to resign from the group due to work commitments.

Points of discussion:

Revised document from Bluestone (BS) received on 11 March:

Bluestone 1 = Countryside & Local Gap Assessment

Bluestone 2 = Character Appraisal & Design Code

Bluestone 3 = Local Green Space Assessment

Bluestone 4 = Initial Draft for Pre-Submission to 2031

Bluestone 5 = Highways & Transport Context

1. Concerns remain about designated private gardens within the Conservation Area not listed as Local Green Spaces. BS have provided an explanation for their reasoning and ensured us that they are adequately protected without any further designation.
2. Letters to all landowners where their land falls within Green Gaps and Green Spaces. SE has drawn up an initial draft. It is vital that all landowners are contacted. In many cases these are known but there are many instances where this isn't the case. An exhaustive search is required. RA and JOC to investigate best approach and discuss with Clare Pennicott.
3. Milton PC need updating on proposed green gap policy on land that is within the designated area of our plan but falls within their parish.
4. Are the Basic Condition Statements and Community Consultation required for Reg 14 consultation? If this is the case action is needed on both. RA to check with R Tobutt at the Vale.

Action: All to make any comments on the latest BS documents by 4 April.

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting 25 June 2022 Minutes

Present: Rita Atkinson (RA), Kathy Whittaker (KW) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC). Apologies from Sarah Eccles (SE)

Discussion points:

1. RA confirmed that she had received the SEA screening statement from the Vale on 26 April. Also, the housing summary from Bluestone (BS) had come through.
2. RA confirmed that all documents had been uploaded to the PC website pages.
3. The wording of Regulation 14 letters to landowners of land identified for designation as a Green Gap or a Green Space and Statutory Consultees have been finalised. Aim to send out by 30 June. 6 week statutory consultation period will start from 1 July. SCPC will keep record of letters/emails sent. Where email is not known letters will be posted with proof of posting.
4. Pre submission consultation comments form and / or survey are on the webpage.
5. SC News has Neighbourhood Plan update encouraging residents to formally comment on draft plan thereby influence the contents of the plan before the final plan is submitted to the Vale, making it clear that comments are required on some or all of the 17 draft policies.
6. Anne Morgan Smith (AMS) will be asked to put link on Sutton Courtenay Action Facebook.
7. RA and JOC will continue to work with Clare Pennicott (CP) to ensure that all landowners have been identified.

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting on 28 July 2022

Present:

Rita Atkinson (RA), Clare Pennicott (CP) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC)

Points discussed:

1. Results of in depth Land Registry research has identified further landowners of land identified for designation as a Green Gap/Local Green Space.
2. Additional letters/emails to be sent to owners with links to website pages.
3. Later date to be given for responses.

Action:

List still may not be complete so further checks will be made.

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan meeting minutes 23 August 2022

Present:

Rita Atkinson (RA), Kathy Whittaker (KW), Sarah Eccles (SE), Hugo Raworth (HR), David Hignell (DH) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC)

Discussion Points:

1. Analysis of Regulation 14 responses
2. Likely extension of deadline for responses due to late delivery of letters/emails to landowners of land identified for designation as a green Gap/ Local Green Space. After thorough research we believe we have reached the point where all owners have been identified.
3. Format of public village meetings on 7 September and 10 September. Bluestone will prepare information posters and will be in attendance.

SCNP Steering Group meeting on 20th October 2022 Minutes

Present : Rita Atkinson (RA), Sarah Eccles (SE), David Hignell (DH), Kathy Whittaker (KW), Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC) Hugo Raworth (HR)

and Sharon Brentnall (SEB) of Bluestone Planning

The focus of the meeting was to discuss responses received further to the Regulation 14 statutory consultation on the pre-submission draft of the Neighbourhood Plan. KW had tabulated a summary of 102 responses received. SEB had made brief suggestions as to how each of these should be addressed. The comments and the proposed responses were discussed and appropriate actions agreed.

A comprehensive table of comments had been received from the Vale District Council as part of the statutory consultation. SEB had reviewed this briefly and reported that most of the comments would be relatively straightforward to address.

ACTIONS:

- SCNPSG members to review the table of comments from the Vale and feedback their views to SEB to consider when making responses and/or amendments to the draft plan.
- SE to add the agreed actions to the tabulated summary of all comments. RA to forward this to SEB.
- RA to send Natural England Document to SEB.
- DH/RA to update Consultation Document and forward to SEB.
- RA to draft a response to James Walton re land registry and environment agency.
- RA to obtain access to Parish Online maps to enable inclusion of better maps in the submission draft.
- SEB to amend plan (and supporting documents) with objective of submitting to December PC meeting for its approval with the objective of submitting to the Vale prior to Christmas if possible.

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Meeting on 28 November 2022 Minutes

Present:

Rita Atkinson (RA), Kathy Whittaker (KW), Sarah Eccles (SE), David Hignell (DH), Sharon Brentnall (SB) of Bluestone (BS) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC)

Discussion points:

1. Consultation Document draft prepared by DH and any omissions.
2. Further amendments to all BS documents
3. Need for revised photos for key views.
4. Timeline

Actions:

JOC to provide additional photos.

All Steering Group members to make final checks.

BS to incorporate agreed amendments.

KW and SE to update flood report and provide update for BS to incorporate in main document

RA to provide link to parish maps to BS

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan meeting on 7 February 2023 Minutes

Present:

Rita Atkinson (RA), Sarah Eccles (SE), Kathy Whittaker (KW), Sharon Bretnall (SB) of Bluestone (BS) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC)

Discussed:

Final amendments to all documents to be submitted to the Vale

Identified one or two omissions from the Consultation Document. Steering Group to act and forward to BS by end of 10 February and corrections/amendments to be made by BS by end of 13 February.

Timeline going forward.

APPENDIX 5 – NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA DESIGNATION 2017 CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

Delegated Report for Neighbourhood Area application

Date: 27 January 2017

Application proposal: Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan

Case officer: William Sparling

PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

RELEVANT BODY

Sutton Courtenay Parish Council

POLICY & GUIDANCE

SECTION 61G(1) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 as amended

Applied to Neighbourhood Development Plans by section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

CONSULTATION

DURATION

21/09/2016 – 02/11/2016 (6 weeks)

COMMENTS

7 responses (see summary in Appendix Three)

- Health and Safety Executive concluded that there is potential for land allocated in plan to encroach on consultations Zones.
- Abingdon Town Council considers the northern part of the area should be part of Abingdon Neighbourhood Plan area. They object to the Area Designation.
- Natural England, Scottish and Southern Energy and Gladman Developments have no comments to make.
- Historic England would like to make the steering group aware of the need to conform to the Government's approach regarding the historic environment.
- Network Rail have no comments to make but would like to be kept informed of any future planning applications.

OBJECTIONS

One objection was received from Abingdon Town Council. (See Summary in Appendix Three).

PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

- We contacted the Neighbourhood Plan Steering group and Parish Council for their comments on our proposed changes to the designated area.
- We held a meeting on 10 January 2017 between VWHDC, representatives from the Parish council, steering group, Ward Councillor and Sutton Courtenay Action Group to discuss the changes to the area designation. During this meeting, the designated area

was agreed upon as presented in this report. The Parish Council expressed a wish to provide input into future plans on the Didcot A land and it was agreed that the possibility of this would be looked into by VWHDC. We updated Cabinet Briefing on this response.

**WARD COUNCILLOR
COMMENTS**

- Ward Councillor (Gervase Duffield) was in attendance at the 10 January meeting and was in agreement to the proposed change to the designated area. We updated Cabinet Briefing on his response.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

1. Neighbourhood planning is part of the Government's Localism agenda. Neighbourhood plans have to meet the basic conditions. This applies to their preparation in addition to the final document and is set out in the legislation as:
 - to have regard to national policy and guidance and
 - contribute to sustainable development and
 - be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the local plan;
 - be compatible with EU obligations - SEA, EIA, Habitats, Waste, Air, and Water Directives - and that
 - prescribed matters are met – Habitats, Marine and any other relevant legislation.
2. Section 61F of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states that once a neighbourhood area has been designated, the qualifying body is authorised to act in relation to the neighbourhood area designated. Therefore the parish or town council become the qualifying body - the legal authority - for preparing a neighbourhood plan in that area.

Area designation application

3. In accordance with Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Sutton Courtenay Parish Council submitted an application for the designation of a neighbourhood area on 5 July 2016 (see Appendix One for the original application). The specified area follows the parish boundary and an extension into Milton Parish. A map of the proposed area and parish boundaries are shown in Appendix Two.
4. Before the publicity period commenced, we worked with members of the steering group. We supported them to consider carefully the proposed neighbourhood area and to write a more detailed supporting statement setting out why the proposed area was appropriate. The result was a justified neighbourhood area application and proposed boundary.
5. We publicised the application in July/August and received an objection highlighting an error in providing all the documentation during the publicity period. We re-publicised the application from 21 September to 2 November 2016 in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.
6. One objection was received from Abingdon Town Council. A summary of the responses is presented in Appendix Three.

Determining the area application

7. The power to designate a neighbourhood area is set out in Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - introduced by the Localism Act 2011. In determining the application the district council needs to be satisfied that:
 1. a relevant body has made the application – Section 61G (2)
 2. in the case of a parish council, the specified area includes the whole or any part of the council – Section 61G (3)

3. the specified area is appropriate – Section 61G (5).
8. We are satisfied on point one, that Sutton Courtenay Parish Council is a relevant body. We are satisfied on point two, that the area applied for includes whole, or part of, Sutton Courtenay Parish. We are not satisfied on point three, the specified area is not appropriate and propose to exercise our power of designation to designate an amended boundary.
9. In determining the neighbourhood area, Section 61G (2) states that the local planning authority should take into account the relevant body's statement explaining why the area applied for is appropriate.
10. Section 61G (4) also states that in determining an application for a neighbourhood plan area, regard must be had to the desirability of designating the whole of the area of the parish council as a neighbourhood plan area.
11. Section 61G (5) also states that where a valid application is made, the local authority can refuse the application if it considers the specified area applied for is not an appropriate area to be designated as a neighbourhood area. The authority must exercise its power of designation to secure that some or all of the specified area is designated.
12. We recommend an alternative neighbourhood area boundary for Sutton Courtenay as shown in Appendix Four, for the reasons given below and which accord with Section 61.

Northern boundary (towards Abingdon)

13. The proposed neighbourhood area extends north towards Abingdon following the parish boundary. Abingdon Town Council has objected to the proposed designation of the northern part of the neighbourhood area and this is shown on the map in Appendix Two. The town council regard this part of SC parish as being "functionally part of Abingdon" and thus raise objection.
14. The area in question is a series of lakes and open land comprising an old gravel pit, bounded on the northern and western side by hedgerow and barbed wire, with an adjacent road. The boundary is mostly overgrown and forms a clear physical boundary. On the eastern side, the boundary is the River Thames, a clear physical boundary. The river is not included in the proposed neighbourhood area. To the south there are further disused gravel pits and open land.
15. The physical appearance and characteristics of the area are similar to those further south towards Sutton Courtenay. A physical boundary is helpful in determining neighbourhood area boundaries where they do not match a parish boundary. No clear physical boundary exists before Drayton Road
16. The area in question is not an area of planned expansion to Abingdon, as set out in Local Plan 2031 Part 1. The area is not an estate for businesses or residents. There are no public rights of way crossing the site and it is not being used for leisure uses. It is not clearly linked to Abingdon by any other types of infrastructure.

17. We have considered the possibility of designating an amended boundary. In having regard to Section 61G (4) of the 1990 Act, we consider the desirability of designating the parish boundary in this area, where there are also strong physical features in place. We acknowledge the town's objection but although this area is in close proximity to the town, we do not believe, from the evidence available, that it is demonstrably or functionally part of Abingdon.
18. We are satisfied that the proposed designated area follows the parish boundary as proposed by Sutton Courtenay Parish Council in this location.

Western boundary (extension into Milton Parish)

19. The proposed neighbourhood area extends into Milton Parish. This has been agreed by Milton Parish Council and acting on their behalf the Chairman has signed the area application form. The supporting statement explains that this has been fully agreed by Milton Parish Council.
20. If the area is to be designated, Milton Parish Council have therefore agreed that Sutton Courtenay can act as the qualifying body to prepare planning policies for a neighbourhood plan in part of their parish.
21. The supporting statement states that this area has been included in "the interests of safeguarding against coalescence of the two settlements" of Milton and Sutton Courtenay. It correctly references saved policies NE10 and NE11 of Local Plan 2011; these are currently under review through Local Plan 2031 Part 2.
22. The supporting statement explains that "neither Sutton Courtenay nor Milton Parish Councils wish to see any encroachment of development" into the area. Whilst a neighbourhood plan cannot stop development, it can encourage protection of landscape, open spaces and the natural environment between villages as planning policy.
23. Any applications determined using this type of policy would be subject to the usual material considerations test in accordance with Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
24. We are satisfied that the boundary extension proposed by Sutton Courtenay Parish Council into Milton Parish is consistent with preparing a neighbourhood plan that meets the basic conditions.

Southern Boundary - Didcot Power Station and Enterprise Zones

25. The proposed neighbourhood area extends south to the boundary between the Vale of White Horse district and South Oxfordshire district. We recognised that this remains in the Parish of Sutton Courtenay.
26. The area in question consists of a mixture of heavy and light industrial uses, warehousing and showrooms. The site is bounded at the northern edge by hedgerow and to the western edge there is a mixture of hedgerow and access roads. The eastern boundary is a mixture of hedgerow and access roads. To the south, the majority of the boundary is security fencing, which is adjacent to Milton Road.

27. In planning terms, this is an important area, for example, part of Didcot power station is of significant importance to the two districts, the county and nationally, for delivering jobs and economic growth. There are larger than local impacts to planning policy within this area.
28. There are the following planning designations covering a significant part of the area:
- Enterprise Zone
 - Strategic Employment Sites
29. Enterprise Zones are nationally important sites for delivering economic growth. Once agreed by Government, there is expectation that there will be relaxed planning controls and incentives for businesses to support growth. To achieve these Government expectations there is a proposal to develop a Local Development Order on part of the Enterprise Zone. Any neighbourhood plan policy would have very limited weight in determining applications.
30. Strategic sites are essential for delivering the wider planning strategy for the district. Neighbourhood plans have to be in general conformity with strategic policies in the local plan.
31. Furthermore, part of this area forms both previous electricity generation; Didcot A Power Station, and current electricity generation; Didcot B Power Station. Recent investment make it highly likely that Didcot B Power Station will remain in use throughout the plan period up to 2031. In the unlikely event it is decommissioned, the decommissioning process would extend beyond the end of the plan period.
32. The site of Didcot A power station is currently undergoing decommissioning. There is currently an outline planning application for a mixed use scheme, with a resolution to grant. There are a number of issues with this brownfield site, including the removal old material from previous uses, contamination and access.
33. It is considered with these important above mentioned factors that the southern boundary of the neighbourhood plan area should not follow the parish boundary, but use property boundaries to exclude this area from the neighbourhood plan designation.

Designating the neighbourhood area

34. The amended proposed neighbourhood area is suitable to be designated as a neighbourhood area. It encompasses part of the parish area of Sutton Courtenay Parish Council, as the relevant body, and with the agreement of Milton Parish Council, an extension into Milton Parish.
35. The designated area is not primarily or wholly business in nature and should not be designated as a business area under Section 61H (1) of the 1990 Act.

Officer's Recommendation

36. Officers recommend that the Head of Planning, following consultation with the

Cabinet member for planning, designates the area as shown in the map in Appendix Five, which encompasses part of the Sutton Courtenay Parish and part of Milton Parish, as a neighbourhood area under Section 61G(1) of the Town and County Planning Act 1990 as amended.

Decision by Head of Planning

Agree/ Consider ~~further~~

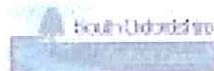
Signature.... 

Date..... 27/11/17

Appendix One - Original Area Designation Application

Neighbourhood Planning Area Application Form

Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area



Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2017

Vale

of South Gloucestershire

1. Single point of contact regarding the Neighbourhood Plan

Title: First Name: Surname: **Martin**
Address:
Postcode: **BS13 6PU** Telephone: **161885 391633**
Email: **info@suttoncourtenay-ns.org.uk**

3. Parish clerk details (if different from those above)

Title: First Name: Surname:
Address:
Postcode: Telephone:
Email:

6. Relevant Body

Please confirm that you are the relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in your area in accordance with section 61G of the 1990 Act and section 5C of the 2012 Regulations.

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Name of Relevant Body: **Sutton Courtenay Parish Council**

Note: In areas covered by a town or parish council, the town or parish council is the relevant body. For applications covering more than one parish area, please nominate a lead parish to act as the relevant body. If your area is not covered by a parish council (or by a parish meeting), please contact the Planning Policy Team before making your application.

8. Extent of area

Please attach an OS plan showing the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Area and indicate below the relationship of the proposed area to parish boundaries. For further information about obtaining OS maps please see note 1.

Proposed area covers the whole of a single parish boundary area: ☐
Proposed area covers part of a single parish boundary area: ☐
Proposed area covers multiple parish boundary areas: ☒

7. Applications covering more than one parish area:

If your application area covers more than one parish area, please list the parishes covered by the area application, the extent of the parish included and obtain consent from the parish by getting them to sign below.

Name Town/Parish Council	Extent of parish, include in Neighbourhood Area	Name and Position	Authorising Signature
Wilton Parish Council	Fields North and South of	Brian Glanville	
Sutton Courtenay Parish Council	Sutton Road	Chairman	
	Whole Parish	Michael Jenkins	
		Chairman	

By signing this form your Parish Council is agreeing to the inclusion of part or the whole of your parish into the Neighbourhood Area named below and shown on the attached OS map.

6. Name of Neighbourhood Area

Please give the name by which your Neighbourhood Area will be formally known

Parish of Sutton Courtenay

7. Intention of neighbourhood area:

Please indicate which of the following you intend to undertake within your neighbourhood area

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Yes

Neighbourhood Development Order

Community Right to Build Order

8. Reasons for considering the area appropriate

Please briefly describe below why you consider this area is appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area

The area includes the whole of the parish of Sutton Courtenay and open fields on the west boundary, immediately north and south of Sutton Road in the parish of Milton.
Continued.....

9. Previous applications

Has this relevant body previously submitted an application to designate a neighbourhood area, which has not yet been determined?

Yes

☐

No

☐

10. Withdrawal of previous application

If you answered 'yes' to question 9 above, please sign below to withdraw your previous application

I/we hereby wish to withdraw any previous application/s to designate a neighbourhood area made by this relevant body

Name

Date

Signature

11. Declaration

I/we hereby apply to designate a Neighbourhood Area as described on this form and the accompanying plan

Name Linda Martin

Date

5th July 2016

Signature

Please return the forms to:

Vale of White Horse District Council or
135 Eastern Avenue
Milton, Milton Park, OX144BB

planning.policy@valerewindham.gov.uk

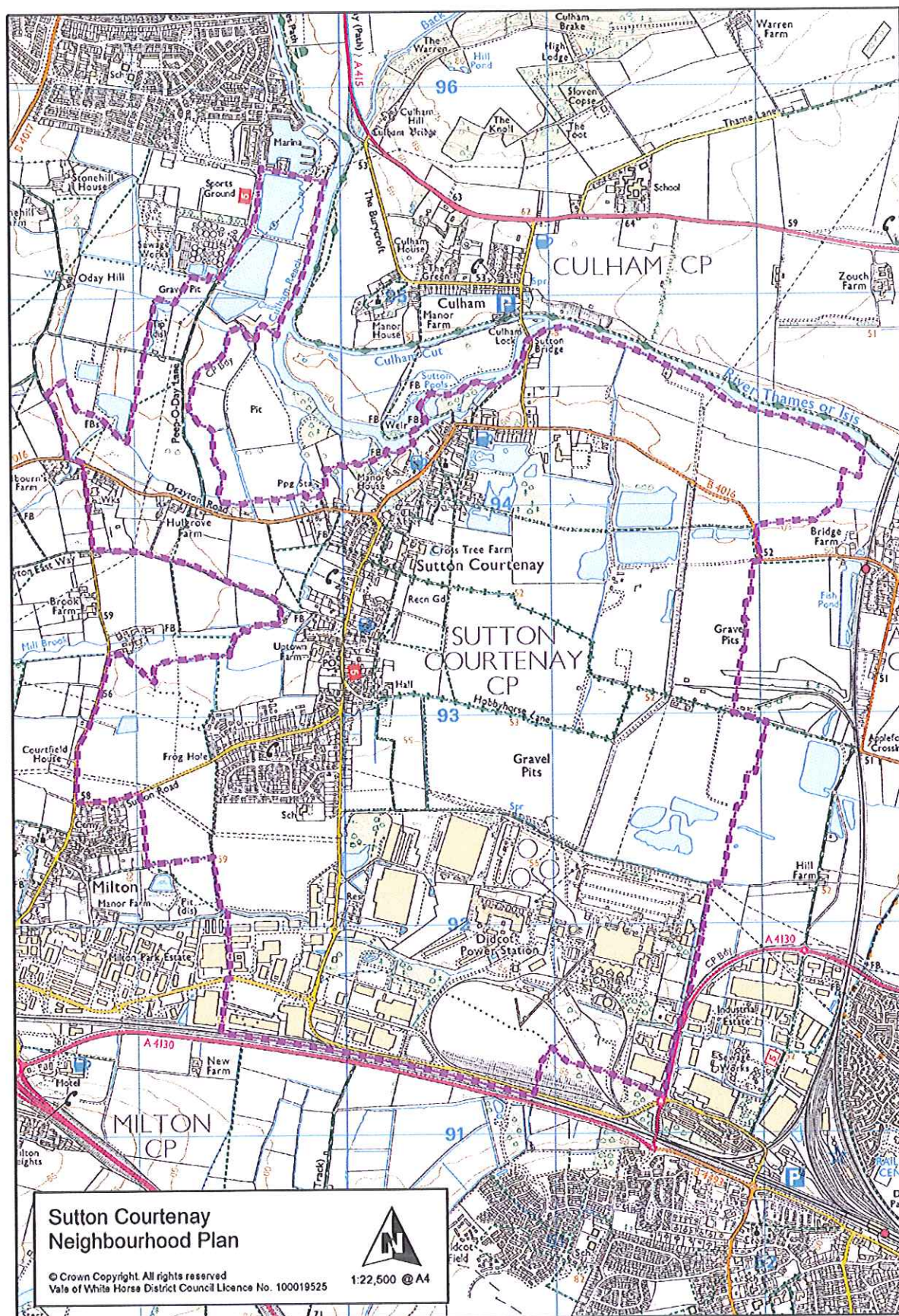
South Oxfordshire District Council
135 Eastern Avenue
Milton, Milton Park, OX144SB

Or planning.policy@southoxfordshire.gov.uk

Publication of applications to the Council's website

Please note, as required under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, a copy of this form and accompanying information will be published on the Council's website. However, all personal information, with the exception of the name and address of the main contact, will be redacted from the website. The complete form will be available to view in the council offices. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Planning Policy Team.

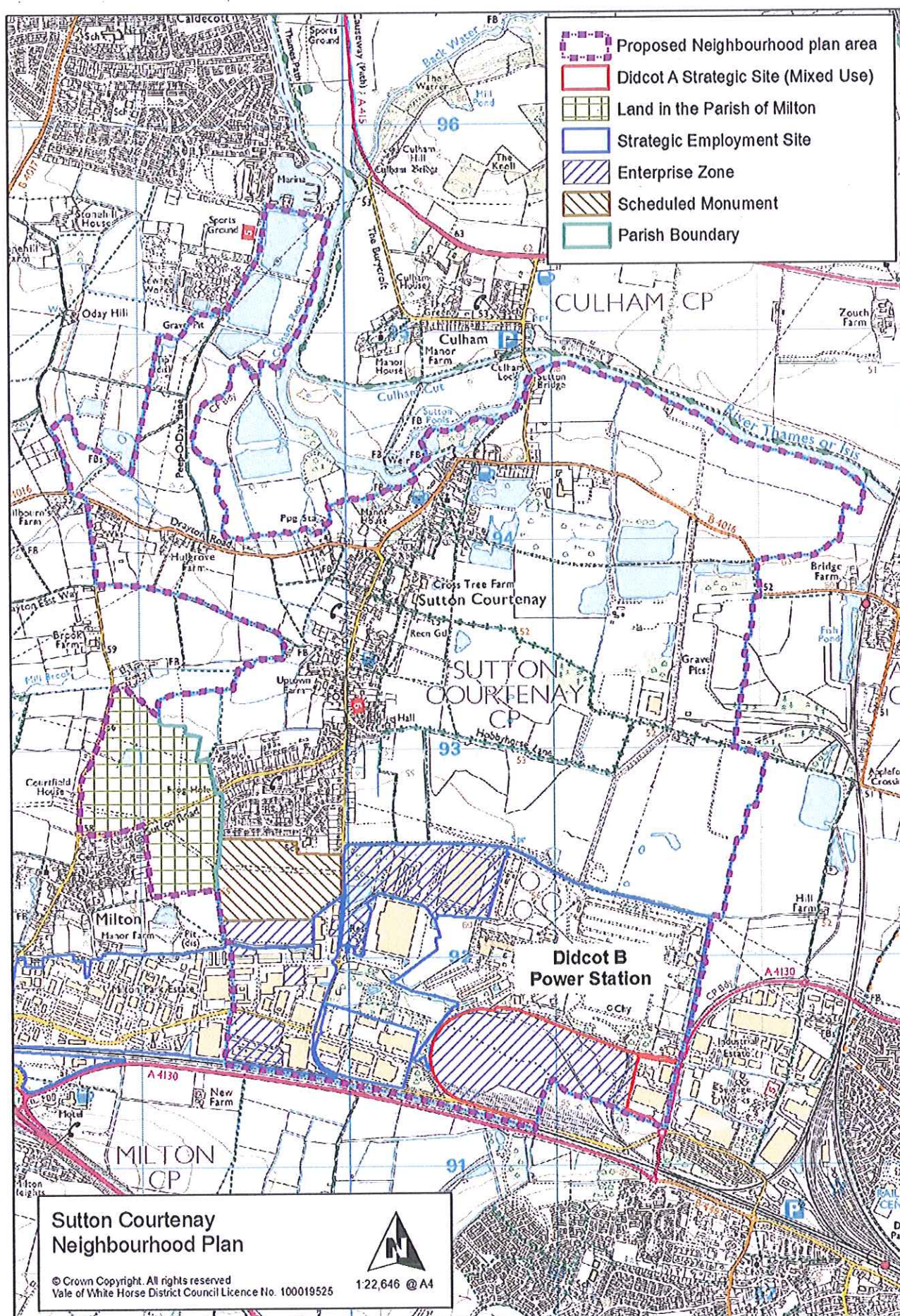
Appendix Two - Sutton Courtenay Parish Council's Proposed Neighbourhood Area



Appendix Three - Summary of Responses to the Proposed Neighbourhood Area During the Publicity Period

Company/ Organisation		Company/ Organisation Representative	Comment Summary
Health and Safety Executive		John Moran	<p>We have concluded that there is the potential for land allocated in your plan to encroach on consultations zones, namely :</p> <p>H4151 – RWENPower Ltd, Didcot A&B Power Station. OX29 4BZ 2. H3053 – Air Products Ltd, Southmead Ind Est, Hawksworth Road, Didcot. 3. National Grid Gas Major Hazard Pipeline HSE Reference 7091 – 7" Feeder Chalgrove/Didcot PS</p>
Abingdon Town Council		Nigel Warner	<p>It is noted that the proposal follows the parish boundaries of Sutton Courtenay and open fields on the west boundary immediately north and south of Sutton Road in the parish of Milton. Although somewhat ambiguous and the map does not have a key, we understand that these are in Milton parish and the application is that they should be part of the SCNPA. The Town Council considers the northern most part of the area, which is to the east of the Southern Town Park and the sewage works (marked and shaded on the attached map) should be part of the Abingdon Neighbourhood Plan area on the basis that this is functionally part of Abingdon. It has no objection to the rest of the Neighbourhood Plan Area. Consequently, the Council has resolved to object to the Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan area in relation to the specific area detailed above.</p>
Natural England		Victoria Kirkham	<p>Natural England does not wish to make comment on the suitability of the proposed plan area or the proposed neighbourhood planning body.</p>
Scottish and Southern Energy		Chris Gaskell	<p>I can confirm that, at this present time, I have no comments to make.</p>
Network Rail		Barbara Morgan	<p>Whilst Network Rail has no objection in principle to the Designation of a Neighbourhood Area by Sutton Courtenay Parish Council, we would request the opportunity to comment on any future planning applications should they be submitted for sites adjoining the railway, or within close proximity to the railway as we may have more specific comments to make.</p>
Gladman Developments Ltd		John Fleming	<p>No Specific Comments to make at the time. Highlights legislation and guidelines in which the Neighbourhood plan will have to follow. Would like to be notified of further developments and consultations.</p>
Historic England		Robert Lloyd-Sweet	<p>I am happy to confirm that we do not wish to raise any concerns regarding the proposed area and look forward to seeing the development of the neighbourhood plan. At this early stage it would be helpful if the Council could make the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group aware of the need for the plan to conform with the governments' approach to the historic environment within plan making, set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, with which the plan will need to conform.</p>

Appendix Four – Key Designations in the South of the Proposed Neighbourhood Area



Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan

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APPENDIX 6 – PROJECT PLAN

Timeframe → Stage ↓	12/2015 to 12/2016	01/2017 to 12/2017	01/2018 to 12/2018	01/2019 to 12/2020	01/2021 to 12/2022
1. Getting Started	Public meeting, PC resolved to produce an NP Steering Group formed Terms of Reference etc agreed Application for designated area made	VWHDC approved modification of designated area to remove Enterprise Zones, Business Park, Power station site as stated they were of strategic importance			
2. Vision and Objectives		Drafted Vision and Objectives		2 nd March – externally facilitated workshops on draft vision, aims and objectives of NP	
3. Identifying the issues	15 May 2016 Exhibition at Village Event	30 June 2016 consultation with children at Village School and parents September Consultation outside village shops and village hall	Village-wide questionnaire prepared, distributed, collected and results collated and analysed	24th April consultation with young people	
4. Generate Options				Issues addressed – Village Character Assessment Landscape Character Appraisal Landscape Appraisal of the Conservation Area and its context Countryside & Green Gap Assessment Local Green Spaces Assessment Housing Needs Assessment Design Guide Business survey & assessment	

Timeframe → Stage ↓	12/2015 to 12/2016	01/2017 to 12/2017	01/2018 to 12/2018	01/2019 to 12/2020	01/2021 to 12/2022
5. Prepare Draft Plan					Application to VWHDC re SEA screening and confirmation that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required Collating community aspirations Preparing Draft NP
6. Consult and Update NP					Parish Council approved start of Regulation 14 consultation Letters to all statutory consultees and landowners Two public meetings Responses collated and addressed NP updated; consultation statement updated and Basic Conditions statement prepared
7. Submit to VWHDC					Submission to the Vale
8. Independent Examination					
9. Referendum					
10. VWHDC adopt NP					

APPENDIX 7 – PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES



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Updates

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan – come & find out more Have your Say

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Notice of Meeting – Wednesday 7 September
7.15pm in the Village Hall (OX14 4BB)
(also in September SC News)

Posters summarising key features of the Neighbourhood Plan will be on display and members of the Steering Group, our Planning Consultant and Parish Councillors will be on hand to answer questions. This event has been arranged to provide further opportunity for feedback comments on the Pre-submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan before the extended deadline for comments – 18 September. Please do take this opportunity to join us to discuss any matters that you may be unsure about. Another, smaller, session has been arranged for 10am till Noon on Saturday 10 September in the Village Hall committee room for those who are interested but who cannot make the Wednesday evening meeting.

July 2022

The consultation period for the Neighbourhood Plan runs from 1st July to 14 August. If you live, work or play in Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan designated area, please complete a reply form which can be downloaded from www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk/Draft_Plan_and_supporting_documents_40250.aspx and email back to nhp@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk

A few reasons to respond to the plan are:

- It's the only tool we have to influence planning and ensure sustainable construction and infrastructure and in particular protect the green spaces in our village.
- It enables us to prevent development that results in physical coalescence with neighbouring parishes and much more – please look at the list of policies in the Plan.
- The more responses we get the more power the plan will have – even a single comment supporting the plan will help.
- It increases the amount of money the village receives (if planning is granted) from 15% to 25% which can be spent on projects to improve the village amenities.

Update on Neighbourhood Plan - Covid 19 Pandemic

What can we still do?

The Steering Group now meets online and is currently considering the two draft consultant reports commissioned early 2020, identifying evidence gaps and possible changes to proposed policy wording. These will be discussed with the consultants at our next meeting.

We hope to submit another grant application which will enable us to employ and pay the consultants to complete the next stage of the evidence gaps. This work may not, under current Government guidance, be considered as essential activities and may be delayed until current restrictions are lifted.

The Steering Group is in the process of modifying the Project Plan as nationally the timeframe for Neighbourhood Plans has been amended by Regulations linked to the Coronavirus Act 2020. As a result, no elections or referendums relating to neighbourhood planning can take place until 6 May 2021 at the earliest.

An important aspect of our Neighbourhood Plan that we can concentrate on, is reconsidering the Designated Area which currently excludes a large area at the southern side of our parish. Our Neighbourhood Planning Officer at the Vale has recently advised us that, due to revised relevant legislation and planning practice guidance, it may now be possible to revise the boundary of the Neighbourhood Plan area subject to the Parish Council submitting a formal application. However, it will be treated as a completely new application and be taken through the formal consultation process with the potential for objections (new and those previously rejected) to be raised and upheld by the planning authority. Thus, the pros and cons of re-submitting an application to designate the whole parish must be researched carefully before any recommendation is made to the Parish Council.

The Steering Group will continue to add minutes to the Neighbourhood Plan page on the Parish Council website.

Update on Neighbourhood Plan - April 2020

The steering group obtained a grant and further documentation has been prepared in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan. Further details will be provided shortly.

Update on SC Neighbourhood Plan January 2019

Work continues to formulate policies for our Neighbourhood Plan and on gathering data to generate evidence supporting these policies. Recruitment of experts to assist in drawing up some of the more complex assessments is now underway.

The results of the questionnaire, which have been compiled and summarised by an independent party, provide a useful starting point on which to formulate policies. However further consultation with the village community remains essential to shape the plan. Come and have your say at the **Community Consultation Workshop**, independently facilitated by Community First Oxfordshire, **Saturday March 2nd 2019 2- 5pm** at Sutton Courtenay Village Hall.

It is important that you express your views, whether or not you have already completed a questionnaire, so that the aspirations of all of Sutton Courtenay's residents can be considered in developing the policies which will eventually influence the future development of our village.

A pizza night, at which young people can contribute their views through focused group sessions, is also being planned for a later date. However, residents of all ages will be welcome at the workshop on 2nd March.

Update on SC Neighbourhood Plan December 2018

Community Consultation

Community Consultation is not only a statutory requirement but also, and we believe, the keystone to an inclusive Neighbourhood Plan. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to deliver and collect the questionnaires for the village survey.

Following the completion of the data collation and feedback, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is proposing to hold two community consultation events in mid to late February 2019.

- A workshop facilitated by an independent group – Oxfordshire Community First. It is an open event for everyone in the community. Date will be published widely and in the February Village News. It is an opportunity to contribute further as well as for those who, for whatever reason, were not able to complete a questionnaire.
- A Pizza Night for young people to contribute in focussed group sessions.

Evidence Base

What is this? Evidence is extremely important as it ensures that the choices made in our neighbourhood plan are backed by facts. The Independent examiners may recommend that a policy is deleted or modified if it is not underpinned with appropriate evidence.

For example, if affordable housing is identified as a priority for the community, this will require policies on type and tenure, design / layout. These policies will need to be underpinned with data on current population, trends and projections, current housing stock (type and tenure), housing need (objectively assessed) in the area, housing prices (purchase and rent) and affordability, existing housing and development policies and strategies.

Policies to fulfil the aspirations expressed in a Neighbourhood Plan on heritage, green spaces, footpaths and other amenities will similarly require gathering of data and facts on the status and justification provided for the changed need.

Some data sources are available, and the District Council has a duty to support us in gathering data. Please do get in touch if you can spare some time to gather data and carry out local studies where data is not available. To minimise the risk of providing a weak evidence base and to ensure timely making of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Steering Group is proposing to use expert input to produce the following assessments:

- Green Space Assessment
- Landscape Character Assessment
- Village Character/Heritage Assessment
- Housing Needs Assessment Funding

The Parish Council has been awarded a grant of £10,000 to offset some of the costs. Once the technical specification for the assessments are better defined, further grant applications will be made.

Update on SC Neighbourhood Plan October 2018

The SC Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would like to thank everyone who took time over the summer to complete what was a lengthy questionnaire. 663 responses were returned from villagers across the village, both long standing residents and newcomers.

At the moment we have an independent expert analysing the data, who not only has relevant experience in this field but has no connection with either the steering group or the village.

All Steering Group meetings are open meetings and anyone interested is welcome to attend. Our next meeting is at 7pm on 9th October at the village hall. At the meeting we propose to review the analyses and should be able to gauge a fuller understanding of all local issues and put action plans in place. This work will feed in to the draft Neighbourhood Plan making it fully relevant to the needs of villagers and the desires of the community.

Update on SC Neighbourhood Plan July 2018

The questionnaire is being distributed to all households in the village at the moment. Please look out for it as it drops through your letter box. Completion of the questionnaire is vital as it will form the basis of the Neighbourhood Plan for Sutton Courtenay. This is your chance to influence the decision makers in local government about what you want for your village's future. Every resident must have an idea about which way they want the village to go. Remember the steering group will take into account all responses when producing the plan.

Please find the time to complete it before the stated collection date. Help is at hand if you need it. Alternatively there is the chance to complete the questionnaire online via this website. *(Note, the questionnaire and survey has now closed)*

Update on SC Neighbourhood Plan May 2018

Are you able to help? In last month's Sutton Courtenay News we reported that we were in the process of preparing a questionnaire for all residents in Sutton Courtenay to complete. The questionnaire is now ready and we plan to distribute it to all households this month. We are looking for more volunteers to initially help with distribution and collection. Later on volunteers could get involved in working towards the production of a draft neighbourhood Plan which will reflect the views of villagers obtained from the completed questionnaires.

If you are interested in how our village should grow and develop into the future and have some spare time please get in touch with the [Clerk to the Parish Council](#).

Update on SC Neighbourhood Plan April 2018

You may remember some time ago we reported that Sutton Courtenay was starting to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan.

The preparation of our plan has become more urgent since the announcement in the November 2017 Budget that Oxfordshire had reached a deal with the Government to build 100,000 homes in the county within the next 14 years. Without a plan our village could be left more vulnerable than elsewhere to development particularly as neighbouring villages and those villages surrounding Didcot either have their plans in place or in preparation.

A Neighbourhood Plan becomes a legal document which must be taken into account by the planning authority when considering planning applications. It is therefore essential, that as many residents as possible play their part to ensure their views regarding the village as it stands now and how the village may grow and develop into the future are included and form part of the plan itself. In order to obtain your views a draft questionnaire, which covers issues such as housing, the local environment, the village community and facilities and infrastructure, has been prepared and is being looked over by the District Council. It is hoped that the questionnaire will be distributed to all households this spring. It is important that as many residents as possible complete the questionnaire in order that the final plan fairly represents the sort of future we collectively want as a community. Accordingly, when you receive your copy please take time to complete the survey, either the paper copy or electronically. Help or assistance and a chance to discuss the contents will be available should you need it when the time comes.

Once the Steering Group has analysed your responses, a draft plan reflecting the views of the village will be prepared for consultation. At this point you will have the opportunity to vote on whether or not to back the final plan before it is submitted for approval.

Update on SC Neighbourhood Plan July 2017

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) has now engaged consultants to support in the preparation of a questionnaire to gather views of residents to inform the development of policies for the Neighbourhood Plan, and collation and analyses of the responses. It is hoped to have a draft questionnaire ready for the Sutton Fest on 26 August 2017. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has also considered a draft vision and objectives for the plan as below:

Our vision is to safeguard the individual character and vitality of our historic Thames-side village whilst meeting the needs of villagers now and in the future.

We aim:

- To maintain and improve a positive and welcoming community spirit across the whole village which includes everybody.
- To provide a built environment that promotes the wellbeing for all social groups and ages through amenities.
- To protect and enhance its distinct rural character whilst taking advantage of excellent connections to world-class science and business.

Our objectives are:

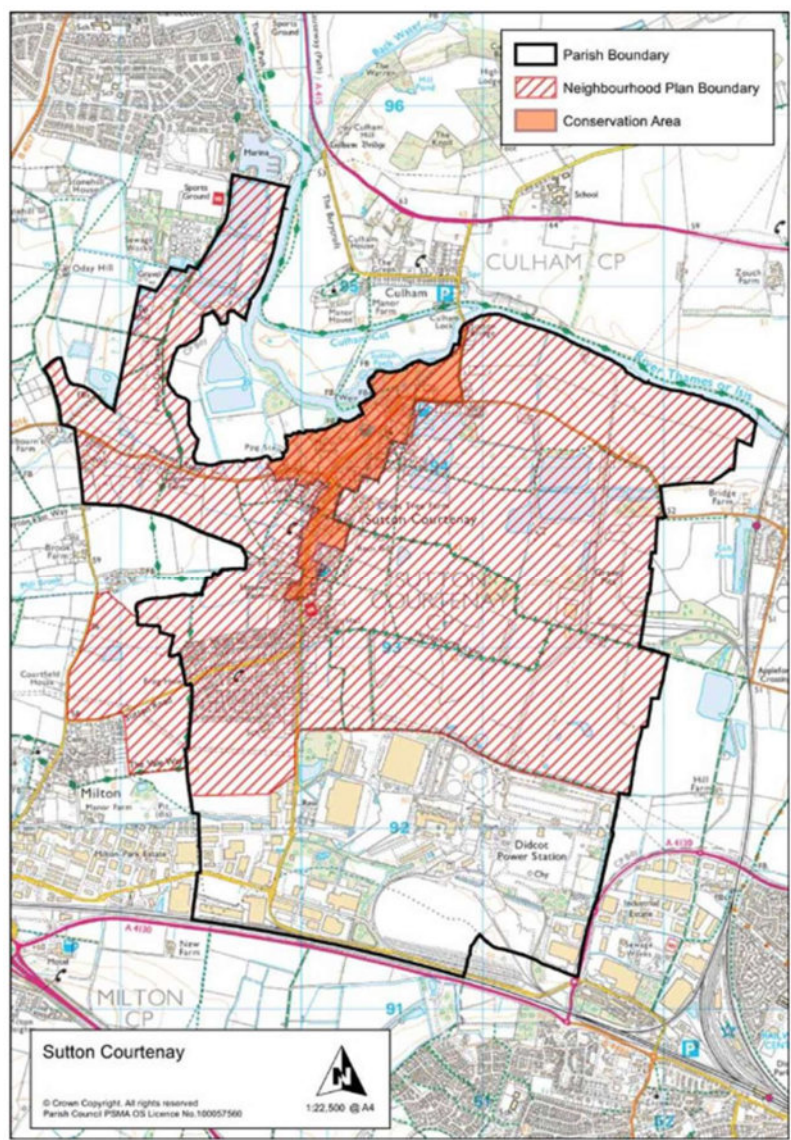
- To seek an enhanced inter connectivity across the village
- To seek to ensure the provision of social amenities meets the demands of a growing village
- To seek to ensure the infrastructure meets the demands of a growing village To give priority for new housing to meet local needs; including a greater range of affordable housing for SC residents
- To seek to ensure new developments are of high quality design, built to a high sustainability standard and reinforce local distinctiveness
- To keep all new developments compact and integrated within the village envelope
- To ensure that the design and location of new development is resilient to the effects of climate change and flooding
- To maintain living green spaces separating the village from neighbouring settlements
- To maintain and regenerate parcels of green spaces within the village
- To preserve and enhance historic village assets e.g. footpaths, Millennium Common
- To maintain and enhance access to footpaths and open green spaces, views and waterways
- To use land efficiently and to preserve agricultural land.
- Promote and support local business
- To encourage and support home working.

Update on SC Neighbourhood Plan May 2017

The Parish Council has been awarded a grant of £10,000 from the Vale of White Horse District Council towards the cost of the neighbourhood plan.

Update on SC Neighbourhood Plan April 2017

The Vale of White Horse District Council has determined the Neighbourhood Plan Designated Boundary as shown on the plan below.



Unfortunately the District Council did not agree to the inclusion of the whole parish, and has removed the power station site and Milton Park from the area that can be considered. The Neighbourhood Plan group can now work on the next stage and an application is being lodged with the Vale of White Horse District Council for the first available grant.

Update on SC Neighbourhood Plan June 2016

At the Vicar's Fun Day on the village green on Sunday May 15th, the campaign for our village to have a Neighbourhood Development Plan – "SC30" sprang into action. Villagers old and young came to our stall and expressed their views – the process has begun...

We can't put a stop to new developments, but we can influence their impact on the environment, safety, conservation, local services and amenities.

Created in conjunction with the Parish Council, our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) will ensure developers do more towards accommodating our needs and concerns, and take responsibility for delivering housing projects that don't detract from the quality of life that makes our village so special.

Once adopted, our NDP will be a legally binding land use document that means Sutton Courtenay can have a real say in the nature and scope of future developments. Without a NDP we will have no influence in shaping the future of Sutton Courtenay.

Update on SC Neighbourhood Plan May 2016

Confusing terminology – **Community Led Plan, Neighbourhood Plan, Local Plan?** You may have heard these names being spoken about locally, and wondered whether they were the same thing or not. There can be some confusion about what precisely each plan is.

Local Plan – The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) requires local planning authorities to prepare, maintain and publish a Local Development Scheme. The Scheme sets out the timetable for the production of Development Plan Documents. The Vale Local Plan 2031 forms part of this, and contains planning strategies and policies for the use, protection or development of land. The Plan has to be in general conformity with government guidance such as the National Planning Policy Framework. The preparation of such a Plan is a statutory requirement, and covers the wider Vale area. The community is a consultee only in such a Plan.

Neighbourhood Plan – These Plans are not compulsory but give communities the right to have a say where development takes place in the area covered by the Plan and have a vision for the future. They allow the community to have a stronger role in shaping the area in which they live. Such a Plan can be initiated by the Parish Council, and once it has gone through the due process, it attains the same legal status as the Local Plan, and becomes part of the statutory development process. Neighbourhood Plans do have to comply with the policies within the national framework and the wider Vale District Council plans.

Community Led Plan – Such a Plan allows local people to come together to explore the needs for the village area, set priorities and produce action plans to realise local aspirations. They are not part of any statutory framework, are not compulsory, but they do bring together the thoughts of the community on what the local key issues are.

Update on SC Neighbourhood Plan March 2016

Sutton Courtenay Parish Council has embarked upon the creation of our Neighbourhood Plan (NP). At our first Steering Group meeting on 8th February the following roles were decided:

- Interim Chair - Joanna O'Callaghan
- Secretary – Catriona Brodribb

It was agreed that subsequent meetings should be fortnightly. The first task of the group will be to decide what area the NP should cover. This could be our parish boundary or it could be reduced or extended if this is agreed with an adjoining parish council. Once a decision has been made it will need to be formally approved by The Vale. Once the area has been accepted a programme for the plan will be prepared. At this point the issues that residents want the NP to address can be identified. It is at this stage we will require your input in order to describe:

- The strengths and positive features of the village, things that you value and would like to keep.
- The largest threat to the wellbeing of our village.
- The negative features of the village, things that you don't like and would like to get rid of or improve.
- Those things missing from our village that you would like to see added.
- How can we make the most of our resources?

Our NP is a very real opportunity to incorporate your views and determine how the VWHDC Local Plan is applied to our village. The NP must be a genuine community document involving residents, community organisations, businesses and landowners. We need your help so please get in touch.

Update on SC Neighbourhood Plan February 2016

The Parish Council has resolved to undertake a neighbourhood plan for the area. This will set out the aims and vision for the future.

Everyone in Sutton Courtenay was invited to submit comments and/or attend the Neighbourhood Planning information evening on 25/11/2015. The event was attended by 66 people from across the village and was chaired by Community First Oxfordshire. Attendees heard an overview of Neighbourhood Plans from David Potter (VoWH District Council Neighbourhood Planning Officer), followed by a short, practical presentation about how a NP is produced, including timescales, costs, process and resources from Claire Myerson (SCPC). Richard Williams (Drayton PC) gave a community perspective of Neighbourhood Planning. Drayton is the adjoining parish to Sutton Courtenay and is subject to similar and sometimes overlapping development issues. Drayton's Neighbourhood Plan recently received 90% support at a community referendum and has been adopted by VoWH District Council. Mr Williams explained that the NP had involved much hard work but had been a very worthwhile process. It had described what the people of Drayton wanted to see in the future to improve their village, while significantly improving the Parish Council negotiating position with developers. Following the presentations, attendees were then asked to discuss in smaller groups the positives and negatives for neighbourhood planning in Sutton Courtenay. At the end of the evening, each group summarised the main arguments as they saw them and 17 villagers also volunteered to get involved in the production of a neighbourhood plan, if it were to go ahead.

At the Sutton Courtenay Parish Council meeting on 1/12/2015, councillors discussed the merits of neighbourhood planning in SC – including many of the points for and against that were made at the information evening – and then voted to proceed with work on a plan for Sutton Courtenay, by a majority of 5 to 4 in favour.

Most recently, there was a meeting on 14/1/2016 of the initial volunteer group that had expressed an interest in working on the plan. Attendees heard more about the formal process of producing a plan that we will need to go through in the coming months and that the first step was to appoint a steering group to lead production of the plan. The role of the NP steering group is to:

- Define the neighbourhood area
- Agree a budget, how this will be funded and managed including applying for grants and the appointment of specialist consultants or advisers
- Agree the governance structure for the project e.g. any working groups and what their specific responsibilities will be
- Prepare and agree a project plan which complies with the legislative requirements for producing a neighbourhood plan
- Manage working groups
- Ensure working groups have clear terms of reference related to their responsibilities and the project plan

The group heard that the Parish Council hoped to recruit a part-time administrator to support the steering group with its work from April 2016. The discussion also centred on the importance of making sure that the groups working on the plan represent the whole community and use the skills and knowledge of local people as far as possible. At the meeting, 16 villagers put their names forward to join the steering group and/or get more involved in one of the neighbourhood plan working groups in the future. The date for the first steering group meeting was set for 8/2/2016.

APPENDIX 8 – 2018 RESIDENTS QUESTIONNAIRE SAMPLE QUESTIONS



SUTTON COURTENAY 2030 SHAPING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR RESIDENTS

Please let us know your views

This is your chance to inform and influence the decision-makers in local government about what you want for your village's future. If you have any questions about completing this questionnaire or need any help with it please get in touch with your Distributor whose contact details are given below.

Your Distributor is: _____

Email: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Collection Date for your responses: _____

Web link for online completion of questionnaire:
www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk

Dear Neighbour,

Sutton Courtenay was identified as a larger village in the Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan and as such was allocated 220 new houses. That allocation has already been met but applications for further development are likely to be received in the future. Completing this questionnaire is an opportunity for you to shape and guide future development in Sutton Courtenay. All responses will be taken into account when producing Sutton Courtenay's Neighbourhood Plan (SCNP). The SCNP steering group, in consultation with you, is working on creating such a plan for our village.

Once approved and in place the SCNP will:

- aim to guide the growth and development of Sutton Courtenay to 2030 and beyond;
- establish policies by which future planning applications will be guided;
- have legal weight in setting out what development is acceptable to us in Sutton Courtenay. The SCNP, in conjunction with the Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan, will be used in determining planning applications in Sutton Courtenay;
- entitle the parish council to receive 25% (rather than only 15%) of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) revenues from any new development taking place in Sutton Courtenay. The SCNP must, therefore, envisage how the neighbourhood element of CIL should be allocated e.g. the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure or dealing with other demands a new development may place on the community.

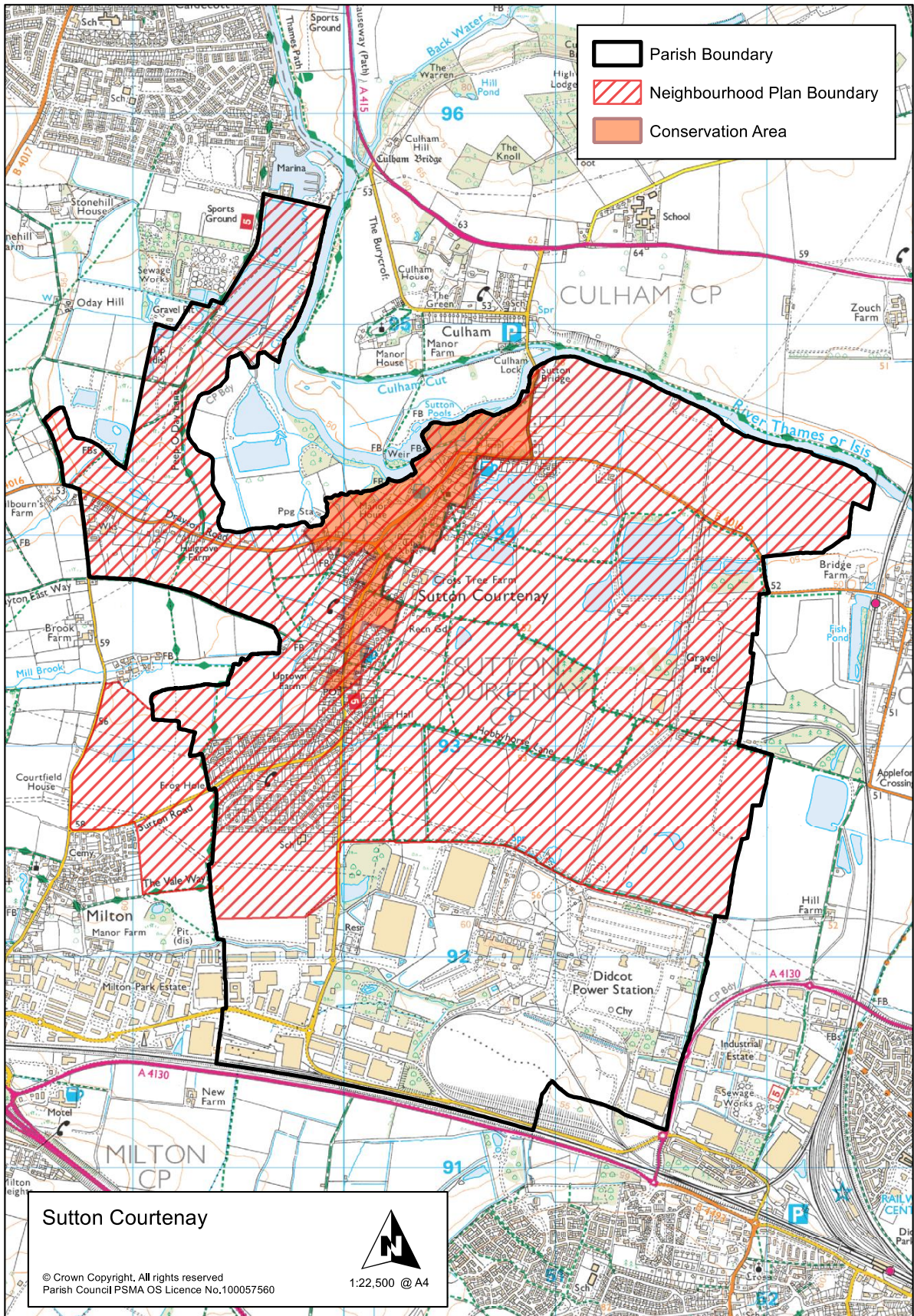
What we ask you to do

All residents aged 16 and over are invited to complete a survey. Please complete this survey as an individual. If more copies are required for your household it is available online or the Distributor can provide you with additional copies of the questionnaire. The more responses we get, the better our Neighbourhood Plan will be to deliver the sort of future we want as a community.

If you choose to complete the questionnaire online, please do not also complete this paper copy.

DEFINITIONS

Brownfield	Previously developed land that has the potential to be redeveloped.
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	This is the charge that developers are required to pay to the planning authority as a contribution to infrastructure development of the local area.
Conservation Area	The area of Sutton Courtenay that has been designated as an area "of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance".
Disability	Under the Disability Discrimination Act, disability is defined as "a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on the ability to carry out normal day to day activities".
Infrastructure	The basic physical structures and facilities needed for communities to operate effectively on a day to day basis e.g. roads, power supplies, communications etc.
Parish	A territorial boundary designation within a district.
Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Designated Area	The area designated by the Vale of White Horse District Council for which the Plan will be made.
Village Envelope	The developed area which is not usually extended beyond with a few exceptions. The three developments to the north of Milton Road have extended the village envelope.



SUTTON COURTENAY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

Please tick the appropriate box or answer in the space provided.

SECTION 1: ABOUT YOU

Q1.1 How old are you?

	Tick one
16-24	
25-39	
40-69	
70 plus	

Q1.2 Do you have an illness or condition that is considered a Disability?

	Tick one
No	
Yes	

Q1.3 How long have you lived in Sutton Courtenay?

	Tick one
Less than 1 year	
1 to 5 years	
6 to 10 years	
11 to 20 years	
21 to 40 years	
More than 40 years	

Q1.4 Indicate the road (or the nearest road to) where you live. (Tick one)

Abingdon Road		Churchmere Road		High Street		The Nursery	
All Saints' Lane		Church Street		Hilliers Close		Old Wallingford Way	
Amey Close		Courtenay Close		Hillyard Barns		Rye Gardens & Partridge Way	
Appleford Road		Drayton Road		Hobbyhorse Lane		Southfield Drive	
Asquith Park		Frilsham Street		Katchside		Spring Field Way	
Barretts Way		Ginge Brook		Lady Place		Town Close	
Bradstocks Way		The Green		Long Barn		Tullis Close	
Brook Street		Harwell Road		Mill Lane		Tyrrells Way	
Chapel Lane		Heritage Park		Milton Road		Other (please specify below)	

Q1.5 From the list below, what are the top 4 things that you most value about living in Sutton Courtenay? (Tick **up to FOUR** most important to you)

Transport links		Recreation Ground & open spaces	
Close to open countryside		Pubs	
Village school		Shops	
Physical Environment		Sports and other recreational activities	
Convenient for work		Community spirit	
Close to family / friends		Other (please specify below)	

Q1.6 Do you take part in any group activities in Sutton Courtenay? (e.g. sports, clubs, societies, church) (Tick one)

At least weekly		Once every 3 months	
Fortnightly		Once every year	
Monthly		Never	

SECTION 2: CURRENT HOUSING NEED AND HOUSING

Q2.1 What type of property do you currently occupy? If it does not suit your current needs, what would better meet your needs **now**? (Tick all that apply)

	Current Home	Required Need
Flat		
House/bungalow 1 Bedroom		
House/bungalow 2 Bedroom house		
House/bungalow 3 Bedroom house		
4+ Bedroom house/bungalow		
Private housing for rent		
Affordable housing for rent		
Affordable housing for shared ownership		
Sheltered housing		
Homes to suit the needs of older generations - Bungalows		
Homes to suit the needs of older generations - Retirement living		
Other (please specify in space below)		

Q2.2 What do you anticipate your housing need will be in **10+ years**? (tick all that apply)

Flat	
House/bungalow 1 Bedroom	
House/bungalow 2 Bedroom house	
House/bungalow 3 Bedroom house	
4+ Bedroom house/bungalow	
Private housing for rent	
Affordable housing for rent/	
Affordable housing for shared ownership	
Sheltered housing	
Homes to suit the needs of older generations - Bungalows	
Homes to suit the needs of older generations - Retirement living	
Move from Family Home	
Closer to employment	
No change in housing	
Other (please specify in space below)	

Q2.3 Where do you anticipate living in **10 years' time**? (tick all that apply)

Stay in current home	
Move within Sutton Courtenay	
Move away from Sutton Courtenay due to over-development	
Move away from Sutton Courtenay due to high house prices	
Move away from Sutton Courtenay as my housing need will not be met	
Not sure	
Other (please specify in space below)	

Q2.4 Should applications for further development come forward in the future, where would you like to see that development built? (Tick one box per row)

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
On infill sites (1-2 houses) within the village envelope			
On larger sites within the village envelope (not brownfield)			
On existing brownfield sites within the village envelope			
On sites which will extend the village envelope			
None of the above			

Q2.5 What are important considerations in the design and layout of housing developments? (Tick **up to FOUR** most important to you)

In keeping with existing design and street scenes	
Modern, innovative structures	
In keeping with the housing character of Sutton Courtenay	
Suitability for elderly and those with restricted mobility	
Adequate storage (bins etc.)	
Adequate off-street parking	
Communal greens and open spaces	
Landscaping	
Green initiatives (e.g. solar panels, bicycle storage)	
Other (please specify in space below)	

Q2.6 As a community, which of the following aspects of development would you like to see in Sutton Courtenay over the next 10+ years? (Tick **up to FOUR** most important to you)

Housing	
Residential Amenity (e.g. car parking, communal areas)	
Countryside (e.g. footpaths, access to open fields)	
Leisure & Recreational Facilities (e.g. playing pitches, Village Hall)	
Rural Diversification (change in use of farmland, for example, to office space, farm shops)	
Environmental Issues (e.g. variety of plants or animals, air quality)	
Transport (e.g. parking, traffic management, public transport)	
Economic Development (e.g. employment, working from home)	
Retaining and encouraging more shops & offices	

SECTION 3: LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

Q3.1 In your opinion, which of the following would help to enhance the general appearance of Sutton Courtenay? (Tick **up to FOUR** most important to you)

Improved footpaths	
Improved pavements	
Improved street lighting	
More dog-waste bins	
More benches	
More litter-bins	
More shops (please state type of shop here_____)	
Planting more flowers	
Planting more trees & shrubs	
Tidy roadside verges	
Other (please specify in space below)	

Q3.2 Please tick **up to FOUR** of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you.

	Tick	Please give a brief explanation why you chose this space
The Green		
Churchyard & cemetery		
Land adjacent to Ginge Brook		
Millennium Common		
Paths & meadows along the Thames		
Meadow south of the village school		
Recreation Ground		
The Triangle		
All public footpaths		
Green Belt between Sutton Courtenay & neighbouring villages & towns		
Views over farmland		
Distant views to Wittenham Clumps & The Ridgeway		
Other (please specify in space below)		

Q3.3 How important to you are the views entering and leaving Sutton Courtenay? (Tick one)

Very important	
Quite important	
Not important at all	
No opinion	

Q3.4 Please tick **up to FOUR** of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay.

	Tick	Please give a brief explanation why you chose this answer
Community orchard		
Community-run garden		
Provision for additional allotments		
Maintenance of riverbanks & streams		
Encourage wildlife habitats		
Minimise light pollution		
Minimise noise pollution		
Encourage unobtrusive alternative energy installations (wind-power, solar panels)		
Other (please specify)		

Q3.5 In general, is the street lighting in Sutton Courtenay adequate? (Tick one)

Yes	
No	

If you know of specific locations where street lighting needs improving please specify below:

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Q3.6 Should there be more provision for charging electric cars within Sutton Courtenay? (Tick one)

Yes	
No	

SECTION 4: COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Facilities & Services

Q4.1 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the availability and suitability of the following services and facilities in Sutton Courtenay? (Tick one box per row)

Service/facility	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	No opinion/ Don't know
Health & Welfare (doctor, dentist etc.)			
Schools			
Preschool and Childcare			
Indoor facilities for sport leisure, exercise and recreation			
Outdoor facilities for sport leisure, exercise and recreation			
Range of retail outlets (shops, pubs etc.)			
For the young (under 18)			
For older people (65 or over)			
Facilities for hire for functions			
Access for people with disabilities			
Allotments			
Provision for clubs & societies			
Police & security measures			
If you have answered 'dissatisfied' for any of the above, please explain here what improvements you would like to see			

Business and Local Economy

We need your opinion on business and employment in Sutton Courtenay.

Q4.2 Do you think there is a need for the following types of small-scale business development in Sutton Courtenay? (Tick all that apply)

Extra shops	
Small commercial units	
Small starter office units	
Creative workshop spaces	
Serviced office units	
None at all	
Other (please specify in space below)	

Q4.3 Should we encourage more local businesses? (Tick one)

Yes	
No	
No opinion	

Q4.4 Should we encourage more local jobs? (Tick one)

Yes	
No	
No opinion	

Q4.5 If you think we need more businesses or jobs in Sutton Courtenay, please suggest what is needed and where in the space below:

What is needed	Where should it be located

Historical Buildings & Conservation Area (Heritage)

Q4.6 Is it important to you that development does not have a harmful impact on historic buildings and the Conservation Area in Sutton Courtenay? (Tick one)

Very important	
Quite important	
Not important at all	

Q4.7 Should the current Conservation Area be extended?

	Tick one	Please give reasons
Yes		
No		
No opinion		

SECTION 5: INFRASTRUCTURE, TRAVEL & TRANSPORT, & COMMUNICATIONS

Infrastructure

Q5.1 With regard to infrastructure, how do you rate the following? (Tick one box per row)

	Good	Acceptable	Needs to be improved	(If needs to be improved, how & where does it need to be improved)
Sewage/drainage				
Water Supply				
Mobile phone				
Broadband				
Pavements				
Rural footpaths				
Cycle Paths				
Roads				

Q5.2 Should all future developments include flood-prevention measures to reduce the impact of a flood? (Tick one)

Yes	
No	
No opinion	

Q5.3 Should all future development include green energy measures such as solar panels or heat pumps? (Tick one)

Yes	
No	
No opinion	

Q5.4 Should all future development include the latest available broadband technology? (Tick one)

Yes	
No	
No opinion	

Travel & Transport

Please consider all aspects of your regular travel.

Q5.5 Which method of travel do you regularly use for the following: (Tick all means of transport that apply to each activity undertaken. Please ignore 'Walk' if this is just walking to or from your car/bus/train to your destination.)

	Car/ Van	Bus	Park n Ride	Train	Motor- bike	Bicycle	Walk	Taxi	Other	N/A
Commute to/ From school/ Work										
Commute to/ from station										
Travel on business										
Take children to/from school										
Grocery shopping										
Other shopping										
Visit family/friends										
Take part in leisure Activities										
Health visits e.g. doctor/ dentist										

Train

Q5.6a If you use the train for commuting, from which station do you start your journey? (Tick all that apply)

Didcot	
Appleford	
Culham	
Oxford	
Other (please specify in space below)	

Q5.6b If you do not use Appleford or Culham train stations what would encourage you to use them? (Tick **up to FOUR** most important to you)

Greater frequency	
Better reliability	
More affordable fares	
Better parking	
Better cycle routes	
Better bus connections	
Easier access for getting on/off the platform	
Other (please specify in space below)	

Bus

Q5.6c If you do not use the bus or infrequently use the bus, what would encourage you to use it? (Tick **up to FOUR** most important to you)

Improved times	
Better located bus stops	
Better reliability of bus service	
More bus shelters	
Live travel updates	
More convenient transport connections	
Easier access for getting on/off the bus	
More appropriate destinations	
Better links to hubs of employment	
More affordable fares	
Shorter journey times	
I do not want to use the bus service	
Other (please specify in space below)	

Cycling

Q5.6d In your opinion, which of the following make using a bicycle unsafe in the village? (Tick **up to FOUR** most important to you)

Heavy Traffic	
Speeding Traffic	
HGVs	
Lack of street lighting	
Parked cars	
Inadequate safe cycle routes within Sutton Courtenay	
Inadequate safe cycle route connections to other destinations	
Inadequate cycle route links to hubs of employment	
I do not use a bicycle	
Other (please specify in space below)	

Walking

Q5.6e What would encourage you to walk more as a means of transport or leisure? (Tick **up to FOUR** most important to you)

Better maintained footpaths	
Better maintained pavements	
Safer road crossings	
Less litter/animal faeces	
Better accessibility for wheelchairs, walking aids or prams/buggies?	
No verge parking	
Better lighting	
Better security	
I do not want to walk as a means of transport	
Other (please specify in space below)	

Traffic Management

Q5.7 With regard to traffic management, please tick the methods you would like to see: (tick **up to FOUR** most important to you)

More parking provision		Rumble strips	
Improved road surfaces		Ban HGVs	
Traffic lights		Relief road	
Chicanes		Speed cameras	
Lower speed limits		Speed indicators	
Mini roundabouts		Other (please specify in space below)	
More speed humps			
Please write in the box below any roads or junctions in Sutton Courtenay that you believe are danger spots and in need of traffic calming or better traffic management:			

Q5.8 A new river crossing has been proposed. Two possible routes have been identified: either west of the railway (between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford) or east of the railway beyond Appleford? Which of the proposed routes do you support?

Route Option	Tick one	Please give reason
West of the railway (between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford)		
East of the railway beyond Appleford		
Neither		
No opinion		

Communication

Q5.9 Which of the following do you use currently for information or communication? (Tick all that apply)

Sutton Courtenay Parish Council Website	
Sutton Courtenay News Website	
Sutton Courtenay News	
Notice Boards	
Social media	
Other (please specify in space below)	

Q5.10 Do you think Sutton Courtenay events are sufficiently publicised in the Sutton Courtenay News, the websites or noticeboards? (Tick one)

Yes	
No	
No opinion	

SECTION 6: DEVELOPER FUNDING

When in place, the Neighbourhood Plan will ensure that Sutton Courtenay gets 25% of the CIL. These funds can be used to carry out works to ensure that the local amenities can continue to operate or be improved to meet the needs of the increase in population.

Q6.1 If such funds are available, how would you like them to be used? (Please tick a maximum of **4 boxes**)

Maintain and improve the Recreation Ground and play equipment	
Create play areas at the southern end of the village (Primary School end)	
Modernise and increase the Village Hall facilities for local group users	
Develop more facilities for children and young adults	
Improve provisions for and expand the area of the allotments	
Provide a Community Transport Service	
Improve footpaths/cycle ways across the parish	
Provide more street furniture in the village (benches/bins etc.)	
Commission and install an art sculpture	
Provide landscaping for the village (flowers, shrubs, trees)	
Improve access to the internet	
Provide a hub to support working from home	
Other (please specify in space below)	

Please use this space to comment on any relevant issues you feel have not been covered in this questionnaire or if you would like to give more feedback on a question that has been asked.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

What Happens Now:

The data collected from all respondents will be analysed and working groups set-up to look at further building the evidence base for the topics you have identified as significant to feed into policies for the draft Neighbourhood Plan. There will be further consultation of the draft Plan and it then will be submitted for independent examination and approval.

A referendum will be organised by the Vale of White Horse District Council at which residents of Sutton Courtenay will vote. Provided the majority vote to accept the Plan it will be adopted as an official policy document. Sutton Courtenay Parish Council will be responsible for implementing the Plan.

If you would like to get involved please get in touch with the
Parish Council Clerk, Mrs L Martin 01865 391833
or info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk

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All views given in the questionnaire will remain anonymous and confidential and will be analysed in accordance with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) when it comes into force on 25 May 2018.

APPENDIX 9 – 2018 RESIDENTS QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES



**SUTTON COURTENAY
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
RESIDENTS SURVEY RESULTS
2018

FINAL REPORT**

**Prepared by:
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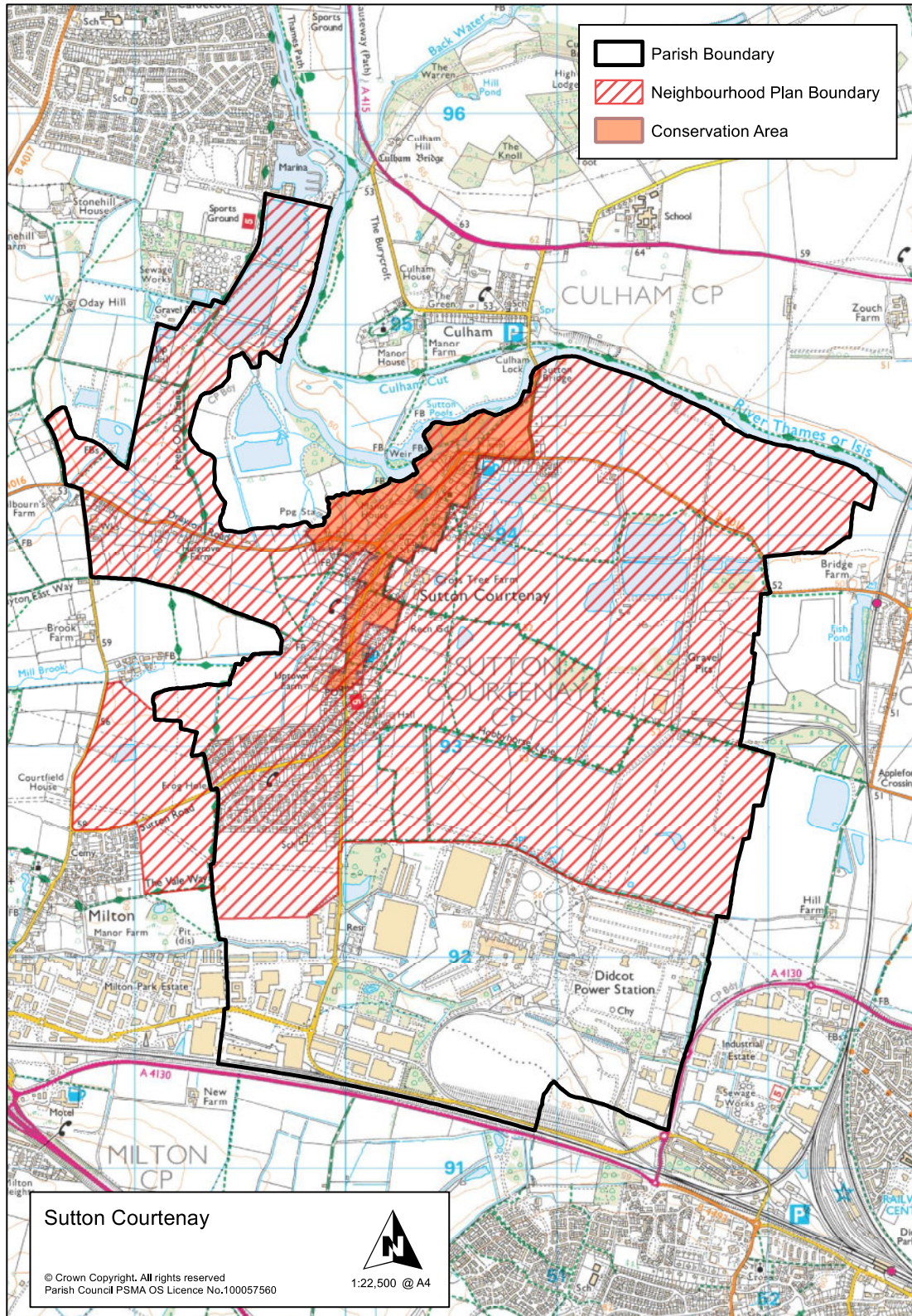
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"Q5a" From the list below, what are the top 4 things that you most value about living in Sutton Courtenay? If other, please specify below
"Q7m" What type of property do you currently occupy? If it does not suit your current needs, what would better meet your needs now? If other, please specify below
"Q8a" What do you anticipate your housing need will be in 10+ years? If other, please specify below
"Q9a" Where do you anticipate living in 10 years' time? If other, please specify below
"Q11a" What are important considerations in the design and layout of housing developments? If other, please specify below
"Q13a" In your opinion, which of the following would help to enhance the general appearance of Sutton Courtenay? If other, please specify below
"Q13b" In your opinion, which of the following would help to enhance the general appearance of Sutton Courtenay? If more shops, state type of shop below
"Q14a" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you. If other, please specify below
"Q14b" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you. Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space – The Green
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"Q14e" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you. Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space – Millennium Common
"Q14f" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you. Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you

chose the space – Paths & meadows along the Thames
"Q14g" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you. Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space – Meadow south of the village school
"Q14i" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you. Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space – The Triangle
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"Q14l" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you. Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space – Views over farmland
"Q14m" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you. Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space – Distant views to Wittenham Clumps & The Ridgeway
"Q14" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you. Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space – Responses from online survey not split out
"Q16a" Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay. If other, please specify below
"Q16b" Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay. Please give a brief explanation of why you chose this answer – Community orchard
"Q16c" Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay. Please give a brief explanation of why you chose this answer – Community-run garden
"Q16d" Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay. Please give a brief explanation of why you chose this answer – Provision for additional allotments
"Q16e" Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay. Please give a brief explanation of why you chose this answer – Maintenance of riverbanks and streams
"Q16f" Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay. Please give a brief explanation of why you chose this answer – Encourage wildlife habitats
"Q16g" Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay. Please give a brief explanation of why you chose this answer – Minimise light pollution
"Q16h" Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay. Please give a brief explanation of why you chose this answer – Minimise noise pollution
"Q16i" Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay. Please give a brief explanation of why you chose this answer - Encourage unobtrusive alternative energy installation (wind-power, solar panels)
"Q16" Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay. Please give a brief explanation of why you chose this answer - Responses from online survey not split out
"Q17a" In general, is the street lighting in Sutton Courtenay adequate? If you know of specific locations where street lighting needs improving please specify below:
"Q19n" How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the availability and suitability of the following services and facilities in Sutton Courtenay? If you have answered 'dissatisfied' for any of the above, please explain here what improvements you would like to see.

"Q20a" Do you think there is a need for the following types of small-scale business development in Sutton Courtenay? If other, please specify below
"Q23" If you think we need more businesses or jobs in Sutton Courtenay, please suggest what is needed and where it should be located in the space below.
"Q25a" Should the current Conservation Area be extended? Please give reasons for your answer of "Yes".
"Q25b" Should the current Conservation Area be extended? Please give reasons for your answer of "No".
"Q25c" Should the current Conservation Area be extended? Please give reasons for your answer of "No opinion".
"Q25d" Should the current Conservation Area be extended? Please give reasons for your answer – Responses from online survey not split out
"Q26i" With regard to infrastructure, how do you rate the following? If ticked needs to be improved for any, how & where does it need to be improved – Sewage/Drainage
"Q26j" With regard to infrastructure, how do you rate the following? If ticked needs to be improved for any, how & where does it need to be improved – Water supply
"Q26k" With regard to infrastructure, how do you rate the following? If ticked needs to be improved for any, how & where does it need to be improved – Mobile phone
"Q26l" With regard to infrastructure, how do you rate the following? If ticked needs to be improved for any, how & where does it need to be improved – Broadband
"Q26m" With regard to infrastructure, how do you rate the following? If ticked needs to be improved for any, how & where does it need to be improved – Pavements
"Q26n" With regard to infrastructure, how do you rate the following? If ticked needs to be improved for any, how & where does it need to be improved – Rural footpaths
"Q26o" With regard to infrastructure, how do you rate the following? If ticked needs to be improved for any, how & where does it need to be improved – Cycle paths
"Q26p" With regard to infrastructure, how do you rate the following? If ticked needs to be improved for any, how & where does it need to be improved – Roads
"Q26" With regard to infrastructure, how do you rate the following? If ticked needs to be improved for any, how & where does it need to be improved & which you are referring to - Responses from online survey not split out
"Q31a" If you use the train for commuting, from which station do you start your journey? If other, please specify below
"Q32a" If you do not use Appleford or Culham train stations what would encourage you to use them? If other, please specify below
"Q33a" If you do not use the bus or infrequently use the bus, what would encourage you to use it? If other, please specify below
"Q34a" In your opinion which of the following make using a bicycle unsafe in the village? If other, please specify below
"Q35a" What would encourage you to walk more as a means of transport or leisure? If other, please specify below
"Q36a" With regard to traffic management, please tick the methods you would like to see: If other, please specify below
"Q36b" Please write in the box below any roads or junctions in Sutton Courtenay that you believe are danger spots and in need of traffic calming or better traffic management.
"Q37a" A new river crossing has been proposed. Two possible routes have been identified: either west of the railway (between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford) or east of the railway beyond Appleford? Which of the proposed routes do you support? Please give reason for your answer below - West of the railway (between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford)
"Q37b" A new river crossing has been proposed. Two possible routes have been identified: either west of the railway (between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford) or east of the railway beyond Appleford? Which of the proposed routes do you support? Please give reason for your answer below - East of the railway beyond Appleford
"Q37c" A new river crossing has been proposed. Two possible routes have been identified: either west of the railway (between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford) or east of the railway beyond Appleford? Which of the proposed routes do you support? Please give reason for your answer below - Neither.

"Q37d" A new river crossing has been proposed. Two possible routes have been identified: either west of the railway (between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford) or east of the railway beyond Appleford? Which of the proposed routes do you support? Please give reason for your answer below - No opinion
"Q37" A new river crossing has been proposed. Two possible routes have been identified: either west of the railway (between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford) or east of the railway beyond Appleford? Which of the proposed routes do you support? Please give reason for your answer below - Responses from online survey not split out.
"Q38a" Which of the following do you use currently for information or communication? If other, please specify below
"Q40a" If such funds are available, how would you like them to be used? If other, please specify below
"Q41" Please use this space to comment on any relevant issues you feel have not been covered in this questionnaire or if you would like to give more feedback on a question that has been asked.



1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report contains the results of the survey produced for the community by the Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, made up of local volunteers and parish councillors.

Sutton Courtenay was identified as a larger village in the Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan. The survey was designed in order for residents to have an opportunity to shape and guide future development in Sutton Courtenay.

Once approved and in place the Neighbourhood Plan will:

- Aim to guide the growth and development of Sutton Courtenay to 2030 and beyond;
- Establish policies by which future planning applications will be guided;
- Have legal weight in setting out what development is acceptable to us in Sutton Courtenay. The SCNP, in conjunction with the Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan, will be used in determining planning applications in Sutton Courtenay;
- Entitle the parish council to receive 25% (rather than only 15%) of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) revenues from any new development taking place in Sutton Courtenay.

The results from the Survey will be vital to the evidence base which forms the foundations of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

2.0 METHODOLOGY

The Performance, Consultation and Insight section at Stratford-on-Avon District Council (SDC) offers its services as a market research agency to other District Councils, Parish and Town Councils and other public bodies. The section was engaged by Sutton Courtenay, as they could offer a fully comprehensive independent market research project.

All households were delivered a questionnaire. All residents aged 16 and over were invited to complete a survey. If more copies were required by a household, it was available online or via their distributor.

All households in the Parish were visited by 25 volunteers – 1196 houses (as provided by the Vale of White Horse District Council in April 2018).

The survey ran from 1st June 2018, with a closing date of 31st July 2018, although questionnaires were accepted after this date.

663 questionnaires were completed in total, 517 paper questionnaires received and 146 online.

All the information provided was processed by an independent third party, and Stratford-on-Avon District Council (SDC) aggregated and analysed the responses to create this final report. This allowed complete confidentiality for the responses.

The report follows the order of the questionnaire. Charts and tables are used throughout the report to assist the interpretation of the results. In some cases, anomalies appear due to "rounding". The term "base" in the tables and charts refers to the number of responses to a particular question. These are shown with a bracket around the number.

3.0 SUMMARY OF RESULTS

3.1 Profile

- 58% of residents were in the 40 years old to 69 years old age group, with 25% 70 plus, 14% in the 25 to 39 year old age bracket and 4% in the 16 to 24 year old age group.
- 11% of respondents had an illness or condition that is considered a disability.
- 24% of respondents had lived in Sutton Courtenay between one and five years, 22% between 21 and 40 years and 21% for 11 to 20 years.
- Asked what four things residents felt they most valued about living in Sutton Courtenay, 82% liked living close to open countryside, 40% valued the Recreation Ground and open spaces, 39% of people valued living near to family and friends, and 38% liked the physical environment.
- Of those surveyed, 39% never take part in any group activities in Sutton Courtenay. 14% claimed they took part at least on a weekly basis, 4% on a fortnightly basis, 10% on a monthly basis, 13% once every three months and 20% once every year.

3.2 Current Housing Need and Housing

- 47% live in a house or bungalow containing four or more bedrooms, 32% live in a house or bungalow with three bedrooms, and 11% properties that contains two bedrooms.
- If residents felt their property did not meet their current needs they were asked what sort of property they would require. 36% of residents would like to live in a house or bungalow containing four or more bedrooms, 22% live in a house or bungalow with three bedrooms and 11% properties that contains two bedrooms.
- Asked what they anticipate their housing need to be in 10+ years, 28% thought they would be in a 4+ bedroom house/bungalow, 21% in a three bedroom house/bungalow and 14% in a two bedroom house/bungalow. 10% would like to live in homes to suit the needs of older generations (retirement living). 27% of respondents anticipate no change in their housing need.
- Asked where they anticipate living in ten years' time, exactly half think they will be in their current home, a quarter are not sure and 19% anticipate moving away from Sutton Courtenay due to over development. 12% anticipate moving within the village in 10 years' time.
- Should application for further development come forward in the future, 69% agreed they would like to see the development built on infill sites (1-2 houses) within the village envelope. 56% agreed they wished to see development built on existing brownfield sites within the village envelope.
- Disagreement on where further development in the future should be built was highest for two types; 79% disagreed it should be on sites which will extend the village envelope and 77% disagreed that they should be on larger sites within the village envelope (not brownfield).

- 74% felt there should be adequate off-street parking in any design of new housing developments, 68% felt the developments should be kept in keeping with the housing character of Sutton Courtenay, 55% would like development in keeping with the existing design and street scene with 50% wanting communal greens and open spaces.
- As a community, 76% of residents would like to see the countryside developed in the village over the next 10 plus years in terms of footpaths and access to open fields. 64% would like to see development to improve parking, traffic management and public transport. 52% want developments concerning leisure and recreational facilities such as playing pitches and the Village Hall. The same percentage, 52% would like environmental issues addressed such as the variety of plants or animals and air quality improvements.

3.3 Local Environment

- Asked what would enhance the general appearance on Sutton Courtenay, 61% of residents wished to see roadside verges tidied, 52% wanted improved pavements and 50% requested improved footpaths.
- Residents were asked to select four green spaces and/or views that are most important to them in Sutton Courtenay. For 55% of residents, The Green was the most important with the paths and meadows along the Thames also rated with the same percentage. 52% felt the Green Belt was in their four most important and 37% said all public footpaths were the most important.
- 91% rate the views entering and leaving Sutton Courtenay as very or quite important.
- Residents were asked to select the four top factors which they consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay. 68% of residents wanted to see the maintenance of the riverbank and streams as the top factor, followed by 63% wanting to see wildlife habitats encouraged, minimise noise pollution for 56% of residents and 28% wished for the encouragement of unobtrusive alternative energy installations.
- Just over seven out of ten residents feel the street lighting in Sutton Courtenay is adequate, with 28% saying it is inadequate.
- 58% of residents feel there should be more provision for charging electric cars in Sutton Courtenay.

3.4 Community Facilities and Services

- Residents were asked how satisfied they were with the availability and suitability of various services and facilities in Sutton Courtenay. Excluding those people who had no opinion or don't know, the highest rated was schools with a 90% satisfaction score. This was followed by preschool and childcare with 75% satisfaction and with 68% each, outdoor facilities for sport, leisure, exercise and recreation, plus the facilities for hire for functions.
- The top three with the highest dissatisfaction ratings were for health and welfare (74% dissatisfied), facilities for the young (69% dissatisfied), and indoor facilities for sport leisure, exercise and recreation (65% dissatisfied).

- Asked if there is need for small-scale business development in Sutton Courtenay, 47% of residents think there is a need for extra shops. Three out of ten are in favour of creative workshop spaces and 17% small starter office units.
- Exactly a third was not in favour of small-scale business development in the village.
- 47% of residents feel encouragement should be given to have more local businesses. Just under a quarter (23%) were against and 29% had no opinion.
- 53% feel encouragement should be given to have more local jobs. Exactly one in five were against and 27% had no opinion.
- Residents were asked how important it was to them that development does not have a harmful impact on historic buildings and the Conservation Area in Sutton Courtenay. 80% felt it was very important, 17% quite important and 3% not important at all.
- Asked whether the current Conservation Area be extended, 40% felt it should, 20% not extended, with 41% having no opinion at all.

3.5 Infrastructure, Travel and Transport & Communications

- Residents were asked to rate various pieces of infrastructure. The highest rated was water supply with 26% rating it good and 53% acceptable. 14% rated broadband as good and 45% acceptable, with sewage/drainage 13% good/54% acceptable.
- By far the piece of infrastructure requiring most improvement for residents are the roads, with almost three-quarters (74%) answering it needs to be improved.
- 88% of residents feel all future developments should include flood-prevention measures to reduce the impact of a flood.
- Exactly two-thirds of residents feel all future developments should include green energy measures such as solar panels or heat pumps. 8% were against the idea and exactly a quarter had no opinion at all.
- 81% of residents feel all future developments should include the latest available broadband technology, 3% were against and 16% had no opinion at all.
- A detailed question asked for residents' method of travel on a regular basis. Unsurprisingly the car dominates with 95% of health visits made using a car, 94% use a car to visit family and friends and 91% use it for grocery shopping.
- Looking at alternative modes of transport, 11% use the bus for other shopping trips and 9% use a bus to commute to and from the station. 14% use the train to travel on business and 9% to commute to and from school or work.
- 18% use a bicycle to take part in leisure activities, with 12% using one to commute. Exactly a quarter of residents walk to take part in leisure activities and 14% walk to visit family and friends. One in ten residents uses a taxi as part of their commute to and from the train station.
- Those that use a train for commuting were asked from what station they started their journey. 96% used Didcot, 6% Culham and 6% Oxford station.

- For those who do not use Appleford or Culham train stations, residents were asked what would encourage them more to use them. 64% felt greater frequency of trains would encourage them more, with 46% wanting better parking, 31% more affordable fares, and 29% better bus connections to the stations.
- If residents did not use the bus or infrequently use the bus, they were asked what would encourage them more to use it. 56% of respondents wanted improved times, 34% a better reliability of the service, 27% live travel updates and 25% more convenient transport connections.
- Residents were asked what they felt the reasons were for making using a bicycle unsafe in the village. 47% felt it was the heavy traffic, 43% speeding traffic, 41% parked cars, and 34% having inadequate safe cycle routes within Sutton Courtenay.
- Residents were asked what would encourage them to walk more as a means of transport or leisure. The top four responses were 53% who wished for better maintained footpaths, 47% who wanted better maintained pavements, 34% wanted to see no verge parking and 24% safer road crossings.
- The most important traffic management improvements for 69% were to see improved road surfaces. 51% would like a ban on HGVs, 43% more parking provision and 28% the installation of speed indicators.
- 29% of residents preferred that the new river crossing route be east of the railway beyond Appleford, 25% a new crossing to the west of the railway. 7% wanted neither option, and 39% had no opinion.
- 89% read Sutton Courtenay News, 30% used social media and 24% looked at the notice boards in the village. 10% went to the Sutton Courtenay News website and 8% visited the Sutton Courtenay Parish Council website.
- 74% of residents feel that Sutton Courtenay events are sufficiently publicised in the Sutton Courtenay News, the websites or noticeboards, with 11% of residents saying they are not and 16% having no opinion at all.

3.6 Developer Funding

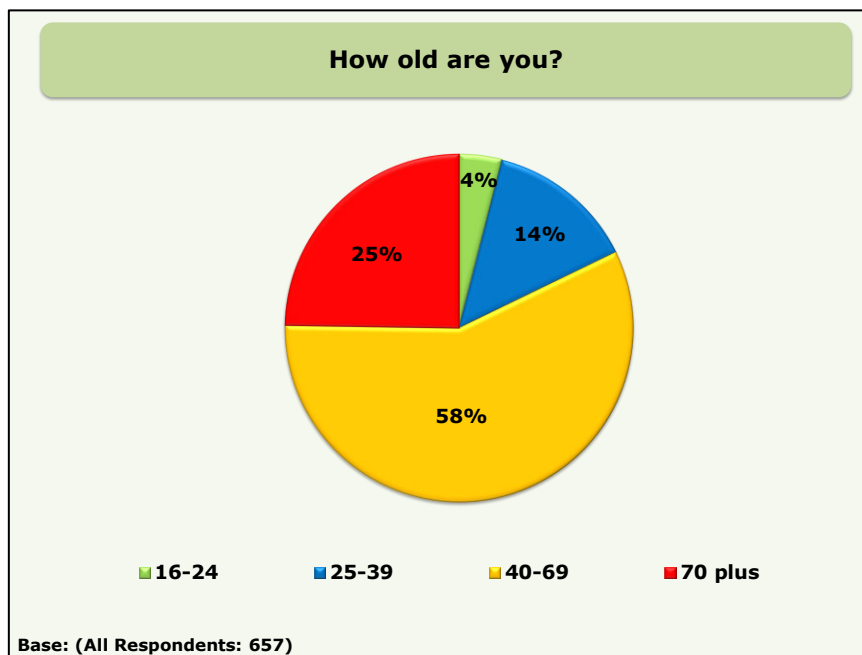
- Residents were asked if such funds were available from the Community Infrastructure Levy, what projects would they like them used for. Given a maximum of four choices, the top project wanted by exactly half of residents was to see the improvement of footpaths and cycle ways across the parish. 44% would like to see the modernisation and increase of the Village Hall facilities for local group users. 39% would like to see play areas created at the southern end of the village (Primary School End) and 36% would like to see more facilities developed for children and young adults.

4.0 RESULTS IN DETAIL

4.1 PROFILE

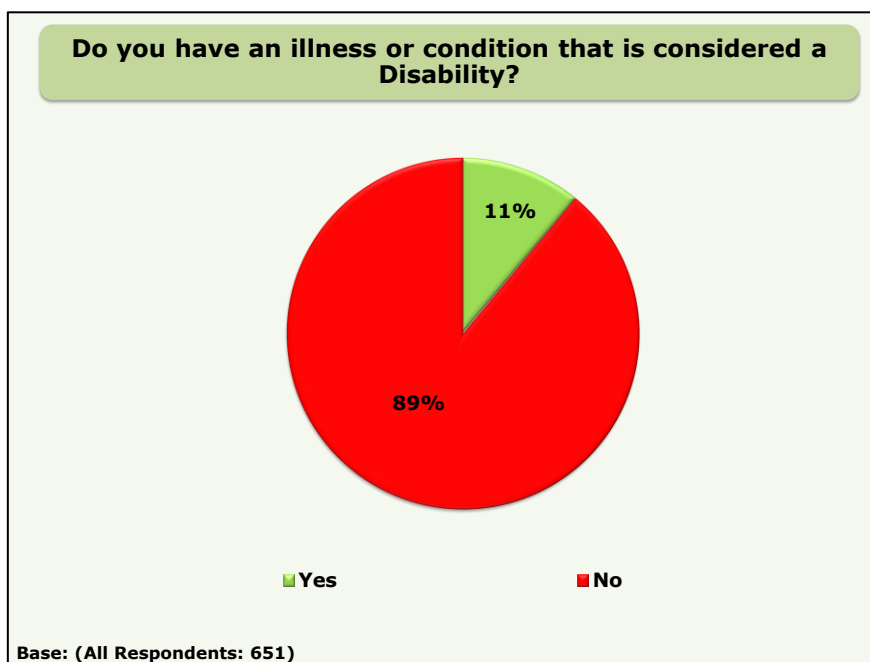
Residents were asked what age group they belonged to. 58% were in the 40 years old to 69 years old age group, with 25% 70 plus, 14% in the 25 to 39 year old age bracket and 4% in the 16 to 24 year old age group.

Chart 1:



11% of respondents had an illness or condition that is considered a disability.

Chart 2:



24% of respondents had lived in Sutton Courtenay between one and five years, 22% between 21 and 40 years and 21% for 11 to 20 years.

Chart 3:

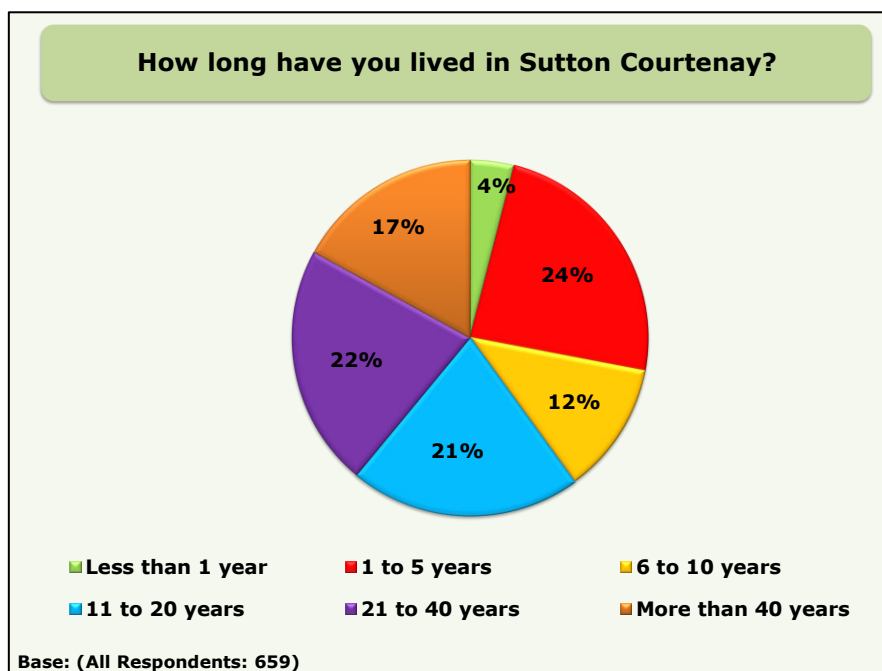


Table 1 shows a list of the roads and the responses received from them. 96 responses were received from people living on the High Street.

Table 1:

Indicate the road (or nearest road to) where you live					
8 (1%)	Abingdon Road	20 (3%)	Drayton Road	4 (1%)	Long Barn
15 (2%)	All Saints' Lane	24 (4%)	Firilsham Street	8 (1%)	Mill Lane
5 (1%)	Amey Close	3 (0%)	Ginge Brook	62 (9%)	Milton Road
32 (5%)	Appleford Road	12 (2%)	The Green	0 (0%)	The Nursery
28 (4%)	Asquith Park	36 (5%)	Harwell Road	7 (1%)	Old Wallingford Way
25 (4%)	Barretts Way	0 (0%)	Heritage Park	4 (1%)	Rye Gardens & Partridge Way
45 (7%)	Bradstocks Way	96 (15%)	High Street	15 (2%)	Southfield Drive
10 (2%)	Brook Street	3 (0%)	Hilliers Close	13 (2%)	Spring Field Way
26 (4%)	Chapel Lane	3 (0%)	Hillyard Barns	6 (1%)	Town Close
17 (3%)	Churchmere Road	5 (1%)	Hobbyhorse Lane	20 (3%)	Tullis Close
22 (3%)	Church Street	10 (2%)	Katchside	18 (3%)	Tyrrells Way
7 (1%)	Courtenay Close	46 (7%)	Lady Place	0 (0%)	Other
Base: (All Respondents) (655)					

Asked what four things residents felt they most valued about living in Sutton Courtenay, 82% liked living close to open countryside, 40% valued the Recreation Ground and open spaces, 39% of people valued living near to family and friends, and 38% like the physical environment.

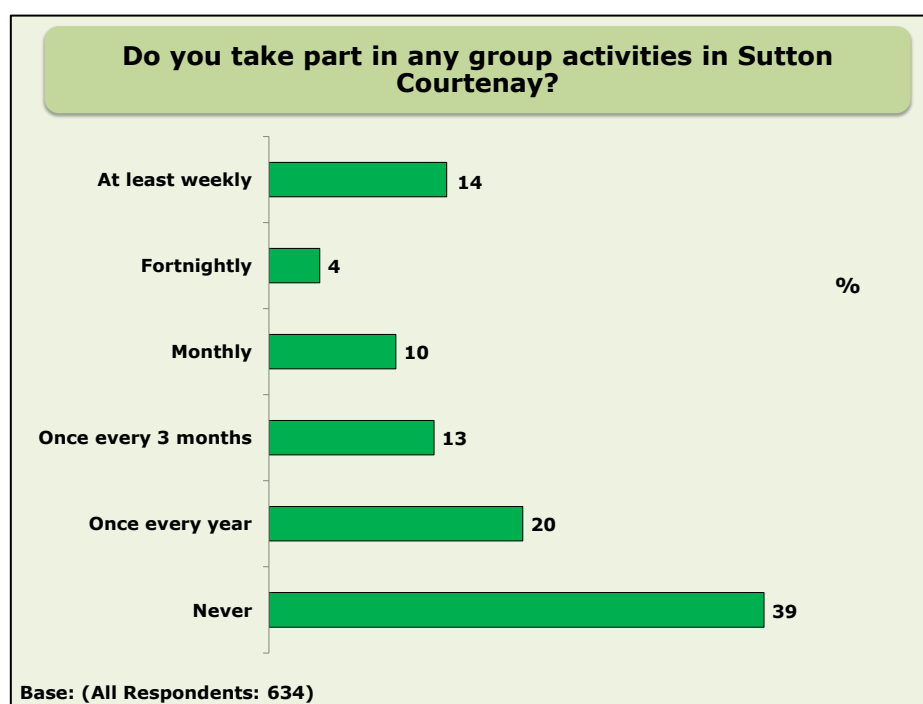
There were 36 other responses and these are listed in the Appendix.

Table 2:

From the list below, what are the top 4 things that you most value about living in Sutton Courtenay	Number	%
Close to open countryside	524	82
Recreation Ground and open spaces	258	40
Close to family / friends	248	39
Physical environment	247	38
Community spirit	206	32
Pubs	186	29
Transport links	167	26
Convenient for work	144	22
Shops	110	17
Village School	79	12
Sports and other recreational activities	39	6
Other	36	6
Base: (All Respondents) (642)		

Of those surveyed 39% never take part in any group activities in Sutton Courtenay. 14% claimed they took part at least on a weekly basis, 4% on a fortnightly basis, 10% on a monthly basis, 13% once every three months and 20% once every year.

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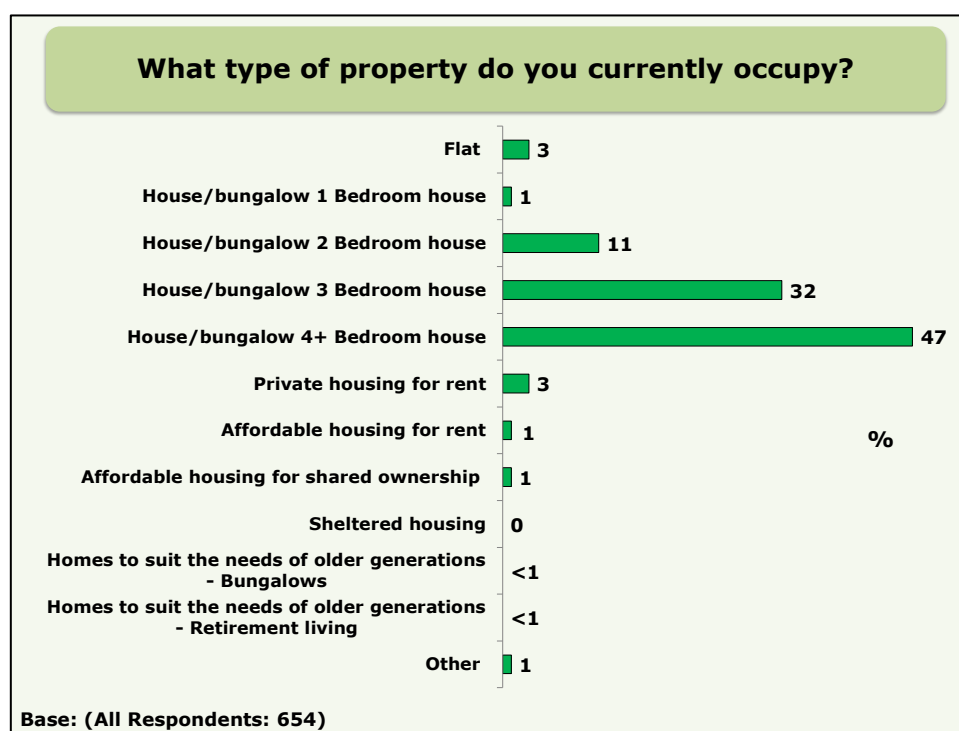


4.2 CURRENT HOUSING NEED AND HOUSING

Residents were asked what sort of property they currently occupy. 47% live in a house or bungalow containing four or more bedrooms, 32% live in a house or bungalow with three bedrooms and 11% live in a house or bungalow that contains two bedrooms.

7 other responses were provided and these are listed in the Appendix for the current home.

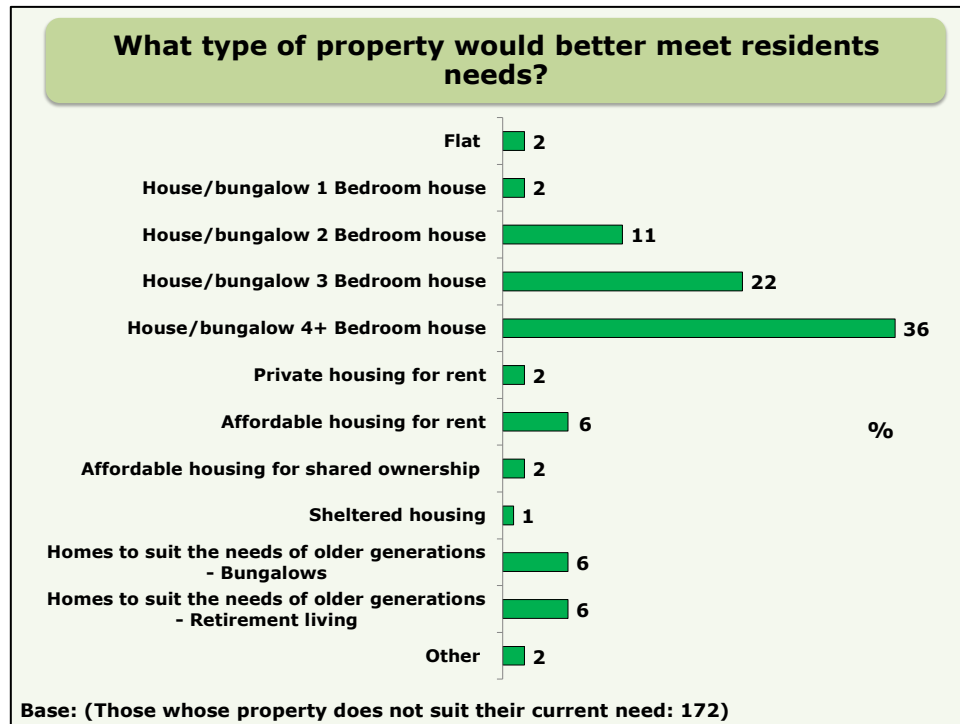
Chart 5:



If residents felt their property did not meet their current needs they were asked what sort of property they would require. 36% of residents would like to live in a house or bungalow containing four or more bedrooms, 22% live in a house or bungalow with three bedrooms and 11% ones that contains two bedrooms.

4 other responses were provided and these are listed in the Appendix for the required need.

Chart 6:



Asked what they anticipate their housing need to be in 10+ years, 28% thought they would be in a 4+ bedroom house/bungalow, 21% in a three bedroom house/bungalow and 14% in a two bedroom house/bungalow. 10% would like to live in homes to suit the needs of older generations (retirement living).

27% of respondents anticipate no change in their housing need.

There were 12 other responses and these are listed in the Appendix.

Table 3:

What do you anticipate your housing need will be in 10+ years?	Nos.	%
Flat	16	2
House/bungalow 1 bedroom	23	4
House/bungalow 2 bedroom	93	14
House/bungalow 3 bedroom	134	21
House/bungalow 4+ bedroom	181	28
Private housing for rent	8	1
Affordable housing for rent	22	3
Affordable housing for shared ownership	7	1
Sheltered housing	15	2
Homes to suit the needs of older generations – Bungalows	55	9
Homes to suit the needs of older generations – Retirement living	62	10
Move from family home	34	5
Closer to employment	9	1
No change in housing	174	27
Other	12	2
Base: (All Respondents) (645)		

Asked where they anticipate living in ten years' time, exactly half think they will be in their current home, a quarter are not sure and 19% anticipate moving away from Sutton Courtenay due to over development. 12% anticipate moving within the village in 10 years' time.

There were 34 other responses and these are listed in the Appendix.

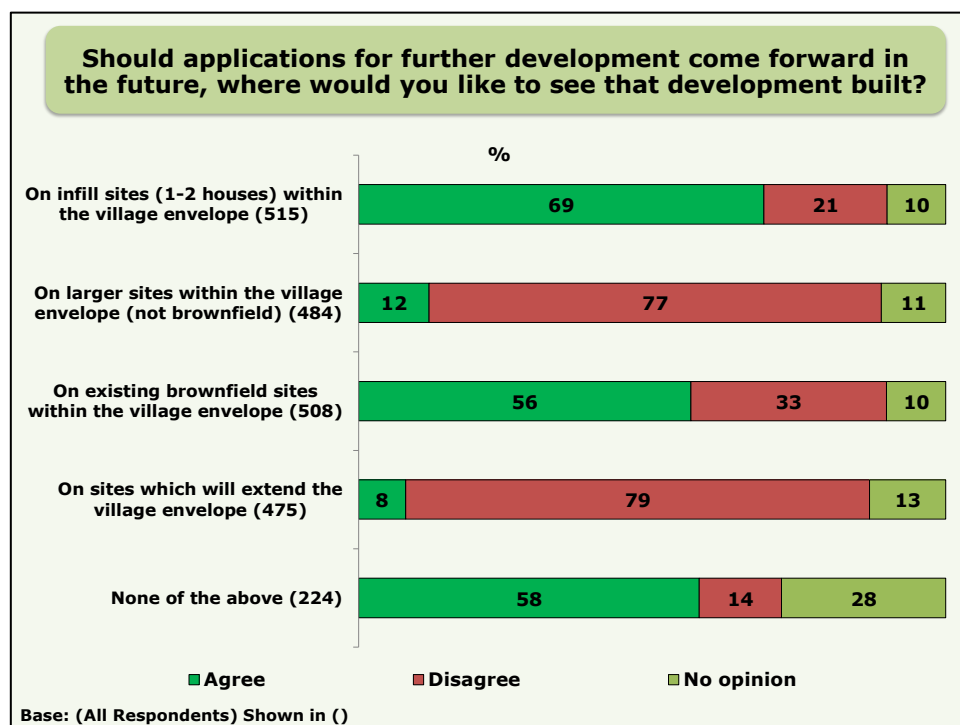
Table 4:

Where do you anticipate living in 10 years' time?	Nos.	%
Stay in current home	323	50
Move within Sutton Courtenay	79	12
Move away from Sutton Courtenay due to over development	122	19
Move away from Sutton Courtenay due to high house prices	53	8
Move away from Sutton Courtenay as my housing need will not be met	53	8
Not sure	154	24
Other	34	5
Base: (All Respondents) (651)		

Should application for further development come forward in the future, 69% agreed they would like to see the development built on infill sites (1-2 houses) within the village envelope. 56% agreed they wished to see development built on existing brownfield sites within the village envelope.

Disagreement on where further development in the future should be built was highest for two types; 79% disagreed it should be on sites which will extend the village envelope and 77% disagreed that they should be on larger sites within the village envelope (not brownfield).

Chart 7:



Residents were asked what were the four most important considerations for the design and layout of housing developments. Three-quarters (74%) felt there should be adequate off-street parking, two-thirds (68%) felt the developments should be kept in keeping with the housing character of Sutton Courtenay, 55% would like development in keeping with the existing design and street scene, with exactly a half wanting communal greens and open spaces.

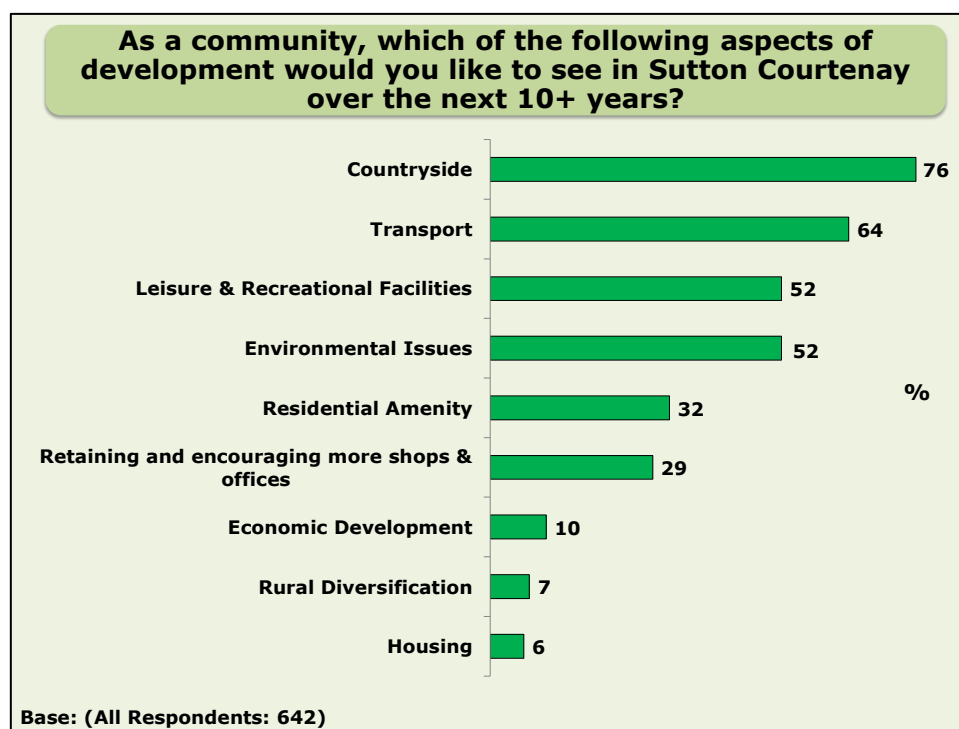
There were 42 other responses and these are listed in the Appendix.

Table 5:

What are important considerations in the design and layout of housing developments?	Number	%
Adequate off-street parking	464	74
In keeping with the housing character of Sutton Courtenay	430	68
In keeping with existing design and street scenes	348	55
Communal greens and open spaces	313	50
Suitability for elderly and those with restricted mobility	156	25
Green initiatives (e.g. solar panels, bicycle storage)	154	25
Adequate storage (bins, etc.)	108	17
Modern, innovative structures	60	10
Landscaping	145	23
Other	42	7
Base: (All Respondents) (628)		

As a community, 76% of residents would like to see the countryside developed in the village over the next 10 plus years in terms of footpaths and access to open fields. 64% would like to see development to improve parking, traffic management and public transport. Just over half of respondents (52%) want developments concerning leisure and recreational facilities such as playing pitches and the Village Hall. The same percentage, 52% would like environmental issues addressed such as the variety of plants or animals and air quality improvements.

Chart 8:

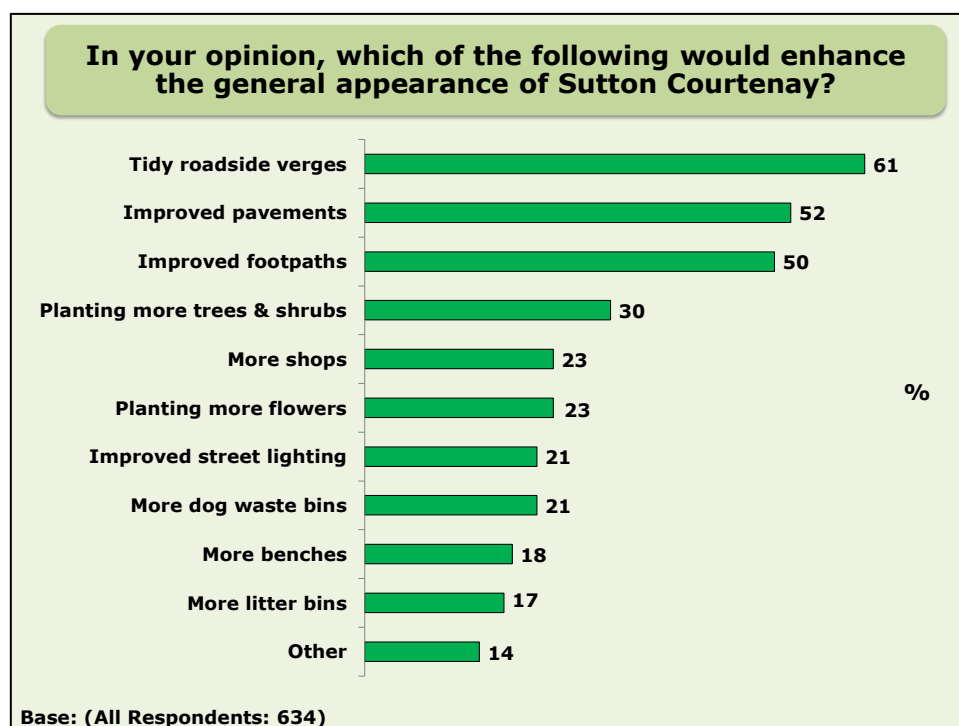


4.3 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

Asked what would enhance the general appearance on Sutton Courtenay, six out of ten residents (61%) wished to see roadside verges tidied, just over half (52%) wanted improved pavements and exactly half requested improved footpaths.

There were 84 other responses and these are listed in the Appendix. For those that answered "other shops", the suggested types by residents are listed in the Appendix (118 responses).

Chart 9:



Residents were asked to select four green spaces and/or views that are most important to them in Sutton Courtenay. For 55% of residents, The Green was the most important with the paths and meadows along the Thames also rated with the same percentage. 52% felt the Green Belt was in their four most important and 37% said all public footpaths were the most important.

There were 14 other responses and these are listed in the Appendix.

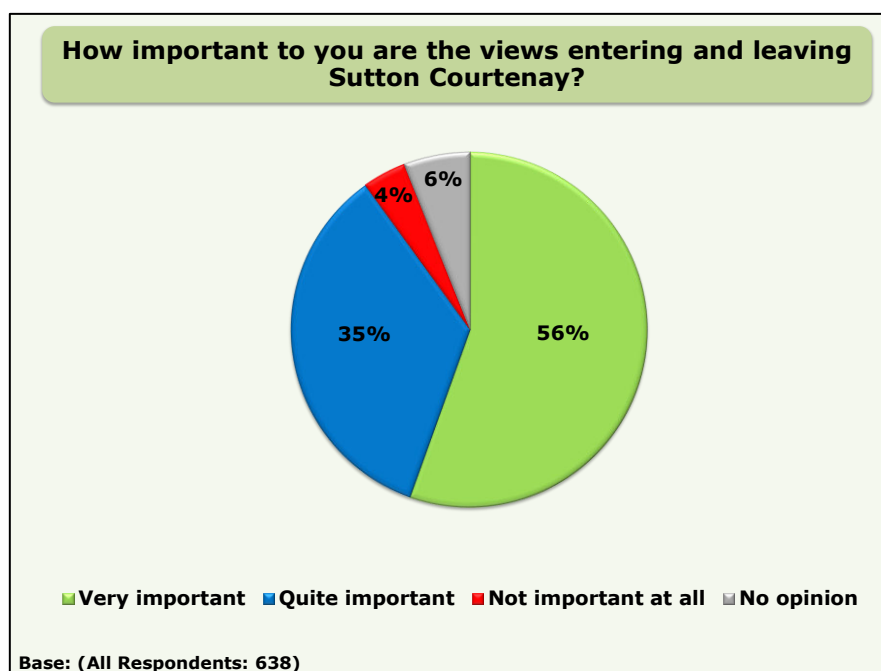
For each view that are important, residents were asked to explain why they chose the space. A full list of responses for each space is included in the Appendix.

Table 6:

Green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you	Nos.	%
The Green	339	55
Paths & meadows along the Thames	343	55
Green Belt between Sutton Courtenay & neighbouring villages & towns	323	52
All public footpaths	229	37
Churchyard & Cemetary	207	33
Recreation Ground	176	28
Views over farmland	121	20
Land adjacent to Ginge Brook	108	17
Millennium Common	105	17
Meadow south of the village school	99	16
Distant views to Wittenham Clumps & The Ridgeway	72	12
The Triangle	43	7
Other	11	2
Base: (All Respondents) (619)		

91% rate the views entering and leaving Sutton Courtenay as very or quite important.

Chart 10:

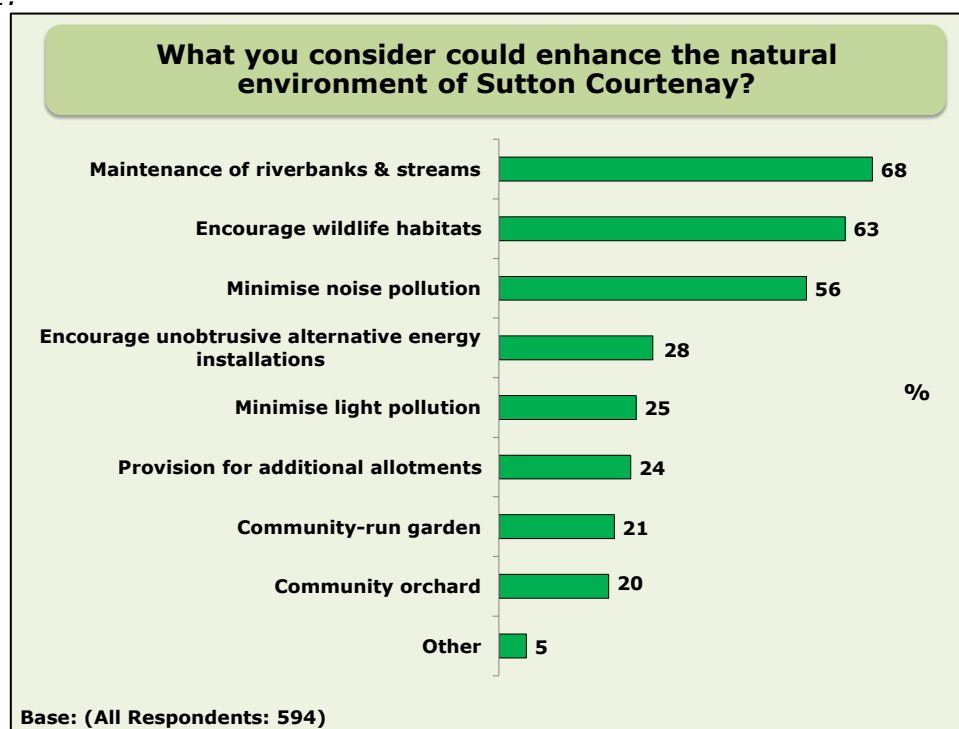


Residents were asked to select the four top factors which they consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay.

Two-thirds of respondents (68%) wanted to see the maintenance of the riverbank and streams as the top factor, followed by 63% wanting to see wildlife habitats encouraged, minimise noise pollution for 56% of residents and 28% wished for the encouragement of unobtrusive alternative energy installations.

For each view that are important, residents were asked to explain why they chose their answer. A full list of responses for each natural environment answer is included in the Appendix.

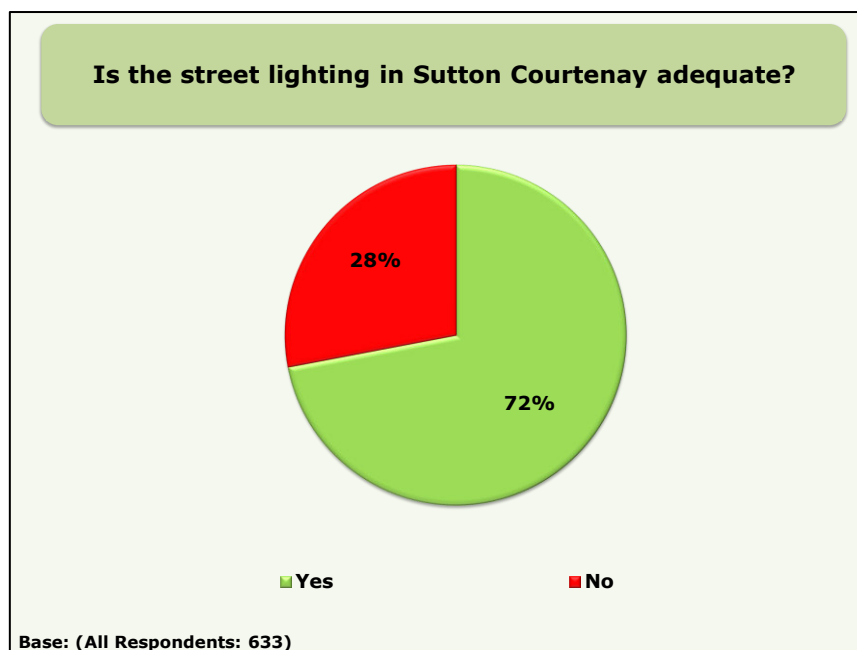
Chart 11:



Just over seven out of ten residents feel the street lighting in Sutton Courtenay is adequate, with 28% saying it is inadequate.

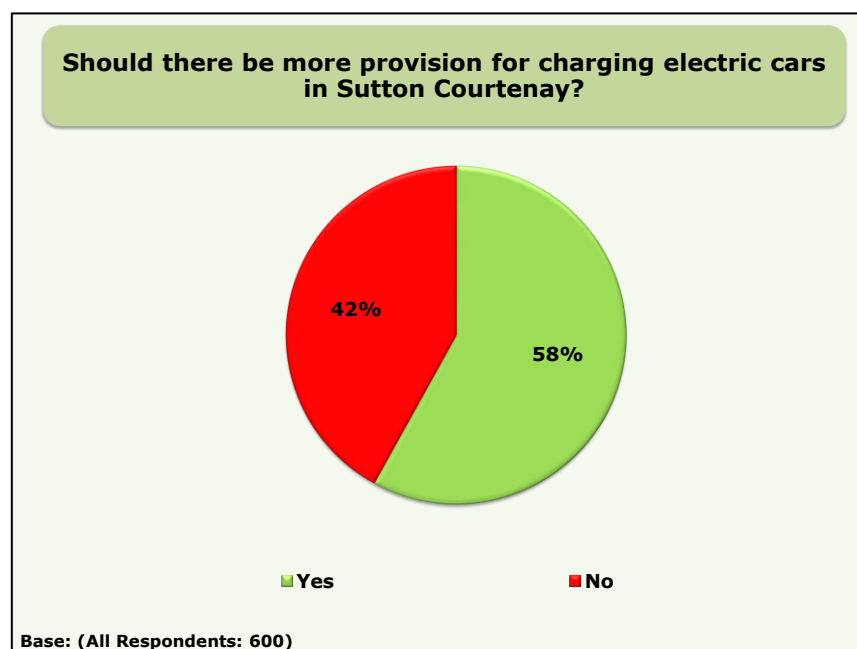
134 responses were given by residents to the specific locations where street lighting needs improving and these are listed in the Appendix.

Chart 12:



58% of residents feel there should be more provision for charging electric cars in Sutton Courtenay.

Chart 13:



4.4 COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

4.4.1 Facilities & Services

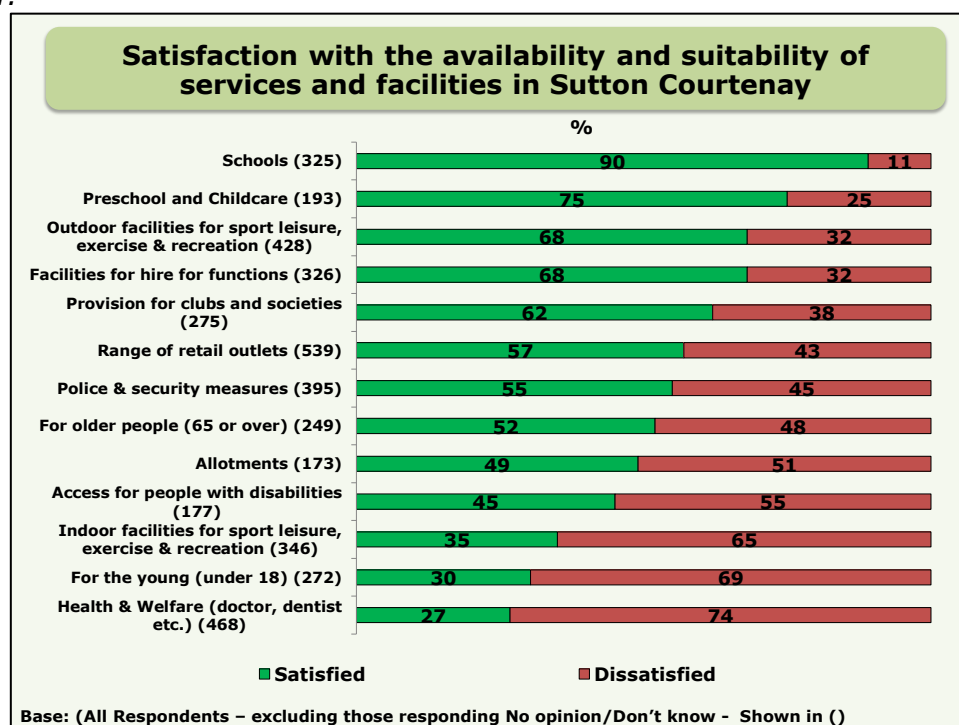
Residents were asked how satisfied they were with the availability and suitability of various services and facilities in Sutton Courtenay.

Excluding those people who had no opinion or don't know, the highest rated was schools with a 90% satisfaction score. This was followed by preschool and childcare with 75% satisfaction and with 68% each, outdoor facilities for sport, leisure, exercise and recreation, plus the facilities for hire for functions.

The top three with the highest dissatisfaction ratings were for health and welfare (74% dissatisfied), facilities for the young (69% dissatisfied), and indoor facilities for sport leisure, exercise and recreation (65% dissatisfied).

For any answers of "dissatisfied", residents were asked to explain what improvements they would like to see. The 362 responses are included in the Appendix.

Chart 14:



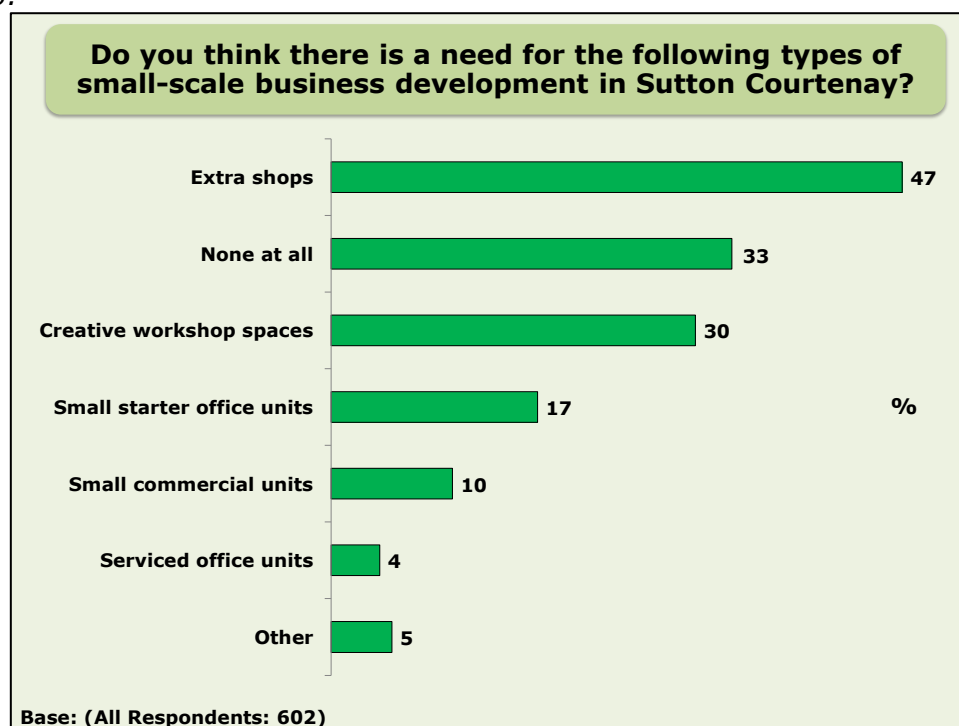
4.4.2 Business & Local Economy

Asked if there is a need for small-scale business development in Sutton Courtenay, almost half of respondents (47%) think there is a need for extra shops. Three out of ten are in favour of creative workshop spaces and 17% small starter office units.

Exactly a third was not in favour of small-scale business development in the village.

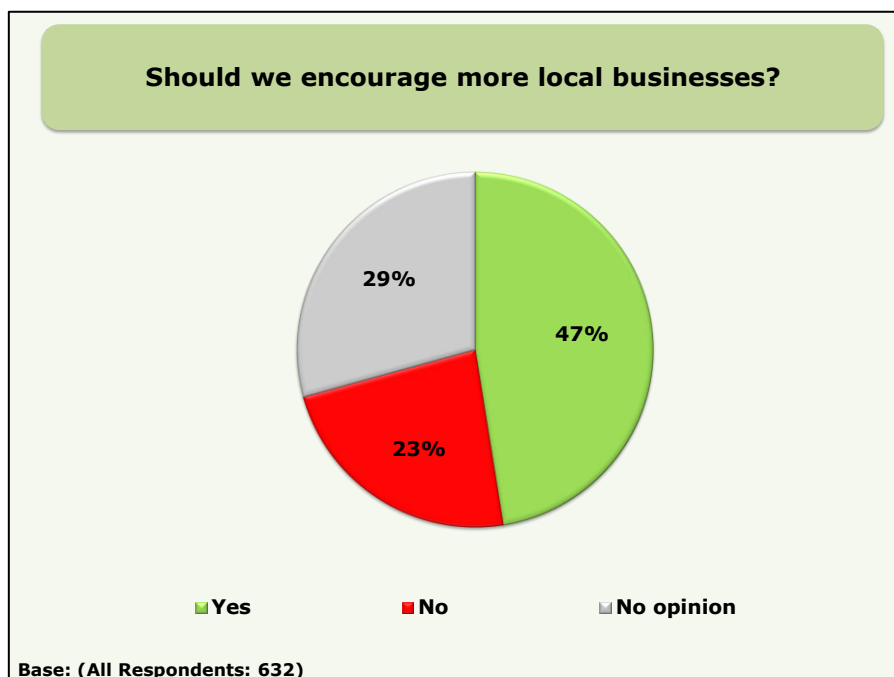
There were 28 other responses and these are listed in the Appendix.

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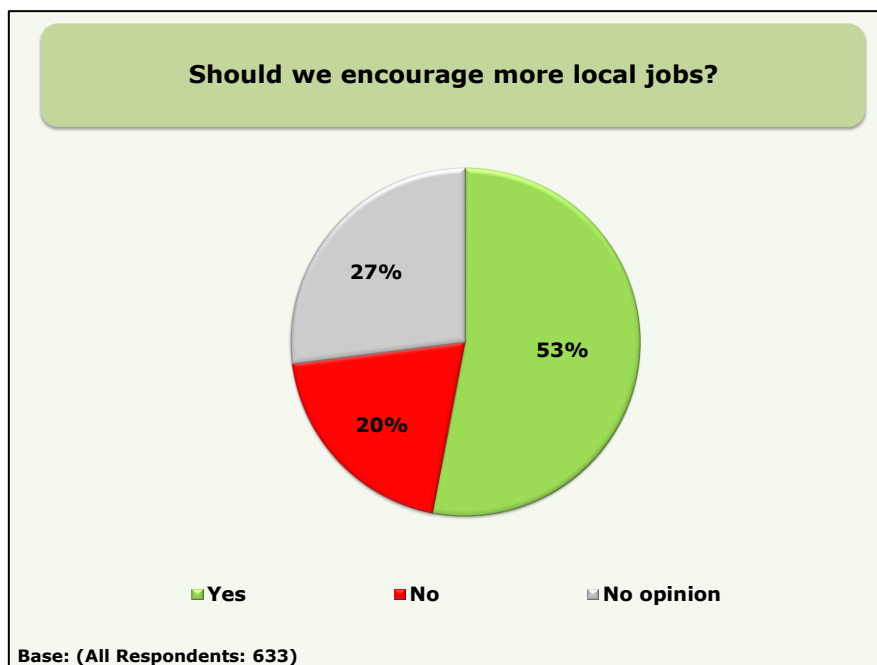
Almost half of respondents (47%) feel encouragement should be given to have more local businesses. Just under a quarter (23%) were against and 29% had no opinion.

Chart 16:



Over half of respondents (53%) feel encouragement should be given to have more local jobs. Exactly one in five were against and 27% had no opinion.

Chart 17:

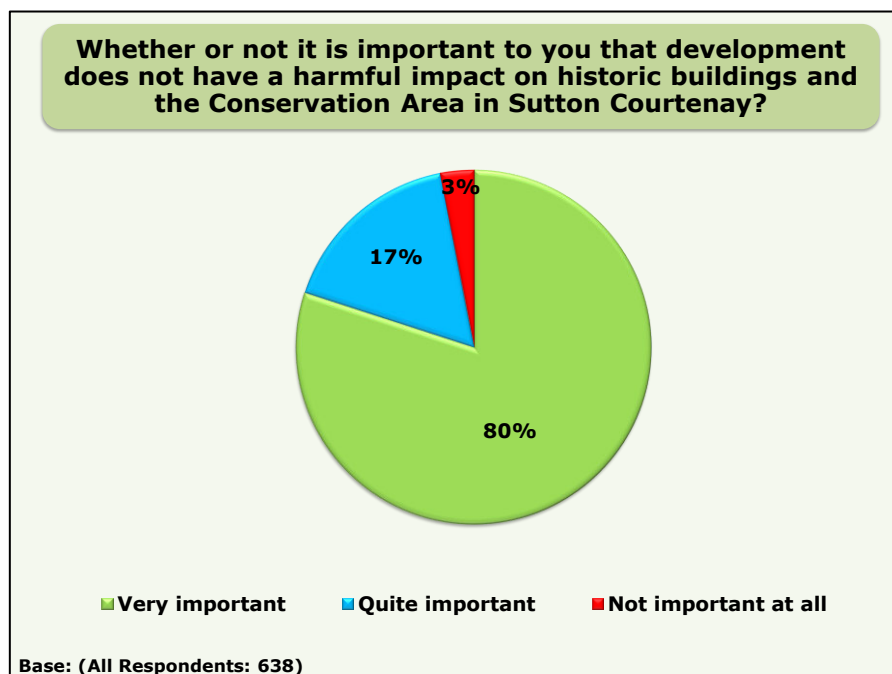


Residents were asked if they think there is a need for more businesses or jobs in Sutton Courtenay, suggestions were sought on what is needed and where it should be located – 178 responses are listed in the Appendix.

4.4.3 Historical Buildings & Conservation Area (Heritage)

Residents were asked how important it was to them that development does not have a harmful impact on historic buildings and the Conservation Area in Sutton Courtenay. 80% felt it was very important, 17% quite important and 3% not important at all.

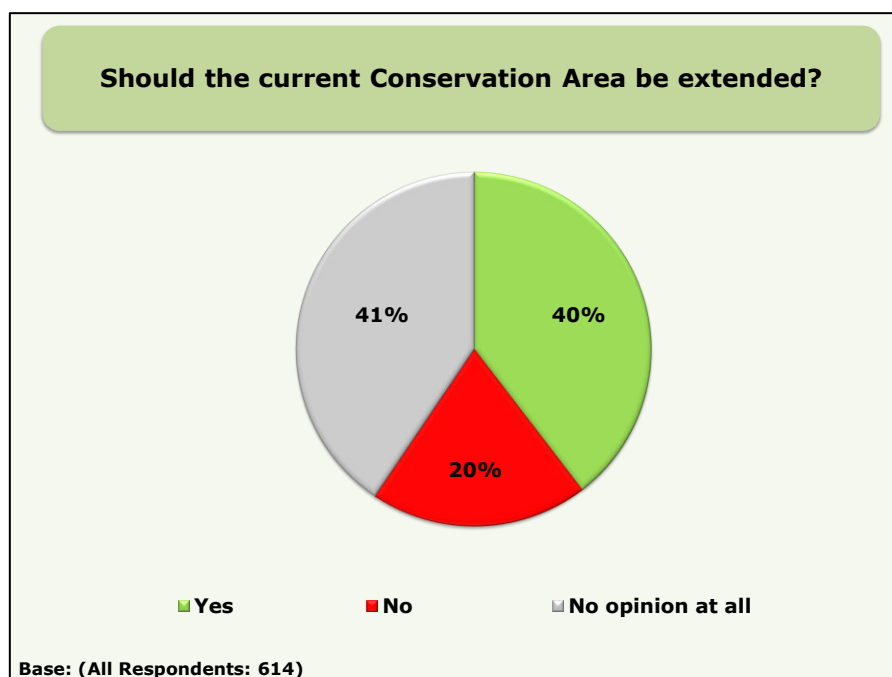
Chart 18:



Asked whether the current Conservation Area be extended, 40% felt it should, 20% not extended, with 41% having no opinion at all.

The reasons for the residents' answers on whether the Conservation Area should be extended are listed in full in the Appendix.

Chart 19:



4.5 INFRASTRUCTURE, TRAVEL & TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

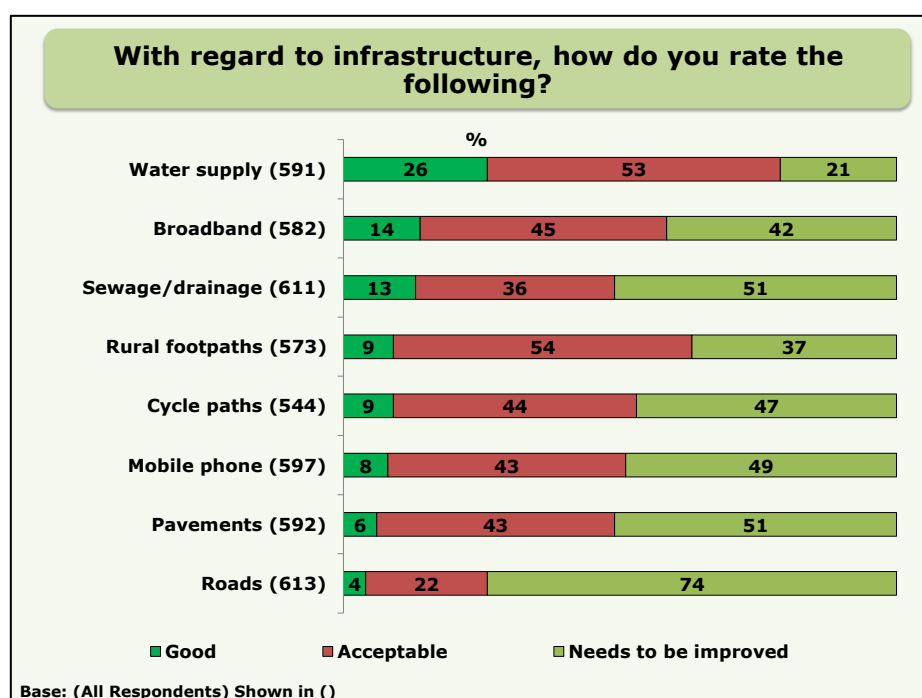
4.5.1 Infrastructure

Residents were asked to rate various pieces of infrastructure. The highest rated was water supply with 26% rating it good and 53% acceptable. 14% rated broadband as good and 45% acceptable, with sewage/drainage 13% good/54% acceptable.

By far the piece of infrastructure requiring most improvement for residents are the roads, with almost three-quarters (74%) answering it needs to be improved.

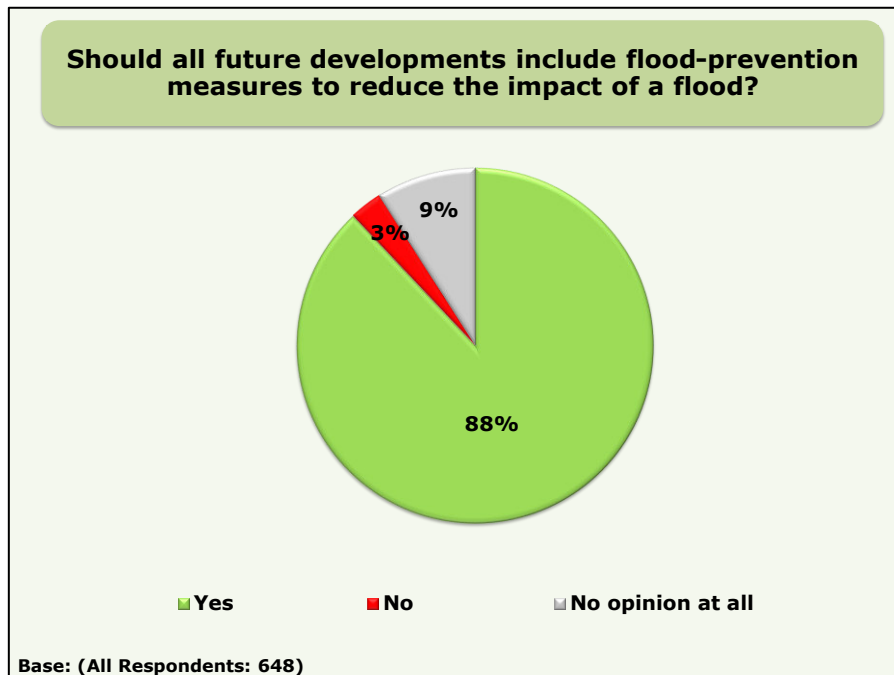
For each infrastructure item, if residents felt they needed to be improved then they were asked to state how and where does it need to be improved. The list of suggested improvements by type is included in the Appendix.

Chart 20:



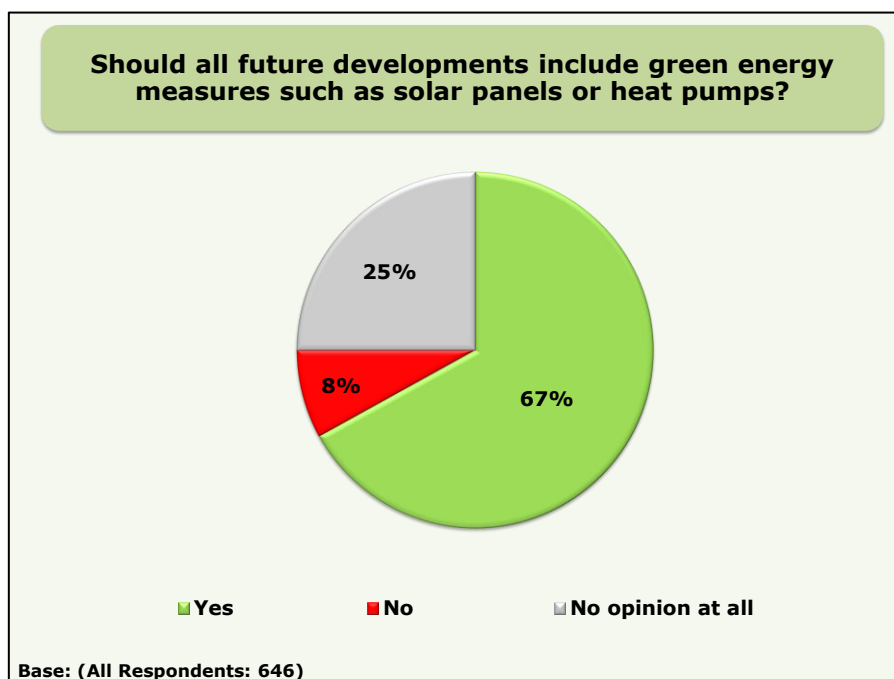
88% of residents feel all future developments should include flood-prevention measures to reduce the impact of a flood.

Chart 21:



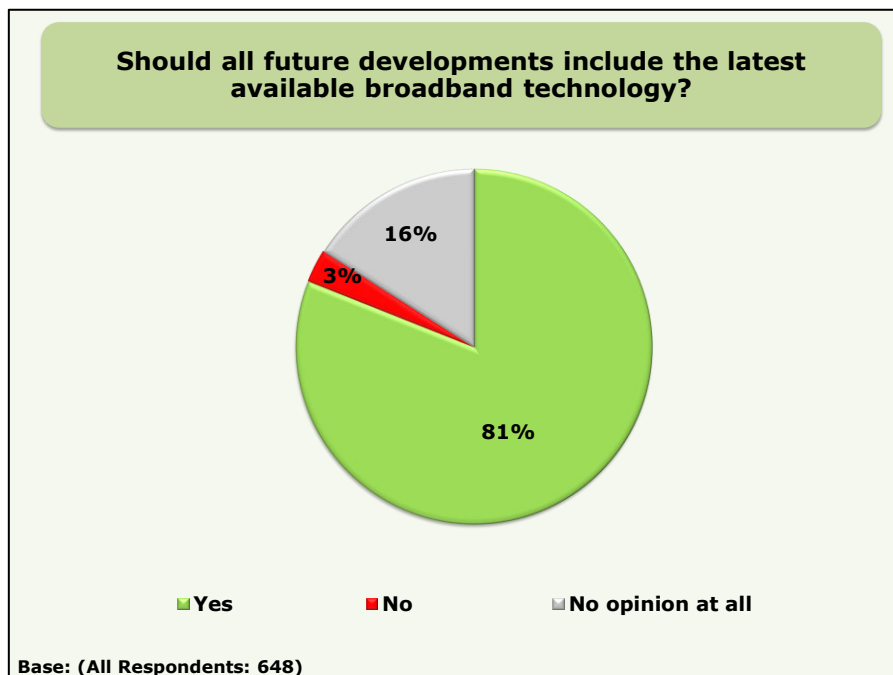
Exactly two-thirds of residents feel all future developments should include green energy measures such as solar panels or heat pumps. 8% were against the idea and exactly a quarter had no opinion at all.

Chart 22:



81% of residents feel all future developments should include the latest available broadband technology, 3% were against and 16% had no opinion at all.

Chart 23:



4.5.2 Travel & Transport

A detailed question asked for residents' method of travel on a regular basis. Unsurprisingly the car dominates with 95% of health visits made using a car, 94% use a car to visit family and friends and 91% use it for grocery shopping.

Looking at alternative modes of transport, 11% use the bus for other shopping trips and 9% use a bus to commute to and from the station. 14% use the train to travel on business and 9% to commute to and from school or work.

18% use a bicycle to take part in leisure activities, with 12% using one to commute. Exactly a quarter of residents walk to take part in leisure activities and 14% walk to visit family and friends. One in ten residents uses a taxi as part of their commute to and from the train station.

Table 7:

Method of travel regularly used for...	Car/Van	Bus	Park n Ride	Train	Motor - bike	Bi-cycle	Walk	Taxi	Other	N/A
Commute to/from school/ Work (541)	345 (64%)	25 (5%)	2 (0%)	47 (9%)	1 (0%)	67 (12%)	48 (9%)	5 (1%)	1 (0%)	153 (28%)
Commute to/from station (514)	280 (54%)	48 (9%)	1 (0%)	5 (1%)	4 (1%)	36 (7%)	10 (2%)	52 (10%)	2 (0%)	179 (35%)
Travel on business (498)	265 (53%)	8 (2%)	5 (1%)	69 (14%)	1 (0%)	5 (1%)	7 (1%)	29 (6%)	6 (1%)	205 (41%)
Take children to/from school (490)	159 (32%)	19 (4%)	0 (0%)	1 (0%)	0 (0%)	25 (5%)	47 (10%)	1 (0%)	0 (0%)	287 (59%)
Grocery shopping (634)	580 (91%)	27 (4%)	2 (0%)	2 (0%)	3 (0%)	20 (3%)	46 (7%)	2 (0%)	16 (3%)	19 (3%)
Other shopping (583)	517 (89%)	65 (11%)	49 (8%)	43 (7%)	2 (0%)	22 (4%)	35 (6%)	4 (1%)	13 (2%)	9 (2%)
Visit family/ Friends (619)	583 (94%)	32 (5%)	3 (0%)	39 (6%)	2 (0%)	41 (7%)	89 (14%)	12 (2%)	2 (0%)	7 (1%)
Take part in leisure activities (578)	458 (79%)	36 (6%)	14 (2%)	28 (5%)	4 (1%)	104 (18%)	147 (25%)	9 (2%)	2 (0%)	41 (7%)
Health visits, e.g. doctor/ Dentist (640)	606 (95%)	40 (6%)	0 (0%)	4 (1%)	4 (1%)	25 (4%)	6 (1%)	11 (2%)	1 (0%)	5 (1%)
Base: (All Respondents) Shown in ()										

Train

Those that use a train for commuting were asked from what station they started their journey. 96% used Didcot, 6% Culham and 6% Oxford station.

Six other responses were received and these are listed in the Appendix.

Table 8:

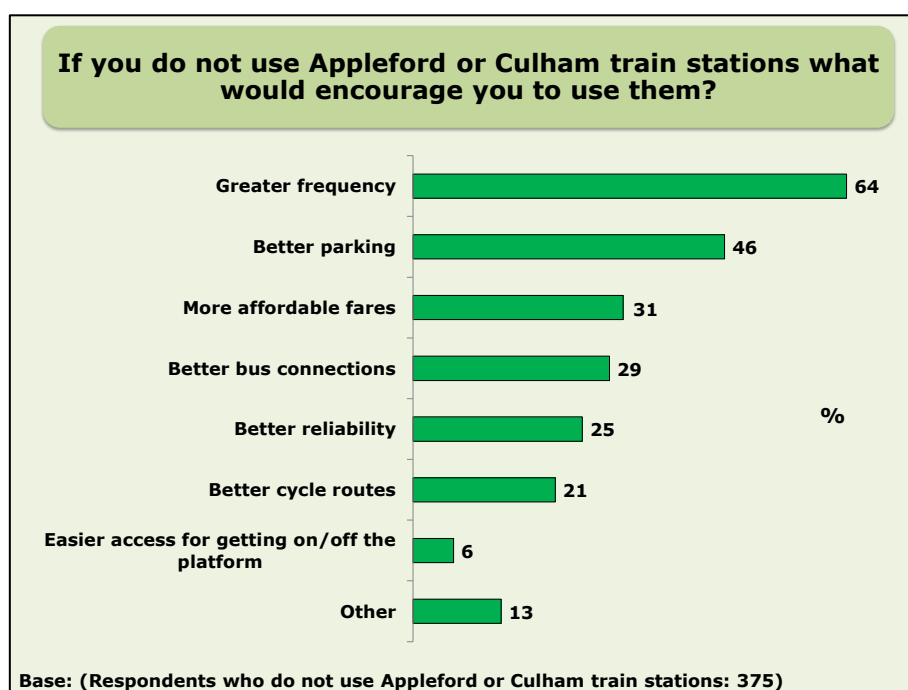
If you use the train for commuting, from which station do you start your journey?	Number	%
Didcot	304	96
Culham	19	6
Oxford	19	6
Appleford	11	3
Other	6	2
Base: (Those using the train) (316)		

For those who do not use Appleford or Culham train stations, residents were asked what would encourage them more to use them.

64% felt greater frequency of trains would encourage them more, with 46% wanting better parking, 31% more affordable fares and 29% better bus connections to the stations.

47 other responses were received and these are listed in the Appendix.

Chart 24:



Bus

If residents did not use the bus or infrequently use the bus, they were asked what would encourage them more to use it.

56% of respondents wanted improved times, 34% a better reliability of the service, 27% live travel updates and 25% more convenient transport connections.

37 other responses were made and these are listed in the Appendix.

Table 9:

If you do not use the bus or infrequently use the bus, what would encourage you to use it?	Number	%
Improved times	317	56
Better reliability of bus service	190	34
Live travel updates	154	27
More convenient transport connections	140	25
More appropriate destinations	118	21
I do not want to use the bus service	104	19
More affordable fares	96	17
More bus shelters	72	13
Better located bus stops	55	10
Shorter journey times	52	9
Better links to hubs of employment	50	9
Easier access for getting on/off the bus	13	2
Other	38	7
Base: (Those not using or infrequently using the bus) (562)		

Cycling

Residents were asked what they felt the reasons were for using a bicycle unsafe in the village. 47% felt it was the heavy traffic, 43% speeding traffic, 41% parked cars and 34% having inadequate safe cycle routes within Sutton Courtenay.

49 other responses were made and these are listed in the Appendix.

Table 10:

In your opinion, which of the following make using a bicycle unsafe in the village?	Number	%
Heavy traffic	274	47
Speeding traffic	254	43
Parked cars	239	41
Inadequate safe cycle routes within Sutton Courtenay	199	34
HGVs	179	31
I do not use a bicycle	165	28
Inadequate safe cycle route connections to other destinations	138	24
Lack of street lighting	57	10
Inadequate cycle route links to hubs of employment	48	8
Other	50	9
Base: (All Respondents) (586)		

Walking

Residents were asked what would encourage them to walk more as a means of transport or leisure. The top four responses from the list provided were 53% who wished for better maintained footpaths, 47% who wanted better maintained pavements, 34% wanted to see no verge parking and 24% safer road crossings.

54 other responses were made and these are listed in the Appendix.

Table 11:

What would encourage you to walk more as a means of transport or leisure?	Number	%
Better maintained footpaths	309	53
Better maintained pavements	274	47
No verge parking	198	34
Safer road crossings	141	24
Less litter/animal faeces	129	22
Better accessibility for wheelchairs, walking aids or prams/buggies	98	17
Better lighting	87	15
I do not want to walk as a means of transport	73	13
Better security	36	6
Other	57	10
Base: (All Respondents) (579)		

4.5.3 Traffic Management

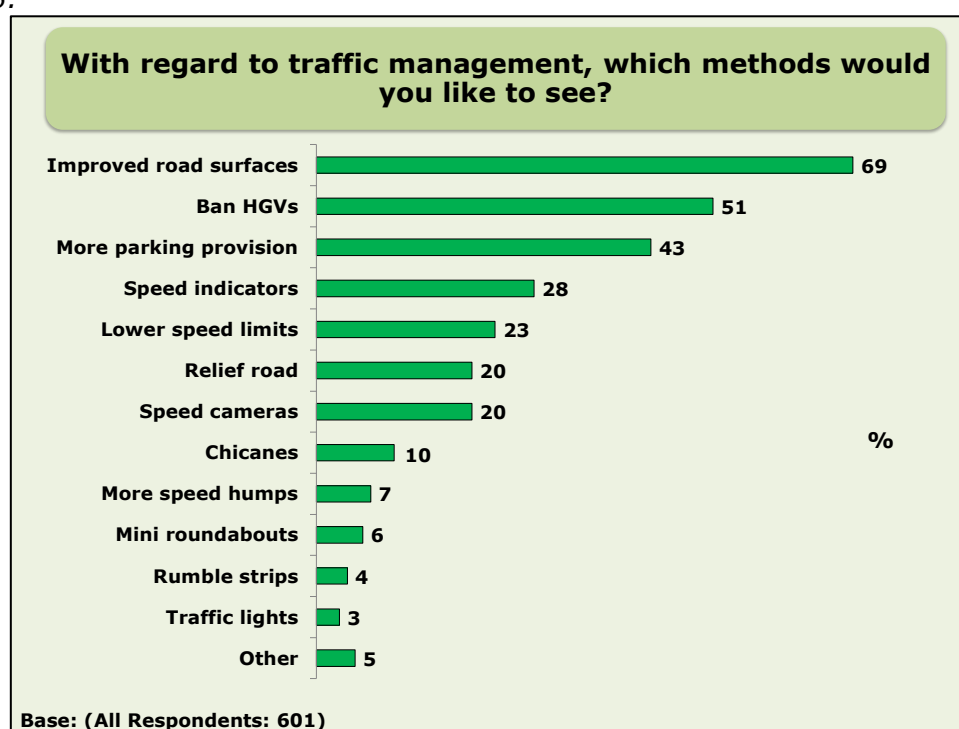
With regards to traffic management, residents were given a list of improvements methods and asked how important they were.

The most important for seven in ten residents (69%) was to see improved road surfaces. Just over half (51%) would like a ban on HGVs, 43% more parking provision and 28% the installation of speed indicators.

28 other responses were made and these are listed in the Appendix.

Residents were asked to list any roads or junctions in Sutton Courtenay that they believed were danger spots and in need of traffic calming or better traffic management – a total of 249 responses were provided and these are listed in the Appendix.

Chart 25:



A new river crossing has been proposed. Two possible routes have been identified: wither west of the railway (between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford) or east of the railway beyond Appleford) Residents were asked which proposed route they supported.

29% of residents preferred that the new river crossing route be east of the railway beyond Appleford, 25% a new crossing to the west of the railway. 7% wanted neither option, and 39% had no opinion.

For each of the different options selected by residents they were asked to give reasons for their answers. The complete list of responses by option is included in the Appendix.

Table 12:

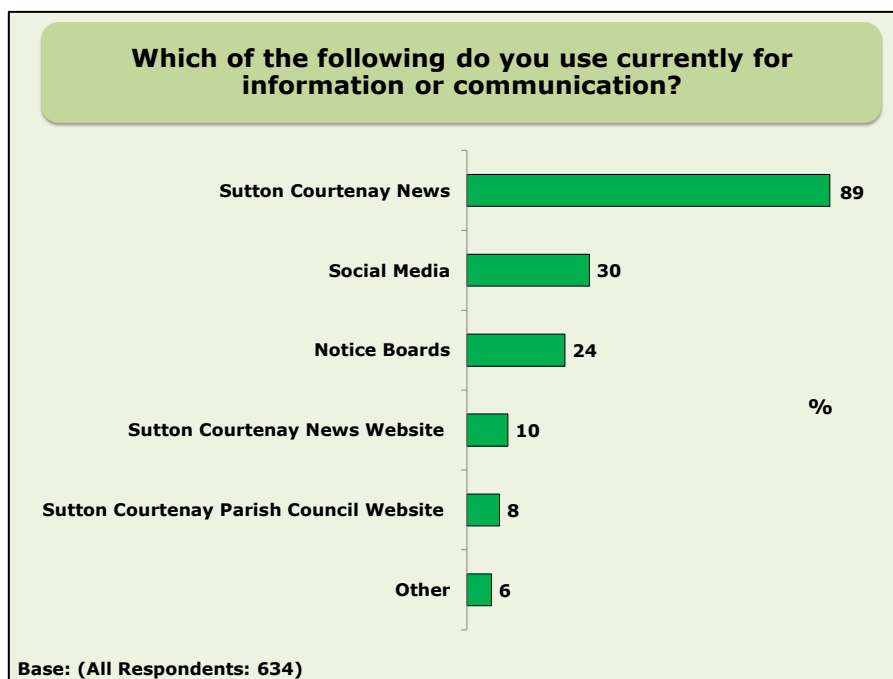
Which of the proposed new river crossing routes do you support?	Number	%
East of the railway beyond Appleford	183	29
West of the railway (between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford)	157	25
Neither	41	7
No opinion	247	39
Base: (All Respondents) (628)		

4.5.4 Communication

Residents were asked what they currently use for information or communication. 89% read Sutton Courtenay News, 30% used social media and 24% looked at the notice boards in the village. 10% went to the Sutton Courtenay News website and 8% visited the Sutton Courtenay Parish Council website.

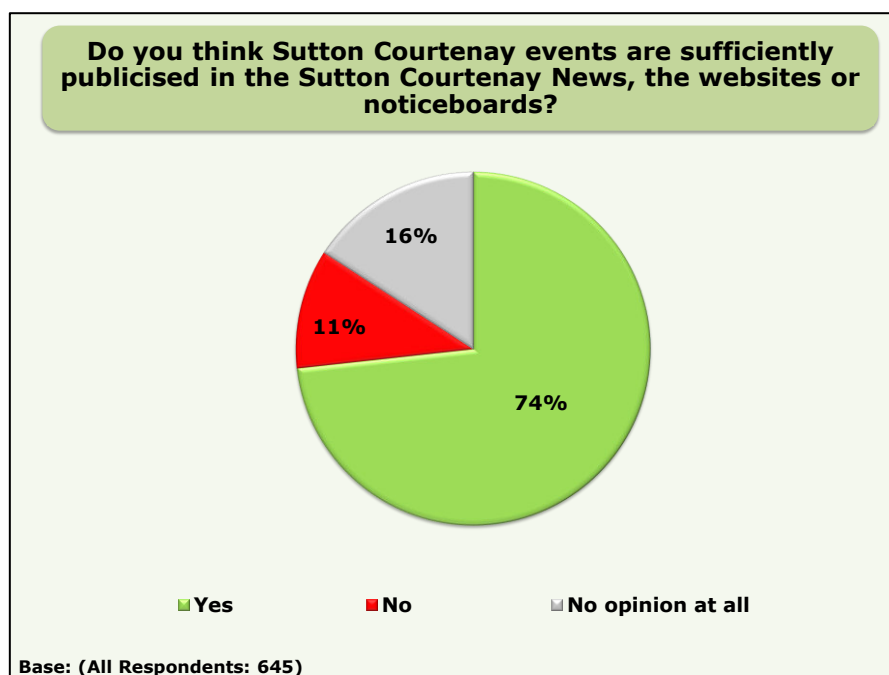
39 other responses were provided and these are listed in the Appendix.

Chart 26:



Three-quarters of residents (74%) feel that Sutton Courtenay events are sufficiently publicised in the Sutton Courtenay News, the websites or noticeboards, with 11% of residents saying they are not and 16% having no opinion at all.

Chart 27:



4.6 DEVELOPER FUNDING

When in place, the Neighbourhood Plan will ensure that Sutton Courtenay gets 25% of the Community Infrastructure Levy. These funds can be used to carry out works to ensure that the local amenities can continue to operate or be improved to meet the needs of the increase in population.

Residents were asked if such funds were available, what projects would they like them used for.

Given a maximum of four choices, the top project wanted by exactly half of residents was to see the improvement of footpaths and cycle ways across the parish. 44% would like to see the modernisation and increase of the Village Hall facilities for local group users. 39% would like to see play areas created at the southern end of the village (Primary School End) and 36% would like to see more facilities developed for children and young adults.

32 other responses were provided and these are listed in the Appendix.

Table 13:

If such funds were available, how would you like them to be used?	Number	%
Improve footpaths/cycle ways across the parish	307	50
Modernise and increase the Village Hall facilities for local group users	272	44
Create play areas at the southern end of the village (Primary School end)	244	39
Develop more facilities for children and young adults	236	38
Maintain and improve the Recreation Ground and play equipment	236	36
Improve access to the internet	193	31
Provide landscaping for the village (flowers, shrubs, trees)	166	27
Provide a Community Transport Service	154	25
Provide more street furniture in the village (benches/bins etc.)	105	17
Improve provisions for and expand the area of the allotments	66	11
Provide a hub to support working from home	53	9
Commission and install an art sculpture	9	1
Other	32	5
Base: (All Respondents) (620)		

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"Q5a" From the list below, what are the top 4 things that you most value about living in Sutton Courtenay? If other, please specify below
All have deteriorated since I moved here in 1991
Angling - Lake/river
Beautiful historic area
Born here
Central to the wider Oxon
Choral music based in parish church
Church
Church
Church and architecture - like a world heritage site
Close to Abingdon school
Close to European school
close to European School
Close to river
Council. Provide me house here
Europa school
I consider Sutton Courtenay home and value the familiarity
It is quiet
It's home
Lovely quiet area
Number of listed properties and the history of the village
Peaceful and quiet
Peaceful location
Peacefulness - until recently
proximity to local towns and their facilities
Quiet
Quiet
Quietness
River
Riverside and Sutton pools
Rural location, yet close to towns / amenities
Small size of the village
The church, family open to all
The fact it is a village - not a town
The house we bought
We live here because S.C. is awesome!!
well placed in a great setting

"Q7m" What type of property do you currently occupy? If it does not suit your current needs, what would better meet your needs now? If other, please specify below

Private self-build on allocated land

Cottage

4 bed thatched cottage

Almshouse

Six bedroom end terrace

Single bed accommodation

Ground floor maisonette

Home nearer better transport links to not need car

House meets current need

not further needs

Larger house with garage

"Q8a" What do you anticipate your housing need will be in 10+ years? If other, please specify below
A concierge type apartment that has facilities on site e.g. swimming pool, close to a town centre, walking distance to coffee shops etc
Hope not to need to move
Hope to be in heaven or the other place if not good enough
I anticipate that I shall not be alive by then!
Leave area
May not live that long
Move nearer town with transport links
Nursing home
People are responsible for themselves
Probably will not be alive in 10 years' time
Unlikely to be here
Zero

"Q9a" Where do you anticipate living in 10 years' time? If other, please specify below
Abroad (Germany)
As we move depending on jobs I see it as unlikely we will remain here
Away - work
By age 84 - who knows!
Decrease
I may not be alive in 10 years
I'll be 80's - move nearer to kids (out of village)
In the cemetery
In the churchyard
likely to move to be closer to our family
May wish to self-build
Move away - here for work
Move away because of work
Move away due to traffic levels
Move away from S.C. due to workplace
Move away from SC as children leave home
Move away from Sutton Courtenay to be closer to family
Move away to be nearer family for support
Move away to be nearer sibling / transport network
Move because of work
Move closer to family
Move due to lack of public transport and shopping within walking distance
Move out of area to release cash for retirement
Move to Abingdon to be near more services and friends
Move to Didcot so my children have more to do
Move to different area to be closer to family and friends
Not sure within Oxfordshire
Possibly move to Abingdon for better bus service and to be nearer shops and my church
Somewhere affordable within the Didcot area
Somewhere north of Manchester and having to continue to work in Oxfordshire
Sutton Courtenay is no longer a village and is now even less sustainable than when I moved here.
Trying to get out of Sutton Courtenay to the A34 via Milton has become a nightmare at peak times. It can take over 15 minutes some days whereas when we first moved here it was only 5 minutes. Too much traffic going through the village and using the backroads Drayton/Milton
Will be in my 80's - who know!
Would only move within Sutton Courtenay if public transport e.g. to Oxford and Didcot is significantly improved.

"Q11a" What are important considerations in the design and layout of housing developments? If other, please specify below
3 storey houses use little land
A more affordable range of housing, far too many larger, expensive homes being built
Addition or support to amenities in the village so it doesn't become a commuter village without character
Adequate infrastructure to cope with the development. Too many houses but no improvement seen to roads, drainage, public transport, broadband, etc
Adequate pavement and velocity control (traffic)
affordable
Affordable homes
Any new builds should conform to the highest possible standards of energy efficient and environmental friendliness.
Better parking on the High Street and other streets with no separate parking
Building to environmental standards. Rain water harvest, solar roofs, heat recapture, etc.
Can the road system sustain the additional traffic
Connections to existing roads/sewers is properly funded and researched so that there's no degradation for existing users
Cost - more affordable housing - small environmentally friendly
Decent design
Flood prevention adequate infrastructure
Garden size to match house size
Ground source near pumps if developers dig up fields/gardens and put developments on then put the coils for the pumps in the roads.
housing which does not look like uniform boxes, respects the older heritage of the village, does not impinge on green spaces and comes with provision for community activities
incorporating affordable housing reserved for local people only
Infrastructure, amenities, affordability, common sense over greed
Low cost for young families
Lower rent
Modern Housing but not Barret boxes.
More low cost homes, there are too many houses being built that are unaffordable to most local people
More standard homes less 4/5 beds
No further housing developments around or in the village
No further housing developments. S.C. already is becoming urban with so much development
No more housing development
No more traffic, limited development - village losing character
None - New houses don't need to be built!
Not rammed together like sardines in a tin
Permeability, space for play, walking and cycling
Proper road and rail infrastructure to support additional housing
Roads & infrastructure improvements
Suitability for young people
That the existing road and services infrastructure is capable of supporting both the new and existing housing without issues
The village is at the point of being overdeveloped therefore the above is irrelevant - we don't want any more housing development

To keep it as a village
Transport infrastructure - alternatives to privately owned vehicles, better bus routes, frequency and cycle routes suitable for 5-95 yr. olds
Vale of white horse are doing a terrible job of infrastructure at the moment. For further developments, this needs to change
We need affordable housing for our young people not more very expensive property that young people cannot afford. Stop building top end housing and accommodate a house purchase for a normal salary

"Q13a" In your opinion, which of the following would help to enhance the general appearance of Sutton Courtenay? If other, please specify below
Ban burning garden waste
Ban parking vehicles on grass verges e.g. High Street
Better cycle/bicycle way especially for children
Better parking
Better parking
Better quality street furniture - especially village signs
Better road repairs
Better sports facility's
Bus shelters in High Street
CCTV cameras on recreation ground for litter louts
Cleaning roads and kerbs and drains - not cleaned post roadworks - drains blocked
Clearing kerbside weeds
communal facilities which are well cared for and bring vibrancy to village life, farm shop and cafe, halt to uniform box type developments erected on end of village with no associated amenities
Cycle lanes, reduce car speed to 20mph as many drivers to Milton Park drive too fast
Decent road surface
Fill in all potholes in road and also get rid of humps in road (Shakes House)
Fix potholes / limit HGV's / stop over-development
Fix the potholes, but not a bodged job only for them to appear again - resurface. Roads don't last for ever.
Get cars off pavements and grass verges
Get rid of the housing estates
Get rid of the potholes!
Get the cars off the verges and from blocking the high street
Good bus service - hourly if possible
Improve roads with resurfacing to get rid of potholes
Improve the shops we have
Improved cycle paths, including over Culham bridge
Improved footpaths but also made accessible to cyclists and horse riders
Improved road surfaces
Improved road surfaces
Improved roads
Improved roads
Improved village hall
Just stop any more housing development
Less on street parking
Less on the road parking, less pot holes
less parking on road where there is adequate off street parking
Less parking on the verges and footpaths
Less parking on the verges and footpaths
Less parking on verges - looks terrible
Less potholes
Less traffic

Less traffic, more pride in appearance of footpaths
Maintaining existing footpaths
Maintenance of village stone walls
More frequent street cleaning and litter picking
More litter collection including by river
More off street parking
Mowing green and clearing up grass cuttings, weeds pavements
No additional street lighting - no need for light pollution
No parking on footpaths
No parking on grass verges
No parking on pavements
No parking on verges
Off road parking
Off street parking - convert some grass verges to parking (High Street classic example)
Off-street parking
Parking provision, traffic bypass
Parking restrictions along High Street between Lady Place and the Triangle. Double yellow lines should be used on one side of the road along this length of road.
Parking space to keep verges neat
people not parking on grass verges and pavements
Picking up litter
Prevent parking on verges and paths
Proper bicycle lanes to schools
Removal of dangerous posts from around village green
Removal of sleeping policemen - they generate noise, pollution and damage to vehicles
Removal/prevention of unused vehicles taking up parking areas
Remove all road humps replace with 20mph with camera enforcement
Remove cars from streets which cause blockages, provide alternative parking
Remove weeds growing between road surface and curb stones
Repair pot holes
Repair potholes in roads
Residents to take responsibility for our outside space their homes as the Germans do
Restrictions on on-street parking and verge parking
Road conditions - pot holes
Save cycle track e.g. over the Culham Bridge
Stop cars and vans parking on footpaths
Stop people parking on pavements and grass verges
The most significant change to improve the appearance of the village will be the removal of overhead electricity and telephone cables and their associated poles. The second improvement will be a ring road around the village. The Parish Council should evaluate these improvements before considering any other improvement proposed.
Through people not parking all over, parking restrictions on the High Street, like every other day parking on every other side roads can be kept clear and access will be improved
Tidying verges does not mean making them all clipped grass - encouraging wild flowers and animals is also important to me. Similarly, looking after paths does not mean chopping down mature trees to make them wider - it just means looking after them.

Traffic - especially through traffic at peak hours which needs to be discouraged
Underground wires
Water waste and sewage
Widen roads near school

"Q13b" In your opinion, which of the following would help to enhance the general appearance of Sutton Courtenay? If more shops, state type of shop below
A big Tesco or Sainsburys or something similar
A decent food retail shop i.e. Coop
Any
Any
Asda/Tesco
Baker/Butcher/Greengrocer
Bakery
Bakery, butchers, tea rooms
Bakery, coffee shop
Butcher, baker, greengrocer but nothing to limit Mr Patel and the amenities he provides at Burgrey's stores
Butcher, bigger general store
Butchers
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Butchers and local produce
Butchers, fruit and veg, chemists
Butchers, patisserie
Butchers, takeaway
Butchers/coffee shops
Butchers/grocers/deli
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Cafe or coffee shop
Cafe or somewhere to meet that isn't a pub
Cafe, restaurant, somewhere for you people to go and have access to the internet
Cafe/Coffee shop/Deli
Cafe/independent shops/bakery/butcher
Cafe/Tea room
Cafe's
Cheaper convenience store
Chemist
Chemist
Chemist
Chemist/medical practice

Coffee shop
Coffee shop
Coffee shop
Coffee shop
Coffee shop and farm shop
Coffee shop/butchers etc
Coffee shop/Tea room
Coffee/tea room
Community local shop
Convenience shop, tea stop
convenience shops
Convenience store not rip off one
Convenience stores and cafes
Co-op or similar
Deli
Deli/Cafe
Delicatessen, bakery
Department stores
Farm produce home grown
Farm shop
Farm shop / local produce
Farm shop including cafe and recreational area. Very good example is Little Milton community centre
Farm shop with cafe
Farm shop/Cafe/Community hub
Farm shop/Coffee shop
Farm shops, book shop, deli, florist, beauty treatments, bakery.
Farm, fresh, homemade foods
Farm shop/takeaway
Fish and chip, Chinese
Fish and chips shop and veg shop
Fish shop Fresh and fried
Food shops
Food shops of local
Food, General
General convenience
General store
general store, coffee shop/meeting place
General stores - daily use
General useful
Golf shop
Greengrocer/butcher
Grocer, butcher
Grocery
Grocery

Grocery, Hardware, Butchers
Grocery/butchers
Hardware store
Local coffee shop
Local produce
Local shops closer to church side
No more shops - improved quality
Not as expensive as Costcutter
Not type but position north end
One not so expensive as Costcutters
Pet store
Pub in lower village (south)
Quality food
Quality food
Quality grocers
Quality grocery
small supermarkets/groceries, Bakery, Butchers
specialist - bakery, butcher etc.
Supermarket - Tesco's
Takeaway
Takeaway food
Takeaway i.e. Chinese
Tea room/coffee shop
Teashop, antique shop, village supermarket
Tesco
Tesco express or similar
Tesco express, Co-op, butchers
Tesco express/Coffee shop
Tesco express/local chip shop
Tesco/Takeaway
Tesco's/Sainsburys
The addition of a good deli/coffee or tea room, butcher or farm shop

"Q14a" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you. If other, please specify below

All of the above are important in preserving the character of the village.

Behind Harwell Road. Next to village hall

Bridle paths

Bridle paths

Cooling towers

Cycle paths, we use own bicycles a lot

Cycle paths, we use own bicycles a lot.

Cycleways

Safe cycling for children

The green and spaces are vital in maintaining the identity of the village

The trees and other plants on the High Street

The walks by the Thames

Tidy cycling paths

Transport

"Q14b" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you.
Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space – The Green
A beautiful heart of the village
A beautiful village centre which enhances church and pubs
A combination of those spaces defining the village and a personal standpoint providing sustainable space, for running, walking, cycling
A common meeting place
A nice place to sit and safe
A village focus
A village treasure
Again important village feature
All add to village life
Appear to be heart of the village
Archetypal centre to an English village
As you enter the village it is the 1st thing you notice and is the old centre
Attractive focal point of village
Attractive open space
Attractive open space
Beautiful
Beautiful places to walk
Beautiful and important to maintain
Beautiful space, character of village
Beautiful, central part of village
Central aspect of SC character
Central focus
Central space of village
Central to the character of the village
Central to village character
Central to village life
Central to village space
Centre of area
Centre of conservation area which should be improved
Centre of the village
Centre of village
Centre of village
Centre of village
Centre of village
Centre of village
Centre of village history
Character
Character
Character of village
Character of village
Childhood

Close to home
Communal activities
Community space
Defines S.C. as a village
Displays the church in the heart of the village
Dominant area at centre of village
Enhances the village feel
Epitomises Sutton Courtenay
Essential for any village
Essential for village status
Every village needs a green so let's keep ours
Everyone can see the state of the green
First view of village
Focal point of this village
Focal point/village centre
Gives a feeling of the centre / focal point of in the village
Good for the community
Good for village
Heart of SC
Heart of the historic village
Heart of the village
Heart of the village
Heart of the village. Village identity
Heart of village
Heart of village
Heart of village
Heart of village, central to character, well used for play
Historic part of village with conservation area adjacent to church
Historic scene
Historical and focal point in village
Historically valuable and central character of the village
History
Hub of village life
Iconic view of Sutton Courtenay
Important communal area where children are able to play safely
Important part of the feel of the village
Important to have green as focal point in a village
In announces the character of the village
It is a beautiful space every day
It is a welcoming site to the village
It is the heart of the village and an important community area
It is where I live
It's a well preserved and attractive bit of the village
It's appeal when entering village

It's pretty
It's pretty to drive through and look at
Key space which defines Sutton Courtenay
Key to the character of the village
Large open communal space
Local to me
Looks amazing entering village
Looks like a village green
Lovely centre to village
Maintains openness of old part of village
Most noticed by people passing by
Need to preserve its character
Nice for walking
Old part of village
One of the reasons I moved here
Open space visually pleasing and emotionally restful
Opens up centre of village. Gives a centre
Part of the village
Part of village history
Passing traffic can judge our village here
Peaceful entry to village
Picturesque and characteristic of English village landscape
Pleasant open area
Pretty character
Provides character to the village
Provides for a tranquil atmosphere
See it almost every day. Heart of the village.
Show piece
Shows off our beautiful church
Space for coming together central point for village
Strong focal point
The area most attractive in the village
The heart of the village
The heart of the village
The old part of village
The tradition of a village green
The village centre
This is the heart of the village
Traditional village space
Typical village
Typical village view
Typically English green - lovely
Unique and pretty
Used by the community

Valuable open space and used for function
Very important historic part of the village
Very picturesque and character for village
Very pleasant
Very pretty
Village aesthetics
Village and character
Village appeal
Village centre
Village centrepiece
Village character
Village environment for village life
Village focal point
Village focal point
Villages have a green
Visually key to the village itself
Vital for community events
We have a beautiful green in S.C. to be proud of
We live near here
We need green open spaces

"Q14c" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you.
Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space – Churchyard & Cemetary
A lovely place for reflection
A quiet place to remember loved ones
All add to village life
Appear to be heart of the village
Attractive open space
Beautiful and important to maintain
Beautiful places to walk and sense of history
Because my parents are there
Both peaceful and interesting
Brings community together
Centre of village
Character
Character of village
Childhood
Church is beautiful and graveyard of historical importance
Contribution to character
Correct context for an exceptional grade 1 building
Family burials
Family buried there
Family internment
Heart of the village
Heart of the village
Heart of the village
Heart of the village
Historic and cultural value
Historic part of village
Historic scene
Historic values
Historical value
Historically important
History
History
Hub of village life
Husband at rest
Husband buried there
Important for community strength
Important history of the village
Important in SC
Important to everyone
It's a well preserved and attractive bit of the village
It's beautiful and holds historic importance

Landmark
Most of my friends and kin are there
Mother and fathers gravestone
Must stay cannot do without these
My husband is buried there. On church land
My husband's grave in graveyard
My mum and mates are buried there
My parents are buried there
My parents resting place
Old part of village
Old unchanged church - historic cemetery
Parents and husband born here
Part of village history
Peaceful
Place of contemplation
Plastic flowers on graves? No!
Provides character to the village
Provides for a tranquil atmosphere
Relatives buried in both
Relatives buried there
Respectful and important area of the village
The heart of the community
The old part of village
This is the heart of the village
This place offer valuable respite for money
Typical village view
Visit very regularly
Visually key to the village itself
We live near here
What village is known for

"Q14d" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you.
Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space – Land adjacent to Ginge Brook
A favourite family walk / picnic spot
All are very important and I visit and admire
Areas of natural beauty make it a pleasure to live in the village
Beautiful and accessed by many in the village for dog walking/kids playing
Beautiful and important to maintain
Beautiful family space
Character
Children love playing in the stream
Close to our home
Dog walking
Dog walks and playing with the children in Ginge
Enjoy walking here
Excellent paddling/walking
Family and dog walking provide a peaceful haven from the traffic of the High Street
For walking
Great for dog walking
Great place to walk
Green corridor
Green space closest to my home
Green space, easily accessible
Grow up fishing in the Ginge still feels rural, do not want this built over
Historical importance
I could tick all of them! We need to keep rural feel and character of village places to walk and enjoy countryside on our doorstep and not have to drive there!
Important to preserve green spaces
It's natural
Kids enjoy finding/looking at wildlife
Local to me
Lovely for dog walking
Lovely in summer
Open area
Popular place for children of all ages to play
Safe haven for all ages
Sometimes walk there
Spent my childhood playing here
Superb place for children and dogs to enjoy green spaces safely
Unspoilt - like stepping back in time
Very beautiful views
View across from our house
Young and old love the area of the rope swing

"Q14e" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you.

Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space – Millennium Common

A gift to the village

A good breathing space

A valuable natural and peaceful place to walk

Another area to walk in away from the bustle of surrounding villages

Dog walker

Dog walking

Dog walking and nature

Dog walking nearby

Dog walking/exercise

Easily reached natural environment

Enjoy dog walks here

Enjoy walking

Enjoy walking here

Enjoy wild flowers, birds, badgers, etc

For family walks

For good walk

Fresh unspoilt space

Good for walks

Good habitat for wildlife, walking

Good place to walk dog

Great for kids/dogs

I walk my dog here

Important unspoilt space around village

Lovely community/wildlife space

Lovely for dog walking

Nature reserve

Need improving but great walks

Nice place to walk

Nice walk for humans. Habitat for animals, etc.

Often used

Peace and quiet, ever changing

Quiet space, good wildlife habitat

Regularly walk here

Right to roam

Solitude

Superb place for children and dogs to enjoy green spaces safely

This is for the village

Used by many

Valuable open space/nature

Valuable walking area

Very important area for walks, children's play, nature etc

Walk the dog
Walk there a lot
Walk there every week
Wanted no parking
We like to walk
We live near here
Wild flowers - etc, etc wildlife. I walk it regularly.
Wildlife and open space

"Q14f" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you.

Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space
– Paths & meadows along the Thames

Access countryside

Access for walking

Access to countryside

Again, very beautiful

Aids well being

Areas of natural beauty make it a pleasure to live in the village

Areas of tranquillity and peace

Attractive to walk along

Attractive walks

Beautiful

Beautiful and nice to walk along

Beautiful part of village, its a pity merrels got away with road to screw (condition of planning permission was to revert to green

Beautiful restorative walks

Beautiful scenery

Beautiful village walk

Beautiful walk gets so overgrown in summer

Beautiful walking

Beauty

Close to home

Defining feature of the village

Difficult to walk there

Diverse wildlife/plant habitat and beautiful area

Do a lot of walking here

Dog walking

Dog walking and nature

Easy access from the village, often walk with dog

Enjoy green natural space

Enjoy the area for walking

Enjoy the walks around

Enjoy walking

Enjoy walking

Enjoy walking there

Enjoyment and pleasure

Family and dog walking provide a peaceful haven from the traffic of the High Street

Family walks and free space to use and enjoy

Fantastic bird song in morning and masses of wild flowers

Fantastic walks and exploring for kids

Feels like countryside

For family walks

For good walk

For nice walks

For walking
For walking
For walking
Full of character
Good for exercise and relaxation
Good for family walks
Good for walking and healthy lifestyle
Great for dogs
Great for walks
Great place to walk
Great walk
I love running on them
I use these fairly frequently and they are quite beautiful to walk through
I use these weekly
I walk every day and love the parks
I walk here regularly
I walk my dog here
I walk to Abingdon
Ideal walking areas
Important for walking
Increased development is taking away our pretty walks and the little bit of nature we have left on the few not too heavily trafficated areas we still have. We have so few places to enjoy walking nowadays
Its nice to have a place to take a walk
Keen walker/runner
Landmark
Leisure activity
Like to walk and cycle
Like walking there
Love to walk these
Lovely for walking to Abingdon
Lovely to be able to walk along there
Lovely walk with dogs and kids
Lovely walks
Lovely walks but get very overgrown in summer
Making them accessible
Natural habitats, green belt separating villages is important for a healthy environment
Nature and walking
Nice area to walk
Nice to walk
Nice to walk along unspoilt
Nice walk/cycle traffic free into Abingdon
Nice walks
Nice walks
Personal choice of walks

Pleasant walking near water
Pleasant walks
Pleasant walks
Pleasure to experience
Popular natural area
Provides nice area to walk/run
Recreational walking and links to Abingdon and Clifton Hampden
Retaining the countryside
Scenic
Scenic views, water traffic
Sometimes nice for walking
Somewhere to have a bit of peace and quiet
Somewhere to run and enjoy the river views
Special area of beauty
Superb place for children and dogs to enjoy green spaces safely
Thames is so important to the village
The best opportunity to escape from all built up areas
The only real countryside space
Therapeutic walking
These are good for flood prevention
This is a place to relax and enjoy
This is still a pleasant walk despite the eyesore at weir
This makes for good walks around the village
Time spent on leisure activities
Unique areas/walks
Unspoiled walk to Abingdon
Use them daily
Used daily
Valuable walking area
Very important for walks/runs/leisure
Very important national resource
Very peaceful to walk along
Very pleasing and interesting
Views, history, recreation, walking, beauty
Village appeal
Village environment for village life
Walk there every week
Walking
Walking
Walking along river is enjoyable
Walking dog
Walking the dog
Walking unrestricted
We are walkers and love them

We can use this space more during summer
We like to walk
We walk there a lot
Well used recreational walk
Wildlife - walking - quietness
Wildlife enjoyable walks

"Q14g" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you.
Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space – Meadow south of the village school
Biodiversity/memories
Buffer zone
Close to home for walks
Community of dog walkers
Countryside fresh air, beautiful views
Dog walking
Enjoy walking here
For dog walking
Good area for dog walking
Green space next to the school is a must
I don't want to merge S.C. into Milton Park
Just right for a walk
Keep space between village and industry
Live and play area
Lovely to walk and jog through
Lovely way to get to Milton Park
Maintain character of S.C.
Must not be built on
Necessary green space between village and Milton Park
Nice for walking
On a regular basis I walk that way
Open wild flowers, walking
Outdoor walking
Popular for dog walkers, separation from Milton Park
Preserve last of green belt
Provides a gap between village and the trading estate
Space from Business Park
This needs to be kept and not built on, we have already lost part of this land to greed
To be preserved from encroachment of Milton Park and ancient heritage. roman farming
Used by many
Walk my dog here
We walk our dog on it

"Q14h" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you.
Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space – Recreation Ground
A decent space where children can safely play
A must for children and families
Activities for younger people
An essential community space
Because the lots of space for walks and also the park
Children's area
Chilling with friends
Dog walking
Football club
For all villagers - cricket nets need renewing
For basketball
For children
For children to run around
For kids
For sports/kids
For the youths of the village
For young people
Good for the grandchildren
Good place for children to play
Grandchildren visit area
Grandkids
Great amenity
Great for kids play area spot
Great for sports
Great place for kids to play
Handy for us to walk to with kids
Has potential to be a great community asset
Have children
I have children and we use this a lot
I like it
I often use it
I see many people using this regularly and so does our family
Importance for social/sports events to the village
Important for village life
Kids like it
Kids love to play there
Kids play area
My children regularly play there
My kids enjoy playing there
Needed for football etc
Needs improvement

Open and free
Open space for children to play
Park and open space for children
Place for my grandson to play
Playground
Playground for kids
Priority for exercise, etc
Regular trips with kids, skate park needs improving
Safe open space for children to benefit
Something for everyone here. Young and old
Sometimes for kids to play
Somewhere for children
Somewhere for children to go
Somewhere to take grandchildren
Space for kids
The park
The play area for grandchildren
Use for child play and dog walking
Use it with children
Use with family
Used by children
Used by family
Very important for range of leisure activities especially children
We live near here
We love the skate park and playground and the rec is an important village space
Where I spent a lot of time during youth
Where the village gets together
Would be nice if it could be used by all not just footballers!

"Q14i" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you.

Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space – The Triangle

Biodiversity/memories

Change to roundabout

Directional hub

Good meeting point

Love of the character - Road junction and Christmas decorations

Quaint, rural feel, lovely as it is

Rural look

Significant focal point

Village history

Visible to all motorists / pedestrians

"Q14j" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you.

Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space
– All public footpaths

Absolutely necessary for all

Access through and around village

Access to countryside

Access to fields for walking

Access to local residents/friends

Allows me to explore the village

Amenity value

And cycle routes

Areas of natural beauty make it a pleasure to live in the village

Buggy

Character

Cluttered by hedges over paths

Dog walking and nature

Encourage walking

Encourage walking

Enjoy walking

Enjoy walking

Excellent for exploring, exercise and getting round village

Exercise and walking

Family walks

For dog walking

For family walks

For running

For walkers

For walking

Frequently used as alternative to road

Getting around

Getting around into countryside

Give access to open countryside

Going for a walk

Good for dog walks

Good for walking and healthy lifestyle

Great dog walking

Great for walking dogs

I frequently use them

I have a dog so use it a lot

I walk a lot in and around the village

I walk my dog here

If not walked they be lost

Important for everyone

Important for walking

Important links to Abingdon and Culham station
Keen walker
Like to walk
Natural habitats, green belt separating villages is important for a healthy environment
Nice to walk through village using these or into town
Overgrown in places
Provide safe trip free hazards
Right to roam
Safe walking
Safety for everyone
Safety for walkers
Signpost
So we can make better use
Somewhere to run
The best way to enjoy the spaces we have
These make S/C special
They enable easy movement
To encourage more people walking
To ensure safe environment for walking
Too many cars and motorbikes
Try to walk with children
Use them daily
Use these for school, etc
Use when not using car
Valuable facility
Very important to village living
Very pleasant and peaceful
Village appeal
Walk dog
Walks
We do lots of walks
We enjoy walking
We like to walk
We like to walk and enjoy the views
We walk a lot and enjoy these

"Q14k" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you.
Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space – Green Belt between Sutton Courtenay & neighbouring villages & towns
As much woodland and unspoilt meadows - for peace
As the green
Breathing space
Breathing space (not uninterested building) good for emotional and physical health
Buffer zone
Building on this would worsen
Crucial - to avoid urban sprawl
Defines the village
Demarcation
Demarcation of villages
Discrete community of SC
Distinct boundary between villages and towns - builds greater sense of community and belonging
Distinction between village life and town living
Do not want urban sprawl, very worried this will be built over
Don't want to be a part of an urban sprawl
Don't want to join villages
Else we will be Didcot
Essential to keep S.C. special identity
Feeling of space
Footpaths
For family walks
For its sheer beauty
For the view from my house and its in keeping with the peacefulness of SC
Gives the village a distinct character
Green belt should be respected
I don't want them to be built on
I enjoy walking around these areas
I moved to be in a village not closed in
I think green space is very important
I think greenbelt should be preserved and villages to maintain separate identities
If built on would become one large town
Important to identity
Important to keep at least 1 field between SC and surrounding villages
Important to keep our greenbelts
Important to maintain SC as an entity
In danger of being destroyed
Individual villages need to keep their identity
It defines our village
It is important to have green belts
It is important to keep green spaces between to retain village identity
It's important so we don't merge into neighbouring villages

It's what keeps us a village
Keep SC as its own village and don't merge with Didcot/Milton through over developing
Keep the village identity
Keep the village identity
Keep village as individual
Keep village feel
Keep village identity and that of our neighbouring villages
Keeping separation, retaining the village feel
Keeps countryside intact and the village separate
Keeps difference between villages
Keeps Sutton Courtenay as is rather than merging with other village
Keeps village distinct
Keeps village identity
Like rural feel
Like to remain as a village
Maintain character of S.C.
Maintain individuality between villages
Maintain the village identity
Maintain village status
Maintaining village identity
Most important to define village setting and life
Must retain these spaces
Natural habitats, green belt separating villages is important for a healthy environment
Need green open spaces
Need to keep village identity
Need to protect the countryside, retain identity of the village
Need to stop merger of adjacent villages
Nice to be a separate village
Nice to have boundary - thin village etc
Nice to walk through
Nice views
No more urban sprawl
Open space between villages and towns
Otherwise it will become part of district
Otherwise SC would be no more
Perfect for family and dog walks. Good for wildlife
Preservation of community identity - we fear Milton Park sprawl and greater district?
Preserve these green belts
Preserves our village status
Prevent further urbanisation
Preventing over development
Prevents coalescence
Protect our environment and stop developments
Protect village from over-development

Relaxing
Retain village identity
Retaining the countryside
Return status quo
S.C. is a village and needs to remain one
SC must retain its own identity and not become a suburb of Didcot
Scenic
Separation of SC from surrounding towns and villages
Shows village is cared for
So that we do not all join up as one
Somewhere to have a bit of peace and quiet
Stop over expansion of village
Stop spread of housing
Stops the village being a suburb of Abingdon/Didcot
Stops urban sprawl
Sutton Courtenay is a village - keep it a village, don't merge everything into one
The only way to remain a community
These open spaces should be preserved
These spaces ensure our village doesn't merge into others
To be preserved or whole area will be one conurbation
To delineate village boundaries
To keep S.C. a village in countryside
To keep SC as a village and not part of a greater Didcot
To keep us a village
To keep village integrity
To maintain village individuality
To preserve village feel
To prevent further expansion of building
To remain a village
To retain the villages own identities
To save infill
To stay a village there has to be gaps between housing
To stop urban sprawl
Very important that we keep green areas between us and Didcot
Very important to keep this space
Very very important to retain greenspace between villages
Views, wildlife, space
Village appeal
Village environment for village life
Villages should not merge
Visual space between villages
Vital to keep SC distinctiveness - no urban sprawl
Vital to maintain the sense of village, rather than part of a town
We are losing too many green sites

We don't want villages to grow so big that they merge together
We have lost too much green belt
Without this the village would feel like a town

"Q14I" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you.
Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space – Views over farmland
As the green
Beautiful and important to maintain
Beautiful and our food basket
Beautiful, varied, interesting
Because we need more countryside not houses
Congested in village, enhances countryside appeal of village
Creates a unique quality to SC makes house value higher
Does not make you feel locked in your house
Dog walking and nature
Don't want things built up too much
Essential to keep S.C. special identity
Gives me a feeling of well being
House overlooks farm - this is why I purchased this plot
I came to live in a village not an urban area
I love the countryside
Important to village setting
It is a beautiful view for everyone
It's what keeps us a village
Keep village feel
Living in a village one expects to have views over farmlands
Mindfulness
Most important to define village setting and life
Must retain open spaces
My house overlooks farmland, one of the main reasons why I like living here
Natural habitats, green belt separating villages is important for a healthy environment
Nice views
Peaceful views - not full of buildings
Preventing over development
Quiet and peaceful place
Rural feel is very important
Sense of being in the countryside
Stop spread of housing
The idea of village life
They are views I've enjoyed for nearly 20 years
This is why I chose to live here and not somewhere else
This is why I live here
To maintain rural feel
Unfortunately recently lost
Visual space open peaceful
Why we chose to live here

"Q14m" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you.

Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space
– Distant views to Wittenham Clumps & The Ridgeway

Because we need more countryside not houses

Countryside not houses

Does not make you feel locked in your house

Enjoy the views

Enjoyment of open views

Essential to keep S.C. special identity

For its sheer beauty

Give a sense of living in a rural location

Good dog walking spots

Helps need rural aspect which could easily be lost

I check this view on a regular basis and it makes me feel good

Important local sites of recreation and reminders of the lovely landscape we share

Just nice to see

Keep village feel

Long views are important

Looks nice

Love the Clumps

Memories

Natural England

This is why moved here

This view has been allowed to be lost by the height of the tip

Unique character of village life

Valuable visitor landmarks

Very important marker

We enjoy the view from our garden

"Q14" Please tick up to FOUR of the following green spaces and/or views that are the most important to you.
Please give a brief explanation by naming the space/view then why you chose the space – Responses from online survey not split out
All public footpaths - Essential for dog walking and allowing leisure walking around and from/to the village
Are areas where I walk and enjoy? I do not wish the village to be over developed as its small size is the reason I moved here and if it expands too much the community spirit might become lost.
Because they are the ones I frequent the most - the Green because by the pubs, walk often along the Thames, same along the public footpaths in the village. I would prefer the green belt between Sutton Courtenay and neighbouring villages and towns stays like this, as a green belt rather than gets built with houses. I moved to a village because I wanted to live in a village and enjoy the green spaces and views associated with a village. I don't want Sutton Courtenay to get over developed, which it is at the risk of.
Cemetery adjacent to recreation ground. Because of the doubling of the size of Sutton Courtenay due to current and potential developments has the Parish Council considered whether a doubling of the size of the cemetery will be necessary and if so have they developed plans as to how this might be achieved.
Churchyard - pretty and interesting, Rec - near home with good facilities and spaces for kids, footpaths - there's a lot of them!
Enjoy walking and the rural feel of SC
Ginge Brook is a nice peaceful place to walk with friends. Paths & meadows along the Thames need to be improved to encourage more people to walk and jog along one of our most important rivers. It should be a major attraction for the area. All public footpaths, again this is a beautiful area but people are put off of walking and cycling here due to the poor state of the paths. Green Belt between Sutton Courtenay & neighbouring villages & towns. The beauty of this area is largely due to the distinct nature of the villages around here if they become one homogeneous urban sprawl the area would lose its attraction.
good for walking dogs
Green because its nice to have for children. All public footpaths as I personally use them a lot to get around and about
Green Belt around SC - it's extremely important to have a green space between villages to maintain their individual identities and communities otherwise you end up with an ugly urban sprawl. The Green, paths & meadows - in a hectic, noisy and stressful world it's important for everyone's mental health to have quiet, interesting and attractive places to walk, cycle and enjoy away from roads, shops and houses.
Green spaces are really important, as a crucial factor in living here (rather than in Abingdon or Oxford, where transport is better). The Green (at the centre of the village) and the ability to walk beyond the village on the paths into the countryside are particularly important for quality of life.
Green spaces around the estate and the shop area
Historic village setting, Necessary burial/ facility Quiet, peaceful walks Facility for young people - ideally not just footballer
I like going for walks.
Land by Ginge Brook; somewhere to walk and ponder by running water.
Meadow ideal for dog walking. As a green belt this stops ribbon building between Abingdon / Sutton Courtenay/ Didcot. Views over farmland and views to Wittenham clumps - pleasures of country living.
Meadow south of the village school - was one of the main reasons we chose to move here as we have a dog and wanted somewhere that we could go to walk him. If this is lost by development then we would look to move out of the village as we will have to travel by car to reach the nearest appropriate place for dog walkers.
Meadow south of village school - open space with wild flowers in spring/summer

Millennium common, Meadow south of village school and Green Belt are all precious open areas that should not be spoilt
Nearly all of these options are at the northern end of village. Did anyone from the Southern end help right these options? The green around the houses in southern ends are important but not well kept at all...it's as if no one cares about us down here
Paths & meadows for walking Meadow south of sch for walking, flower/wild fruit picking access to Milton Park and its bus stops Recreation ground for sports, village events Public footpaths for access to countryside, neighbouring villages / towns and fruit picking
Paths and meadows along the Thames because it is an interesting walk which is always changing.
Recreation Ground - my step children use this and the skate park for leisure
Recreation ground as it's a usable space and welcoming
SC must not lose its rural nature. More housing will turn it into a town rather than a village or worse still; make it a suburb of Didcot.
The Green - an essential part of the character of the village Paths along Thames - for recreation Green Belt - to preserve the village character and stop urban sprawl Views over farmland - to preserve the village character and stop urban sprawl
The Green - pertains to village life Cemetery - historic (church cemetery) and essential (new cemetery) Paths and meadows along Thames - for walking Recreation ground - used by many members of the community
The Green - quintessential English village green
The Green - this area sums up what Sutton Courtenay was - an old village. It is not a village that is suitable for large developments for several reasons including the water supply/sewerage/drainage problems including flooding of properties built on flood plains, the road layout, lack of suitable river crossing for an excess of cars. Many houses from High Street all the way to Appleford Road were never built with multiple-car owners in mind, hence the ridiculous parking problems in the area.
The Green and church yard are a historical centre of the village, and provide the pubs with a village feel to their setting. Walking through the green belt to the village past Ginge Brook adds significant positive quality to my life, and the wildlife in the area. I would have included views over farm land, distant views, meadow south of school and paths and meadows next to Thames if I had been allowed to do so
The green because it is a true rural village scene
The Green Important central part of village and near the church
The Green offers a space of opens when driving into the Village Churchyard & Cemetery offers a place of tranquillity and History Millennium offers an unspoilt area of wildlife and wild flowers and plants which is peaceful.
The Green, focal point of village. Foot paths, needed to try and keep some of the village feel and for us to use.
The Green.....Historic Space. Paths & Meadows.....Leisure. Meadow South.....Keeping Milton Park in Bounds. Green Belt.....No Infill / Spread
The rural environment of the village and easy access to country walks and views is important to me. Although I would not like to see the village merge with other villages and towns strictly keeping the green belt clear would be less important to me than maintaining as much as possible of the rural character of the village.
the Thames river, two minute walk to get to it
The Triangle because it is by our house and I am frightened by the speed of traffic and the way people drive at this point. It is dangerous. The paths and meadows along the Thames because I love them and enjoy walking there so much - they should be preserved in their rugged and natural state. The green belt around the village is why I moved here out of London and must be preserved to encourage biodiversity. The Green (including the churchyard) epitomises Sutton Courtenay for me. There is a peace and sense of timelessness, but also of community in this space.
THESE ARE ALL IMPORTANT TO ME - THEY ARE THE REASON I CHOSE TO LIVE HERE AND THE REASON I SUPPORT THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY. They are the reason why

George Orwell chose to be buried in our quintessential Oxfordshire village, and we owe it to future generations to preserve our village. The single biggest problem in Sutton Courtenay is traffic, for noise, air pollution, road safety and convenience of travel.
Too much focus on the areas to the south of the village, the north is overlooked
We don't want coalescence with Didcot

"Q16a" Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay. If other, please specify below
Air quality - Most important - keeps people, animals - etc healthy
Better control of landfill site as odour and flies are a major issue
Better cycle paths and infrastructure - Encourage more people to cycle and not use cars for local journeys
Cricket pitch
Due to the habitat loss (too many houses, factories, warehouses built). The wildlife is put at risk/lost
Effective drainage (natural and sewage system) - Flood prevention
Grass verges need to be car free especially in winter when make them messy and litter needs collecting often
Improvements of road surfaces, fill potholes
Keep it as a village
Keep verges, green and pavements tidy and weed free
Less traffic
Maintaining what we have to better standards and visual presentations
Maintenance of grass verges. Cut more frequently and grass removed after cutting to stop blocking drains
Minimise on street parking - Unsightly and dangerous
More enforceable restrictions of landfill operations
No more housing estates
Park/playground (school end of village) - Provide green space for children which can encompass many things to enhance the natural environment
Pipe dream
Presumably this comes from quarry works - can't keep a car clean - we breathe the same dust
Provide alternative routes for traffic to and from Milton Park and Culham. This traffic is a blight on the village.
Reduction of traffic - reduction of noise and pollution
Reduction of traffic (HGV's and cut through from Abingdon)
Sort out the congestion on roads created by current parking chaos
Stop building warehouses next to us
Stop parking on verges
the wildlife centre is often given funding from developers, but is separate from the village, and not an integral part of village life - this funding should be diverted to improving facilities within the village
There is insufficient traffic calming in the village
Traffic calming e.g. 20mph limit chicanes, curb extensions (with plants)
Transport - you need a road that does not go through SC for all traffic! And a new 2 way bridge (across Thames at Culham)
Use more of the river energy

"Q16b" Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay.
Please give a brief explanation of why you chose this answer – Community orchard
A community project which is not run by the church
A nice idea
A space we can go with children to teach about countryside management
All share in the fruit
Attractive area with good crops of home grown, will attract wildlife, bees, birds, etc
Be good for children and better to be community grown
Bring people together and most people don't have fruit trees at home
Community spaces, attractive good to walk around
Could also become a second community event space
Cut down carbon footprint. Folk learn about importance of trees. People feel productive.
Encourage community involvement and enhance village environment
Environment effect of trees
Excellent idea
Fruit trees for the village - attractive and productive
Generate community spirit
Great for children to get involved
Great for community spirit
Great for locals and schools
Have been to one in Devon. They all share the fruit, then the remainder goes to press for cider - profits used to maintain orchard. Also jolly annual village fete with orchard queen, Morris dancers etc held in orchard
Help less fortunate, encourage children. Contribute to community spirit
It will enable people to keep busy and a way for people to socialise and be happy
Large open communal space decreasing
Lovely idea
N/A
Nice idea if well managed
Or similar green community space
Pleasant to visit for adults and children
Produce could go through projects
Reinforces community spirit
Social aspects
Stop using the land to build houses and use the land for the benefit of the current community
Sutton Courtenay cider! I'd buy it
The naturally occurring fruit trees are very popular
This could provide a shared natural environment as well as bringing the community together
To connect to the fruit growing past and provide community bonding
To meet. A nice place to get fresh food
To produce local produce for the community
To support local community loneliness
To support local produce and spirit

Trees are so important for air quality
Villagers can participate and share the harvest of the fresh produce fellowship
What a great way to get the community together and teaching healthy first!
Would be a nice addition to the village
Would be great for the children and more elderly residents

"Q16c" Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay.
Please give a brief explanation of why you chose this answer – Community-run garden
A chance for residents to work together in the community
A community project which is not run by the church
A place for all villagers can take part to care for the garden and also to meet people
A pleasant place to visit and work in
An example to residents
Another lovely idea and good for the soul
Because it will encourage team and community spirits
Bring village members together
Brings people together
Community spaces, attractive good to walk around
Could include fruit trees, bring community together and help residents, mental wellbeing and physical health
Cut down carbon footprint. Folk learn about importance of trees. People feel productive
Develop a sense of community
Encourage participation
Encourage skill sharing
Encourages community spirit
Generally improve village. Foster community spirit. Assist lower wage homes
Getting people to respect the local environment
Good for community spirits
Good for people to get together
Good way of improving community cohesion - access to all
Great for children to get involved
Great for community spirit
Great opportunity for socialising for those who might feel lonely, and a great form of exercise
Help less fortunate, encourage children. Contribute to community spirit
I am studying horticulture and would love to get involved with a community garden. It would be nice to meet others with the same passion
It seems to work well in other villages bringing the community together
It will enable people to keep busy and a way for people to socialise and be happy
It would be a nice place to walk and maybe meet people
Maybe for the children who don't have gardens
Nice community opportunity for village
Opportunity to bring people together
Relaxation for villagers with small and no garden
Shortage of allotment spaces. Shared love of gardening/growing encouraging more friendships
So many kids don't know how things grow
Social aspects
Social opportunity for older people
Sounds like a good idea villagers could then purchase the produce/plants with proceeds going back into the community.
Stop using the land to build houses and use the land for the benefit of the current

community
Studies have shown these enhance village life
Supporting wellbeing. Sell for shop
This could provide a shared natural environment as well as bringing the community together
This would improve the sense of community
To build relationships between old and young in the village
To encourage people to experience nature and to work together
To meet like-minded people whose enjoyment is gardening
Would also give people opportunity to get together and learn
Would be a nice addition to the village
Would be great for the children and more elderly residents

"Q16d" Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay.
Please give a brief explanation of why you chose this answer – Provision for additional allotments
A wonderful opportunity for people to grow their own and for children to learn the importance of fresh vegetables and fruit in their diet
Another great community initiative
Are there allotments?
Because I have one and enjoy it
Becoming the right thing to do
But only if there is a demand - I suspect there might be. Encourages awareness of healthy food, closeness to the earth, etc.
Children need to know where food comes from
Community involvement, young families need one
Crucial for those in flats and with small gardens
Cut down carbon footprint. Folk learn about importance of trees. People feel productive
Eco friendly community
Encourage people grow your own, encourage people to eat healthy
Encouragement of growing own fruit and veg - antidote to the culture of fast food/ready meals
Encourages eating fresh food
Encourages individuals to grow fresh vegetables.
Gardens getting smaller
Give opportunity for move to garden and a sense of community
Good to have for people to use
Grow your own fruit/veg, create a community
Helpful for those with limited garden facilities
Helps to be eating fresh food
If there is a demand
If there is an increasing demand
Lots of people would welcome a better place to grow than on the new estates
Need to go on waiting list for mine
Not enough allotments in the village. We had to go to Appleford for allotments
Not everyone has space to grow veg
Often have to wait to attain good healthy activity with the joy of home grown
Only if required
Own grown vegetables should be encouraged
People to grow veg and if they grow too much give to others
Provide allotments with a water supply available
Shortage
Smaller gardens, need space to grow veg
Social opportunity for older people
Some properties do not have large gardens, so allotments would be good for people who have a small garden
Something for new home owners and families to enjoy as well as long term owners
Stop using the land to build houses and use the land for the benefit of the current community

Team work and relaxation
There are not many currently
There is not enough
There isn't enough for people to have the space they need to grow their own - people are struggling
To encourage local food production
To encourage people to grow their own
Very few for the size of the village. The school has one and would be good to encourage more home grown veg/fruit
We would like a small patch to grow veg
Where are the existing allotments?
Will depend on need and whether insufficient provisions
With a small garden would be good to grow produce of my own
Would love to grow more produce

"Q16e" Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay.
Please give a brief explanation of why you chose this answer – Maintenance of riverbanks and streams
A local reserve of beauty we should look after
A natural asset, often overgrown
Access to river important for walking and water drainage and flooding
Always nice to walk along the river
Appearance and safety from flooding
As it is the nearest green walk to our home
Aside from beautiful scenery they also give a sense of peace and well-being
Attractive area for walking and wildlife
Because it is pleasant and like it a place that looks well cared for
Because it makes me feel alive to see kingfisher flying up the Thames
Because they are not maintained now
Believe it or not in the streams and rivers carry water so building next to them is idyllic but ludicrous
Benefit to the community
Both the Ginge and Thames are vital parts of the village, both should be accessible to all residents. Lack of maintenance is not good for environment, more rubbish and pollution caught in overhanging trees etc
Can cause horrors if ignored
Clearance of rubbish and pollution to make areas more attractive to use
Drainage
Due to large numbers of visitors
Encourage people to explore the countryside, not just from the village but surrounding areas too
Encourage walking and pleasure
Encourage wildlife
Encourages wildlife and also safer for animals
Enhances the pleasure for walks
Environmental benefits
Essential feel of a country village
Essential to preserve nature of the village
Fallen trees around weir ruin the view and access
Flood risk and help environment
Flooding defence, safety
Flooding?
For the safety of properties, to reduce risk of flooding
For wildlife
Ginge Brook and streams should be dredged as part of village maintenance
Ginge Brook is very often running over and flooding the road
Good views
Great for walking in the summer. Should be maintained
Great to see wildlife and seeing the natural streams flowing
Habitat management, flood prevention, scenic outlook
Help control flood weak spots

Helps to encourage people to get out and walk and see the village and the natural environment we live in
Helps wildlife
Holly House Lane is appalling
I love the lakes and streams and the Thames
I walk a lot so well maintained river banks important
I'm a boat owner and the river doesn't offer enough local moorings or facilities that benefit less well-off local river users/weeds and litter also an eyesore
Important elements of our enjoyment of country walks
Important recreational amenity
Important to avoid flooding, improve fish stocks, etc
Important to maintain
Important to maintain there
Important to preserve and maintain areas
Improve safety
It is the villages greatest asset
It's important to maintain these areas - flooding, etc
Keep clear to reduce flood risks
Keep up appearance and ecology. Helps wildlife, etc
Keeping the countryside healthy and looking after our wildlife
Key to character
Like walking
Location next to Thames village appeal
Lovely to walk along
Maintain environment
Maintain natural beauty of area and maintain safety
Maintain village/open countryside environment
Maintaining our rural environment
Maintenance of a beautiful and well-used space
Maintenance of all round waterways important
Maintenance reduces flooding, also improves appearance
Makes walking the footpaths/river walking even more pleasurable
More could be done to integrate water walk into village infrastructure
Need to be kept free flowing
Nice walks
Nice walks
Obvious
Our heritage
Overgrown footpaths in summer months
Overgrown streams now dry or blocked - creates high river, poor drainage
Part of the attraction to Sutton Courtenay is access to the river
Pleasant to visit and help to avoid flooding
Preservation of environment
Preserve natural beauty
Preserve wildlife and enable walkers to explore same

Prevent flooding
Prevent flooding
Protect the environment
Provide safe and pleasant access
Reduce risk of flooding
Retain rural character
Riverside footpaths are well used. Maintenance to minimise flood risk
Safety and wildlife
Safety, prevent flooding
SC is a beautiful village steeped in history. We must protect its heritage and with that its village feel and appearance
So it can be used for walks
Somewhere to escape from traffic noise and pollution
Stop flooding
Stop flooding
Such a lovely area but needs to be kept that way so maintenance is crucial
Suitable areas for wildlife and could help prevent flooding
Summer months very overgrown, difficult to actually see the river
Sutton Courtenay towpath is a most beautiful place
Take away the boats moored on the river
The natural environment of the village is one of its greatest assets/attractions. This is essential to maintain a village environment (we don't want to become greater Didcot)
The river is a huge part of the village and a big draw
The river is beautiful and important
The river is critical to the village's character
The waterways are an important feature in the parish
There are places where people like to walk
There is often litter left on the banks - damage to wildlife
These four aspects of our environment are important to me
They are untidy/inaccessible
They need it
They're scruffy, fallen trees etc that look unsightly
To alleviate chances of my property flooding
To allow access etc avoid erosion
To avoid flooding
To avoid flooding
To avoid flooding
To avoid future flooding
To help avoid flooding
To keep them clean and the water healthy for fish and other living creatures
To keep waterways clear at all times to prevent flooding
To preserve the environment for generations to come
To preserve walks along river bank
To prevent erosion and overgrowth
To prevent flooding, streams need to be cleared of debris

To reduce risks of flooding. Promote safety of anglers. Wildlife habitat card for
To stop flooding
Unique aspects of a Thameside village
Very important for wildlife, water quality and humans
Vital element of the village
Vital for flood control and as pleasant leisure areas
Walking and reduction of flooding
Walks, exercise and keeping the environment tidy
We are in the countryside, need generation need it
Westbrook and Ginge Brook very overgrown with weeds and bushes
Wild flowers and herbs once abundant are now overcome by stinging nettles
Wildlife is pretty
Wildlife support

"Q16f" Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay.
Please give a brief explanation of why you chose this answer – Encourage wildlife habitats
A wish to keep in touch with nature. Biodiversity a good thing
All wildlife should be encouraged
As a countryside location, we have the opportunity to support local wildlife
Because it makes me feel alive to see kingfisher flying up the Thames
Because so many creatures are in decline
Because so many wildlife habitats have been lost due to the developments
Benefitting local school
Biodiversity
Clearance of rubbish and pollution to make areas more attractive to use. To generate safe habitats for larger spaces
Comment not necessary
Could partnership with schools
Definitely - too many are being built on. Wildlife are very important
Definitely as above
Diversity
Diversity amongst more crops
Due to decline in wildlife due to human intervention and depletion of habitats.
Encourage people to explore the countryside, not just from the village but surrounding areas too
Encourage wildlife
Enhance parish environment
Ensure wildlife remains in S.C.
Especially bees - vital that we protect and encourage wildlife
Essential for all villages and rural areas
Essential for bird life, nesting, etc
Extremely important to encourage so it doesn't disappear
For wildlife
Good for biodiversity and retaining green spaces and protecting
Good for children growing up in the village
Good for country life
Help environment
I love SC because it is a village and it is in the countryside and we should encourage more wildlife
Important educationally for the future
Important part of our natural ecosystem
Important to be protecting the countryside wildlife
Important to maintain there
Increased biodiversity is good
I've noticed a large decline in wildlife since my youth
Losing so much
Lovely to see wildlife
Maintain environment
Maintain view of country, even though Didcot et al are always encroaching

Makes walking the footpaths/river walking even more pleasurable
More could be done to encourage more wildlife in the village
More housing and building means less wildlife, we need to look after them
More housing development reduces wildlife habitats
Natures balance
Need to preserve wildlife
Not enough thought given to the encouragement of wildlife
Our duty to offset development
Our wildlife is on a knife edge because their habitats have shrunk by at least 50%, where have all the grasshoppers gone?
Positivity of environmental impact
Preservation of natural countryside
Preserve nature for future generations
Preserves countryside
Preserving natural heritage
Prevent further decrease in numbers of so many essential species
Rich wildlife - deer, foxes, etc needs to be maintained
Risk factor for cancer. Disturbance to animals. Waste of energy, resources and money. Security risk to property. Obscures view and night sky.
SC is a beautiful village steeped in history. We must protect its heritage and with that its village feel and appearance
See the benefits of the Millennium common, good to see another example of something like the common in another part of the village e.g. behind lady place
Sutton Courtenay has great potential to help wildlife thrive and survive
The area here is lovely, wildlife needs to be encouraged
The natural environment of the village is one of its greatest assets/attractions. This is essential to maintain a village environment (we don't want to become greater Didcot)
The Thames, The Ginge Brook and the millennium common could be developed for wildlife
The wildlife here is amazing. We need to encourage this and not build too much on habitats
The wildlife needs help
There would not be enough, this area is most suitable for it
These are suffering now due to all the housing developments
These four aspects of our environment are important to me
These must be protected
To counteract damage caused by building works
To enhance area
To keep the wildlife we got
To keep the wildlife we have
To maintain rural feel
To offset development/housing activities in/around the village
To preserve and increase wildlife
Too many habitats lost
Too many wildlife specimens under threat from destroying their habitat
Urban sprawl is threatening local wildlife
Very important to the countryside

Vital to wellbeing of current and future generations
We all need to help nature
We are in the countryside, need generation need it
We are losing habitats due to over development of green spaces
We are losing these wildlife habitats due to developments
We are lucky to have safe environments for animals to enjoy. They should not be pushed out for housing
We are slowly destroying their habitats
We are still a village - just
We can't keep building without looking after the wildlife we evict from land
We have lost a lot with all the development
We have lost much wildlife habitat in UK
We live in the countryside - we should encourage and enable wildlife
We need to preserve wildlife
We should do this anyway
We will have no wildlife left if we keep building on their natural habitats.
We're losing them so need to preserve them
Why not
Why wouldn't we support nature
Wildlife in Britain needs our help
Wildlife is a major part of the village and should be encouraged
Wildlife is important so keeping animals in the area and happy and alive
Wildlife is necessary to sanity
Wildlife is threatened by all the new development, increase in dogs, cats and general disturbance everywhere
Wildlife is very important to the area
Wildlife needs a helping hand or will lose it
Wonderful to see wildlife in their own habitat
Would be wonderful to have an area of the village for wildlife
Would like to see fields left without being ploughed

"Q16g" Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay.
Please give a brief explanation of why you chose this answer – Minimise light pollution
A more restful environment
Allows nature to be itself
Already kept awake all night from side safety light on housing in Lady Place
Although the lighting is quite dim along Church Street we do live in a village and not a town
Beneficial to health
Better for everyone
Better selective lighting, positioning and time control needed throughout the village
Better street lighting
Both distract from peacefulness of area
Cut energy and see the night sky
Damage to psychological and physiological health. Can cause hypertension and high stress levels. Other health harmful effects.
Dark skies hard to come by locally
Darkness is important for health and well being
Detrimental to wildlife that need dark nights
Environmental reasons
Environmentally friendly
Give us a chance to see stars
I would like to see a black sky at night
Impact on environment
Important to maintain rural community
Important to see stars
It used to be so dark at night, so lovely, and now we seem to have more and more light pollution
It would be a pleasure to see a black sky at night
Keeping the village life calm and rural, with nice countryside views and noises
Lighting spoils the natural/village environment. If I wanted street lighting I'd move to a town (can't see the night sky with lights)
Maintain environment
Milton Park and new developments already create too much
More eco friendly
Night time is supposed to be dark!
Nights should be dark - cannot see the night sky
Not enough dark sky
Open skies
Our hobby is astronomy
Retain rural feel
SC is a beautiful village steeped in history. We must protect its heritage and with that its village feel and appearance
See night sky
Stargazing
The large warehouses already create too much
The natural environment of the village is one of its greatest assets/attractions. This is

essential to maintain a village environment (we don't want to become greater Didcot)
These four aspects of our environment are important to me
This is an increasing need for wildlife sake
To allow for a clearer sky of stars at night
Too much light in some areas, not enough in others!
Very important to the countryside
Very invasive

"Q16h" Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay.
Please give a brief explanation of why you chose this answer – Minimise noise pollution
A34 motorway / railway
Adverse effect on health
Amount of traffic through the village at rush hour is noisy
Appleford Road is very noisy with traffic - has got worse over last 7 years
Attraction of the village vs towns
Because it's constant even during late night/early mornings
Beneficial to health
Both distract from peacefulness of area
Both industrial and residential
Can wreck people's lives
Church Street is very busy and cars drive too fast
Church Street very busy
Concern here is the proposed large house developments, Ox-Cam expressway and Abingdon /Didcot Road
Cycle lane expansion
Didcot 'B' does create noise as does the A34 and Didcot ring road
Do away with speed control humps in the High Street
For a village S.C. is quite a noisy location - traffic, trains and aircraft
From the MOD helicopters
Given the proximity of the village to the A34 and power station, combating noise pollution is very important
Good for everyone
Health
Helicopter over flights are a menace. Also boy racers on motorbikes
I find noise irritating
I like the quiet of SC so would wish to see that maintained and noise minimised
If no housing development
Impact on village life/quality of life
Important to maintain rural community
Increase in traffic in High Street will increase noise - at all hours - needs addressing
Keep it quiet on Sundays i.e. noisy lawn mowers, one quiet day would be great
Keeping the village life calm and rural, with nice countryside views and noises
Less traffic, less noise please
Levels on High Street can be very noisy
Limit fireworks to November 5th
Lorries/large vehicles creating unacceptable levels of noise in High Street
Mainly from traffic
Maintain environment
Milton Park and new developments already create too much
More traffic calming required
More traffic or industry would spoil the peace of the village
New developments and Milton Park create too much
No disturbance

Nobody likes continued noise from neighbours or businesses, causes friction and animosity
Noise can be very intrusive
Noise from traffic unacceptable, noise from power station and light aircraft from Benson
Noise from traffic, building works, industry, extra people and animals - not at all quiet
Noisy vehicles / fast moving motorbikes and heavy lorries
Obvious reasons
Occasional anti-social driving
Otherwise the village becomes a town
Over use of very powerful fireworks
Peaceful
Plant more trees to limit A34 road noise. RAF Benson night time air traffic
Power station, A34, Distribution warehouses (current and planned) all reduce sense of wellbeing for those who chose a country life
Quality of life
Quiet and nicer for everyone
Quiet area in keeping with village
Quiet village environment
Reduce noise of heavy traffic through village
Reduce the number of large HGVs and preserve village character
Remove road humps in the hope of reducing our house being rattled by traffic
Restrict large lorries through village
Retain rural feel
Road noise (A34) too much
SC is a beautiful village steeped in history. We must protect its heritage and with that its village feel and appearance
Silence brings a calmness (the fewer cars/lorries the better)
So few areas of no noise but should minimise where possible
So that on hot sunny days having your window open at night does not mean hearing cars race down the High Street
Sort out the single lane bridge
Support the relaxing life sustaining feel of the village
The natural environment of the village is one of its greatest assets/attractions. This is essential to maintain a village environment (we don't want to become greater Didcot)
The peace in the village is one of the best things about it
The traffic problem was escalated to such extent its getting 24/7 noise
There is too much traffic going through S.C.
These four aspects of our environment are important to me
To create a more peaceful environment
To improve environment
To keep the character of the village
To live in peace and quiet is important, people need a good night's sleep
Too many cars already use the village as thoroughfare
Too many motorbikes and revving cars at night
Too many trucks and cars using Sutton Courtenay as a cut through
Too much noise from road and air traffic intruding into households.

Too much noise in S.C. due to landfill operations
Too much traffic noise
Too noisy at times
Traffic (HGV's and mopeds)
Traffic calming in Milton Road etc
Traffic control/speed
Traffic noise and over frequent fireworks displays
Traffic noise in particular affects many residents
Traffic noise on the rise as traffic congestion getting worse
Traffic queue outside our house every weekday causing bad pollution
Traffic through village already significant
Very important to the countryside
Very invasive
Very invasive noise
Very loud fireworks
Very often a lot of noise from Milton Park as it gets bigger
Very upsetting to some people
Village life - not industrial town
Vital to maintain the village environment
Warehouses etc threaten peace and tranquillity
We all need to enjoy a bit of peace and quiet
We are adversely affected by industry close by and noise at least should be kept to a minimum
Who wants noise?
With more houses comes more traffic noise and children noise
You try living next to the trading estate. Noise and light

"Q16i" Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay.
Please give a brief explanation of why you chose this answer - Encourage unobtrusive alternative energy installation (wind-power, solar panels)
A must for the future
Also include power storage to reduce chance / damage of a large blackout (in case)
Alternate energy is very important
Alternate energy use is very importance
Alternative energy is very important - as long as unobtrusive
Becoming self-sufficient in energy - a must
Environmental benefits
Environmentally better
Environmentally friendly
Future energy
Generally think that we should be trying to deliver alternative energy
Good clean sources of energy proven to work well and efficiently in Scandinavia for example
Good for individual (savings) and good for environment
Green issues
Help environment
Help environment
I think the whole country should be considering this
I think we need this in general, not just in S.C.
If they are unobtrusive
I'm a great believer in green power etc more use of wind, solar, river power
Important for the future generations
Less reliable on fossil fuels can only be a good thing
Like it or not, it is the future so better be on board early
Long term good strategy
Long term view
Look for sustainability
Meets with environmental issues
Minimise global warming which is affecting the environment
More efficiency eco friendly
Need to provide for the future
Not just S.C. but everywhere
Not wind turbines but solar panels
Only a fool would not recognise the need to move into alternative energy sources
Open up the lakes for walking again
Progressive
Reduce fossil fuel usage
Saves local money
Seems to be the way forward. Not sure about solar panels but good with wind power
Support our planet for all
The way forward
This is the future - we must all embrace the changes ahead

To become more green
To help cut Co2 emissions
To help cut Co2 emissions
To support clean air/clean energy industry
Very keen to keep the environment as clean as it can be
We all need to encourage this to save our planet
We need to find better energy source
We need to look to the future power sources
We need to save the planet from fossil fuel
We should all be trying to conserve resources
We should be looking towards more sustainability
We should lead the way with renewable energy
Will help environment even in small ways (I mean the overall use of energy in the country)
Would be very supportive of any change that positively effects the environment
Would support a greener environment

Please tick up to FOUR of the following factors which you consider could enhance the natural environment of Sutton Courtenay.
Please give a brief explanation of why you chose this answer - Responses from online survey not split out
1. Limited space for growing in garden 2. Important to well-being and educating children about natural environment and its importance to eco-system 3. Potential to secure a sustainable future for the village
A village ought to be quiet, and at night dark. Solar and wind energy devices ought to be encouraged a lot more
Allotments.....New Developments / Smaller Gardens. Riverbanks.....Leisure / Flood Prevention. Light Pollution.....Milton Park / SC Lane. Noise Pollution.....Milton Park / SC Lane.
By improving the riverbanks and streams it'll bring back some more wildlife
Community garden - educational and aid integration of all ages maintain rivers and streams - enjoyed by many
Community run garden would help encourage the community spirit which as a newcomer to the village I don't feel there is any. Luckily we have great neighbours but when we first moved here there were a lot of disgruntled people who had lived in Sutton Courtenay all their lives and didn't like newcomers to the village.
Community run garden. The newer end of the village needs something attractive and interesting. A community run garden would teach children the value of our countryside and could provide a delightful focus for the community. I am not sure that the older end is so deserving of change.
Currently the plans for Sutton Courtenay are all around housing developments. What we have now are open, green spaces which everyone can use but which are at risk of being swallowed up by the push for housing. The focus should be shifted to ensure we do not lose the green spaces in and around the village which are part of what make it special. I grew up in a city and have no desire to live in one again - the push for development risks losing the village in the sprawl of Didcot.
Down the southern end please
Further development in the village neighbourhood plan boundary would destroy riverbanks, streams and wildlife habitats and cause more light and noise pollution. This would further damage the village environment.
Helps to prevent flooding and enhances visual amenity. Take away road humps in High street and Harwell Road.
I enjoy walking by riverbanks so it would be great if they could be maintained for our viewing. I also think minimising noise pollution would be great, means less cars going on the high street for commuting across the village, would be great as our house faces the road. I lived in a village with no street lights and absolutely loved it; it's amazing staring at a sky full of stars. I know we have some street lights but wouldn't encourage more.
I like the outdoors and with only a small garden the local area is my back yard
It is easy to want to tick more than 4 however these will have the biggest impact when focusing on the major attributes of the part of the village I live in.
It's good for nature.
Maintenance of riverbanks - for countryside recreation Minimise light pollution - self-evident Minimise noise pollution - self-evident Unobtrusive energy installations - to replace/minimise unsightly power-lines, etc
Maintenance of riverbanks and streams is important to us all to prevent flooding and allowing access. Minimising noise pollution, especially the regular helicopter training flights that fly over my home. Encouraging wildlife habitats will help preserve our green spaces.
Need to maintain rural character and prevent urbanisation.
Need to reduce landfill odours
One of the major reasons for enjoying living in SC is the environment here. Ensuring that it is maintained and enhanced is important. This also includes consideration of other

villagers (e.g. noise pollution).
Quality of life is enhanced by seeing and being able to walk along orchards, riverbanks & streams and seeing wildlife. It is reduced by queuing traffic trying to navigate through the village to get to and from there workplace in Culham or Milton Park. The Village is a rat run in the morning and evening on weekdays.
Rivers are in dire need of upkeep
SC is a rural village; it is important to maintain the infrastructure, particularly green spaces, and wildlife opportunities
Some properties are problematic through the occupants' noise and light pollution. Some object to solar panels on aesthetic grounds, but their use should be encouraged (and subsidised by a more forward-thinking government)
The general countryside amenities are important, and the unobtrusive provision of alternative energy sources is to be recommended
the rivers running through the village if not managed can threaten many of the houses and residents, it is paramount these are maintained
The rural character of the village needs saving! Otherwise it is just another sub- urban, commuter attachment, this time to Didcot.
The steady increase in road traffic has led to an increase in noise pollution over a larger part of the day.
The village is so obviously the target of development pressures that these measures would help
The village really lacks well maintained sports and leisure facilities, which prevents any community spirit developing around sports clubs and recreation. The pavilion on the recreation ground should be enlarged and become a true community venue for the benefit of all, the village hall needs a proper upgrade, and there should be several tennis courts to allow the founding of a proper tennis club. Once these facilities exist, there would be much more potential for the village to create a community atmosphere and give children and teenagers in particular more purpose.
These are factors that are just not considered by anyone, when approving all the applications that are forwarded.
These would improve the living environment.
They encourage community cohesion
To keep SC as a village & not turn it into a town. Noise is extremely inconsiderate.
To keep the character of the village and be forward thinking with environmental issues.
To preserve SC as an attractive and historically important village
We need to be more aware of the community and nature; we should be encouraging and nurturing it.
We value the peace and quiet of Sutton Courtenay as compared with life in Oxford
Where do they plan to get the money for that? Who will maintain it? It's a nice idea but not realistic.
Wildlife habitats are constantly being squeezed through the building of new houses on farmland. It cannot continue. We need to look after our wildlife in Sutton Courtenay; otherwise we will feel like we are living in suburbia! noise and light

"Q17a" In general, is the street lighting in Sutton Courtenay adequate?
If you know of specific locations where street lighting needs improving please specify below:
Abbey
Abingdon Road - Need a torch at night
All lighting is dated and needs replacing
All main roads
All over
All over
All over
Along Drayton Road
Along Milton Road parts of the footpath are very dark in the winter and unable to see trip hazard
Along roads to Triangle
Along the High Street, the lighting is very poor. The path on Church Road is also poorly lit on dark evenings
Amey Close, footpaths around the schools and local shops and parks
Appleford Road
Appleford Road
Appleford Road
Appleford Road
Appleford Road
Appleford Road
Appleford Road - Limited lighting and uneven path
Appleford Road and Abingdon Road
Appleford Road between the Fish and Abingdon Road
Appleford Road, High Street
Appleford Road. Abingdon Road
Baretts Way
Between Abbey and Triangle
Between Bradstocks Way and 112 Milton Road, between the triangle and the green
Between Bradstocks Way and 98 Milton Road as we do not have any street lighting on either side of the road
Between Halls garage and the church - needs improving
Between the Green and the Triangle
Between the Green and the Triangle is particularly dark in winter months and difficult to see footpath. In general across the village the street lighting is quite poor in both quantity and quality
Between the Triangle and the Village Green
Between top of high Street and the Green - no lighting and no pavement
Between triangle and village green
Boundary of Abbey
Brook Street to Drayton Clark
By the abbey
By the Swan and George and Dragon
Chapel Lane, Mill Lane
Chapel Lane. High Street

Church Road
Church Road, alongside the Green and up towards the Triangle, and Drayton Rd
Church St and High St.
Church Street / High Street
Church Street from triangle to church
Church Street has a black spot
Church Street, alongside the Abbey path
Church Street, High Street, Mill Lane
Church to Triangle. High Street
Churchmere Road only has 2 street lights. It is a quiet road with no amenities so can be frightening and secluding
Dim and even on High Street walking on pavements is like a shadowy experience
Footpaths and alleyways to help people feel safer
Footpaths, along High Street and walkways from main road to streets
From Dropshort up to Milton Road
From the church up High Street to the petrol station
From the Fish to Amey Close and beyond the footpaths around the abbey
From the triangle up to the green on the right hand side under the trees, it's so dark and tricky to walk at night
Given the road use, Milton Road could be a lot brighter
Green to High Street
Harwell Road
Harwell Road
Harwell Road
Harwell Road street lights only on one side
Harwell Road towards the garage
Harwell, Milton Road
High Street
High Street
High Street
High Street
High street
High street between Tullis Close and the triangle. The Causeway between Halls garage and the Swan
High Street, path from triangle to green
I don't know specifically. I also do this K they are not bright enough
I like the fact the green has very little street lighting. There's too much street lighting at roundabout of junction of High Street, Milton Road
I rarely drive at night so do not know
In the built area of the village I believe it is adequate although newer more efficient lamp columns could be used esp. on High St. Appreciate different requirement in Conservation Area. Could do with lighting on NCR5 route to Abingdon (peep-o-day Lane) and Didcot (by power station).
In the centre of the village
In winter improved lighting for driving
It's a bit dim along Church Street towards the terrace
Junction of Frilsham Street/High Street from village green to High Street

Junction on the Bradstocks Way from Milton Road. If you don't know the area you can miss it
Lady Place car park (Green Square owned houses) areas that are constantly targeted by vandalism and theft
Lanes to east of High Street, village green and local routes in/out
Live on new develop so plenty of lighting, unsure of elsewhere
Mill Lane could do with more lighting
Milton end of Milton Road
Milton Road
Milton Road
Milton Road
Milton Road
Milton Road
Milton Road
Milton Road
Milton Road all the way. Frilsham Street - Lady Place
Milton Road both sides
Milton Road by the bus stop. Sutton Road, Milton along footpath linking to Sutton Courtenay
Milton Road from Bradstocks Way to Milton End of Village.....Too few Lights.
Milton Road is quite dark and can cause accidents due to poorly lit roads
Milton Road under the trees. It's completely black winter nights and full of roots
Milton Road, Harwell Road, Cycle track
N/A
Near the bus shelter - pitch dark if walking along pavement here. SC lane towards Milton Park - can't walk home from work as there is no lighting despite lamp posts being present
Near village hall
Needs more around the villages and places we hang out like the parks
None
Not great on Appleford Road but that's not necessarily a bad thing. However, may need improving with larger numbers of people living down the road (e.g. Heritage Park)
Often lights are not working in side streets for long periods of time before repair
Old Wallingford Way
Od Wallingford way
Old Wallingford Way - no street lighting
Old Wallingford Way leading to recreation ground
Old Wallingford Way. Triangle to Green (church)
Old Wallingford Way
On Church Street to the side of the abbey, the area is not paved and it's very uneven and walking home at night very difficult to see. Normally take a torch or use mobile phone to light the way.
On cobbled path by Abbey then on the green, the path between Swan and George and Dragon
On cobbled path leading from green and alongside abbey grounds - dangerous to walk at night because uneven surface and inadequate lighting
On the road out from Sutton Courtenay to Milton Park - I have put in complaints over the past 18m about walking in the dark out of the village to no avail.
Path beside road leading up to the green from the triangle

Report a light that was out a couple of years ago, suspect it was the bulb. Took the Council 18months to fix it. Joke.
SC to Milton for pedestrians
Sensor lighting would most sympathetic, efficient and useful
The lighting in our part of the village is minimal but that is how I like it. One can always take a torch. Reducing lighting elsewhere may be important and I assume by improvement you mean reducing light pollution and not increasing it!
The path from green to the Triangle
The path from green to the Triangle
The path leading from the green south along Church Street
The pathway between Sutton Courtenay and Milton
The stretch of pavement between the end of the end of the High Street and the village green
Too many to mention
Tyrells Way, Harwell Road, Barretts Way, Bradstocks Way
Up the high street - I regularly run and before the lighter evenings I used to have to take a head torch as I couldn't see sections of the pavement where I was running. There is also a bad spot between leaving Sutton Courtney on Harwell Road down to Milton Park
Various dark patches around Sutton at night - just have a walk around where there are public footpaths - all public footpaths where pedestrians could walk should be visible at night
Walking path from the Green to High Street (near ditch)
Wallingford Way
We don't need more light pollution. We should explore switching the lights off after midnight to save energy.
Wherever people, especially schoolchildren walk from the bus stops, e.g. from The Tringle to Church Street

"Q19n" How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the availability and suitability of the following services and facilities in Sutton Courtenay?

If you have answered 'dissatisfied' for any of the above, please explain here what improvements you would like to see.

1 - No preschool nursery in village - could use one! 2 - Need a coffee shop/community cafe 3 - I see lots of teenagers at a loose end - youth club? 4 - Day centre/coffee shop/tea shop to meet during day 5 - Allotments needs to be advertised, not enough 6 - Not seen any - not sure what to do if need police

1 Health and Welfare - none exist although I wouldn't expect a surgery in this day and age. 2 Indoor facilities - Better advertisement of classes, I didn't know there was table tennis until recently. Pool/darts should be available. 3 Outdoor facilities - informal goals should be erected on rec. 4 Range of retail outlets - There should be pub at southern end of village and farm shop/cafe somewhere on High Street. 5 For the young - need a community hub/cafe and play facilities for older children e.g. climbing wall, outside table tennis, sand pit for youngsters. 6 Access for people with disabilities - apart from a few roads like High Street it is impossible to get around in wheelchair. 7 Allotments - inadequate number, need more to improve physical health and mental well being

1) A doctor in the village. 2) Primary school was previously a low performing school. 3) Many paths are not suitable for wheelchairs

1) Doctors surgery in the village could be useful. 2) Nearest facilities are in Abingdon. 3) More required

1) More shops at the north end of the village. 2) Doctors surgery for S.C, Drayton, Appleford, Milton. 3) For paths are very bad in S.C. particularly for pushchairs and the disabled. No proper footpath in Appleford Road or Church Street. No thought was given to pavement infrastructure after planning permission was granted for the area and for additional domestic dwellings on any site to be built.

1) Nearest medical facilities in Abingdon and Didcot. 2) Nearest pool/gym etc also in surrounding towns. 3) Retail areas e.g. supermarkets are also out of area. 4) Many young people in community seem to have the option of walking around or staying indoors. 5) PCSO presence dropped. All of the above are worsened by the lack of public transport. As a village of majority elderly who are unable to drive, service outs create major issues for even simple things such as food shopping or health appointments.

1) We need a doctors practice in village and dentist. 2) Apart from village hall no provision. 3) Apart from recreation and play area no other provision. 4) A village the size of Sutton Courtenay (and growing) needs more than 2 shops with better variety e.g. butchers, greengrocers, chemists. 5) Better and more frequent public transport needed including Sundays. 6) Pavements and roads are in poor repair. Potholes unfilled for years and no repairs to pavements. When utility providers dig up not properly reinstated. 7) Local police office closed. No signs of police presence.

1. No easy access to healthcare (lack of public transport makes this especially difficult for some members of the community - part time surgery). 2. Limited childminders in the village - insensitive. 3. No indoor facilities - Milton Park Club is overpriced. Indoor/outdoor sports facility could be added to the recreation ground. 4. Improved playground at rec - scout hut needs renovation. 5. Social space/cafe for elderly. 6. Improved access to natural areas e.g. Millennium Common

1. SC should have at least a satellite GP service. 2. Village hall needs replacing with larger, more flexible community building. 3. Youth club, drop-in centre, tennis/squash/basketball etc facilities would benefit primarily younger people. 4. As 2 above. 5. Greater visible police/CSO presence and availability to prevent and investigate crime.

1. School was oversubscribed when we moved to Sutton Courtenay. 2. I don't know any suitable indoor or outdoor facilities in the village

1. The closure of the branch surgery was a big loss, particularly to the elderly and those reliant now on public transport to see a doctor outside the village. 2. The breakdown of the building works at the school is having a severe impact on it. 3. Provision for indoor sport facilities is limited. 4. Outdoor facilities - more or better tennis courts. 5. Given the

size of the village, I would have expected a bigger variety of clubs and societies.
A command meeting point for elderly, parents, etc such as a coffee shop would be very popular and full
A community gym
A decent set of all-weather tennis courts
A doctor within the village due to more homes
A doctors and dentist would be great. More areas, children's play area, better park facilities, more shops, coffee shops, takeaways etc
A doctors in the village or chemist. No clubs or meeting points for local people. No access for disabled at shops. No community police
A doctors in the village, like there used to be as some elderly can't get on buses
A doctors surgery a few sessions a week
A doctors surgery in Sutton Courtenay maybe twice a week. The village hall is outdated. The recreation ground seems to be run entirely on the whims of the football club. There should be a sports and leisure club built and run by a village committee not a rundown building run by the football club. Water should be provided for allotment holders (a meter)
A doctors surgery. A tennis club for teenagers
A doctors surgery/dentist in the village would be a nice thing to have
A GP surgery in the village would be fantastic, there are no indoor sports facilities that I'm aware of and the police seem a little too far away to actually respond to issues (through personal experience)
A health centre in the village would help
A local dentist and GP practice would save car journeys to Abingdon/Oxford; space for squash/badminton/basketball/local gym???
A local doctors surgery in the village would be a great benefit for the community. Local shops like farm shops, tea room, bakery, butchers would significantly enhance the village. I'm not aware what facilities there are for older children (teenagers) or older people to access - coffee mornings / community lunches etc
A local policeman
A local surgery would be helpful. Vet, no prob. Granny, trip to Abingdon.
A local surgery/dentist, a supermarket, police presence
A more regular police presence
A Padel tennis court in the rec. It is racket game that can be played even by old people with limited mobility.
A play park for children this end of the village
A satellite doctors surgery would be useful, though not far to travel to Abingdon
A village doctor would be good
A village shop that was cheaper, great to have a doctors surgery again
A walk in health centre for minor problems and advice. A dentist, optician, chiropractor, chemist. Replace the village hall with proper facilities and plenty of parking. A swimming pool and tennis courts, plus gym and indoor rooms for dance, yoga and hire. This building needs to be able to serve all ages and be properly designed for purpose - a community asset - not just a room with toilets! People over 65 would like to be able to keep active and healthy - not be treated as if they can't do anything. Cycle tracks connecting the villages without having to go on the roads would be hugely beneficial
Aging village hall which despite management best efforts needs big update. Church needs much better loos (accessible). The new developments in Appleford Road have no convenient meeting/community room
All that answered dissatisfied are all non-existent
Allotments in short supply, general comment on policies - speeding and HGV's through

village
Although I do not require allotment space myself I am aware of friends and neighbours within the village who do feel that more provision of allotments should be made and are required.
Always a need to improve all of these facilities
As far as I know there are no doctors or dentists in SC?
As far as I'm aware there is no doctors surgery or dental practice in the village. Miss having the local butchers, greengrocers, etc
As I get older I worry that I will not be able to get good health care within walking distance. I might like a local shop at that point, too!
As stated earlier - a shop in the northern section of the village would be good. Police and security measures are, I am sure, as good as many villages, but some more frequent presence would be better
As the village population is increasing we should have a doctors surgery and a pharmacy and also a dentist with car parking available and with facilities for disabled patients (wheelchair facility, etc). Could the village hall somehow be made more attractive where people would want to move wedding receptions, etc.
Be handy for a doctors surgery rather than having to travel 3+ miles, shops - local shops are overpriced be nice to have a Tesco express or Sainsburys local and a village chip shop/take away. Apart from parks that children get bored with there isn't much for young ones to do
Because there are none here except for the 2 small village shops
Better disabled access i.e. more ramps to kerbs etc. More/better quality allotments that are managed more fairly and not just for the privileged few. There is much serious crime that goes un-investigated. This needs to change.
Better facilities for sport, especially for young people to include playground, sports other than football (e.g. racquet sports)
Better outdoor space needed for children all play parks are not great! We travel to Abingdon/Didcot for my children to play in. We need new dentist/doctors as elderly and people that don't drive can get urgent medical attention. Considering how many people live in the village there is nowhere near enough facilities
Better shops but villages would/must support them. More policing but unlikely. Encourage GP practice
Better village shop please! Would love to see a gym or outdoor pool be developed (small and in keeping with size of village)
Bridge club would be great, a 1st rate food shop would be great. Indoor pool to use. Inadequate/infrequent buses to relevant to a disabled person
Bring back doctors surgery, taken PCSO away from village hence reinstate
Bus to run to Marcham Road doctors
By enlarging the village, where facilities were somewhat adequate, nothing has changed .
Can't really do much, it's just an issue of rural life
Can't say that I've ever seen regular patrols of the village by the Police. It would be reassuring if I did.
Child nursery, tea shop, police parking and speeding
Closer health facilities, coffee shops, bakery etc
Current doctor is in Abingdon going forward having a local doctor would be beneficial as it would avoid having to travel into Abingdon
Current retail is of poor quality, I regularly drive to Steventon to the Co-op. I would rather shop locally and walk/cycle
Currently no GP/dentist facility in village / If village is to grow, it would be nice to see amenities grow as well
Decentralisation of health services. Return of local police support officer
Demolish village hall and rebuild

Didcot is the nearest place for both of the dissatisfied ticks. Most ticks are for 'I don't know' is because we have only lived here for 8 months
Difficulty in getting a doctor or dentist appointment when you need it. Poor condition of pavements etc for disabled people
Dissatisfied only because of the absence of these services - equally recognise that commercial viability needs to be considered
Do not know of any doctors or dentists in the village
Do not know of go or dentist in village.
Do not see a police officer around Sutton Courtenay very often, speeding car and noisy vehicles
Doctor - I couldn't find a practice in the village so have had to register for one in Abingdon. A doctor already in the village is much preferably, particularly for people without transport. Retail outlets - S.C. doesn't have a social gathering point other than the pubs - this is a shame
Doctor and dentist in village. Nice family pub - somewhere to eat. Youth club for under 18's instead of hanging around shops near Bradstocks Way. Somewhere for over 65's to see a doctor/dentist/collect pension instead of travelling to Didcot/Abingdon
Doctor/pharmacist in the village, so if you are poorly or need medication you do not need to travel. Better local/small supermarket i.e. Co-op in Steventon. Takeaway (fish and chips)
Doctors practice. To see police walking the streets
Doctors surgery
Doctors surgery back in the village. Playground/park school end of village. Sops, pub school end of village. Police monitoring parking/parking areas
Doctors surgery in Sutton Courtenay please
Doctors surgery in village would be great. Evening exercise classes in village would be welcome as I don't think there are any
Doctors surgery is needed. More choice of shops. More allotments needed
Doctors surgery needed
Doctors surgery within village
Doctors surgery. More shops. Occasional policeman/woman on foot
Doctors/chemists
Don't feel able to comment on some things
Don't have them
Dropped curbs are needed all around the village to use a mobility scooter is a nightmare in this village. Apart from the W.I. and coffee and books at the church what else is there for the over 65! More clubs are needed for young people
Drs/Dentist surgery in village. Multi-purpose sports hall needed, swimming pool. Pharmacy, alternative general stores. Cracked and bumpy pavements/footpaths difficult to traverse particularly in winter - renovation and repair needed which should accommodate mobility scooters and wheelchairs with ramps and easy scopes for road crossings etc.
Due to lack of support. Health and welfare has suffered
Due to more housing - need doctors surgery. More facilities for children's play area near recreation field and Asquith Park estate. Lack of shops
Easier access to doctors, dentist etc - I accept that SC couldn't sustain a practice here, but better transport links to Abingdon, or a once a week surgery (doctor and dentist) here would be good, esp. if there were early evening appointments
Either more existent or poor
Either more existent or poor
Either supply non-existent or update existing
Encourage GP surgery and shops

Existing doctors surgery was discontinued and houses built. If the population is going to be made up of considerably more older people it makes sense to have these facilities in the village / There is only so many hours the village hall can be booked, some new clubs if organised would not get a look in, for booking slots are taken by the more established clubs / 2 food stores and 3 pubs down the far end of the village. What about a coffee shop for old and young alike? / Are there facilities for over 65's where are they advertised / Never seen a police person in the village either during the day or night
Expanding and improving facilities (for functions and sports) at the Village Hall
Expansion requires infrastructure and currently all health/dental care is upon stretched services in Didcot or Abingdon.
Facility in north of village for community use. Better community facility for elderly and young mothers. Enhanced facility for all ability/socio economic group youth facility
For elderly residents in particular, access to health facilities is difficult. A pool would be fantastic (indoor preferably) but I appreciate it would be a big investment.
For those with limited transport means (over 65s?) then the availability of shops is very limited. The village is a nightmare for anyone with limited mobility.
Full improvement on all aspects
Given the green space around Sutton Courtenay, it would be great to have a space allocated to exercise with exercise machines (similar to what is available in Didcot). The village only has pubs - a community cafe and a fresh produce market would be a welcome addition
Given to increased population of the village - local dentist could be cost effective
GP and dentist takes me to Didcot/Abingdon, would be good if it was in the village, but size probably prevents this / Pubs are good but shops are lacking as in a cafe
Greater provision off all items answered 'dissatisfied'.
Green grocer, butchers. Pub closer to Bradstocks Way. Park closer to Bradstocks Way
H&W - no provision in Sutton Courtenay. Medical services fine if one has a car but inadequate if one has to rely on public transport. Village Hall is outdated and not ideal for use by clubs, for indoor sport or leisure activities or for hire for other functions. Withdrawal of Community Support Officer was an unfortunate loss.
Hall adjacent to church as an alternative to the existing Village Hall. Drop in medical centre. Improvement to pavements.
Hard to say how to improve things. I have had poor experiences of most of the pubs, but that is their feeling not Sutton Courtenay. I simply do not give them my business any more. Their loss!
Have not had time to look at what is available
Have to travel to Abingdon
Have to travel to Abingdon to see doctor/dentist and chemist. Need access to shops in Appleford Road area. At present it's easier to take bus to Abingdon rather than top of the village
Having a doctor in the village. Activities for kids and adults (exercise and recreation)
Health - Return some form of health provision to the village even if it were only visiting clinics at the village on a weekly basis. Indoor facilities - Better use of a new/improved village hall. Facilities for hire - New improved village hall. Police - Requires greater police presence in village as population grows
Health - there are no provisions currently. / Sports indoor and outdoor - outdoor tennis court in poor state, are there indoor sports facilities. Would love to see more shops and a cafe - like a quality deli
Health & Welfare (doctor, dentist etc.) I don't think there is any. Indoor facilities for sport leisure, exercise and recreation, I don't think there is any. Range of retail outlets (shops, pubs etc.) the village would benefit from a cafe and restaurants (not takeaways) for people to use during the day and in the evenings, where young people can go to relax and access the internet and be with friends, without having to hang around on the streets. For older people (65 or over) improved street lighting and foot paths. Police &

security measures, they used to have a presence but they don't appear to be around anymore and our concerns re security have increased.
Health and welfare - There is no doctor or dentist. Range of retail outlets - quality food, pharmacy
Health and welfare - we have no GP surgeon. Indoor sports facilities - the village hall is it. Retail - 2 corner shops is not a broad range but I do love that we have such a good florist. Young activities - the only thing for my toddlers is a stay and play group 1 x week.
Health and welfare although not 'dissatisfied' it is more about 'expectation'. What should one expect in a village in terms of health care facilities. I obviously cannot be satisfied with something I do not have but then would not expect it unless I was living in a town Lack of affordable early years' child care and child minders. I think there could be more for older teenagers Not even sure where the allotments are or whether there are enough. I would be interested in one though!
Health centre on the existing new estate maybe. A shop that sells useful everyday items a bit like mini B&M? Under 18's seem to be nowhere safe to hang out - perhaps use school after hours. Over 65's are often forgotten and cannot easily get out to meet others especially as we now have one less public house - maybe an afternoon cafe?
Health/Welfare - No medical facility. Doctor, dentist, etc. Surely the size of the village and an expanding population warrants them when if it's only on certain days and times. Facilities for hire for functions - Apart from the two pubs and the village hall - do costs discourage there venues being used? Allotments - Apparently there is a long waiting list (over several years) and very expensive. Police - We should have a village officer again because if an expanding population. Disabilities - Some pavements are very difficult for wheelchair users e.g. left hand side of Frilsham Street - where it is steeply banked down to the road (along camber). Walkway? (From the Triangle to the green at All Saints alongside the abbey grounds. Dreadful for pushchairs and pedestrians, let alone wheelchairs. Very uneven and slippery in wetter/cold conditions.
I am in my mid 60's, don't have any children and therefore don't have an opinion on many of the suggestions on the list but I do feel that a doctors surgery one or two days a week would be very useful
I am not aware of a Doctor or Dentist in Sutton Courtenay
I am not aware of a doctor or dentist in the village. I am not aware of allotments in the village. Both would have to go towards Abingdon.
I am not aware of any sport/exercise facilities indoors for residents. I was disappointed when the butchers/doctors surgery closed and were not renewed. I do not feel we have enough allotment to meet demands and gardening is a form of exercise which has a direct effect on the health of our community
I am unaware of any health facilities in the village
I am unsure if there are any Health & welfare facilities in Sutton Courtenay, We have great Doctors/Dentist but they are all in Abingdon. This also applies to indoor sports facilities, the ones we use are in Abingdon. There is a local community police office but trying to speak to somewhere there is almost impossible.
I am very dissatisfied with access to healthcare. Because of the increased development in the area it now takes 6 weeks to see our family doctor in Abingdon whereas five years ago it was usually around 2 weeks.
I appreciate this is a small village and there's only a finite amount of space - I wouldn't want the village to be spoiled just so we could have any of the above - but we have a 14 yr. old and there's very little for her to do here. Plus I imagine the lack of medical facilities must be difficult for older or less mobile residents. It would be great to see a couple more shops and maybe a cafe or some social space at the less expensive end of the village
I don't - use sporting facilities as I have COPD and I don't use the village facilities as family and friends do not live in the village
I don't use what's been mentioned so can't comment on it. As for Health and Welfare. SC is too small to sustain those kind of things especially in an era when everything is being closed.

I drive to Abingdon for most amenities and am generally satisfied
I feel that the children's' playground (esp. on the rec) could be improved/updated. New equipment added. The ground covering replaced. Swings would be beneficial
I feel the populous >60 need as much provision to prevent loneliness as possible. Where are these allotments?
I feel there should be a doctor or dentist in the village, to make it easier for older people who don't drive, or do not use the public transport. I do feel we need a hardware shop, because you have to travel to Abingdon or Didcot to find light bulbs as the shops either don't have the right ones or they are too expensive, especially for pensioners etc / I don't feel there are a lot of activities in the village for young and old and there should be more so children don't get bored. We should have more allotments for people who don't have a garden or is too small. So they can have an opportunity to grow their own produce
I go to youth club but I wish there were other clubs like tennis
I have ticked quite a few dissatisfied. I know this would take a lot of money to improve all of these things and I know there is little money to go around
I made an appointment to see my doctor only had to wait 1 and 1/2 months (result)
I most cases there are few but not enough or they don't even exist anymore
I suspect with all the pavement parking, disabled (physically) people would have difficulty. I doubt there is much for U18's to do???
I would like to see a doctors and dentist surgery in Sutton Courtenay
I would like to see a public house / sports bar at estate end of village somewhere the younger generation can go for game pool/darts etc There is nowhere unless you walk down bottom village, then they basically serve food.
I would like to see a resident policeman / house
I would like to see GP surgeries available closer to our village. We're currently registered with Marcham but is a bit of a trek. Preschools are very minimal and also not to a satisfaction level
I would like to see more shops. Community centre on the estate not main village. A doctors surgery. A playground for children on the estate not down village. Sutton Courtenay had all these 40 years ago until they closed them all down. It's disappointing the estate has nothing
I would like to see the development of more clubs/activities to encourage people living in SC to become more of a community - supporting one another. Also more services to help people access these without resorting to use of car/public transport or taxi
I would like to see the return of the doctors practice in the village
I'd like a cafe, maybe incorporated into say Burgreys (we get quite a lot of walkers and it brings folk into village). A doctor say 1 day a week might be useful for older folk. Sports facilities limited (or maybe not advertised). More allotments please (though I don't know what demand is!)
I'd like to see a doctors/dentist in the village especially given the new houses. Better park equipment. Lack of shops/cafes especially at the north of the village
If you speak to people who lived here more than 20 years, it seems SC is in decline, not in expansion. It is my opinion that the Vale of White Horse Council is making profit on our back, while little is done to make SC the place it is worth being. I am 100% social politically, and I really think that VoWHC council is a complete joke. The Culham bridge is 220 years old. Nowadays, cars drive on 2 sides of a road. Start with the bridge! People in SC use it every day!
Impossible to find doctor/dentist - have to go to Abingdon or Didcot / Would be nice to have a small cafe, Tesco extra etc / Number of thefts from garages and car parks at lady place - suggests we need better policing and security measures
Improved and more choice of children's play areas / Insufficient retail outlets i.e. tea/coffee shop, butcher and greengrocer
Improved national funding of the police service that would cascade down to grass roots.
Improved presence of police in village

In an ideal world easier access to doctors in particular would be ideal but there are surgeries reasonably close at hand. An improved village hall on the recreation ground which had the facility to cater for indoor sports (such as badminton) and improved facility for those who play other outdoor sports other than football would be a huge asset to the village. Currently the recreation ground is used by the few and a growing village like SC deserves better
Indoor facilities - more could be done with the village hall e.g. exercise classes in evening. Outdoor facilities - a play area at the village hall would be fantastic, particularly for residents living down Milton Road. Village lacks a cafe or place to meet for people not wanting to go to a pub e.g. mums with small babies
Indoor facilities are particularly important for young people. The village hall is not up to modern standards. It is not welcoming and needs replacing urgently
It felt nice to have the police in the village. Allotments - If there are any where are they? Would love to have an allotment
It is commonly believed that the planning permission for sites such as Redrow was passed as we have a surgery, which is untrue. We need one / There is no indoor facilities is there? / We have 2 general shops, we need local produce / We have been the victim of property vandalism many times. This could be alleviated if proper provision, including transport links, were provided / Allotments where? / The village has a serious drug and alcohol problem, we have had to call an ambulance for a man unconscious due to drink and drugs on the pavement near us recently. another was seen staggering naked / Property vandalism including Christmas lights / Nearest police presence Abingdon
It must be very inconvenient for the elderly to have to travel to these services / There have been some occasions when I have seen laws being broken
It would be good to have a dedicated village policeman
It would be great if there was a nursery in the village.
It would be great to have a coffee shop for people to walk to. I am a young mum and would love somewhere to walk with friends for coffee and cake
It would be great to have a village doctors surgery, better sports facilities re cricket nets. Cafe and coffee shop for local people to meet during the day. Farm shop/pop up cafe - loads of space at the rec. The scout hut needs refurbishment and better lighting and car park markings. Lots of young people use this in the dark winter afternoons and its dangerous
It would be lovely to have a coffee shop or somewhere that would encourage villagers to meet, would like to see cricket nets at the rec, a village tennis club would be lovely
It would be nice to have a local doctors surgery. Have never seen any
It would be useful to have a local doctor
It would benefit those of limited mobility and the elderly especially to have a medical/dental service - especially an NHS dentist available more locally. Younger people tend to congregate in the limited play areas e.g. Asquith Park and around the village and are a nuisance (swearing/litter). More youth orientated activities may help alleviate this
Lack of investment
Limited social and community care
Local doctors surgery would be good. More social sports for young people and elderly too and local village sports centre would be great
Local pubs are generally good - shops not so. Community shop is required - not one as existing with out of date cereal packets as a window display
Look of use of equipment at the recreation ground
Loss of local surgery in Bradstocks Way was disappointing. Surgeries in Abingdon are difficult to get appointments at now in a reasonable timeframe. Need more visible police presence.
More access to shops in different areas of village. As above with pubs with access to local team games e.g. darts/pool, etc.
More activity provision for the younger age groups would be a healthier option to being

glued to mobile phones etc.
More clubs for children - sport clubs (football, rugby, karate), chess club, drama club. Apart from cricket and scouts I am unaware of any others. More childcare options - only 1 childminder in the villager. List of approved babysitters. More clubs for adults - running club, table tennis, for distance. Sport hall to play badminton, basketball, etc
More community policing New Village hall/sports club and function facility built on the greedy farmers land!
More crime in the village a car stolen, a bike stolen, the radio from inside a car taken and a car ransacked on the high street all in broad daylight!!
More events could be held at the village hall (such as dances and lectures)
More facilities for the current community
More grocery shops, possibly with delivery service to help those without transport or unable to walk far.
More improvements of all
More indoor spaces for children - or if maybe that I am unaware of a lot already exists!
More leisure facilities to interest middle aged including exercise classes, tennis etc
More police presence
More police presence on the street. Cannot remember when we last saw a policeman on the beat in Sutton Courtenay.
More policing of Sutton Courtenay. Village hall to be revamped and not so costly to hire as individual parts/areas. More amenities for the younger generation like a good play area/football/netball pitch at the top end of the village like we used to have in Barratts Way before it got sold and Katchside was built, so parents at the estate end of SC could let there children go to the area and be sure they were safe!! Also to have road crossing put into the SC village as we have none at present time!!
More policing. More affordable places for clubs and societies
More provision is needed in the area near Bradstocks way for recreation, leisure, pubs, etc to serve the new housing development residents in that area. Police presence would be good to see as in my ten years here I have never seen a community policeman on the beat.
More retail shops / More leisure activities / Closer surgery needed
More shops and variety of food outlets would stop the need to drive to surrounding towns for shopping or meals / There are no community rooms or halls for hire for private functions - only pubs / Allotments are owned by long term owners not a mixture / We have had lots of letters about burglaries there is no police presence, or CCTV
More space for youth club outside. More green by the hall
More sports clubs for children and teenagers to stop them gathering on the streets
More things for youth to do
Most are non-existent - with the expanse of the village 'overgrown' - more facilities required along with a decent bus service
Nearest doctors in Nuneham Courtenay and Didcot. Village would benefit with more CCTV/traffic calming cameras
Need an area for children nearer the housing estates. Not enough shop for the ever growing population
Need doctors back in village. Need more sports and leisure facilities. Need belter shops and more choice. Village hall has no bar and is more expensive than other village halls. No police presence in the village anymore
Need more shops. There are no local health facilities are there?
Need to travel outside of village for more affordable items apart from village hall lack of indoor facilities for exercise and recreation
New recreation facility, for clubs under 18's and sport / Or better use of existing areas making easier and improved access and quality

No doctor in village, how do the elderly get into Abingdon when unwell / Indoor facilities, where? Maybe the village hall needs more funding / Young people need more support. Those that are helping the youngsters are doing a fantastic job but could do with some extra support / Older people need more clubs etc, drop in coffee centre, again village hall with more support / Always more access needed for people with disabilities / Encourage people to care for the environment and themselves / Village hall needs funding, then support the groups / Lack of police in general
No doctor or dentist here anymore. I go to Milton Park for indoor sport facilities. I don't see many young people around the village. I am unaware of facilities for older folk. Access for anyone with disabilities is impossible along Church Street. I am unaware of allotment availability. I am unaware of clubs or societies that are attractive for me in the village (I see SC news)
No doctor or dentist in area
No doctor or dentist in the village, poor bus service to Abingdon for the elderly to see a doctor
No doctor or dentist in village
No doctor or dentist in village but Didcot and Abingdon are close by so not an issue
No doctor/dentist without going to Abingdon. Village shop is great, pubs are great but expensive. Would love village cafe or somewhere to meet that isn't a pub
No doctors anymore. Outdoor play area but no real sports centre. Hire of village hall is more expensive than other local halls. Miss having the butchers/veg shop. Shop on the estate has the monopoly so prices can be very high
No doctors or dentist in SC but more and more houses
No doctors or dentist in village. Have to drive. Not many areas for activities
No doctors or dentist that I'm aware of and have to travel to Abingdon for doctors (catchment area). This is especially difficult for elderly, families and non-drivers, as the bus service is infrequent. Would definitely need health facilities if additional housing is built
No doctors or dentists etc in village so have to go to Abingdon or Didcot. Post office and Bradstocks Way ok pubs are only for an odd occasion. No clubs during the days to socialise, no men's clubs nowhere to go to socialise with other villagers just for chats
No doctors or dentists so that's why. No indoor sports facilities. No police presence so that's why I ticked dissatisfied
No doctors surgery now. Police office now closed and no village policeman - realise that there is unlikely to change but would like more evidence of police presence e.g. patrol cars. Would like more venues for clubs and societies e.g. church river run appeal. It would be nice to have a butcher's shop again and a bus into Oxford.
No doctors surgery. No gym, etc
No GP surgeries. No indoor facilities. Limited shops and pubs and located at either end of village. More organised activities for older people
No health or welfare/pharmacy, etc. No police/security measures in place
No health services so elderly have to rely on friends etc.
No indoor sporting facilities. Recreation ground - clubhouse unwelcoming/tucked away; better access/more parking. Shops/no butchers - Coop - wider range/better prices. Would also create a hub within the village (similar to that of Sheraton)
No live facilities. No allotments
No local doctors/dentist for elderly. Not enough childminders/childcare. No clubs apart from youth clubs once a week. Shops crap (rip off cost cutter) Burgers, out of date food. No weekly groups for elderly they need company groups to attend to socialise. No ramp access for disabled people at either shops. Police don't turn up to burglary's, anti-social behaviour
No local health or welfare (you have to travel to Abingdon or Clifton H for a doctor or call the emergency line so if you plan to increase the local community you need to increase welfare, schools, shops, roads, bridges etc in an otherwise already overly congested area

it would be impossible to cater for everyone's needs because every possible bit of space is allocated for corporate business or housing, housing business - expansion of industrial areas, expansion of housing. Overcrowding and poverty and no green areas.
No police presence in village any more
No shops. We need more retail to encourage visitors. This could be a thriving village if there were more facilities generally.
No WIFI at hall and have to take rubbish home
No Wi-Fi at the hall no were down the estate end to hang out We go to youth club but would be good if there were more sports clubs like a youth football team or netball or tennis
None in the village a doctors or an extra shop wouldn't go a miss for everyday items i.e. butchers
Not aware of a doctor or dentist within the village. Preschool/childcare is too expensive and doesn't cover a normal working day. What indoor facilities? Require more toddler groups, primary school age clubs and youth clubs
Not aware of indoor leisure facilities. Not enough allotments. Not enough for youngsters to do but hangout
Not aware of indoor sport facilities
Not enough allotment areas and availability. Never anyone at the police station when walked round to visit. No local policemen seen in Sutton Courtenay
Not enough clubs/societies/fitness classes or village functions
Not enough local shops
Not enough public transport coming through the village - bus cuts
Not enough services/opportunities for these facilities
Not sure there are any indoor facilities for sports in the village but lots in surrounding areas
Not sure there's much for the young. My children did go to cubs/scouts in Sutton Courtenay and that's still going
Nothing available
Nothing for children to rec I feel. 11+ other than skate park which is unmanaged. Need goals back to recreation ground
Nothing suitable for 16 to 18
Once we had a police presence in the village this has now disappeared
Open recreation facilities where children and young people needs are met
Our nearest Doctors is in Abingdon which is difficult to get to at peak times which is when we need to go as we work. Not enough allotments in the village. No preschool or childcare facilities that I am aware of in the village. There is nothing for the younger generation to do in Sutton Courtney hence they end up hanging around in the alleyways and outside the shops late into the evenings.
Outdoor gym. More convince/differently stocked convenience stores,
Pavement in very poor condition
People who do not drive are unable to easily reach most of these amenities. The transport links to both Abingdon and Didcot are horrendous, and Oxford is almost unreachable at certain times of day. Having some things within Sutton Courtenay would reduce the strain on public transport, and the need for pollution from our vehicles.
per above - better facilities to promote more clubs and community provision
Physiotherapy
Playground is very poor, it only appeals to a very young audience. We need to upgrade with zip wires, large climbing structures etc - see Steeple Aston in North Oxfordshire for an example. Tennis court - desperate need of repair and would be great to have another! Cycle tracks need thought, not enough priority given yet more bikes means less cars!
Plenty of doctors and police are needed

Police - greater visibility. Access for disabled/elderly - cemetery pathways between rows of graves - smoother/level grass of firm standing when wet
Police - no visible presence
Police, doctors, etc
Police.....Improved Police Presence in Village.
Poor quality or need updating
Positional of medical services would help
Preschool - SCPS is inflexible, we use Didcot. Outdoor - Better cycleways are needed. Police - More visibility, pro-active measures and community support - I would help
Provision of a doctors/dentist surgery / Potential gym/tennis courts / More convenience stores / More provision for youth clubs
Pubs are at one end of the village No community hub such as coffee shop Have to get in a car for just about everything
Rec is covered in dog poo need a clean area for people to walk dogs and throw balls, etc. Need a dog park. Put off by language (offensive) at football club - why don't they have a junior team. The cricket club does a fantastic job with that.
Recreation ground needs to have wider community use.
Removal of sandwich boards on green and paths/verges. Removal of bins left out - eyesore. Bottle bank
Sad that local PCSO office for police closed leading to reduced police vis ability in village
See Q3.4
Shop facilities are fine for a village of this size, but the pubs/restaurants leave something to be desired. All three are in beautiful buildings, but each slightly misses the mark in terms of quality vs. price and we find ourselves travelling to other villages/towns for a good meal when we'd prefer to stay local. Getting "the village pub" right can really make a community, so would be nice to see improvement here.
Shop this end of village
Some shops like butcher, bakery, etc would be nice we have allotments?!?
Something similar to Steventon as they seem to have everything and facilities going on all the time in a far better building than we have in Sutton Courtenay
Sports hall would be a great addition to the school and local community. Bowling green for over 65's. Village hall refurbishment required. Outdoor gym in rec ground.
Sutton Courtenay has a huge drug issue, seen walking naked while high / No spaces at the school which is struggling / Apart from our wonderful village hall what other indoor facilities do we have / We do not have doctors only wonderful vets. We have enough pubs
Tennis Court in good condition and a booking system on the village website
Tennis courts would be a nice addition, walking route, signposted/advertised to attract visitors / Miss butchers and would like to see good bakers
The community hall could use a facelift and the scouts building also needs updating for use of clubs; societies. We need some more shops i.e. coffee shop and a proper farm shop
The main issue is: Sutton Courtenay has become a 'drive through village'. Only pubs are enticing to footfall. Also the homophobic treatment by locals to the previous gay manager of one pub here was disgraceful
The nearest doctor is in Abingdon. With so much additional housing in the village, it would seem sensible to consider some sort of medical service in the village. We have enough pubs and restaurants (and they are good). An extra shop would be useful
The pavements and footpaths are not suitable for wheelchair users or pushchairs. Too many cars park on pavements and verges. People 65 and over need to walk to bus stop, to shops, to church. To Cemetery, to village hall but the pavements are so uneven and broken that accidents can happen. Keeping mobile is a priority. Allotments give residents the ability to grow and eat their own veg/fruit - it is therapeutic, enhances the beauty of S.C. and the superb Thames valley soil is put to good use. More funding for police - we

did have a security officer in the village a few years ago.
The rec skate park is in need of a makeover. The playground is not as good as most other villages in the area. Pavements must be horrific for anyone with physical disabilities. Too many side roads have priority over pedestrians making it hard to get around village. Not one pedestrian crossing in the village - scandalous situation for children/disabled. Not aware of any alternatives to village hall which is quite tired
The recreation ground should be developed with more of an adventure playground emphasis. Other villages way ahead of us in this area. Why has S.C. with all the developments landfill and power stations etc. Not had more money to do this? Parish Council not tough enough in negotiating.
The school does not have enough resources, buildings or space. There are no indoor leisure/sports facilities. Outdoor recreation areas are dated with nothing for elderly residents i.e. outdoor gym to keep mobile. The Cost Cutter shops is exploitative with its high prices and lack of community spirit. There is a youth club but they do not have their own space. The village hall is old and outdated with no internet and not very friendly to use (no bin/can't have food in areas, no sports to played indoors) plus its booked a lot of time.
The shops (Post Office) is well positioned, however, the pubs would do much better if they could improve their food levels. We have eaten at all of them and would only eat at The Swan again but more as a last resort. Disappointing for such a foodie opportunity not to be taken.
The village hall could be used better. To encourage the use a realistic price needed / Athletic people needed to run this
The village hall is not satisfactory for wedding receptions, family parties etc and has out-priced activities for the Go Active campaign- which is why we go to Milton, Steventon, South Moreton and Dorchester-on-Thames for activities for people our age. We would walk to these groups if they were closer to home, reducing dependence on the car and enabling us to mix more with our neighbours in the village and enhance the sense of community, which is why we chose to live in a village in the first place. Public transport is appalling too!
The village hall used for many purposes is hopeless for people with hearing problems
There appears to be surprising little here. I have moved from a very small village in Switzerland and there seemed a lot more available
There are no doctors or dentists in SC! Two shops available are very basic in terms of quality of fresh food. Anything slightly out of ordinary requires car trip to Abingdon or Didcot
There are no health care facilities in the village, and if it is to grow, then we need more facilities for people to reduce car traffic, so local shops, health centre, indoor sports, etc
There are no indoor facilities for sport (swimming pool, badminton)
There is a clear requirement for the reintroduction of a community police presence. There is a need for a community recreational/well equipped play area in the south of the village
There is just one in the village e.g. childcare - there just one person who does it in the village
There is no childcare in village except afterschool club (which is restricted hours) No childminders to do pickup from school. School also got a disappointing rating this year
There is no dentists or doctor in the village. More facilities/clubs needed for all ages but it's lack of people to run them not the space. No opinion/don't know - are not the same thing!
There is no doctor or dentist here, nor indoor facilities for sport leisure etc. The young and old need more activity. A disabled person would find it hard to manoeuvre in their mobility vehicle in the village. Not many police are seen in the village limited outdoor sport leisure
There is no doctor or dentist in Sutton
There is no doctor or dentist nearby. There is no pub covering the top area of the village now

There is no doctor, dentist in the village
There is no doctor, dentist or pharmacist yet the village has doubled and everyone has to drive to get to the most basic appointment
There is no doctors or dentist as far as I know. More youth facilities required
There is no doctors so dissatisfied. Less expensive shops would be good. Extra public transport especially Sundays. Need more things to do for kids. There are no drinking pubs now the Plough has been ruined
There isn't any dentist or doctors nearby which is a long travel if u don't have a car. There isn't any indoor or outdoor leisure and exercise to do. There is only two shops that is close by but is very expensive and couldn't do a lot of shopping in. There is no clubs for anyone to attend to. There is only one at a church but not everyone like church
There isn't enough adequate shops for a village this size. Getting a doctor appointment is hard and you can't even go to the nearest town i.e. Didcot. There is nothing for people over 65 but not very old .
There needs to be some smaller venues for hire, and ones which provide a pleasant environment.
There used to be a doctors surgery
There was a doctors' surgery when we moved in to the village but there isn't one these days. It would be nice if there could be one again.
To avoid travel to Abingdon for GP surgery - could be an out surgery from somewhere near
Too far to travel to doctors
Too many cars parking on pathways / Need a surgery back in the village
Unable to answer as only been in the area for 2 months. We have registered with doctors in Abingdon as unsure if there was a village option
Use doctor for Clifton Hampden but would be useful to have local doctor. Indoor facilities have to go to Abingdon. For under 18 - lack of regular and longer serving buses; poor cycle paths. Police and security - It seems as if crime getting more in the village but neighbourhood watch good at showing information
Use doctor in Clifton Hampden as no local one. Only Abingdon for indoor facilities. Under 18's - Regular/longer serving buses; poor cycle paths. Police/security - perception crime increasing; neighbourhood watch is a good thing
Very limited indoor facilities. Clubs don't always have enough support to maintain facilities, or aren't sharing facilities
Very little for the young
Very poor experience with the local school - not at all welcoming for those children with additional needs
Very poor recreational and sporting facilities
Village expanding and shop etc decreasing. No sign of police about
Village hall nearer to centre of village. Recreation ground very isolated. Difficult to have the village hall
Village hall not fit for purpose. More community police (volunteers). More allotment land in a more accessible place
Village need doctors surgery. Too small school
Visiting doctors or dentist by bus is a long exercise. There is only the village hall. The presence of police in the village was helpful towards making it a safe place and in establishing good relationships between the police and residents of all ages.
Water supply to allotments is currently inadequate
We could do with a local doctor in the village - we're a big community. Childcare very difficult to find
We do not have a doctor in Sutton Courtenay.
we go to youth club on Wednesdays and lots of stuff with Damascus but it would be good to have more sports clubs like a Sutton youth team

We have no doctor/dentist in village and for those dependent on public transport it must be difficult. The school is oversubscribed and if any of the large scale developments currently in the pipeline are approved, the situation will be far worse. Shopping in the village is very limited and must be difficult for those without their own transport.
We have no doctors because it kept being broken into. I still travel to Banbury for my dentist. Everyone is getting older. Shortage of police everywhere
We have no healthcare, village now so big that we really should have / We have no sport or leisure or exercise facilities indoor or out / I don't rate either pub, sometimes dreadful food/drink/service depending on who is running it but its general poor. The Fish is the only good place but we could do with a good pub too / What can under 18's do apart from leave the village / Village hall is dire, as is the football club - I certainly wouldn't have either
We have no personal knowledge of these services
We have to travel to Didcot for the doctor and Wootton for the dentist. So many people live in the village now, it's shocking we don't have these already. We don't even have a chemist. We would all like to do more exercise, both indoors and outdoors and it would be easier for us if facilities were in the village. I don't think there is much for my teenage children to do
We need a doctors back into Sutton Courtenay - other ticks answers are obvious
We need a doctors surgery (like we used to have in SC even if it was a mobile unit and the same for dentists. We need more activities and clubs for all ages of our community young and old. More shops as we have lost so many of our local shops over the years e.g. butchers, fruit and veg shop. It would be nice to have a tea shop where people could go and have a tea, coffee and cake and meet up for a chat with friends. We need more things happening in our village for everyone we were once a very tight knit community but over the years the community spirit has been lost along the way
We need a medical centre/chemist / Greengrocers / If disabled choice is limited / More police presence but with cut back to police force - less likely
We no need a few more shops. Allotments, need more of these
We only have two shops but one of those is nicknames 'the antique' store as most of the produce is old but it does have a post office.
We used to have a doctors surgery in Sutton Courtenay for people without cars it would be useful to have a facility in the village. The elderly club in the village hall has been closed which is a shame as it was somewhere they could get together - something else should be started up for our elderly villagers. We also used to have a policeman in the village, having a police person driving or still cycling around the village would help make people feel safer
We used to have a doctors surgery until the local vandals got at it. We never see a police person
Wet sports are not provided for - canoe, boats etc
WIFI area
With all the new houses, we need a doctor/dentist. We need a new village hall. Meeting place for young mums/elderly/visitor for coffee/to catch up or club/crafting, etc
With pubs all at one end of village
With the increase of housing developments, we need better medical facilities, more shops and a community facility for the over 60's
With the increased population we really do need a doctors surgery in the village
Would be good to have a local doctor again, particularly for the size of the village. I don't believe that our older residents should have to pay to hire the village hall for their club. Perhaps if this wasn't the case it would still be running. Village hall is very cold and takes ages to heat. It's just not the most welcoming of places. Would be good to see police occasionally walking around the village
Would be great to have a better village shop selling local produce and a coffee shop
Would be great to have a butcher / greengrocer

Would be great to walk to doctors or dentist
Would be helpful to have a doctors/health centre closer without having to travel far. More shops for groceries etc with more variety. Allotments to enable people to grow own produce and interaction with other people
Would be nice for a bingo club. Only village with nothing for the elderly. Not even at Christmas
Would be nice to see a family friendly pub or restaurant, as the majority have shut down / As the village has expanded, I believe a bigger and more modern park with play equipment would benefit families / Aside from scouts, my children struggle to find activities to do, or facilities to go to
Would benefit from; Village doctor, nursery. lots of petty crime
Would like a health centre and dentist. Not much for young people to do. We need more allotments
Would like a local coffee shop
Would like small allotments near to our home
Would like to see more of a police presence in the village. Bring back the village bobby
Would like to see more police in the village, especially speed camera van
Would like to see police in village more often
Would like to see tennis court refurbished and expanded. Would be good to have facilities for indoor sport e.g. badminton. Permanent availability of goal posts on the rec
Would like to see the recreation ground and football club become a more multi-sport (cricket appears to have been forced out) facility - which would make it more of a community hub. Would be good to see tennis courts by village hall refurbished to become a better facility for all
Would love to see a more local farm shop outlet locally / Would love to have somewhere to go to get a coffee in the mornings or the afternoon / Would love the pubs to co-ordinate so that they weren't all closed on the same days / Think the village hall and recreation ground and clubhouse are sad, run down, outdated and unappealing in every way. As a result we just don't want to use them for sport, leisure, exercise/recreation
Youth club or scouts group

"Q20a" Do you think there is a need for the following types of small-scale business development in Sutton Courtenay? If other, please specify below

A cafe

A daytime (non pub-based) meeting place such as a café would be a welcome addition.

Any business activity would be beneficial

Area for mainstream convenience, takeaway, chain pub.

Bakery

Better shops. Improve what we have

Boat maintenance/moorings/more riverside amenities.

Cafe

Cafe

Cafe

Coffee shop and public house (Milton side of SC)

Coffee shop or tea room

Coffee shops

community cafe / bakery / farm shop

Daytime coffee shop

Doctors surgery

Existing retail poor quality/expensive

Farm shop / coffee shop

Jobs are important - small business, not ruin village

No extra need

Not with Milton Park so close by, waste of time and money.

Phone box

Potentially shops but only if village grows and to add competition. Could also potentially be a work hub

Small/independent shop i.e. Deli or bakery

Some people have said it would be lovely to have a cafe

Village cafe

Work from home provision

Workshop spaces. i.e. the size of a double garage

"Q23" If you think we need more businesses or jobs in Sutton Courtenay, please suggest what is needed and where it should be located in the space below.
A cafe or communal area for locals to socialise - South/middle of village with easy access for all
A chemist and coffee shop
A coffee shop - High Street or Harwell Road/towards Milton Park
A doctor and dentist. Apparently there used to be a butcher, that would be amazing, or a staffed farm shop
A local cafe - on the High Street. A fresh produce market - on the village green. An outdoor gym - close to the recreation ground.
A village butcher / baker / grocer or farm shop would be a very welcome addition
All the types of businesses to run a small town - On these new developments
Another convenience store at the top of the village. Food Takeaway restaurants
Antique shop / Tea shop / Village store - Around or near abbey
Any local jobs should be encouraged but I don't have much knowledge of what there is or what else could be done
Any new businesses should be located on the outskirts of the village with an easy access route that would minimise congestion in the centre. Small local businesses could share space with any new shops or other facilities.
Any sector - any area
Any type of business that would help the youngsters with employment even if only part time
Anything
Business incubation cells
Business Parks not the village
Butcher, baker, greengrocer, farm shop, coffee shop
Butcher, greengrocer, fish and chips shop
Butcher/grocer
Butchers
Butchers - Bradstocks Way
Butchers, green grocer, farm shop
Butchers, tea room - Near the post office if possible. General retail - Any site close to main roads that offers adequate parking
Butchers/bakers - Bradstocks Way
Cafe
Cafe - At the rec, where the Plough was
Cafe - centrally
Cafe - centrally / Place for young people - village hall
Cafe - Centre (Triangle/ The green)
Cafe - Estate end Bradstocks Way. Takeaway shop - Near flower shop? More low cost food shops - anywhere
Cafe - High Street
Cafe - High Street
Cafe - on the green or better still on High Street
Cafe and coffee - Matthews old farm shop
Cafe by cost cutter or more food vans that come through the village. For example, in Steventon, they have a chip van that parks by the hall and a pizza van.
Cafe/Bakers/Delicatessen - High Street
Cafe/deli - don't know

Cafe/deli/butchers/greengrocers/takeaway
Cafes, etc - High Street
Car washing service - petrol filling station or facing farm
Chemist - High Street/central locations. Cafe/tearooms - High Street/central location. Takeaway - High Street/central location
Chemist / Doctors / Dentist
chip shop
Chip shop or take away - local in the village
Cleaning company. Pharmacy - Near village shop
Coffee shop and farm shop - High Street
Coffee shop to promote community and village shops
Coffee shop/bakery - near the green
Coffee shop/community cafe - Matthews Garden Centre
Coffee shop/tea room - where old pub was near hairdressers/garage
Community centre/workshops - anywhere / Farm shops/homemade foods etc - outskirts of SC or any fields left
Community workers for youngsters
Convenience store - North of village. Cafe - Anywhere
cottage industries
Deli
Delicatessen/Butchers - wherever possible
Dentist with existing housing stock
Doctor, dentist and pharmacy
Doctors, dentists, bakery, builders
Doesn't Milton Park offer enough?
Don't know
Dry cleaners
Encourage small firms to start up - nursery area
Extra shops - Near housing estates
Farm shop - High street
Farm shop/butcher/bakery/cafe - High Street
Farm shop/coffee shop - preferably in the centre of the village not hidden away
Farm shop; small (single desk) office opportunities; anything to discourage polluting car journeys (no more new homes for people who will feel the need to get in a car to go to work and to go shopping)
Farms - Around Sutton Courtenay
Fish and chips/takeaway - anywhere
food stuff / more shops
Fruit and veg and butcher
Given the proximity of (growing) employment sites at Milton Park, Enterprise Zones and Culham Science Centre there are enough jobs close to SC so no really need for offices / warehouses in the village. However, I would support more jobs in those existing employment location above.
Good butcher
Green grocer and butcher - Matthews
Greengrocer - Matthews such a shame he can't trade anymore
Greengrocers and hardware shop

Ground maintenance - Recreation ground
Health centre - on estate
Healthcare providers/coffee shop - near the roundabout/garage
Hot spot offices that allow remote workers or self-employed office workers come together or use office facilities - Milton Park or hub within the village
I do not want more businesses in SC because the traffic is bad enough already. We cannot cope with more!
I don't believe the job provision should be in the new warehouses or counted as construction work for new housing developments. We need sustainable local businesses which are not going to be phased out by automated warehouses, or provide temporary labour.
I don't know
I don't really know employment status in S.C. but fostering local businesses has to be encouraged
I would like to see a café (possibly as part of a farm shop) where people could meet informally during the daytime. No particular views on location although somewhere reasonably central would be good.
If anywhere, on existing brownfield sites, and where there have previously been pubs or shops
In place of existing poor quality shop
Infrastructure cannot support more incoming transport
IT/Media company - boundary of village
Jobs and local businesses to de-centralise and offer access close to home
Keep garden centre - Where it is now. Butchers - Near present shops. Doctors/dentist - Near shops
Life enhancing suitable for a rural area, cafes, creative workshops, etc. Somewhere to sit by the river and relax with coffee and light food.
Local businesses - Brownfield sites only
Local crafts - any area
Local crafts/arts centre - in village area. Local boatyard (council run and local) - River Thames local pit lakes/gravel pits. Land managed projects farming/animals/fishing - local to Sutton Courtenay boat lake/trout lake etc.
Local farm shop/tea room - Near flower shop along High Street
Local produce shop - Near the pub
Local shops
Local skills - Don't know
Local supermarket / tea room / childcare
Low cost starter units for small businesses - not sure
Maybe a big Tesco or Sainsburys. I would place it on the high street or somewhere close by as there isn't much
Milton Park
Milton Park / Didcot
More affordable housing
More jobs for S.C. inhabitants - Within existing trading estates Didcot / Milton but public transport needs to be regular and reliable.
More jobs that are local - In a field
More retail opportunities throughout the village to prevent the need for driving for everything. Coffee shop for those who don't frequent pubs. See no reason not to encourage local business within the area but not informed sufficiently to comment further.
More self-employed people working - presumably from home

More shops - anywhere
More shops offering more selection with improved parking.
More space for entrepreneurs to work from - Cross Trees or nursery
More space for start-ups/creative industries - don't know
More start up offices - within existing properties
More variety of shops, wholefood, and maybe even a takeaway - Near Bradstock or on new estate off Milton Road. Artisan and craft units - In the Christchurch empty space
Move start up units and general workshop space/Should be cheap rentals - difficult to suggest given the amount of space available at Milton Park, Didcot and Abingdon.
Need more small developments like the Nursery. Some offices and or workshops. Build them on the edge of the village, maybe where Amey is or was
Needs to be very small scale because of impact of extra traffic
No idea just generally support this
Not in my scope. Car repair, chip shop - not in my scope
Not sure where it would be located but something like Harwell with a Butcher and Steventon with Bakery etc. would be great.
Office facilities for people working alone or with one or two people - Former Catholic Church site but only if small development
Part time jobs - anywhere in village
Pet shop / barber shop
Pharmacy
Pharmacy - Matrix area
Pharmacy/food and groceries
Post office - Around Bradstocks Way estate area. Doctor/dentist - Around Bradstocks Way estate area.
Pub - Bradstocks Way. Sports/swimming pool - South SC (or anywhere)
Pub - School end
Pub or cafe - The less expensive end (somewhere social). Nice food shops - anywhere in the village
Restaurant - somewhere close to the village hall but keeping the grass
Retail and hospitality - Centrally or village hall
Services, community building
Shared office facilities for home workers - village hall. Community cafe - Church/village hall
Shop for competition - on next new build. Commercial and office space - farm buildings not used by farmers
Shops - On new developments
Shops - That is the question (where). Creative units/small commercial - In the hub of the village. The green. but all that there is the pubs
Shops / more shops would encourage jobs - within village envelope
Shops, shopping complex
Shops/Coffee shops - anywhere
Small business and creative workshop spaces instead of housing development on sites that have questionable viability for housing.
Small businesses - throughout the village
Small businesses - unsure
Small independent workshops - somewhere like cross trees farm if the buildings are not used much / Internet cafe/village hub - any underused buildings which is fairly accessible
Small innovative businesses - no preference

Small office locations to support small business e.g. health practice - Unsure. Not big developments
Small scale offices - Conversion of properties barns, etc.
Small shops / Deli - High Street
Small/independent shop i.e. Deli/bakery - High Street. Health centre/doctors - outskirts of village with proper car park
Space for homeworkers/self-employed to work away from home
Space for remote workers
Starter office units - A development like the one in the nursery
Starter office units - brownfield site
Studios - Farm buildings
supermarket
Surgery, dentist chemist - no idea
Sutton Courtenay is so close to Milton Park that there is no need in my opinion for commercial development within Sutton Courtenay as well.
Tea shop; Butchers; Doctors - Don't know
Tea/coffee shop/butcher/greengrocer/deli - central
Technology/innovation centre - End of Hobby Horse Lane
There is a lot of local employment in Abingdon, Didcot, Milton Park & Oxford so if anything is needed in Sutton Courtenay then maybe smaller units or creative workshop spaces in keeping with the character of the village.
There is Milton park already next door
There is no space left in the village. Plenty of jobs on Milton park and lots of shops up the road there too
This is a village - a place where people live and commute to work from. Encouraging additional businesses to be built would mean a loss of green spaces, more vehicles and more demand on the local infrastructure which cannot cope with what is asked of it already.
Unfortunately people go to town centre or out of town supermarkets more than local amenities
Use existing unutilised brown field sites for start-up businesses, craft/ farm shop (sell produce from a community orchard/allotment) and small café.
Volunteer litter picking and communal area upkeep jobs perhaps - public spaces and communal areas including verges
We cannot sustain more business and jobs with current lack of infrastructure and clogged roads.
We live right next door to Culham Laboratory, Abingdon, Milton Park etc. We do not need business to set up in the village - this will create even more pressure to conjoin Sutton Courtenay with Milton.
We need local groceries shops, Tesco and Sainsburys - Milton Park area
we need some more shops, coffee shop/tea room, local craft workshops that encourage people from the Thames path walk to stop in the village
We need to encourage more home working and lower-priced accommodation for younger people employed at Milton Park and Culham, many of whom would appreciate better local transport and /or use bikes. The lack of local shops and a surgery/dentist adds to local traffic density, pollution etc which doesn't just affect this village. In-filling could still supply more really affordable housing. Couldn't some of the land originally designated for the giant warehouse be used for this purpose as well as for data centres? This village will die if we do not encourage younger people to settle here and live closer to their work, children's schools etc.
We ought to use local peoples talent
We should focus on expanding the existing business parks particularly the big ones as

these are already well serviced with transport links.
With Didcot, Abingdon and Milton Enterprise Park all so close, more businesses etc are not required in our rural community
Working from home High speed fibre broadband to home

"Q25a" Should the current Conservation Area be extended? Please give reasons for your answer of "Yes".
All around is housing no green areas
Allows future generations to enjoy it
Anything to keep open spaces to keep us a village
Anything to stop developmental sprawl
Around the estate
At the present rate green spaces will soon disappear
Because there are areas outside if that should be protected
Because there are various historic houses just outside conservation area which needs to be protected
Because we keep building on other green land. Family walks etc are good for us and having the area extended would be great
Before we lose the countryside altogether
Churchmere Road and the common. Thames and Sutton users footpath already in
Conservation areas should always be as large as possible
Conservation is important
Conservation is more important every day
Conservation should be important to all areas
Encourage natural habitat for animals and heritage sites
Encouraging more wildlife would create need for more space
Good for calming, peaceful atmosphere
Hideous urbanised developments/homes passed planning via parish council
I approve of conservation
Include the fish
Increasing number of birds/small mammals are losing habitat (give them a chance)
It may protect the village from more expansion
It might help to protect from overdevelopment
It seems a very small part of village
It seems tiny compared to size of village
It should cover 2-4 Frilsham Street and the small green
It's quite small
Keep village character
Keep village character
Keep village feel
Limit rebuilding/overcrowding
Little of merit
Losing too much
Many historical buildings throughout the village - retain character
Might prevent further housing estates
Nearby wildlife needs protecting
Need to development our place
Needs changing as at moment very arbitrary
No more building in the village
One would hope that trust in the powers that be are warranted and would protect all areas that warrant conservation.

Otherwise heart of village will be eroded, too small
People have already built disgusting houses in the conservation area. Should be stopped
Possibly if it will help pressure also
Prevention of more houses - retain character
Protect environment
Protect environment
Protect our heritage
Protect the village character
Protection of environment
Protection to boundary
Restrict development
S.C. has been developed enough
SC should not be a suburb of Didcot
Should include a bit more land and existing area e.g. All Saints Lane
Should include more of the village to protect inappropriate building
Stop development
Stop developments
Stop overdevelopment of green spaces and ensure brownfields development
Sutton Courtenay is a beautiful village that needs to be protected from housing expansion
Sutton Courtenay seems to be divided in two halves
Sutton Courtenay will be engulfed in development, we have to preserve it.
The boundary of it is rather bizarre, should encompass more of the old area of village
The current conservation area doesn't cover all the historic and important parts of the village
The field behind Bradstocks has lots of wildlife
The more the better
The village has been extended considerably
The whole village is typical and should be retained - in particular High Street and roads off
There are some wildlife habitats over on the woodlands that have huge potential to safe wildlife
There is too much building in SC
This village is a rat run for the A34 and Milton Park needs protection not to mention London commuters. Pushing up housing prices
This village is at risk of losing its wildlife and farmland due to the ever increasing housing developments. If it's not extended, we risk SC becoming an extended part of Didcot or Abingdon
To all buildings over 60 years of age
To assist in preserving general atmosphere of village
To ensure development is in keeping with village - If however, modern, ugly, structures have been allowing in the area. So does it actually work?
To have more control over development issues
To keep some green land
To keep the character
To preserve our village environment
To preserve village life
To prevent areas being lost to housing

To prevent further building projects intruding into attractive local areas
To prevent further housing/businesses
To prevent large housing development
To prevent out of character mass development - any extra needs to be done sensitively
To protect an historic village for future generations, wildlife
To protect boundaries to prevent urban sprawl
To protect from development
To protect from further urbanisation
To protect open spaces and farmland immediately adjacent to village
To protect the land
To protect wildlife in the local area
To stop development encroaching villages
To stop housing developers
To stop infill of houses to close together
To stop it being built on
To stop sprawl and protect the village
To stop/put constraint on development in the village and protect greenbelt around SC
Too many cheap looking new build properties
Too many houses being built we need to keep countryside
Too much commercialisation of the village
Too much development
Too much house building
Too small
Try to preserve and add to what we have
We don't have a housing problem, we have an overpopulation problem
We must keep as much conservation as possible
We need green spaces
We need to conserve as much space as is possible for the sake of the village, the villagers and future generations
We need to keep our open spaces and keep it as a countryside
We need to keep the village as rural as possible. It's a village let's not become part of Didcot or Milton
We need to protect as much as we can
We need to protect our special buildings and green spaces
We need to protect S.C.
We're losing too much of the village to businesses

"Q25b" Should the current Conservation Area be extended? Please give reasons for your answer of "No".
Adequate coverage
Already covers the older parts of S.C.
Already quite adequate
Any new buildings would not last long enough
Area already covered appropriate
Area seems well defined
Big enough
Big enough
Covers important areas already
Do not know convincing response to do this?
Everyone should be aware that we have to conserve and preserve. We have enough rules, we have enough rules what about the parts that aren't in the conservation area - they are just as important
I cannot see how this would improve planning decisions
I didn't believe it should be extended just maintained
I think it is adequate to preserve the character of the high street and centre of the village
I think it is sufficient currently
I'm not opposed to all change. Extension of conservation area could be an unattractive nimbyism
Is adequate
It is already covering the historic part of the village
It is at an adequate size
It is large enough already
It protects the oldest part of the village from being developed
It seems to encompass the area it should do
It seems to me development adjacent to conservation area impinges on it anyway, do what is the point?
It will stifle development and ultimately kill the village
Keep rural
Little of interest in south of village
Most buildings already covered and some have solar panels on the roof that is not in keeping with conservation area
No need
Not clear why. What after buildings would you include
Not sustainable
Please leave the conservation area as it is, not to be extended
Quite reasonable as it is
Remains as it is
Seem to be adequate. It is preferable if people live in modern and salubrious houses
Seems about right
Seems to cover a reasonable size of the village already
Sutton is a village not a city
That which is worthwhile is already included
The existing conservation area is in the heart of the village and is enough
The historic core is already covered

The roads are not equipped for more traffic
To change the boundary is to play into developing housing plans. Should be left as it is
To prevent being outer Didcot
We have no room

"Q25c" Should the current Conservation Area be extended? Please give reasons for your answer of "No opinion".
Cannot think of anything that needs to be added
Covers the older part of the village
Depends on the rules and regulations regarding the conservation area
Don't know - what it would imply
Don't know where conservation areas are
Don't know where it is
I do not know enough
I don't know enough to have an informed opinion
I live nowhere near it so am unsure of the issues surrounding it
I wouldn't know where the extended area would be so can't form an opinion because of this
Insufficient information to give opinion
Just need to keep what we've got. We are very lucky
N/A
No information to make decision
No information to make judgement
Not enough information to have an opinion
Not informed enough to have an opinion. No high priority on becoming informed
Not sure
Probably worth a review of coverage
Seems adequate
Sufficient if maintained
Unaware of proposed extended areas
Unfamiliar with the spaces outside the current area
What areas are you considering and what is the due process?
What is the current area?

"Q25d" Should the current Conservation Area be extended? Please give reasons for your answer – Responses from online survey not split out
Adequate conservation area
All areas should be considered not just the rich historical houses. typical
Any protection to a green calm and peaceful village desirable
Anything that will keep over development at bay is welcome
As long as the development is in keeping with the area I am happy with development to historical buildings
Because the village is pretty and we should protect those houses that have a heritage. It shouldn't just cover the houses that face the high street, it should apply to all within the area and the council should uphold people to this. And equally it should be extended as well to cover more areas where there is heritage to be protected - like all of Lady Place.
Don't have sufficient knowledge about Conservation Areas to provide a view. Though if the area were to be extended it would limit development, which I would be generally in favour of.
Don't know enough about history of other parts of village.
Extending it could erode its importance
For what it's worth, extra planning consideration should be extended to include all areas of the village with older (pre-war) buildings
I don't know what the conservation areas are. A map would of helped with this question
I think it already covers the correct area.
If the conservation area were to include rare wildlife habitat, I would like to see it extended, but my understanding is that this is in respect of historic buildings and I am not aware of any just outside the boundary. If there are, the area should be extended. My more major concern is the risk of losing greenbelt and farmland to development.
It is too small.
It's good to look after the nature.
Keep SC a village!
Preservation of the village feeling
The CA should be slightly extended to protect older houses & some fields (to prevent housing being built on them).
The Conservation Area currently covers just houses when in fact the open spaces around the older part of the village are as important to the overall character of the village.
The conservation area should be extended in order to safeguard the village - the recreation ground should be included and the entire length of Old Wallingford Way within the Parish Boundary should be included as this is a historical route. A further extension westward along the Drayton Road and west of Uptown Farm should also be included to preserve the nature of these historical areas. Ideally the meadow south of the village primary school should be included as part of a conservation area in order to protect against further development which would join Milton Park/Milton Village to Sutton Courtenay although on what grounds this could happen is unclear.
The current conservation area needs to be maintained and not eroded by further building developments.
There has been a lot of poor quality development within Sutton Courtenay leading to a mixed and unplanned appearance of the village
There have been some awful "modern" style houses on the edge of the conservation area. The dreadful house in Drayton Road with the grey corrugated tin roof being a prime example.
Think that present area does include the older part of the village
This is another quality of life issue. I have lived in a very smart and sanitised environment and it was soulless and depressing. Even the best architects find it difficult to create beautiful life enhancing places to live.

To keep the village we live in how it is and to prevent unnecessary sprawl from village overdevelopment
To prevent further housing
To protect the historic heart of the village and its community against unplanned development.
To protect the village
Try to keep more of the area preserved
We need to protect more green space to prevent further big developments where hardly any of the housing is affordable.
We should worry about impact on all houses not just posh old ones
What need is there to extend the Conservation Area? This just makes work for the Planning authorities - who needs even more bureaucracy?
Whilst it seems adequate as it is, it is surprising the level of planning permission approved to significant building changes including height and exterior.

"Q26i" With regard to infrastructure, how do you rate the following?
If ticked needs to be improved for any, how & where does it need to be improved – Sewage/Drainage
Abingdon Road not even on mains drainage. Well known that sewage system is inadequate
All along High Street
All in need of upgrade
All in need of upgrade
All need to be updated
All over
All over
All over
All over
All over
All round general improvements ensuring new builds comply
All the village
Along Appleford Road to take into account the new builds
Already over capacity
Always water leaks down by petrol station
Appleford Road
Appleford Road has a few ongoing problems with sewage
Aren't they still pumping sewerage out of Redrow? I'd say that should be sorted before any more plans are passed
Asquith Park development home owners regularly have problems with sewage/drainage
Asquith Park still not on main sewerage
Bad smells often
Bigger capacity
Block regularly
Blocked drains are common
Both are appalling
Brook Street often floods
Brook Street regularly floods
Can existing system cope with more housing
Cannot cope in heavy rain
Capacity. Breathing relief
Complete updating. It cannot cope with all new houses
Constant blockage to main sewer
Currently being improved at Frilsham Street
Drainage in the street. Drains are permanently blocked
Drains blocked
Drains can't cope with volume of housing there has already been
Dreadful
During floods problems arise
Endless problems in High Street
Every time it rains heavily we have problems with surface water, drainage in particular
Everyone knows it is inadequate

Everywhere
Excess rain causes sewage to come up through drains
Fatburgs have been found in existing sewer and nappy wipes. Diameter of existing sewer is adequate
Flash floods completely flooded the drainage at end of Churchmere Road
Flooding
Flooding in certain areas in village - known black spots
Floods
Foil pumping station and High Street
Get blocked sometimes
Harwell and Milton Road areas
Has not worked for many years
Heavy rain leads to flash flooding. Neighbours have had problems with sewage washing up.
High Street
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High Street
High Street - increase drainage
High Street - ongoing issues especially with additional housing
High Street drains
High Street overloaded
I assume there is a need as we have seen lots of work recently
If more houses are to be built
If new development and also in central village
In general across village
In Lady Place we have problems all the time with backed up drains
In response to the new developments around the fringes of the village
In size
Inadequate across the village. Victorian system needs entire upgrade
Inadequate existing sites
Inadequate for increased population
Infrastructure based on original load of old village
It is inadequate for number of houses
It's totally inadequate in village
Keeps blocking
Lady Place sometimes has problems
Larger drains, better run off from roads, easier access
Less leaks all over village
Main sewer gates through garden and inadequate diameter regular clearing of surface water, drains and ditches
Major overall not a Thames water quick fix
Maybe needs improvement in Church Street - drainage/sewage stress in times of flood - all day and night pumping had to go on.
Milton Road

Milton Road and High Street
More houses mean more pressure
More houses means more sewage needs more drainage. Mid 1950s pipes
My perception is that the whole village system is old and inadequate
Need improving (more houses)
Need replacing
Needs complete renewal
Needs renewing
Needs updating. Not adequate for increase in population.
New developments and north of village they are constantly being pumped
New developments means need to improve existing
New houses putting strain on old pipes
New pipes needed
New sewage system through whole of village
Not fit for purpose
Not my job - get an environmental survey done
Not sure if existing infrastructure is coping with demand
Not updated and cannot cope
Not updated to cope with all additional houses
Off Milton Road and towards Culham
Often an issue in village
Old
Old
Old system - sometimes overflows - too many houses
Old system, needs updating through village
Old systems need to be replaced/updated before any development e.g. Milton Road
Out of date
Over the years there have been many sewage issues
Persistent flooding over bridges and roads
Pipes are not adequate in most of the village
Pipes probably not large enough to cope with current situation
Problems in High Street sometimes
Regular blocked sewers
Regular problem near the Triangle
Roads flood during heavy rain on High Street
Seems problems all through the village
Sewage smells unpleasant in village
Sewage/drainage system at its maximum
Smelly drains
So it doesn't block
Standing water on Drayton Road
Struggling with new developments
Struggling with new housing build demands
Sufficient to talk the new houses on Milton Road at present its not

Surface water flooding
Thames water has not improved sewage for west S.C.
The fact the sewage leaked/overflowed into high street
The main sewer in Churchmere and All Saints Lane is constantly blocking up (serious problem)
The mains need to be updated
The pipes are of Victorian age
The whole village
The whole village
The work done recently for Heritage Park was so dreadful quality. This needs improving but subcontractors should not be allowed to.
There has been no growth despite increase in number of new homes
Throughout the village and to meet the future developments
Tollgate Road. The triangle towards Drayton
Too many houses for current drainage to cope with
Too many houses on old drainage system
Too many new houses without improvements and drainage
Upgrade, all increase
Verging needs improvement Sutton fields development
Village
We all know the problems with the Victorian system
We are told sewerage in this village is in crisis
We know it can't cope and will only get worse
Well certainly lower end of High Street
When it rains for prolonged periods the run off is not catered for by current drains and floods properties
When we have rain drains can't cope

"Q26j" With regard to infrastructure, how do you rate the following?
If ticked needs to be improved for any, how & where does it need to be improved – Water supply
All in need of upgrade
All in need of upgrade
All over
All over
All the village. There is leaks everywhere
All water south of the Old Plough Pub
Always leaking somewhere at moment by garage (fuel)
Always leaks and low pressure
Bad water pressure
Can often be disrupted
Constant leakage SC garage
Could do with fixing leaks then maybe our water pressure would be better
Has a funny taste
Has not worked for many years
Higher/more pressure
In size
Lack of pressure
Leaks
Leaks often near garage
Leaks should be repaired sooner
Lots of burst pipes
Low pressure
Low pressure
Low pressure
Low pressure
Low pressure
Low pressure
Low pressure and water leaks in High Street on regular basis
Low water pressure
Low water pressure (mains)
More pressure
New pipes required
No pressure
Not relying on pipes from Culham
Often leaking outside garage
Old metal pipes constantly leaking
Poor supply all over
Poor water pressure due to new developments
Pressure - Courtenay Close
Pressure drops at times
Pressure inadequate
Pressure is poor

Pressure is too low
Pressure poor
Pressure too low
Pressure very low in Katchside
Pressure very variable
Regular cut offs of supply and incompetent handling of it - suggests too many leakages
Repair to leaking pipes e.g. petrol station roundabout
Supply ok. Pipes need changing
The pressure of water is low in our house
The water pressure is too low you can't run the shower and another tap
The whole village
To cope with increased housing - water pressure has already fallen
Too low a pressure - upgrade with pump system
Unacceptable - poor pressure
Very low pressure
Very low pressure. If in use so much that if jet washer/hose pipe we cannot have a shower
Very poor water pressure
Village
Water is very hard water
Water pressure is abysmal
Water pressure is very low
Water pressure, often to low
Whole area has low water pressure

"Q26k" With regard to infrastructure, how do you rate the following?
If ticked needs to be improved for any, how & where does it need to be improved – Mobile phone
?
All in need of upgrade
All in need of upgrade
All over
Appleford Road
Appleford Road
Appleford Road (Sky mobile has improved)
Awful all of them
Bad reception in most of the village
Better place
Better reception
Better signal
Bid signal
Break monopoly of BT
BT coverage is awful
But would not welcome mast near
Can't get a signal in parts of Sutton Courtenay
Can't get signal in house
Connection poor
Depends on network
Don't have any
EE reception very poor
End of High Street
Extremely poor
Hardly any 4G - none in the house
Hopeless on our network at home
I have never been able to get a good signal at home
Important for home working which is becoming increasingly more popular
Intermittent signal
Lack of signal
Lady Place
Little or no signal in some areas (Chapel Lane)
Lots of spots not covered
Low coverage through most of village
Many mobile networks do not work
Maybe another mast
Mobile phone coverage is so poor in parts of village
Mobile phone reception is bad where we live (around All Saints Lane)
Most networks are poor in village especially EE - I have to have a booster at home
My mobile phone coverage is dreadful (Vodafone)
Need better reception
Need consistent network coverage across village

New coverage
Next to no signal at my house
No coverage in many areas
No O2 signal
No reception
No reception indoors (house)
No signal - have to have a booster land line
No signal in my street
No signal in own home
No/limited service in my home (EE network)
Not good coverage for some networks
Not good reception
Not good signal
Not good signal
Not great in High Street
Not sure how (perhaps via new developments) but everywhere
Not very good reception and signal
Not work coverage not great
O2 service not great
Only one service provider available with reasonable signal (Vodafone)
Only provider offering good coverage is O2
Only reception in certain areas of the garden - no reception in house
Our phones are unusable here without a booster that we have to pay for
Parts of the village not good
Patchy coverage
Poor
Poor reception
Poor reception
Poor reception
Poor reception
Poor reception around triangle area
Poor service in Abingdon Road
Poor signal
Poor signal
Poor signal
Poor signal
Poor signal around village
Poor signal in our area
Poor signal needs mast
Put back transmitter in Bradstocks Way
Reception
Reception awful
Reception is terrible
Reception on O2 and EE is terrible in Asquith Park

Reception still patchy
Signal - Courtenay Close
Signal antennas need to be installed
Signal can be poor in various areas of village
Signal can be very bad
Signal is appalling
Signal is not good
Signal not always good
Signal strength
So bad, reception is appalling
Some providers give poor reception in places
Some services don't work
Spring field way - poor EE coverage
Springfield Way
Strong, reliable signal
Terrible mobile reception
Terrible reception
Terrible reception in most of village
Terrible signals
The mobile reception in the village is poor. Reception should be available indoors and outdoors
The whole village
Unreliable
Very poor
Very poor reception for the majority of providers.
Very poor signal
Very poor signal in Brook Street
Very poor signal in house
Very poor signal in house
Very slow
Vodafone is a disaster
Vodafone signal is poor
Water pressure could be better
Weak at the moment but will get weaker as time goes on if more houses are built
Weak coverage
Weak signal frequently
Weak signal in our home
Where can you get a signal with any network that is actually good
Within home phone signal quality is poor
Would like to answer phone in house

"Q26I" With regard to infrastructure, how do you rate the following?
If ticked needs to be improved for any, how & where does it need to be improved – Broadband
Absolutely horrendous service here
All in need of upgrade
All in need of upgrade
All networks need to have adequate signal
Always rubbish
Appleford Road
Be good to be able to get Virgin
Better place
Better reception
Better signal
BT speeds, very poor. Continually complaining
By 100%
Cabling is atrocious, old aluminium cables are not fit for purpose, village needs FTTP
Can't get fast broadband at Lady Place
Connection poor
Enable all village to receive fibre
End of High Street
Everywhere
Expensive
Extremely poor
Far too slow
Faster
Faster broadband
Faster broadband needed
Fibre
Fibre - high speed - whole village. Lose BT dependence
Fibre only available for part of the village
Fibre to house, rather than fibre to cabinet only
Fibre would be an advantage especially to increase customer choice. How much we pay. Where? Everywhere
Harwell Road, slow and weak. Needs to be a lot faster
Higher speed
Important for home working which is becoming increasingly more popular
Increased speed
Internet sometimes gets lost
It is not wonderful in Lady Place
It is ok but not sure changing supplier could make it better
It's getting worse
Keeps going off understand it broken wires under speed ramps
Lady Place
More cabinets and faster supply
More distribution cabinets evenly spaced throughout village

Need cable to the door
Need fibre and choice
Need fibre at east end of village
Need virgin and we are below average rate
Needs faster broadband
Needs to be fibre direct to homes
Needs updating to faster fibre broadband
Never get the advertised speeds especially at weekends
No confidence in better services
No fibre optic broadband yet, needed.
Not as fast as towns
Not good speed
Not great in High Street
Not many options for providers
Not very fast
Not very good
Ok but needs improvement
Only one service provider available (BT)
Poor
Poor bandwidth from my house, I am not in the main part of the village.
Poor connection
Poor quality
Poor service no choice
Poor signal
Poor signal
Poor speeds
Poor. No competition between providers to drive up standards
Reception
Seems slow
Slow
Slow
Slow - lack of choice and provider
So bad, reception is appalling
Speed is not good
Speed of internet too slow
Still too slow
Terrible signal
The faster the better
The whole village
The whole village
The whole village should have super-fast broadband
Too low a capacity, Sunday morning is a congestion disaster
Too prone to infrastructure breakdowns especially in outer area where wire-scape is at the mercy of the elements and squirrels.
Too slow

Use fibre optic cable that goes to Milton Park
Very poor signal
Very slow
Very slow
Very slow
Very slow
Village
Virgin media should be encouraged
Virgin media should be encouraged to come to village
Virgin media!! better more reliable WIFI
Way too slow
We are desperate for a broadband upgrade as was proposed then cancelled by Virgin media
We have fibre optic and it is still slow and unreliable
What a laugh! it's too slow

"Q26m" With regard to infrastructure, how do you rate the following?
If ticked needs to be improved for any, how & where does it need to be improved – Pavements
A lot of pavements slope and have potholes
Abingdon Road and along abbey in very poor condition
All getting a bit worn and rough. Hard for mums with pushchairs and wheelchairs
All in need of upgrade
All of village
All over
All over
Along Appleford Road
Along Church Street
Along Church Street
Alongside abbey wall - very hazardous
Appleford Road
Appleford Road
Appleford Road
Appleford Road
Appleford Road, Church Street by the abbey
Around shop in Bradstocks way
As previously referred to.
Bad condition
Badly repaired
Between green and triangle is very poor in winter
Between triangle and George
Breaking up
Breaking up in Frilsham Street
Cars off please
Cars parked across pavements and blocked. Kerbs broken by buses
Church Street lacks acceptable useable pavements
Could be better but as residents damage through parking on them it is feasible.
Could be wider in front of cottages in High Street
Cracked and uneven - relay
Cracks or holes which can be dangerous
Crumbling and uneven- High Street/Drayton Road
Cut back bushes and weeds
Desperately in need of replacing
Difficult because of the old footpaths and pavements
Difficult for elderly people and children's buggies around Appleford Road
Dropshort needs a path for safety
Estate
Frequently muddy due to excessive traffic
Frilshaw Street
From Appleford Road into centre of SC - paths missing and have to walk on road in places
From church to new development at Amey yard

From Triangle to church
Full of weeds. High Street
Get cars off grass verges
Health and safety consideration
Hedges and cutting back
High Street has too many cars parked on paths
High Street, Milton Road, Appleford Road, Frilsham Street.
High Street. Milton Road. Bradstocks Way.
In Milton Road
Insufficient along Drayton Road in places
Insufficient paving for pushchairs etc
Keep cars off
Keep cars off pavements in the High Street
Keep parking free
Kept clear and repaired
Lots of holes
Lots of trip hazards
Maintenance
Many of the pavements are uneven and used by cyclists for dangerous manoeuvres.
Milton Road
Milton Road need to be redone
Milton Road very bad with the roots
Milton Road very uneven
Milton Road, B4016
Milton Road, tree roots cracked, my daughter has fallen due to pot holes
More even surfaces and drop kerbs
Most pavements are narrow and dangerous, surface very poor west side of Church Street
Narrow frequently give cars priority so widen and give pedestrians priority everywhere
Narrow pavements, difficult to use a pushchair
Need clearing - especially the High Street where they are gradually being overgrown with grass and parked cars
Need to be widened
Needed to be improved
No footpath from my house to Sutton Courtenay. Main reason my children went to Drayton School
No maintenance
No pavement from either direction to Drayton and dangerous road to walk
No work ever done to refurbishments
North of the Triangle
Not cohesive
Obstructed by vegetation
Old Roman path from Triangle to Green
On Milton Road the tree roots are making it near impossible to walk safely
Particularly poor connection along Church Road
Path between the green and the Triangle in muddy

Pavement required to link Drayton to SC
Pavement up Milton Road on left hand side very uneven
Pavements resurfaced
Poor for disabled people in scooters
Poor state
Poor state of repair
Potholes
Potholes and roots
Quite a lot of the pavements need repair or have dangerous ridges
Really bad for disabled wheelchair users
Reinstate adequately where used as car park
Resurfaced, cleared foliage
Resurfacing in some areas and more drop kerbs
Rough, roots growing through. Difficult for wheelchairs
So many ruts in paths - easy to fall
Some areas overgrown. Problems with parked cars on High Street
Some could do with widening - end of High Street near petrol station
Some need resurfacing
Some of them are a death trap
Such terrible condition on Milton Road and Bradstocks way - walk to school
Terrible everywhere enough said
The exchange need to be upgraded to accommodate the growing population
The whole village
These need to be in better shape
They all need attention
Throughout the village
Too many potholes and uneven surfaces
Too many vehicles parked half on pavement and road
Too much pavement/verge parking
Tree roots are bursting through the tarmac
Trip hazard, weeds - everywhere
Uneven
Uneven in places muddy path/no path on Church Street
Uneven pavements - trip hazards
Uneven, often not wide enough for double pushchair
Unkempt - uneven
Various locations
Verges are not maintained very overgrown in summer making walking dangerous
Very bumpy
Very bumpy and unpleasant to walk over
Very poor
Very poor - some dangerous
Very poor condition
Very uneven

Very uneven - dangerous at night
Very uneven - Milton Road particularly
Very uneven and slops to one side making it difficult to push a wheelchair - but that goes for most places
Very uneven and very difficult to push wheelchairs
Very uneven, cracks, weeds, slopes to road over emphasised.
Walking in Abingdon Road with the dogs is dangerous
Walking through the village they just disappear
Where trees roots have lifted the tarmac on Milton Road
Wider, smoother, more lights

"Q26n" With regard to infrastructure, how do you rate the following?
If ticked needs to be improved for any, how & where does it need to be improved – Rural footpaths
A paved connection to Milton Park through the fields
Access can be hard
All getting a bit worn and rough. Hard for mums with pushchairs and wheelchairs
All in need of upgrade
All over
Along the High Street in the winter
Always muddy
Always somewhere that needs trimming, etc. Humps removed - potholes filled and edges improved or complete resurfacing
Ancient footpath alongside of Abbey is muddy mess and causes a problem every day in winter
Ban 4x4 cars and motorbikes from using them
Better maintained
Cutting back on grass etc towards recreation park
Dropshort needs a path for safety
Easier to access
Extended / Maintained
Flatten and trim regularly
From Appleford Road into centre of SC - paths missing and have to walk on road in places
From Frilsham Street to cemetery
Grass cut and path maintained
Hedges and grass verges should be maintained to clear paths
Holes and uneven
Improved recently but ongoing work needed
Keep clean of vegetable matter
Many overgrown
Many overgrown and poorly marked
Many poorly maintained
Marking and clearing
More footpaths should be open access
More maintained
More maintenance to make accessible
More regular upkeep as some virtually disappear in summer
More signposts, maps etc
Most footpaths are in need of repair
Need clearing
Need cutting back generally
Need maintaining - get very overgrown
Need to be cleared
Need to be cut back. Trimmed
Need to be kept clear
Next to non-existent
No footpath to Drayton as bus service is poor in Sutton, cannot walk home from Drayton

in evening, as they have all be buses
Not durable surfaces
Obstructed by vegetation and barbed wire
Overgrown
Overgrown (need trimming by landowners)
Overgrown by bushes
Overgrown paths in summer months
Paths leading to/from rec and village hall areas
Quite a lot are overgrown
Quite overgrown sometimes
Regular strimming required. All paths - Frilsham to Hyde Weir
Repair stiles. Put up signposts. Cut back undergrowth
Resurfaced, cleared foliage
Road towards Drayton
Rough in many places
Signage
Terrible everywhere
The whole village
Throughout the village
Tidy of weeds
Tidying and relaying
To be able to make better use of all
To be kept clear
Too many become overgrown or obstructed
Uneven
Verges overgrown
Very little attention on an ongoing basis
Very uneven, lots of ridges
Village
Walking through the village they just disappear
Well used so need to be maintained

"Q26o" With regard to infrastructure, how do you rate the following?
If ticked needs to be improved for any, how & where does it need to be improved – Cycle paths
A paved connection to Milton Park through the fields
Abingdon route needs connection from triangle to village hall
All around village particularly school run areas
All in need of upgrade
Appleford Road
Are there any
Are there any in the village, never seen them if so
Are there any in the village?
Are there any?
Are there any??
Bad lighting. Not enough cycle paths
Between S.C. and Appleford over Culham Bridge
Clearer access
Could be increased
Cycle path needed between Amey Close and the Europa school
Cycle path to Appleford
Cycle paths should be in place for families with young child cycling
Cycling across Culham Bridge dangerous for cyclist - more cycle paths
Cycling infrastructure needs improvement. Numerous examples see below
Cyclists need to be forced to use those made available
Cyclists tend to use footpath in Abingdon Road
Drastically needs to be improved
Drayton Road - Frilsham Street sustrans cycle path needs to continue from Drayton Road to Frilsham Street
Everywhere in the village and especially over Culham bridge
For safety
Forced on to the road
Good idea
I don't use them so I don't know
Ideally, more separation of bicycle and motor traffic
Inadequate. Drayton Road overgrown and conflict with footpaths
Increase number
Into Abingdon - let's make it easier to cycle - less cars
Kids cannot take bikes to school
Lighting down cycle track meeting Milton Park
Links to the bustrans route
Lots of potholes. Need to be improved
Make it safer for cyclists
Making the roads, especially the bridge, safer - encourage cycling
More cycle paths
More cycle paths created
More cycle paths need to be created

More links required to other villages i.e. Drayton and Steventon.
More maintenance to make accessible
More needed to prevent challenging pedestrians for pavement use
More of them
Muddy and bumpy. Not good enough if people to be encouraged to cycle to and from SC. No cycle paths in the village itself
Need more
Need more
Need more
Need purpose built cycle paths so feel that you could cycle within and connect to other villages/towns especially for children.
Need safe cycle paths from village to Europa school for children, will improve traffic
Need to be more dedicated paths
Needs to be extended
Needs to be extended from Drayton Road to Sutton Courtenay
No parking zones needed and speed warnings
No provision for cycles except routes. Bridge particularly dangerous
None evident apart Milton Park
None in High Street which should be avoided
Not overgrown
Over Culham bridge / Abingdon Road
Over the bridge - shared pedestrian/cycle pavement
Paths need repair and hedges cut/cleared - path to Didcot.
Peep-O-Day Lane
People cycle on pavements on Harwell Road and High Street
Poor road surface, too many road bumps in High Street and Harwell Road. Chicane alternatives
Problem vegetation
Quite a few potholes everywhere
Resurfaced, cleared foliage
Road to Drayton
Road to Drayton dangerous cyclists
Rough
Rough
Route 5 - right turn at Triangle very dangerous, no safe route over Thames so more cyclists use paths over weirs
Route right turn onto High Street is a death trap
Routes to all adjacent villages/towns
Sustains 5 into Abingdon by sewage treatment area
Terrible everywhere
The traffic calming on Sutton Road throws cycles into traffic
The whole village
There aren't any
There aren't any?
Through village
Through village to Culham there isn't one

To be able to make better use of all
To Didcot
To encourage more cycling and make it safe for children - very unsafe at the moment
Too few
Too few generally
Too much illegal cycling on pavements
Turning to Drayton from Peep o day is dangerous
Very little cycle paths in the village
Very uneven in places
Village
We haven't got any?
We need more
What cycle paths
Where?? There are no cycle paths, we need some! Especially around the school but also along the main roads. Too many cars parked on main roads reducing them to one way traffic. Too much traffic through village
Would make a big difference to have a proper cycling network

"Q26p" With regard to infrastructure, how do you rate the following?
If ticked needs to be improved for any, how & where does it need to be improved – Roads
1) Potholes. 2) Better management of on-street car parking
A lot of pot holes
A lot of village road surfaces are in a poor state
A need to warn parents of traffic leaving Church Street to Brook Street and Drayton Road - one sees whole families joining high street
All in need of upgrade
All of village and remove speed humps
All over
All over
All road in and out of everywhere
All the roads have dangerous potholes for cyclists and cars
Always roadworks but no visible improvement
Appleford Road - traffic calming measures
As everywhere, pot holes are a real problem
Badly need repaired too heavy/traffic use
Bottlenecks cause long queues at peak times
Bridge needs to be the way. No speed bumps
Busting up and patchy
Church Street has many potholes
Condition of service
Crossing at Culham and then into Abingdon can be quickly jammed. Worried may get worse as village and other villages grew.
Culham bridge traffic in rush hours
Dangerous potholes. Patching inadequate
Deplorable condition of road surfaces
Dreadful throughout the village
Ensure repairs are done properly to avoid potholes reappearing e.g. outside the Fish pub.
Everywhere
Everywhere
Everywhere in the village
Everywhere. Too many potholes and patch repairs at best
Far too many potholes and speed bumps - the condition of the roads are not good enough
Far too many potholes on all roads
Fill in all the potholes
Fill in pot holes
Fill in potholes
Fill the pot holes improve parking off road
Fill the pot holes in Church Street and Appleford Road
Get rid of all the pot holes and cut down on visual clutter signs are ugly, badly positioned and largely an eyesore and can also be dangerous. This is money mis-spent.
Gridlocked at peak times
Harwell Road due to parked cars and High Street near triangle and Culham bridge
High Street. Bradstocks Way
Holes need filling

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Pot holes
Pot holes
Pot holes
Pot holes / danger to cyclists in most of village
Pot holes all over from one end of village to other
Pot holes and sleeping policemen need to be removed
Pot holes and too many speed bumps
Pot holes are a danger to all road users
Pot holes are terrible, speed reduction needed on Drayton Road
Pot holes everywhere
Pot holes need to be addressed
Pot holes repaired
Pot holes, bad repairs, dangerous to cycle on
Pot holes, like a ploughed field
Pothole problem and not enough safe parking
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Potholes - Abingdon Road/Appelford Road/Church Street/Drayton Road
Potholes - resurface roads. Poor road surface
Potholes a danger to cyclists

Potholes all over the village
Potholes and parking and uneven
Potholes and speed humps have not been maintained and makes village look shabby
Potholes are severe need to be dealt with 100% success
Potholes are very bad
Potholes around the green and on Appleford Road need sorting out
Potholes at junctions. More frequent cleaning
Potholes bad
Potholes everywhere
Potholes everywhere
Potholes everywhere
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Potholes everywhere
Potholes everywhere
Potholes everywhere - never properly fixed
Potholes everywhere - resurface all roads
Potholes everywhere to be repaired
Potholes everywhere. Reported to local council no action
Potholes generally
Potholes in all road need attention
Potholes in road need to be repaired on a permanent basis
Potholes need attention
Potholes need filling
Potholes need filling - all over the village
Potholes need filling especially Church Street and Appleford Road
Potholes need filling in
Potholes need filling just about everywhere
Potholes need filling. Cannot cope with existing vehicles
Potholes need fixing
Potholes need repairing
Potholes need replacing
Potholes on corner by the Fish
Potholes refused repair. Council need to change current policy
Potholes repaired quickly
Potholes so bad damage has been done to both cars. Repairs in excess of £1200
Potholes speed humps
Potholes throughout village need to be filled. Car park areas needed to reduce street parking
Potholes! mini-roundabout at Triangle
Potholes! speeding over humps worsening (Heavy lorries/delivery vans)
Potholes, get rid of speed bumps
Potholes, kerbs crumbling general
Potholes, marking, etc
Potholes, say no more
Potholes, too many HGV's

Potholes. Culham bridge
Potholes. Schedule work for services to be done in conjunction where possible
Potholes. Slow process to repair and dangerous to drivers and cyclists e.g. bend by the Fish. There and Harwell Road and from the chicane to the roundabouts near Milton
Potholes. The right angled Fish corner
Quite a few potholes everywhere
Remove speed bumps, alternative two way bridge over Thames between SC and Appleford
Remove speed bumps, replace with speed sign - fill pot holes
Remove speed humps (High Street)
Remove the road humps that cause pollution and noise
Repair
Replace all the humps with chicanes
Resurfaced (really bad) too many speed bumps
Resurfacing required
Road humps. Needs removing
Road markings very faded, cracks, potholes, dirty gutters
Road surface poor in Church Street
Road surface poor in many parts of the village
Road to Drayton
Roads adequate but traffic levels too high
Roads aren't repaired for the volume of the traffic
Roads encourage high speeds especially Church Street traffic calming
Roads need proper resurfacing in south end of village
Roads need to be in line with increasing housing, more care taken with pot holes
Roads seem to be in constant state of repair
See the potholes all over the place
Shocking in every respect mainly due to over use and under investment
Shocking potholes everywhere!!!
Speed bumps too high/too many on High Street
State of roads deplorable - potholes a hazard
Street parking makes the roads congested but there is nowhere for cars to park easily on High Street in places
Struggling with traffic levels, calming measures should be spring friendly
Suffering greatly due to very large vehicles
Surface quality very poor and dangerous - potholes
Surfaces need improving and pot holes filled
Surfaces poor with many potholes
Surrounding village access roads
Sutton Courtenay to Milton
The 2 roads are badly in need of repair and traffic speed restrictions.
The roads between Abingdon and S.C. are very bumpy
The roads generally are in a poor state of repair with numerous potholes
The whole village
There are too many potholes roads need resurfacing
Throughout main roads in village

Throughout the village
To be able to make better use of all
Too many cars on too few roads
Too many holes
Too many holes and Appleford Road is noisy - traffic calming bumps needed
Too many holes/patches
Too many pot holes
Too many potholes
Too many potholes
Too many potholes
Too many potholes
Too many potholes
Too many potholes and edge damage
Too many potholes and traffic calming required
Too many potholes not repaired properly
Too many potholes, exacerbated by trucks using village as cut through. Speed humps cause damage to nearby houses.
Traffic calming measures along the Drayton Road
Traffic calming urgently required
Triangle turn is dangerous
Uneven - too many speed bumps
Various pot holes throughout the village
Various potholes
Very noisy due to pot holes
Very poor state of repair, humps should be preferably identifiable
Very pot holed
We need a new bridge/road system to perhaps bypass village - alleviate congestion
Where there are potholes
Zebra crossing needed by the fish

With regard to infrastructure, how do you rate the following?
If ticked needs to be improved for any, how & where does it need to be improved & which you are referring to - Responses from online survey not split out
- sewage overflowing in the high street is NEVER acceptable - we need more networks to cover us... we don't have a choice of provider, we have to have the one that covers our house - especially on the edge of the village - broadband is ridiculously slow a
1) We have experienced issues with draining problems relating to old sewerage along the high street. 2) The pavement/footpath along Church Street between the triangle and the green is a menace during autumn with wet/rotting fallen leaves being a slip hazard, whilst it is a muddy mess for winter. A new gravel surface is long overdue. 3) Footpaths that are suitable and safe for use by cyclists should be marked as cycle friendly routes, to be clear where cycles are welcome and where they are not.
A lot of residents experience issues with sewage. Water pressure in Sutton Courtenay is very low and needs to improve to support modern households' needs. Mobile phone coverage is very poor. In fact, our household is limited to only one provider as others don't provide reception in the area. Fibre Optic Broadband is of a very poor quality. Cycle paths are not maintained. I cycle every day from Sutton Courtenay to Abingdon and in the summer months the stretch from Sutton Courtenay towards Drayton (cycle route no 5) is so overgrown that two cyclists struggle to pass. The road, or in fact the bridge, between Sutton Courtenay and Culham has reached its capacity a long time ago and during rush hours creates queues all to the centre of the village.
Abingdon and Appleford Road pavements are in a dreadful condition. The kerbsides into All Saints Lane have been destroyed by the lorries using the Lane to build houses at the far end. It used to have lovely cobble like stones, now it has had some tarmac thrown on it. Rural foot paths are often overgrown. Pot holes are a constant source of contention, the source of course are the HGV, trucks, lorries and container lorries using the main road through, from the bridges to Drayton or Didcot or Milton Park and the W&S lorries use these roads also.
All of the above are still not up to modern standards or in dis-repair. Sewage/drains and water supply have improved in recent times.
All our roads need general maintenance inside AND outside the village. I restrict myself from any further comments because I have not lived in the area long enough to provide useful detail.
All rural footpaths Stop parking on footpaths and verges
Ancient sewage system which should have been improved before any new estates were built. Water pressure is very low. Pavements are very uneven due to tree roots. Footpaths are very overgrown and the roads are inadequate for the amount of traffic which has been generated.
Broadband is very slow and will affect house prices eventually if not improved as people will choose to live in areas where it is faster. Sewage/ drainage in the Church area needs improving as it did not cope well during the times of flooding and pumping was needed 24/7. Footpath /bridleway potholes need filling and should not be the responsibility of residents.
Clearly there are pot holes all over this part of the country. Mobile phone does not always work from home which is remarkable. Cycle paths are poor and cycling is probably fairly unsafe
Cycle paths - need for these to be always used wherever they are in place and this enforced by law. Pot holes to be adequately repaired and not just 'botched' up
Cycle paths are too narrow for two bicycles to pass easily and safely. They frequently have overhanging bushes/brambles which make cycling on them risky - no one wants to get an eye injury. The road surface has deteriorated significantly over the last 6 years with patches being applied where full resurfacing would be the more economical long term solution.
drainage - struggles in times of flooding at all saints lane mobile signal - v poor in all saints lane broadband - need high speed fibre to premise
Flooding by petrol station in winter

Flooding in localised areas - Frilsham St / around Culham Bridges No pavements in places or not particularly wide (Conservation Area, High Street, Brook Street / Drayton Rd) Rural footpath improved and converted to allow other users (cycles / horse riders) Lack of cycling facilities on and off-road. Some exist but need vast improvements. Could be better connection to employment, services and other transport hubs.
Flooding in village should be stopped. Footpaths in general required better upkeep. Pot holes in roads require attention.
Flooding occurs. As BT only (now Virgin has dropped out), limited to certain companies. Our broadband is very slow.
Frequent water leaks throughout the village
Generally, sewers have been a traditional problem in the village, in all parts. Cycle paths are present in theory, but in practice they are woeful
Harwell Road. Very uneven in places. All roads with pot holes.
High St, for all. The N5 cycle route through the village is dangerous, especially in the mornings and evenings when the commuters to and from Culham and Milton Park are impatiently cutting through the village.
I don't know where to start! Delivering the SC News requires a jungle cutting expedition and the cycle paths are a joke. Simply avoiding the traffic across the bridge elicits a fascist spasm from the anti-cycling haridans.
I don't really have an opinion on the other stuff because I don't really use it
Improved links over the Thames. There is too much traffic for Culham bridges.
In general they're in a terrible state and lack any real maintenance. Roads are not maintenance free. The council gets the public to report issues which saves them time and money to identify problems yet it does a poor temporary repair which breaks up a few months later. The capacity of them also needs to be improved which has not changed even though usage has gone up massively.
It is well acknowledged that the sewage/drainage is vulnerable to flooding, in particular if more stress is caused by additional housing/development. Mobile phone reception is poor There is room for improvement in pavements/cycle paths and roads
Lack of cycle paths is a real problem - esp. towards Culham Bridge. Biking on road there is VERY dangerous. Roads are in lamentable state of disrepair - life-threatening in places.
Lots of pot holes Sewage is often overflowing with human waste on high street Mobile phone coverage is dreadful inc 4G
Milton Road, Sutton Road, High Street
Mobile Phone coverage is appalling in the village. As a runner I find a lot of the pavements very uneven. Also because of amount of cars in the village, cars are being parked on the pavement making it impossible to pass unless you walk in the road. Cycle paths are awful, rutted, overgrown, this should be a big area for investment.
Mobile phone coverage is poor across the village
Mobile phone needs to be improved as you can never get any signal. Footpath also needs improving for people with disabilities or pushchairs/buggy's. There needs to be a lot more cycle paths as there isn't many if any and that isn't fair on children who maybe learning to ride as you don't want to put them straight onto the road.
Mobile phone reception is poor which has an impact in emergencies. Broadband is slow! The roads need to be blocked to through traffic - let's have a ring road!
Mobile phone reception is poor. Roads in the village are in a poor state of repair.
Mobile signal is almost non-existent. Broadband slow.
Mobile & broadband poor service & reception Roads, cycle paths & pavements in terrible state lack of investment by OCC
More cycle paths, potholes need to be filled, especially at the triangle junction from High St to Brook St, no parking on verges on High St
no path along part of road towards church from petrol station
Not aware of any designated cycle path through centre of village Road surfaces are

forever breaking up and should be repaired properly Yellow lines needed on Appleford Road to prevent parking there - the houses all have drives.
Not surprisingly, my comment on roads relates to potholes. The centre of the village was only resurfaced a handful of years ago, only to be ripped up by one of the service providers. Moving further out, potholes become even more common (e.g. on Drayton Rd.).
OCC needs to pay more attention to repairing potholes and cyclists need to use the provision already there for them more consistently. Daily one sees the cycle path alongside the A415 being ignored by cyclist - usually the lycra-clad variety- causing irritation and hold-ups to motorists, buses etc. Sewage/drainage needs updating generally, especially with our already high ground water levels. Rural footpaths need better maintenance- cutting back vegetation and some gravel used to limit mud-formation, e.g. Doctor's Lane
Paths are awful and uneven
Pavement along Appleford Road is too narrow. There is no pavement from the George and Dragon going north. The pavement from the green to the triangle is almost impassable in the winter. Broadband speeds are slow.
Pavements - stop using tarmac unless contained by kerbs. Footpaths, very muddy where vehicles have churned up surface and wood chippings have made matters worse. Roads - Potholes everywhere, patch repair we consider false economy,
Poor coverage on mobile phone especially EE throughout Sutton Courtenay from The Green to Post Office Have fibre connection which is great but must look to improve this vital service to keep pace with social and technological development Cycle paths seem to be the footpath and rural footpaths (by Abbey) are especially hard to walk in winter / wet
Pot holes on all roads Cycle routes to join up through the village
Potholes need fixing Too many speed humps.....ruins the cars
Pretty much everything needs fixing. Thames Water has not addressed the sewage issues. Their potable water network is constantly leaking. Mobile phone reception is poor and we need fibre broadband. Pavements and paths are crumbling. The roads are clogged at peak periods and riddled with potholes. This is right across the parish.
Proper cable broadband is needed (not BT's pretence at broadband) - it is a real shame that Virgin Media pulled out of their promise to install this. Similarly, an additional local mobile phone mast would help (the lack of both broadband and good mobile signal is a combined problem) Sewage and drainage is a known major issue, and Thames Water need to radically improve things. The pavement along Church Street (adjacent to the Abbey needs gravel or a hard cover to avoid the quagmire it becomes in winter. The pavement along Drayton Rd also needs improving slightly
Reception in SC is terrible. Pavements are uneven. Would like to see more cycle paths but sadly, cyclists don't actually use them...
Repeated flooding of roads in various parts of the village needs tackling effectively. Potholes in roads need fixing.
Road and pavement quality throughout the village is really poor. The tarmac on both is in a consistently poor state, causing both damage and safety risk for cars and bicycles. This is particularly true on High Street and Milton Road. The use of speed bumps in Sutton Courtenay is unlike anything I have seen anywhere else in the UK - please get rid of them, and just put a camera in if there really is a speeding problem - it works for every other village and is better for the environment. If any utilities need to dig up the road, it should be mandatory for them to do a proper resurfacing job, not just fill in little patches that become potholes within a month. I'm fed up of paying so much council tax for such terrible quality roads that increase my maintenance costs for car and bike!
Road near The Fish is full of Pot Holes.
roads and paths, in general, are in need of some tlc
Roads are awful - potholes. Also remove humps on High Street/Harwell road - they cause damage to cars and do not deter speeders. Perhaps replace by chicanes. That would also deter HGVs perhaps.

Roads could be improved by repair of potholes. Mobile phone reception and broadband speeds are both inadequate.
Roads will need to be improved if there is to be any more development but I cannot see how this can be done.
Roads: especially the pothole breeding centre up near the Fish. Also the triangle turning toward Drayton is appalling.
Rural footpaths need mowing more than once a year! Sewage system needs updating Mobile phone coverage is very spasmodic. What cycle paths?? Only one to Didcot in the village. The one to Abingdon past the sewage works is too narrow and needs resurfacing
Sewage and drainage problems well documented. Mobile phone reception is largely poor. Broadband slow. Roads have many potholes.
Sewage Capacity currently reached or overloaded in several locations There are mobile phone blackspots Potholes seem to take a while to repair
Sewage improvements needed to accommodate the new developments and to resolve issues which arose in the past at the top end of church St. There are frequent leaks of water beside the petrol station in the High St. Pavements are uneven, in Frilsham St a stretch is on a slope making walking difficult. The road surfaces are in places pot holed and in need of resurfacing.
Sewage is not sufficient as demonstrated by sewage in the street last year and certain developers being allowed to get away with their promise to upgrade the sewage infrastructure. Water supply: We experience very low water pressure in our house. Rural footpaths are under threat from further development. Cycle paths are non-existent in many parts of the village and with so many cars parked in the streets and increased traffic there is significant danger of cyclists coming to harm. Roads are insufficient to support further development in the village.
Sewage issues in high street have existed for years and potholes increasing issue
Sewage needs to support existing houses - it doesn't - Milton Road, Water supply is low pressure, mobile phone coverage is weak, cycle paths are non-existent or overgrown and poorly surfaced. Roads are losing their markings - junction Frilsham St/High Street, stop line at traffic lights to cross the bridge, pot holes everywhere and poor patching up after digging the road up
Sewage.....New Developments have created Overload. Water.....Low Pressure on Milton Road. Broadband.....too Slow. Footpaths.....Overgrown Roads.....Junction of Frilsham Street
Sewage/drainage - constant flooding of areas to the north and east of the Parish indicate a problem dealing with excess water. Much of this has been caused by building on brownfield areas and floodplains meaning excess water that used to be able to dissipate is no longer able to. Old sewerage pipes are at capacity and would not be suitable for additional loads. Water supply - constant failures in supply throughout the village indicates a failing system of old pipes and connections which are not suitable for current demands let alone additional demands that would be caused by further developments.
Sewage/drainage - sewers have blocked and overflowed at end of Drayton Road twice in last two years (old with tree roots probably). Broadband - Fibre cable needs to be installed along Drayton Road, very restricted speed available currently. Pavements - We cannot walk into Sutton Courtenay along Drayton Road, traffic too fast and nowhere to walk. Roads - General repairs needed bumps and pot holes.
Terrible broadband speed and reliability
The mobile phone signal is generally rubbish in most of the village (Vodafone). The cycle paths are too infrequent and shouldn't be in the pavement. A proper cycle lane to Milton Park would be really helpful
The new developments need to be planned and sewage, drainage, water supply and road use need to be considered before building not after. The impact on the village and the local infrastructure is not being considered by the local government. It's just meeting targets not impact on the environment
The road metalling is falling apart everywhere around the village. Filling some of the pothole would be a start, but resurfacing is needed in many places.

The roads are seriously bad. Too many holes.
The sewerage is worrying when it floods, the water pressure in mill lane is very poor, there is no option for cable or alternate super-fast broadband in the foreseeable future, the junction at the Triangle is one large pothole but has not been marked in white paint to be repaired, rural footpaths are quagmires in winter,
The water pressure in Katchside has always been inadequate; there is a lot of roadside parking (particularly in The High Street) which is very hazardous; roads suffer from the national malaise of underfunding and poor maintenance.
There are bad potholes at the Triangle in the Drayton direction and near the Fish
Though we have not experienced problems with sewerage I'm aware that the current infrastructure can barely cope. Water pressure is very poor. Roads are subjected to a high volume of traffic and poorly maintained.
Too many potholes (and too many traffic calming bumps - if we want a 20 mph limit in the village, put up the signs, the speed cameras, and enforce it. As it is, people get to the top of High Street and put their foot down on Milton Road.
Traffic calming measures needed on Milton Road - not ones that damage the suspension; mobile phone signal is poor; sewage system doesn't seem to be adequate for the number of new houses - problems on Asquith Park
Water Supply - Water pressure is not great in the village Mobile Phone - Signal is weak in the village Pavements - Constantly parking on pavements and grass verges causing damage Cycle paths - cycle paths on outskirts of the village but none in the village itself Road - Potholes everywhere
Water supply pressure is minimal
We have very poor coverage in the village for EE, this needs to be improved. Thank god for WIFI calling as otherwise wouldn't be able to make or receive any calls.
Well all needs improvement. Milton road paths are uneven road has potholes , water pressure is very poor can't even operate a shower at times

"Q31a" If you use the train for commuting, from which station do you start your journey? If other, please specify below
Don't use trains
N/A
Radley
Radley
Thame & Haddenham parkway
The others are poor service or too far

"Q32a" If you do not use Appleford or Culham train stations what would encourage you to use them? If other, please specify below
Ability to purchase ticket at the station, so I don't have to queue at the other end to pay
Appleford - cycle path and pavement to station
Being closer
Car parking
Cheap train fares to areas
Didcot has the direct mainline links to Bristol & Reading (my most frequent destinations) as well as London. It is also the fastest to get to from Barretts Way.
Didcot is easier and closer for our access.
Didcot is near
Didcot/Oxford work fine for me
Direct fast train to London without having to change
Don't use trains
Easier means (ramp) for bicycles at Appleford Station.
Fast route to London
Fast service
Faster direct trains to reading and London
Faster non-stop trains
Faster routes into London
Faster to Paddington
Footpath from village to Appleford Station
Happy with Didcot usually or Oxford depending on train
Just wouldn't use them, Didcot is a station that I know well
Likely to use them
Local bus to get to station bank holidays and Sundays
Lower prices / more seats
More direct services to London
Most run on the same track so frequency and reliability would be the same at all stations
N/A
Need to offer route to London to compete with parkway
Neither practical for daily commute as too far away, not consistent, longer commute and more expensive
Never considered Appleford or Culham, no idea of available services
None - not worth it for extra time / changing trains to go to London
Nothing really
Only go to Reading or Swindon
only slow trains go from Culham and Appleford
Pavement between Appleford and S.C.
Quick, cheap and direct trains i.e. no changes
Quicker train journey
Speed to London
Speed to London
The time to get anywhere needs to be improved. i.e. they are on the stop everywhere service.

The train going to my destination
They are too far away
Time to London
Time to London
Train travel for leisure to London only
unknown
Would not want to use Culham Bridge in the mornings

"Q33a" If you do not use the bus or infrequently use the bus, what would encourage you to use it? If other, please specify below
What about car share
Re-instate buses to Oxford on Sundays
When I have to give up driving
3 small children so not practical
Link directly to Oxford
Direct service to Oxford and hospitals
Knowing how they work
Buses are not reliable with the timetables
Most of the above - I would use bus to Abingdon and Oxford frequently but stops too far and times erratic
Would be better if buses were in evening and Sunday
Needs to be regular, reliable and linked better routes
A bus timetable at Appleford Road. Also direct to Oxford
Greater frequency
Mobility problems prevent me from using the buses
An accurate timetable on each bus stop/electronic signs
At present I do not need to use the service
Direct bus to Oxford rather than change in Abingdon
Direct to Oxford and night buses
If nicer environment on bus
Does not go where I need to go
Nothing
Introduction of evening services at weekend/Friday
Bus to go through Drayton to Abingdon
Direct bus to Oxford
Use bus every week but would like a Sunday service
No longer a bus from Sutton Courtenay to Oxford
More regular buses that run later
No longer use bus due to mobility
Would use but more - but cancelled some time and day and none on Sunday
More frequent services (I find it very odd that this is not one of the options above!)
Would happily use the bus to Abingdon but they are so infrequent it's just not convenient
I don't actually know where the bus routes go to or from
The few times I've considered using a bus, there hasn't been a remotely suitable time.
Only when car is unavailable
There is no meaningful service. Unless frequency is drastically increased to every 15 mins then why would anyone take the bus?
More frequent service extending later into the evening.
Later buses for evening use into Abingdon, Oxford & Didcot station

"Q34a" In your opinion which of the following make using a bicycle unsafe in the village? If other, please specify below
Travelling over the Culham Bridge should be made easier and safer for cyclists
Potholes
Potholes
Cycling on pavements with concealed drains is very dangerous
Inadequate cycle route links to Europa school
Cycling at night without lights and dangerous with black garb
Potholes in road
Poorly maintained roads
Cycling isn't safe in the village
S.C. is a relatively safe place to cycle
Potholes
Improvements of a few bad spots for cyclists e.g. bridge from SC to A415. Last bit of cycle route to Didcot parkway
Maintenance of routes e.g. shrubbery
I do not think it is dangerous
Only cycle occasionally
I object to people cycling on pavements
Poor road surface
Potholes
Pot holes in the road
Overgrown cycle routes
Sleeping policemen
Cyclists are their own hazard
Cyclists should cycle more safely and not race or ignore walkers and cars
Potholes
Bad street conditions
Potholes
Route 5 right turn to High Street
Culham bridge and the B4016 traffic
Humps in road
Appalling state of the roads
Poor road conditions
Pot holes
Complete lack of cycle specific infrastructure - even parking
Poorly designed infrastructure e.g. chicane on Milton Road
Bridge to Culham too narrow (pavement)
I don't consider it unsafe for adults
If there was a lane between Milton Park and Abingdon so from the small shop on Milton Park and the Milton Road, and Milton Road and the Drayton Road linking with the existing track from the Drayton Road
I think it's safe
Aggressive drivers who have no idea to behave when they have a cyclist in front of them and drive unsafely when overtaking.
Lack of consideration by car drivers or aggressive car drivers; they drive too close and can be very threatening.

Width of the road doesn't allow for car and bicycle in one lane particularly when cars are queuing for the bridge
Speed bumps and pot holes cause cyclists to swerve
Pot Holes and badly maintained roads
Not sure I like the question... Should be perception of safety rather than 'unsafe'. Quite often it is more than 'traffic speed' or 'heavy traffic' and more driver behaviour. However, heavy traffic at Culham Bridges can make it difficult to filter through traffic and would be off-putting to younger or novice cyclists
Poor quality road maintenance and definite need to deviate due to increasingly large pot holes
Poor quality road surfaces and excessive speed bumps on High St causing cars to constantly speed up/slow down
I think cycling in the village is perfectly safe
In rush hour the traffic in the High Street and Drayton Road is very busy if you want to link onto the Hanson Way cycle route.
Speed bumps and potholes on the road

"Q35a" What would encourage you to walk more as a means of transport or leisure? If other, please specify below
Adequate walking facilities
Again, I think it's safe
All my destinations are too far to walk
Already do lots of walking
Already good
Already walk
Better health
Better shops to walk to
Closer destinations e.g. park or restaurant as they are too far to walk to
Closer facilities
Cyclists make being a pedestrian unsafe by cycling on pavements and not being prepared to stop. Lycra loonies.
Distances too often too far to walk for transport
Do walk frequently
Don't walk yet I cycle
footpath direct to Milton Keynes
I already walk a lot
I am perfectly happy with walking in the village and regularly do so.
I am unable to walk more than a very short distance
I don't need encouraging
I don't walk much due to injury
I walk a lot already
I walk a lot anyway
I walk a lot anyway
I walk around the village and into Abingdon and Didcot
I walk for leisure - so question of time how much walking I do
I walk infrequently but none of the above are an issue
I walk regularly around S.C. and even Didcot Station on occasion
I walk to local destinations but rarely need to
I walk to work on Milton Park from time to time but I find it very stressful to use the footpath from the south of the village to Milton Park because it is shared with bicycles. Please could this road be widened to provide a separate cycle and footpath.
I walk when I can but I am unable to walk to Oxford, Didcot or even Abingdon to do my shopping!
I will change walk in S.C - unless it becomes a building site
I would walk if I was able too
If I could walk 10 miles in the same time it takes to drive 10 miles
If my health was better
Improved drainage on certain paths
It's too far to walk to activities I need
Just better footpaths / pavements. However, none would prevent me from walking
Less HGV traffic
More local shops and amenities such as activity groups (Zumba Gold, Senior Circuits, Table tennis etc.)
More pavements on grass edges so children can walk safely

More shops local amenities
More time
My destination being within walking distance
No cycling on pavements with appropriate signs
No parking on pavements
None, walking is good here
Should be lighting along Old Wallingford Way
Stop cars parking on footpaths
too far to anywhere I need to be
Very good walks for leisure
Walk a lot already
We already walk a lot
We live too far from the school/shops to walk, etc.
Would like to be able to walk along Drayton Road into the village.

"Q36a" With regard to traffic management, please tick the methods you would like to see: If other, please specify below
Better cycle paths
Better parking provision off-highway. This way road space could be used for walking and cycling. This could be used as a form of traffic calming by 'narrowing' the road. Traffic calming should be used sensibly thinking about all road users. Traditional 'horizontal' or 'vertical' traffic calming is not always appropriate
Bridge (new)
Build a new bridge
Crossing point on Milton Road
Fewer speed bumps
FEWER speed humps - they damage cars, cause driver frustration and make cycling more dangerous
For the chicane on the Milton Road a dropped kerb so Cyclists coming into the village do not have to go round the chicane as this increases the risk of an accident.
Less speed bumps - they cause noise and an irregular speed of traffic
Less speed humps
Less speed humps
Maybe relief roads but stop rat-run to Culham school or Milton Park
more capacity at Culham bridge
More zebra crossings
No more speed bumps
No! A better bridge crossing
On Drayton Road and Brook Street
Please remove speed bumps (or replace with pillows), reduce speed limit to 20 mph and install chicanes and multiple speed cameras.
Public transport to lessen car use
Remove existing speed bumps to make driving thorough Sutton Courtenay more pleasurable.
Replace verges in High Street with footpaths
Restrict parking on the High Street in areas where its too obstructive and residents in fact do have off street parking but still insists on clogging up the High Street
signs which flash up when you need to slow down
Something to prevent cars 'rat running' down Churchmere Rd/All Saints Lane when rush hour traffic creates a traffic jam in SC, esp. when the A34 northbound is closed
Speed humps which are a simple hump in the middle on the road way
Stop on street parking everywhere
The traffic hump should go, they result in acceleration and braking (pollution) chicanes may work on Church St.
Triangle

"Q36b" Please write in the box below any roads or junctions in Sutton Courtenay that you believe are danger spots and in need of traffic calming or better traffic management.
1) T junction Abingdon Rd/Appleford Rd - emerging from Culham Bridges. 2) X Trees junction - coming from Drayton, to turn right into High Street
1. Junction of Abingdon Road/Appleford Road. 2. Sharp bend between Church Street and Appleford Road
1. The entrance to Courtenay Close, off High Street. 2. Turning right from Drayton Road at the Triangle. 3. The T junction from the 2 bridges into Appleford Road. 4. The junction High Street and Frilsham Street
2 roundabouts at Clifton Hampden. 1 roundabout at Drayton Road / High Street junction
A lower speed limit going past the school (20mph). A mini roundabout at the junction of Culham/Appleford Road. Crosstree's/Triangle made into a roundabout
A mini roundabout and better visibility exiting Abingdon Road onto Appleford Road would be excellent. At present it feels like you need to "nose out" to get visibility and cross your fingers there isn't anybody oncoming at speed.
Abingdon Road between Appleford and Culham. Speed congestion. Tailbacks
Abingdon Road/Appleford Road. Church Street/High Street
All
All Saints Lane east into Appleford Road, invisible bend from Appleford Road to the green
Appleford / Church Street
Appleford Road - speedy from the Fish to Culham Bridge
Appleford Road / Abingdon Road junction
Appleford Road / High Street control
Appleford Road after Abingdon Road turn
Appleford Road and Abingdon Road
Appleford Road and junction from Appleford Road onto Abingdon Road (drivers from Abingdon Road regularly pull out in front of drivers on Appleford Road)
Appleford Road from the Fish to Amey Close
Appleford Road is a straight road with frequent speeding traffic. A speed camera is required in both directions.
Appleford Road on the turn to Church Street, too narrow for the huge trucks that come through and on the road side of the white line. Some sort of speed indicators/camera from Appleford all the way through the village to Drayton.
Appleford Road to Abingdon Road
Appleford Road to the Fish pub. Too many huge vehicles using the bridge
Appleford Road traffic calming. Appleford Road-Abingdon Road Junction
Appleford Road/Abingdon Road needs traffic lights
Appleford Road/Abingdon Road. No provision for children's crossing to go to Culham school. Congestion at times very bad.
Around the estate near the school. Parking is horrendous at certain times of the day. And speeding through the estate doesn't help
At the triangle when you are travelling from Drayton and if you want to turn right, you cannot see if traffic is coming around the bend from the opposite end
Bends on B4016 are dangerous. If this section were one way with traffic lights at either end there would be room for cycle/pedestrian paths and traffic would be slowed down
Better enforcement of speed limits
Bradstocks Way
Bradstocks Way
Bradstocks Way - Outside the school especially (speeding). Milton Road - danger from

speeding traffic
Bradstocks Way outside school, mum's parking everywhere. A child will be knocked over before long. Residents can't use their drives at times
Brook Street Drag Strip
Brook Street is like a race track at times. The Triangle is a danger spot - a blind bend to cross in order to drive up the High Street from Brook Street
Brook Street/Church Street corner.
Brook Street/Drayton is a danger - there isn't traffic calming and speed limits are mostly ignored
By the school
Bypass from Harwell Road to Holly House Lane and through FCC to Didcot/Appleford
Cars go very fast along Church Street
Change Cross Trees island to roundabout retain trees better sight line to enter High Street from Drayton
Chicane on Milton Road. Cyclists are in danger here - cars do not give way and there is nowhere to escape
Church St, junction with High St. The traffic speeds around the bend here and this is supposed to be the N5 cycle route.
Church Street - Drayton Road speeding. Milton Road - speeding. High Street, no footpath from Lady Place to Mill Lane on west side. Frilsham Street entrance is very wide and cars enter from High Street at speed. Mini roundabout - curbs need widening
Church Street and Appleford Road bend. Alongside road junction. Church Street to Drayton Road bend
Church Street, Appleford Road - congestion at commuter times. High Street, Harwell Road - parked traffic congestion
Church Street, Appleford Road, High Street
Close High Street except for access. The Triangle is very dangerous for cars turning right coming from Drayton
Close Trees Triangle needs a mini roundabout
Coming from Drayton to S.C. and want to turn right into High Street. You cannot see if any traffic is coming from the left
Complete opposite. The traffic 'calming' measure added on the way in to Sutton Courtenay from Milton (Sutton Rd) is a danger as due to the overgrown vegetation and angle of the road you don't see oncoming traffic until the last minute. And the council doesn't bother to maintain. The quicker it's removed the better. I understand the need to make people drive slower through the village but speed bumps etc that damage cars isn't the solution. A lot of people seem to use it as a cut through to get somewhere, if that could be identified you'd be better off creating an alternative route away from the village. Then the beeping speed bumps wouldn't be needed, they are a nuisance to have to drive over on a daily basis especially when there's parked cars all over the place getting in the way.
Congestion to access Culham Bridge at peak times - backs up down Church Street
Considerate drivers and driving
Corner by the fish pub - could do with a mirror at least
Corner from centre to the Fish
Corner of Church Street at the river opening opposite the Fish (needs a mirror)
Corner of Drayton Road and High Street speeding cars
Cross Trees
Cross Trees junction
Crossing Appleford road towards Culham - very, very dangerous.
Culham Bridge and approach roads, particularly the A415/Toll Road junction at rush hours. Church St between the green and the triangle and Drayton Road are prone to

speeding. As traffic increases the Abingdon Road/ Toll Road junction on the SC side becomes more dangerous at peak times.
Culham bridge and B4016
Culham bridge and junction to Appleford
Culham Bridge/Appleford Road junction - difficult to see - roundabout may be better
Dangerous crossing from Drayton Road to High Street at the Triangle
Dangerous turning out of Chapel Lane. Also dangerous turning right from Drayton Road onto High Street
Double yellow one side of High Street, resident parking permits for main road parking
Drayton into Church Street at Triangle (blind spot) Milton Road and Church Street. Traffic too fast in both directions (over 40 mph)
Drayton Road
Drayton Road / Brook Street needs traffic calming. The triangle junction is a danger. 90 bend Church Street/Appleford Road
Drayton Road and Milton Road are both very dangerous - I see frequent accidents particularly with bikes and motorbikes - cycle lanes would really help
Drayton Road approach to village - frequent speeding.
Drayton road as speeding is very common
Drayton Road from Dropshort to Milton Road
Drayton Road has a problem with speeding someone killed there in recent years
Drayton Road has too many cars and too fast. Culham bridge is gridlocked in the morning - add a river bridge at Appleford though, no traffic lights
Drayton Road is dangerous with speeding traffic on the bends and no footpath or cycle path
Drayton Road should be 30mph and treated as part of the Village, the junction with Milton Road is terrible and regular daily incidents. The hedge is full of bits of car bumper, hub caps and smashed lights etc. In my opinion this should be a roundabout.
Drayton Road traffic speeding, line markings missing Frilsham St/High Street
Drayton Road up to Milton Town
Drayton Road very unsafe. Cyclists mount pavements with regards roads and unsafe
Each entrance to village needs speed camera - might discourage speeding. All village needs ban on HGV's but this must be enforced HGVs over the bridge are far too big. HGVs break up the road surface on corners and rates have to be used to repair these and they shoddy work of contractors at housing developments
Entering the village via Milton Road - traffic slows for chicanes then speeds up. Buses and farm vehicles all exceed the speed limit. Speed humps could be better
Entry from Milton where gate has been erected. Traffic waiting to enter squeezes through before oncoming traffic, making it dangerous. Also new road too close to the gate traffic exiting and turning right can't see as cars coming up or through it
Entry to Harwell Road from Milton Park
Entry to the village from Drayton or Appleford
Exit from Chapel Lane to Brook Street. Vision blocked telegraph pole and speeding traffic
From Abingdon Road into Appleford Road
From Sutton Courtenay to Culham locks needs roundabout. Dangerous exit
Hall garage junction. T junction from Culham bridge onto Appleford Road
Harwell Rd: the junction between Coopers Corner & Milton Rd is dangerous because of restricted vision for drivers coming from Milton
Harwell Road
Harwell Road
Harwell road Bradstocks way Milton road

Harwell Road - cyclists exiting the village have to cross the traffic to access the cycle path, putting them at risk of an accident as there is no pavement on the left at that point. Putting a cycle path on the southbound side of the road outside the village, down towards Milton Park, would remove this danger - surely something that can be done as part of the development of the new warehouse there?
Harwell Road - speeding traffic (despite road humps) particularly early morning/late at night, parking on pavements and Illegal use of motorbikes poses a danger to drivers and pedestrians and requires some action before a serious accident occurs.
Harwell Road trying to cross to get to school - always parked cars so hard to see. Need zebra crossing in village
Harwell Road. Too many parked cars makes it very dangerous to dodge around and very time consuming
High Street / Triangle
High Street and Appleford Road
High Street at the Triangle
High Street. Bradstock Way
High Street. Church Street. Junction Abingdon Road/Appleford Road. Harwell Road
High Street. Culham Bridge
Humps on High Street do not decrease speeding and are a noise hazard. Traffic would be better controlled using one way traffic restrictions (Milton Road)
I would like a practical solution for limiting transit traffic without inconveniencing locals but I don't know why
Improve parking around the green
Junction Abingdon Road / Appleford Road
Junction at Appleford Road and bridge to Culham has poor visibility in all directions. All hedges and foliage needs closer trimming and better maintenance
Junction at Appleford Road from bridge. Potholes are a hazard.
Junction by Halls garage. T junction by Appleford Road and Culham Road. Speed cameras on Drayton Road from/to village
Junction for crossing bridge to Culham
Junction from Culham Bridge to Appleford Road. Chicane in to village on Milton Road (restricted view)
Junction of Appleford Road and Abingdon Road
Junction of Appleford Road and Abingdon Road - Speed enforcement required
Junction of Frilsham Street Junction of Bradstocks & Milton Road
junction of high st and church road
Junction of High Street, Harwell Road, Milton Road and garage
Leaving Chapel Lane - Poor visibility due to telegraph pole. Cars do not stop when leaving High Street
Leaving Chapel Lane - telegraph pole reduces visibility, cars speed
Less speed humps as they cause increased pollution and more noise, plus are a pain to drive on and can damage your suspension / under side of the car
Main roads in and out need speed cameras
Major concern over use of Harwell Road and Milton Road by HGV's once new distribution centres are built. I understand the ANPR system that was planned has now been abandoned.
Milton Road
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Milton road

Milton Road - Harwell Road - High Street junction. T junction at Appleford Road - Culham Bridge - Traffic lights at both?
Milton Road / Church Street
Milton Road / Drayton Road t junction
Milton Road from start of village to mini roundabout no speed monitoring so cars travel too fast. Car parking along Harwell Road especially with buses using route
Milton Road from Sutton Road Milton, cars speeding
Milton Road people drive way over 30mph all the time, and the chicane makes very little difference, reduced limit and camera
Milton Road, after humps in High Street traffic speeds up on other roads
Milton Road. The speeding on this road is appalling. The High Street towards the triangle. The street parking has become ridiculous. With cars now parked either side of the road and on the paths. Not only does it look a mess it is dangerous for pedestrians.
Milton Road. High Street. Harwell Road
Milton to Sutton Courtenay and to Bradstocks Way - cars regularly speed. Milton Road, cars regularly speed
Mini roundabout at High Street/Church Street junction, chicane at entrance to village from Drayton (on Drayton Road), speed indicators on Church Street
Mini-roundabout at Triangle. Milton Road chicane - see above. Surfaces: passim but particularly High Street/Drayton Road junction
More access roads to reduce traffic through the village when the A34 has issues, or to go to/from Oxford. Easy access bus to Didcot would be a great addition
Most dangerous spot is road crossing at Culham traffic lights - urgently needs to be improved for children walking or cycling to Europa school
Most! High Street
Need zebra crossings around High Street and the green for safety
New bollard on Milton road. It's a shambles and needs to go
New to area, very happy with traffic. Noticed cars parked on side of both roads do cause restrictions
No speed bumps - get rid of them! Use other speed management devices
No speed humps and potholes already ruined two lots of suspension
Outside school
Outside the school
Outside the school - the congestion and parked cars make crossing very dangerous with children. Harwell Road - cars come extremely fast
Outside the school needs to be better managed, maybe adding in a school zebra crossing so the school children to get to school easier and safer.
Parked cars on High Street are problematic and enhance delays in rush hour
Parking opposite junctions - cul de sac Bradstocks Way. Parking outside school, Bradstocks Way - at drop off and pick up times vehicles are parking across path, on junction, opposite junction, on bend, across driveways - danger to walkers/cyclists to school and residents access
People speed around the estate which is very bendy and lots of kids about
Please install a roundabout at the top of the High Street where it meets Brook Street. Traffic lights at the junction of Abingdon Road and Appleford Road.
Please, please do something above the traffic/parking around the school
Remove humps they are dangerous and have an adverse effect
Remove speed humps as they have adverse effect. Need a new Thames two way road crossing between SC and Appleford. Culham bridge and traffic lights unreliable and bad in the mornings
Road in SC - Drayton Road - with s bend

Roundabout at Cross Trees
SC and Culham need a new bridge! Make the traffic go through the fields! Not through the village
School at drop off and pickup
Seems that even local residents are inconsiderate regarding 30mph. Being able to slow traffic down. Also noticed that commuters are willing to speed over the sleeping policemen
Some kind of speed reducing measures or speed cameras would benefit the safety of residents of Milton Road. Motorists exceed the speed limit every day, it will result in an accident at some point.
Speed bumps damage suspensions and help to create potholes. Restrict speed within village to 20 mph and put in speed cameras and charge fines for exceeding it (use the money gathered to fill the potholes, provide safe cycle lanes. Charge for parking on the road (the parking on High Street near the Triangle makes cycling very unsafe). A small but significant proportion of traffic speeds (> 40 mph, up to 50 mph) on Milton Road.
Speed humps in Harwell Road often ignored by motorists with firm suspension on cars/lorries
Speed humps should be replaced
Speeding in Bradstocks Way between 08:30-09:30 and 15:00-16:30
Spring field way is becoming more unsafe as a small number of residents and delivery vans drive too fast, I rarely let my children play outside in our street anymore. More signs telling drivers to slow down or speed humps might help
Sutton Courtenay triangle. Harwell Road (nearly been clipped by vans many times on my bike). Sutton Road danger spot for speeding
T junction at B4016 after crossing Sutton bridge. Turning right is increasingly difficult when traffic doesn't stick to 30mph speed limit as they approach SC
T junction coming from/to Culham Bridge - toll bridge road
T junction in Appleford Road en route to river bridge at Culham
The approach from Drayton Road is dangerous both on Drayton Road before 30mph limit and once within village. Vehicles increase their speed when they approach Church Street and see the straight avenue. I fail to understand why we cannot have traffic calming measures as Long Wittenham does
The area of the High Street near the Triangle is one of the most dangerous in the village due to the number of cars parked on both sides of the road, particularly when combined with additional traffic caused by problems on roads such as the A34
The bend at the Triangle (junction of Church Rd and Drayton Rd) - many cars from Drayton come round this too fast. The entrance to the village from Drayton - traffic slowing measures such as a chicane would help to slow speeding traffic. The High Street on the other hand has too many speed bumps!
The bend by the triangle, pulling out right from Culham bridge into the village.
The bridge is just too busy, need a new bridge
The chicane at the end of Harwell Road is dangerous. It can hardly be seen as you approach it because it blends far too well with its surroundings. Night or day it is just the same, it also serves little purpose. Take it away or put a rumble strip there
The chicane in Milton Road is dangerous due to the excessive speed used by many motorists
The chicane on the way into Sutton is completely unnecessary, just make it a speed bump to ensure there isn't anyone speeding into the village
The chicanes do not aid traffic flow, the chicanes create road rage and at Milton Road has poor visibility of oncoming traffic when approaching Sutton Courtenay
The end of All Saints Lane (by the Fish restaurant) where it needs a better mirror opposite the entrance to the road so that the traffic from the right can be seen. on street parking and parking on the pavements and verges is dangerous in The High Street and pedestrians, wheelchair users and prams cannot use the pavement safely/

Crossing this road is difficult due to the number of parked cars - bollards should be erected in these areas to prevent parking on verges and pavements.
The estate
The estate Bradstocks, Tyrells, Barnetts, terrible for speeding cars especially near school.
The High Street needs better calming measures. No traffic should be allowed in certain parts which should have double yellow lines and a speed camera (near Lady Place)
The issue is not the junctions but the level of traffic. We need another Thames crossing east of Appleford.
The junction at the Fish end of All Saints Lane, visibility is poor and during busy periods All Saints Lane is used as a rat run. It already has potholes so don't see traffic calming helping
The junction between Drayton Road and Milton Road (AKA 1066) would benefit from a mini roundabout. This would make it safer for people turning out of Milton Road, and make traffic slower progressing towards the village down Drayton Road - residents in Dropshort find it very difficult to get out of their drives in the morning due to the speed of the traffic. Lines of sight are not long enough. There are more houses being constructed at Peewit Farm and local concern about the exit point of the houses on the bend. There is existing lighting enough space to do so. I am aware that this provision would need co-operation from Drayton Parish Council, this should not be an obstacle to road safety.
The junction of Abingdon road (road from Culham bridge) and Appleford Road would benefit from a mini roundabout that would slow the traffic. It has such poor visibility at present.
The Milton Road ALWAYS has cars racing up and down it, especially in the evenings and weekends.
The needs for signs - for horses, for children and cycles
The roundabout outside SC tyres - traffic coming from Didcot arrives unseen until the last moment
The sharp corner entering the conservation part of the village a few doors down from The Fish pub (the confluence of Appleford Road and Church Street). The junction of Abingdon Road and Appleford Road when turning right into the village to ease peak traffic congestion and we need to improve slightly the distant visibility for those entering Appleford Road from the Abingdon Road to avoid speeding traffic.
The T Junction at Appleford Road is overcrowded and is getting worse. Also, too much speeding along Appleford Road
The top end of the High Street, especially now some residents have started parking both sides of the road.
The traffic speed humps don't work, need other method. Near school is bad for speeding - Bradstock Way
The triangle
The Triangle
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The Triangle - possibly be a roundabout
The triangle - very bad visibility
The Triangle (at Hall's Garage) & the junction of Appleford Road with the road leading to the bridge.
The Triangle / Cross trees
The Triangle and High Street
The triangle by Halls garage (mini-roundabout needed). The junction of Abingdon and Appleford Roads
The Triangle by the garage
The Triangle from Drayton Road. Drayton Road/whole length

The triangle is dangerous - the other one is coming over the Culham bridge and turning right or left
The Triangle. Church Street too many cars and HGVs speed along here.
The Triangle. Drayton Road and Church Street. As this road has no bumps it is a main thoroughfare and is dangerous because of speed. There is limited visibility driving around the Triangle but that does not stop cars speeding.
The Triangle/Cross Keys by the garage. Junction from Culham bridges to turn right into village or left into Appleford
The turning from Drayton into Sutton Courtenay
There is a huge amount of traffic particularly at rush hours. Not sure intervention would help, only the reduction in car numbers
There must be improvement around the school, so dangerous crossing Harwell Road and Bradstocks Way, zebra crossing please
There should be traffic calming at the Triangle. If we cycle or drive back along Drayton Road and have to turn right into High Street we feel very unsafe because of speed of traffic coming round the bend, who don't see you until its too late!
Too many on-street parked cars on High Street near triangle at a narrow point in the road - dangerous for cyclists as cars have to squeeze past. High Street needs a better overall approach to traffic/speeding - the high number of speed bumps is bad for the environment, damages cars, and creates danger for cyclists as cars are constantly changing speed. The corner between the Green and The Fish pub is narrow and dangerous when used by larger vehicles that tend to swing out and encroach on the wrong side of the road. The speed bump at the entrance to the village on Harwell Road is badly degraded causing cars to brake sharply when passing through - yet again - unsafe for cyclists and damaging vehicles. PLEASE just start using cameras, speed indicators, rumble strips and flat chicanes for traffic management, and accept that the speed bumps are part of the problem, not the solution. Something that seems to work well in much busier towns is to paint proper cycle lanes on your wider roads (e.g. Milton Road). The visual effect of making the driving lane narrower discourages drivers from speeding PLUS you've improved cycle provision at little cost.
Top end of High Street by entrance to rec - car is always damaged by poor road users/buses/no parking
Top of Bradstocks Way leading to Milton Road cross trees
Traffic entering from Appleford direction tend to ignore speed limit sign and approach junction too fast
Traffic levels are too high - speed limits are fine as most accidents have been caused by idiots ignore them - lowering them would only inconvenience those who do!
Traffic lights at junction on Appleford Road once you've come over Culham Bridge heading towards Sutton Courtenay
Traffic tends to speed close to Amey Close from the Appleford side. It would be good if traffic (especially vans and lorries) would stop using Amey Close a U-turn spot.
Triangle
Triangle
Triangle - can be very dangerous with the oncoming cars at great speed
Triangle and High Street
Triangle at end of High Street. Queue to go over SC bridge in mornings. Parking of cars in High Street on verges and pavements needs addressing
Triangle from Drayton Road
Triangle right turn from Drayton unsafe for cyclists
Triangle. Traffic queues to bridges - 15 mins in morning
Turning into Triangle from the Drayton Road High Street
Turning out of some roads can be dangerous because of vegetation e.g. Abingdon Road
Turning right (if coming from Drayton) up High Street by Cross Trees garage

Turning right after traffic lights over Culham Bridge due to overgrown verges
Turning right at the Triangle coming from Drayton
Turning right at Tollgate Road - Appleford Road
Turning right from Drayton Road to the High Street is very dangerous
Turning right from Tollgate Road - Appleford Road
Turning right into High Street from Drayton
Turning right into the High Street, at the Triangle, coming from the Drayton Road is poor visibility. The T junction from Milton Road onto the Drayton Road see a lot of accidents.
Village Cross Keys. Very dangerous corner cannot see cars coming round bend coming from Drayton Road
visibility coming out of all saints lane - one little mirror is not b=very good
Vision from Chapel Lane exit. Traffic too fast. Lamp post in wrong place
We don't need any more traffic calming. Traffic is already slow enough. Lorries need to be banned from using Culham bridge and high street. Parking is the big problem.
When coming from Drayton to Sutton Courtenay and need to turn right on the triangle, you cannot see the traffic coming from the other direction due to the bend in the road. It can be dangerous. Particularly when you are on a bicycle as this is the route the cycle path takes.
With all the new housing and threat of new houses for Sutton and nearby Culham I consider all roads to be danger spots and when A34 blocked it is gridlocked
Would like traffic lights on turning to Culham Bridge
Zebra crossing needed opposite the fish

"Q37a" A new river crossing has been proposed. Two possible routes have been identified: either west of the railway (between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford) or east of the railway beyond Appleford? Which of the proposed routes do you support?
Please give reason for your answer below - West of the railway (between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford)
Access to Europa
Accessibility
An additional crossing in desperately needed
Better connection to work hubs - Culham/Milton Park, etc
Better traffic flow
Better traffic flow, less impact on countryside
Between access to Culham
Both are needed not just one
Capture traffic relief of existing bridge
Car traffic over Culham bridge
closer
Closer
Closer
Closer for SC residents
Closer to SC
Closer to SC i.e. more cars start/finish journey from SC
Closer to Sutton Courtenay
Closer to village
Constant queue at Culham bridge
Convenience
Could relieve commuter traffic
Desperate reduce queues for cars
Developers are proposing thousands of dwellings in Culham
Easier access to European school
Easier for us to access
Either - traffic relief
Either but one
Either really - need to review traffic in villages
Either would be good to relieve traffic in mornings through SC
Either would work, not sure where they are planned to start and stop
I believe more people would use this one due to closeness to S.C.
I hope it would reduce the traffic on Tollgate Road
If you go too far away people won't use it
It would save 2 communities
Less travel distance and less traffic through to Appleford.
Logical place for it
More beneficial for commuters
More convenient for S.C. residents
More convenient for SC residents
More likely to reduce traffic as Abingdon Road and bridge
N/A

Nearer to S.C.
Nearest
No comment
No need for traffic to go through Appleford
Other route too far away
Otherwise Appleford will have all the traffic over the narrow rail bridge
Pedestrians and bikes only
Reduce a % of traffic through village
Reduce pressure on Sutton Bridge
Reduce traffic throughs
Reduced pressure on Sutton Bridge
Relieve congestion on Appleford Road and peak times
Seems logical
Seems the obvious place and least upheaval
Serves both areas more conveniently but?? connections
There is little of aesthetic change and it is mainly brownfield land
This is where I think its most needed to alleviate the current traffic jams over Culham bridge
This makes sense to me
To direct traffic going past Culham school
To ease traffic already congested in local area
To reduce traffic in Sutton Courtenay
To reduce traffic stress on the current bridge over the river
Whichever takes traffic away from the village
Will east traffic for SC but it depends on the proposed road links
Would make nice walking routes

"Q37b" A new river crossing has been proposed. Two possible routes have been identified: either west of the railway (between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford) or east of the railway beyond Appleford? Which of the proposed routes do you support?
Please give reason for your answer below - East of the railway beyond Appleford
As far away from village as possible
Both would be a good option
Broader option for all local villages
Cars from/to East Didcot wouldn't go through Appleford
Closer to SC
Could link bypass for Didcot/south A34 traffic to Oxford
Culham Bridge - reduce traffic
Current bridge is fine just too much traffic
Direct traffic away from the village
Draw traffic away from SC
Ease congestion through village
Easier for traffic from Didcot
Either but one
Further away from residential area
Further away from SC
Further away from village
Further from S.C.
Help to keep traffic out of Sutton Courtenay
Help to keep traffic out of Sutton Courtenay
Hopefully it will keep traffic away from village
I'm hoping it will take traffic away from the village (If the west would do that better then I am in favour of that)
It could possibly join up with the Lady Grove Road east of Didcot
It would be a shame if the other route disturbs the common
It's further from the village
Keep traffic away from SC
Keep traffic out of villages
Keeps traffic from Sutton
Least impact roads bring more developers
Less impact on the village
Less noise pollution and make use of existing north/south roads in Didcot
Less traffic in S.C.
Less traffic noise and pollution for the villages
Less traffic noise in S.C.
Link into Didcot relief road
Link with Didcot ring road. Discourage rat run through S.C.
Logical extension from road into Didcot
Manage vehicle volume in village
Might relieve some traffic congestion on Appleford Road
More accessible for Didcot
More appropriate for Didcot new town but either route likely to eliminate congestion if all the proposed developments are approved

More direct access to junction
More direct route for Didcot
More direct route for people travelling from Didcot and would not then travel to Sutton Courtenay
More equidistant between 2 bridges
More suitable for Didcot to Culham Bridge
Move traffic away from village
Nearer to Didcot population
No increase in traffic through S.C.
Noise as far away as possible
Only practical route
Reduced impact on residential property
Reduces Sutton Courtenay impact
Relief for Culham Bridge
Remove traffic coming through SC (Would still like improved pedestrian and cycle route over existing bridge)
Remove traffic from Didcot through the village in the AM
Should reduce number of cars through the village as people should take the A4310 instead
Space between existing bridge and new bridge more sensible
Stop it being used as rat run
Take traffic further away from village
Takes traffic away from housing
This should make the existing bridge less busy (I would support either scheme)
To avoid Sutton Courtenay as a thoroughfare
To prevent thoroughfare traffic
To reduce congestion at Culham Bridge
To save Didcot traffic getting through Appleford
To take Didcot traffic
To take traffic away from Culham bridges and bring Milton Park traffic through Didcot? not our village
Too close to existing crossing
Too close to existing development
Too many cars
Too much through traffic already in Sutton
Traffic can connect to B4016 into Didcot rather than through the villages
Traffic needs to be kept away from S.C.
Traffic noise
Try to keep traffic away from our village
Try to stop more traffic in S.C.
We do not have the roads to care with more rat runs
West too close to existing crossing
Would ease traffic queues through Sutton Courtenay
Would help people going to Didcot
Would like traffic re-routed that direction
Would limit traffic using Sutton Courtenay

Would reduce traffic from Didcot through SC
Would remove traffic from Didcot to Abingdon
Would seem sensible
Wouldn't be so close to Culham bridge

"Q37c" A new river crossing has been proposed. Two possible routes have been identified: either west of the railway (between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford) or east of the railway beyond Appleford? Which of the proposed routes do you support?

Please give reason for your answer below - Neither.

Anything that takes traffic from Church Street and bridges

Complete the Abingdon rail route

Do not want risk of flooding

Either will be nuisance

It will not solve the problems just move it somewhere else

It will pave the way for more development

It won't help commuter traffic

Need more information

New crossing would help developers get applications through

Traffic excessive

Would cause more green belt development and joining of villages

Would lead to more traffic coming through village. Should be discouraging cars not encouraging them

"Q37d" A new river crossing has been proposed. Two possible routes have been identified: either west of the railway (between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford) or east of the railway beyond Appleford? Which of the proposed routes do you support?

Please give reason for your answer below - No opinion

Any route as long as we get one

As best for general area needs I am not a traffic engineer

Both look ok

Didn't know about it!

Either would alleviate little neck at Culham bridge so would support both

Either would be good

Either would be good

Have no way of judging

Haven't seen details of proposals

I don't know where this would be

May be better away due to not having more traffic, but I don't mind

Need more information to form an opinion

Need to see the proposals

Not enough detail of route to answer

Not enough information

Not enough information

Not enough information provided

Not looked into it but need one

Not looked into plans

Not sure how it would link up

Not sure what impact this would have on traffic in SC

There are pros and cons of both route - the important thing is to get a new crossing

This has been talk about for many years

Unable to comment as unaware of location

Unfamiliar with proposals so no evidence on which to form a view

Will encourage short cut to Didcot

"Q37" A new river crossing has been proposed. Two possible routes have been identified: either west of the railway (between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford) or east of the railway beyond Appleford? Which of the proposed routes do you support?
Please give reason for your answer below - Responses from online survey not split out.
Better placed for traffic travelling between Didcot and Oxford. Traffic from Milton Park less likely to access crossing via Sutton Courtenay
remove traffic noise as far from Sutton Courtenay as possible
To relieve Milton Park traffic instead of coming through village
Better spread between bridges
Assuming the existing river crossing remains this route may result in the reduction of vehicles passing through the village
Any river crossing would be excellent
To move the traffic as far away from the village as possible
There definitely needs to be a new river crossing it is long overdue and if it's in this area it will hopefully reduce the amount of traffic crossing the Culham bridge every morning and evening.
Traffic over the existing Culham Bridge is very heavy morning and evening but something also needs doing about the commuters cutting through the village.
By going east it would ensure traffic en route A34 would bypass the village
it will give better access to the A4074
I do not know sufficient details to form an informed opinion
East should result in fewer cars through Sutton Courtenay
I do not know enough about the relevant factors such as effect on traffic flow in/out of Sutton Courtenay
less road capacity means less development
Closer to SC and the SC bridges are already a bottle-neck at peak times
Ease traffic flow into Abingdon
Furthest away from SC
To avoid further congestion on the A415 east of Abingdon
East of the railway better connects Didcot (and Harwell Campus via new link road) to points N and E; Culham bridge is adequate for the then reduced levels of traffic requiring a more western route. Any development should respect as much as possible wildlife and the natural environment (it would be better still to reduce car use, but I know that's not a likely prospect).
I think this route would be more sensible in terms of taking the Traffic to existing roads in Didcot, and better manage the traffic from Culham laboratory.
Both are good suggestions but the West one would mean that Didcot is more connected to Culham AEA and Oxford
Reduce traffic coming through Sutton Courtenay and Appleford.
Whenever the A34 is blocked and traffic diverts through the village the Culham crossing gets blocked, by having an alternate crossing too close to that will not reduce the blocking but one the other side of Appleford may divert traffic from coming through the village to cross the river.
Would link better with existing crossing and provide a cycle route for residents in SC. provide better linkages between growth at Didcot and Culham Science Centre and beyond
Village traffic already excessive at times, significantly increased since we moved to village. Another river crossing needs to be as far away from Sutton Courtenay as possible to minimise yet mire village traffic
This is a complicated question and I am not sure answering it by poll is a good idea. I would support the river crossing east of Appleford if it weren't for the fact that this will then be used by SODC to argue for a 3000 home new town at Culham. If this were to

happen, the relief road would do little to protect Sutton Courtenay from a catastrophic influx of traffic. Due to the fact that Culham is effectively an island (with ancient bridges into Sutton Courtenay and Abingdon, the relief road servicing the new town would be incapable of handling the huge flow of traffic. I cannot support either bridge without seeing a holistic approach to housing development and some carefully considered traffic modelling (not the "guess" made by SODC in its draft plan based upon 0.6 cars per household and a vague hope that everyone will use the train from Culham instead of travelling by car).
No sure what benefit this would give
It will cause increased traffic into village.
Both would be reasonable options
Either would be fine
Provision of a new river crossing would then dispose of one significant reason for larger developments not having gone ahead. Keeping the one crossing between Culham and Sutton Courtenay actually helps preserve the village in a small way and the Parish Council should not be considering supporting a second crossing.
Either would be fine, but something needs to be in place before any more housing should be contemplated.
The crossing is likely to attract traffic so it needs to be as far away as possible otherwise it could makes things worse not better.
Keep large developments away from Sutton
The western route will not impact as much arable land as the eastern one.
Clearly there is a need to provide greater road capacity for traffic moving north from Didcot - SC and Clifton Hampden are bottlenecks at the moment. On balance seems to me that the best location to provide maximum relief to both villages + shorter journey times is west of Appleford AS LONG AS the road extends south to connect with the Didcot ring road, to actually relieve traffic from the village high streets
Better connection to other roads
Traffic to a crossing east of Appleford might use Didcot by-pass. Traffic to a crossing west of Appleford would come through S.C.
A bridge between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford would create more traffic congestion around Sutton Bridges.
If the Abingdon ring road was completed there would be no need for a river crossing
This should relieve the village of some traffic, I would hope.
Probably better to take up some of the quarried Caudwell desolation
I have not been able to consider whether East or West in detail but it is definitely needed.
I don't know where that is or what a river crossing is - a bridge? For people? For a train?
West provides a basis for creating a ring road around the village
Had to pick one - wasn't aware but something needs to be done about that road, is a major choke point
Route Easier to Achieve

"Q38a" Which of the following do you use currently for information or communication? If other, please specify below

Abingdon Herald

BBC Oxford

Burgery stores

Church FB page

Culham calling roadside signs for events

Email from Parish Council Clerk

emailed minutes of parish council meetings

Emails

Emails from Sutton Courtenay Action

I don't follow local government communication very much

Information from friends and family

Local community (posters/roadsides) and mums WhatsApp group

Local gossip

local papers and other newsletters

Magazines

Neighbourhood watch emails

Neighbourhood Watch in Sutton Courtenay

Newspapers and internet generally

none

Not yet

Our neighbours

Parish Council agendas and minutes

Parish council meetings; Action group

Please be environmental and stop printing the newsletter

Robin Drapers email list

S.C. Parish Councils minutes

SC Action email

Speaking with friends / neighbours

Sutton Courtenay Parish Council meeting minutes

Talk to people in the village

Talking to neighbours

WhatsApp group for Asquith Park

Word of mouth

Word of mouth

Word of mouth

Word of mouth

Word of mouth

Word of mouth - I talk to people who live in the village.

Word of mouth/we need to talk to each other

"Q40a" If such funds are available, how would you like them to be used? If other, please specify below
Better parking
Buy back the plough
Cafe/Coffee shop - meeting daytime
Community energy scheme
Create play areas at the Northern end of the village
Develop social outlets for elderly
Ensure church is not sold off
ensure that the rivers and streams are maintained to improve flood defences
Funds to make sure we can block further building projects
Improve road surfaces, improve water pressure, remove odours
Improve the safety of the roads. Remember that air pollution is killing people so reducing volume of traffic is important.
Improve the village tennis facilities
Increase size of the Cemetery adjacent to the recreation study.
Lower council tax
Maintain existing footpaths, roads, sewers
Maintain existing footpaths, roads, sewers.
Modernise the scout hut as a lot more children use this than the village hall
More car parking and more attractive playground and tennis courts (as Blewbury) - better use of fields/empty spaces
New village hall / at rec would be better for whole village football club
Not improve access to the internet but instead faster fibre internet please.
Parking
Pick up litter
Provide community meeting place at northern (church) end
provide for a better quality village store similar to the co-op in Steventon
Provide money for new roads or public transport connections to Didcot
road safety
road traffic calming NOT AN ART PIECE - ALWAYS GHASTLY AND A WASTE OF MONEY
Shop (local) at north end of village - would stop a lot of traffic travelling to Londis for supplies
Speed camera
The village needs a linked rec and village hall facility that can be multi use and easily accessible
Traffic calming
Work on river around weirs

"Q41" Please use this space to comment on any relevant issues you feel have not been covered in this questionnaire or if you would like to give more feedback on a question that has been asked.

"Commission and install an art sculpture" - would be a complete waste of public money for a small village, it has no added benefit. Instead of ruining our local villages by supersizing them to the point where they all blend into one massive urban sprawl why doesn't the council instead create a new ghetto town like with MK in the 60's? Where it can have good connections to existing infrastructure without impacting the local community? Or is that too sensible for the Council??

1. As the building of new classrooms for the primary school was hit by the collapse of Carillion and is likely to cost more due to delays and the necessity of re-tendering, surely the village can use some of the funding available to support the school with additional costs incurred? 2. The number of new houses proposed for the village is still excessive and an essential part of the plan for Sutton Courtenay should be that the pace of such developments should be slowed considerably, if not halted entirely. The green spaces in and around the village are part of what makes it unique and of its appeal. Building on these spaces destroys this.

A doctor's surgery would be amazing, I don't like having to drive to Abingdon if I feel poorly. Maintaining reverie by the school for dog walking is a massive priority for me. The buses need to be more regular, especially in commuting periods (my partner works in Oxford and doesn't drive).

A lot of noise coming from industrial areas - constant beeping of fork lift. There has been an increased amount of traffic going through the village. Problem area - near the Fish. Since the European school became public school

A serious review of bus timetabling needs to be undertaken. There are no buses between 7:48 and 9:23 to Didcot mon-fri, last bus to Didcot is 19:37

A. Would have liked to see greater emphasis on self-build option. B. Where is the Q about the demand for co-housing. C. The Q about historic buildings was to yes or no. While I do not want to see historic buildings harmed I do not think they should be prevented from installing solar panels.

All the suggestions are about adding to or manicuring the village. I prefer things to look as natural, historical and pure as possible

Although our population has increased (nearly doubled) there has been no improvement in infrastructure. A village our size should have better public transport to save the use of cars

An enhancement of general signposting could instil a better sense of pride in the village. Minimise other villages/towns of bombarding the village with publicity - posters, street signs. Need to ensure that village facilities - pubs/shops and church have a sustainable future

Any company that dig up a road should put it back to what it was before. If they dig a channel in the road they should resurface the hole road, not just the channel dug

Any enhancements to the village should particularly serve the needs of the west end of the village which is visually and economically less privileged. Or at least they should seek to integrate each end of this elongated village with its centre (maybe that is around the village shop. Or enhancements should draw the east end of the village towards the west end by improving amenities for everyone there.

Any future development should consider the need of local young people, young families and the elderly

Anything that brings the two ends of the village together and stop infighting which delays any cohesion and progress / I don't want to see the village urbanised i.e. don't want to see very neat paths, verges, draconian control of traffic (see Poundury in Dorset, no white or yellow lines, but good parking areas and people encouraged to behave decently with their cars)

As 25% is going to be available with more houses - there is more incentive for these people to allow more development with detrimental effects to the village

As elderly and as yet independent villagers we find it very difficult to predict what

housing etc we might need in 10 years or even that we shall still be in the land of the living! Thank you committee for all your hard work and time spent and to be spent on the plan. Happy collating!
As mentioned previously, I feel that parking on pavements and verges on the High Street is dangerous and limiting access to pavements for pedestrians. It also looks unsightly and spoils the verges. The simple solution would be to erect metal bollards in these areas.
As new residents we are unable to comment on all aspects. The overall look of the village we feel is beautiful and should where applicable be protected. Housing developments should fit in with the village rather than look like new homes added on. The new builds are often too large in numbers and seem disconnected. Original shrubs/trees should be incorporated into these developments
Better cycle path network within village and connection to Drayton/Milton/Abingdon across Culham bridge
Better cycle paths in and to other locations
biggest issue in this village is the divide between the southern and northern end of the village
Bins and dog bins needed around school area
Change Cross Trees island to a roundabout retain trees better sight line entering High Street from Drayton plus slow traffic
Commuting traffic through the village to Milton Park. No respect for village residents and speeding
Connecting Sutton Courtenay to Milton Park with more paved paths through the fields with lights or less workers who live in Sutton Courtenay have to use a car (plus better paved paths to Milton)
Creation of a sports club to manage the football grounds, cricket, have facilities open at the recreation ground in the evenings
Definitely need less houses being built - too many houses, too many people = more crime
Do up the skate park and park area goal posts would be good at the rec a shelter that is comfortable and actually shelters from rain (the current one is rubbish)
Doctors surgery in the village. More local shops. Improved street lights. Any further developments within the boundaries of Sutton Courtenay particularly estates should be under no illusion that all utilities especially mains drainage should be in place for the occupiers beyond sales are residencies are lived in. No more lorries removing waste. Penalties for any defaults might discourage offences by developers. The village infrastructure is not built to cope with even more traffic from such developments.
Funding available via the parish council should be published to the wider community so that the same organisations don't always get funding. I'm sure there are many other clubs that would benefit from funding
Further development in this village is impractical, if homes for the homeless were being built as part of existing sites there would be some sense in it, however the price ranges of the properties puts them beyond the reach of villages and young people. This is just a money making exercise for a few developers!
Given village population use of recreation ground is significantly lower than other smaller villages, look into why? Location? Football only? Poor facilities opening times sporadic?
Has Sutton Courtenay had a noticeable rise in crime over the last ten years (or since large expansion of area began) Yes, there is no safety in Sutton! At night you lay awake thinking, _____ will _____ my car/shed/garage/boat/van/business/allotment/bike/motorbike/garden/house/dwelling be broken/taken or vandalised.
Having lived in Sutton Courtenay for a few year, i can see that the village is under a lot of pressure to provide more housing. I don't object housing as such, but i feel the village road infrastructure is not prepared for any more traffic. The Bridge from Sutton Courtenay to Culham is impassable during rush hour. A lot of traffic also uses Sutton

Courtney as an alternative way to from Didcot to Abingdon and passing parked cars at the top of Harwell Road (near the roundabout) is very tricky during rush hours. If new housing needs to be provided, i strongly feel that alternative roads should be built to ease already overstretched system.

Help youngsters keep them busy

Housing is no doubt needed for the country. It needs to be genuinely affordable though not priced for those with excess cash who have been in the housing market for a long time. Along with this, each development needs to add infrastructure for beyond its own immediate needs - Bridge over Thames; Improved public transport to centres of work (Oxford, Didcot, etc); Superb broadband and drainage and sewerage

I am worried that Sutton Courtenay is on the boundary between Vale and SODC, and that as such it will become the victim of poorly considered housing development. I think it is essential that we collect the evidence/data that can be used to make informed decisions re. Whether housing development outside as well as inside the parish boundary is likely to have a detrimental effect upon the village. The Parish Council can only make a decision upon which (if either) of the two bridges it wishes to support if the consequences of both have been properly studied and suitable modelling has been done (and doing so is the responsibility of both Vale and SODC). Putting this question to a poll is very risky as most would argue an extra crossing might make traffic better. If 3000 homes end up at Culham, even though a relief road might be built, Braess's paradox could ensue, with drivers travelling through Sutton Courtenay to get to Harwell etc. making rush hour more of a nightmare than it currently is. Accidents on the relief road would likely bring the village to a standstill as everyone would resort to using our bridge, requiring helicopter access to the new town for emergencies. It is simply impossible to serve 3000 homes with one incoming/outgoing A road. This is the number one issue that I think faces the village for the next decade - supporting either of the bridges in the hope of improving the already bad traffic is therefore highly dangerous as if either crossing is approved, it will signal a green light to both SODC and the developer that the greenbelt protecting Culham (and therefore also Sutton Courtenay) is fair game.

I do feel there should be a bus service that runs through the village including Appleford Road and Culham to Abingdon and then continue to Oxford city centre. The old X1 used to travel to Oxford and I would ask that the 32A which replaced it should meet that need. Continued development in S.C. requires such a service.

I feel currently although we keep building more housing, nothing has improved. The school is over capacity, we have 2 shops that are badly stocked, public transport that has been cut meaning more young people are moving away and more cars and traffic occupy the roads. People are struggling to find work with hours they can actually do because they can't get there, elderly in the community can't get around and children can't get to school. I believe we need to look at areas like Radley for inspiration

I feel that our lovely village has done its fair share of building new properties and now needs to stop. I, like most residents sure feel this way. The village traffic is horrendous. I won't even go Culham Bridge way at busy times. I moved here and loved village life but feel that this is slipping away the more the village expands to what feels like bursting point

I have answered the questions as they affect the personality - not with the wider view of amenities etc for other residents. Owing to my advanced age, most questions are irrelevant

I have grave concerns about flooding and new builds will increase that risk because they limit the amount of land available to cope with rainwater. Any new builds must consider the risk of flooding which is likely to increase in the future with global warming and weather extremes. We should not be building so heavily in ancient flood plains. I think it is important to generate pride in our village environment and keeping verges tidy, front gardens well-tended, having flower displays and communal gardens will do much to encourage this. Rather than one specific project what about generating a communal pride in our environment.

I moved here in December and have yet to discover the heart of SC. Where is the community? Where is its spirit? There don't seem to be enough events to bring people out of their houses and meeting up. Other villages of this size seem to have many more well-advertised community events.
I think the biggest improvement to what is a lovely village would be to create an actual village hub or centre. At the minute it is one big long road with no obvious middle. The green is lovely but there is nothing there other than a church and pub. Having a cafe, couple of shops, some kind of creative space/community centre together where people would congregate and meet would create a sense of community as now the village is really just a collection of houses
I would like more affordable rental spaces with more favourable contracts for the tenants (German style)
I would like to see the village kept tidier, swept, weed free. Cut verges, channels dugout and the ditches kept cleared. This would all aid in the against flooding. The Sutton Courtenay/Culham bridge repaired, long overdue.
I would welcome the re-introduction of a direct bus service to and from Oxford city centre
If a new river crossing is actually agreed a build - there should not hopefully be direct access from Sutton Courtenay - rather taking traffic from the A roads around Didcot to north of the river
If more houses is only way to get all of this then no thank you
Improve pavement and street lighting along the footpath Barratts Way end
In my opinion no more housing spoiling the village
In my view, one of the key negative issues associated with the existing and potential future development of Sutton Courtenay is the impact on road traffic and hence any measures that would take cars off the roads, such as improved public transport and cycle paths are vitally important. The roads are currently clogged with parked cars which impedes traffic movement and reduces road safety so better future provision for parking would also be key.
In regards to bus travel, I used to get the bus into town when I was going on a night out, but they stopped the service into Oxford directly and due to the bus into Abingdon not running through the village late anymore its too early to leave so find alternate transport which is less convenient, often a lift into Abingdon to get the bus into Oxford
Install outdoor gym at the rec ground. Improve traffic congestion at Sutton Courtenay bridge. Improve High Street car parking / prevent cars parking 24 hours a day on verges and pavements.
It is a pity that the police station was closed. The police brought a sense of security and community to the village
It's not an area that's been covered but whilst I'm here I can raise the concern. Every so often there is an absolutely abysmal odour in the air and I don't quite know what it is, but it's more frustrating this time of year with the house being so warm as we want to air our home but the smell is just horrendous.
Just a quick word to thank you for all your hard work on this. From my perspective (notwithstanding unfortunate experiences with Planning permissions which should not have been granted), the village is a wonderful place - and could be even better with more provision for cycling and better roads.
Keep this lovely village as a Thames side jewel. No more LEGOLAND type housing estates. Fight to keep it this way! It is slowly being destroyed over the years. We all must wake up to the fact!
Lack of infrastructure to support the recent new housing build and the applications in the pipeline. The village can't take any more without infrastructure. The sewers, water supply, internet, roads, buses, paths, footpaths are all inadequate and there is no money to sort them out.
Limiting motor traffic in the village seems crucial to maintaining/improving the environment. Supporting a new river crossing is crucial. New housing will add to the

problem. Encourage more local jobs/home working. Improve cycling infrastructure, particularly dedicated cycle path to Milton Park from Abingdon direction. Talk to local and national cycling groups. Sustains national route goes through village. Local CUK group very active
Many answers in Q40 are desirable outcomes.
More events at the rec
More houses = more people = more cars...unless we give people viable alternatives such as cycling and public transport
More legalised crossings for parents and children to go to school
Most important thing in village is to improve/create play area for children in area near the school. It is a disgrace that this was not done before when money was available. Recreation if out of Lady Place both a lamp walk for younger children and mums for the estate
xxx is an 81 year old stroke victim and housebound. He lives between Drayton and Sutton Courtenay has done since 1939, none of this applies to him or is of any interest to him now. He objected to the housing developments which is being tacked onto the end of the dozen houses where he lives but it is already going on anyway
xxxxxx Brook Street. Was fortunate to have lived my live here when we had butchers, bakers, cobblers, sweet shop, post office, hairdressers, grocery shop, dress shop, five public houses, drapery shop and those wonderful working shops at farms. I have seen my village die. Now, no taxi service or local church service, may your neighbourhood plan help to re-vitalise facilities to the village I love. We have a lovely church and abbey and big attractions, and the most beautiful River Tow path walk
My main concern is the issue of over development as the leisure facilities and local amenities would struggle to keep up with this. My children were unable to attend the primary school in SC as it was too full, so it would be nice to have better parks and clubs to help them integrate with the other children
My partner and I both work full time and therefore cannot attend many village events/groups as they are often in the daytime
N/A
N/A
Never invest in any new ideas or developments until all existing facilities are maintained properly
New housing developments have narrow roads and lack of public parking resulting in visitors parking on verges. In my opinion any new developments should have less houses with wider roads and better parking facilities. Doctors, dentists, and shops also need to be included in any development. Currently, I believe that SC does not have the infrastructure to cope with large housing developments especially traffic management and public facilities e.g. bus service and health facilities
No further large development in 10 mile radius until improvement of A34 and other roads in area
No mention has been made of the church which with modernisation already planned, should function in parallel with the village hall as a social centre for all members of the village community.
No mention is made of church
No mention of the church and how it could be helped to be a village resource
No mention of the failure of local planning and how to address this. No mention of section 106 bribery system. How do you propose to get any authority to take notice of a community plan. Investigate legally binding conditions.
No more development. Control of parking High Street/Harwell Road. Sometimes single lane carriageway and obstructing flowing traffic.
No more housing developments. We are a village and need to be preserved as such. Please take heed, we have already exceeded our quota. The infrastructure is unable to cope as it is

No question has related to the parish council. They are having problems recruiting members. I would suggest after the 2019 elections the person standing for election who obtains the most votes from villagers is appointed as chairman. At present it is the 'old boys act' where the same 2 people propose and second. This does not give the village a good parish
Now the planning permission for the houses has finally been refused on the land near Hobby Horse Lane, there is an opportunity to create in time a merging of the village hall and the cricket club house somewhere between the two and even incorporate the extra space that the church needs as well. Now the farmer/Land owner has no possibility to sell the fields for building he may be encouraged to give the village a generous deal that in time would create a centre for many uses
On occasion there is strong unpleasant smell from the landfill site
On the above question, I ticked more than four boxes
Our greatest concern and therefore wish is for Sutton Courtenay to remain the village we moved into 12 years ago - rather than an amalgamation of Milton, Drayton and Didcot!
Parking in the centre of the village is very poor. The church is used for many events - weddings, funerals, baptisms, concerts etc and yet there is very little parking and what there is often used by residents who live nearby and have no garages. Many visitors and historical societies stop in the village and like to visit the church etc but find it difficult to park. It seems odd that Milton, a much smaller villager, has had the foresight to provide a relatively large car park opposite their church and pub. S.C. does not encourage visitors NB there is a project to open a Wessex Trail S.C. to Dorchester
Parking on High Street must be sorted, as with increased traffic, it will end up in a grid lock at peak times. More frequent bus service is also essential to reduce the congestion and the environmental impacts.
Plant more woodland
Potholes
Provide more parking for village green area and ensure proper use of parking space. As an elderly resident it was sometimes difficult to answer some questions e.g. provision of childcare etc. The roads are in a poor state, with many potholes, some of which disintegrate after being patched up. Inadequate infrastructure to cope with the additional housing developments
Q2.3 appears mutually exclusive. The flood plain needs protecting and there should be no further development until the infrastructure is greatly improved.
Q2.4 - more development so long as infrastructure (highway etc) is in place to support houses and is sympathetic to village form and does not create coalescence. Q2.6 - bus service could be better without 15 min walk to Milton Park Q4.3 - will depend on what businesses they are. No need for more offices/warehouses but potentially leisure businesses such as farm shops / activity centres or child care/nurseries Q5.6 - A much better frequency is required as well as evening and weekend service. Better links to Oxford without changing bus or long walk to bus stop and better linkages with railway station Q5.6 - I think this is too much of a leading question. It should be "what would make you cycle more" rather than using emotive phrases like 'unsafe'. It is more a perception. As somebody who cycles all the time, of course there are dangers but there are with all forms of transport. Q5.10 - Yes but always get SC News after most events have happened. Should provide an electronic copy that can be mailed and save on printing / delivery Additional info - Although I appreciate not always viable in villages or small towns, a car club would be most beneficial and reduce the need for second cars
Regular forest school
Remove speed humps from High Street and replace with chicanes. Humps are ruinous to cars
Satellite dishes in a conservation area (High Street). If verges cannot be protected from parking, consideration should be made for alternative surfaces e.g. cobblestones etc
SC has already met its allocation of 220 new houses. No further development should be

allowed which would increase the village envelope or encourage more cars parked in the street or entering the village's access points to the national road network which are already over-extended. Oxfordshire should not permit further development until it can demonstrate that the road network can cope with the volume of traffic caused by closure of the A34 (which happens all too often causing extensive gridlock).
SC is a nice place to live so don't spoil it by unnecessary developments
Sewage/drainage need to be improved before any more houses are built in S.C. Traffic in the area (between Abingdon and Didcot) needs improving with a new river crossing, a new railway crossing and improvements to the A34 and the road to Didcot before any more houses are built in S.C. or the surrounding area.
Shared ownership is not the solution - provide affordable houses for 100% purchase using help to buy scheme at reasonable cost. The shared ownership makes the government money as is a bit of a rip off. If I had understood all of the restrictions and lack of care for the quality of the build and fixings I would have purchased elsewhere. Very disappointed. Thank you for the survey.
Short term river crossing solution - a cycle path/bridge path at existing bridge and make existing bridge two way if not, have signal lights as at mayor and horses junction.
Sides of road (Katchside) are very untidy some weeds are 3" high. All gardens are carefully tended but this just spoils the whole road
Some questions such as Q5.1 did not allow a 'don't know' option. For those who did not know or more importantly had no opinion this could skew the results. The conservation area presents a beautiful village and history, it must be preserved and pushed into a position where more people may enjoy it and the river. It is part of our English heritage.
Stop the buses going through the estate. The roads aren't big enough for the double decker buses and too many cars parked on the roads which result in the buses having to mount the curb, which has caused damage to most of the grass verges and curbs around the estate
Sutton Courtenay has already had too much housing development. Roads, sewage, drainage are all overlooked. SC is in danger of being absorbed into ribbon development of Didcot with development on green spaces reducing the buffer with Didcot and neighbouring villages. There is far too much HGV traffic through the village, including learner HGV drivers who are a major hazard to other road users and pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders
Sutton Courtenay has been destroyed already by overdevelopment. It is no more than a suburb of ever expanding Didcot which itself has merged with other vehicles e.g. Harwell, the quality of life for people that chose to live in a rural village has been ruined. We are leaving, makes me sick to my stomach to see what has happened to this and other surrounding villages. Someone should be held accountable for this historical vandalism
Sutton Courtenay is a beautiful village & any future development needs to be structured along with better infrastructure, not to plonk houses on every green space available. Adequate off street parking. Greater restrictions by local planning authority to convert garages to extra living space or building extension on current driveways forcing more cars to park on the road, kerb or verge
Sutton Courtenay is a good place to live. Future development should be limited and planning consent include requirement to provide low cost/social housing element to enable S.C. children to be able to live and bring up own families in villages
Sutton Courtenay now an urban sprawl. Church developments will detract from village hall facilities which should be improved to survive not create another facility in historic area of church. Planning education for parish council who have agreed some terrible planning permissions
Sutton is now big enough
Thank you for all the work that put this together.
Thank you for supporting our community and our village. Please fight Value of White Horse for all of us!

Thank you!
Thanks for all the hard work that will be involved in interpreting survey data. My largest concern is how much the village has changed in 4 years from a commuter perspective. It used to be easy to navigate in and out of the village whereas now there are so many cars parked everywhere that has created a serious obstruction to travel through the village
The 4 most important improvements that need consideration. 1. The purpose of speed bumps in the High Street - they certainly do not restrict speeding. 2. Keep cars off pavements in the High Street. 3. Ban HGV's using the High Street - warning notice serves no purpose. 4. Ban future housing developments.
The amount of traffic on the High Street is excessive and the humps do not deter any driver. HGV vehicles continue to use this route - the pollution is so bad whoever wants to walk or sit outside their property on the High Street. The whole area has been polluted for too long especially from the landfill area. Residents are cancer sufferers and moving to another location is not an option - more noise - more pollution and more sewage problems. The beautiful historic architecture is being damaged and a village should be allowed to remain - A village of beauty which Sutton Courtenay has been for centuries.
The bus service is poor and a major impediment to public transport use, especially at peak times. It does not connect well with services into Oxford from Abingdon or train services to Reading/London. It finishes too early in the evening to be viable. Times are infrequent - if I just miss at Didcot Station (e.g. train delay) I have to wait up to an hour and a half for the next service. I have also waited up to 40 minutes for delayed buses if they have not turned up at all. Speed humps cause damage and distress to nearby houses and do not act as an adequate disincentive to cut through traffic. The HGV limitations are not adequately enforced.
The cost of using the village hall is very high/discouraging - Dorchester village hall is miles cheaper especially for residents
The general road infrastructure around Sutton Courtenay and some of the other villages is not good enough for the additional housing and needs to be improved. New/better river crossings are required but the impact on traffic flow needs to be studied as a piecemeal approach may cause serious problems for Sutton Courtenay.
The High Street's appearance is not good and gets poorer as it approaches the garage. There is haphazard parking the length of the High Street which has damaged the green verges. More tree planting, double yellow lines, better lighting and improved street furniture would make a big difference. There should also be a programme of tree planting on the High Street and in the rest of the village started now for the benefit of future generations. There should be a cycle route between the village and other locations including Oxford and surrounding villages. A speed camera needs to be installed close to Lady Place to stop speeding on the High Street.
The increasing issues related to the provision of services (water waste, etc) overstretched by over development are an important investment consideration as the existing infrastructure continues to age
The key requirement is to protect the separate identity of the village of its unique nature. There are too many new homes being built in the conservation area. All the housing developments are generally of a poor design which detract from the unique settlement that is S.C. There is an urgent need to ensure that there is a green belt around the village and that the internal green areas are enhanced. In development terms the expansion of the village to pander for commuters is now complete. Further development should focus on the improved affordable homes for any younger people and harmony for our elderly villagers.
The lack of a Community Support Officer will be increasingly noticed as more development takes place in and around the village. We already have late-night noise from "hot-rodding" drivers and this is unacceptable as well as illegal. Speeding is regular, despite speed bumps. Better policing would at least help manage some of the traffic issues already raised in the plan and the annual cost to the Parish Council is

surely not unsustainable. Local policing has been demonstrated as effective elsewhere in reducing low-level criminal activity and that this has an impact on more serious crime levels.
The neighbourhood plan is a waste of time and money. In many places where there is a plan, the plan has little or no effect when challenged by the developers. This is very similar to a questionnaire from a little time ago, and what did that achieve? Before long, there will be no farmland just concrete, very expensive houses, leaking sewage pipes and joined to Didcot!
The only telephone box in the village is in the High Street, there should be more as not everyone as a mobile.
The Parish Council website is very poor. It is normally very out of date (by several months) and documents such as minutes are virtually impossible to read because of the poor formatting. It should be better maintained and a better source of information.
The proposed river room at the church will be an additional community asset in the north end of the village for the whole community and complement the village hall
The relationship between the Neighbourhood Plan and the other planning mechanisms needs to be further clarified.
The traffic between Tollgate via Abingdon Road is too much. Dangerous for walkers and cyclists and pollution for residents. HGV and trucks speed this road. Signs, bumps and an alternative road would help. Trucks banned!
The traffic congestion over Culham Bridges has made driving into Abingdon in the morning unacceptably slow and time consuming. Something must be done
The village green is a complete waste of space at the moment. It isn't used for anything. When there is a wedding or funeral at the church the present parking facilities are totally inadequate. Surely a part of the green could be used as a car park for these occasions? Also, why is the green surrounded by half metre high metal posts which can't be seen in a rear view mirror when reversing and can cause much damage to vehicles
The volume of traffic through the village especially the increase in volume of HGV's needs to be reduced substantially
There are two railway lines in the old power station complex. These were used to import coal. Why not put a small railway station in there for a hub for Milton Park. Given that the proximity of Sutton in the Vale of White Horse District Council area being bordered by South Oxfordshire Council we have to look at there development plans as well.
There is already too much speeding traffic and through traffic using the village. More measures to stop traffic speeding and using the village as a cut through need to be put in place. Sometimes you forget you're in a village with this amount of traffic
There is far too much traffic on our small poorly maintained roads, much of it is HGV's, vans etc which break up the surface and pollute. Public transport is totally inadequate so we are all forced to use cars! The villages are being extended to meet each other and if this isn't stopped we will end up as a sprawl of unimaginative new build with little to identify what used to be. The natural environment will be destroyed along with our hope for clean air and green space. This area has been particularly hard hit by development and everything that can be preserved of its original rural nature should be protected. If lakes are created by the extraction of gravel please lets be able to see them (Appleford) and use them - swim in them. Appleford Road is now dangerous because of the loss of visibility from earth works. Let's have some sensible thought on road/pathway signs, most are badly placed and unnecessary. Better foot /cycle paths linking villages and stations. Useful trains from Culham and Appleford. Set up an independent group of people to monitor what goes on
There isn't any zebra crossings or traffic lights making it unsafe for children especially if there learning to cross the road safely or people with disabilities may also find this hard
There must be more effort put into traffic calming and regulation vehicles speeding through the village
This questionnaire is a good idea. Hope it's useful. We need to work to maintain S.C's character and the quality of life that gives us. We want to live in a village - with farmland and greenery, not a town.

Tidy the village - overgrown hedges over public footpath (residents do not upkeep their property)
Transport is the main issue in every direction
Trapped! Sometimes it is not possible to get out of our village. To Didcot with huge volume of traffic leaving Milton Park (afternoon). To A34 as above (afternoon). To Culham/Appleford due to Culham bridge (morning), To Abingdon due to queues into the town (anytime). Periodically due to heavy queuing traffic coming through the village due to road diversions/issues on A34.
Unfortunately this questionnaire is only able to focus on possible improvements to the village as it stands now. However, the housing proposals within the parish boundary at Culham would significantly change the traffic through the village (and Appleford) making them rat-runs between Abingdon and Didcot. If these proposals go ahead we will be dealing with a very different village environment and will need to think carefully about public transport, safety, noise and pollution and environmental quality.
Village hall and sports hall and cancel church land use
We have lived in Sutton Courtenay for over 20 years. In that time the traffic has increased substantially. Living on junction of Appleford Road/Abingdon Road it is a problem to leave or return to the property at peak times as the traffic is at a standstill. Screeching tyres as people try to take any gap that might appear, road rage episodes, lorries with constant 'this vehicle is turning left/right' which goes on and on as they are not actually moving. You cannot sit out in the garden and hold a conversation. Such a shame. A beautiful village being spoilt by excess traffic.
We must limit traffic in the village and support a new river crossing. We can't continue with the level of development without the crossing. When there is an accident on the A34 our village is gridlocked. It is bad enough on a day to day basis but this is awful.
We need more facilities on the estate not down village. There is a field on the estate that does not get used by the locals. Instead of putting more offices and horses, make a play area of consciously consideration instead. We need it badly. Mothers with young children should not have to take their children all the way down the village or recreation ground for children to play its a dangerous road. Village hall also is too far for older people to go to
What a utilitarian list, I would be ashamed if this is the best heritage we can leave to future generations have left us! There is nothing on the list encouraging heritage, culture and historical interest. Now is an opportunity to smarten the High Street and Church Street and to turn the church into a local museum and cultural centre
What has not been covered and effects the village is what happens to the gravel pits between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford at The end of their lives. Are they landscaped and become a leisure area open for all or rented out privately with no access to the public.
What would be the impact of a bridge, in either location, to traffic flows in the village?
Whatever funds are approved will not alter the fact that water abstraction from the river will result in water supplies running out by 2030
When money is involved the decisions are usually bias and not the same as without any money incentive
When you asked about transport used when grocery shopping you didn't take into account delivery services. Delivery vans from grocers and online retailers are growing in number. Does this extra van traffic need to be taken into account?
Whilst this questionnaire has its uses, the knowledge needed to identify and suggest possible solutions in many instances needs specialist knowledge i.e. the bridge itself. I have no idea which option would be better for the community
Why aren't developers charged to build new roads and infrastructure as part of the building approval. Roads have been damaged and not repaired and bus shelters could be new etc
Why is there no communication between develops and the village about how they can help improve such things as the village hall and football club before they finish a site

and move on to their next development
Why not preserve the village as it is. There is a danger we will become like villages in Shropshire. Swallowed up by Telford mini town (no longer mini). I should know as I left my village for village life in Oxfordshire. De-Ja-Vu
With 220 houses allocated in the VWHDC local plan already met, we should strongly defend any further large scale developments from being approved - why have a local plan and then ignore it? The village situation in terms of infrastructure (particularly Abingdon Road and river bridge) schooling, shops, doctors/dentist is already overlooked. Will the neighbourhood plan steering group be identifying any sites which they accept for development?
With more households having more than one vehicle better parking is needed. Using grass verges as parking would be helpful and those with drives should use them so those who do not have space to park. Maybe a restriction on how many vehicles per household. One household had up to 7 vehicles at one point causing major parking problems for everyone else. Using grass verges into proper parking areas helps reduction to car damage due to drivers not taking parked vehicles into consideration
Would like information about proposed river crossing. Also confused about the aspect of a hub to support working from home
Would like to see village hall replaced with a new facility at the recreation ground - a new clubhouse, cafe and sports facility
Would prefer no more large housing developments
You should slant the results to show no tolerance towards further large scale housing development and make the existing building sites as unattractive as possible to discourage any more buyers [e.g. no new facilities]. 'Sutton Courtenay is shit' should be our marketing slogan, keep everyone away. The roads should be slowed down, not opened up. The church would make a nice restaurant.....

APPENDIX 10 – SPRING 2019 CONSULTATION EVENTS NOTES AND SUMMARY REPORT

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group's Community Workshop 2 March 2019

Minutes

Steering Group Attendees:

Sarah Eccles (SE), Fred Cubbage (FC), David Hignell (DH), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Rita Atkinson (RA), Clare Pennicott (CP), Peter Morris (PM) and Joanna O'Callaghan (JOC)

Members of public: 35 initially but exceeding 50 by the end.

JOC (chair of SG) introduced event, thanked everyone for attending and welcomed their input. The makeup of the SG was explained and the need for input by experts like Community First Oxfordshire (CFO) to assist in producing a NP, a legal document. JOC welcomed Tom McCulloch (TMcC) of CFO.

Introduction by JOC:

JOC ran through a brief resume of development in SC from the late 1950s to date. It was felt that virtual saturation point had been reached and for this reason the SG were not planning on allocating sites for development in the draft plan. JOC confirmed that this objective was endorsed by residents in responses to the questionnaire. Notwithstanding this JOC stated that SC was located in a precarious position with many potential challenges such as Didcot Garden Town (DGT), Milton Park and the power station site. Other additional pressures included a new Thames crossing, Oxford/Cambridge expressway and Oxfordshire's deal with the Government to provide an additional 100,000 homes.

JOC summarised by stating that the SG will work towards a draft plan which preserves and enhances SC, retaining green spaces and ensures that SC retains its own identity. JOC referred to 2 village appraisals which have been commissioned, covering village character and village landscape which should support these objectives. Both documents will appear on NP page of the PC website. Finally, JOC concluded that SC needed a NP now more than ever before and that the SG hope to make great strides in 2019 towards making one, hence this afternoon's workshop. JOC handed over to Tom.

JOC confirmed minutes would be taken when asked by a member of the audience.

Introduction by TMcC:

TMcC provided 4 handouts: Questionnaire results, SG's draft aims and objectives, general precis of NPs and feedback form.

TMcC stated he was joint CEO of CFO, a community development charity which aims to help communities to help themselves. He runs the NP consultation and has been involved with 22 NPs including East Hanney, East Hagbourne and Long Wittenham. He aimed to present the

results of the questionnaire, to present emerging aims/visions/objectives, provide a brief outline next steps and then move onto a floor discussion.

TMcC, overview of NP:

This covered: NP is a statutory document relating to land use. The contents of the plan must be underpinned by the community with consultations at a number of stages thereby reflecting village priorities, and be finalised by a referendum. It must conform to The Vale's Local Plan (LP). A NP can provide more protection against development and the risk of further development can be reduced by the use of appraisals such as landscape and village character.

TMcC provided examples of possible relevant policies for a SCNP considering Questionnaire responses and draft visions, aims and objectives:

Policy that can protect existing green spaces and create new ones but must be careful not to be over protective like Wantage.

Policy that set out the design of any new development

Policy that can protect and enhance environment and bio diversity

Policy that can protect important buildings and the character of the village

TMcC covered how non land use and non- planning matters could also be covered by our NP. Examples of non -planning matters include speeding and footpaths. CFO's approach to such issues is to include them in an annexe to the NP. TMcC was aware that, like other villages, these issues were very important to SC residents.

TMcC – Where is SC on the NP journey?

Still early in the NP process but progress made as Community Consultation Questionnaire was carried out in 2018 and draft aims/visions/objectives have been drawn up by SG.

TMcC ran through topline results:

663 responses altogether.

Highlights include the importance of development only within footprint (i.e. infill), importance of green spaces and views, the need to enhance the natural environment, the need for additional facilities and need for improving infrastructure and traffic management. TMcC referred to Burford and their recent gain of banning HGV's through town.

TMcC referred to Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and described it as a tax that developers have to pay on every house that is built. 25% of the levy will go direct to the parish with a NP in place, as opposed to 10% (* see footnote) without a NP. The NP will state how and where to spend CIL should it be forthcoming. This was covered by the questionnaire; footpath enhancement and village hall improvements were popular choices. A member of the public questioned the use of CIL on infrastructure such as footpaths as highways, including footpaths,

were down to the County Council and surely covered by council tax. TMcC made it clear that the 25% would be paid direct to the PC and go towards the projects identified in the NP.

Member of public raised CIL particularly in relation to proposed Redrow development. TMcC confirmed that the site was in the LP and must therefore be in NP as the NP cannot conflict with the LP. It was pointed out that should the 'Redrow' site be developed before the SCNP was in place the village would not benefit from the additional levy.

TMcC on next steps:

Residents comments on the SG's visions and objectives will go towards formulating draft policies. The precise wording of policies is very important and must be backed up with evidence from both the community and appraisals such as the 2 commissioned. Draft policies will be put back to the community for comment. Once agreed the policies will be incorporated into a draft plan.

Public participation and questions:

There were a number of questions from the floor including the following:

Question: Concerning potential additional housing development and financial gain?

Response: It was stated that it is clear from questionnaire responses that any further homes should be sited on infill rather than green field sites. However, no one can prevent an application for green field development. Should an application be approved the parish would gain 25% CIL with a NP but only 10% (*see footnote below) if a plan is not adopted.

Question: Concerning the agreed designated area of SCNP?

Response: The area was outlined making it clear that unfortunately it didn't include Milton Park/Power Station site to the south but did cover 2 fields between SC and Milton. MJ stated it had taken over 18 months to negotiate and agree the designated area as the SG was pressing the Vale to include all the parish.

Question: How can the NP cover traffic particularly HGVs? Resident felt a survey was required.

Response: TMcC referred again to Burford and the inclusion of the point in an annexe to the NP. TMcC agreed that a survey would be a good idea as it would provide evidence of the problem.

Question: Concerning the questionnaire, in particular the number of responses received. How could 660 responses be taken as a fair representation of villagers' views and surely with such a low rate of return the validity of the survey should be questioned.

Response: It was stated that the return rate in SC was comparable with and better than other villages. TMcC stated that a response rate of circa 20% was good. He stressed that the

examiner, when looking at community involvement in the plan preparation, takes into account all aspects, such as community workshops as well as the survey results. TMcC said that he is aware of a very small village that had a response rate of circa 75% but no examiner would expect that from a large village. The examiner would consider what is reasonable. Furthermore, it was stressed that public community events were just as important.

Question: Geographically, are there responses from all parts of the village?

Response: It was confirmed that responses were received from residents living in all parts of the village but some parts had a higher response rate but felt that that would be expected. Furthermore, it was stated everyone was encouraged to respond and everyone was given the same chance to complete a questionnaire either on paper or on-line.

Question: Concerning timescale and an indication of the cost of producing a NP and whether the financial rewards for having a NP would cover the initial outlay.

Response: It was stated that a grant of £10,000 had been received and that the SG will be applying for further grants. Because of the complexity of issues in our village, particularly with regard to its position, it is likely that an additional grant of £8,000 to cover technical expertise should be forthcoming. Grants to cover a traffic survey may also be available. It was stressed that the grants had to be spent on the plan and nothing else. TMcC said that average cost of plan preparation was £17,000 to £20,000. MJ said that the return on having a NP from CIL will be far greater than the cost of the plan.

Question: SC has already had a large amount of development surely development should be fairly distributed.

Response: The NP for SC will not allocate development sites for this reason.

Question: Concerning OCC's deal with the Government to provide an additional 100,000 homes.

Response: It was stated that a NP can influence all those speculative developers that come along. The Vale has to take note of a NP when considering those applications. It is important that the village is pro active and produce a NP.

Question: Concerning facilities such as schools and medical facilities. Are they embraced in a NP?

Response: It was stated that OCC has recently paid for 2 new classrooms. The NP can include a policy relating to facilities, but must be supported by evidence.

TMcM concluded questions, thanked everyone for attending and asked everyone to now consider the SCNP visions, aims and objectives and complete the feedback form.

*Footnote: Although 10% was what was stated at the meeting, the correct figure is 15%

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan

SPRING 2019 CONSULTATION EVENTS

SUMMARY REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

Sutton Courtenay Parish Council is undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan.

In February 2019, the Steering Group asked Community First Oxfordshire (CFO) to facilitate a Neighbourhood Plan Consultation event. This took place on 2 March 2019.

CFO was subsequently asked to present findings from two other community consultations held in Spring 2019.

Therefore, this report will present findings from all three of these events, which are summarised below.

Community First Oxfordshire is a community development charity. Our core mission is to help communities to help themselves and we offer support with regard to placemaking, affordable housing, social action, and community transport, retail and buildings.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION EVENTS

EVENT	AIMS
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN VISION, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES EVENT 2.3.19 @ Sutton Courtenay Village Hall	<p>The aims of the event were to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • present the results of the recent NP consultation survey • present the emerging aims, vision and objectives of the NP • run question and answer session • facilitate a discussion session to get input from those attending the event about the vision and objectives, the emerging themes from the consultation survey and ideas for how they might be achieved in the NP. <p>Attendees were asked to complete feedback forms about the vision, aims and objectives. Some completed these forms on the day or subsequently dropped them off at the village shop.</p>
SUTTON COURTENAY YOUTH CONSULTATION EVENING 24.4.19 @ Sutton Courtenay Village Hall	<p>The aim of the event was to seek opinions and feedback from young people to help evidence the Neighbourhood Plan and to help ensure diversity of consultation responses.</p>
SUTTON COURTENAY SHOWCASE 18.5.19 @ The Green	<p>The NP group had an information stand at this community event.</p>

VISION, AIMS, AND OBJECTIVES EVENT - 2 MARCH 2019

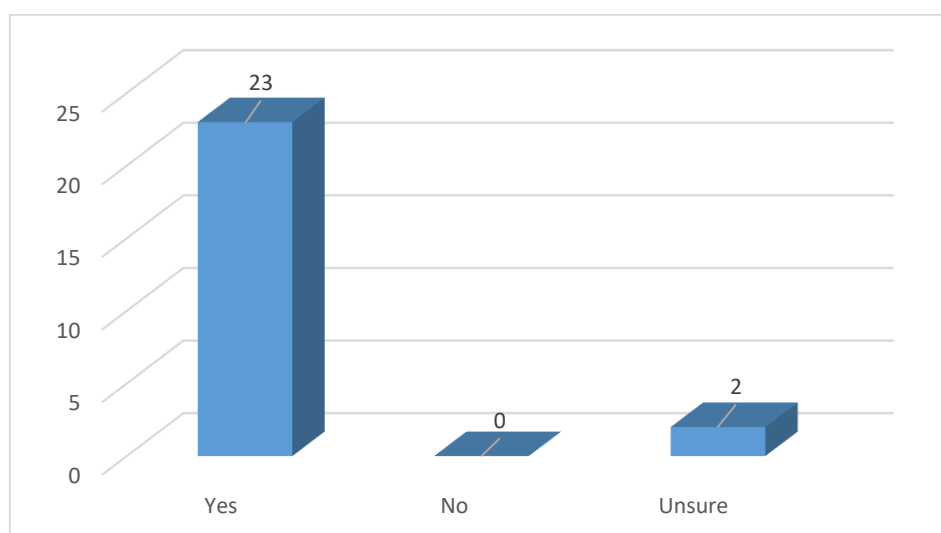
Total number of event feedback forms received – 25. Not all respondents answered every question. Totals responses for each question have been noted.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN VISION

TO SAFEGUARD THE INDIVIDUAL CHARACTER AND VITALITY OF OUR HISTORIC THAMES-SIDE VILLAGE
WHILST MEETING THE NEEDS OF VILLAGERS NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

Do you support the vision?

25 respondents



Comments – 16 respondents (18 total comments)			
Maintain village character	4	No more development	2
Protect wildlife/ biodiversity	2	Protect schools	1
Protect local businesses	1	Add sustainability	1
Promote alternatives to cars	1	Ensure village does not become rat-run	1
Create album of historic and present photos	1	Must accept change	1
Must use SMART methodology	1	Vision is too vague to measure	1
Excellent job	1		

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AIMS

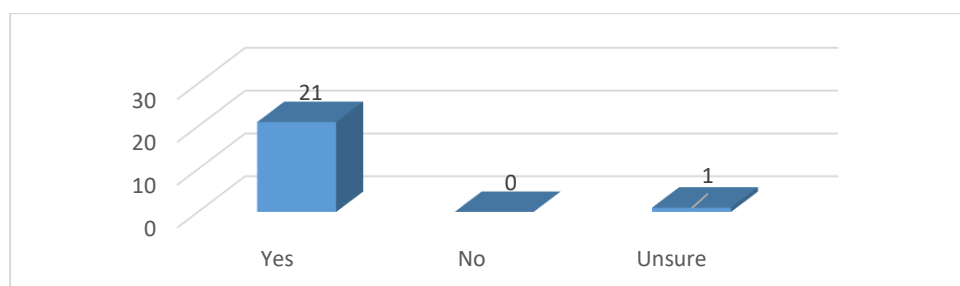
1. TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE A POSITIVE AND WELCOMING COMMUNITY SPIRIT ACROSS THE WHOLE VILLAGE WHICH INCLUDES EVERYBODY.
2. TO PROVIDE A BUILT ENVIRONMENT THAT PROMOTES THE WELLBEING FOR ALL SOCIAL GROUPS AND AGE THROUGH AMENITIES.
3. TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE ITS DISTINCT RURAL CHARACTER WHILST TAKING ADVANTAGE OF EXCELLENT CONNECTIONS TO WORLD-CLASS SCIENCE AND BUSINESS.

SPECIFIC RESPONSES

- TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE A POSITIVE AND WELCOMING COMMUNITY SPIRIT ACROSS THE WHOLE VILLAGE WHICH INCLUDES EVERYBODY.

Do you support this aim?

22 respondents



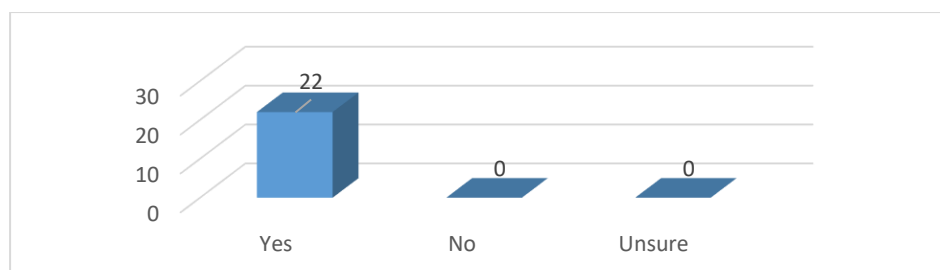
Comments – 4 respondents (5 total comments)

Need people willing to take part	1	Need for old fun day spirit	1
Community choir	1	Mix of social and private housing	1
Provide a welcome booklet to all new residents	1		

- TO PROVIDE A BUILT ENVIRONMENT THAT PROMOTES THE WELLBEING FOR ALL SOCIAL GROUPS AND AGE THROUGH AMENITIES.

Do you support this aim?

22 respondents



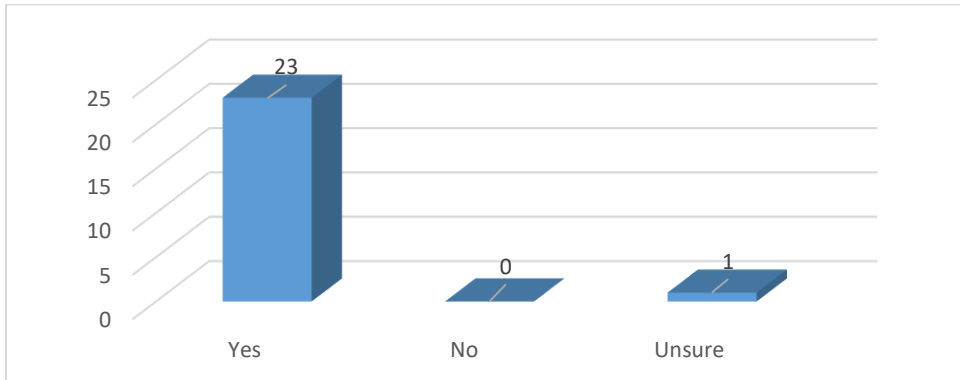
Comments – 6 respondents (8 total comments)

Better facilities	2	Better funding for village hall	1
Better transport links	1	More infrastructure for youth	1
Social groups for young and old	1	No more development	1
NP can't address all these issues directly	1		

- **TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE ITS DISTINCT RURAL CHARACTER WHILST TAKING ADVANTAGE OF EXCELLENT CONNECTIONS TO WORLD-CLASS SCIENCE AND BUSINESS.**

Do you support this aim?

24 respondents



Comments – 12 respondents (12 total comments)			
Struggle to see connection of world class facilities	2	More cycle paths	2
Protect wildlife/ biodiversity	1	Improve local transport	1
Stop urbanisation	1	Rural not parkland	1
Support transport alternatives	1	Create forum for villagers to hear leading business/ science people	1
Love distinct rural character	1	Much of rural character has been lost	1

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN OBJECTIVES

COMMUNITY

1. TO SEEK AN ENHANCED INTER CONNECTIVITY ACROSS THE VILLAGE.
2. TO SEEK TO ENSURE THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL AMENITIES MEETS THE DEMANDS OF A GROWING VILLAGE.
3. TO SEEK TO ENSURE THE INFRASTRUCTURE MEETS THE DEMANDS OF A GROWING VILLAGE.
4. TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE HISTORIC VILLAGE ASSETS E.G. FOOTPATHS, MILLENNIUM COMMON.

ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

5. TO MAINTAIN LIVING GREEN SPACES SEPARATING THE VILLAGE FROM NEIGHBOURING SETTLEMENTS.
6. TO MAINTAIN AND REGENERATE PARCELS OF GREEN SPACES WITHIN THE VILLAGE.
7. TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE ACCESS TO FOOTPATHS AND OPEN GREEN SPACES, VIEWS AND WATERWAYS.
8. TO USE LAND EFFICIENTLY AND TO PRESERVE AGRICULTURAL LAND.
9. TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS.
10. TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT HOME WORKING.

HOUSING

11. TO GIVE PRIORITY FOR NEW HOUSING TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS INCLUDING A GREATER AVAILABILITY RANGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SC RESIDENTS.
12. TO SEEK TO ENSURE NEW DEVELOPMENTS ARE OF HIGH-QUALITY DESIGN, BUILT TO A HIGH SUSTAINABILITY STANDARD AND REINFORCE LOCAL DISTINCTIVENESS.
13. TO KEEP ALL NEW DEVELOPMENTS COMPACT AND INTEGRATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE ENVELOPE.
14. TO ENSURE THAT THE DESIGN AND LOCATION OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS IS RESILIENT TO THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND FLOODING.

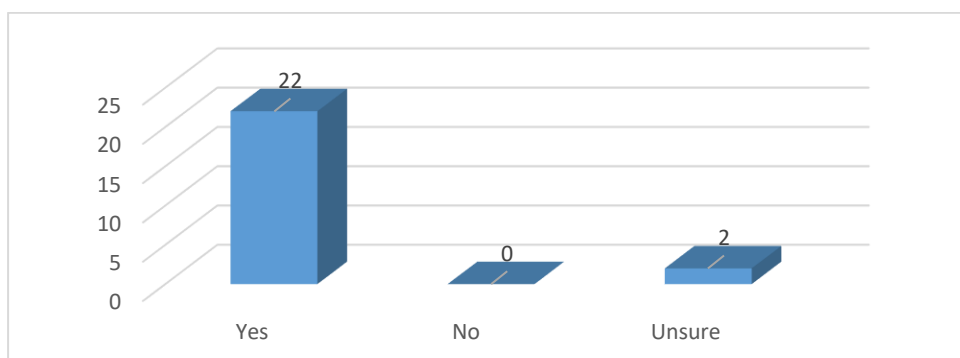
SPECIFIC RESPONSES

COMMUNITY

- TO SEEK AN ENHANCED INTER CONNECTIVITY ACROSS THE VILLAGE.

Do you support this objective?

24 respondents

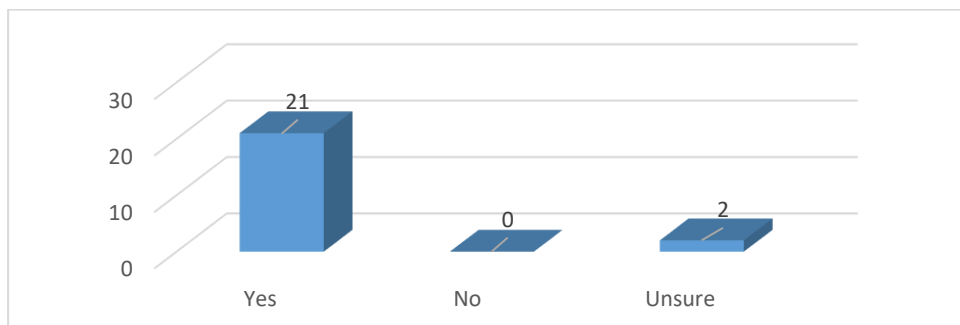


Comments – 9 respondents (10 total comments)			
Village fete/ festivals	2	More social clubs	2
Promote more walking	1	Improve sport opportunities	1
Faster broadband	1	Involve school children in local projects	1
Small developments only	1	Objectives need to be measurable	1

- **TO SEEK TO ENSURE THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL AMENITIES MEETS THE DEMANDS OF A GROWING VILLAGE.**

Do you support this objective?

23 respondents

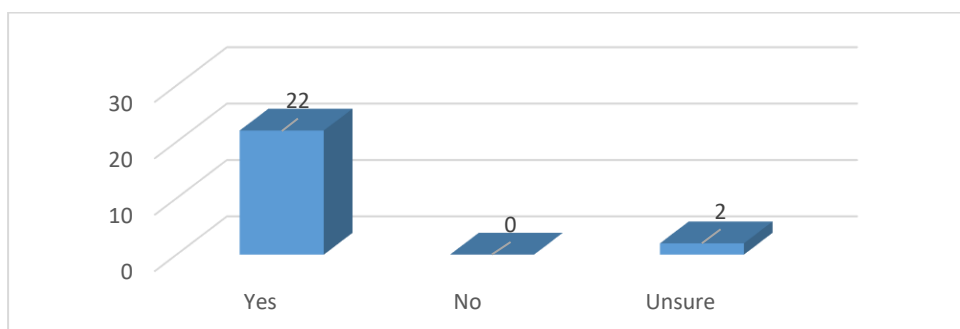


Comments – 9 respondents (10 total comments)			
Define growing village/ unnecessary adjective	2	Improve village hall	2
More meeting spaces	1	New sports/social facility	1
New farm shop	1	Better paths for walking	1
Difficult to motivate villagers to join in	1	No more development	1

- **TO SEEK TO ENSURE THE INFRASTRUCTURE MEETS THE DEMANDS OF A GROWING VILLAGE.**

Do you support this objective?

24 respondents

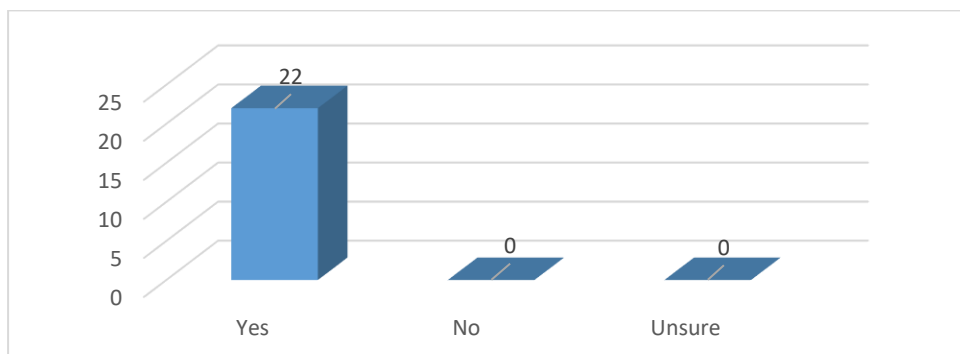


Comments – 14 respondents (15 total comments)			
Major issue with traffic/ road infrastructure	4	Need better infrastructure before development	2
Alternative transport options	2	New bridge will help	1
Prevent road parking	1	Sewage issues	1
Expansion warrants GP surgery	1	Better mobile/internet connection	1
More help for youth who may want home in future	1	Must remain a village	1

- **TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE HISTORIC VILLAGE ASSETS E.G. FOOTPATHS, MILLENNIUM COMMON.**

Do you support this objective?

22 respondents



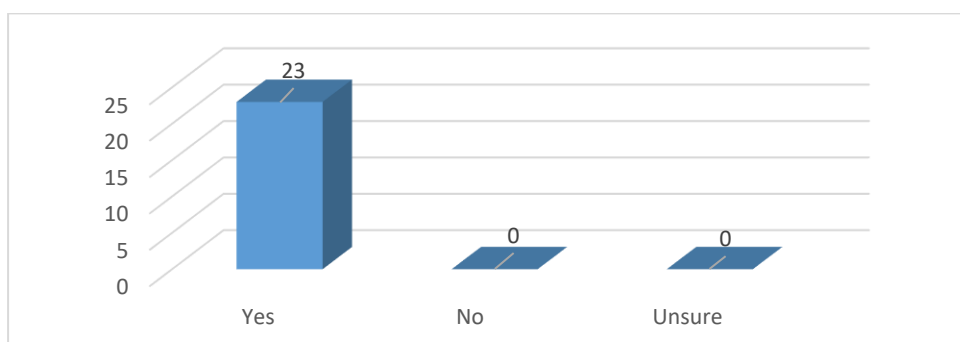
Comments – 9 respondents (11 total comments)			
Important to village	2	Stop building unsympathetic houses	1
Assets should be clearly signposted	1	Assets should be clearly signposted	1
Improve signage/add bench to Millennium Common	1	Clear footpath down to river along Church St	1
Green gym	1	Gardening events	1
Promote litter picks	1	Not just historic but wild nature/ habitats/ trees	1

ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

- **TO MAINTAIN LIVING GREEN SPACES SEPARATING THE VILLAGE FROM NEIGHBOURING SETTLEMENTS.**

Do you support this objective?

23 respondents

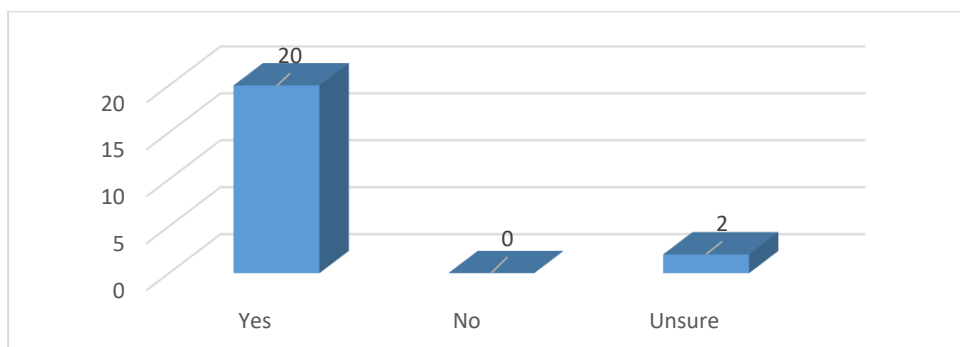


Comments – 12 respondent (12 total comments)			
Important to village	2	No more development	2
Plant new hedgerows/trees	2	Must not become a suburb	1
The 2 fields between Milton and SC should not be built on	1	More conservation projects	1
Must be farmland/agricultural land	1	Not just green but wild	1
Term 'green spaces' needs defining	1		

- **TO MAINTAIN AND REGENERATE PARCELS OF GREEN SPACES WITHIN THE VILLAGE.**

Do you support this objective?

22 respondents



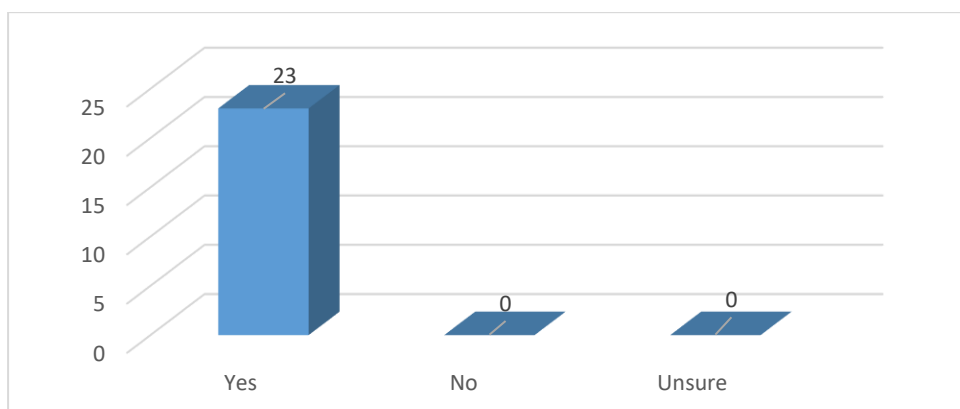
Comments – 7 respondents (8 total comments)

Term 'green spaces' needs defining	2	Have maps identifying green spaces and usage	1
Protect village green/recreation areas	1	Make more people-friendly	1
Need trees, birds, beauty etc.	1	Possibly allotments	1
No idea where you would do this	1		

- **TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE ACCESS TO FOOTPATHS AND OPEN GREEN SPACES, VIEWS AND WATERWAYS.**

Do you support this objective?

23 respondents



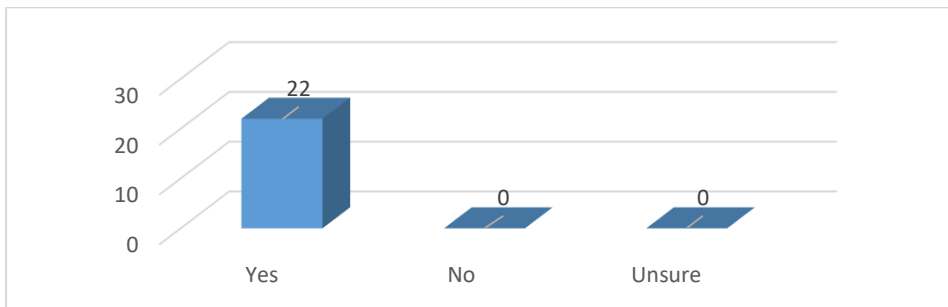
Comments – 11 respondents (13 total comments)

More volunteer groups/use local groups to use and report	3	Ensure they are well-maintained	2
Ensure they are well-maintained	1	Include wildlife in this	1
Have information boards about wildlife	1	Village orchard	1
Litter is a big problem	1	School trips to hydroelectric project on river	1
Leave things to grow to their natural state	1	Negotiate with the farmer who owns most of the land	1

- **TO USE LAND EFFICIENTLY AND TO PRESERVE AGRICULTURAL LAND.**

Do you support this objective?

22 respondents



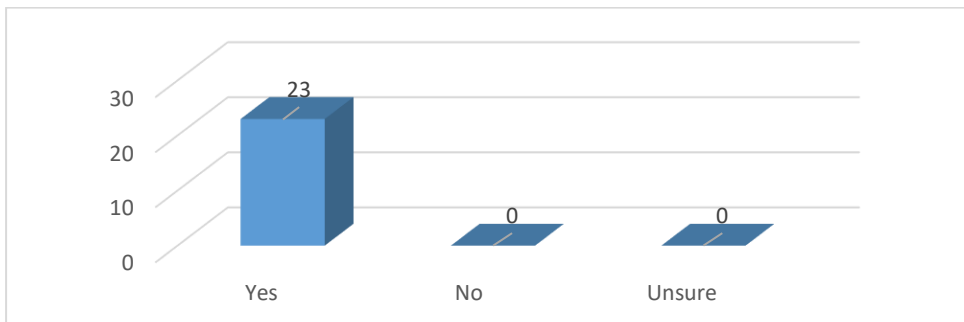
Comments – 6 respondents (6 total comments)

Protect from development/stay rural	3	Preserve land which is wild space as well	1
Notices for dog walkers who let their dogs off leads	1	Need adequate planning conditions	1

- **TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS.**

Do you support this objective?

23 respondents



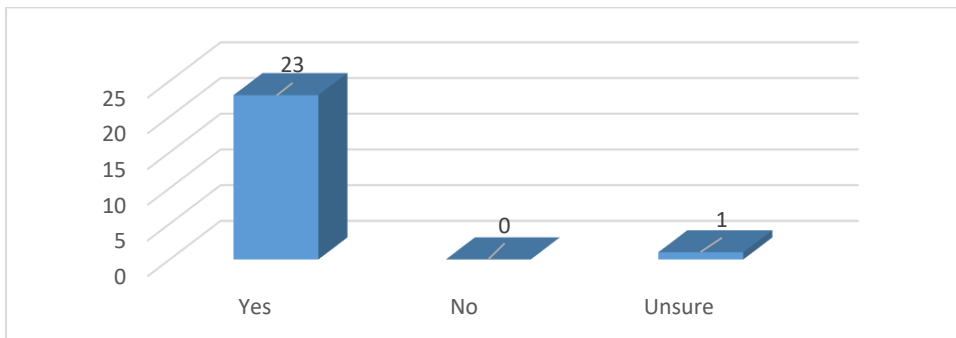
Comments – 10 respondents (12 total comments)

Need healthy balance	2	Small businesses/shops	2
Other amenities: i.e. shops, cafes	2	Public transport to allow people to visit village	2
Better broadband	2	No chains	1
Residents should use local services	1		

- **TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT HOME WORKING.**

Do you support this objective?

24 respondents



Comments – 12 respondents (12 total comments)

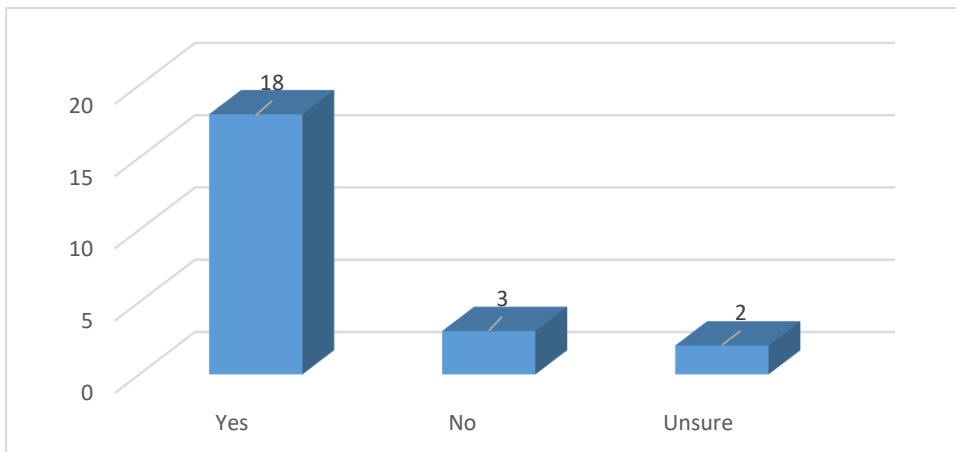
Improve broadband/ mobile connectivity	9	Should be encouraged	3
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HOUSING

- **TO GIVE PRIORITY FOR NEW HOUSING TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS INCLUDING A GREATER AVAILABILITY RANGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SC RESIDENTS.**

Do you support this objective?

23 respondents



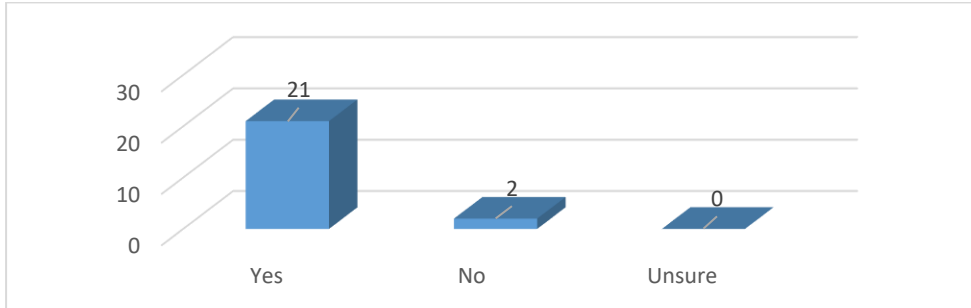
Comments – 13 respondents (13 total comments)

Good objective but difficult to achieve	3	Important to emphasise growth that has already taken place	2
Housing demand needs to work at all levels	1	For locals not London commuters	1
For children in future	1	Properties for first time buyers	1
Properties for downsizing	1	Low-cost and social housing	1
No more development	1	Question of cost	1

- **TO SEEK TO ENSURE NEW DEVELOPMENTS ARE OF HIGH-QUALITY DESIGN, BUILT TO A HIGH SUSTAINABILITY STANDARD AND REINFORCE LOCAL DISTINCTIVENESS.**

Do you support this objective?

23 respondents



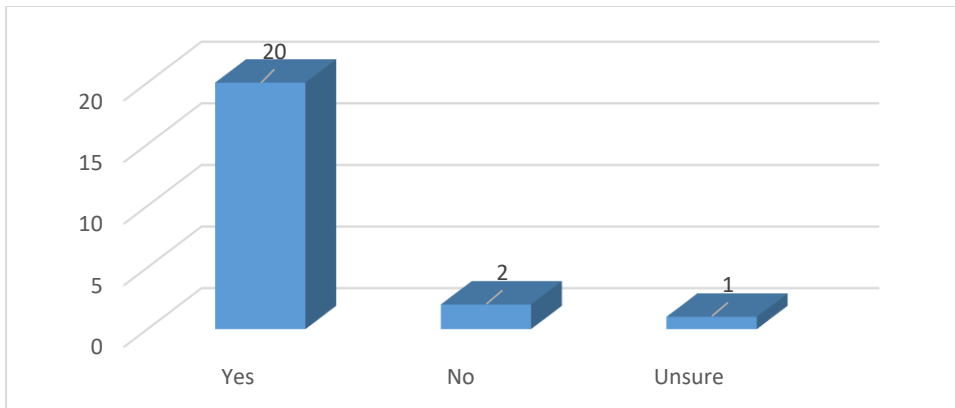
Comments – 9 respondents (11 total comments)

No more development	2	Recent/other developments are poor	2
Term 'local distinctiveness' needs defining	2	All new houses to have electric car charging points	1
Need to be wildlife-friendly	1	Don't build on flood risk areas	1
Include guidelines on styles/materials to use	1	Help for first-time buyers and older people	1

- **TO KEEP ALL NEW DEVELOPMENTS COMPACT AND INTEGRATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE ENVELOPE.**

Do you support this objective?

23 respondents



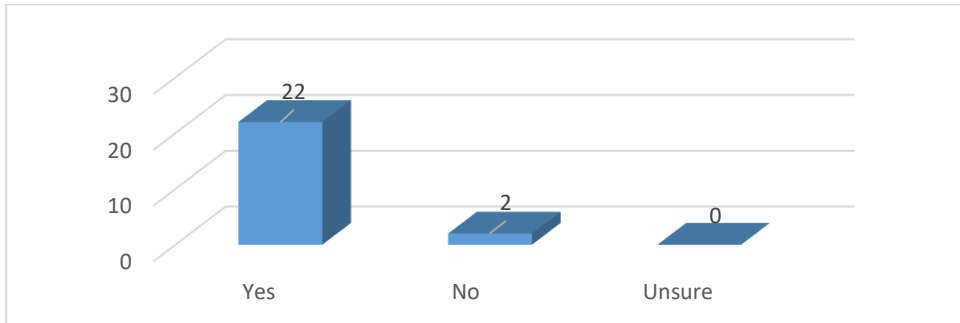
Comments – 7 respondents (8 total comments)

Housing must be sympathetic with village	2	Mixture of houses/flats	1
Protect green belt	1	Open spaces have already been lost	1
Must remain a village	1	Need adequate parking	1
No more development	1		

- **TO ENSURE THAT THE DESIGN AND LOCATION OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS IS RESILIENT TO THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND FLOODING.**

Do you support this objective?

24 respondents

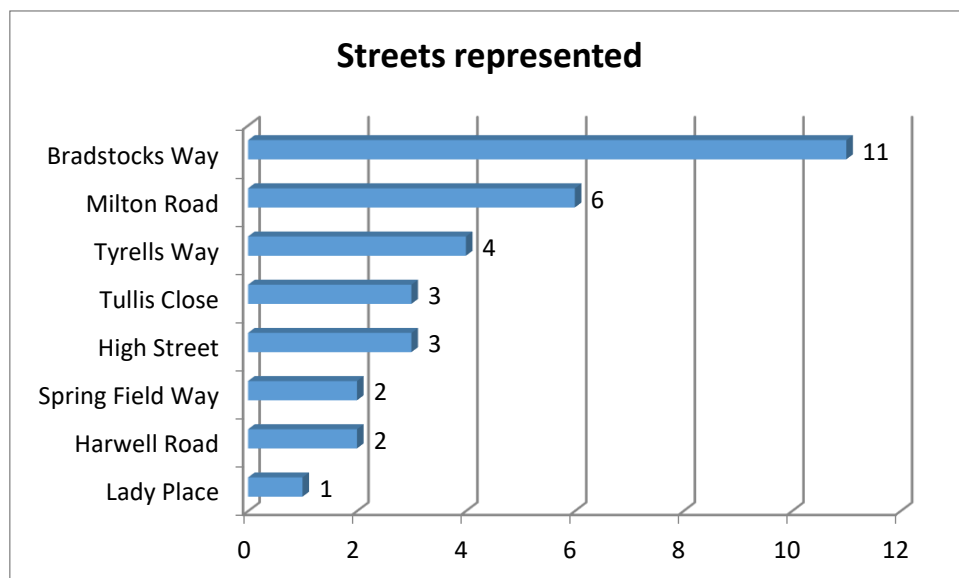
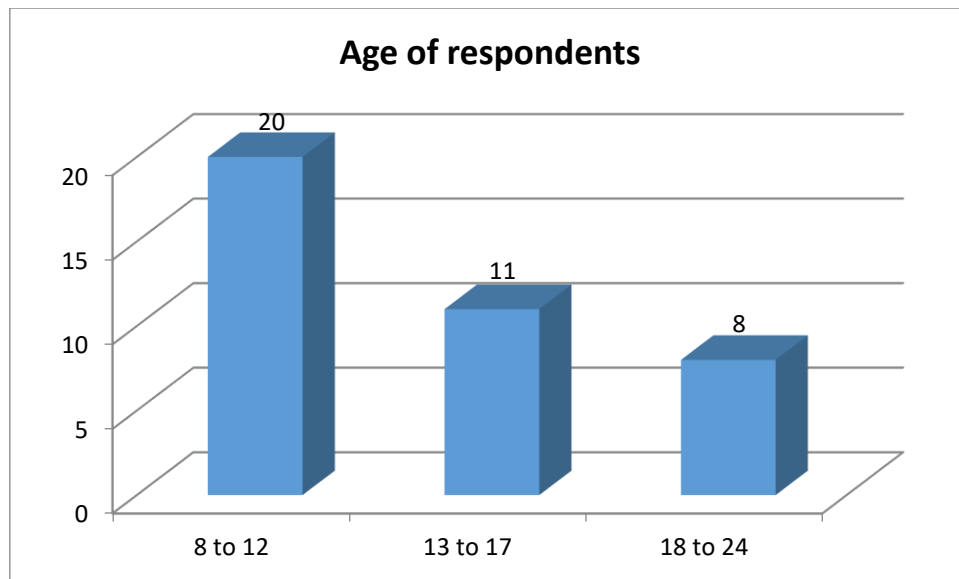


Comments – 9 respondents (9 total comments)			
Don't build on/close to flood plains	3	Ensure new developments don't impact existing dwellings	2
Check drains regularly	1	Ensure it doesn't adversely affect pollution	1
Flooding can be consequence of climate change	1	No more development	1

YOUTH CONSULTATION EVENING- 24 APRIL 2019

Total number of event feedback forms received – 39. Not all respondents answered every question. Totals responses for each question have been noted

BREAKDOWN OF RESPONDENTS

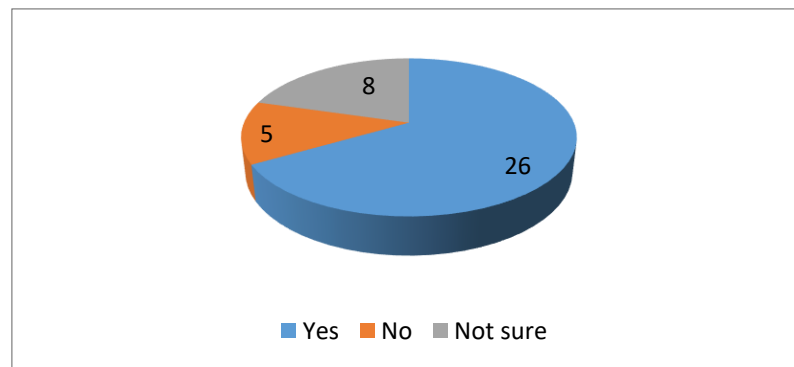


VISION

1) Do you think that it is important to:

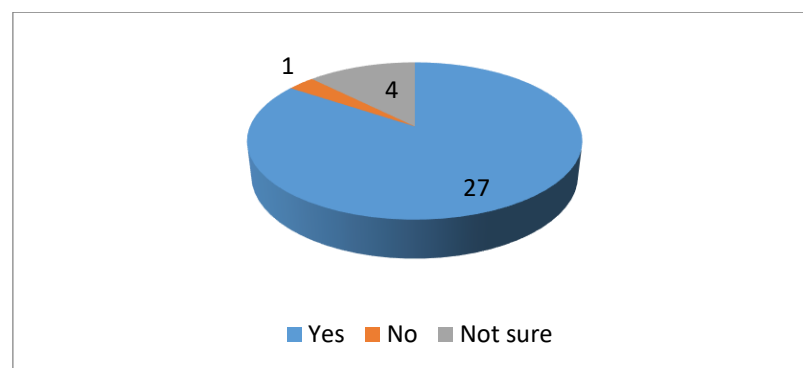
- a) look after the old historic houses and buildings and their surroundings in Sutton Courtenay?

39 respondents



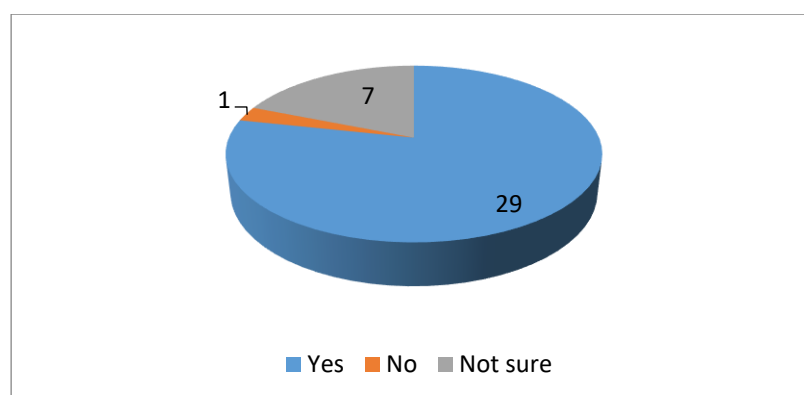
- b) at the same time meet the needs of villagers now?

32 respondents



- c) and meet the needs of the villagers in the future?

37 respondents

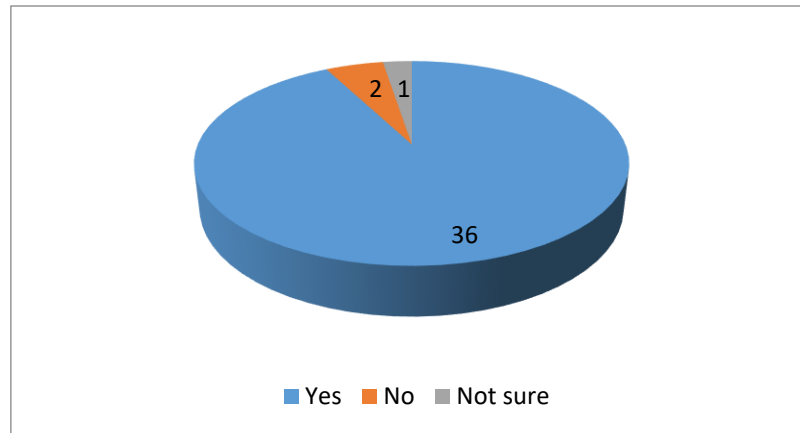


AIMS

2) Do you think that it's important that in Sutton Courtenay:

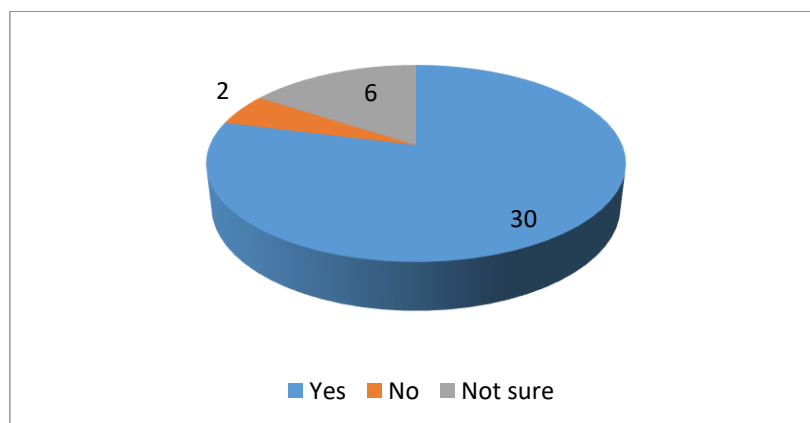
a) everyone of all ages feels part of the village?

39 respondents



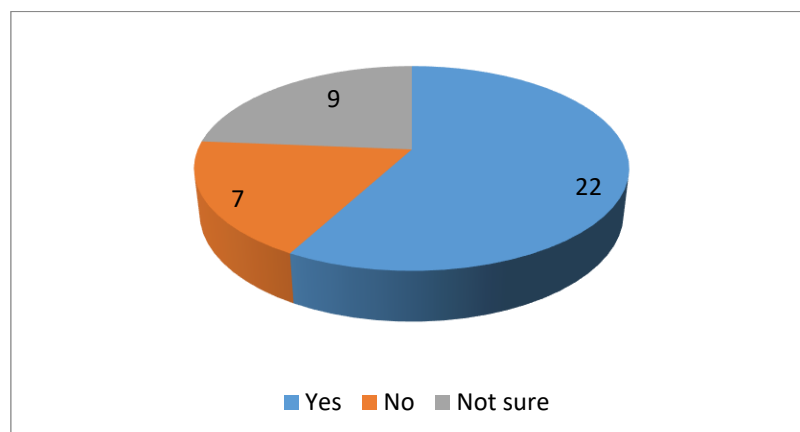
b) we have spaces and facilities that help us feel good and provide comfort, convenience and pleasure for all in the village?

38 respondents

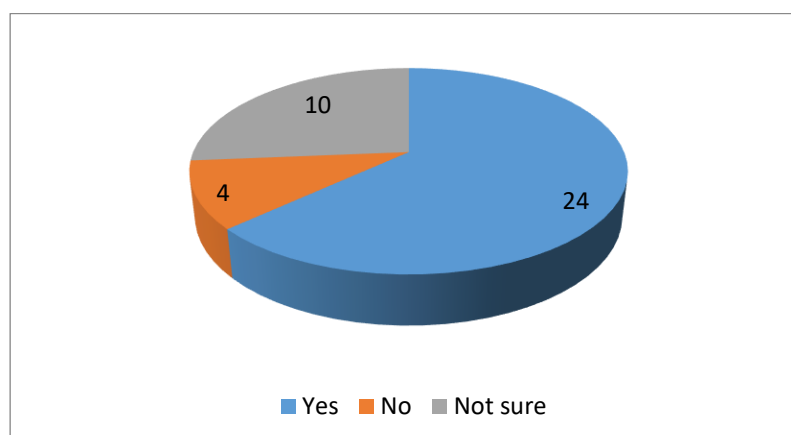


c) we keep and improve the rural/village-like feel?

38 respondents



- d) **we try and find ways to see if all the amazing science and technology that is happening in Milton Park and other local business parks can help us?** 38 respondents



COMMUNITY

- 3) **What do you think is important to build a friendly and healthy community within Sutton Courtenay?** Tick all that are important to you

Make sure that children and adults can safely get to and use the open spaces and play equipment across the village

- 39

As the village grows have more places for children, young people, adults and families to meet and play and chat

- 37

Make sure that all the things we need to live, work and play in a village can meet the needs of the village as it grows

- 37

Make sure that everything that makes the village special is looked after and preserved

- 35

Comments – 31 respondents (56 total comments)			
Fast food /chip shops	6	A park/ rec in the field	4
Football stadium/ goals	3	Gym/sports hall	3
Charging points	3	Free wifi/ wifi hotspots	3
More/ better facilities at rec	2	More playgrounds for kids	2
Bigger park/ field	2	Swimming pool	2
More facilities at estate	2	Football pitch at southern end	2
Bigger field at southern end	1	More things in Asquith Park	1
Rec in middle of village	1	Bigger skate park	1
More fields to play in	1	Family play area/ inflatables	1
Dirt track like at Upton Park	1	Outdoor gym like at Milton Park	1
Basketball court/ park near Harwell Rd	1	Community built garden park	1

Better village hall	1	Better transport	1
Better shops	1	Café	1
More bins	1	Keep the river clean	1
Preserve equipment better	1	Lake with fish	1
More benches/places to chill out with lights in winter	1	Nowhere to play football in winter	1
Not much down where I live	1	Jobs	1

ENVIRONMENT

- 4) **What do you think is important to do to make sure we look after and have a good healthy environment in Sutton Courtenay?** Tick all that are important to you

To make sure that there are green spaces separating our village from neighbouring villages

- 31

To maintain and improve green spaces within the village

- 35

To maintain and improve access to footpaths and open green spaces, views and waterways

- 35

To use the land so we do not waste space and to look after the farming land

- 31

Comments – 15 respondents (16 total comments)			
Littering is bad/more bins and litter picks	4	Protect and/or more green spaces and places to play	3
Rugby/football stadium	1	Bigger rec	1
Turn space behind school into park	1	Make better footpaths	1
Lake with fish	1	Keep local shop	1
Need more because less plantation is killing the planet	1	Show different ways of climate change to explain to people	1
Do better	1		

HOUSING

5) What do you think is important for you when you think about housing in the village?

Tick all that are important to you.

People already in the village should get first choice on housing

- 22

There should be more housing that is affordable for everyone

- 26

New developments should be of good quality

- 33

New houses should be like other houses already in the village

- 15

All new developments should be built within the village where there are already houses and not outside the village

- 23

All new developments should be built where they will not be affected by climate change and flooding

- 31

Comments – 15 respondents (20 total comments)			
Don't build lots of houses	3	Cheaper/affordable houses	3
Bigger houses	2	Faster internet	2
Yes, I want to live here	2	Smaller houses	1
Bigger gardens	1	More at river end	1
Close to the field	1	Preserve fields around the area	1
Lamp-posts/street lights	1	Houses in the village all look different	1
No more houses in the village	1		

LOCAL ECONOMY

6) Do you think it is important for the village life and the environment that we...

Tick all that are important to you

Support our village shops and other small businesses

- 30

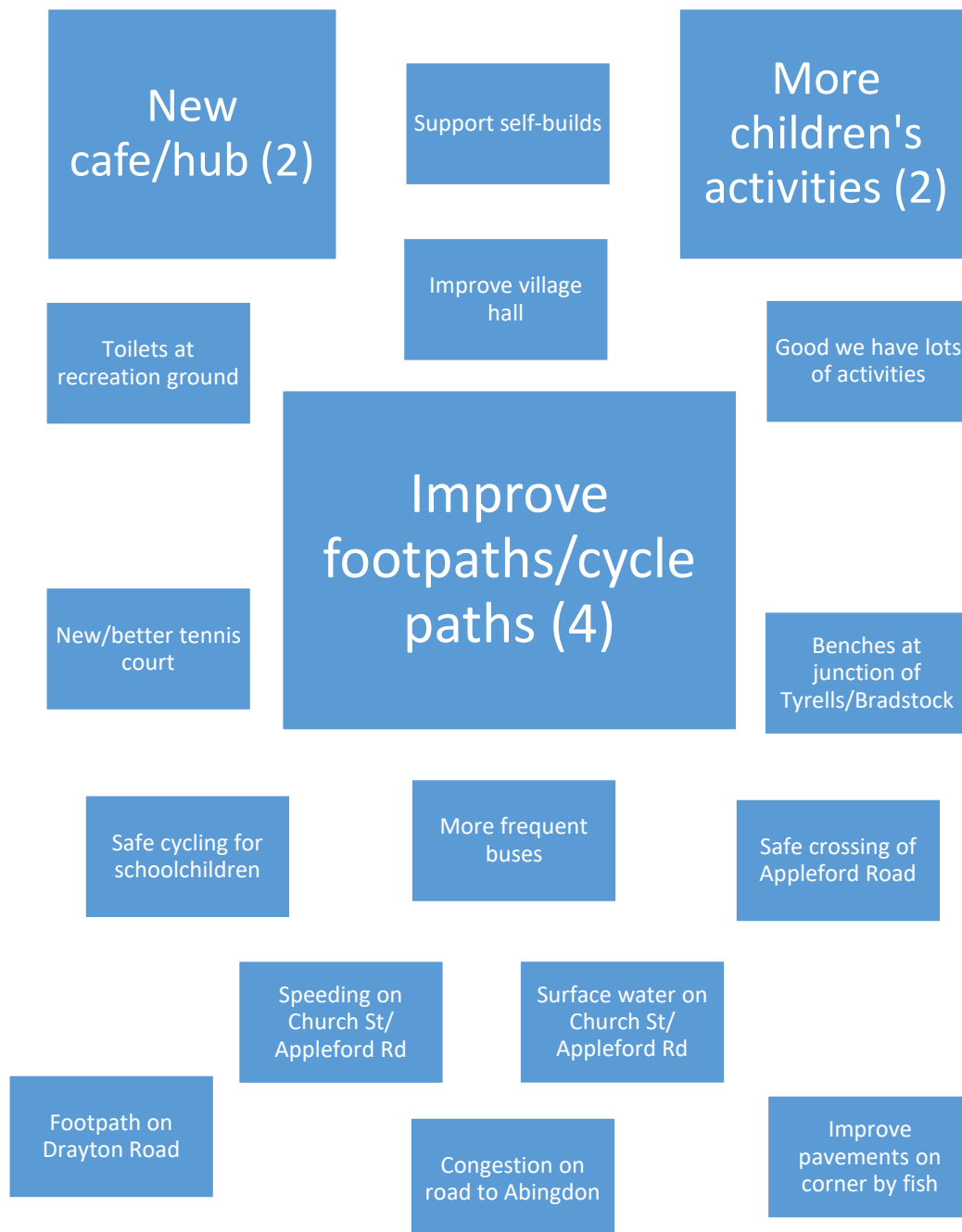
Should be providing more facilities so that people can work from home if they so wish

- 27

Comments – 16 respondents (16 total comments)			
Cheaper shops (costcutter expensive)	3	Support/use our shops	2
More food shops	2	Do sponsored events	2
Stairway to heaven	2	Community café	1
Bigger shop	1	More little shops	1
Fast food shops	1	Free bus pass for secondary school kids	1

SUTTON COURTENAY SHOWCASE EVENT - 18 MAY 2019

Based on 11 post-it notes: total of 22 comments covering 17 themes.



APPENDIX 11 – BUSINESS SURVEY QUESTIONS

#1

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Q1

What is the name of the business for which you are responding?



Q2

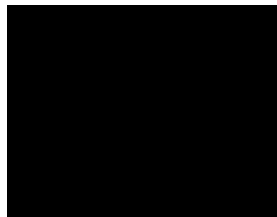
What is the address of the business?

Address

Address 2

Town

Postal Code



Q3

Respondent skipped this question

email address (optional)

Q4

Wholesale, retail

What is the type of business? A maximum of 2 options can be selected

Q5

Please briefly describe the products or services supplied

news agent post office

Q6

1-3 years

How many years has your business been in Sutton Courtenay Parish?

Q7

Local demand for products and/or services,

Delivery/collection access

What are the most important reasons that you chose to run your business from Sutton Courtenay? A maximum of 2 options can be selected

Q8**Small van**

What are the majority of deliveries that you receive or dispatch transported by? (excluding letters and general correspondence)

Q9**None of the above**

How do your staff travel to work (tick all that apply)

Q10**Yes**

Do you have sufficient off-street parking for vehicles?

Q11**1-2**

How many people are employed by the business, at this location? (include owner/proprietor/senior manager)

Q12**Within Parish**

Where do the people employed in the business live? Please indicate how many employees live within or outside of the Parish. (Please select all that apply)

Q13**Respondent skipped this question**

For sustainable growth of the Parish, we need to address the need for local employment. What can the local community do to encourage local business to employ more people from the immediate area?

Q14**Respondent skipped this question**

What facilities do you wish were provided locally that would contribute to business life in Sutton Courtenay? This can include the availability of broadband speed and Internet connection bandwidth

Q15**Yes**

Do you anticipate your business remaining in Sutton Courtenay Parish over the next 10 years? If you answered "no", please indicate why

Q16**Respondent skipped this question**

If yes (to Q15.) what obstacles are there to developing your business in Sutton Courtenay Parish?

Q17**Yes**

Do you anticipate needing larger premises during the next 10 years?

Q18**Likely**

If you anticipate expanding in the next 5-10 years, how likely are you to be able to accommodate expansion in your existing premises?

Q19**Likely**

If you need to relocate to new premises, how likely are you to remain in Sutton Courtenay Parish rather than move elsewhere?

Q20**Yes**

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to remain in the parish?

Q21**Yes**

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to expand in the parish?

Q22**Lease workspace**

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial/business use would you want to:

Q23**Respondent skipped this question**

What type of commercial property do you think the Parish needs more of (you may tick more than one)?

Q24**Respondent skipped this question**

If you have a need for new floorspace, what amount of space do you / will you need?

Q25**The type/size of business premises we require has been affected**

Has Covid-19 and/or working from home affected the size or type of business premises you require either now or in the future?

Q26**No**

Have you been working from home during the COVID-19 restrictions?

Q27**No**

Are you likely to work from home in the future once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted?

#2

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Q2

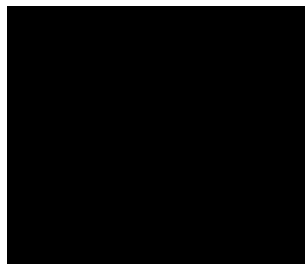
What is the address of the business?

Address

Address 2

Town

Postal Code



Q3

email address (optional)

Email Address



Q4

Agriculture, Forestry or Fishing

What is the type of business? A maximum of 2 options can be selected

Q5

Please briefly describe the products or services supplied

Mixed farm producing Wheat, Barley, Hay, Straw, Cattle for Beef

Q6

10 years +

How many years has your business been in Sutton Courtenay Parish?

Q7

What are the most important reasons that you chose to run your business from Sutton Courtenay? A maximum of 2 options can be selected

Owner lives locally,

Other (please specify):

Farmland is located here surrounding village and farmyard in the village

Q8

What are the majority of deliveries that you receive or dispatch transported by? (excluding letters and general correspondence)

HGV non articulated truck,**HGV articulated truck****Q9**

How do your staff travel to work (tick all that apply)

Small van,**Walk****Q10**

Do you have sufficient off-street parking for vehicles?

Yes**Q11**

How many people are employed by the business, at this location? (include owner/proprietor/senior manager)

3-5**Q12**

Where do the people employed in the business live? Please indicate how many employees live within or outside of the Parish. (Please select all that apply)

Within Parish**Q13**

For sustainable growth of the Parish, we need to address the need for local employment. What can the local community do to encourage local business to employ more people from the immediate area?

Ensure people have the correct skills. There is plenty of employment for a wide range of people in the area

Q14

What facilities do you wish were provided locally that would contribute to business life in Sutton Courtenay? This can include the availability of broadband speed and Internet connection bandwidth

Most business is located close to village rather than in village itself

Q15**Yes**

Do you anticipate your business remaining in Sutton Courtenay Parish over the next 10 years? If you answered "no", please indicate why

Q16

If yes (to Q15.) what obstacles are there to developing your business in Sutton Courtenay Parish?

Any outside influences such as reduction in farm profitability, or restrictions on running a farm business within and around a village - such as complaints re smells from livestock. Thankfully none to date

Q17**Yes**

Do you anticipate needing larger premises during the next 10 years?

Q18**Likely,**

If you anticipate expanding in the next 5-10 years, how likely are you to be able to accommodate expansion in your existing premises?

Please provide relevant comments here where applicable:
Assuming planning permission obtained for expanded premises/barns

Q19**Not applicable**

If you need to relocate to new premises, how likely are you to remain in Sutton Courtenay Parish rather than move elsewhere?

Q20

Please explain:

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to remain in the parish?

Not applicable as we have should have sufficient space to expand premises when we need to

Q21**No**

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to expand in the parish?

Q22

Other (please specify):

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial/business use would you want to:

We could potentially provide land if there is a demand for commercial space/premises

Q23

What type of commercial property do you think the Parish needs more of (you may tick more than one)?

Light industrial/ Workshop (quiet industrial uses that can take place in a residential area)

,

Small start up units (offices) ,

Other (please specify):

As above there is quite a wide provision of commercial space in the towns and other business parks close to the village

Q24

If you have a need for new floorspace, what amount of space do you / will you need?

501+ sq.m.,

Other (please specify):

As above we can accommodate this on existing site

Q25

Has Covid-19 and/or working from home affected the size or type of business premises you require either now or in the future?

The type/size of business premises we require has not been affected

Q26**Yes**

Have you been working from home during the COVID-19 restrictions?

Q27**Yes**

Are you likely to work from home in the future once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted?

#3

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Q1

What is the name of the business for which you are responding?



Q2

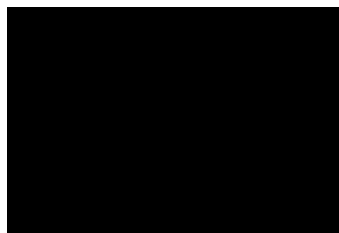
What is the address of the business?

Address

Address 2

Town

Postal Code



Q3

email address (optional)

Email Address



Q4

Accommodation/ food and/ or drink

What is the type of business? A maximum of 2 options
can be selected

Q5

Please briefly describe the products or services supplied

Food and drink

Q6

10 years +

How many years has your business been in Sutton
Courtenay Parish?

Q7

What are the most important reasons that you chose to run your business from Sutton Courtenay? A maximum of 2 options can be selected

Local demand for products and/or services,

Other (please specify):

Public house

Q8

What are the majority of deliveries that you receive or dispatch transported by? (excluding letters and general correspondence)

Transit van or similar,

Under 7.5 tonne truck,

HGV non articulated truck

Q9

How do your staff travel to work (tick all that apply)

Car,

Walk

Q10

Do you have sufficient off-street parking for vehicles?

Yes

Q11

How many people are employed by the business, at this location? (include owner/proprietor/senior manager)

11-20

Q12

Where do the people employed in the business live? Please indicate how many employees live within or outside of the Parish. (Please select all that apply)

Within Parish,

Within 3 miles of the business (outside of parish)

Q13

For sustainable growth of the Parish, we need to address the need for local employment. What can the local community do to encourage local business to employ more people from the immediate area?

Improve facilities

Q14

What facilities do you wish were provided locally that would contribute to business life in Sutton Courtenay? This can include the availability of broadband speed and Internet connection bandwidth

Better broadband

Q15

Do you anticipate your business remaining in Sutton Courtenay Parish over the next 10 years? If you answered "no", please indicate why

Yes

Q16

If yes (to Q15.) what obstacles are there to developing your business in Sutton Courtenay Parish?

Planning consent

Q17**Yes**

Do you anticipate needing larger premises during the next 10 years?

Q18**Very likely**

If you anticipate expanding in the next 5-10 years, how likely are you to be able to accommodate expansion in your existing premises?

Q19**Not applicable**

If you need to relocate to new premises, how likely are you to remain in Sutton Courtenay Parish rather than move elsewhere?

Q20**No**

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to remain in the parish?

Q21**No**

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to expand in the parish?

Q22

Other (please specify):

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial/business use would you want to:

N/a

Q23**None - there is sufficient**

What type of commercial property do you think the Parish needs more of (you may tick more than one)?

Q24

Other (please specify):

If you have a need for new floorspace, what amount of space do you / will you need?

Q25

Has Covid-19 and/or working from home affected the size or type of business premises you require either now or in the future?

Please supply any relevant details you would like us to know:

N/a

Q26

Have you been working from home during the COVID-19 restrictions?

No

Q27

Are you likely to work from home in the future once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted?

Other (please specify):

N/a

#4

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What is the name of the business for which you are responding?



Q2

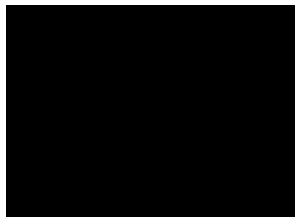
What is the address of the business?

Address

Address 2

Town

Postal Code



Q3

email address (optional)

Email Address



Q4

What is the type of business? A maximum of 2 options can be selected

Other (please specify):

Hairdressing.

Q5

Please briefly describe the products or services supplied

We are a small hairdressing salon.

Q6

10 years +

How many years has your business been in Sutton Courtenay Parish?

Q7

What are the most important reasons that you chose to run your business from Sutton Courtenay? A maximum of 2 options can be selected

Local demand for products and/or services,
Owner lives locally

Q8

What are the majority of deliveries that you receive or dispatch transported by? (excluding letters and general correspondence)

Small van**Q9**

How do your staff travel to work (tick all that apply)

Car**Q10**

Do you have sufficient off-street parking for vehicles?

Yes**Q11**

How many people are employed by the business, at this location? (include owner/proprietor/senior manager)

3-5**Q12**

Where do the people employed in the business live? Please indicate how many employees live within or outside of the Parish. (Please select all that apply)

Within Parish,
Within 3 miles of the business (outside of parish)

Q13

For sustainable growth of the Parish, we need to address the need for local employment. What can the local community do to encourage local business to employ more people from the immediate area?

I don't think there is anything. For my business I would employ the best person for the job regardless of where they lived.

Q14

What facilities do you wish were provided locally that would contribute to business life in Sutton Courtenay? This can include the availability of broadband speed and Internet connection bandwidth

Better mobile phone and broadband coverage.

Q15

Do you anticipate your business remaining in Sutton Courtenay Parish over the next 10 years? If you answered "no", please indicate why

Yes

Q16

If yes (to Q15.) what obstacles are there to developing your business in Sutton Courtenay Parish?

Limited audience

Q17**No**

Do you anticipate needing larger premises during the next 10 years?

Q18**Very unlikely**

If you anticipate expanding in the next 5-10 years, how likely are you to be able to accommodate expansion in your existing premises?

Q19**Very unlikely**

If you need to relocate to new premises, how likely are you to remain in Sutton Courtenay Parish rather than move elsewhere?

Q20**Yes,**

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to remain in the parish?

Please explain:

Possibly but would depend on cost and the business at the time. Also factors of parking and access.

Q21**No**

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to expand in the parish?

Q22**Lease workspace,**

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial/business use would you want to:

Other (please specify):

Again, this would depend on many factors as mentioned above.

Q23

What type of commercial property do you think the Parish needs more of (you may tick more than one)?

Other (please specify):

We certainly do not need most of this. This is a small village right next door to a business park. We need to leave the business side of things to them and keep Sutton Courtenay as a residential village. We once had many businesses in the village, sadly so many have failed and closed. In these uncertain times we do not need un-used buildings sat empty.

Q24

If you have a need for new floorspace, what amount of space do you / will you need?

Other (please specify):

not needed

Q25

Has Covid-19 and/or working from home affected the size or type of business premises you require either now or in the future?

The type/size of business premises we require has been affected

Q26

Have you been working from home during the COVID-19 restrictions?

No

Q27

Are you likely to work from home in the future once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted?

No

#5

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What is the name of the business for which you are responding?



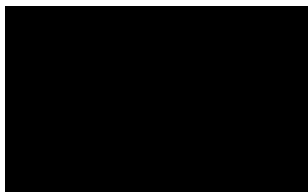
Q2

What is the address of the business?

Address

Town

Postal Code



Q3

email address (optional)

Email Address



Q4

What is the type of business? A maximum of 2 options can be selected

Education,
Arts/ Entertainment

Q5

Please briefly describe the products or services supplied

We are primarily a music school with other arts and fitness.
We're a registered charity.

Q6

10 years +

How many years has your business been in Sutton Courtenay Parish?

Q7

What are the most important reasons that you chose to run your business from Sutton Courtenay? A maximum of 2 options can be selected

Other (please specify):

Q8

What are the majority of deliveries that you receive or dispatch transported by? (excluding letters and general correspondence)

Not applicable

Q9

How do your staff travel to work (tick all that apply)

Car,

Cycle,

Walk,

Other (please specify):

bus

Q10

Do you have sufficient off-street parking for vehicles?

No,

If no, please add more details:

Q11

How many people are employed by the business, at this location? (include owner/proprietor/senior manager)

11-20

Q12

Where do the people employed in the business live? Please indicate how many employees live within or outside of the Parish. (Please select all that apply)

On site accommodation,

Within Parish,

Within 3 miles of the business (outside of parish),

Further than 3 miles from the business (outside of parish)

Q13

For sustainable growth of the Parish, we need to address the need for local employment. What can the local community do to encourage local business to employ more people from the immediate area?

Respondent skipped this question

Q14

What facilities do you wish were provided locally that would contribute to business life in Sutton Courtenay? This can include the availability of broadband speed and Internet connection bandwidth

Our broadband appears to be OK. Mobile phone reception is awful.

Q15**Yes**

Do you anticipate your business remaining in Sutton Courtenay Parish over the next 10 years? If you answered "no", please indicate why

Q16

If yes (to Q15.) what obstacles are there to developing your business in Sutton Courtenay Parish?

We have no intention of expanding in our current location - we just want to get better at what we're doing now.

Q17**No**

Do you anticipate needing larger premises during the next 10 years?

Q18**Respondent skipped this question**

If you anticipate expanding in the next 5-10 years, how likely are you to be able to accommodate expansion in your existing premises?

Q19**Not applicable**

If you need to relocate to new premises, how likely are you to remain in Sutton Courtenay Parish rather than move elsewhere?

Q20

Please explain:

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to remain in the parish?

N.A.

Q21

Please explain:

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to expand in the parish?

Same question?

Q22**Respondent skipped this question**

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial/business use would you want to:

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

What type of commercial property do you think the Parish needs more of (you may tick more than one)?

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

If you have a need for new floorspace, what amount of space do you / will you need?

Q25

Has Covid-19 and/or working from home affected the size or type of business premises you require either now or in the future?

The type/size of business premises we require has been affected

,

The type/size of business premises we require is not likely to be affected in the future

,

Please supply any relevant details you would like us to know:

We have been closed during the three lockdowns, teaching remotely where possible.

Q26**No**

Have you been working from home during the COVID-19 restrictions?

Q27**No**

Are you likely to work from home in the future once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted?

#6

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Q1

What is the name of the business for which you are responding?

**Q2**

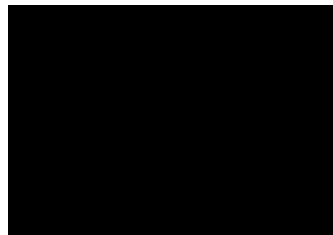
What is the address of the business?

Address

Address 2

Town

Postal Code

**Q3**

email address (optional)

Email Address

**Q4**

What is the type of business? A maximum of 2 options can be selected

Other (please specify):

Heating and Plumbing Maintenance & Repair

Q5

Please briefly describe the products or services supplied

Maintenance and repair of heating and plumbing systems and gas appliances

Q6

10 years +

How many years has your business been in Sutton Courtenay Parish?

Q7

What are the most important reasons that you chose to run your business from Sutton Courtenay? A maximum of 2 options can be selected

Home based business,**Owner lives locally****Q8**

What are the majority of deliveries that you receive or dispatch transported by? (excluding letters and general correspondence)

Transit van or similar**Q9**

How do your staff travel to work (tick all that apply)

Transit van or similar**Q10**

Do you have sufficient off-street parking for vehicles?

Yes**Q11**

How many people are employed by the business, at this location? (include owner/proprietor/senior manager)

1-2**Q12**

Where do the people employed in the business live? Please indicate how many employees live within or outside of the Parish. (Please select all that apply)

On site accommodation**Q13**

For sustainable growth of the Parish, we need to address the need for local employment. What can the local community do to encourage local business to employ more people from the immediate area?

Respondent skipped this question**Q14**

What facilities do you wish were provided locally that would contribute to business life in Sutton Courtenay? This can include the availability of broadband speed and Internet connection bandwidth

Respondent skipped this question**Q15**

Do you anticipate your business remaining in Sutton Courtenay Parish over the next 10 years? If you answered "no", please indicate why

Yes

Q16

If yes (to Q15.) what obstacles are there to developing your business in Sutton Courtenay Parish?

None

Q17**No**

Do you anticipate needing larger premises during the next 10 years?

Q18**Neither likely nor unlikely**

If you anticipate expanding in the next 5-10 years, how likely are you to be able to accommodate expansion in your existing premises?

Q19**Likely**

If you need to relocate to new premises, how likely are you to remain in Sutton Courtenay Parish rather than move elsewhere?

Q20**No,**

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to remain in the parish?

Please explain:

I wont be expanding to require business premises

Q21**No,**

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to expand in the parish?

Please explain:

I wont be expanding to require business premises

Q22**Other (please specify):**

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial/business use would you want to:

I wont be expanding to require business premises

Q23**Respondent skipped this question**

What type of commercial property do you think the Parish needs more of (you may tick more than one)?

Q24**Respondent skipped this question**

If you have a need for new floorspace, what amount of space do you / will you need?

Q25

Has Covid-19 and/or working from home affected the size or type of business premises you require either now or in the future?

The type/size of business premises we require has not been affected

,

The type/size of business premises we require is not likely to be affected in the future

Q26

Have you been working from home during the COVID-19 restrictions?

No

Q27

Are you likely to work from home in the future once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted?

No

#7

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What is the name of the business for which you are responding?

**Q2**

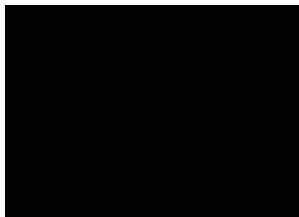
What is the address of the business?

Address

Address 2

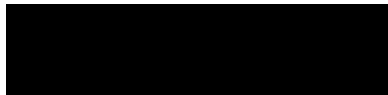
Town

Postal Code

**Q3**

email address (optional)

Email Address

**Q4****Construction and or property**

What is the type of business? A maximum of 2 options can be selected

Q5

Please briefly describe the products or services supplied

General builder from small maintenance jobs to large extensions

Q6**10 years +**

How many years has your business been in Sutton Courtenay Parish?

Q7**Home based business**

What are the most important reasons that you chose to run your business from Sutton Courtenay? A maximum of 2 options can be selected

Q8**Transit van or similar,
Under 7.5 tonne truck,
HGV non articulated truck**

What are the majority of deliveries that you receive or dispatch transported by? (excluding letters and general correspondence)

Q9**None of the above**

How do your staff travel to work (tick all that apply)

Q10**Yes**

Do you have sufficient off-street parking for vehicles?

Q11**1-2**

How many people are employed by the business, at this location? (include owner/proprietor/senior manager)

Q12**On site accommodation**

Where do the people employed in the business live? Please indicate how many employees live within or outside of the Parish. (Please select all that apply)

Q13**Respondent skipped this question**

For sustainable growth of the Parish, we need to address the need for local employment. What can the local community do to encourage local business to employ more people from the immediate area?

Q14**Respondent skipped this question**

What facilities do you wish were provided locally that would contribute to business life in Sutton Courtenay? This can include the availability of broadband speed and Internet connection bandwidth

Q15**Yes**

Do you anticipate your business remaining in Sutton Courtenay Parish over the next 10 years? If you answered "no", please indicate why

Q16

If yes (to Q15.) what obstacles are there to developing your business in Sutton Courtenay Parish?

None

Q17

No

Do you anticipate needing larger premises during the next 10 years?

Q18

Likely,

If you anticipate expanding in the next 5-10 years, how likely are you to be able to accommodate expansion in your existing premises?

Please provide relevant comments here where applicable:

Have planning permission for garages for storage

Q19

Very likely

If you need to relocate to new premises, how likely are you to remain in Sutton Courtenay Parish rather than move elsewhere?

Q20

Yes

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to remain in the parish?

Q21

Please explain:

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to expand in the parish?

Na

Q22

Other (please specify):

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial/business use would you want to:

Non of above. Happy to work from home

Q23

Open Storage,

What type of commercial property do you think the Parish needs more of (you may tick more than one)?

Small start up units (light industrial)

Q24

51-100 sq.m.,

If you have a need for new floorspace, what amount of space do you / will you need?

Other (please specify):

For vehicles

Q25

Has Covid-19 and/or working from home affected the size or type of business premises you require either now or in the future?

The type/size of business premises we require is not likely to be affected in the future

Q26

Have you been working from home during the COVID-19 restrictions?

No**Q27**

Are you likely to work from home in the future once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted?

No

#8

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Page 1: Why do we need this survey?

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What is the name of the business for which you are responding?

**Q2**

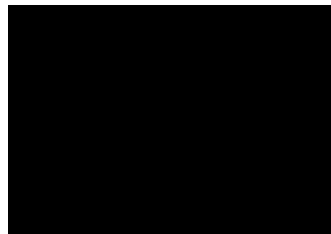
What is the address of the business?

Address

Address 2

Town

Postal Code

**Q3**

email address (optional)

Email Address

**Q4**

What is the type of business? A maximum of 2 options can be selected

Other (please specify):

Religious charitable organisation

Q5

Please briefly describe the products or services supplied

Retreats, accommodation, music and arts events, lectures

Q6

10 years +

How many years has your business been in Sutton Courtenay Parish?

Q7 **Availability of a suitable site**

What are the most important reasons that you chose to run your business from Sutton Courtenay? A maximum of 2 options can be selected

Q8 **Transit van or similar,**

What are the majority of deliveries that you receive or dispatch transported by? (excluding letters and general correspondence)

Under 7.5 tonne truck

Q9 **Car,**

How do your staff travel to work (tick all that apply)

Other (please specify):
Some staff are resident

Q10 **Yes**

Do you have sufficient off-street parking for vehicles?

Q11 **6-10**

How many people are employed by the business, at this location? (include owner/proprietor/senior manager)

Q12 **On site accommodation,**

Where do the people employed in the business live? Please indicate how many employees live within or outside of the Parish. (Please select all that apply)

Further than 3 miles from the business (outside of parish)

Q13

For sustainable growth of the Parish, we need to address the need for local employment. What can the local community do to encourage local business to employ more people from the immediate area?

I don't know

Q14

What facilities do you wish were provided locally that would contribute to business life in Sutton Courtenay? This can include the availability of broadband speed and Internet connection bandwidth

Affordable premises

Q15 **Yes**

Do you anticipate your business remaining in Sutton Courtenay Parish over the next 10 years? If you answered "no", please indicate why

Q16

If yes (to Q15.) what obstacles are there to developing your business in Sutton Courtenay Parish?

None

Q17

No

Do you anticipate needing larger premises during the next 10 years?

Q18

Very likely

If you anticipate expanding in the next 5-10 years, how likely are you to be able to accommodate expansion in your existing premises?

Q19

Very unlikely

If you need to relocate to new premises, how likely are you to remain in Sutton Courtenay Parish rather than move elsewhere?

Q20

No,

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to remain in the parish?

Please explain:

Business already has sufficient premises.

Q21

No,

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to expand in the parish?

Please explain:

Business already has sufficient premises.

Q22

Design and build your own workspace

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial/business use would you want to:

Q23

What type of commercial property do you think the Parish needs more of (you may tick more than one)?

Light industrial/ Workshop (quiet industrial uses that can take place in a residential area)

,

Small start up units (light industrial),

Offices,

Small start up units (offices) ,

Other (please specify):

Small retail units

Q24

If you have a need for new floorspace, what amount of space do you / will you need?

Other (please specify):

NA

Q25

Has Covid-19 and/or working from home affected the size or type of business premises you require either now or in the future?

The type/size of business premises we require is likely to be affected in the future

'

Please supply any relevant details you would like us to know:

Modification of premises may be needed to accommodate covid restrictions, i.e. social distancing.

Q26

Have you been working from home during the COVID-19 restrictions?

Yes

Q27

Are you likely to work from home in the future once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted?

Yes

#9

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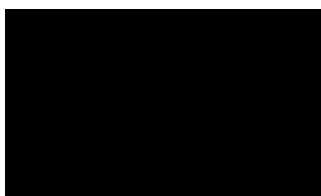
**Q2**

What is the address of the business?

Address

Address 2

Postal Code

**Q3**

email address (optional)

Email Address

**Q4**

What is the type of business? A maximum of 2 options can be selected

Mining or Quarrying,

Other (please specify):

Waste Management

Q5

Please briefly describe the products or services supplied

Waste management and associated environmental services

Q6**10 years +**

How many years has your business been in Sutton Courtenay Parish?

Q7

What are the most important reasons that you chose to run your business from Sutton Courtenay? A maximum of 2 options can be selected

Local demand for products and/or services,
Availability of a suitable site

Q8

What are the majority of deliveries that you receive or dispatch transported by? (excluding letters and general correspondence)

Other (please specify):
Variety of traffic, further details can be provided as required

Q9

How do your staff travel to work (tick all that apply)

Car,
Small van,
Cycle

Q10

Do you have sufficient off-street parking for vehicles?

Yes

Q11

How many people are employed by the business, at this location? (include owner/proprietor/senior manager)

21-49

Q12

Where do the people employed in the business live? Please indicate how many employees live within or outside of the Parish. (Please select all that apply)

Within Parish,
Within 3 miles of the business (outside of parish),
Further than 3 miles from the business (outside of parish)

Q13

For sustainable growth of the Parish, we need to address the need for local employment. What can the local community do to encourage local business to employ more people from the immediate area?

Respondent skipped this question

Q14

What facilities do you wish were provided locally that would contribute to business life in Sutton Courtenay? This can include the availability of broadband speed and Internet connection bandwidth

Broadband and traffic/access

Q15

Do you anticipate your business remaining in Sutton Courtenay Parish over the next 10 years? If you answered "no", please indicate why

Yes

Q16

If yes (to Q15.) what obstacles are there to developing your business in Sutton Courtenay Parish?

Traffic

Q17**No**

Do you anticipate needing larger premises during the next 10 years?

Q18**Very likely**

If you anticipate expanding in the next 5-10 years, how likely are you to be able to accommodate expansion in your existing premises?

Q19**Not applicable**

If you need to relocate to new premises, how likely are you to remain in Sutton Courtenay Parish rather than move elsewhere?

Q20

Please explain:

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to remain in the parish?

Not applicable for our business

Q21

Please explain:

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to expand in the parish?

Not applicable for our business

Q22

Other (please specify):

If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial/business use would you want to:

Not applicable for our business

Q23

Other (please specify):

What type of commercial property do you think the Parish needs more of (you may tick more than one)?

No comment

Q24

Other (please specify):

If you have a need for new floorspace, what amount of space do you / will you need?

Not applicable - have space to expand on site

Q25

Has Covid-19 and/or working from home affected the size or type of business premises you require either now or in the future?

The type/size of business premises we require has not been affected

Q26

Have you been working from home during the COVID-19 restrictions?

Yes

Q27

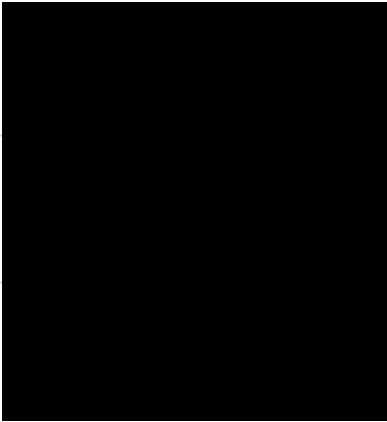
Are you likely to work from home in the future once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted?

**Other (please specify):
mixture**

APPENDIX 12 – BUSINESS SURVEY RESPONSES

Q1 What is the name of the business for which you are responding?

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Q2 What is the address of the business?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 0

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State/Province	0.00%	0
Postal Code	100.00%	9
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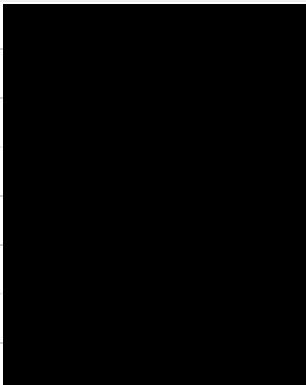
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There are no responses.

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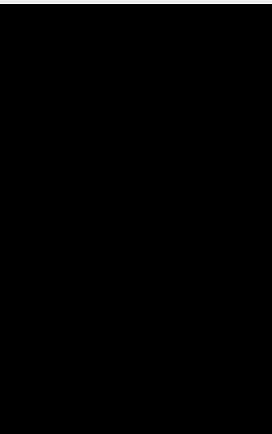
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There are no responses.

#	EMAIL ADDRESS	DATE
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There are no responses.

#	PHONE NUMBER	DATE
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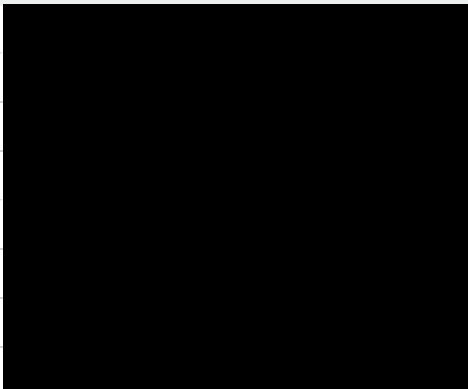
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Q3 email address (optional)

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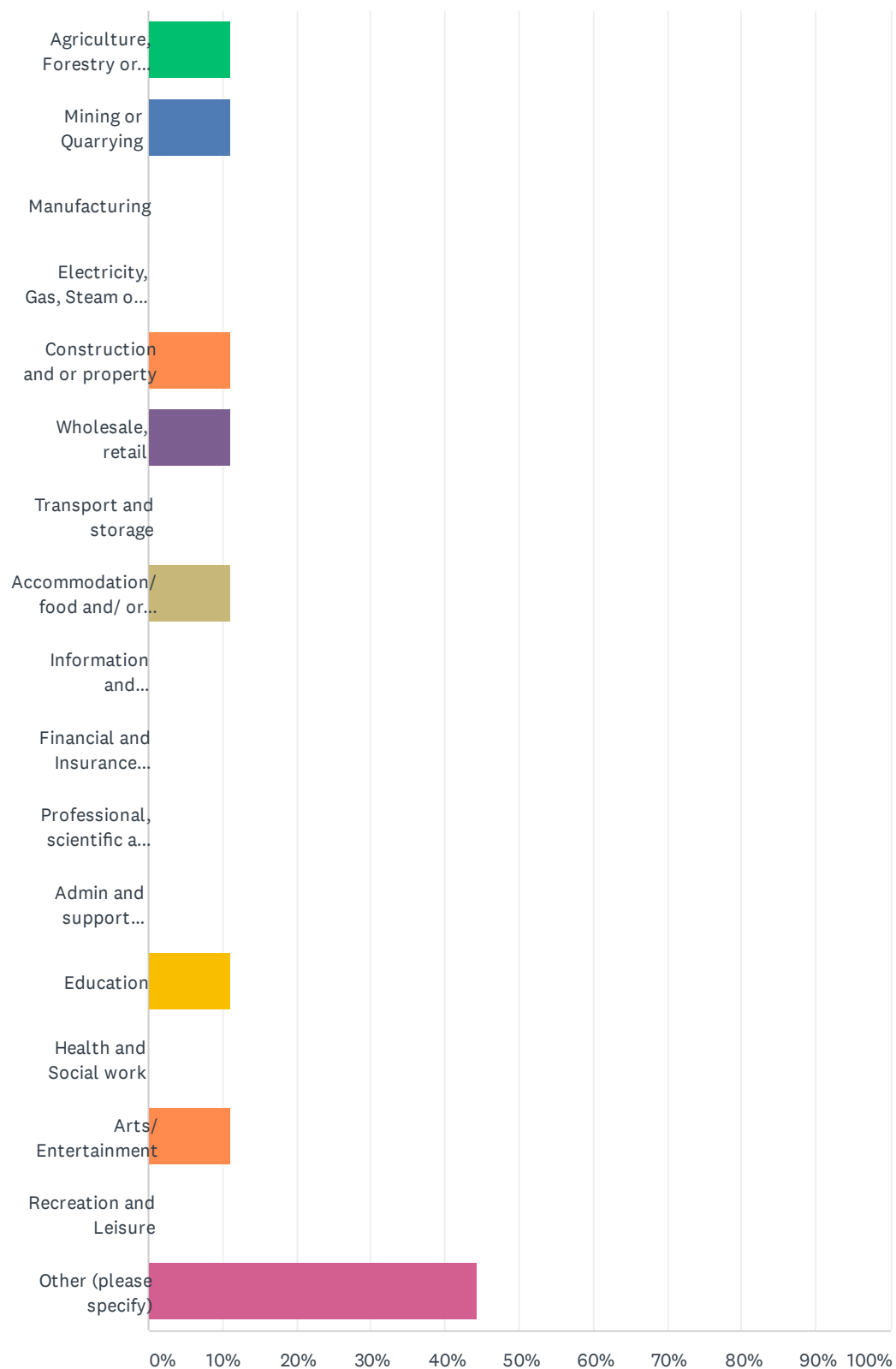
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#	ZIP/POSTAL CODE	DATE
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#	COUNTRY	DATE
	There are no responses.	

#	EMAIL ADDRESS	DATE
1		2/19/2021 4:24 PM
2		2/11/2021 2:40 PM
3		2/6/2021 8:33 PM
4		2/6/2021 2:06 PM
5		2/5/2021 1:02 PM
6		2/2/2021 12:33 PM
7		2/1/2021 11:44 AM
8		1/29/2021 6:46 PM
#	PHONE NUMBER	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q4 What is the type of business? A maximum of 2 options can be selected

Answered: 9 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agriculture, Forestry or Fishing	11.11%	1
Mining or Quarrying	11.11%	1
Manufacturing	0.00%	0
Electricity, Gas, Steam or air conditioning supply	0.00%	0
Construction and or property	11.11%	1
Wholesale, retail	11.11%	1
Transport and storage	0.00%	0
Accommodation/ food and/ or drink	11.11%	1
Information and communication	0.00%	0
Financial and Insurance services	0.00%	0
Professional, scientific and technical	0.00%	0
Admin and support services	0.00%	0
Education	11.11%	1
Health and Social work	0.00%	0
Arts/ Entertainment	11.11%	1
Recreation and Leisure	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	44.44%	4
Total Respondents: 9		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Waste Management	2/19/2021 4:24 PM
2	Religious charitable organisation	2/11/2021 2:40 PM
3	Heating and Plumbing Maintenance & Repair	2/6/2021 2:06 PM
4	Hairdressing.	2/2/2021 12:33 PM

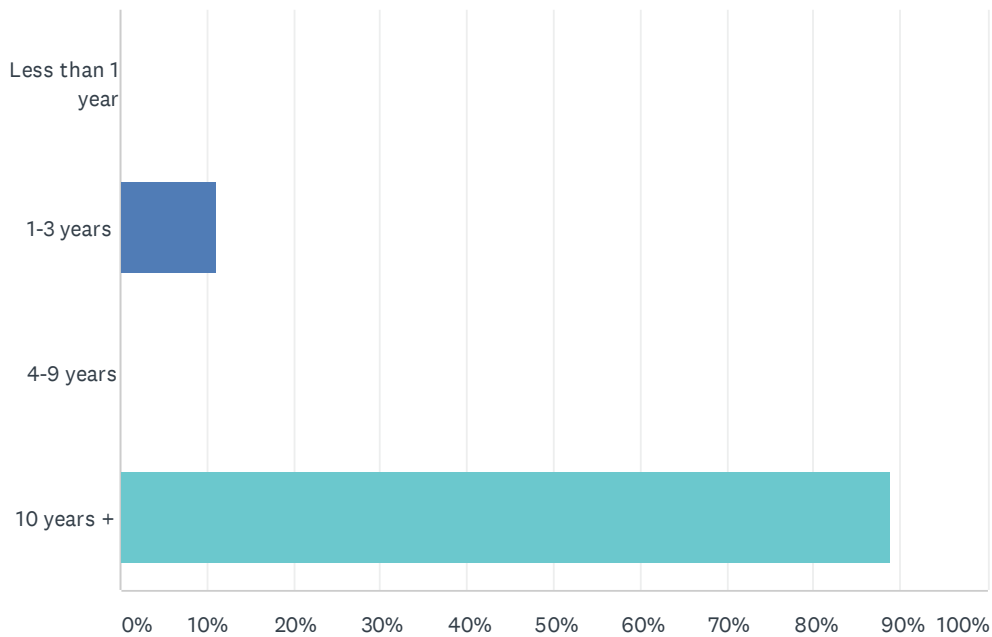
Q5 Please briefly describe the products or services supplied

Answered: 9 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Waste management and associated environmental services	2/19/2021 4:24 PM
2	Retreats, accommodation, music and arts events, lectures	2/11/2021 2:40 PM
3	General builder from small maintenance jobs to large extensions	2/6/2021 8:33 PM
4	Maintenance and repair of heating and plumbing systems and gas appliances	2/6/2021 2:06 PM
5	We are primarily a music school with other arts and fitness. We're a registered charity.	2/5/2021 1:02 PM
6	We are a small hairdressing salon.	2/2/2021 12:33 PM
7	Food and drink	2/1/2021 11:44 AM
8	Mixed farm producing Wheat, Barley, Hay, Straw, Cattle for Beef	1/29/2021 6:46 PM
9	news agent post office	1/28/2021 3:37 PM

Q6 How many years has your business been in Sutton Courtenay Parish?

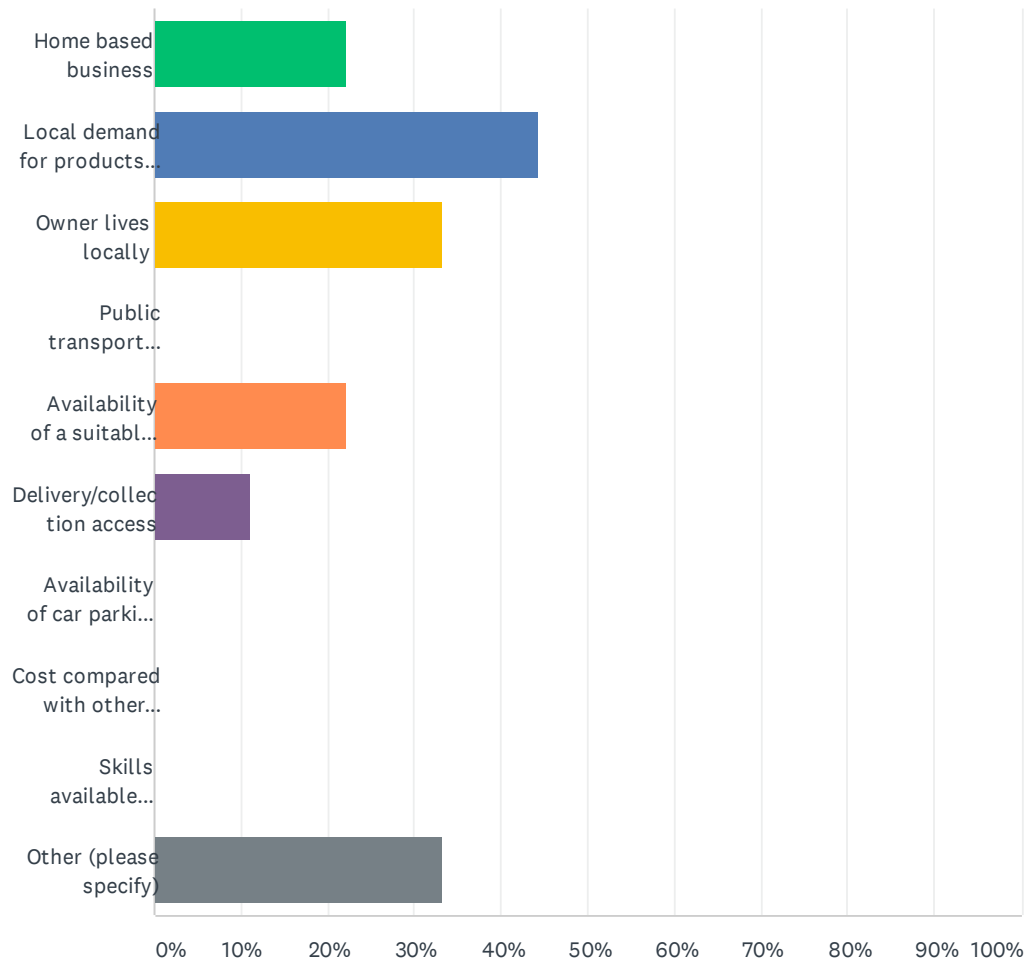
Answered: 9 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	0.00%	0
1-3 years	11.11%	1
4-9 years	0.00%	0
10 years +	88.89%	8
Total Respondents: 9		

Q7 What are the most important reasons that you chose to run your business from Sutton Courtenay? A maximum of 2 options can be selected

Answered: 9 Skipped: 0

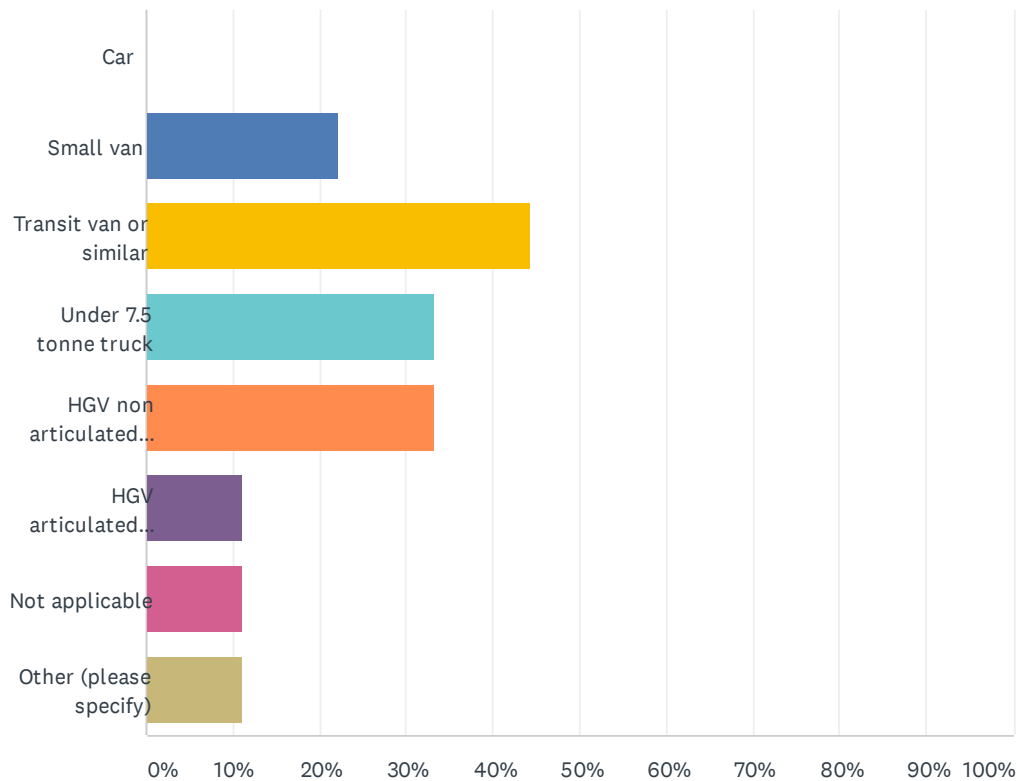


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Home based business	22.22%	2
Local demand for products and/or services	44.44%	4
Owner lives locally	33.33%	3
Public transport access	0.00%	0
Availability of a suitable site	22.22%	2
Delivery/collection access	11.11%	1
Availability of car parking / lorry parking	0.00%	0
Cost compared with other locations	0.00%	0
Skills available locally	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	33.33%	3
Total Respondents: 9		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1		2/5/2021 1:02 PM
2	Public house	2/1/2021 11:44 AM
3	Farmland is located here surrounding village and farmyard in the village	1/29/2021 6:46 PM

Q8 What are the majority of deliveries that you receive or dispatch transported by? (excluding letters and general correspondence)

Answered: 9 Skipped: 0

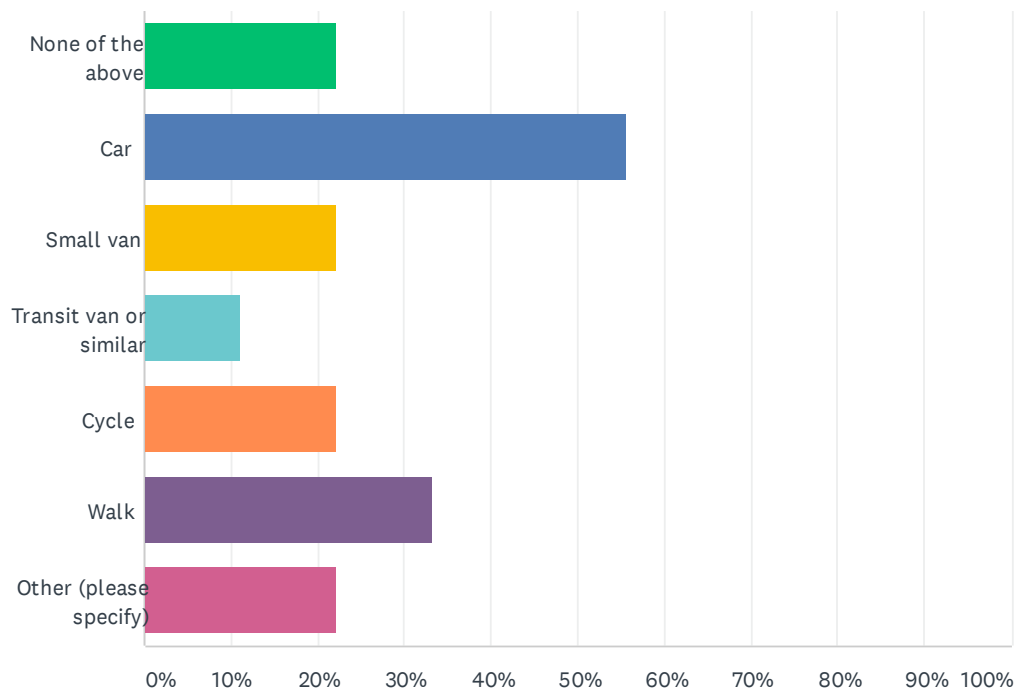


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Car	0.00%	0
Small van	22.22%	2
Transit van or similar	44.44%	4
Under 7.5 tonne truck	33.33%	3
HGV non articulated truck	33.33%	3
HGV articulated truck	11.11%	1
Not applicable	11.11%	1
Other (please specify)	11.11%	1
Total Respondents: 9		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Variety of traffic, further details can be provided as required	2/19/2021 4:24 PM

Q9 How do your staff travel to work (tick all that apply)

Answered: 9 Skipped: 0

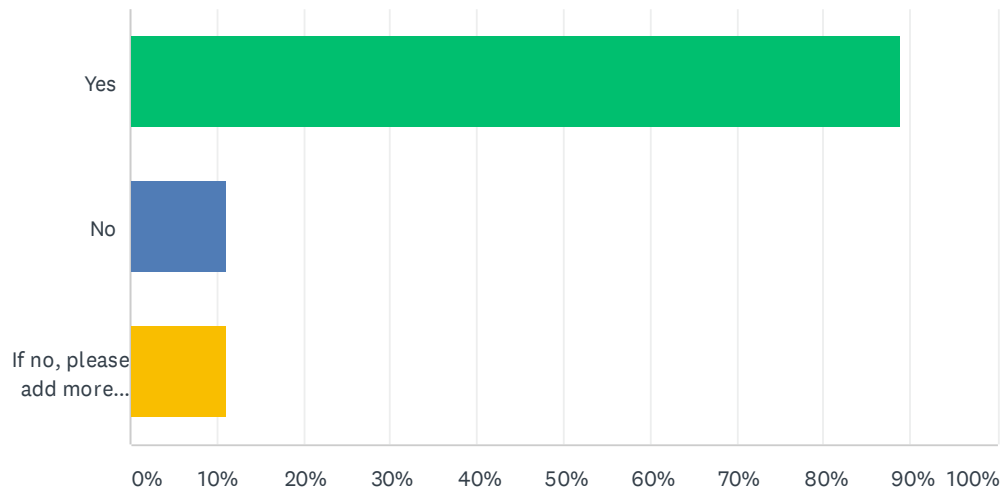


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	22.22%	2
Car	55.56%	5
Small van	22.22%	2
Transit van or similar	11.11%	1
Cycle	22.22%	2
Walk	33.33%	3
Other (please specify)	22.22%	2
Total Respondents: 9		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Some staff are resident	2/11/2021 2:40 PM
2	bus	2/5/2021 1:02 PM

Q10 Do you have sufficient off-street parking for vehicles?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 0

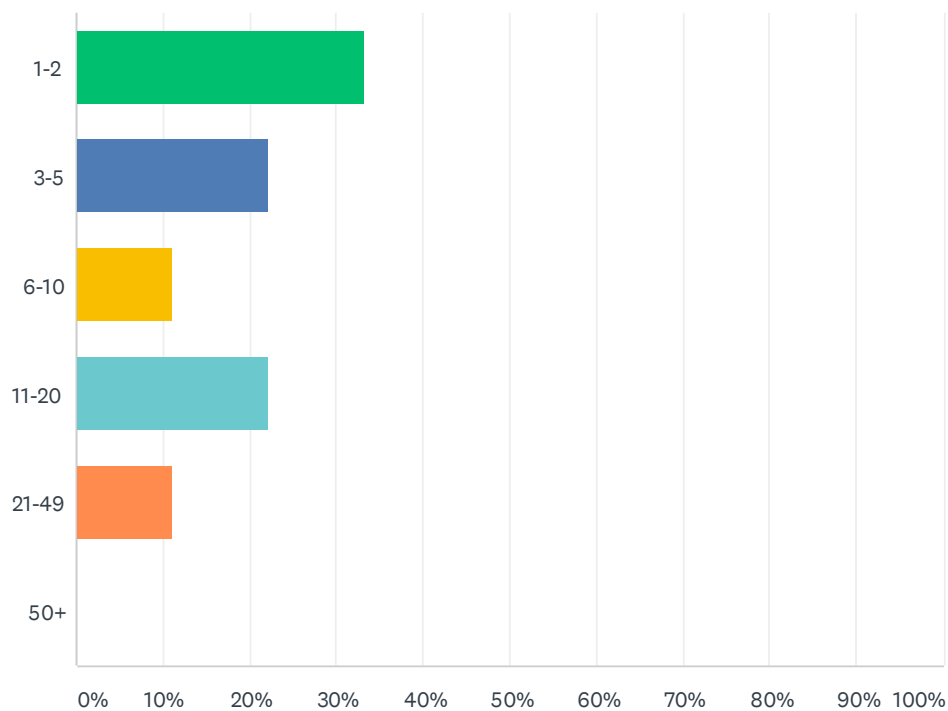


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	88.89%	8
No	11.11%	1
If no, please add more details	11.11%	1
Total Respondents: 9		

#	IF NO, PLEASE ADD MORE DETAILS	DATE
1		2/5/2021 1:02 PM

Q11 How many people are employed by the business, at this location? (include owner/proprietor/senior manager)

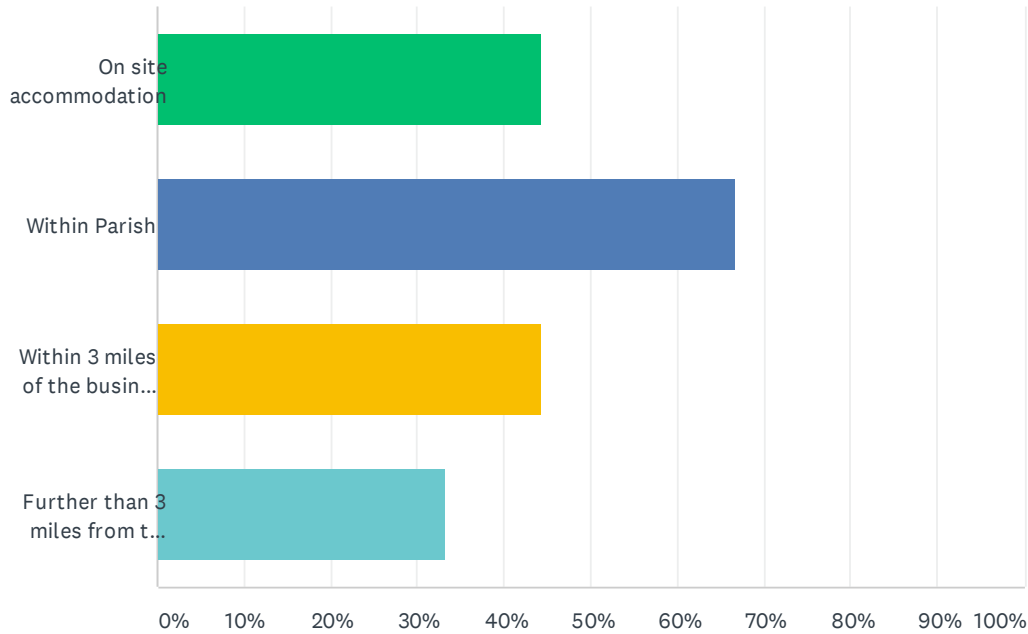
Answered: 9 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1-2	33.33%	3
3-5	22.22%	2
6-10	11.11%	1
11-20	22.22%	2
21-49	11.11%	1
50+	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 9		

Q12 Where do the people employed in the business live? Please indicate how many employees live within or outside of the Parish. (Please select all that apply)

Answered: 9 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
On site accommodation	44.44%	4
Within Parish	66.67%	6
Within 3 miles of the business (outside of parish)	44.44%	4
Further than 3 miles from the business (outside of parish)	33.33%	3
Total Respondents: 9		

Q13 For sustainable growth of the Parish, we need to address the need for local employment. What can the local community do to encourage local business to employ more people from the immediate area?

Answered: 4 Skipped: 5

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I don't know	2/11/2021 2:40 PM
2	I don't think there is anything. For my business I would employ the best person for the job regardless of where they lived.	2/2/2021 12:33 PM
3	Improve facilities	2/1/2021 11:44 AM
4	Ensure people have the correct skills. There is plenty of employment for a wide range of people in the area	1/29/2021 6:46 PM

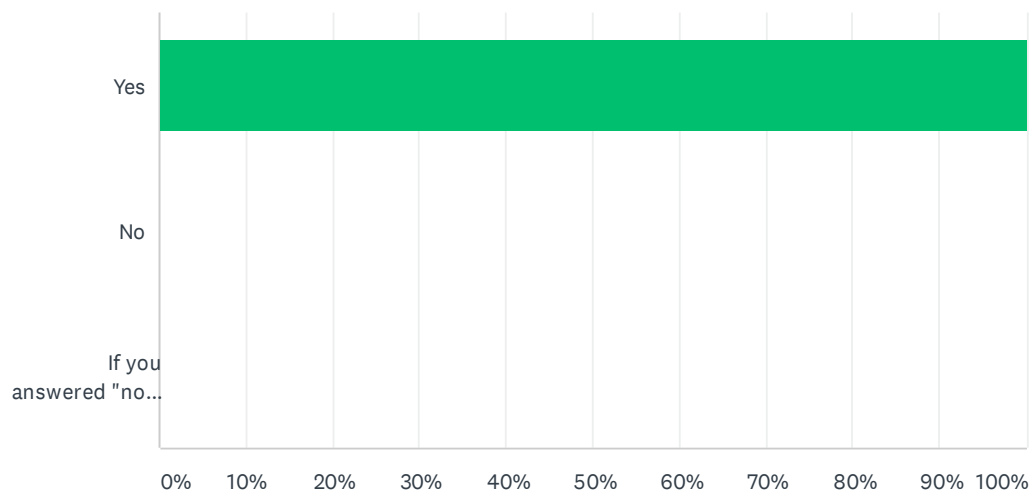
Q14 What facilities do you wish were provided locally that would contribute to business life in Sutton Courtenay? This can include the availability of broadband speed and Internet connection bandwidth

Answered: 6 Skipped: 3

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Broadband and traffic/access	2/19/2021 4:24 PM
2	Affordable premises	2/11/2021 2:40 PM
3	Our broadband appears to be OK. Mobile phone reception is awful.	2/5/2021 1:02 PM
4	Better mobile phone and broadband coverage.	2/2/2021 12:33 PM
5	Better broadband	2/1/2021 11:44 AM
6	Most business is located close to village rather than in village itself	1/29/2021 6:46 PM

Q15 Do you anticipate your business remaining in Sutton Courtenay Parish over the next 10 years? If you answered "no", please indicate why

Answered: 9 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	9
No	0.00%	0
If you answered "no", please indicate why?	0.00%	0
TOTAL		9

#	IF YOU ANSWERED "NO", PLEASE INDICATE WHY?	DATE
	There are no responses.	

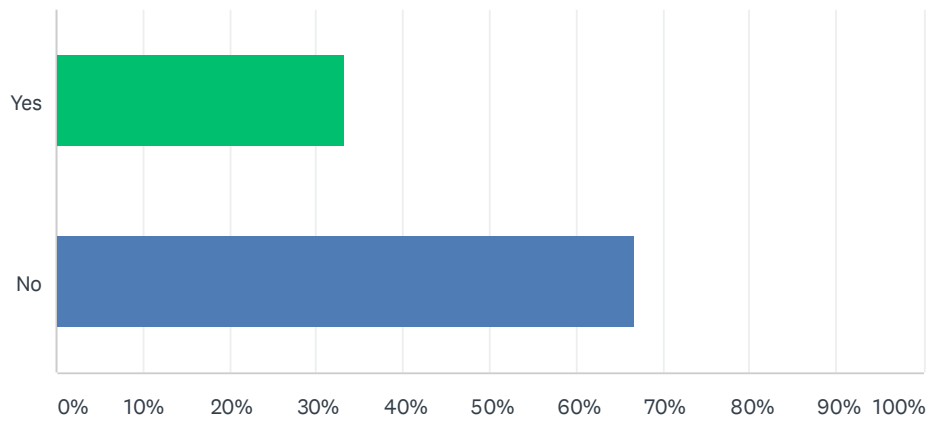
Q16 If yes (to Q15.) what obstacles are there to developing your business in Sutton Courtenay Parish?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Traffic	2/19/2021 4:24 PM
2	None	2/11/2021 2:40 PM
3	None	2/6/2021 8:33 PM
4	None	2/6/2021 2:06 PM
5	We have no intention of expanding in our current location - we just want to get better at what we're doing now.	2/5/2021 1:02 PM
6	Limited audience	2/2/2021 12:33 PM
7	Planning consent	2/1/2021 11:44 AM
8	Any outside influences such as reduction in farm profitability, or restrictions on running a farm business within and around a village - such as complaints re smells from livestock. Thankfully none to date	1/29/2021 6:46 PM

Q17 Do you anticipate needing larger premises during the next 10 years?

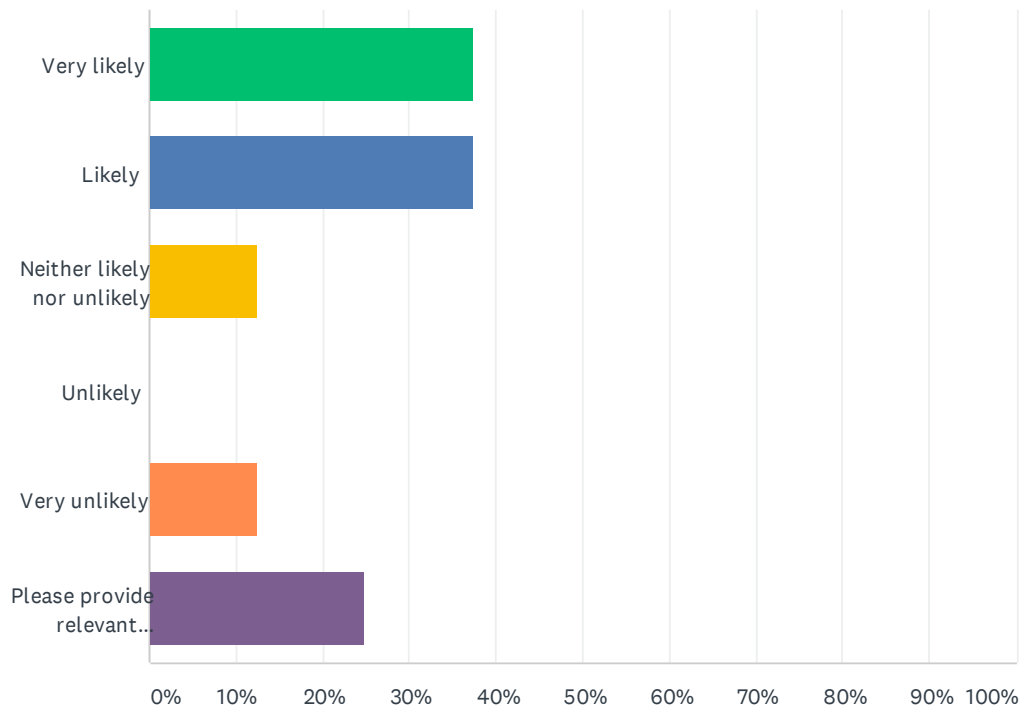
Answered: 9 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.33%	3
No	66.67%	6
Total Respondents: 9		

Q18 If you anticipate expanding in the next 5-10 years, how likely are you to be able to accommodate expansion in your existing premises?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 1

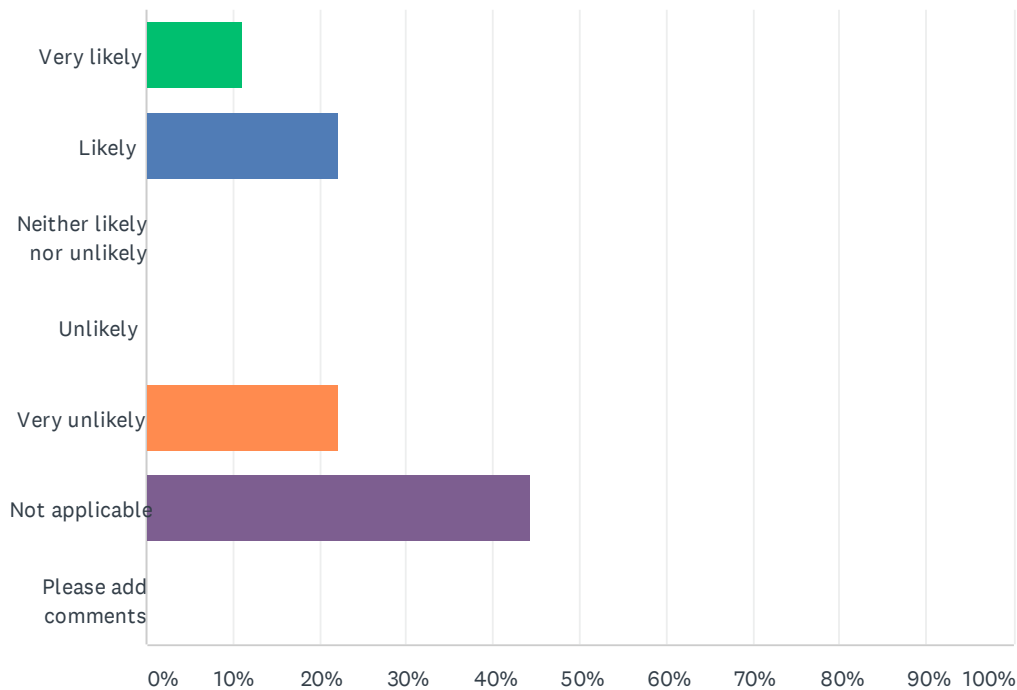


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Very likely		37.50%	3
Likely		37.50%	3
Neither likely nor unlikely		12.50%	1
Unlikely		0.00%	0
Very unlikely		12.50%	1
Please provide relevant comments here where applicable		25.00%	2
Total Respondents: 8			

#	PLEASE PROVIDE RELEVANT COMMENTS HERE WHERE APPLICABLE	DATE
1	Have planning permission for garages for storage	2/6/2021 8:33 PM
2	Assuming planning permission obtained for expanded premises/barns	1/29/2021 6:46 PM

Q19 If you need to relocate to new premises, how likely are you to remain in Sutton Courtenay Parish rather than move elsewhere?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 0

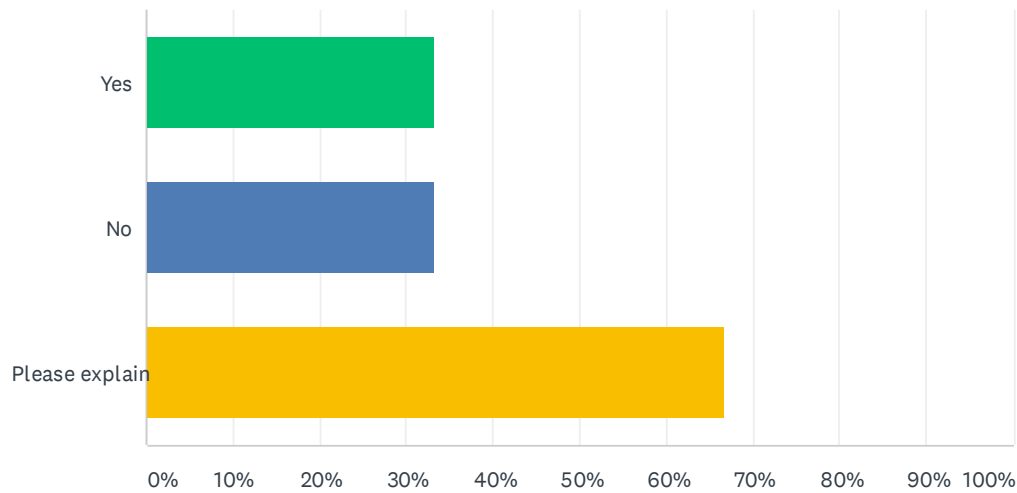


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very likely	11.11%	1
Likely	22.22%	2
Neither likely nor unlikely	0.00%	0
Unlikely	0.00%	0
Very unlikely	22.22%	2
Not applicable	44.44%	4
Please add comments	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 9		

#	PLEASE ADD COMMENTS	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q20 If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to remain in the parish?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 0

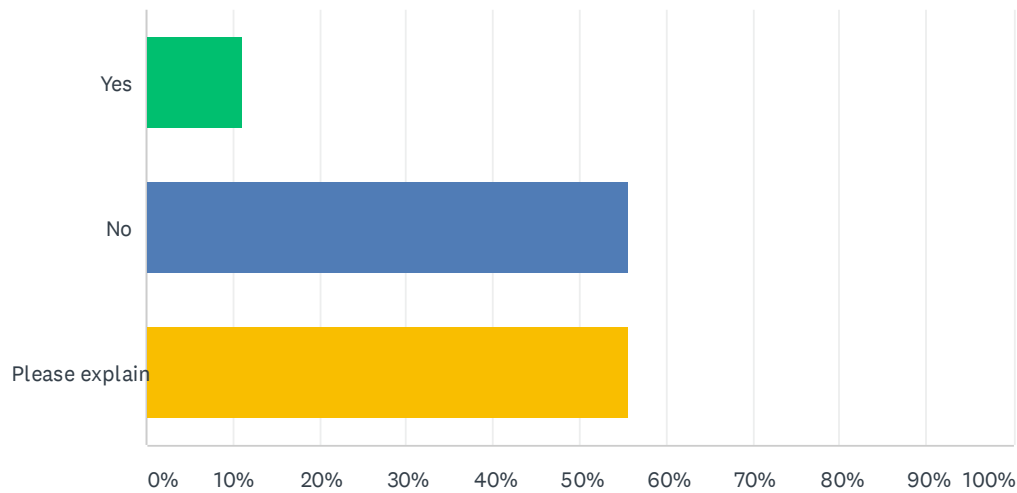


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.33%	3
No	33.33%	3
Please explain	66.67%	6
Total Respondents: 9		

#	PLEASE EXPLAIN	DATE
1	Not applicable for our business	2/19/2021 4:24 PM
2	Business already has sufficient premises.	2/11/2021 2:40 PM
3	I wont be expanding to require business premises	2/6/2021 2:06 PM
4	N.A.	2/5/2021 1:02 PM
5	Possibly but would depend on cost and the business at the time. Also factors of parking and access.	2/2/2021 12:33 PM
6	Not applicable as we have should have sufficient space to expand premises when we need to	1/29/2021 6:46 PM

Q21 If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial / business use would that encourage you to expand in the parish?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 0

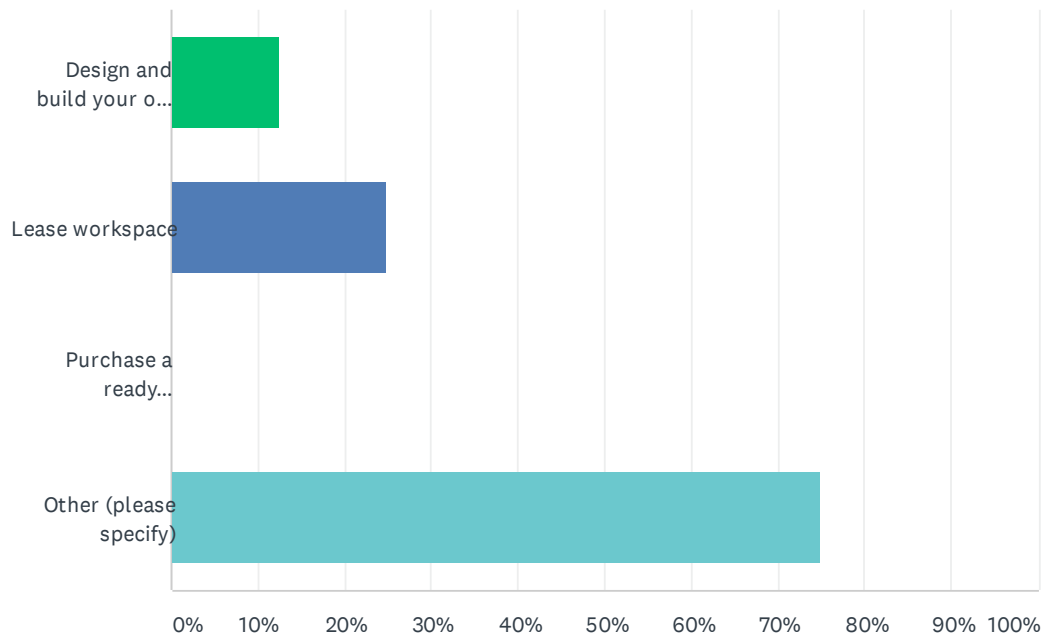


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	11.11%	1
No	55.56%	5
Please explain	55.56%	5
Total Respondents: 9		

#	PLEASE EXPLAIN	DATE
1	Not applicable for our business	2/19/2021 4:24 PM
2	Business already has sufficient premises.	2/11/2021 2:40 PM
3	Na	2/6/2021 8:33 PM
4	I wont be expanding to require business premises	2/6/2021 2:06 PM
5	Same question?	2/5/2021 1:02 PM

Q22 If land was set aside in Sutton Courtenay Parish for commercial/business use would you want to:

Answered: 8 Skipped: 1

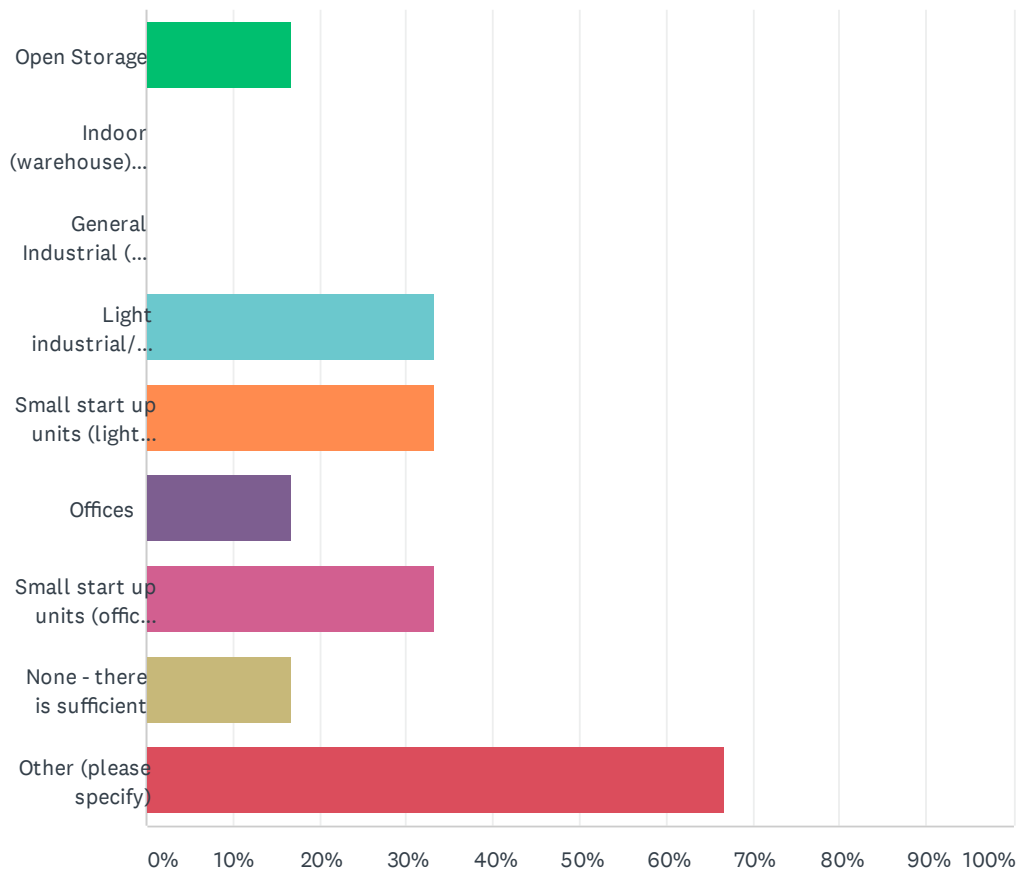


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Design and build your own workspace	12.50%	1
Lease workspace	25.00%	2
Purchase a ready constructed workspace	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	75.00%	6
Total Respondents: 8		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Not applicable for our business	2/19/2021 4:24 PM
2	Non of above. Happy to work from home	2/6/2021 8:33 PM
3	I wont be expanding to require business premises	2/6/2021 2:06 PM
4	Again, this would depend on many factors as mentioned above.	2/2/2021 12:33 PM
5	N/a	2/1/2021 11:44 AM
6	We could potentially provide land if there is a demand for commercial space/premises	1/29/2021 6:46 PM

Q23 What type of commercial property do you think the Parish needs more of (you may tick more than one)?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 3

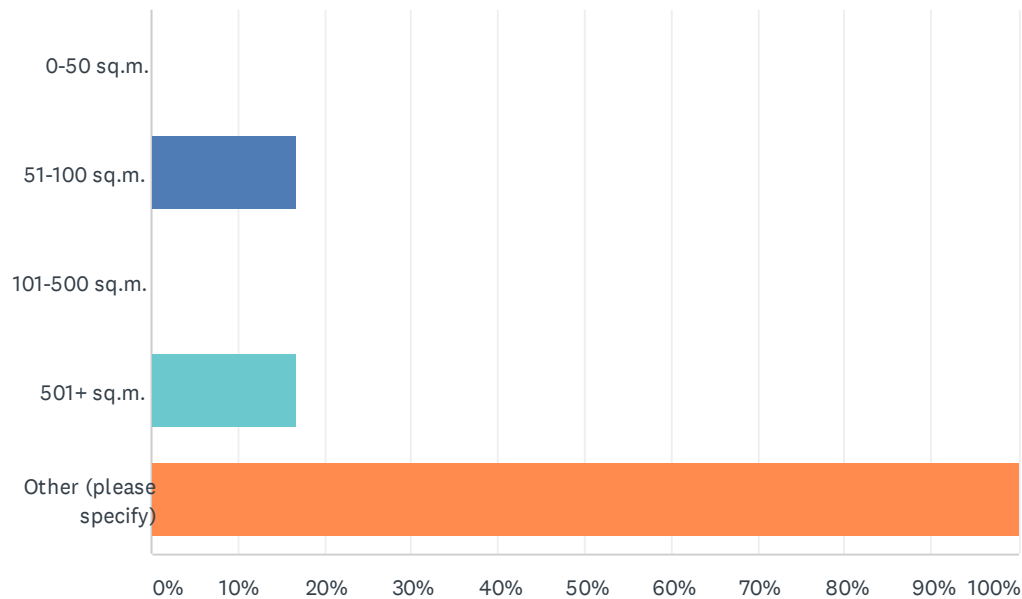


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Open Storage	16.67%	1
Indoor (warehouse) storage	0.00%	0
General Industrial (for uses that are not appropriate in a residential area - due to noise and dust etc)	0.00%	0
Light industrial/ Workshop (quiet industrial uses that can take place in a residential area)	33.33%	2
Small start up units (light industrial)	33.33%	2
Offices	16.67%	1
Small start up units (offices)	33.33%	2
None - there is sufficient	16.67%	1
Other (please specify)	66.67%	4
Total Respondents: 6		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	No comment	2/19/2021 4:24 PM
2	Small retail units	2/11/2021 2:40 PM
3	We certainly do not need most of this. This is a small village right next door to a business park. We need to leave the business side of things to them and keep Sutton Courtenay as a residential village. We once had many businesses in the village, sadly so many have failed and closed. In these uncertain times we do not need un-used buildings sat empty.	2/2/2021 12:33 PM
4	As above there is quite a wide provision of commercial space in the towns and other business parks close to the village	1/29/2021 6:46 PM

Q24 If you have a need for new floorspace, what amount of space do you / will you need?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 3

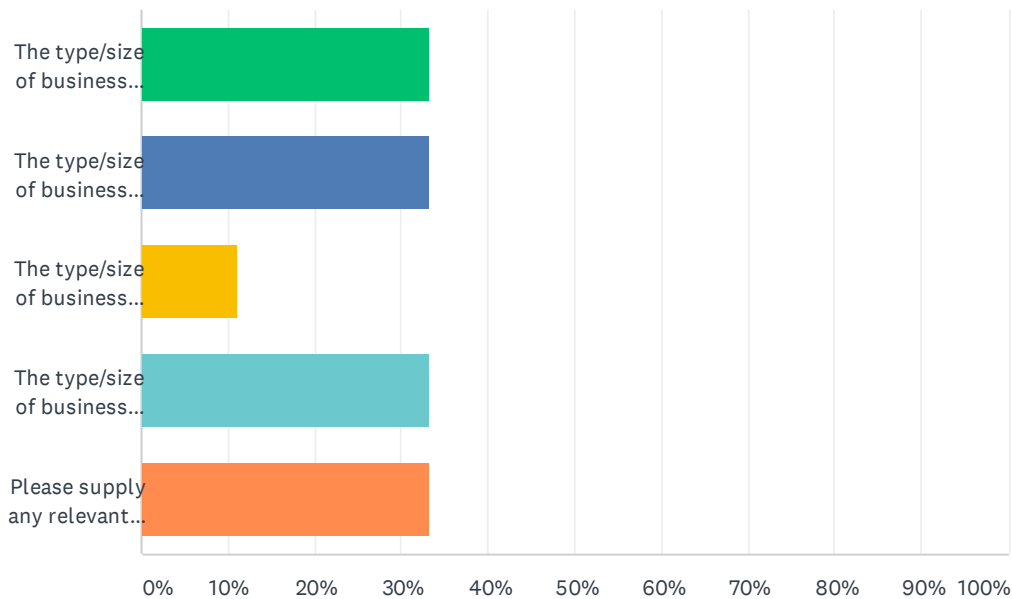


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0-50 sq.m.	0.00% 0
51-100 sq.m.	16.67% 1
101-500 sq.m.	0.00% 0
501+ sq.m.	16.67% 1
Other (please specify)	100.00% 6
Total Respondents: 6	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Not applicable - have space to expand on site	2/19/2021 4:24 PM
2	NA	2/11/2021 2:40 PM
3	For vehicles	2/6/2021 8:33 PM
4	not needed	2/2/2021 12:33 PM
5	N/a	2/1/2021 11:44 AM
6	As above we can accommodate this on existing site	1/29/2021 6:46 PM

Q25 Has Covid-19 and/or working from home affected the size or type of business premises you require either now or in the future?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 0

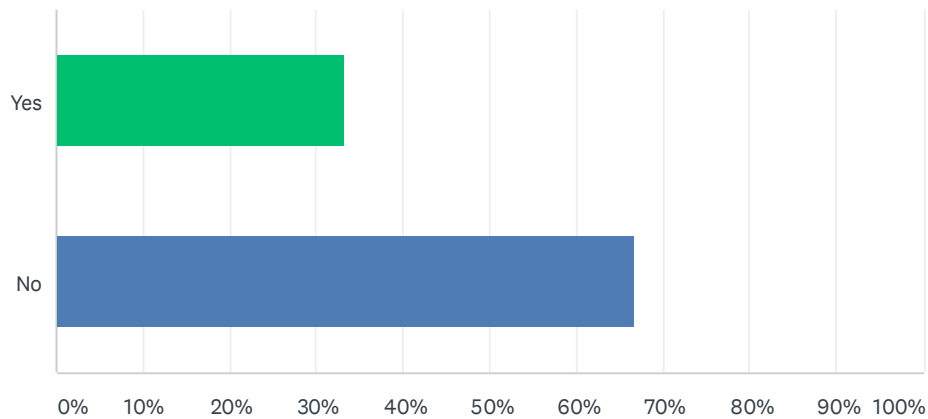


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
The type/size of business premises we require has been affected		33.33%	3
The type/size of business premises we require has not been affected		33.33%	3
The type/size of business premises we require is likely to be affected in the future		11.11%	1
The type/size of business premises we require is not likely to be affected in the future		33.33%	3
Please supply any relevant details you would like us to know		33.33%	3
Total Respondents: 9			

#	PLEASE SUPPLY ANY RELEVANT DETAILS YOU WOULD LIKE US TO KNOW	DATE
1	Modification of premises may be needed to accommodate covid restrictions, i.e. social distancing.	2/11/2021 2:40 PM
2	We have been closed during the three lockdowns, teaching remotely where possible.	2/5/2021 1:02 PM
3	N/a	2/1/2021 11:44 AM

Q26 Have you been working from home during the COVID-19 restrictions?

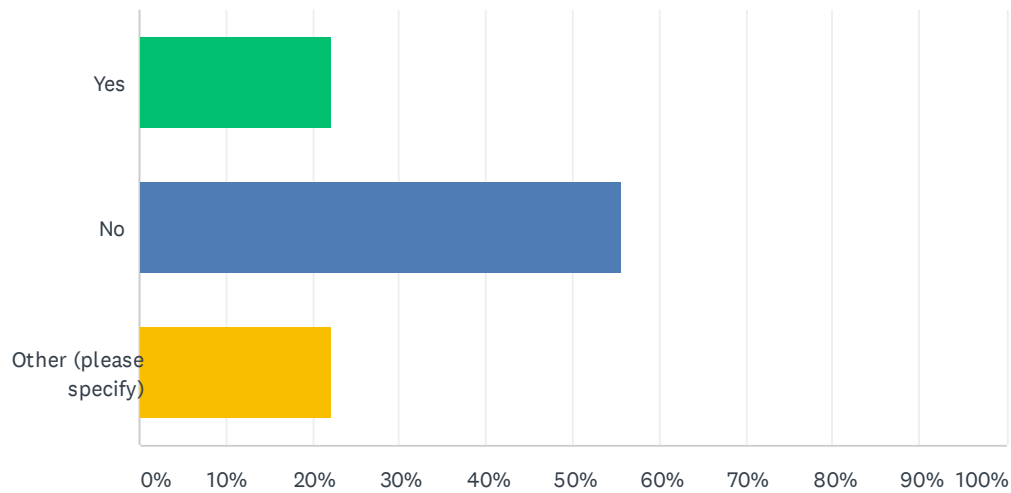
Answered: 9 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		33.33%	3
No		66.67%	6
TOTAL			9

Q27 Are you likely to work from home in the future once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	22.22% 2
No	55.56% 5
Other (please specify)	22.22% 2
TOTAL	9

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	mixture	2/19/2021 4:24 PM
2	N/a	2/1/2021 11:44 AM

APPENDIX 13 – REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION RESPONSE TABLE

SCNP Policy	ID	No	Para in SCNP	Comment	Action	Change Required / Comment
General	Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks	1.	N/A	Confirms that, at this present time, has no comments to make.	No change	Comments noted.
SC13 Transport & Highways	Network Rail	2.	13.1.2 13.1.3	<p>There are two level crossings in Steventon (outside the plan area).</p> <p>Network Rail are concerned that development can result in a significant increase in the vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic utilising a crossing which in turn impacts upon safety and service provision.</p> <p>They think development should be refused unless it can be demonstrated that the safety at crossings etc will not be compromised and request that potential impacts from development affecting Network Rail's level crossings, is specifically addressed through planning policy and suggest the policy should address:</p> <p>The Council have a statutory responsibility under planning legislation to consult the statutory rail undertaker where a proposal for development is likely to result in a material increase in the volume or a material change in the character of traffic using a level crossing over a railway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule 5 (f)(ii) of the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) order, 2010 requires that... "Where any proposed development is likely to result in a material increase in volume or a material change in the character of traffic using a level crossing over a railway (public footpath, public or private road) the Planning Authority's Highway Engineer must submit details to both Her Majesty's Railway Inspectorate and Network Rail for separate approval". Any planning application which may increase the level of pedestrian and/or vehicular usage at a level crossing should be supported by a full Transport Assessment assessing such impact: and The developer is required to fund any required qualitative improvements to the level crossing as a direct result of the development proposed. 	No change	Comments noted.
General	Natural England	3.	N/A	<p>Thank you for your consultation on the above dated and received on 1st July 2022.</p> <p>Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.</p> <p>Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where our interests would be affected by the proposals made.</p> <p>Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan.</p>	No change	Comments noted.

SCNP Policy	ID	No	Para in SCNP	Comment	Action	Change Required / Comment
				<p>However, we refer to the attached annex which covers the issues and opportunities that should be considered when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>For any further consultations on your plan, please contact: consultations@naturalengland.org.uk</p> <p><u>Annex A - Neighbourhood planning and the natural environment:</u> information, issues and opportunities</p> <p><u>Natural Environment Information Sources</u></p> <p>The Magic website will provide you with much of the nationally held natural environment data for your plan area. The most relevant layers for you to consider are: Agricultural Land Classification, Ancient Woodland, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Local Nature Reserves, National Parks (England), National Trails, Priority Habitat Inventory, public rights of way (on the Ordnance Survey base map) and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (including their impact risk zones). Local environmental record centres may hold a range of additional information on the natural environment. A list of local record centres is available here.</p> <p>Priority habitats are those habitats of particular importance for nature conservation, and the list of them can be found here. Most of these will be mapped either as Sites of Special Scientific Interest, on the Magic website or as Local Wildlife Sites.</p> <p>National Character Areas (NCAs) divide England into 159 distinct natural areas. Each character area is defined by a unique combination of landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and cultural and economic activity. NCA profiles contain descriptions of the area and statements of environmental opportunity, which may be useful to inform proposals in your plan. NCA information can be found here.</p> <p>There may also be a local landscape character assessment covering your area. This is a tool to help understand the character and local distinctiveness of the landscape and identify the features that give it a sense of place. It can help to inform, plan and manage change in the area. Your local planning authority should be able to help you access these if you can't find them online.</p> <p>If your neighbourhood planning area is within or adjacent to a National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the relevant National Park/AONB Management Plan for the area will set out useful information about the protected landscape. You can access the plans on from the relevant National Park Authority or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty website.</p> <p>General mapped information on soil types and Agricultural Land Classification is available (under 'landscape') on the Magic website and also from the LandIS website, which contains more information about obtaining soil data.</p> <p><u>Natural Environment Issues to Consider</u></p> <p>The National Planning Policy Framework sets out national planning policy on protecting and enhancing the natural environment. Planning Practice Guidance sets out supporting guidance.</p> <p><u>Your local planning authority should be able to provide you with further advice on the potential impacts of your plan on the natural environment and the need for any environmental assessments.</u></p> <p><u>Landscape</u></p> <p>Your plan may present opportunities to protect and enhance locally valued landscapes. You may want to consider identifying distinctive local landscape features or characteristics such as ponds, woodland or dry stone walls and think about how any new development proposals can respect and enhance local landscape character and distinctiveness.</p> <p>If you are proposing development within or close to a protected landscape (National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) or other sensitive location, we recommend that you carry out a landscape assessment of the proposal. Landscape assessments can help you to choose the most appropriate sites for development and help to avoid or minimise impacts of development on the landscape through careful siting, design and landscaping.</p>		

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				<p><u>Wildlife habitats</u> Some proposals can have adverse impacts on designated wildlife sites or other priority habitats (listed here), such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest or Ancient woodland. If there are likely to be any adverse impacts you'll need to think about how such impacts can be avoided, mitigated or, as a last resort, compensated for.</p> <p><u>Priority and protected species and habitat</u> You'll also want to consider whether any proposals might affect priority species (listed here) or protected species. To help you do this, Natural England has produced advice here to help understand the impact of particular developments on protected species.</p> <p><u>Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land</u> Soil is a finite resource that fulfils many important functions and services for society. It is a growing medium for food, timber and other crops, a store for carbon and water, a reservoir of biodiversity and a buffer against pollution. If you are proposing development, you should seek to use areas of poorer quality agricultural land in preference to that of a higher quality in line with National Planning Policy 171. For more information, see our publication Agricultural Land Classification: protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land.</p> <p><u>Improving your natural environment</u> Your plan or order can offer exciting opportunities to enhance your local environment. If you are setting out policies on new development or proposing sites for development, you may wish to consider identifying what environmental features you want to be retained or enhanced or new features you would like to see created as part of any new development. Examples might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing a new footpath through the new development to link into existing rights of way. • Restoring a neglected hedgerow. • Creating a new pond as an attractive feature on the site. • Planting trees characteristic to the local area to make positive contribution to the local landscape. • Using native plants in landscaping schemes for better nectar and seed sources for bees and birds. • Incorporating swift boxes or bat boxes into the design of new buildings. • Think about how lighting can be best managed to encourage wildlife. • Adding a green roof to new buildings. <p>You may also want to consider enhancing your local area in other ways, for example by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting out in your plan how you would like to implement elements of a wider Green Infrastructure Strategy (if one exists) in your community. • Assessing needs for accessible greenspace and setting out proposals to address any deficiencies or enhance provision. • Identifying green areas of particular importance for special protection through Local Green Space designation (see Planning Practice Guidance on this). • Managing existing (and new) public spaces to be more wildlife friendly (e.g. by sowing wild flower strips in less used parts of parks, changing hedge cutting timings and frequency). • Planting additional street trees. • Identifying any improvements to the existing public right of way network, e.g. cutting back hedges, improving the surface, clearing litter or installing kissing gates) or extending the network to create missing links. • Restoring neglected environmental features (e.g. coppicing a prominent hedge that is in poor condition, or clearing away an eyesore). 		

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SC6 Environment	Philip Owen Chair of Culham Parish Council	4.	6.1.7 Pg 31	Support identification of Green Gap between SC & Culham.	No change	Comments noted.
SC13 Transport & Highways	Philip Owen Chair of Culham Parish Council	5.	13.3.5 Pg 118	Reference to the proposed HIF is out of date	Amend supporting text	Comments noted. Supporting text now changed to read “as subsequently updated/amended”
SC17 Traffic management	Philip Owen Chair of Culham Parish Council	6.	13.4.3 Pg119	Support improving cycle paths between SC & Culham	No change	Comments noted
General	Coal Authority	7.	N/A	‘Vale of White Horse District Council lies outside the coalfield, therefore there is no requirement for you to consult us and / or notify us of any emerging neighbourhood plans.’	No change	Comments noted
SC3 Key Views & Vistas	Historic England	8.	6.3.6 Pg43	They welcome the identification of views & vistas and encourage the Parish Council to include a summary of key positive or negative features about each view within the Policy’s supporting text or as an appendix within the plan document to ensure the Policy is clear and implementable	Include additional information as either supporting text or as an appendix	Comments noted. Summary of key positive and negative features of each key views added as suggested.
SC8: Residential development Within the Built-up Area	Historic England	9.	8.1.7 Pg71	Change current wording of bullet d) Better reveal the significance or special interest of designated and non-designated heritage assets to d) Protect, conserve and, where appropriate, better reveal the significance or special interest of designated and non-designated heritage assets	Amend Policy text.	Comments noted. Wording of bullet d) amended as suggested.
SC10: Design, Heritage and Setting	Historic England	10.	9.2.24 Pg94	The Policy also refers to a Conservation Area Appraisal; however, we note that there is currently no adopted appraisal of the Sutton Courtenay Conservation Area.	Amend Policy text	Comments noted. Update Policy text to make clear that the Conservation Area Appraisal mentioned in the NP is independent and not an adopted one.

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SC10: Design, Heritage and Setting	Historic England	11.	9.2.24 Pg94	We feel that it would be helpful to include a commitment to monitor the effectiveness of the design code and its influence on decisions within Policy SC10.	Amend Policy text	Comments noted. Include a paragraph in Policy SC10 that states that at the end of each year the Parish Council can as part of a meeting review whether or not it is being used, if it is useful and how it can be improved.
SC10: Design, Heritage and Setting	Historic England	12.	9.2.24 Pg94	Add a new numbered item in the policy text for non-designated assets – 9. “Proposals for development that will result in the loss of, or harm to a non-designated heritage asset will not be supported, unless it can be demonstrated that the benefits of the development outweigh the loss of significance of the asset and cannot otherwise be provided in a less harmful manner.”	Amend Policy text	Comments noted. Addition of a new numbered item in the policy text as suggested.
Appendix 4	Historic England	13.	Appendix 4 Pg125	Recommend checking for other sites recorded on the Oxfordshire Historic Environment Record	No change	Comments noted.
SC8: Residential development Within the Built-up Area	Pippa Bassett	14.	8.1.8 Pg 72	With reference to Vale LPP1 Policy CP26 – meeting needs of aging population - SC8 should include need to maintain pavements for the less physically able to walk on confidently & safely. Further development will cause services to be diverted to altering the community rather than improving existing facilities.	Amend supporting text	Comments noted. Addition of a bullet point in connection to the appropriate maintenance of the pavement for the less physically able to walk as a community aspiration.
SC8: Residential development Within the Built-up Area	Pippa Bassett	15.	8.1.1 Pg 68	With reference to Vale LPP1 Policy CP39: The Historic Environment – commented that to add further new build designs would risk losing the social media reference to the historical charm of the village and create an online presence more a village with modern amenities & housing with good transport links rather than being a village recognised for its historical environment	No change	Comments noted. This is already included in the Sutton Courtenay Character Appraisal and Design Code.
SC10: - Design, Heritage and Setting	Pippa Bassett	16.	9.2.24 Pg 94	With reference to Vale LPP1 Policy CP 37 Design & distinctiveness. Good balance of old & new at the moment – to add further new build designs will risk losing the charm of the village.	No change	Comments noted. This is already included in the Sutton Courtenay Character Appraisal and Design Code.

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General	Jason Warwick	17.	N/A	Fully supports the NP	No change	Comments noted
SC1 Green Gaps	Daren Wallington	18.	6.1 Pgs 28-35	Retaining Gaps is essential to maintain village identity & avoid being swallowed by surrounding towns & villages. Full support of NP	No change	Comments noted
SC1 Green Gaps	Mark Doodes Planning Consultant	19.	6.1 Fig 6.3 Pg 31	A3d of Green Gap 3 Objection to the inclusion of the land at Peewit Farm, Drayton Road within Green Gap 3 (Fig 6.3). 'It would represent an inefficient use of land that would frustrate the Council's strategic planning policies. The land is not a meaningful gap. Overzealous use of Green Gaps to produce a 'green belt' around the village'. Wants removal of the site from Green Gap 3 in any subsequent consultation draft of the NP and has provided arguments that inclusion is in violation of basic conditions, Vale LPP Pt1 & Pt2 and is not sustainable development	No change	Comments noted. The land proposed is based on technical analysis which is considered no more than necessary to ensure a sufficient gap to prevent visual and physical coalescence
General	MEPC Milton Park	20.	1.3.1 Pg 6	Concern regarding the designated area does not follow the Parish boundary. Presume that Milton Parish will be involved in referendum stage.	No change	Comments noted. The boundary for the NDP was agreed with the Local Planning Authority. It was formed based on their guidance. The LPA organizes the referendum and contacts those who are eligible to vote. The NP cannot consider matters at Milton Park as this is covered by a separate Local Development Order.
General	MEPC Milton Park	21.	1.3.2 Pg 6	MEPC unhappy that it was not directly engaged in preparation of NP	Invite to comment as part of Regulation 14	Comments noted. The NP cannot consider matters at Milton Park as this is covered by a separate LDO. The local community and businesses were all invited to take part in consultation and or join the Steering Group as appropriate.

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General	MEPC Milton Park	22.	1.8.2 Pg 9	Suggest that frequency of review should be lengthened to avoid 'consultation fatigue'	No change	Comments noted. After careful consideration, the Parish Council considered that the frequency is acceptable.
General	MEPC Milton Park	23.	2.1.1 Pg 11	Section fails to highlight and summarise the relevance of the key paragraphs from NPPF although the relevance of the NPPF is rightly noted. Although the specific paragraphs of the NPPF are cross-referenced in each of the proposed policies	No change	Comments noted. The NP is a lengthy document and cross referencing has been undertaken where there is a risk of significant duplication as appropriate.
General	MEPC Milton Park	24.	2.2 Pg11	'We note that there is no acknowledgment of the fact that work has started on preparation of a Joint Local Plan for South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse District Councils, looking ahead to 2041. Acknowledgement of this emerging plan should be included'	Amend supporting text	Comments noted. Supporting text will be updated at the time of submission.
General	MEPC Milton Park	25.	4 Pg 23	Vision should extend to all people who live, work, and play in the neighbourhood & not just villagers.	No change	Comments noted. The vision extends to the whole community.
General	MEPC Milton Park	26.	5.1.4 Pg 24	SCNP should embrace growth arising from Didcot Garden Town & Science Vale initiatives to ensure Plan is in general conformity with local & national policy	No change	Comments noted. The NP is consistent with that approach.
SC1 Green Gaps	MEPC Milton Park	27.	6.1.12 Pg 28	Green Gap 5 South of Sutton Courtenay Parcels A5e and A4a Kelaart's Field is not a public area. They suggest that the boundary of Green Gap 5 is adjusted to exclude this parcel & rely on the heritage & biodiversity protections.	Amend supporting text to clarify position	Comments noted. The confusion is understandable and a Green Gap does not confer public access, but permissive access in part.

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SC3 Key Views & Vistas	MEPC Milton Park	28.	Fig 6.7 Pg 42	They don't like that key view V27 is from the centre of Kelaart's Field since it isn't publicly accessible land. Should be seen from the public highway.	No change	Comments noted. Photo was taken from a publicly accessible position on the field.
SC4 Green and Blue infrastructure	MEPC Milton Park	29.	Fig 6.11 Pg 51 LGS17	<p>As the Plan recognises, designation of LGSs need to meet the three tests set out in the NPPF (paragraph 102). The third test is that spaces are not '...an extensive tract of land' LG17 is arguably an extensive tract of land. Reference to Figure 6.11 (Plan of local green spaces proposed for designation) quickly illustrates this point; LG17 is significantly larger in extent than the majority of the proposed spaces, with only LG19 and LG1 being anywhere near comparable in scale.</p> <p>In addition, this evidence base should recognise that through an agreement between MEPC Milton Park and Oxfordshire County Council, the cycle path over Kelaart's Field has been designated as public highway and all other paths across the land are permissive.</p> <p>Notwithstanding that we are doubtful that LG17 meets the tests of the NPPF, it is also important to note that the drafting of LG17 is erroneous, both in detail and procedurally.</p>	No change	Comments noted. Based on the planning consultant's experience it is considered that this is not an extensive tract of land compared to numerous other which have been designate in other Neighbourhood Development Plans they have worked on or have sight of. It is considered that the field meets the criteria for being designated as a Local Green Space.
SC16 Economy and Employment	MEPC Milton Park	30.	12.1 Pg 111	We note that the employment section is inward looking i.e. focused only on the employment needs and opportunities within the Designated Area Important to acknowledge that SC benefits from close proximity to employment opportunities from businesses in Milton Park. Survey results indicated that employment needs met by Milton Park & encourage a sustainable local economy reducing the need for travel.	No change	Comments noted. The NP cannot consider matters at Milton Park as this is covered by a separate LDO.
General	James Castelow	31.	N/A	Retaining Gaps is essential to maintain village identity & avoid being swallowed by surrounding towns & villages. Full support of NP	No change	Comments noted.

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General	Henny Handley	32.	N/A	With reference to the Vision, objectives, and policies SC8 and SC9, the Plan will not meet future housing need in area. Arguments provided as to why there should be sites allocated and the Long Barn site is an appropriate area	No change	Comments noted. It is considered that growth needs to be proportionate, sustainable, commensurate with infrastructure provision and appropriate to the settlement character.
SC1 Green Gaps	Henny Handley	33.	6.1.10 Pg 32	Green Gap 3 Parcel A5f: No support for how this land contributes to Green Gap, Report states 'Therefore, it seems that the NP is trying to pre-emptively determine possible future planning applications by stating development is unacceptable with little to no justification. Whereas this is wholly contrary to the main theme of the NPPF where sustainable development is acceptable in principle. Therefore, assessments of planning merit should be left to the planning application process when there is a detailed proposal to assess'	No change	Comments noted. The land proposed is based on technical analysis which is considered no more than necessary to ensure a sufficient gap to prevent visual and physical coalescence.
SC1 Green Gaps	Henny Handley	34.	6.1.10 Pg 32	The site is located within the proposed Green Gap 3 with reference A5f and as such is affected by proposed policy SC1 which states that "Development proposal will not be supported where they, either individually or cumulatively, affect the integrity of the gap and the physical and visual separation of settlements or the distinctive nature of settlement characters." However, no further mention or reference to the site is made in the supportive text which is either indicative of how little contribution the site makes to the green gap or there appears to be an error'	No change	Comments noted. The land proposed is based on technical analysis which is considered no more than necessary to ensure a sufficient gap to prevent visual and physical coalescence.
General	Henny Handley	35.	N/A	Report quotes 'In the absence of any housing allocations being included in the draft NDP, the document will fail to provide any 'protection' under paragraph 14(b) of the NPPF, when the presumption in favour of sustainable development is engaged. As such, it would appear prudent for the Council to positively allocate sites for development in the Plan '	No change	Comments noted. The Plan Area already contains a large scale housing allocation. Future growth needs to be proportionate, sustainable, commensurate with infrastructure provision and appropriate to the settlement character

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SC7 Flooding and drainage	Henny Handley	36.	7.1 Pg 59	Report states that it is considered that the development of this site would comply with SC& and therefore, flood risk should not prevent this site coming forward for development or from being allocated for development	No change	Comments noted.
General	Henny Handley	37.	N/A	Report states Various maps appear to designate site as within village urban area and as residential land. These are all quite broad-brush designations...they encompass lots of gardens and local green spaces	No change	Comments noted.
General	Henny Handley	38.	N/A	Report contains Various comments on why the Cross Trees site would conform with Vale local plan for development, plus references to sections of local plan which NP should conform with.	No change	Comments noted.
General	Henny Handley	39.	N/A	Report asks why SCNP does not conform to local plan and other planning policy. Criticises lack of allocation of sites and lack of assessment of potential sites	No change	Comments noted. SCNP is considered to be in conformity. NDPs can allocate sites for residential and other land uses, however there is no requirement that they must do so. This is particularly the case where there is already a strategic housing allocation in the Plan Area and substantial development has taken place within the Plan period to date.

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General	Henny Handley	40.	N/A	Report states that 'The Affordable Housing Officer at Vale of White Horse confirmed that as of 30.03.2021 there were 111 people on the Housing Register waiting list who had specified Sutton Courtenay as an area of preference' and argues plan does not meet future requirements for housing.	No change	Comments noted. Preference and need are two separate considerations and it is considered that having a local need is different to stating a preference for a locality.
SC1 Green Gaps	Henny Handley	41.	6.1.13 Pg 34	Report Criticises arguments for designation of A5c as part of a Green Gap on nature conservation etc. grounds.	No change	Comments noted. The land proposed is based on technical analysis which is considered no more than necessary to ensure a sufficient gap to prevent visual and physical coalescence
General	Henny Handley	42.	6.1.13 Pg 34	Report states land beyond A5c is landfill 'and unlikely to come up for development"	No change	Comments noted. The land proposed is based on technical analysis which is considered no more than necessary to ensure a sufficient gap to prevent visual and physical coalescence
SC1 Green Gaps	Henny Handley	43.	6.1.13 Pg 34	Report states Green Gap assessment does not make any reference to site A5c or its landscape importance.	No change	Comments noted.
SC1 Green Gaps	Henny Handley	44.	6.1.14 Pg 34	Report states that site A5c it is in flooding Zone 1.	No change	Comments noted. The site is at risk of surface water flooding.

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SC5: Local Green Spaces	Henny Handley	45.	3.5	<p>The Report challenges the Neighbourhood Plan Local Green Space Assessment April 2022 (LGSA) which is included in the evidence base to the NP which states that many of the scores obtained for LG20 site are very low and the overall score is not high (52%). Says public access statement is not strictly true as it is private land and access is only for fishing... Also, NP doesn't state how this land is important to the setting of the conservation area.</p> <p>Goes on to make various other arguments as to why it does not meet LGS test requirements and would not meet the basic conditions requirements.</p>	No change	Comments noted. This assessment has been through many examinations and is considered to be robust.
SC1 Green Gaps	Smith Jenkins Ltd	46.	6.1.9 Pg 35	Requests an amendment to SC1 to allow re-use of existing buildings in accordance with Policy DP07 of the Vale plan to 2031 Part 2.	No change	Comments noted.
General	National Grid	47.	N/A	<p>Letter identifies National Grid Assets within the NP area. A separate map showing location of these is also provided.</p> <p>It does not appear to make any objections but asks that we consult them on any proposals which might affect their assets.</p>	No change	Comments noted.
SC1 Green Gaps	Roebuck Land	48.		<p>Green Gap Parcel A5d</p> <p>Response suggests Green Gaps surrounding village is a strategic policy to prevent development outside the built-up area of the village and states that the NPPF para 21 is clear that strategic policies should not be contained in neighbourhood plans. States that NP justifies this as it is promoted in the Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan but notes that the DGTDP status is not a development plan document and not a higher order planning policy. However, it then goes on to say that the Vale plan has as similar policy to SC1 and suggests SC1 does not add much to this....</p> <p>Criticises inclusion of (part of) the East Sutton Courtenay strategic site in a Green Gap. Suggests this is an attempt to undermine a strategic policy in the Vale Local Plan which would constitute failure of one of the basic conditions.</p>	No change	Comments noted. The land proposed is based on technical analysis which is considered no more than necessary to ensure a sufficient gap to prevent visual and physical coalescence
SC7 Flooding and Drainage	Roebuck Land	49.	7.1 Pg 66	<p>Argues that a 'low risk of flooding' does not justify including part of an allocated site in a Green Gap</p> <p>Suggests SC7 adds nothing to the flood risk policy in the local plan.</p>	No change	Comments noted.

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SC8 Residential development Within the Built-up Area	Roebuck Land	50.		Report states that the design guidance is largely a repeat of the content of the Vale design guide hence unnecessary (and hence does not assist planning guidance that the plan is concise).	No change	Comments noted. The design guidance that has been produced is locally specific whereas the Joint Design Guide is not.
SC9 Housing Needs	Roebuck Land	51.	8.2 Pg 75	Report Criticises the Housing Summary for not clarifying what the specific needs of the parish are and suggests various sections of the policy should be deleted as they are already covered in Vale plan/other planning policy.	Amend supporting text	Comments noted. Include additional wording to provide clarity on Housing Summary.
SC10 Design, Heritage and Setting	Roebuck Land	52.	9.2 Pg 94	<p>Argues that the designation of a Green Gap on the SC East site reducing the housing allocation on the basis of visual sensitivity is invalid and suggests that a Landscape and Visual Review prepared by Savills for the landowner supports this*.</p> <p>Criticises comments in the NP about the urbanising effects associated with providing access to the SC East site and suggests this is not in conformity with the Local plan hence NP fails one of the basic conditions.</p> <p>*Proposed Green Gap Parcel A5d: Landscape and Visual Review, (Savills for FCC) This further expands the arguments made by Roebuck Land.</p>	No change	Comments noted. The land proposed is based on technical analysis which is considered no more than necessary to ensure a sufficient gap to prevent visual and physical coalescence
General	Roebuck Land	53.	N/A	Additional comments: lists several of the NPs supporting documents as objections to the SC East allocation hence conflicting with local Plan policies. States: It would be impossible for an Examining Inspector not to look at these evidence documents as an attempt to undermine the allocation of land East of Sutton Courtenay.	No change	Comments noted. There is no suggestion that the NP is seeking changes to the allocation site. The only thing highlighted is that the proposals should be in keeping with the character of the area.

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General	Define	54.	N/A	First Comment: Plan stifles future development (no sites proposed). Inconsistent with Vale local plan.	No change	Comments noted. NDPs can allocate sites for residential and other land uses, however there is no requirement that they must do so. This is particularly the case where there is already a strategic housing allocation in the Plan Area and substantial development has taken place within the Plan period to date.
General	Define	55.	N/A	Second Comment: 2018 Questionnaire predates changes in national planning policy. Consultation was too narrow: Parish Council refused to engage with Bloor Homes re new development sites. Claims 'the "draft policies consultation", "stakeholder engagement" and "informal consultation draft plan" steps have clearly been skipped' Asserts plan will therefore not meet basic conditions.	No change	Comments noted. All consultation was open to the public in a variety of forms. This is evident from the consultation statement that supports this NP.
SC1 Green Gaps	Define	56.	Pgs 28 to 35	Third Comment: Describes various flaws in approach to defining, and evidence for, Green Gaps in general.	No change	Comments noted. The land proposed is based on technical analysis which is considered no more than necessary to ensure a sufficient gap to prevent visual and physical coalescence
SC1 Green Gaps	Define	57.	Whole document	Fourth Comment: Specifically, criticises Green Gap 5 (the north-western part of Area A5e) encompassing the Bloor homes East Harwell Road site. It claims that there is no justification for why this Gap should extend further north than the existing gap separating the houses on the East of Harwell Rd and the new warehouses. States its proposed development would not extend housing further south of current housing on Harwell Road nor further east than current development on Hobbyhorse Lane. Then makes various further criticisms of lack of evidence for biodiversity on this site, lack of heritage assets, limited landscape character value, lack of evidence for quality of agricultural land, lack of significant impact on single 'Key View'.	No change	Comments noted. The land proposed is based on technical analysis which is considered no more than necessary to ensure a sufficient gap to prevent visual and physical coalescence

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General	Define	58.	N/A	Fifth Comment: Claims plan fails to have assessed future development needs. Argues only 14 properties committed from 2016 onwards (i.e. since adoption of 2016 Local Plan).	No change	Comments noted. NDPs can allocate sites for residential and other land uses, however there is no requirement that they must do so. This is particularly the case where there is already a strategic housing allocation in the Plan Area and substantial development has taken place within the Plan period to date.
SC1 Green Gaps	Marianne & Peter Stevens	59.	Pg 34	Designation of A1d in Green Gap 2 Object to omission of existing buildings within Green Gaps	No change	Comments noted. The land proposed is based on technical analysis which is considered no more than necessary to ensure a sufficient gap to prevent visual and physical coalescence
SC1 Green Gaps	Marianne & Peter Stevens	60.	Pg 34	Disagree that there are glimpsed views of wet grassland and marshland from Willowbrook House which is on the parcel A1d included in Green Gap 2.	No change	Comments noted.
SC1 Green Gaps	Marianne & Peter Stevens	61.	Pg 34	Assert that the Plan is incorrect in stating that there are no development proposals on A1d. There is a proposal to re-develop the kennels which they support as kennels are currently an eyesore.	No change	Comments noted. The land proposed is based on technical analysis which is considered no more than necessary to ensure a sufficient gap to prevent visual and physical coalescence

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SC1 Green Gaps	Marianne & Peter Stevens	62.	Pgs 34-35	As currently drafted Policy SC1 of the draft NP does not reflect the Local Plan Policy support for the reuse of existing buildings within the open countryside. Nor does the proposed Plan recognize the current physical make-up of Gap 2. We would recommend that the final paragraph of policy SC1 is reworded as follows: <i><u>“Development proposals will not be supported where they, either individually or cumulatively, affect the integrity of the gap and the physical and visual separation of settlements or the distinctive nature of settlement characters. <u>Proposals for the re-use of redundant or disused buildings within Green Gaps will be supported.</u>”</u></i>	No change	Comments noted.
General	James Walton	63.	N/A	objects to plan as too long, taking too long to develop and being out of date, lack of judgment of Steering Group in assembling the document	No change	Comments noted. NP is updated throughout this process.
General	James Walton	64.	N/A	objects to SG being ‘led’ by a councillor who voted against the plan and claims it may not be impartial.	No change	Comments noted. The NP is prepared by a Steering Group and independent planning consultants and not one single individual. The consultation statement sets out how the work is based on community consultation
SC1 Green Gaps	James Walton	65.	6.1 Pg 32	“Any further encroachment into this gap would both visually and physically diminish the physical and perceived separation between Abingdon and Sutton Courtenay” States this statement in relation to Green Gap 2 A1e is ‘WHOLLY subjective’ and a ‘gross exaggeration’	No change	Comments noted. The land proposed is based on technical analysis which is considered no more than necessary to ensure a sufficient gap to prevent visual and physical coalescence

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SC1 Green Gaps	James Walton	66.	6.1.9 pg 32	<p>Bluestone provided a more detailed map and JW reply I am also amazed that you have chosen to subdivide my property without a discussion or a site visit.</p> <p>Having not made a site visit, I suspect that the dotted line you drew to define a Green Gap was based on publicly available information. In relation to this property, which I have owned for 20 years, two of the key public sources are rather inaccurate, see below. If you would like to change the drawn area along the attached lines, which more accurately reflects the situation on the ground, I will consider backing the NP; otherwise, not, on the not unreasonable grounds of how many other errors does it contain?</p> <p>Between Brook House and Chestnut House [the former gardener's cottage] the boundaries in the Land Registry drawings are incorrect, which everyone agrees and which is clear on the ground. Their drawings show a short dog leg jutting into my garden, when in fact the dog leg goes the other way, west not east. So the poplar trees are to the east of the boundary between the houses, not to the west, as drawn. The trees and the large lawn belong to Brook House. I have marked up the Area A1E map to reflect the situation that has applied on the ground since we bought that strip of trees from Bridget Astor in about 2005</p> <p>When we reconstructed the garden at Brook House out of the dreadful mess left by the previous owner we consulted the EA in November 2003 about the remains of cloches, greenhouses, sheds, boiler houses and so forth in the area bordering our tennis court/Cross Tress/the Manor. The EA came to site and agreed that it would be in everyone's best interest to bulldoze the lot, and smooth out the land next to our tennis court, so that land would become the same elevation as the nearby land, burying the rubble and thereby tidying up an unattractive wilderness. It is not clear to me if the EA changed their records though. This land that was re-formed is above the flood plain, with high land to the south, low land to the north. I suspect that you have drawn the dotted line based on old contours, not on the situation that applies on the ground. Again, I draw the revised line, and my 'acceptance' comments apply to this amendment too Change 1 would tidy up the absurdity [and error] of a tiny strip of my main lawn becoming part of a green gap, and Change 2 would tie together the land which is now one lawn out of the flood plain, and separate it from the wood, which is in the flood plain</p> <p>Drawing attached to the email</p>	No change	Comments noted. The maps and assessment have been undertaken based on the latest publicly available land registry/ vale maps and historical data. If boundary changes are registered with Land Registry and Environment Agency, then the Steering Group is open to making amendments accordingly.
SC1 Green Gaps	Anthony Warne	67.	P10	The Manor House and Grounds (included the listed gardens) extend across the NP boundary and into an adjoining local authority. Therefore parts of the NP consider only those parts of the Manor House and grounds with-in the NP area, but at other points stray outside this NP, which makes for a disjointed approach. For example the Landscape Area A1e is described as River Meadow land, although the Manor House listed gardens and grounds occupy a significant part of it.	No change	Comments noted. Areas outside of the NP Area cannot be taken into consideration during the preparation of this document.
SC1 Green Gaps	Anthony Warne	68.	P19	View 5 of the Manor House Grounds is from a viewpoint well outside the NP area and currently the Manor House and Grounds within the NP area are not visible from this viewpoint. In the winter photograph included on page 19 most of this view is of land outside the NP in any case. This viewpoint should be excluded.	No change	Comments noted. Although a view may be outside of the area, it is the area within the NP boundary which is being considered

SCNP Policy	ID	No	Para in SCNP	Comment	Action	Change Required / Comment
SC1 Green Gaps	Anthony Warne	69.		<p>My main concern is that the Manor House, its listed gardens, other garden areas and remainder of the grounds are only partly within the NP area and in fact extend into another local authority area (South Oxfordshire). For us the Manor House and its grounds are a single entity, but you are unable to consider it as such and neither does the Culham local plan which covers part of the grounds as well.</p> <p>As a consequence, from my perspective the analysis and resulting plan are disjointed. For example, part of the Manor House and its gardens/grounds are in Area 5 and part of the gardens are in area A1e</p>	No change	Comments noted. The proposed recommendations are outside of the scope of this NP.
Landscape Appraisal	Anthony Warne	70.	Pg 10	<p>Lastly I was rather alarmed by The Landscape Appraisal on page 10 :</p> <p>"Although still set in generous gardens, with good tree cover, the size of the historic plot has been substantially diminished." I do not understand this statement. The parts sold off were not part of the gardens and the grounds are not substantially diminished as a matter of fact. If this is an example of the poor superficial analysis that I know about, what other parts of the analysis are equally flawed.</p>	No change	Comments noted. The Landscape Appraisal is based on historic mapping going back hundreds of years.
SC1 Green Gaps	Savills	71.	3.9	<p>Green Gap parcel A5d</p> <p>Section 3.9 onwards argues that justification for designating this parcel as part of a green gap is lacking.</p>	No change	Comments noted. The land proposed is based on technical analysis which is considered no more than necessary to ensure a sufficient gap to prevent visual and physical coalescence
SC1 Green Gaps	Savills	72.	3.17	<p>Green Gap parcel A5d</p> <p>3.17 states that surface water flooding doesn't influence whether it contributes to a Green Gap (either physically or visually).</p>	No change	Comments noted. Flooding is not part of the landscape character in terms of coalescence.
SC1 Green Gaps	Savills	73.	3.20	<p>Green Gap parcel A5d</p> <p>3.20 states that the plan acknowledges that A5d is within the settlement edge of the village (as shown in fig 6.4 of the NP) and that its visual sensitivity has been over estimated (parcel is visually contained by the hedgerow).</p>	No change	Comments noted. The settlement edge can still be within the countryside rather than the built up area. Prominence of development will be an issue, particularly if screening is removed.

SCNP Policy	ID	No	Para in SCNP	Comment	Action	Change Required / Comment
General	OCC	74.	N/A	<p>Generally, this offers positive support.</p> <p>Few minor comments and corrections on detailed wording' inclusion of references of additional documents</p> <p>Lack of consideration of below ground archeological remains (as part of heritage assets)</p> <p>Suggests new/amended policy wording.</p> <p>Suggests adding 'early years capacity' to 11.2.5 (education provision etc)</p> <p>Minerals and waste. Supports inclusion of information about this considering the history of extraction in the area.</p> <p>Suggests some amendments to wording of section 2.3.</p> <p>Makes some comments on importance on broadband etc. (asking for more emphasis on this to be included?)</p>	No change	Comments noted.
SC1	Pauline Wilson	75.		<p>Supports policy although is concerned as to whether it will be honoured.</p> <p>SC5 Suggests Green spaces will need a management policy. Concerned re misuse of green spaces and suggests having residences over-looking the Local Green Spaces might help.</p>	No change	Comments noted. Many green spaces are already adequately managed and the Design Code currently suggests that green spaces should be overlooked for safety and visual amenity purposes.
SC5	Pauline Wilson	76.		Supportive comments on Flooding and Drainage issues .. in particular with relation to the Ginge Brook and potential flooding of properties downstream of new developments.	No change	Comments noted.
SC6	Pauline Wilson	77.		Biodiversity. Appears to support green corridors but queries whether or not gardens form part of these.	No change.	Comments noted. Gardens can indeed form part of the green corridors. Residents will be encouraged to implement measures that support this.

SCNP Policy	ID	No	Para in SCNP	Comment	Action	Change Required / Comment
SC8	Pauline Wilson	78.		Criticises the division of the village into 3 character areas since there are some examples of different characters of properties within these. Attributes this to bias on behalf of the consultants. Appears to support proposal to extend conservation area and suggests Bradstocks Way estate is a strong contender for this.	No change	Comments noted. The character areas do include some areas which show slightly different characteristics and therefore it relates to the majority of properties. If the community feels strongly that areas should be changed, we would re-examine this.
SC13 & SC17	Pauline Wilson	79.		Supports idea of improved provision of parking and suggests a location for a car park within one of the proposed LGSs on the High St. Several general comments criticising the time taken to produce the plan and the limited number of villagers attending consultation events. Concern that plan may be out of date as and when adopted. Criticism of decision to reject the late offer by the Vale to extend the NP area without consultation with the village.	No change	Comments Noted. The NP is updated throughout this process.
SC1	Stuart Wilson	80.	6.1.10 Pg 32	Opposed to green gap at A3d A3e and A3f and disagrees that ribbon development along Drayton Road at Peewit Farm has undermined the Green Gap	No change	Comments noted. The land proposed is based on technical analysis which is considered no more than necessary to ensure a sufficient gap to prevent visual and physical coalescence
SC8	Stuart Wilson	81.	8.1.6 Pg 69-71	is in favour of development outside built village. Asks if a survey has been done to identify potential infill and or brownfield sites suitable for development and suggests if this has not identified any suitable sites then development must take place elsewhere in the Parish. Asks where land to build for future generations and affordable homes is to come from.	No change	Comments noted.

SCNP Policy	ID	No	Para in SCNP	Comment	Action	Change Required / Comment
General	Stuart Wilson	82.	N/A	States that the site at Peewit Farm conforms with the Vale policy D29 (not unacceptably diminishing the physical and visual separation between 2 settlements).	No change	Comments noted. The land proposed is based on technical analysis which is considered no more than necessary to ensure a sufficient gap to prevent visual and physical coalescence
General	Stuart Wilson	83.	N/A	Argues that land to the north west of the village is along Drayton Road is a good place to build new houses as development is constrained on other village edges e.g. by the Thames, the landfill site and Milton Park.	No change	Comments noted. The land proposed is based on technical analysis which is considered no more than necessary to ensure a sufficient gap to prevent visual and physical coalescence
General	Anne Morgan-Smith	84.	N/A	Supports the NDP as it gives villagers a say in how any development will proceed and provides access to additional developer funds should any development go ahead. Believes the strategic site 'East of Sutton Courtenay' should never have been included in the Vale of White Horse Local Plan.	No change	Comments noted.
SC1 Green Gaps	Taran-Jade Walton Tracey Merrett Donna Buckingham	85.	6.1.9. Pg 32	Objection to the inclusion of part of Parcel A1d within 'Green Gap 2' shown in Figure 6.3 to the draft Objection on grounds that this contravenes various NPPF provisions as well as the housing policy of the Local Plan part 2. Argues justification for inclusion is not justified: 'Proposed Green Gap locations are based on an assessment set out in the Countryside and Green Gap Assessment April 2022. It identifies areas which are deemed to be critical to ensuring sufficient physical and visual separation is maintained between the village and neighbouring settlements, parcel a 1D is identified as providing separation between Sutton Courtenay Abingdon is 4 km away and the designation of this small 1.86 hectare narrow field will not achieve this aim.' Argues that as there are no clear views of A1d from the village (partly because of trees growing to the north, east and south of the site?) it should not be included in the gap as it cannot be considered to be 'within the visual envelope of the village' Quotes character appraisal as saying 'The land 'is flat and remains largely in agricultural use' and 'has little aesthetic value'. Argues the only specific attribute of value quoted is 'habitats typical of wet grassland reflecting the location whiting Flood zones 2 and 3' but states that these are hardly in short supply as Ginge and Mill Brook provide plans of waterlogged land.	No change	Comments noted. The land proposed is based on technical analysis which is considered no more than necessary to ensure a sufficient gap to prevent visual and physical coalescence. It is considered that many smaller parcels of land cumulatively add value overall to a gap between settlements. This should not be confused with visual attractiveness etc.

SCNP Policy	ID	No	Para in SCNP	Comment	Action	Change Required / Comment
Sending attachment	Vale NP officer	86.		22 pages of comments 20220913 Reg 14 Response Sutton Courtenay VoWH.pdf	Amend NP document as suggested and send response as a separate standalone document	Comments noted.
General	Alys Quainton-Blake	87.	N/A	Fully support the Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan. I look forward to seeing this implemented during my future in the village.' and 'Please continue with the excellent work.	No change	Comments noted.
General	Peter Quainton	88.	N/A	Fully support the Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan. I appreciate all the hard work. and 'Please continue with the excellent work.'	No change	Comments noted.
General	Susam Quainton-Blake	89.	N/A	Fully support the Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan. I welcome the thoroughness of the thoughts and practises that have been established within the village and forwarding thinking' and 'Please continue with the excellent work.'	No change	Comments noted.
SC5	BL (requested to not be named)	90.	N/A	<p>She strongly supports the Neighbourhood Plan but points out that she believes that parcel A3d should be designated as a Local Green Space (Policy SC5). She sets out quite detailed support for this parcel meeting the criteria used in the LGS assessment.</p> <p>Supports the inclusion of parcel A3d as a Green Gap (It is part of Green Gap3 - Policy SC1) because it encircles 'the historic settlement of Dropshort': this is important to prevent it merging with existing development to the east or west along Drayton Road, resulting in its loss as a distinct settlement.</p> <p>Points out that the plan fails to acknowledge that there is a breeding population of skylarks in this area.</p>	No change	Comments noted.
SC5	RA (requested to not be named)	91.	N/A	<p>Strongly supports the plan and especially the Green Gaps and local green spaces policies. Refers to the value of parcel A3d, in particular, for recreational use: dog walking, de-stressing, photography, observing wildlife and social interaction with other walkers. Suggests that A3d has 'all the has all the qualities and utility necessary for it to be labelled a Local Green Space as well as Green Gap in the plan.'</p> <p>Comments on the value of Green Gaps and spaces in general for the health and well-being of the community as well as for maintaining the character of the village.</p>	No change	Comments noted.
General	Andy Norris	92.	N/A	<p>I support the Neighbourhood plan. I think it is a well thought out document and I believe it should be adopted.'</p> <p>'I support the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan. It's a really thorough document, great job to all those involved</p>	No change	Comments noted.

SCNP Policy	ID	No	Para in SCNP	Comment	Action	Change Required / Comment
General	Kitty Norris	93.	N/A	<p>'I fully support the Neighborhood Plan. Anything that will help to protect some of the green spaces around the village is a great idea.'</p> <p>'The Neighborhood Plan gets my full support. I really think this should be adopted.'</p>	No change	Comments noted.
General	Denise Oakley	94.	N/A	<p>Points out various errors in various of the NP documents which she asks to be corrected. See points 1 (para1),2,3,5,</p> <p>Pleased that the grounds were not recommended for designation as an LGS but objects that consultants visited and took photos without asking for permission. Do not disagree however that the photos are valuable and should be included. See points 1,4.</p> <p>Objects to use of photograph of Lady Place houses in Poster consultation in village hall being used incorrectly as an example of negative aspects characteristics of the newer developments in the village since 2011.</p> <p>Points 5 and 6. Objections to negative comments about design of Lady Place</p> <p><i>Point 7</i> Points out that the LEAP, although currently maintained by service charges and a grant from Berkley Homes, the grant will run out and additional funds will be needed for upkeep. Asks that Lady Place are listed under possible recipients for CIL funding.</p>	Supporting text to be amended and clarification to be provided	<p>Comments noted. Various errors as highlighted in the response to be corrected and clarification to be provided on the source of the photographs that have been taken.</p> <p>A community aspiration has also been added to address point 7.</p>
General	H Raworth	95.	N/A	I really like the new Neighbourhood plan. I like that it seeks to preserve the character of the village which is so under threat from developers.	No change	Comments noted.
General	H Raworth	96.	N/A	I am fully supportive of the proposed neighbourhood plan.	No change	Comments noted.
General	H Raworth	97.	N/A	I support the plan as it maintains the character of the village and is sympathetic to local development plans.	No change	Comments noted.
General	H Raworth	98.	N/A	Fully support the neighbourhood plan, it shall protect our village and maintain the beautiful reason to why we moved here. Minimal traffic increase and support a village culture for our children's future.	No change	Comments noted.

SCNP Policy	ID	No	Para in SCNP	Comment	Action	Change Required / Comment
General	H Raworth	99.	N/A	I really support the new neighbourhood plan in order to limit traffic and new housing to support local villagers	No change	Comments noted.
General	H Raworth	100.	N/A	1. It's a good piece of work that has my support. 2. It would be strengthened in my opinion by being clearer on where houses should be built as well as where they shouldn't. 3. I'd like a bit more on recreation facilities. The Rec plan is ok as far as it goes. I've always felt the millennium common is a wasted asset and could, for example, be managed better by bbowt or the earth trust (both of which im members of).	No change	Comments noted. It should be noted that there is limited time on access to this land under S106, which expires in 2079.
General	Hugo Raworth	101.	N/A	I am fully supportive of the excellent neighbourhood plan which will help keep and preserve the integrity of the village.	No change	Comments noted.
General	H Raworth	102.	N/A	So pleased that this plan has been developed. Its really great to have local views represented. I support the plan	No change	Comments noted.

APPENDIX 14 – REGULATION 14 PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT



Welcome!

This event is to give you a chance to discover and respond to the work we have been doing on a Neighbourhood Plan for our parish.

The SCNPSG are a group of volunteers and residents just like you. Once approved, Neighbourhood Plans have legal weight in the planning system. At a time when that system is changing significantly, they are an important way to allow local people to shape the future of their communities.

We hope you find this exhibition useful. To help us gather your feedback, please complete the questionnaire on it. Please leave the questionnaire in the tray at the front door as you leave.

SCNP team members are wearing name badges and will be happy to answer any questions you may have or to discuss your views on the SCNP with you.

Thank you for your contribution today. Your feedback is essential.

What's in the exhibition?

- A timeline which explains where we are in the SCNP process
- Details of some key issues within the plan as highlighted by your comments to date
- What happens next including how we review your comments and include these in the next draft of the Plan

The exhibition is also grouped into different key areas:

- Natural Environment (Policies SC1 to SC7, SC11 & SC12)
- Community, Employment, Transport & Infrastructure (Policies SC13 to SC17)
- Housing (Policies SC8 & SC9)
- Built Environment (Policy SC10)



Our SCNP will sit alongside the Vale of White Horse Local Plan (Parts 1 & 2) which runs to 2031.

The SCNP will provide more detailed local guidance than is possible within the Local Plan. It must however conform with the strategic policies contained within the Local Plan as well as National Planning Policy (known as the NPPF).

What cannot be addressed in our Neighbourhood Plan?

- Designated sites for major development including housing sites within the Local Plan
- Overall housing targets for the District
- The designation of specific ecological areas or Ancient Woodland
- Areas allocated for Minerals and Waste development or covered by existing permissions in this regard.
- The strategic road network and transport issues

What are the Key Benefits of having a Neighbourhood Plan?

- To give the community more say over what is developed in the area, what new buildings should look like, what infrastructure is provided and protection of important Parish facilities and areas of open space.
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - Where a parish has a “made” (adopted) Neighbourhood Plan, the amount given to the Parish increases to 25% (from 15%) of the CIL monies arising from the development that takes place in a parish.

The Plan sets out policies for the use and development of land. It cannot override the policies in the Local Plan (including housing allocations), nor can it be contrary to national government policy. It cannot prevent development, but should instead guide it appropriately.

What else can we do?

Our Neighbourhood Plan can identify specific *community aspirations* to ensure our Parish retains it's community identity and continues to thrive in the future.

- Explore opportunities to extend the Sutton Courtenay Conservation Area
- To work with other interested parties (e.g. Didcot Garden Town, FCC and local landowners) to identify opportunities to enhance the landscape character of the disturbed land on the Eastern side of the village.
- Support opportunities to improve access to the river for users of self-propelled crafts such as canoes and paddle boards.
- Support for upgrading, refurbishment and modernisation of the Village Hall, Health care facilities, Indoor sports facilities, Improved and modernised facilities for local user groups, Improved facilities for young adults, Children's play areas (particularly at the southern end of the village), a hub to support working from home, A café and additional street-furniture (benches, bins etc.)
- All new development will be expected to make sustainable and appropriate provision for utilities and services to support the development concerned
- Improvements to air quality and reduction of carbon emissions throughout the village
- Support opportunities to provide additional off-street parking in the village.
- Facilitate provision of efficient, regular and well-connected public transport
- Improve existing and create new footpaths and cycleways



The vision and objectives below were derived from the community responses to our original 2018 Resident's Survey and have been refined following further public consultation and survey work since that time.

Our Vision

“To safeguard the individual character and vitality of our historic Thames-side village whilst meeting the needs of villagers now and in the future.”

Aims

1. To protect and enhance the distinct rural character of the Village whilst promoting sustainable connections beyond.
2. To maintain and improve a positive and welcoming community spirit across the whole village which includes everybody.
3. To provide a built environment that promotes the wellbeing for all social and age groups through amenities

Environment

- To maintain appropriate separation between the village and neighbouring settlements.
- To maintain living green spaces.
- To maintain and regenerate parcels of green space in addition to trees and vegetation of amenity value within the Parish.
- To maintain and enhance access to Public Rights of Way, Local Green Spaces, views and waterways.
- To use land efficiently and to preserve the best and most versatile agricultural land
- To seek to ensure the provision of social amenities meets the demands of a growing village.
- To seek to ensure the infrastructure meets the demands of a growing village.
- To preserve and enhance historic village assets.

Economy

- To promote and support local business.
- To encourage and support home working.

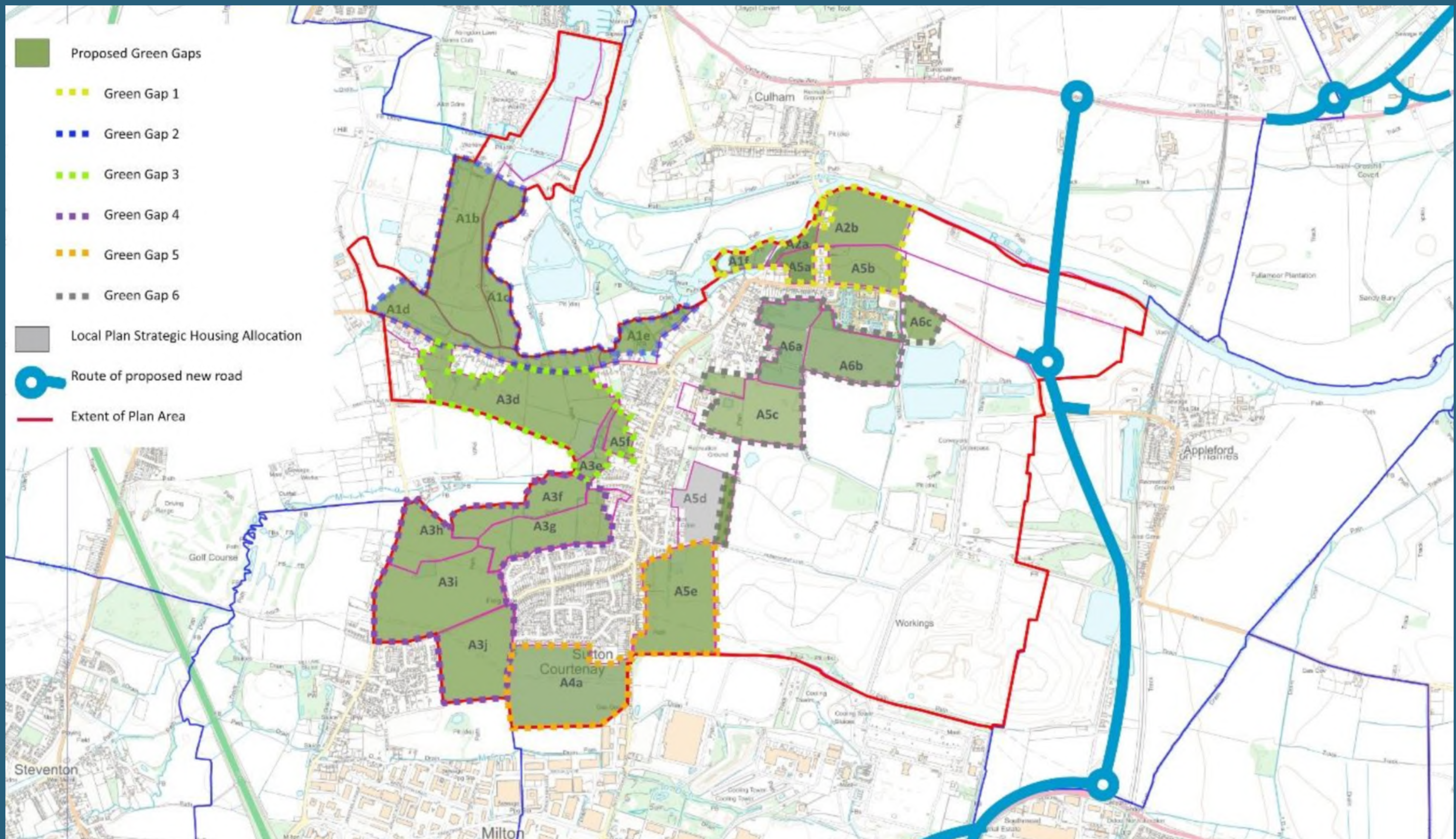
Community

- To seek an enhanced inter connectivity across the village.

Housing

- To give priority for new housing to meet local needs including a greater availability range of affordable housing for residents.
- To seek to ensure new developments are of high-quality design, built to a high sustainability standard and reinforce local distinctiveness.
- To ensure all new developments are appropriate and integrated within the built up area.
- To ensure that the design and location of new development is resilient to the effects of climate change and flooding.

Environment Policy SC1:Green Gaps



Many terms are used to refer to land between neighbouring settlements that are vulnerable to physical or visual coalescence, including ‘green gap’ as we have used here.

It corresponds with the term that has been used in the Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan, which was published in October 2017 having been approved by Vale of White Horse District Council and South Oxfordshire District Council. This document established the principle of green gaps to prevent Didcot Garden Town coalescing with the necklace of villages surrounding the new garden town.

This Neighbourhood Plan is underpinned by a detailed assessment of green gap locations, which is set out in the Countryside and Green Gap Assessment, April 2022. The starting point for determining the location of green gaps is the Didcot Garden Delivery Plan, which sets out indicative locations for green gaps between the villages that encircle the proposed Garden Town.

The land encompassing the village of Sutton Courtenay was divided into individual land parcels and each parcel was analysed to determine its visual connection to Sutton Courtenay and surrounding villages. The parcels were further assessed to identify their heritage, recreation, nature conservation and landscape value, as although a green gap is primarily a landscape function, related to physical and visual separation, gaps also provide green infrastructure and wildlife benefits close to settlements. Many also contain Public Rights of Way which are highly valued by residents.

The results of the analysis highlighted the sensitivity of the majority of land surrounding Sutton Courtenay, with developmental pressures felt from numerous sources, including Didcot Garden Town and Milton Park to the South, the landfill, new road and potential future development to the east, the villages of Milton and Drayton to the west and the village of Culham to the north.

The proposed gaps are considered essential to ensure that the village does not become subsumed by surrounding settlements.

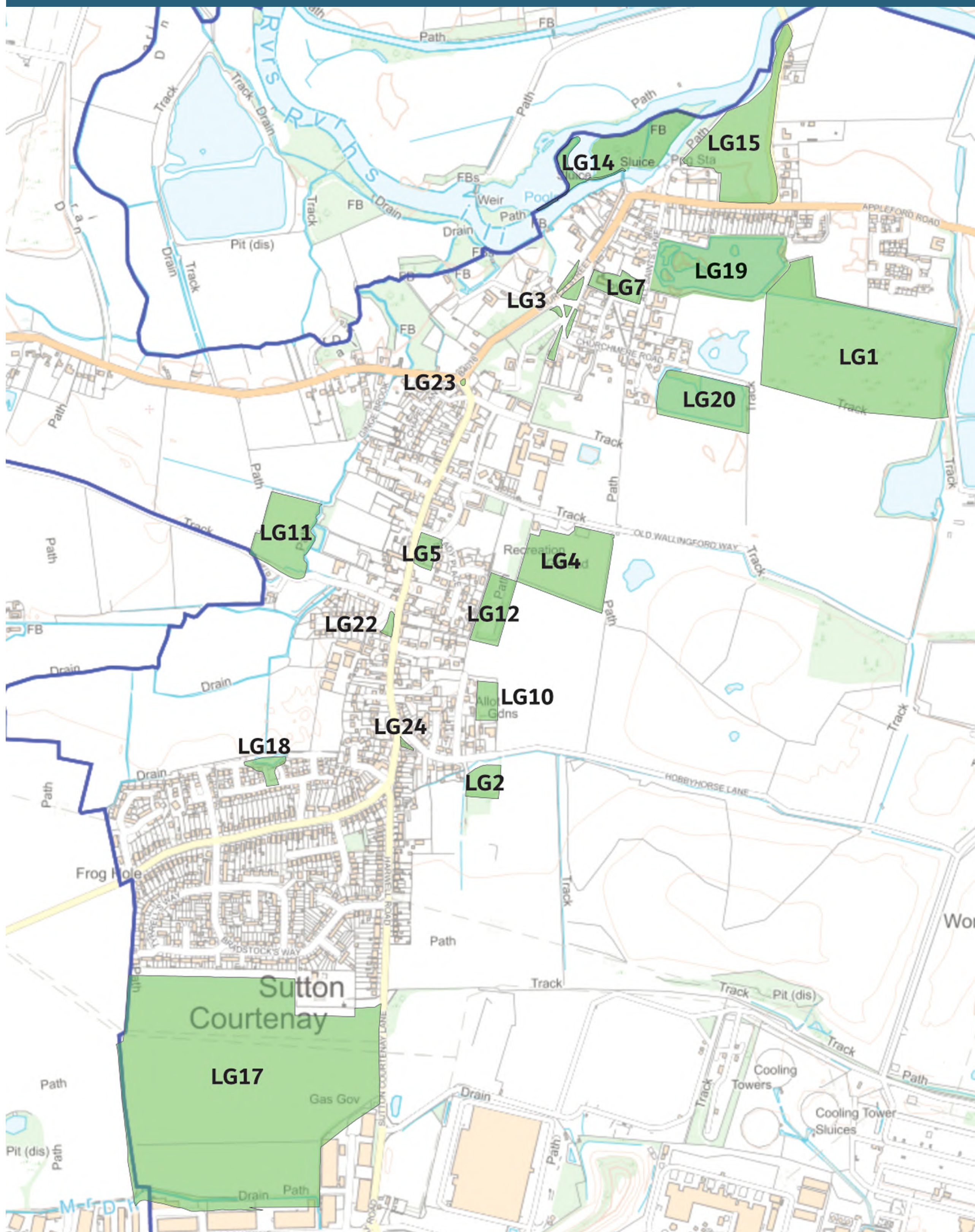


Environment Policy

SC5: Local Green Spaces

The village has a distinctive and historic character which is enhanced by the presence of the green space.

The map below shows proposed Local Green Spaces.



KEY

 Proposed Local Green Space

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), 2021 set out details on Local Green Space designation. These require that the green space in question:

- is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance; (for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife)
- is local in character and not an extensive tract of land.

We have worked alongside our independent consultants using a recognised methodology to assess whether or not the proposed spaces meet the government criteria. An independent Examiner will review the assessment and any comments you make and have the final say on whether or not a space is designated.

It should be noted that a LGS does not give the right of public access to spaces where it does not exist already. This is particularly relevant for private enclosed sites or those with wildlife or visual amenity value.

Designation is similar to that of 'Green Belt' designation, where the land can only be developed in very special circumstances. This can include (but is not limited to):

- Buildings used for agricultural or forestry purposes.
- Facilities associated with outdoor sports or recreation, cemeteries or allotments
- Replacements, extensions or alterations to existing buildings which remain proportionate with the character of the original.
- Limited affordable housing for local community needs.
- Other development termed 'not inappropriate' includes mineral extraction, engineering operations and local transport infrastructure.

This will mean that the land will remain open and continue to contribute to the character of the area.



Natural Environment Policies

Our SCNP contains 17 policies, these have been informally summarised in the following panels.

1 Landscape & Biodiversity

Summary of Policy SC2: Landscape Character and Value

Development proposals should demonstrate how they preserve or enhance the features which positively define the character of the Parish as highlighted in the seven different landscape character areas as set out in the Landscape Study and Assessment and the details highlighted in the Character Appraisal and Design Code documents.

Summary of Policy SC3: Key Views and Vistas

The village is characterised by a wide variety of views, which are described in the Sutton Courtenay Character Appraisal and Design Code. The views reflect both the character of the Sutton Courtenay Conservation Area and the strong connection of the village to the surrounding landscape. In addition, the Lowland Vale makes an important contribution to distant views from higher ground within the North Wessex Downs AONB to the north. Furthermore, 91% of residents responding in the Residents' Survey rate the views entering and leaving Sutton Courtenay as very or quite important.

Each of the 25 views are listed within the policy and a map highlights their viewpoint and direction.

Summary of Policy SC4: Green and Blue infrastructure

Sutton Courtenay is well served by Public Rights of Way (PRoW) and permissive paths, and these are an important part of life in the village, as well as being important in maintaining the strong historical connection between the village and the wider landscape. The Parish has a very close physical relationship to a number of waterbodies, including the River Thames (including Sutton Pools), Ginge Brook, Mill Brook, the wetlands and floodplains and artificial lakes formed in former gravel extraction quarries. This policy seeks to protect and enhance these elements and ensure residents continue to enjoy them in the future as highlighted by the response to the Resident's survey.

Summary of Policy SC6: Biodiversity

The highest priority for the majority of respondents in the Resident's Survey was maintaining riverbanks and streams with the encouraging of wildlife habitats their second priority. A Biodiversity Report has been produced for the Parish, highlighting the Local Wildlife Site, Kelaart's Field and a number of priority habitats and protected / notable species within the Neighbourhood Plan area. The policy seeks to delivery a biodiversity net gain and conserve existing habitats and species.

2 Flooding and Drainage, Riverside and Minerals & Waste

Summary of Policy SC7: Flooding and drainage

The Residents' Survey provided a clear indication that flooding is a key issue with 88% of respondents stating that all future developments should include flood-prevention measures to reduce the impact of a flood. The Environment Agency (EA) flood risk maps show that a significant part of Sutton Courtenay is covered by flood zones or flood warning areas. In addition, further resident's information highlights local areas of flooding which are not highlighted, which are also due to surface water / sewer problems, partly to the low level of the surrounding land and also to the ground conditions in the area (including increased levels of development and hard surfacing). The policy seeks to identify all of these areas and make it clear to see the current areas of concern and the information required to accompany development proposals.

Summary of Policy SC11: - Former Mineral Workings

Minerals and Waste policy is controlled by Oxfordshire County Council and cannot be considered in the Neighbourhood Plan until the land is no longer required or has been restored. This policy looks at land solely within these circumstances and seeks to further enhance its landscape, heritage and biodiversity quality for the future. Where possible new paths and cycle routes are supported.

Summary of Policy SC12: - Riverside Related Development

Whilst the presence of the River Thames is not publicly apparent from the heart of the village. Many houses on the west side of the village have gardens onto the river or benefit from river views. To the north of the village and alongside the fields from east to west the river is more visible and can be enjoyed from Public Rights of Way alongside. This waterside character is a key visual, recreational and historical component of the parish and the policy seeks to protect this for future generations

Other Policies

3 Community, Employment, Transport & Infrastructure

Summary of Policy SC13: - Community facilities

Local residents are understood to be satisfied with the availability and suitability of various services and facilities in the parish. It is key that such facilities are safeguarded where possible. This policy identifies the main facilities to be protected and the criterion required for any redevelopment application.

Summary of Policy SC14: - Village Hall

This policy seeks to support any appropriately sited and designed new or replacement village hall in the future.

Summary of Policy SC15: - Sustainable construction and infrastructure

Whilst the majority of infrastructure associated with development is already well established and provided through legal obligations or the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), this policy instead focuses upon sustainability and climate change. This should be undertaken through appropriate design, using the individual site characteristics, through use of thermally efficient materials, rainwater harvesting and renewable technologies. The appropriateness of each will depend on location and other factors such as landscape and heritage designations for example.

Summary of Policy SC16: Economy and Employment

The residents' survey highlighted a need for small-scale business development in Sutton Courtenay, with extra shops, creative workshops spaces, small starter offices and commercial units in demand. The later business survey highlighted that the majority of business in the parish have 1-5 staff members and therefore is consistent with the type of small scale business development highlighted.

The policy sets out how new appropriate small scale businesses can be accommodated in the parish subject to various criteria.

Summary of Policy SC17: - Traffic management

Many of the traffic issues within the parish are outside of the scope of this Neighbourhood Plan. In this instance the community aspirations highlight the direction in which the Parish Council are working towards.

The policy itself however focuses upon parking, road safety measures, sustainable transport options and traffic / HGV movements.

4 Housing

It should be noted that the SCNP cannot change the current housing allocation or other policies which allow for housing development as set out in the Local Plan.

Summary of Policy SC8: Residential development Within the Built-up Area

The area has seen significant amounts of housing development since 2011 with approximately 300 new dwellings being built. The level and location of housing growth was considered in the 2018 Residents' Survey. Over two-thirds of respondents (69%) agreed that development should be directed to infill sites (1-2 houses), within the built-up area of the village. The large majority of respondents (79%) disagreed that development should be on sites which will extend the built up area of the village.

Policy SC8 distinguishes between the built-up area of the Sutton Courtenay village and the surrounding countryside in order to manage development proposals accordingly. It then sets out a number of criteria relating to density, design, heritage, landscape, views and housing mix and size.

Summary of Policy SC9: - Housing Needs

Applications where one or more new houses are proposed should be accompanied by sufficient information to set out how the accommodation will meet the specific local housing needs of the Parish. This is to ensure that there is an appropriate balance of dwellings types and sizes are provided which meets the needs of the community.





SUTTON COURTENAY - NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (SCNP)

Public Consultation Event

Built Environment Policies

5 Heritage, Character, Design and Appearance

Analysis of the urban areas has been undertaken in the Sutton Courtenay Character Assessment and Design Code document. This when combined with the resident's survey has informed the policy below.

Residents were asked how important it was to them that development does not have a harmful impact on historic buildings and the conservation area in Sutton Courtenay. 80% felt it was very important. They also expressed that new housing should be in keeping with the existing character of the village.

The historic importance and character of the village are reflected in the fact that its 42.96 hectare conservation area was designated by the District Council in 1969. The conservation area encompasses the oldest part of the village and contains all except two of the parish's listed buildings and two of its locally important assets.

Summary of Policy SC10: - Design, Heritage and Setting

In order to support appropriate forms of development in the future, Policy SC10 seeks to reinforce the locally distinctive built form and to enhance or better reveal those aspects of the

heritage assets that are significant.

The Character Appraisal established three distinct Character Areas:

- Character Area 1: Sutton Courtenay Conservation Area
- Character Area 2: Roads/Lanes Leading from Conservation Area
- Character Area 3: South of Conservation Area

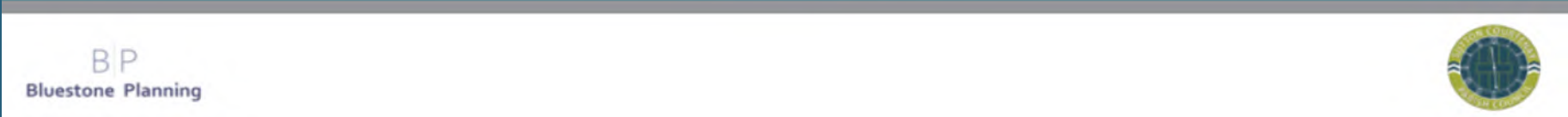
A Design Code was devised for each area to ensure that new development within these areas would be in keeping with identified character and / or would enhance these areas appropriately.

The policy references this design code and sets out further criteria by which new development should be assessed.



Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Character Appraisal and Design Code

V1.3 March 2022



Character Areas 1: Sutton Courtenay Conservation Area

As described in Section 3.3 above, the Sutton Courtenay conservation area has great architectural and historic qualities that are distinct to its character. Character Area 1 is rich with heritage assets including all but two of the parish's listed buildings. The landscape character is typical of Lowland Village Farmlands being a relatively flat, low lying terrain. The landscape features within Character Area 1 include the Grade II registered garden at Sutton Courtenay Manor as well as the historically and communally important village green and Sutton Pools.

The focal point of this character area is the Green with a typical juxtaposition of church, inns and large houses set around it. The rubblestone Church of All Saints' with its squat tower is set in an attractive churchyard which stretches to All Saints Lane. Neighbouring properties, including the grade I listed Sutton Courtenay Manor, the Norman Hall on the west side of Church Street and The Abbey to the south of The Green, are all in exceptionally large plots with mature gardens which contribute to the attractive rural character of the centre of the village. Although these buildings are widely spaced due to their large gardens, this part of the village retains a strong sense of enclosure defined in parts by the mature boundary landscaping around those important buildings.

Further north, the sense of enclosure continues, though here it is defined by the narrower width of Church Street and the close proximity of one-houses, which in places form a continuous run. There is an attractive mix of buildings, with a variety of dates, size, style and materials reflecting the organic development of the village over centuries.

Further south, on High Street the street has a similar mix of house types, size, styles and dates as Church Street, with properties from the seventeenth century through to the twenty-first century. The enclosure of Church Street is also continued by the houses which run almost continuously with any gaps bounded by rubble stone and or brick walls. Further south, the continuity of development ceases enabling views to the countryside to the west where plots are undeveloped. This semi-rural feel is reinforced by the well-planted gardens and the farms and farm buildings survive on High Street, including Upton Farm and Southfield Farm. Traditional farm buildings continuing down the plot reinforce this character.

From the triangular junction on at the top of High Street, Brook Street runs west towards Drayton Road. The northern edge of the road is formed against a high stone wall that curves along the street backed up by a row of pollarded and unpollarded horse Chestnut trees. The few houses on Brook Street are detached and in generous plots, mostly set back from the road. At the western fringe of the conservation area, the village meets the countryside where there are views to the water meadows to the north. The south side of Brook Street has a mix of property ages with old workers' cottages and 20th century houses, interspersed with more recent infill development. The houses are set back in their plots, with well-established gardens and boundary planting.

Siting & Layout

Siting and layout varies within Character Area 1, with properties to the north of Church Street and High Street having a strongly defined building line, with minimal gaps between the properties forming clusters of continuous built form (88, 89). In contrast, the properties surrounding the green are set in large established gardens and are well back into their plots with expansive gaps between neighbouring properties (90). A further layout approach has been adopted in a number of farms and farm buildings that survive on High Street (91), where the primary frontage is perpendicular to the road and where farm buildings continue down the plot. This layout results in gaps in the developed frontage permitting views of the countryside beyond.

Density

The average densities of residential and mixed-use areas in Sutton Courtenay were calculated based on the average number dwellings per hectare (dph) and the plot ratio (the ratio between the size of the plot and the amount of space that buildings take up on it). Densities in Character Area 1 range from less than 5 to nearly 35 dph (figure 87). The lowest density areas correspond with the large detached properties at the centre of Church Street, which also benefit from a very low plot ratio with buildings occupying less than 10% of the plot. The highest density occurs at the junction of High Street and Old Wallingford Way at 33dph, where plot ratio is nearly 50%.

Character Area 2: Roads/Lanes leading from the Conservation Area

There are a number of narrow lanes that lead off the conservation area towards the countryside either east or west of the village. These tracks originally connected the village to its surrounding open fields and meadows. Some may date to the Anglo-Saxon period and may have connected the settlement to other Anglo-Saxon settlements along the Thames. Character Area 2 considers those parts of the lanes that fall outside the conservation area.

At the northern tip of the Church Street the road turns sharply eastwards towards Appleford. Development along Appleford Road is presented as either ribbon development that stretches for approximately 300m along Appleford Road, or more recently, as infill residential development at Arney Close and Heritage Park. Both of these approaches have a distinct urban or sub-urban feel in contrast to much of the character of the northern part of the village. The design approach is incongruous with that typically found elsewhere in Character Area 2.

Leading off Church Street both Churchmere Road and All Saints Lane comprise quiet informally surfaced country lanes. They are often edged with wild vegetation, reinforcing the rural character of the village. These lanes have accommodated a reasonable amount of infill development which has been successfully integrated, particularly where standard road widths and footways/footpaths have been adopted and where houses draw little reference to the character of the conservation area. Tulla Close and the recent developments to the south of Appleford Road are distinct examples of how this approach contrasts with the organic development of the conservation area.

Siting & Layout

Siting and layout within the northern part of Character Area 2 is dominated by detached properties set in their own plots with both front and rear gardens and boundaries defined with walls, fencing and domestic hedges (149, 150). Further south, infill developments including Lady Place (151) and Tulla Close (152) present more suburban layouts with dedicated parking bays and standard road widths.

Density

The lowest density area of Character Area 2 is Churchmere Road, which also benefits from a low plot ratio, with buildings on average occupying less than 25% of the plot. The highest density occurs on Arney Close at 28dph, where plot ratio is nearly 50%.

Character Area 3: South of Conservation Area

The area to the south of the conservation area incorporates the southern part of High Street, Friarham Street, Harwell Road, Milton Road and the numerous lanes leading off those roads. Development along the southern part of High Street and leading into Friarham Street includes houses dating from the eighteenth century, nineteenth century, early twentieth century terraces, 1930s semi-detached houses and some later 20th and 21st century houses. Electricity pylons and supply lines are prominent features in some places within the streetscene. Parking particularly undermines the quality of the streetscene in this location, with evidence of parking on footpaths and green verges in addition to the loss of private front gardens at handstanding. The end of Friarham Street leads into Hobbs Lane from where views are channelled towards the countryside to the east.

Further south and west is a densely-developed area of predominantly residential properties. This development of both Milton Road and Harwell Road started as ribbon development in the 1930s-1950. This development originally comprised predominantly bungalows, but now includes a mix of house types and styles due to extensions and modifications of the original dwellings. Most dwellings have reasonable plots with much mature vegetation. From the 1950s onwards in-depth development occurred including, a housing estate, shops and a school. The layout of this was typical of that period, with standard road widths and footpaths as well as standard set backs for the housing, resulting in a homogeneous character within the estate. Almost all are two-storey with pitched roofs and constructed of brick, though some examples of maisonettes do occur and Kitchside is entirely comprised of bungalows. On-street parking is prominent in places front gardens have been entirely lost to parking. The layout allows for some opening out of the verge to create small greens, which now have mature trees.

To the north of Milton Road, more recent residential development has occurred to the rear of the original ribbon development. Asquith Park provides a mix of detached and semi-detached houses, mostly 2 storeys high, with some 2 1/2 storeys, set in relatively small plots. The houses are arranged in a cul-de-sac and include a LEAP. Two other developments, Rye Gardens and Springfield Way have adopted a similar approach resulting in a significant increase in a type of development that is incongruous with the historic core.

Siting & Layout

Character Area 3 was developed initially as ribbon development along Harwell Road and Milton (Sutton Road) leading out from the older parts of the village. This is characterised by detached properties set in their own plots with both front and rear gardens and boundaries defined with low walls, fencing and domestic hedges. To the rear of this frontage development are a number of infill developments and development in estate form, such as Bradstocks Way (211), Tyrrells Way and Barretts Way, which present more suburban layouts with dedicated parking and standard road widths. To the north of Milton Road, more recent developments provide a mix of housing, closely spaced with formal layouts (213).

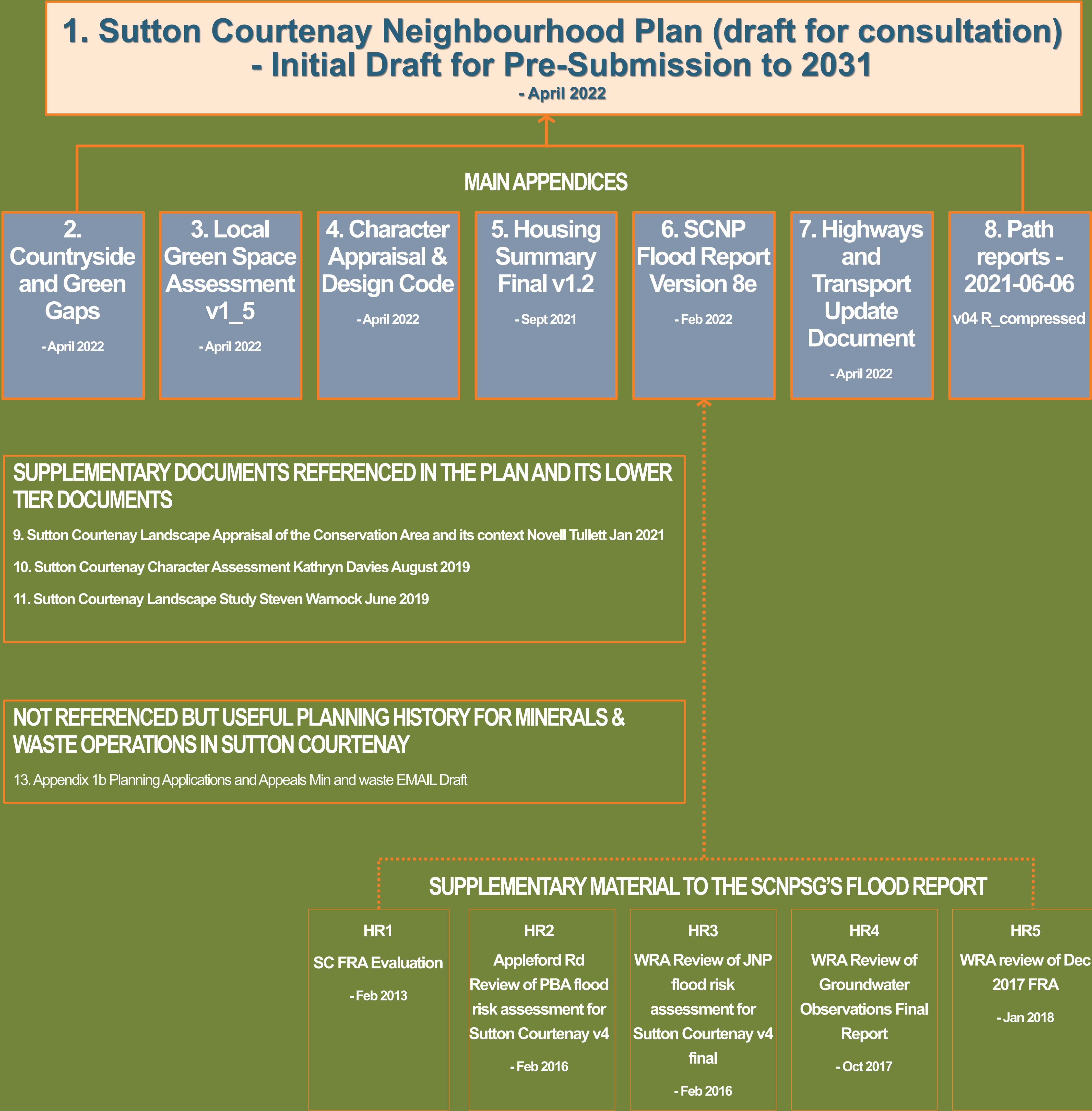
Density

This area of post-war developments including local authority housing and later infill developments by private developers range in density between 7dph and 35dph. The lowest density areas within Character Area 3, the Sutton Courtenay conservation area, with significantly higher densities occurring along Bradstocks Way and on the recent developments at Asquith Park and Rye Gardens to the north of Milton (Sutton) Road, where plot ratios are nearly 50%.



SCNP Documents

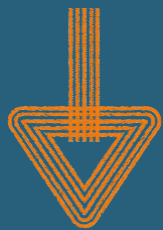
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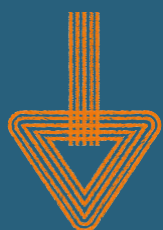


SCNP timeline

Neighbourhood
Plan Area
Designated



Initial
Questionnaire



Vision and
Objectives
Consultation



Evidence
Gathering



Draft Topics &
Policies
Consultation



Stakeholder
Engagement



Pre -
submission
Consultation

(6 weeks): collate and
review feedback prior to
amending plan (a full
response to comments to
be provided)

Steering Group

CURRENT STEP



Submission
of Plan to
VoWH

Submit amended
Plan to Local Planning
Authority (LPA)

Steering Group



Submission
Draft
Consultation

(6 weeks): publication
of Submission draft for
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Examination.
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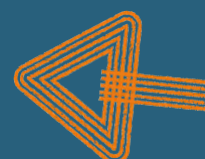
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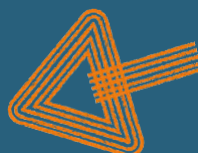
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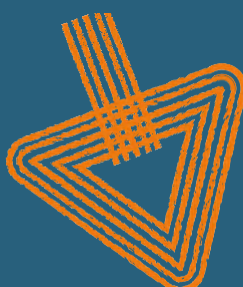
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Referendum

Community vote on
whether to adopt the
Referendum version of the
SCNP.
If more than 50% of those
voting, vote yes, then
SCNP is 'made' or
adopted and will become
part of the Statutory
Development Plan

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SCNP is
Made

APPENDIX 15 – REGULATION 14 VOWHDC CONSULTATION RESPONSE
TABLE

Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Development Plan – Comments under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (As Amended)

Date sent by VWHDC 13 September 2022

Ref	Section/Policy	VWHDC Comment	Comment / Response	Action
1.	Page 7 – Figure 1.1	This map shows the designated neighbourhood area and the parish boundary. However, it could be clearer in defining the boundaries, as currently the ‘parish boundary’ appears to stop when it reaches the ‘final neighbourhood plan boundary’ and therefore the whole parish boundary is not shown. To provide clarity and to assist, we will produce a map showing the neighbourhood plan boundary and parish boundary with our mapping officers and share this with the parish council for consideration in due course.	Agreed.	Key changed.
2.	Page 17 – Paragraph 2.3.8	The final sentence of this paragraph refers to Oxfordshire County Council carrying out further consultation on a further preferred options in August/September 2021. The Oxfordshire County Council website currently states: ‘As set out within our Minerals and Waste Development Scheme we are expecting to undertake further Preferred Options on our Site Allocations Document in the Summer of 2022. However, there is currently a delay in the Plans preparation, particularly in the publication of our Partial Update consultation which was expected at the end of 2021.’	Agreed.	Text updated to reflect current position.

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3.	Page 23 – Objective 12	<p>This objective sets out how the plan will give priority for new housing to meet local needs including a greater availability range of affordable housing for residents. However, this statement may be misleading as housing will meet the needs of the district. We recommend that the objective is slightly reworded as follows:</p> <p><i>‘New housing to meet local needs including a greater availability of a range of affordable housing.’</i></p>	Agreed.	Text amended.
4.	Page 35 – Policy SC1: Green Gaps	<p>Figure 6.3 shows the extent of the proposed local green gaps, and the supporting text provides some narrative on each of the parcels of land proposed. The map provided in the plan is small which makes it difficult to interpret the boundaries of the proposed green gaps. In most cases you have to refer to the supporting document, the Countryside and Green Gaps Assessment to see a clear image. A more detailed or zoomed in map or maps within the plan will provide greater clarity. The plan seeks to identify 6 green gaps.</p> <p>Across both the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire there have been several neighbourhood plans which have tried to introduce gap policies with varied success.</p> <p>There have been a few plans in the Vale of White Horse which have tried to introduce gap policies. The conclusions and recommendations of the examiner’s reports are relevant and worth considering.</p>	Agreed.	Maps were updated and slight amendments to text were made to reflect the NP area.

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		<p>Examiners have recognised that this is an important matter for many communities, however gaps have to be carefully considered, to ensure they are not dealing with strategic matters which is beyond the remit of neighbourhood plans and to make sure they are supported by appropriate evidence. In the Wotton and St Helen Without Neighbourhood Plan, the examiner raised that the NPPG comments that – ‘all settlements can play a role in delivering sustainable development in rural areas -and so blanket policies restricting housing development in some settlements and preventing other settlements from expanding should be avoided unless their use can be supported by robust evidence’.</p> <p>The examiner concluded that the proposed green gaps were of such a scale that they would constitute a strategic approach to development which is beyond the remit of a neighbourhood plan (link here).</p> <p>Another example is Shrivenham, in this case the examiner felt it was appropriate to remove some of the proposed local gaps as they found that the settlements were physically separate and planning application activity did not suggest that the area could not otherwise be controlled by more general countryside policies (link here).</p>		

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		<p>We have concerns over the extent of the proposed green gaps, which in combination surround the whole village and take a strategic approach. Each gap is made up of multiple fields, in some cases up to 4/5.</p> <p>The proposed gaps cover large parcels and extensive tracts of land and in a lot of cases simply extend to the neighbourhood area boundary, which then continues to be open countryside beyond the neighbourhood plan boundary. This is reflected in the policy with the references made to being south, west, north, and east of Sutton Courtenay, making it unclear in most cases what the gap is separating.</p> <p>In most of the gaps identified there is no indication that the areas concerned cannot otherwise be controlled by more general countryside policies.</p> <p>Our recommendation is that the policy is modified to be a become a general separation of settlements policy.</p> <p>Gap policies are often successful when they identify the minimum area necessary to prevent the coalescence of two built up areas - e.g., the last remaining field. The only parcels which we consider would be appropriate to identify as specific green gaps are parcels A4a and A3j, as these are single fields separating the built-up edge of Sutton Courtenay from neighbouring Milton and the industrial estate.</p>		

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		<p>Parcel A4a includes land zoned for commercial development in the 2012 adopted Milton Park Local Development Order (LDO). The LDO is currently being reviewed, with the consultation open until 30 September 2022. The LDO area is unchanged from the original area established in 2012. With the LDO in place and a review currently taking place, we recommend that parcel A4a is revised to remove the area within the LDO.</p> <p>For the separation of settlements policy, we would recommend the following wording: <i>'Development proposals in the neighbourhood area should demonstrate that the character of any particular settlement is retained, and that a physical and visual separation is maintained between its different settlements. In particular new development should maintain the separation between following settlements within the neighbourhood area:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>between Sutton Courtenay and Culham (insofar as this affects the neighbourhood area);</i> • <i>between Sutton Courtenay and Abingdon (insofar as this affects the neighbourhood area);</i> • <i>between Sutton Courtenay and Drayton (insofar as this affects the neighbourhood area);</i> • <i>between Sutton Courtenay and Milton (insofar as this affects the neighbourhood area);</i> 		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>between Sutton Courtenay and Didcot (insofar as this affects the neighbourhood area);</i> <p><i>Development proposals will be considered in the context of Core Policy 4 in the Local Plan 2031: Part 1, and in addition, will only be supported where:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>the physical and visual separation between two separate settlements is not unacceptably diminished.</i> • <i>cumulatively, with other existing or proposed development, it does not compromise the physical and visual separation between settlements, and</i> • <i>it does not lead to a loss of environmental or historical assets that individually or collectively contribute towards their local identity.'</i> 		
5.	Page 43 – Policy SC3: Key Views and Vistas	<p>View 5 and view 22 are shown on figure 6.7 as being outside of the designated neighbourhood area. Neighbourhood plans policies only apply to the neighbourhood area, therefore views and areas outside of the neighbourhood area will not be subject to policies and should be deleted.</p> <p>View 1 Is this view from a publicly accessible vantage point? It appears to be a view taken from the middle of a field, with no clear public footpath.</p> <p>View 4</p>	Agreed.	Plan was revised with new viewpoints.

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		<p>This view is shown in image 66 in the Countryside and Green Gap Assessment. It is noted as being important because of the semi-private/public space contribution to the informal and intimate character of the scene. Whilst this is an important element of the character of the area, it does not appear to be a view, as it is the front of a house. Whilst an attractive house, it is not a view and therefore we suggest that this view is removed.</p> <p>View 11 The Church of All Saints is Grade I listed and therefore its importance and significance are noted and reflected in the listing of the building. This view is a close of up view of just the church and its immediate surroundings and therefore it is unclear how identification of this view adds value. The site already benefits from a high level of protection due to the building being listed. We would therefore suggest that this view is removed.</p> <p>View 17 In the description of this view, it states that it is a typical picturesque view obtained along the winding High Street with historic buildings in a variety of styles, dates and materials. Whilst this is important for setting out the character of the area, we recommend you consider whether it should be identified as an important view and instead should form part of the character assessment for the area.</p>		

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		<p>View 19, View 24, and View 25 Similarly, to view 17, we recommend you consider whether these are important views, or just identified areas of the village which contribute to the character of the area.</p> <p>View 18 and View 20 These views are within proximity to one another and are very similar in nature. Within the supporting evidence the reasons given are the same, noting the physical and visual separation between Sutton Courtenay and Drayton. For these reasons, we recommend you consider if both of these views need to be included.</p> <p>View 26 This view is noted as being important because of the physical and visual separation between Sutton Courtenay and Didcot. It is therefore more appropriate to protect this area through the separation of settlements policy referred to in our comments on policy SC1. To avoid duplication, we would recommend that this view is deleted on the basis that the policy objective can be achieved elsewhere.</p>		
6.	Page 53 – Policy SC5: Local Green Spaces	<p>Figure 6.11 is challenging to interpret, especially when looking at some of the smaller proposed Local Green Spaces. A more detailed/zoomed in map or maps within the plan will make the Local Green Spaces clearer easier to see, without needing to refer to the supporting evidence.</p> <p>LG7 – All Saints Churchyard, The Green</p>	Agreed.	<p>Provided link to new plan.</p> <p>Reduction of the total area of LG17.</p> <p>Revision of the area of LG7 and</p>

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		<p>This local green space relates to the green space surrounding All Saints Church, however the green space shown on the map washes over the whole site, including the church. Local green space designations can only apply to open green spaces and therefore we recommend that the church is excluded from the designation.</p> <p>LG17 – Kelaarts Field In the assessment of this area it states that the site is approximately 26 ha and thus is considered a considerable tract of land. The NPPF is clear that local green space designations can only be used where the green space is local in character and not an extensive tract of land. Based on the size of this site, we do not consider that it meets this criterion. We therefore recommend LG17 is removed. This area of the neighbourhood area is also proposed to be a green gap, which given the size of the site, is a more appropriate designation. Another consideration is that this proposed Local Green Space includes land zoned for commercial development in the 2012 adopted Milton Park Local Development Order (LDO). The proposal would need to be revised to exclude this area.</p> <p>LG19 – Land to the west of the Millennium Common Local Green Space designations relate to the designation of green areas of particular importance to local communities and normally applies to land. This proposed site mainly</p>		<p>omission of the church.</p> <p>Changed LG19 / 20 to omit lake.</p> <p>Last sentence was removed.</p>

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		<p>consists of a lake. We therefore consider that it is unlikely to meet the requirements and recommend LG19 is removed.</p> <p>LG20 – Land to the south-west of the Millennium Common</p> <p>Local Green Space designations relate to the designation of green areas. This proposed site mainly consists of a lake. We therefore consider that it is unlikely to meet the requirements and recommend LG20 is removed.</p> <p>Within the policy, we recommend the final sentence 'Where development that would improve... spaces remain intact', is deleted. This should be deleted because it goes beyond the approach in the NPPF. Deleting this ensures the policy wording is appropriate taking account of the case in the Court of Appeal on the designation of local green spaces and the policy relationship with areas designated as Green Belts (2020 EWCA Civ 1259).</p>		
7.	Page 58 – Policy SC6: Biodiversity	<p>Fourth bullet point</p> <p>Core Policy 46: Conservation and Improvement of Biodiversity in the Local Plan sets out:</p> <p><i>'Development likely to result in the loss, deterioration or harm to habitats or species of importance to biodiversity or of importance for geological conservation interests, either directly or indirectly, will not be permitted unless:</i></p>	Agreed.	Bullet points 4 and 5 amended as suggested.

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		<p>i <i>the need for, and benefits of, the development in the proposed location outweighs the adverse effect on the relevant biodiversity interest;</i></p> <p>ii <i>it can be demonstrated that it could not reasonably be located on an alternative site that would result in less or no harm to the biodiversity interests; and</i></p> <p>iii <i>measures can be provided (and are secured through planning conditions or legal agreements), that would avoid, mitigate against or, as a last resort, compensate for, the adverse effects likely to result from development.'</i></p> <p>Priority habitats are listed as habitats of importance and therefore development proposals are subject to the tests set out above in Core Policy 46. These tests set out higher thresholds than the considerations in Policy SC6. On this basis we recommend that, in relation to the priority habitats, this bullet point is amended to refer to Core Policy 46, amended to be consistent with this element of Core Policy 46, or deleted.</p> <p>The fifth bullet point covers a similar topic, priority species, and the same point as above is applicable. The tests set out in the Core Policy 46 are more detailed than the considerations in Policy SC6. We therefore recommend that this bullet point is amended to refer to Core Policy 46, amended to be consistent with this element of Core Policy 46, or deleted.</p>		

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8.	Page 66 – Policy SC7: Flooding and drainage	<p>In the opening sentence of the policy, it refers to 'and surrounding environment'. It is not clear what is meant by this, and national guidance sets out that policies need to be drafted with clarity and precision. We therefore recommend 'and surrounding environment' is deleted.</p> <p>The NPPF sets out when a flood risk assessment should be provided. Footnote 55 states: <i>'A site-specific flood risk assessment should be provided for all development in Flood Zones 2 and 3. In Flood Zone 1, an assessment should accompany all proposals involving: sites of 1 hectare or more; land which has been identified by the Environment Agency as having critical drainage problems; land identified in a strategic flood risk assessment as being at increased flood risk in future; or land that may be subject to other sources of flooding, where its development would introduce a more vulnerable use.'</i></p> <p>The second sentence in the opening paragraph of the policy is therefore duplicating national policy. The NPPF is clear that policies should avoid unnecessary duplication and we recommend that this sentence is deleted.</p> <p>The requirement for a SUDS scheme to be detailed within a flood risk assessment is dealing with the content of a technical document. It is not necessary for a flood risk assessment to include a detailed SUDS scheme, as this can be secured by condition and a flood risk assessment need only outline</p>	Agreed.	Sentence was deleted.

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		<p>what a drainage scheme may include. We recommend 'will be detailed within a site-specific flood risk assessment and' is replaced with '<i>should be</i>'.</p> <p>The final sentence of the policy states that additional green space should be provided on site in addition to areas contributing to SuDS. Development Policy 34: Leisure and Sports Facilitates in the Local Plan Part Two sets out that new housing developments will be required to provide or contribute towards indoor and outdoor leisure and sports facilities in accordance with the local standards as set out in Appendix K. This provides a detailed breakdown of open space and leisure requirements which all new housing development is required to meet. Therefore, the final sentence of this policy is not necessary as provision of green space is dealt with elsewhere in the development plan and we recommend it is deleted.</p>		
9.	Page 69 – Paragraph 8.1.3	<p>Core Policy 4: Meeting Our Housing Needs in the Local Plan sets out that in Larger Villages there is a presumption in favour of sustainable development within the existing built area. Development in Sutton Courtenay is therefore not limited, as this paragraph sets out. The wording in this paragraph is taken from Core Policy 3 which identifies the settlement hierarchy, whereas Core Policy 4 sets out how we are going to meet our housing need, including how development will be considered at market towns, local service centres, larger villages, smaller villages, and</p>	Comment Noted.	Text amended as suggested in the Steering Group meeting.

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		open countryside. Therefore, we recommend that the third and fourth sentences are amended to say: <i>'Within Sutton Courtenay as a 'Larger Village' there is a presumption in favour of sustainable development within the existing built area. The Parish has experienced housing growth over the last ten years partly as a result of the redevelopment of former commercial sites and partly as a result of development on greenfield sites, during a time when the district had a lack of a five-year land supply of deliverable housing sites.'</i>		
10.	Page 71 – Policy SC8: Residential development Within the Built-up Area	As not all the criteria are going to be relevant to all planning applications we recommend <i>'As appropriate to their scale, nature and location,'</i> is inserted before 'Proposals for residential...'. Criterion a Whilst the existing character of an area is an important consideration and density has a role to play in defining this, this criterion may prevent best use of previously developed land and could preclude smaller units. National policy is clear that planning policies should support development that makes efficient use of land. We therefore recommend the following replacement wording: <i>'Optimising the density of the site, taking into account the character of the area, and of a suitable scale, bulk, height and mass.'</i> Criterion c To bring clarity to this criterion we recommend the wording is replaced with:	Agreed.	Text amended as suggested.

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		<p><i>'Sited to preserve, or where practicable enhance, the local character and not have an unacceptable impact on the local character and/or an identified local view.'</i></p> <p>Criterion e</p> <p>We recommend this criterion is updated to refer to the Joint Design Guide which was adopted in June 2022 and replaced the Vale of White Horse Design Guide.</p> <p>Paragraph 130 of the NPPF sets out that planning policies should ensure that developments are sympathetic to local character and history, including the surrounding built environment and landscape setting, while not preventing or discouraging appropriate innovation or change. In specifying vernacular styles in this criterion, it may restrict other forms of good design. We therefore recommend 'in vernacular styles' is deleted.</p> <p>Criterion j</p> <p>It is unclear from the Housing Summary: Sutton Courtenay what mix of accommodation to meet local needs is needed. It would be more useful to set out the preferred approach in the policy, for example if that is for 1-bed, 2-bed or 3-bed properties.</p>		
11.	Page 75/76 – Policy SC9: Housing Needs	This policy is overly restrictive in setting out that all applications for residential development, other than extensions and the replacement of existing single dwellings shall set out how the proposed accommodation will	Agreed.	Text amended as suggested.

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		<p>meet the specific local housing need of the Parish.</p> <p>Core Policy 4: Meeting Our Housing Needs in the Local Plan sets out that in Larger Villages there is a presumption in favour of sustainable development within the existing built area. Development in Sutton Courtenay is therefore not limited. Some examiners have found that in similar neighbourhood plans which have not allocated housing sites, similar policy approaches do not meet the basic conditions.</p> <p>They concluded that most housing proposals in the Plan period will be of a modest scale and will reflect the specific needs of the applicant or landowner. You therefore may be more successful if you modify the policy, we recommend that it is modified to become an encouraging policy, for example through changing the text to:</p> <p><i>'Residential development, other than extensions and the replacement of existing single dwellings, are encouraged to set out how the proposed accommodation will meet the local housing needs of the Parish, including details of how the development:'</i></p> <p>Criterion a</p> <p>This criterion focuses on meeting specific local needs and refers to the Housing Summary: Sutton Courtenay Parish document. However it also refers to the Strategic Housing Market Assessment, which is not a locally specific document. As the aim is to encourage development to meet local needs, we recommend the reference to the</p>		

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		<p>Strategic Housing Market Assessment is removed.</p> <p>Criteria d</p> <p>The Written Ministerial Statement (WMS) made on 24 May 2021 on Affordable Homes introduced significant changes to the delivery of affordable housing, introducing a new affordable housing tenure called First Homes, as well as making changes to the current model of Shared Ownership (link here).</p> <p>Tenure Vale of White Horse</p> <p>First Homes 25%</p> <p>Social Rent & Affordable Rent 56%</p> <p>Other routes to affordable home ownership 19%</p>		
12.	Page 79 – Paragraph 9.2.5	This paragraph explains how non-designated assets have been identified and are shown on figure 9.1. It would be useful if a list of the non-designated heritage assets matched with a labelled map. Currently the scale of figure 9.1 makes it difficult to pinpoint exactly what assets have been identified.	Agreed.	Production of a new individual map and reference to list.
13.	Page 80 – Paragraph 9.2.6 – 9.2.8	This section refers to the Vale of White Horse Design Guide, however the council has a newly adopted Joint Design Guide which has replaced the previous Vale of White Horse Design Guide. We recommend you update this section to refer to the Joint Design Guide. Figure 9.1 points towards a Saxon Settlement, however it is not clear if this is within the neighbourhood area. If it is not within the neighbourhood area, we recommend that it is deleted from the map, to avoid confusion.	Agreed.	Section deleted as suggested.

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14.	Page 94 – SC10: Design, Heritage and Setting	<p>In the opening sentence of the policy reference is made to the setting of the Conservation Area Appraisal. A large amount of the neighbourhood area is not within the setting of the Conservation Area and therefore this would not be relevant to those areas. The Sutton Courtenay Character Appraisal and Design Code covers all areas of the neighbourhood area, including the Conservation Area and its setting in detail. For clarity we recommend '<i>and the setting of the Conservation Area Appraisal</i>' is deleted from the policy text.</p> <p>Criteria 5 refers to the Vale of White Horse Design Guide, however the council has a newly adopted Joint Design Guide which has superseded the previous Vale of White Horse Design Guide. We recommend you amend this criterion to refer to the Joint Design Guide.</p> <p>Criteria 7 refers to important vegetation, to bring clarity and to be consistent with Core Policy 44, we recommend 'important vegetation' is replaced with '<i>important features such as trees, hedgerows, woodland, field boundaries, watercourses and water bodies</i>'</p>	Comment Noted.	No change.
15.	Page 99 – Policy SC11: Former Mineral Workings	<p>The first paragraph should be deleted. This is because Minerals and Waste is deemed excluded development and Neighbourhood Plans are not able to include provision about development that is excluded development. There is a risk that this part of the policy could be seen to deal with excluded development</p>	Agreed.	Amend text as suggested.

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		<p>as it seeks to control matters that are addressed as part of the restoration process, which is excluded development.</p> <p>For clarity and precision, we recommend the second paragraph is amended as follows <i>“After the restoration of the site is complete, development proposals for nature conservation and/or recreation will be supported, subject to the following criteria:”</i></p> <p>For clarity it would be useful to have a clear map showing the site which relates to this policy. Figure 9.22 is identifying a number of features, so it is not entirely clear where the site boundary is.</p> <p>Criterion b is unnecessary as planning law requires that applications for planning permission be determined in accordance with the development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. As Policy SC7 is within the Neighbourhood Plan, which will hopefully form part of the development plan once it passes referendum, applications will be determined in accordance with it and there is no need to make reference to it in other policies.</p> <p>Where the policy states “Any other development will be supported only if it meets the criteria above and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. It is served by suitable and safe access route that avoids conflicts between vehicles accessing the site and pedestrians and cyclists accessing the wider area.” <p>We recommend that the opening element is deleted and that point i. is moved to the list</p>		

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		<p>above as a point 'g'. This will bring clarity because 'Any other development' would imply that any other form of development (such as housing, employment etc) would be acceptable on the site subject to meeting the criteria.</p> <p>We would advise you to discuss this policy with Oxfordshire County Council as they are the authority responsible for minerals and waste.</p>		
16.	Page 102 – Policy SC12: Riverside Related Development	<p>The policy makes reference to a defined river corridor, shown in figure 9.23. There is no key provided on figure 9.23 and therefore it is assumed that the river corridor is the light blue area shown. To provide clarity we recommend that a key is inserted.</p> <p>Notably, large amount of the river corridor shown is outside of the designated neighbourhood area. We therefore recommend that '<i>Within the neighbourhood area</i>' is inserted before 'major development...'. The final paragraph should be deleted. The Neighbourhood Plan is not able to commit the Local Authority to collecting CIL funds for certain projects. CIL is a levy that is charged on all appropriate development and the Local Authorities spending strategy determines how the funds are then distributed. As part of spending strategy, the Parish Council receive a proportion of the funds collected in the parish, if the parish would like to encourage the funds it receives to be spent on these projects through policy than this is possible. However, we recommend this is set out in the</p>	Agreed.	Paragraph deleted as suggested.

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		supporting text or through a community aspiration in the plan, not a policy.		
17.	Page 105 – Policy SC13: Community facilities	<p>We recommend you insert '<i>that would result in the loss of an existing facility</i>' in the opening sentence of the policy.</p> <p>Redevelopment may not necessarily result in the loss of community facilities, therefore it is important that the policy states this.</p> <p>The facilities listed in this policy include a mixture of recreation facilities, community facilities, shops and education facilities. There are different policy considerations depending on the type of facility. For example, the list refers to a recreation ground including play area, sports field and skate park. However as an existing leisure and sports facility this would be subject to Development Policy 34 in the Local Plan, which sets out different tests than those for community facilities. The Local Plan policy states:</p> <p><i>b. Development of existing leisure and sports facilities will only be permitted provided that:</i></p> <p><i>i when assessed against the Leisure Facilities Study, Local Leisure Facilities Study and / or Playing Pitch Study, it is clearly shown that the leisure and / or sport facility is surplus to requirements; or</i></p> <p><i>ii the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of scale, quantity and quality in a suitable and accessible location; or</i></p>	Agreed.	Phrase inserted and text amended as suggested.

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		<p>iii <i>the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss; or</i></p> <p>iv <i>the proposed development is ancillary to the main use of the site and strengthens its function.'</i></p> <p>For this reason, we recommend you refer to Development Policy 34 in the policy wording, so that these tests are not lost. Wording could be introduced which says:</p> <p><i>'Where a site comprises existing leisure and sports facilities, the development of the site will only be permitted in accordance with the requirements set out in Development Policy 34: Leisure and Sports Facilities in the Local Plan Part Two.'</i></p>		
18.	Page 106 – Policy SC14: Village Hall	<p>This policy appears to conflict with SC13 which sets out considerations for the loss of community facilities. The policy supports the redevelopment of building or land that comprises a community facility where it can successfully be relocated elsewhere within the parish where it is well related and accessible to the whole of the village by means of cycling and walking routes. However, Policy SC14 is setting out that a proposal will not lead to a loss of the existing village hall for community use. This is not consistent with Policy SC13 or Development Policy 8 in the Local Plan and therefore we recommend 'to a loss of the existing Village Hall site for community use' is deleted from the policy.</p> <p>The consideration for amenity is the harm caused, therefore 'the loss of amenity for</p>	Agreed.	Text deleted as suggested

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		<p>local residents' should be replaced with <i>'significant adverse impacts on the amenity of neighbouring uses'</i>.</p> <p>The final element of the policy concerned with designated heritage assets is dealt with elsewhere in the plan, Policy SC10, and therefore we recommend 'or an adverse impact upon designated heritage assets' is deleted.</p>		
19.	Page 111 – Paragraph 12.1.2	<p>The first sentence of this paragraph refers to Use Class B1, B2 and B8. In September 2020 Use Class E was introduced which revoked Use Class B1. Information about Use Classes can be found on the Planning Portal website. As this paragraph is referring to the adopted Local Plan which was adopted before the Use Classes were updated, we recommend you add some text to explain that the Use Classes have been updated and that your policy reflects the most up to date position.</p>	Agreed.	Text updated as suggested.
20.	Page 114 – Policy SC16: New Employment Development on Unallocated sites	<p>Core Policy 28 sets out where proposals for new employment development on unallocated sites will be supported. It sets out how proposals in or on the edge of built-up area of Market Towns, Local Service Centres and Larger and Smaller Villages will be supported provided the benefits are not outweighed by any harmful impact, taking into account the criteria listed. This applies to Sutton Courtenay as a Larger Village. Policy SC16 is overly restrictive and is not consistent with the</p>	Agreed.	Policy deleted as suggested.

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		<p>policy approach set out in Local Plan Core Policy 28.</p> <p>The NPPF is clear that significant weight should be placed on the need to support economic growth and productivity (para 81). The NPPF is also clear that plans should avoid unnecessary duplication of policies that apply to a particular area. In this case, the policy is not adding any locally specific information and we recommend it is deleted.</p>		
21.	Page 117 – Paragraph 13.3.3	<p>Oxfordshire County Council recently adopted the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan in July 2022. This replaces the local transport plan which was adopted in 2015. We therefore recommend that this paragraph is updated to reflect the recently adopted Local Transport and Connectivity Plan.</p>	Agreed.	Paragraph updated as suggested.
22.	Comments from Equality and Inclusivity Officer	<p>Whilst the plan refers to access to public footpaths and green spaces there is no specific mention of accessibility to all. As a reminder, the Equality Act 2010 has 3 aims which require public bodies to have due regard to the need to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation & any other conduct prohibited by the act. • Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic & people who do not share it. • Foster good relations, between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not share it. 	Comment Noted.	No change.

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23.	Comments from Climate Action Officer	<p>The Sutton Courtenay neighbourhood plan team have demonstrated their concern for addressing the climate challenge, and their proposed policies on green infrastructure, flood risk, sustainable construction, renewable energy and sustainable transport are welcomed and provide a robust framework for contributing to the Vale of White Horse carbon emission reduction targets.</p> <p>I have a few suggestions on how some of the policies could be strengthened further:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy SC4: Green and Blue Infrastructure – you could use stronger language when listing the contribution development proposals should make to the Green and Blue Infrastructure Network. For example, 'Development proposals should provide access for wildlife to the Green and Blue Infrastructure Network....'. • Policy SC6: Biodiversity – the policy could specify a percentage Biodiversity Net Gain that development would be expected to meet. The 2021 Environment Act introduced a Biodiversity Net Gain of 10% and we suggest you use this percentage. • Policy SC17: Traffic management – The references to sustainable transport and walking and cycling are welcomed. The policy could be focused on a greater extent on reducing car usage and prioritising more sustainable methods of travel, and to include a reference to new homes having electric 	Comment Noted.	No change.

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		vehicle charging points (the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Joint Design Guide recommends one EV charging point per dwelling). The sustainable transport section of the Neighbourhood planning in a climate emergency guide (page 51) provides some good examples of strong neighbourhood plan policies on this topic.		
24.	Comments from Infrastructure Implementation Officer	<p>Paragraph 11.1.5 says the priorities for spending is described in Appendix 6, however the draft plan only goes to Appendix 5. Parishes with an adopted Neighbourhood Plan will receive 25% of the revenue from CIL development within the parish to spend on local projects in line with CIL regulations. CIL guidance encourages parish council to list the infrastructure projects within the neighbourhood plan that the CIL could be spent on.</p> <p>Possible projects have been identified under Community Aspirations and in Appendix 5. The Sutton Courtenay neighbourhood plan steering group may wish to consider expanding on Appendix 5 to set out the scope of the projects, anticipated cost of delivery, identified funding sources (such as S106 funds, CIL funds, external source, parish funds), feasibility and an indication of whether the projects are required to be delivered in the short, medium or long term and whether there is a reasonable prospect of delivery. An example can be that an improvement project is currently underway for the recreation ground utilising external funds,</p>	Comment Noted.	No change.

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		S106 funds, CIL funds and parish council reserves. Appendix 5 could then become a live separate document that the Parish Council maintains and is updated as projects progress or when new projects are added or turned into a stand-alone document.		
25.	Comments on document accessibility	<p>We have used Adobe Acrobat Pro's Accessibility Check and Accessibility Report features to review the document. The document has passed almost all of the tests. Adding alternate text to images and figures and checking the nesting of headings would make the document more accessible.</p> <p>Alternative text (also known as Alt Text) describes the appearance and function of an image. Screen readers will read aloud alt text to the user. This allows people who would not otherwise be able to see the image, such as blind and visually impaired people, to hear the description of it. Alt text should be a reasonable replacement for the image, which is particularly important if your image is a map, flowchart or infographic.</p> <p>Add alt text using Microsoft Word is a straight forward process. First insert your image, then right click on it and select "Edit alt text..." which will make a panel appear on the left hand of your screen. Use the text box to describe your image.</p> <p>It is also important that headers are properly nested in order to help assistive technology (such as screen readers) accurately navigate your document. In Microsoft Word, you can add headings by using the Styles options</p>	Comment Noted.	No change.

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		under the 'Home' tab on the banner at the top of the program. We are happy to discuss the accessibility of the Plan document with you in more detail.		
Sutton	Courtenay	Neighbourhood Plan Character	Appraisal and Design Code	
26.	Page 5 – 2.2 The National Design Guide	Within this section of the document we would expect to see references to the National Model Design Code which was published in July 2021. This provides detailed guidance on the production of design codes, guides and policies to promote successful design. It expands on the ten characteristics of good design set out in the National Design Guide, which is set out on this page.	Comment Noted.	No change.
27.	Page 7 – 2.4 Local Design Guidance	This section refers to the Vale of White Horse Design Guide, however the council has a newly adopted Joint Design Guide which has replaced the previous Vale of White Horse Design Guide. We recommend this section is amended to refer to the Joint Design Guide.	Agreed.	Section amended as suggested.
28.	Page 14 – 3.5 Views and Landmarks	Our comments relating to the views also apply here.	Comment Noted.	No change.
TVERC	Sutton Courtenay	Biodiversity Report		

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29.	General	Please ensure you have the correct permissions to publish this document. On the cover it states: 'This report should not be passed on to third parties or published without prior permission of TVERC.'	Comment Noted.	No change.
Sutton	Courtenay Highways and	Transport Update Document		
30.	Page 6 – 2.3 Oxfordshire Local Transport Plan	Oxfordshire County Council recently adopted the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan in July 2022. This replaces the local transport plan which was adopted in 2015. We therefore recommend that this section is updated to reflect the recently adopted Local Transport and Connectivity Plan.	Agreed.	Section updated as suggested.
Housing	Summary			
31.	Page 7	Reference to Radcot Green is made in this section. Radcot Green is not a site allocation or a proposed site allocation, and it does not have planning permission. The Joint Local Plan is currently at the beginning of the process of developing policy options and no decisions have been made on site selection and or allocation. It is therefore unclear why it is included in the list identifying surrounding developments, we suggest it is removed.	Agreed.	Text amended as suggested.
32.	Page 25 – 5.1.2	This section states 'There are currently 20 properties for sale...'. As this report provides a snapshot in time at the time it was prepared, rather than 'currently' the date on which the data was collected should be quoted.	Comment Noted.	No change.