

# Welcome

Thanks for sparing the time to come and visit our event today

The exhibition today explains:

- what Neighbourhood Plans are
- how they're prepared
- and seeks your views

## What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

It is a relatively new kind of planning document designed to allow local people to play an active part in planning their area.

When complete, the Plan will form part of the statutory development plan for the area, meaning Mid Suffolk District Council and Planning Inspectors will have to take note of what it says when considering planning applications.



The Neighbourhood Plan sits alongside national and local planning policies when decisions are made on planning applications

# Neighbourhood Plans:

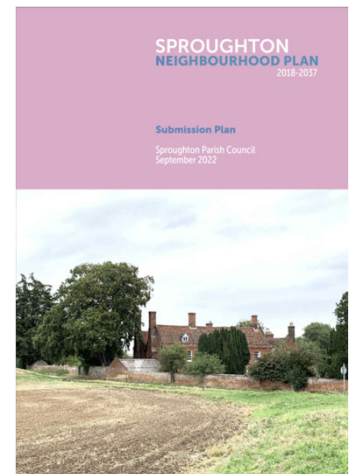
rely on community involvement throughout their preparation and must be approved in a Parish Referendum before they can be used.

contain planning policies for matters that require planning permission

must not conflict with the policies in the Local Plan or national planning policies.

will need to be backed up by evidence that supports what they're seeking to achieve.

are intended to allow local people to play an active part in planning their area. It can guide the development and conservation of the area.

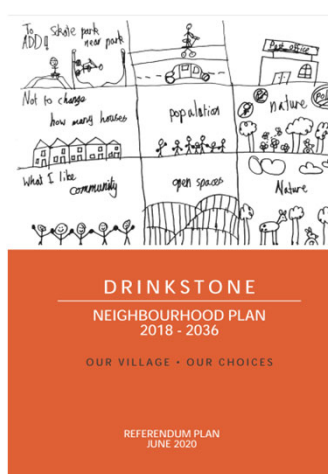
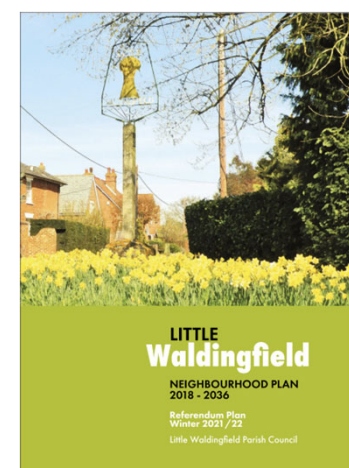


# Neighbourhood Plans:

can, for example, also identify proposals for:

- improving areas;
- enhancing current and providing new facilities;
- the development of sites;
- protecting sites and areas of environmental or historic quality; and
- protecting facilities of community importance (such as open space, village halls and shops)

support applications for funding



# Neighbourhood Plans:

Neighbourhood Plans have to be prepared in line with Government Regulations.

The Parish Council will be the “responsible body” for preparing the Plan, but support is going to be needed from residents and experts to produce a Plan that provides a solid framework to guide how the village evolves over future years.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How long will it take to produce a neighbourhood plan?**

We can decide on the pace at which we progress our Plan, but typically most of our work can be completed in two years.

### **How much does it cost to do a neighbourhood plan?**

Preparing the Plan shouldn't cost us anything other than volunteer time. Government grants are available and we can also get free support to produce studies such as Design Guidance..

### **What does a Plan look like?**

The Plan is a written document, typically of around 40-50 pages long covering a number of planning related topics. It will also include maps and illustrations.

### **Who prepares the Plan?**

A Working Group of volunteers formed by the Parish Council has the responsibility for preparing the Plan, but it will need to be approved by the Parish Council. We are lucky to have secured the services of a planning consultancy, Places4People Ltd, who have considerable experience in helping groups prepare Neighbourhood Plans.

### **What can a neighbourhood plan cover?**

Although Plans have to focus on planning matters, stuff that needs planning permission, we can include non-planning topics to address areas of concern or ambitions of our community,

# Process

The process for preparing a new neighbourhood plan is guided by government regulations and so there is no short cut.

We're here

Community Engagement

- Gather evidence
- Identify key issues
- Assess options

Community Engagement and feedback

- Write a draft Plan
- Consult on Plan

Plan Consultation

- Minimum 6 weeks
- Opportunity to comment

- Amend Plan and
- Submit to District Council

Final Consultation by District Council

- Minimum 6 weeks
- Opportunity to comment

- Independent Examination

Parish Referendum

**IF REFERENDUM POSITIVE, MID SUFFOLK COUNCIL ADOPT**

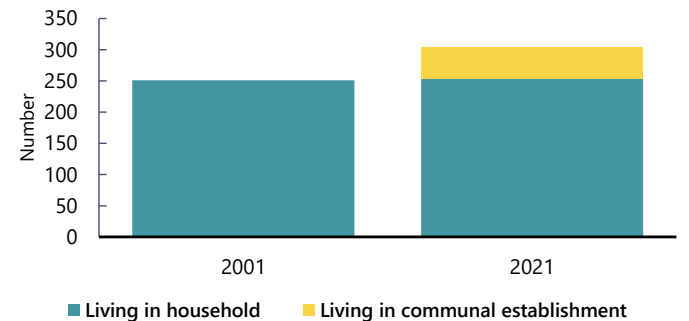
# What we know about Baylham

The results of the 2021 Census are just starting to be published.

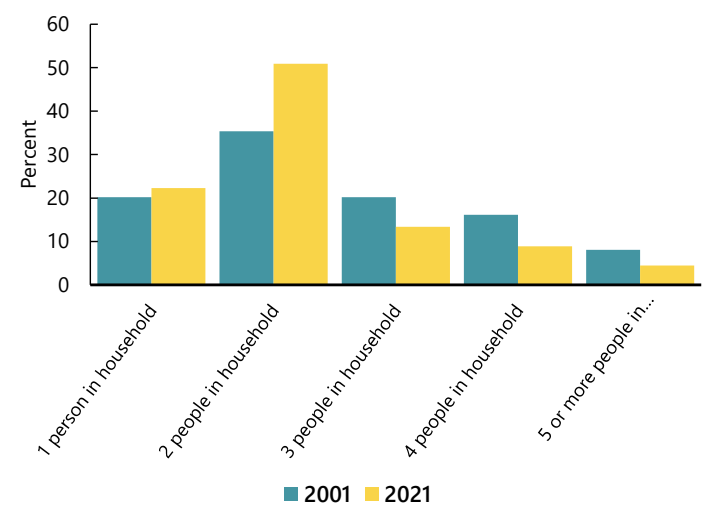
The charts show that:

- the number of people living in households has stayed the same over the last 20 years
- Our population is aging and we have half the number of school age children than we had 20 years ago
- The size of households is shrinking
- The number of households with 3 or more cars has more than doubled in the last 20 years

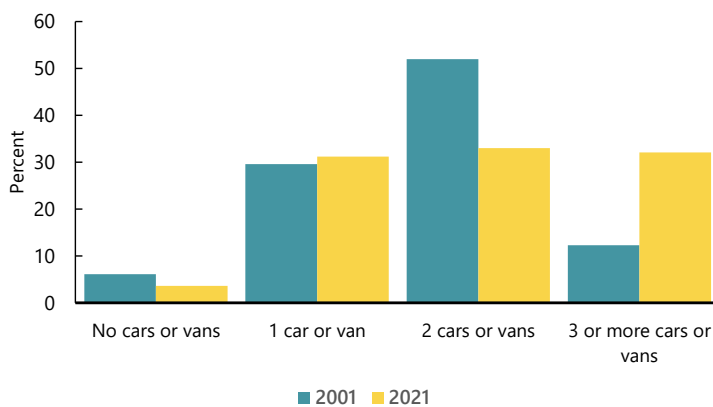
Parish Population 2001-2021



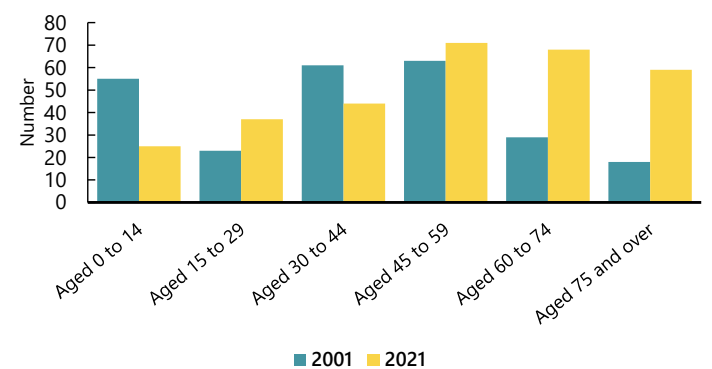
House Size Comparison 2001 - 2021



Cars or vans per household 2001-2021



Age Structure Comparison 2001 - 2021

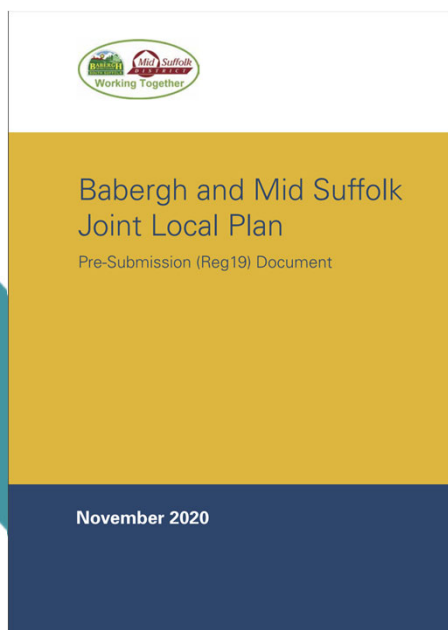


## The Local Plan

The Local Plan sets the strategy for the amount and location of housing across the district.

The preparation of the new Local Plan has stalled but the draft identified Baylham as a "Hamlet Village".

The draft Plan suggested that Mid Suffolk's Hamlet Villages would take 3% of the total housing growth planned to 2037 spread across over 70 Hamlets.



# Our 2012 Village Plan

In 2012 the Baylham Plans Group of volunteers published a Village Plan, the culmination of 2 years work.

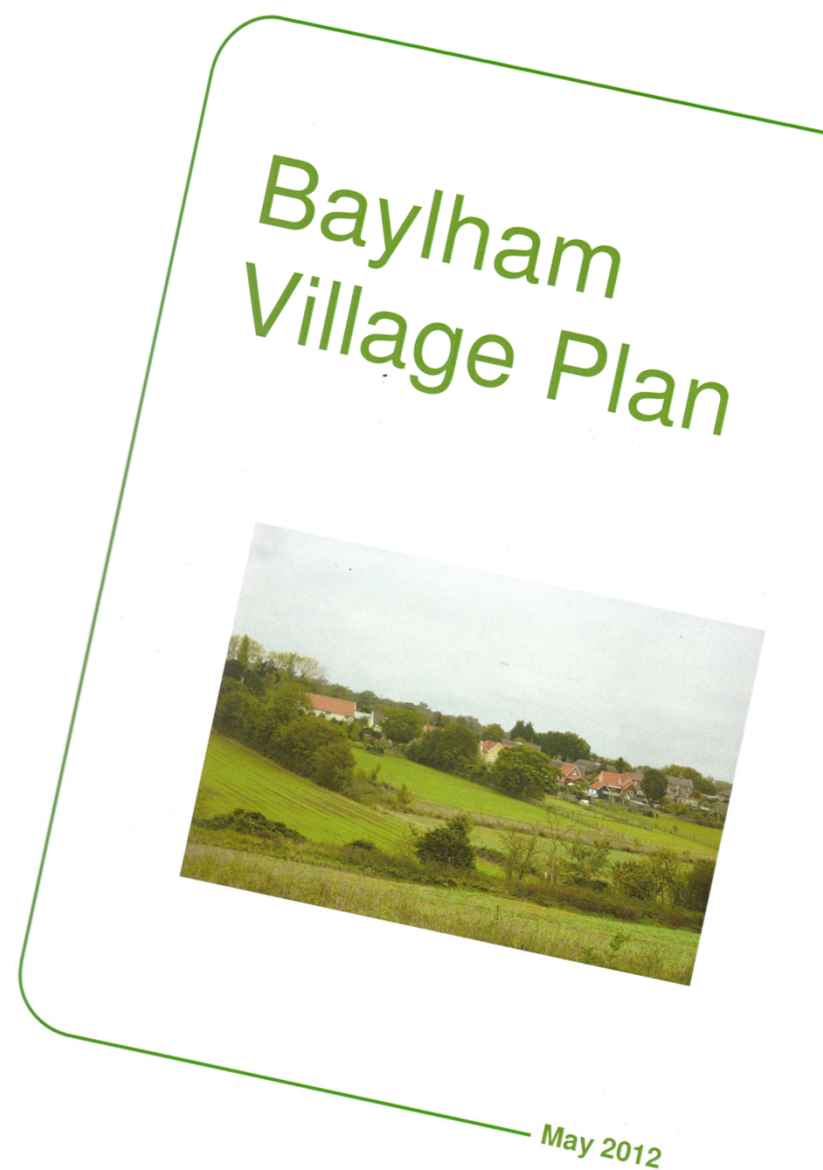
The Plan did not have any statutory status, meaning that, unlike neighbourhood plans, it couldn't be used when planning applications were considered.

## Village Plan Review

The Village Plan contained 25 "actions" and preparing the Neighbourhood Plan provides us with an opportunity to review them.

The following screens provide a list of the 2012 actions and the progress to date.

We'd like you to provide some feedback as to whether the actions remain relevant in 2023.



Use sticky dots to indicate whether you think an action should or should not be pursued

| Issue                                       | Action  | Progress  | Pursue? | Don't pursue? |
|---|---|---|---------|---------------|
| <b>Planning and Development</b>             |   |   |         |               |
| 1) Planning & Development Matters           | Provide local planning authority with copy of Village Plan to inform of the plan and for use as Supplementary Planning Guidance | The Village Plan has had little if an influence on planning decisions hence the decision to pursue a Neighbourhood Plan |         |               |
| 2) Design Statement                         | Consider setting up a group to develop a draft Design Statement for the village   | Will form part of the Neighbourhood Plan consultations  |         |               |
| <b>Facilities and Amenities</b>             |   |   |         |               |
| 3) Community Shop                           | Set up group to investigate viability and options for a community shop  | No volunteers came forward to pursue  |         |               |
| 4) Produce Sale or Exchange                 | Identify demand, frequency and venue for produce sale or exchange   | No volunteers came forward to pursue  |         |               |
| 5) Village Hall Refurbishment or Rebuilding | Consider options for refurbishment or rebuilding on present or alternative site   | Alterations carried out to form a new accessible entrance, improved toilets and kitchen. Car parking area constructed   |         |               |
| 6) Accessibility of Notice Board            | Review location of Notice Board to make it more accessible and available for use by residents                                   | Funding from CIL earmarked for new notice boards in village   |         |               |
| 7) Church building                          | Consider restoration of bell tower and provision of toilet accommodation.   | Kitchen and toilet facilities constructed.  |         |               |
| <b>Public Services</b>                      |   |   |         |               |
| 8) Mobile Library                           | Explore possibility of library additionally serving Glebe Close   | Not possible due to tight itinerary of the mobile library   |         |               |
| 9) Internet Broadband                       | Consider setting up a group to look at options for improving broadband speed in the village                                     | Main settlement areas now have full fibre broadband   |         |               |
| 10) Mobile Telephone Reception              | Consider setting up a group to lobby for better reception   | Better but not perfect reception in all parts of the village. Still some blackspots                                     |         |               |
| 11) Group Buying of Heating Oil             | Consider setting up small group to pursue the idea  | No volunteers came forward to pursue  |         |               |
| 12) Visit of Mobile Fish & Chip van         | Identify demand, frequency, venue and supplier  | No volunteers came forward to pursue  |         |               |

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| <b>Roads &amp; Traffic</b>                                   |   |  |         |               |
| 13) Speeding Vehicles  | Consider setting up a group to look at options re speed limit enforcement and traffic calming                                     | No interest shown in forming group but enquiries made with Suffolk Highways – 20 mph limit for Upper Street only if parish pays the significant costs. Still pursuing a 40 mph limit for Lower Street. |         |               |
| 14) Temporary Road Closures and Diversions                   | Consider options for minimising disruption caused by road works   | Issue still not resolved despite contact with Suffolk County Council   |         |               |
| 15) Improved Passing Places and Protection of Banks & Verges | Consider options for improving passing places and preventing the erosion of roadside bank and verges                              | Funding from locality budget paid for two passing places   |         |               |
| <b>Countryside &amp; Environment</b>                         |   |  |         |               |
| 16) Production of Footpath Map                               | Prepare print and display a parish public footpath map  | No volunteers came forward to pursue   |         |               |
| 17) Litter Picking   | Identify volunteer to co-ordinate litter picking activity   | Periodic litter picking sessions organised   |         |               |
| 18) Churchyard Maintenance                                   | PCC to be made aware of level of interest and pursue  | Churchyard 'tidy-up' organised annually  |         |               |
| 19) Tree Planting Scheme                                     | Tree Warden to be made aware of level of interest & to pursue?  | Various tree planting initiatives undertaken linked to wider schemes and funding   |         |               |
| 20) Overhead Cables  | Consider setting up a group to investigate placing overhead telephone and electricity cables underground.                         | Group not formed, situation worse with extra broadband equipment on poles and non-removal of redundant cables  |         |               |
| <b>Leisure, Sport &amp; Social Activities</b>                |   |  |         |               |
| 21) Village Fete   | Consider setting up group ( or sub group) to organise a village fete  | A one-off 'Baylham Bash' organised but not an annual event   |         |               |
| 22) Film Evenings  | Consider arranging film evenings  | Village Hall Committee looked into idea but licence fees make suggestion uneconomic  |         |               |
| <b>Children &amp; Young Persons</b>                          |   |  |         |               |
| 23) Establish Informal Multi-use Village Recreational Area   | Consider setting up group to explore options  | A live issue with the Parish Meeting (Steering Group) – suitable site yet to be identified   |         |               |
| <b>Elderly &amp; Disabled Persons</b>                        |   |  |         |               |
| 24) Establish a Village Support Scheme                       | Consider setting up a group to explore the best means of putting volunteers in touch with those who would benefit from assistance | No volunteers came forward to pursue   |         |               |
| <b>Review &amp; Monitoring of Village Plan</b>               |   |  |         |               |
| 25) Ensuring Plan Remains Current and Relevant               | Village Plan should feature as an agenda item at Annual Parish Meetings   | No volunteers came forward to pursue   |         |               |

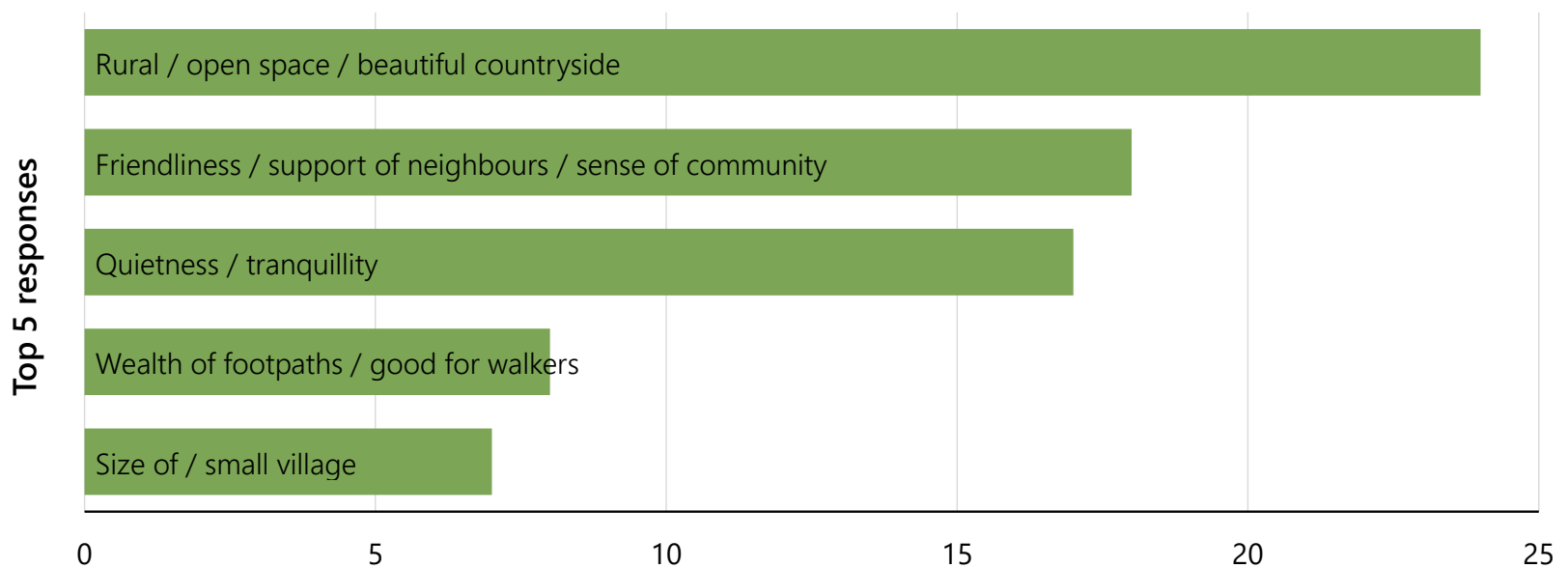


# Our 2020 Survey

In February 2020 we conducted a survey asking you about Baylham and its future.

The headline results are published here.

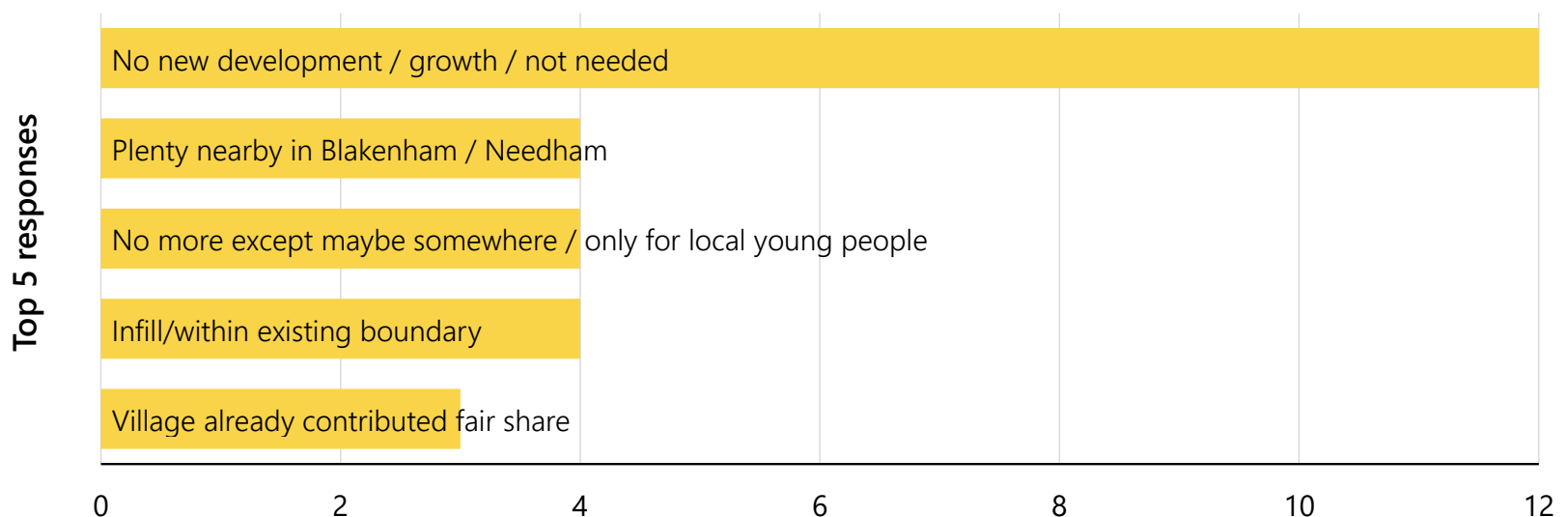
## What do you like about living in Baylham and would not wish to lose?



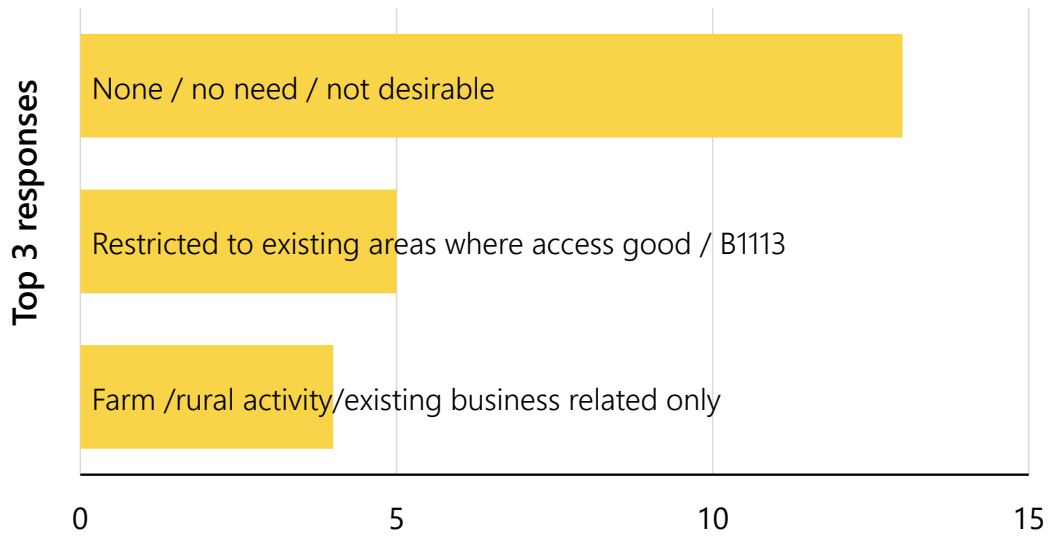
## What do you dislike or would like to see changed?



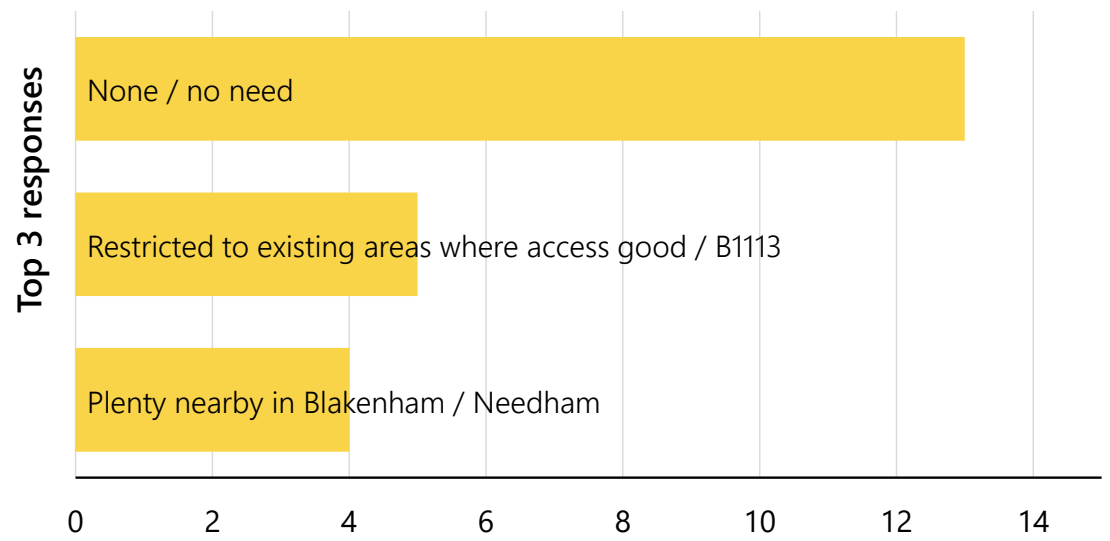
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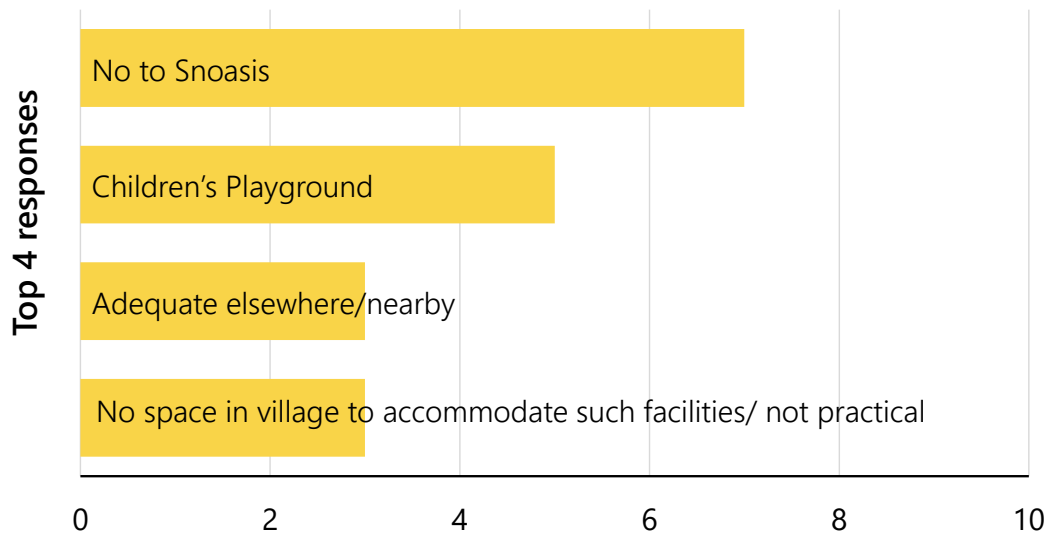
### What are your thoughts about any commercial growth or development in the village:



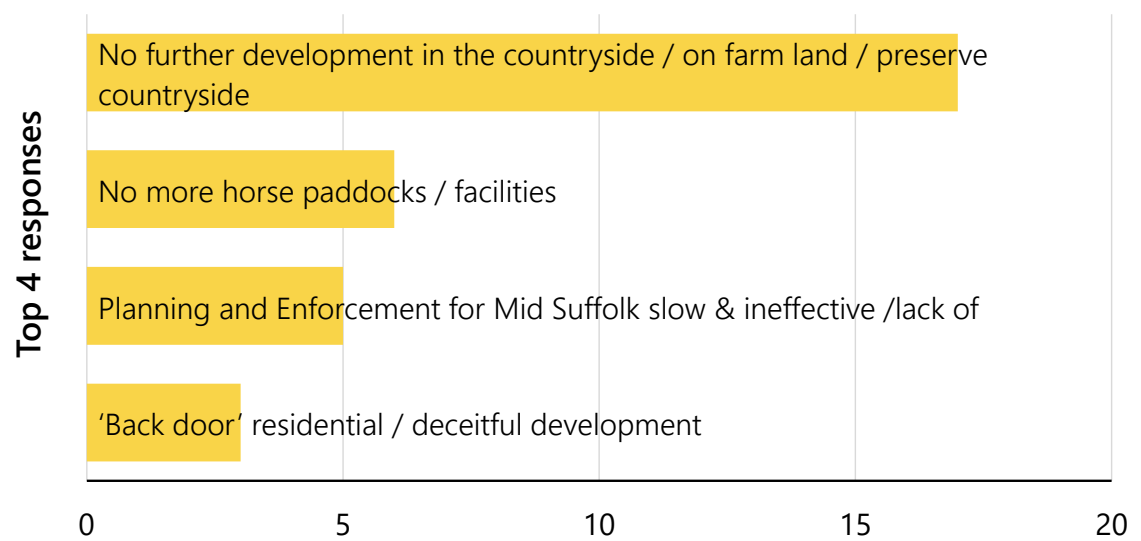
### What are your thoughts about any light industrial growth or development in the village:



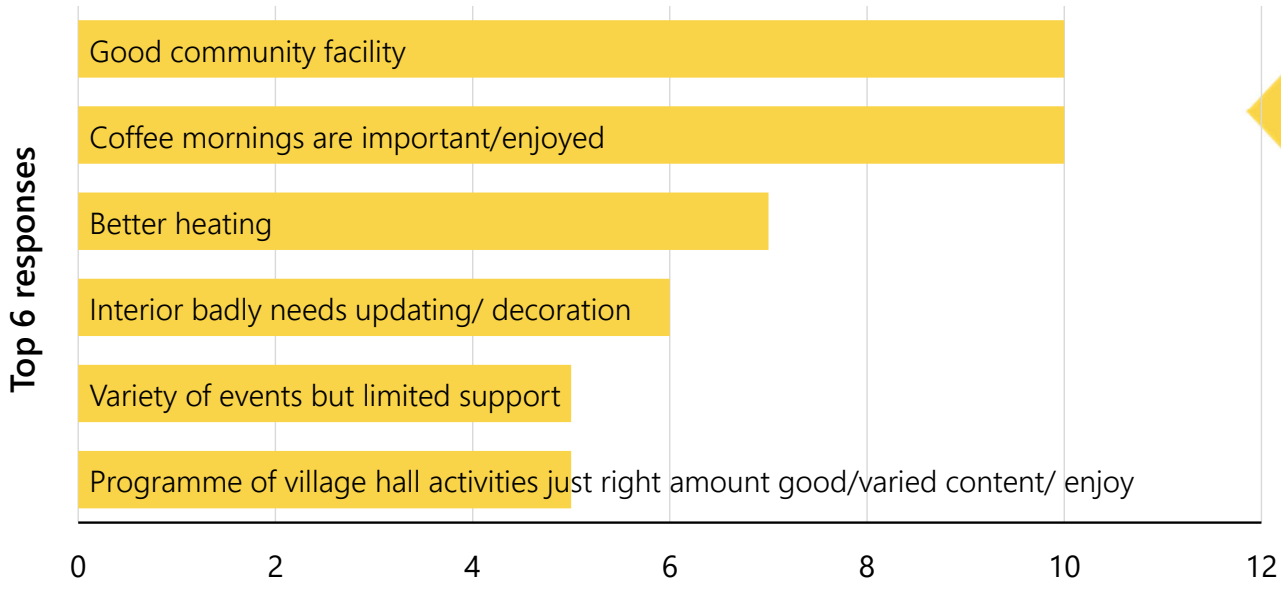
### What are your thoughts about any leisure growth or development in the village:



### What are your thoughts about other development in the village:



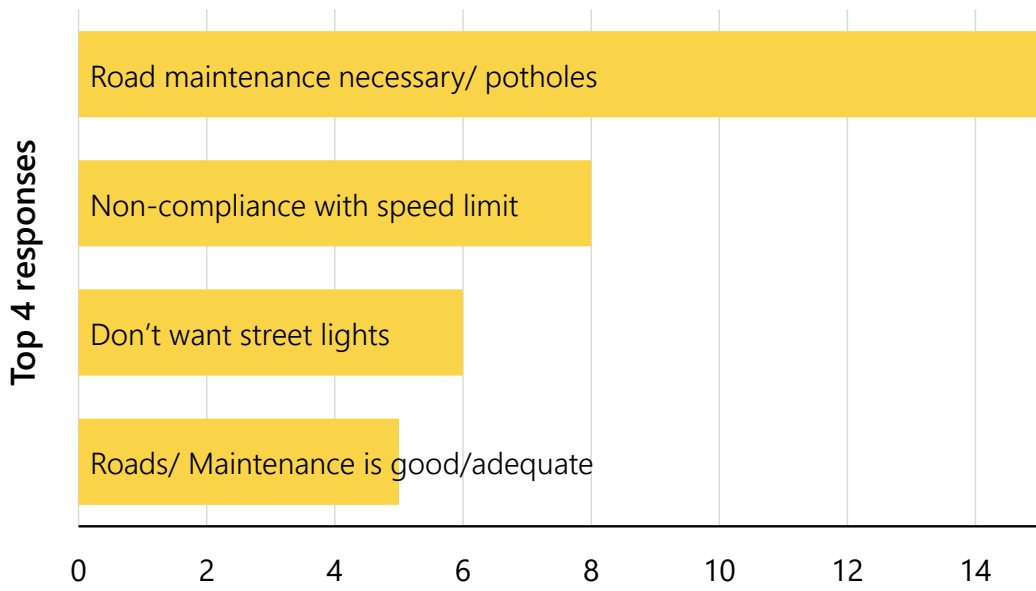
### Village Hall Comments



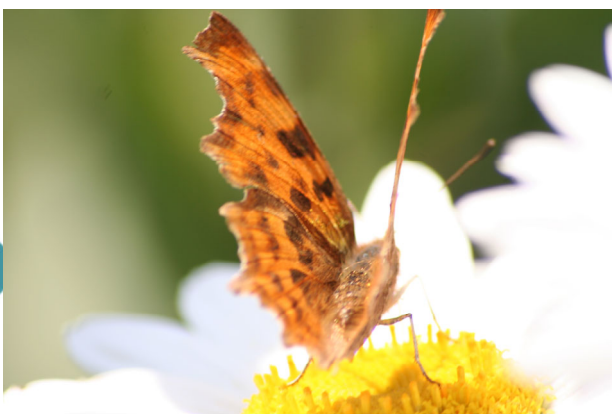
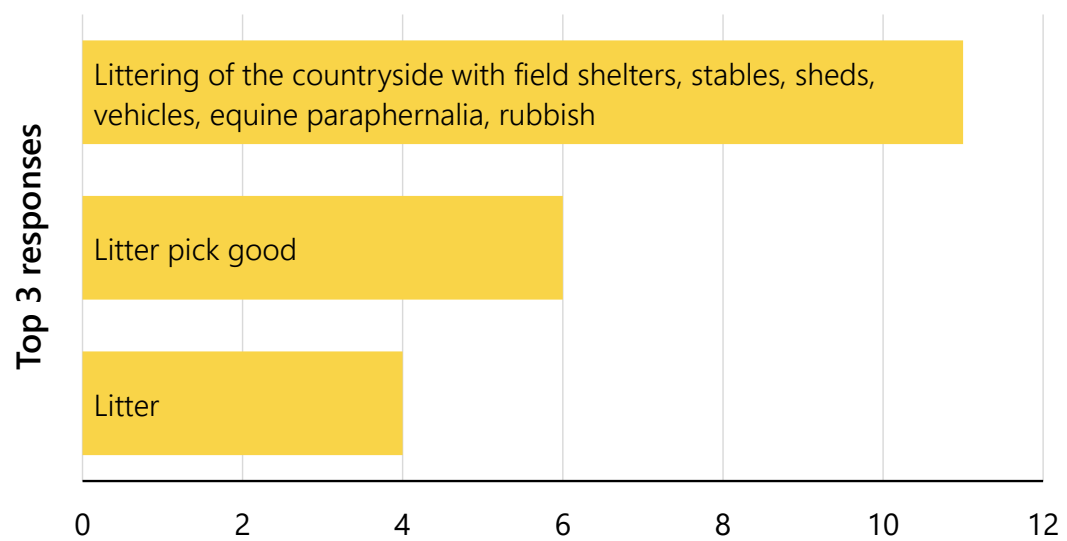
### Church Comments



### Thoughts on roads and traffic



### Comments on the Environment and/or Countryside



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We'd like to know what you cherish about living in Baylham in 2023 and what changes you would like to see.

## Like about Baylham in 2023

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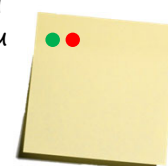
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# What next

The work on preparing the Neighbourhood Plan will get underway in earnest once the Parish Council comes into force in May.

We will then:

- apply for a Government grant to pay for it
- ask Mid Suffolk to designate the Parish as a Neighbourhood Area
- gather information that will be needed to support the content of the Plan
- prepare the draft Neighbourhood Plan

We think that we should be in a position to consult you in the Draft Plan late in 2023 or early in 2024

Would you be able to spare a couple of hours a month to assist with the preparation of our Neighbourhood Plan under the guidance of our Planning Consultants?

Tasks would include attending Working Group meetings, distributing surveys and leaflets and gathering information.

If you can help please speak to any of the Baylham Neighbourhood Plan Group hosting the display here today or contact Jim White or Keven Thomas – e-mail: [baylhampc@gmail.com](mailto:baylhampc@gmail.com)