



**RESULTS OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE
JANUARY 2021**

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Thank you to all of you who completed the recent survey we issued to every household concerning the revision to our approved Neighbourhood Plan. Close to 50% of the village responded which, given the current Covid-19 restrictions, is an exceptional response.

It is clear from the responses the vast majority still support our collective wish for small residential development in our Village. This majority would like to see such development inside or close to the main built-up area within the Village i.e. the centre of the Village

A similar level of support is also given for the need to either improve or replace the Village Hall, which is seen as the focal point of the Village and of Village activity. In addition, the survey has also re-emphasised the need to address such matters as:




- Speeding
- Lorry movements through the Village
- Flooding and drainage
- Lack of public transport
- Protecting and enhancing the Village environment


Be assured your Parish Council will act upon and respond to your input particularly on progressing small residential development and the replacement or improvement to the Village Hall. On both of these topics, when Covid-19 restrictions permit, we will seek your guidance and input at every stage, including potential site selection. In the interim feel free to suggest or put forward potential sites in the location specified.

Hargrave Parish Council



Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan Review

Household Survey January 2020







1. Do you still believe we should allow limited housing development in our village between now and 2040?				
			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		83.33%	40
2	No		10.42%	5
3	Unsure		6.25%	3
			answered	48
			skipped	1

2. If yes, what type of housing development would you support? (Tick all that apply)				
			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Infill plots within the built-up area		81.82%	36




2. If yes, what type of housing development would you support? (Tick all that apply)

			Response Percent	Response Total
2	Small groups up to 5 homes adjoining the built-up area		54.55%	24
3	Small groups up to 5 homes within the built-up area		43.18%	19
4	Larger development of between 6 and 10 homes adjoining the built-up area		0.00%	0
			answered	44
			skipped	5




3. What size of new homes do you think will be needed in the village over the next 20 years? (Tick all that apply)

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	1 bedroom		17.39%	8
2	2 bedrooms		63.04%	29
3	3 bedrooms		73.91%	34
4	4 or more bedrooms		21.74%	10
5	Bungalows		41.30%	19
6	Affordable homes for those that can't afford to buy or rent at market prices		47.83%	22
			answered	46
			skipped	3

4. Neighbourhood Plans can have design guidance prepared as part of the Government support package. Do you believe we should set design guidelines for new developments and extensions? (Tick one answer)

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		81.25%	39
2	No		4.17%	2
3	Unsure		14.58%	7
			answered	48
			skipped	1

5. With the passage of time do you believe there are other matters we should include within our Plan? (Tick one answer)

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		53.33%	24
2	No		11.11%	5
3	Unsure		35.56%	16
			answered	45
			skipped	4

Comments: (25)




1	In addition to planning, we should update our plans for the rural environment including land use, foot paths and public access.
2	Perhaps recognise the threat to our village environment (noise, safety risk, emissions, traffic) that is presented by proposed massive development in nearby villages.
3	Traffic enforcement and speed limits must be given a high priority
4	The present neighbourhood plan includes defined views out of the village and from outside the village to be protected. In the context of subsequent planning applications, it is apparent that views within the village need protection and the district council have been unwilling to oppose such matters as building in front of the established building line with a resultant intrusion in to familiar and cherished views. Please address this aspect in the new plan.
5	The West Suffolk 2040 draft plan suggests development of Local Service Centres and Type A villages, these include Wickhambrook, Chedburgh, and Stradishall. The most direct route to the A14 from all three villages is via Hargrave and Barrow to Higham, which will increase traffic along both the

	<p>Wickhambrook Road and from Chevington through the village. Apart from the noise and pollution through the village, as a runner and regular pedestrian user of these routes, any increase in traffic will make these long straight roads increasing dangerous. Suffolk has one of the highest densities of C or unclassified roads in the UK and these roads are not designed for much traffic, especially as cars are getting wider and larger. How is are we going to prevent this? I suggest the PC wants to oppose the LSC and Type A village classification as flawed and support alternative development along existing transport corridors around West Suffolk. i.e Newmarket (Cambridge) - Bury (Ipswich), Bury (Thetford) - Sudbury, Sudbury-Clare-Haverhill (Cambridge)</p>
6	<p>The Parish Council should engage with all the local farmers to ensure better and regular management of ditches, hedges etc. This will reduce mainly the poor road conditions we encounter at certain times of the year. Similarly, straw movement is causing problems, particularly with loose straw falling from lorries and trailers destroying the image of ours and surrounding villages, as well as resulting in blocked drainage outlets.</p>
7	<p>Better transport links into town.</p>
8	<p>Think the current plan is a good reflection of the village and its needs going forward.</p>
9	<p>Local amenities depending on size of expansion. E.g., playing field for sports.</p>
10	<p>Bus services School services Amenities in the village</p>
11	<p>There are no facilities here.</p> <p>Need to be concerned about extra traffic and speeding concerns.</p> <p>What would happen re new children and buses?.</p>
12	<p>Protection of environment, housing for all groups and ages provided some suitable transport (small vehicles)</p>

13	As a small rural Suffolk village as yet unspoiled with no shop, post office or pub our concern is any new builds will decimate MORE hedgerows, trees, loss of birds and wildlife, in fact loss of countryside.
14	Adequate garaging or off-road parking for each property built.
15	I would just like to say well done to the team!!
16	A small local shop
17	Keep our village footpaths well maintained. Encourage an ongoing Community feel via village events
18	Traffic calming and management if large developments occur in nearby villages
19	Mobile coverage. business hub, electric charge points, community solar field
20	The environment has emerged as a key issue and will be more relevant in the future. We need preservation of wild areas or creation of more wild areas wherever possible- instead of a building or a house create a wildlife garden instead. Congrats to Antonia for her/ your work so far in this regard.
21	Greater emphasis on the environment and enabling villagers to not have to travel so much either for work or shopping or leisure. Exploration and consultation on how people can stay within the village when their circumstances may challenge that wish.
22	Renewable energy and support moving people off oil heating
23	Extend the new village hall and develop a community shop and farm shop. To be owned and run by the village: Meat from local farms and unharvested carrots, parsnips onion to be collected and put in collection bins for the community and donations made to help with the upkeep of the community. People with craft skills and cooking - gardening skills to run

	workshops for children and adults to help develop life skills that they have missed. The
24	Transport
25	Pub, shop

6. COVID-19 has made us work and behave differently. Do you believe, as a consequence, the facilities in the village should change to support us better? (Tick one answer)

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		60.00%	27
2	No		22.22%	10
3	Unsure		17.78%	8
			answered	45
			skipped	4



Comments: (23)

1	The development of the village hall is probably now more urgent as a community resource as well as making sure we have the highest broadband speeds possible ideally with fibre to the door.
2	Working at home all week can be very lonely. I wondered if there is a possibility of Wi-fi provision at village hall or church to allow us to work together sometimes too (COVID permitting).
3	Improved mobile phone coverage for when broadband fails.
4	Technology and the Covid after-effect will enable the import of local working for the first time since WW2. It is vital that broadband and mobile phone services are at the leading edge to enable the village to seize this opportunity. Working at home will not suit everyone but local working will continue to be important. The availability of workspace on flexible short-term periods will meet this demand. Provision should be included in the plans for the village hall. Home delivery is an established part of residents shopping habits but receiving goods can be a problem for those at

	work. Could the village hall provide a receive and return facility? Worth asking the retail and logistics companies if this might work.
5	Covid has brought further into focus the need for the new or enhanced village hall to become the hub of the village. Providing opportunity for local working, small business ventures and local shopping.
6	Community shop Community cafe
7	Some form of shop would really be beneficial, rather than having to head to Barrow or Bury
8	Super high-speed broadband and better coverage from the main mobile phone providers.
9	Strong broadband provision through the whole of village would be useful.
10	A local shop seems inconceivable due to our size but that is definitely what's missing so people can walk somewhere for essentials.
11	Small vehicle bus service would be useful. No large buses or coaches the roads are not suitable
12	Pavements extending throughout the village to allow for safe walking - it would be good if these connected the footpaths that lead off the main roads. Improvements to communal areas to make them more suitable for outside gatherings. Development of a covered outside space at the village hall to enable outside socialising in all weathers. An all-weather surface to be applied to the narrow footpath that leads from the Bury road to the east of the village. Use of the village hall to set up a weekly temporary shop selling essentials for those who cannot get to a supermarket easily.
13	Village hall: - flexible workspaces (bookable plus drop in hot desks) - charging points and drinks machines - include some access to printer/scanner/photocopier

	<p>-additional, smaller meeting room</p> <p>-drinks machine could offer free drinks times/days to attract people to the hall and socialise e.g. Wednesday afternoon, Saturday morning.</p>
14	<p>Somewhere locals can go regularly to feel less isolated and not have to travel out of the village i.e. shop or pub</p>
15	<p>Keep broadband speeds up to date</p>
16	<p>Obviously shop, pub etc would be ideal, but village probably not large enough to support one.</p>
17	<p>See 5. What population(number/mix) would warrant a village store.?</p>
18	<p>Post office shop</p>
19	<p>Continued enhancement of public footpath network. Residents are exercising more locally and dog ownership has increased. Could new permissive footpaths be encouraged? In winter footpaths get very muddy so new footpaths would help to spread the pressure.</p>
20	<p>The environment of the village has been fundamentally recognised as being of high importance and of value. Protection and development of that environment will get public support.</p> <p>Involvement by people in the village life and priorities has seen growth over the past year even with Covid restrictions, this can be built upon.</p>
21	<p>Village Hall could have broadband provided so could be used as place people could work in a community setting</p>
22	<p>We as a village could find a field to have a solar farm which people can buy shares in and benefit from cheaper electricity.</p>
23	<p>Pub.shop.</p>

7. Are there any issues within the village which currently concern you? (Tick one answer)

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		56.82%	25
2	No		43.18%	19
			answered	44
			skipped	5

Comments: (25)

1	Speeding vehicles
2	Isolation of vulnerable people due to COVID. Thanks very much to the parish council for offering help to those who need it.
3	Continuous speed limits throughout the village including Birds End With a maximum of 30 mph
4	Roads are too narrow for the number of lorries that come through. As one can see the verges are being cut up by big vehicles.
5	Speeding traffic in all parts of the village. The amount of litter being thrown from car windows, spoiling the environment.
6	Our roads were built for the horse and cart but now must accommodate an ever increasing size and volume of traffic. The councils' planning approach appears to assume this can just be absorbed but residents' experience is often an intimidating pedestrian and driving environment and destruction of the roadside verges and their wildlife. Large development proposals in surrounding villages threaten bigger local problems if approved. Road capacity and environmental standards should be incorporated in the NP as far as possible.

7	See Q5 above
8	The Parish Council needs to try and reduce the non-agricultural movements through the village. The verges and look of the village are gradually being destroyed.
9	The speed of traffic, many vehicles go through far too fast, ignoring the speed limit. However, there are others who are really considerate and if it's wet and you're walking they give you extra space if it's safe to do so.
10	Speed of cars and lorries through the village.
11	Speed of traffic through the village; especially coming from Ousden and Wickhambrook
12	Poor bus service Amenities for children
13	Speeding doesn't seem to have improved at all, we need more support to reduce this problem. Pavement area to walk along as traffic is too fast to walk safely. More issues with water and ditches that need sorted as overflowing.
14	HGV Lorries using it as a short cut
15	The increasing very large trucks going through the village are totally out of control. Too large, too many, too much damage and very unsafe when walking in a village with limited footways. A very big issue for this village.
16	1. Flooding at the Wash and from the Wash towards Birds End 2 Need for lots of our roadside ditches to be cleared out to allow free flow of water. 3. POTHOLES 4Traffic speed
17	Ditches and flooding Car speeding Lorries using Hargrave as a cut through from A143- A14

18	There is a big increase in traffic through the village particularly big lorries
19	Speeding. Litter in verges but hopefully this will be resolved once the current Covid restrictions are lifted and the village litter pick can take place
20	No bus a lot of us have bus passes and cannot use them. CG
21	Speeding through the village
22	Volume and speed of traffic. With Covid lockdown the peace of the village with little traffic has been wonderful! We could add more drastic traffic calming measures such as chicanes in addition to full 30mph limit in the whole village not just the main part.
23	See 6.
24	Reliance on oil, speeding, lack of transport services.
25	Not enough sense of Hargrave community



